

TO:
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TO:
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Robert Mahan, Chairman
Alex Ferreira Michael Lee
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food & Agriculture Code, I hereby submit the 1977 Crop Report for Placer County.

The gross value of agriculture production in Placer County during 1977 was \$30,519,940, down \$1,775,810 from the \$32,295,750 obtained in 1976. The drought was the major contributor to the decrease in agriculture production in 1977, with the cattle industry being the most severely hit due to decreased forage on rangelands, weight losses and decreased production of irrigated pasture as a result of the water shortage. The monetary value in the report pertaining to livestock does not reflect a substantial drop as this figure includes breeding stock that was sold due to the dispersal of many commercial herds in the County.

The rice industry suffered a loss in production of 2,500 acres due to water shortages. The loss was partially offset, however, by an increase in the price of rice.


The plum industry showed a sharp reduction in value as a result of yield reductions caused by water shortages, severe frosts in some orchards, and a decrease in price.

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

It must be pointed out that the values in this report show gross returns and do not reflect the net return to the grower.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people in the agricultural industry whose assistance made this report possible. Special credit should be given to Jim Henderson of my staff for the preparation of this report.

Sincerely,


JOHN H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE TOTAL
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT			
Cattle & Calves	1977	30,000	174,000	cwt.	\$36.00	\$ 6,264,000
	1976	33,000	190,000	cwt.	33.00	6,270,000
Sheep	1977	6,000	5,700	cwt.	50.00	285,000
	1976	9,900	9,410	cwt.	44.00	414,000
Swine	1977	1,000	2,000	cwt.	41.00	82,000
	1976	1,000	2,000	cwt.	42.50	85,000
Chickens, All Classes	1977	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	24,200
	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	17,600
Turkeys	1977	945,000	18,935,000	lb.	.36	6,817,000
	1976	837,000	16,255,000	lb.	.32	5,202,000
Other Livestock*	1977	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	400,000
	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	340,000
Total	1977					\$13,872,200
	1976					\$12,328,600

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

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS						
CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		PER TON	VALUE TOTAL
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS		
Almonds	1977	200	.18	35	\$820.00	\$ 28,700
	1976	200	.15	30	740.00	22,200
Apples	1977	50	9.54	477	162.00	77,300
	1976	49	5.78	283	177.00	50,100
Cherries	1977	20	1.20	24	950.00	22,800
	1976	20	4.95	99	689.00	68,200
Grapes	1977	296	2.15	636	179.00	114,000
	1976	296	2.28	676	170.00	115,000
Oranges, Mandarins	1977	30	5.47	164	345.00	56,600
	1976	30	4.63	139	348.00	48,400
Peaches	1977	142	5.25	746	161.00	120,000
	1976	142	4.91	697	165.00	115,000
Pears, Bartletts	1977	646	5.62	3,630	143.00	519,000
	1976	646	6.01	3,883	154.00	598,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1977	15	6.13	92	350.00	32,200
	1976	15	6.27	94	393.00	36,900
Persimmons	1977	25	9.48	237	371.00	88,000
	1976	25	6.72	168	631.00	106,000
Plums	1977	1,228	3.48	4,270	238.00	1,016,000
	1976	1,228	4.93	6,350	453.00	2,877,000
Walnuts	1977	602	1.27	765	686.00	525,000
	1976	602	.83	500	600.00	300,000
Miscellaneous Fruits*	1977	252	xxx	xxx	xxx	186,000
	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	130,000
Total	1977					\$2,785,600
	1976					\$4,466,800

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

NURSERY PRODUCTS						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT TOTAL
		AREA	FIELD ACRES			
Nursery Stock, General	1977	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	\$ 998,000
	1976	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	\$1,781,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS					
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE TOTAL
1976*	56,400	cwt.	9.915	559,000	
Milk, Manufacturing	1977	3,750	cwt.	10.040	37,700
	1976	15,300	cwt.	7.310	112,000
Wool	1977	45,000	lb.	.73	32,900
	1976	82,500	lb.	.67	55,300
Egg (Market)	1977	3,190,000	doz.	.52	1,659,000
	1976	2,268,000	doz.	.55	1,247,000
Turkey Hatching Eggs	1977	6,248,000	ea.	.39	2,437,000
	1976	5,500,000	ea.	.35	1,925,000
Total	1977				\$4,318,600
	1976				\$3,898,300

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FIELD CROPS							
CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			PER UNIT	VALUE TOTAL
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT		
Barley	1977	845	.91	770	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$ 73,100
	1976	115	1.28	147	Ton	117.00	17,200
Corn	1977	358	3.32	1,190	Ton	81.00	96,400
	1976	314	3.17	995	Ton	101.00	100,000
Corn Silage	1977		Under	Miscellaneous Field Crops			
	1976	395	23.30	9,200	Ton	22.00	202,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1977	782	4.18	3,270	Ton	58.00	190,000
	1976	553	5.61	3,100	Ton	73.00	226,000
Hay, Grain	1977	7,130	1.05	7,520	Ton	50.00	376,000
	1976	4,410	1.43	6,310	Ton	60.00	379,000
Hay, Sudan Grass	1977	323	3.81	1,230	Ton	26.00	32,000
	1976	395	2.63	1,040	Ton	49.00	51,000
Hay, Other	1977	2,100	1.26	2,650	Ton	46.00	122,000
	1976	2,170	1.20	2,610	Ton	61.00	159,000
Milo	1977		Under	Miscellaneous Field Crops			
	1976	620	1.69	1,050	Ton	93.00	97,700
Oats	1977	6,130	.62	3,800	Ton	142.00	540,000
	1976	3,480	.75	2,610	Ton	182.00	475,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1977	19,500	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,365,000
	1976	27,400	xxx	xxx	Acre	75.00	2,055,000
Pasture, Other	1977	232,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	1.00	232,000
	1976	232,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	2.50	580,000
Rice	1977	8,500	2.71	23,000	Ton	190.00	4,370,000
	1976	11,000	2.72	29,900	Ton	140.00	4,186,000
Straw, All	1977	2,000	.75	1,500	Ton	25.00	37,500
	1976	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	30.00	105,000
Wheat	1977	7,580	.62	4,730	Ton	82.00	388,000
	1976	8,820	.64	5,620	Ton	111.00	623,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1977	2,170	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	432,000
	1976	1,010	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	317,000
Total	1977						\$8,254,000
	1976						\$9,572,900

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include safflower, certified clover seed, vetch seed, sudan seed, sudan silage, sugar beets, corn silage, oat silage, milo, alfalfa silage, soybeans, and red kidney beans.

APIARY PRODUCTS					
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE TOTAL
1976	19,800	lb.	.46	9,100	
Beeswax	1977	400	lb.	1.10	440
	1976	600	lb.	1.25	750
Package Bees	1977	36,300	lb.	4.08	148,000
	1976	16,500	lb.	4.08	67,300
Queen Bees	1977	21,300	ea.	4.50	95,900
	1976	26,200	ea.	4.50	118,000
Pollination	1977	3,600	ea.	9.50	34,200
	1976	5,500	ea.	9.64	53,000
Total	1977				\$291,540
	1976				\$248,150

COMPARISON SUMMARY

	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 2,785,600	\$ 4,466,800	\$ 2,843,340	\$ 3,017,200	\$ 3,966,200
Field Crops	8,254,000	9,572,900	11,784,000	11,134,000	8,975,800
Livestock & Poultry	13,872,200	12,328,600	13,719,000	11,060,800	17,628,000
Livestock & Poultry Products	4,318,600	3,898,300*	3,177,200	3,730,100	3,133,700
Nursery Products	998,000	1,781,000	1,824,000	1,261,000	661,000
Apiary Products	291,540	248,150	238,216	556,770	246,396
GRAND TOTALS	\$30,519,940	\$32,295,750*	\$33,585,756	\$30,759,870	\$34,641,096*

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