

# Senator: Water is jobs

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This is a make-or-break moment for California's agricultural economy.

After three years of drought, winter storms have boosted storage capacity at key reservoirs and replenished the Sierra Nevada snowpack to between 90 and 129 percent of average.

Yet hundreds of family-owned farms in the Central Valley still don't know if they'll be able to plant, hire and harvest this year because they may not get sufficient water allocations. Thousands of farm industry workers could again be standing in food lines in towns with



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unemployment rates as high as 40 percent.

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