



Atlas Inquiry #4

Farms and Cities

Compete for Space

Throughout the state of California, both cities and farms take up a lot of space. There is a natural competition for space between cities and farms. Both farming and building are best done on level land where water is available. So when a small farming community has grown into a town or city, land once used for farms gets used for buildings. But this growth in population means more need for food. Farms are most profitable close to cities, where there is high demand for food.


We are going to use the maps in the atlas to gather information and respond to this question:

- **Can areas of the state that have large amounts of urban land also be important places for agriculture?**

Use the graphic organizer provided to record information you gather from the maps.



Get access to the atlas and related materials at www.calgeography.org

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Atlas Inquiry Note-taking Guide

Inquiry Question: Can areas of the state that have large amounts of urban land also be important places for agriculture?

Supporting questions:

Page #	What types of information or evidence do you find on this map?	What kinds of connections or relationships do you see between the information on these pages?	How would you answer the inquiry question, or what else would you want to know to answer the inquiry question?
36	<i>Hint: Use the county boundary overlay.</i>		
37	<i>Hint: Nursery products are plants and trees.</i>		
35	<i>Hint: Look for areas of increased and decreased farming activity.</i>		
	<i>Hint: Choose another page that provides information about agriculture in the state.</i>		