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# Harvest time for chard

**A**bove and at top right, farm workers harvest red Swiss chard. Chard is a minor crop in Stanislaus County compared with nuts, tomatoes, feed corn and other big products, but where it grows, it positively glows. The big, glossy leaves promise plenty of flavor, along with lots of vitamin A and other nutrients. Chard is among the more than 70 vegetables and herbs grown by Ratto Bros., which started near Oakland in 1905 and moved to Beckwith Road west of Modesto in 1962. It and other producers grow crops year-round, keeping at it after the autumn completion of most nut and fruit harvests in the county.

