

# **Study in the USA-Arizona and Southern California**

## **SPES 3984, CRN 21530 – Spring 2022**



Source: <https://www.azfb.org/Article/Arizona-Agriculture-is-23-Billion-Dollars-Beautiful>



### **Course Description**

**Key driver of the course is experiential learning, hands-on and face to face experience with industries involved in food production, marketing and consumption. Emphasis on teamwork, acquire skills to solve real-world problems. It is the purpose of this course to give insights to differences in production practices between the western states like Arizona and California and a mid-Atlantic state like Virginia. ((3H, 3C))**

**Class from Jan. 18-May 4: Reflect on the Arizona/CA trip and visit several farms in Virginia**

- **TH 5:00-6:15 PM**
- **Hybrid (in-person and Zoom)**

**The trip to Arizona and Southern CA**

- **Jan. 3-13, 2022**
- **Professors: Dr. Ozzie Abaye (cotton@vt.edu) and Mark Reiter mreiter@vt.edu**
- **Enrollment Restricted to students majoring in CSS, HORT and minoring in Global Food Security and Health**

### **Trip Highlights:**

#### **Maricopa County**

- Cotton
- Irrigation

#### **Mesa County**

- Dairies
- Alfalfa

#### **Safford County**

- Cotton.

#### **Yuma County**

- Water rights
- 90% of all leafy vegetables in the United States are grown in Yuma County.
- 71% of wheat production in the area exported to Italy to be used in premium pasta.

#### **For fun may visit:**

- Nogales, Mexico (cross the border, if allowed)
- Colorado River American Indian Reservation
- Grand Canyon Southern Rim, Death Valley National Park
- Yosemite National Park

#### **Drive on to Fresno, CA?**

- Biggest Ag area: Dairy, Almonds, Poultry, Tomato, Cotton

**Estimated cost: \$1000/student**  
**Supplemental funds available**