

TO:
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TO:
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Jim Henry, Chairman
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food & Agriculture Code, I hereby submit the 1976 Crop Report for Placer County.

The gross value of agriculture production in Placer County in 1976 was \$32,353,750, a drop of \$1,232,006 from 1975. The primary reason for this drop was the drought conditions that prevailed in 1976. The cattle industry was hardest hit by the drought, with decreased forage from rangeland, decreased average weight of cattle at time of sale and, in some cases, the partial dispersion of cattle herds.

The plum industry showed a substantial increase in value due to increased yields and better prices. The increase in plum yields can be attributed to favorable weather conditions for plum production; that is, very little rain during bloom, lack of frost and lack of hail.

The turkey industry, including meat birds and hatching egg production, continues to be the leading industry in the County, followed by the cattle, rice and plum industries.

It must be emphasized that these values show gross return to the grower and do not reflect a net return.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people in the agricultural industry whose cooperation and assistance made this report possible.

Sincerely,


JOHN H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1976	33,000	190,000	cwt.	\$33.00	\$ 6,270,000
	1975	32,000	200,000	cwt.	36.00	7,200,000
Sheep	1976	9,900	9,410	cwt.	44.00	414,000
	1975	9,700	9,220	cwt.	39.00	360,000
Swine	1976	1,000	2,000	cwt.	42.50	85,000
	1975	1,500	3,000	cwt.	45.00	135,000
Chickens, All Classes	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	17,600
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	12,600
Turkeys	1976	837,000	16,255,000	lb.	.32	5,202,000
	1975	849,000	15,948,000	lb.	.36	5,741,000
Other Livestock*	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	340,000
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	270,000
Total	1976					\$12,328,600
	1975					\$13,719,000

* Other Livestock includes horses, goats, pheasants, rabbits, catfish and worms.

NURSERY PRODUCTS						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		AREA FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Nursery Stock, General	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	\$ 1,781,000
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	\$ 1,824,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS						
CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION		TOTAL TONS	VALUE	
		BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE		PER TON	TOTAL
Almonds	1976	200	.15	30	\$740.00	\$ 22,200
	1975	230	.38	87	700.00	60,900
Apples	1976	49	5.78	283	177.00	50,100
	1975	48	5.75	276	150.00	41,400
Cherries	1976	20	4.95	99	689.00	68,200
	1975	20	5.00	100	740.00	74,000
Grapes	1976	296	2.28	676	170.00	115,000
	1975	296	2.10	622	101.00	62,800
Olives	1976	Under Miscellaneous Fruit Crops				
	1975	56	.29	16	600.00	9,600
Oranges, Mandarins	1976	30	4.63	139	348.00	48,400
	1975	30	.56	17	420.00	7,140
Peaches	1976	142	4.91	697	165.00	115,000
	1975	124	4.86	603	161.00	97,100
Pears, Bartletts	1976	646	6.01	3,883	154.00	598,000
	1975	645	5.95	3,840	204.00	783,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1976	15	6.27	94	393.00	36,900
	1975	15	4.20	63	256.00	16,100
Persimmons	1976	25	6.72	168	631.00	106,000
	1975	25	7.00	175	459.00	80,300
Plums	1976	1,288	4.93	6,350	453.00	2,877,000
	1975	1,251	2.32	2,905	411.00	1,194,000
Walnuts	1976	602	.83	500	600.00	300,000
	1975	456	1.45	659	443.00	292,000
Miscellaneous Fruits*	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	130,000
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	125,000
Total	1976					\$4,466,800
	1975					\$2,843,340

* Miscellaneous Fruit Crops include kiwi, olives, pistachio nuts, berries, prunes, quince and tomatoes.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS					
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk, Market	1976	61,600	cwt.	\$9.88	\$ 609,000
	1975	59,600	cwt.	9.65	575,000
Milk, Manufacturing	1976	16,000	cwt.	7.47	120,000
	1975	17,100	cwt.	6.77	116,000
Wool	1976	82,500	lb.	.67	55,300
	1975	82,000	lb.	.71	58,200
Egg (Market)	1976	2,268,000	doz.	.55	1,247,000
	1975	1,806,000	doz.	.41	740,000
Turkey Hatching Eggs	1976	5,500,000	ea.	.35	1,925,000
	1975	4,824,000	ea.	.35	1,688,000
Total	1976				\$3,956,300
	1975				\$3,177,200

FIELD CROPS						
CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION		TOTAL UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1976	115	1.28	147	Ton	\$117.00 \$ 17,200
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Corn	1976	314	3.17	995	Ton	101.00 100,000
	1975	280	2.89	810	Ton	109.00 88,300
Corn Silage	1976	395	23.30	9,200	Ton	22.00 202,000
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Hay, Alfalfa	1976	553	5.61	3,100	Ton	73.00 226,000
	1975	495	6.42	3,180	Ton	62.00 197,000
Hay, Grain	1976	4,410	1.43	6,310	Ton	60.00 379,000
	1975	4,850	2.23	10,800	Ton	47.00 508,000
Hay, Sudan Grass	1976	395	2.63	1,040	Ton	49.00 51,000
	1975	110	4.64	510	Ton	39.00 19,900
Hay, Other	1976	2,170	1.20	2,610	Ton	61.00 159,000
	1975	2,370	1.89	4,480	Ton	46.00 206,000
Milo	1976	620	1.69	1,050	Ton	93.00 97,700
	1975	420	1.38	580	Ton	102.00 59,200
Oats	1976	3,480	.75	2,610	Ton	182.00 475,000
	1975	4,000	.76	3,050	Ton	145.00 442,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1976	27,400	xxx	xxx	Acre	75.00 2,055,000
	1975	27,400	xxx	xxx	Acre	75.00 2,055,000
Pasture, Other	1976	232,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	2.50 580,000
	1975	232,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00 1,160,000
Rice	1976	11,000	2.72	29,900	Ton	140.00 4,186,000
	1975	12,000	2.68	32,200	Ton	170.00 5,474,000
Straw, All	1976	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	30.00 105,000
	1975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Wheat	1976	8,820	.64	5,620	Ton	111.00 623,000
	1975	13,900	.65	9,100	Ton	123.00 1,119,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1976	1,010	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx 317,000
	1975	1,260	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx 456,000
Total	1976					\$ 9,572,900
	1975					\$11,784,000

* Miscellaneous Field Crops include safflower, certified clover seed, vetch seed, sudan seed, sudan silage and watermelons.

APIARY PRODUCTS					
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1976	19,800	lb.	\$.46	\$ 9,100
	1975	30,000	lb.	.43	12,900
Beeswax	1976	600	lb.	1.25	750
	1975	400	lb.	1.04	416
Package Bees	1976	16,500	lb.	4.08	67,300
	1975	30,300	lb.	4.85	147,000
Queen Bees	1976	26,200	ea.	4.50	118,000
	1975	8,200	ea.	4.87	39,900
Pollination	1976	5,500	ea.	9.64	53,000
	1975	3,800	ea.	10.00	38,000
Total	1976				\$ 248,150
	1975				\$ 238,216

COMPARISON SUMMARY

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 4,466,800	\$ 2,843,340	\$ 3,017,200	\$ 3,996,200	\$ 2,954,550
Field Crops	9,572,900	11,784,000	11,134,000	8,975,800	6,280,000
Livestock & Poultry	12,328,600	13,719,000	11,060,800	17,628,000	12,111,000
Livestock & Poultry Products	3,956,300	3,177,200	3,730,100	3,133,700	2,900,500
Nursery Products	1,781,000	1,824,000	1,261,000	661,000	677,000
Apiary Products	248,150	238,216	556,770	246,396	176,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$32,353,750	\$33,585,756	\$30,759,870	\$34,641,096*	\$25,099,050

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