**FIGS**

Did you know?

California produces all of the nation’s dried figs and 98% of the fresh figs. For over 100 years, figs have been grown in Merced and Madera, which are the hub for the fig industry.

Most figs are grown in southeast Merced on medium-textured soils such as Yolo, Honcut, Wyman, Yolo, and Marguerite soils and the fine-textured Porterville, Raynor, Landlow, and Burchell soils.

Find more in CARA

CARA has reports and publications related to figs from the 1950s, with trial reports on fig tree maturity with ethephon spray from the 1970s-1980s.

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**SWEET POTATOES**

Did you know?

California is the 2nd largest producer of sweet potatoes in the United States. Merced County grows 87.5% of the sweet potatoes in the state, valued at over $200 million.

In 2017, 16,956 acres of sweet potatoes were harvested in Merced. Varieties include O’Henry, Oriental, Covington, and Garnet.

Find more in CARA

CARA has photographs from the 1920s and reports and publications on sweet potatoes, including on variety trials, integrated pest management, and precision tillage.

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**TOMATOES**

Did you know?

Merced County has been growing tomatoes since the 1900s when Italian immigrants arrived and started to grow tomatoes.

In 2017, Merced harvested 5,900 acres of fresh market tomatoes and 21,237 acres of processing tomatoes, for a total value of $118,435,000. The county ranks 2nd for tomato production in California.

Find more in CARA

CARA has newsletters, trials, reports, data, and publications on tomatoes from 1950-2000, on subjects that include mechanical harvesting; variety trials; soil; seeds; fertility; and irrigation.

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Fig experiment, Planada, CA. 1924

Effect of pruning sweet potato plants on yield

Tomato Topics newsletter, UC Agricultural Extension, 1974

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