

Study: Calif. farmers must adapt to a warming climate

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Heat waves, droughts and floods are climate trends that will force California farmers to change some practices – including what they grow – to continue producing yields that historically have fed people nationwide, a new study by the University of California says.

Researchers reviewed 89 studies on California climate trends and impacts on the state's diverse agriculture industry to predict how the industry must adjust through the end of the 21st century.

“Understanding climate change and how it is impacting agriculture can help us develop relevant adaptation strategies and enhance agricultural resilience to climate risks,” said Tapan Pathak, the lead author on the paper, which was published on Agronomy.

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