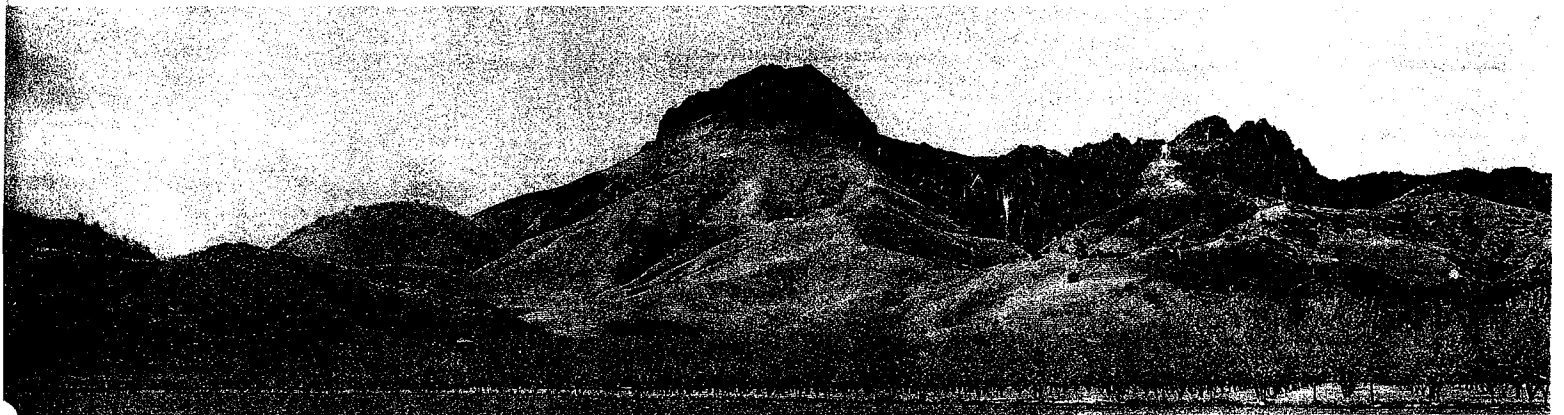


# **COUNTY OF SUTTER**

## **1973**

### **ANNUAL CROP REPORT**



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present to you the 1973 Agricultural Crop Report as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

1973 was an unusually successful year for agriculture in Sutter County.

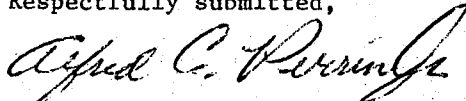
Production levels were up in prunes, rice, canning tomatoes, cattle and calves, sheep and lambs but many crops were below 1972 levels. Higher prices for most commodities caused an increase to a record high of \$159,204,000, \$63,375,600 more than the 1972 figure of \$95,828,400, an increase of 66%.

I hasten to emphasize the fact that these figures are gross values and do not reflect the increased costs of equipment, fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, labor and other supplies which are increasing at an equally high rate.

Again, the value of agriculture to Sutter County as a whole is shown in increases in sales in the area of service, supplies and related jobs which all contribute to the well-being of Sutter County.

To all those individuals who provided the information necessary to compile this report I extend my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,



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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Almonds	1973	5,998	.55	3,299	tons	\$1,250.00	\$ 4,124,000
	1972	5,873	.80	4,698	tons	676.00	3,176,000
Almond Hulls	1973			6,748	tons	40.00	270,000
	1972			7,048	tons	15.00	106,000
Peaches Clingstone	1973	9,776	12.70	124,155	tons	95.00	11,795,000
	1972	9,200	15.11	139,012	tons	75.00	10,426,000
Peaches Freestone	1973	162	10.00	1,620	tons	121.00	196,000
	1972	119	10.00	1,190	tons	115.00	137,000
Pears all	1973	1,303	8.00	10,424	tons	132.00	1,376,000
	1972	1,337	8.00	10,696	tons	130.00	1,390,000
Plums	1973	255	4.20	1,071	tons	321.00	344,000
	1972	272	4.90	1,333	tons	266.00	355,000
Prunes dried	1973	15,640	2.75	43,010	tons	460.00	19,785,000
	1972	15,333	.97	14,873	tons	489.00	7,273,000
Walnuts English	1973	10,714	1.10	11,785	tons	592.00	6,977,000
	1972	10,158	.96	9,752	tons	525.00	5,120,000
Walnuts Black	1973			26,460	bags	1.75	46,300
	1972			12,600	bags	1.75	22,000
Misc.*	1973	100					166,000
	1972	100					105,300
TOTAL	1973						\$45,079,300
	1972						28,110,300

\*Includes apples, apricots, bushberries, cherries, nectarines, olives, oranges, pecans, persimmons, pistachios and strawberries.

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crops	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1973	13,800	1.50	20,700	tons	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,863,000
	1972	19,000	1.75	33,250	tons	57.00	1,895,000
Beans, dry Baby Lima	1973	2,650	.97	2,571	tons	500.00	1,286,000
	1972	3,210	.75	2,408	tons	270.00	650,000
Beans, dry Blackeye	1973	970	.66	640	tons	540.00	346,000
	1972	1,400	.64	896	tons	280.00	251,000
Beans, dry Gr. Baby Lima	1973	1,350	1.09	1,472	tons	300.00	442,000
	1972	170	1.10	187	tons	241.00	45,100
Beans, dry Kidney	1973	460	.46	212	tons	700.00	148,000
	1972	200	.70	140	tons	461.00	64,500
Beans, dry Large Lima	1973	1,500	.94	1,410	tons	720.00	1,015,000
	1972	330	.67	221	tons	540.00	119,000
Beans, dry Pink	1973	720	.83	598	tons	440.00	263,000
	1972	1,333	.75	1,000	tons	245.00	245,000
Beans, dry Misc.*	1973	220	.92	202	tons	440.00	89,000
	1972	200	.63	126	tons	345.25	43,500
Corn, field Grain	1973	5,720	3.51	20,077	tons	101.00	2,028,000
	1972	4,400	3.74	16,456	tons	55.50	913,000
Corn, field Silage	1973	2,500	24.00	60,000	tons	15.00	900,000
	1972	2,500	25.00	62,500	tons	12.50	781,000
Hay Alfalfa	1973	9,990	6.25	62,438	tons	49.00	3,059,000
	1972	9,900	5.90	58,410	tons	36.00	2,103,000
Hay Grain	1973	6,500	3.00	19,500	tons	35.00	683,000
	1972	6,000	4.35	26,100	tons	30.00	783,000+
Hay Other**	1973	11,500	1.78	20,470	tons	26.31	539,000
	1972	10,000	2.80	28,000	tons	22.50	630,000
Oats	1973	2,500	.78	1,950	tons	100.00	195,000
	1972	1,200	1.50	1,800	tons	65.35	118,000
Pasture & Range, Irri.	1973	22,000			acre	85.00	1,870,000
	1972	22,000			acre	50.00	1,100,000
Pasture & Range, dry	1973	70,000			acre	3.50	245,000
	1972	70,000			acre	2.50	175,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE (con't)

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested</u> <u>Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per</u> <u>Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Per</u> <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rice	1973	66,100	2.75	181,775	tons	\$230.00	\$41,808,000
	1972	55,567+	2.90	161,144	tons	125.00	20,143,000
Safflower	1973	14,800	1.00	14,800	tons	145.00	2,146,000
	1972	19,856	1.16	23,033	tons	105.64	2,433,000
Screenings Grain	1973			2,200	tons	20.00	44,000
	1972			NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY LAST YEAR			
Sorghum Grain	1973	23,500	1.98	46,530	tons	101.00	4,700,000
	1972	22,165	1.90	42,114	tons	54.00	2,274,000
Sugar Beets	1973	5,650	20.20	114,130	tons	20.13	2,297,000
	1972	5,592	27.20	152,102	tons	15.03	2,286,000
Wheat	1973	31,370	1.60	50,192	tons	90.00	4,517,000
	1972	32,657	2.31	75,438	tons	55.75	4,206,000
Misc.***	1973	1,000					834,000
	1972	1,400					735,000
TOTAL	1973						\$71,317,000
	1972						41,993,000+

\* Includes pinto, garbanzo and bayou

\*\* Includes straw

\*\*\*Includes sunflower, sesame, castorbeans, mung beans, hops and flax

+ Corrected

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crops	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1973	730	295	215,350	lbs.	\$ .80	\$ 172,000
	1972	780	300	234,000	lbs.	.43	100,600
Barley	1973	4,380	3,000	13,140,000	lbs.	.06	788,000
	1972	600	3,100	1,860,000	lbs.	.03	55,800
Clover	1973	2,450	155	379,750	lbs.	1.00	380,000
	1972	2,448	207	506,736	lbs.	.66	334,000
Cantaloupe & Honeydew	1973	400	447	178,800	lbs.	.86	154,000
	1972	160	352	56,320	lbs.	.85	47,900
Cucumber	1973	1,100	383	421,300	lbs.	1.17	493,000
	1972	360	385	138,600	lbs.	1.56	216,000
Field Corn	1973	500	7,000	3,500,000	lbs.	.09	315,000
	1972	220	6,000	1,320,000	lbs.	.045	59,400
Oats	1973	50	2,800	140,000	lbs.	.0825	11,600
	1972	273	3,900	1,064,700	lbs.	.0525	55,900
Pumpkins & Squash	1973	620	506	313,720	lbs.	.71	223,000
	1972	789	653	515,217	lbs.	.46	237,000
Rice	1973	6,090	5,200	31,668,000	lbs.	.1515	4,798,000
	1972	4,804	5,000	24,020,000	lbs.	.075	1,802,000
Safflower	1973	310	685	212,350	lbs.	.0675	14,300
	1972	525	1,475	774,375	lbs.	.055	42,600
Sorghum Grain	1973	150	4,700	705,000	lbs.	.09	63,500
	1972	700	4,300	3,010,000	lbs.	.045	135,000
Sudan	1973	2,590	780	2,020,200	lbs.	.11	222,000
	1972	75	1,814	136,050	lbs.	.09	12,200
Vetch	1973	150	244	36,600	lbs.	.15	5,500
	1972	400	1,300	520,000	lbs.	.10	52,000
Watermelon	1973	900	296	266,400	lbs.	.95	253,000
	1972	511	218	111,398	lbs.	.95	106,000
Wheat	1973	1,900	4,000	7,600,000	lbs.	.05	380,000
	1972	275	3,950	1,086,250	lbs.	.035	38,000
Misc. Seed*	1973	630		432,323	lbs.		176,000
	1972	85		160,100	lbs.		80,000
TOTAL	1973						\$ 8,448,900
	1972						3,374,400

\*Includes garden beans, dry beans, onion, sunflower, beet, tomato, etc.



VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>			<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Melons, all	1973	1,725	11.43	19,717	tons	\$155.26	\$ 3,061,000
	1972	1,193	12.20	14,555	tons	98.08	1,428,000
Pumpkins	1973	310	22.80	7,068	tons	31.45	222,000
	1972	360	18.60	6,696	tons	11.50	77,000
Squash	1973	146	20.00	2,920	tons	44.65	130,000
	1972	155	17.83	2,764	tons	20.16	55,700
Tomatoes Canning	1973	19,040	29.00	552,160	tons	35.00	19,326,000
	1972	15,520	27.11	420,747	tons	28.00	11,781,000
Miscellaneous Vegetables	1973	242					484,000
	1972	291					266,000
TOTAL	1973						\$23,223,000
	1972						13,607,700

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Areas Field Area</u>	<u>Quantity Sold By Producers</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nursery Crops</u>					
Fruit & Nut Trees & Vines	1973	154	1,753,769	plants	\$ 1,531,000
	1972	140	1,010,770	plants	1,248,000
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	1973	18			28,700
	1972	10			15,800
TOTAL	1973				\$ 1,559,700
	1972				1,263,800

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Honey	1973	198,180	lbs.	\$ .49	\$ 97,100
	1972	214,000	lbs.	.30	64,200
Beeswax	1973	11,300	lbs.	.94	10,600
	1972	5,000	lbs.	.64	3,200
Package Bees	1973	107,800	lbs.	2.16	233,000
	1972	96,400	lbs.	1.87	180,000
Queen Bees	1973	81,000	each	2.11	171,000
	1972	61,200	each	1.54	94,200
Pollination	1973	18,200	colony	6.40	116,000
	1972	19,445	colony	4.24	82,500
TOTAL	1973				\$627,700
	1972				424,100

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>No. of Head</u>	<u>Total Liveweight</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cattle & Calves*	1973	26,000	128,125	cwt.	\$ 43.81	\$5,613,000
	1972	25,000	127,500	cwt.	34.93	4,454,000
Sheep & Lambs	1973	70,440	37,564	cwt.	31.36	1,178,000
	1972	56,255	29,355	cwt.	26.29	772,000
Hogs & Pigs	1973	4,000	8,800	cwt.	38.50	339,000
	1972	5,500	12,100	cwt.	26.20	317,000
Hogs & Pigs Feeder	1973	3,000	1,350	cwt.	46.00	62,100
	1972	3,500	1,400	cwt.	30.40	42,500
Hogs & Pigs Breeding Stock	1973	1,000		head	185.00	185,000
	1972	1,200		head	150.00	180,000
Old Hens & Roosters	1973	21,837	109,185	lb.	.14	15,300
	1972	20,000	100,000	lb.	.10	10,000
Misc. Livestock & Poultry**	1973	159,450		head	2.39	381,000
	1972	139,300		head	2.19	305,000
TOTAL	1973					\$7,773,400
	1972					6,080,500

\* Includes feed lot cattle where only pounds of gain were counted

\*\*Includes gamebirds, horses, rabbits, turkeys, and squab

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Value	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Milk	1973	90,700	cwt.	\$6.54	\$ 593,000
Marketing	1972*	106,000	cwt.	5.60	594,000
Milk	1973	30,700	cwt.	5.38	165,000
Manufacturing	1972*	37,500	cwt.	4.51	169,000
Wool	1973	220,000	lbs.	.81	178,000
	1972	200,000	lbs.	.26	52,000
Eggs, Chicken	1973	426,878	dozen	.54	231,000
Market	1972	355,500	dozen	.40	142,000
Eggs	1973	10,000	dozen	.80	8,000
Hatching	1972	25,000	dozen	.70	17,500
TOTAL	1973				\$1,175,000
	1972				974,500*

\*Revised

## SUMMARY

## FARM VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$28,110,300	\$ 45,079,300
FIELD CROPS	41,993,100*	71,317,000
SEED CROPS	3,374,400	8,448,900
VEGETABLE CROPS	13,607,700	23,223,000
NURSERY CROPS	1,263,800	1,559,700
APIARY PRODUCTS	424,100	627,700
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	6,080,500	7,773,400
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	<u>974,500**</u>	<u>1,175,000</u>
TOTAL	\$95,828,400	\$159,204,000

\* Corrected

\*\*Revised

## TEN LEADING CROPS &amp; VALUES

	<u>1972</u>		<u>1973</u>
Rice, all	\$21,945,000	Rice, all	\$46,606,000
Tomatoes, Canning	11,781,000	Prunes, Dried	19,785,000
Peaches, Cling	10,426,000	Tomatoes, Canning	19,326,000
Prunes, Dried	7,273,000	Peaches, Cling	11,795,000
Walnuts, English	5,120,000	Walnuts, English	6,977,000
Cattle & Calves	4,454,000	Cattle & Calves	5,613,000
Wheat, all	4,244,000	Wheat, all	4,897,000
Almonds & Hulls	3,282,000	Sorghum Grain, all	4,763,500
Safflower, all	2,475,600	Almonds & Hulls	4,394,000
Sorghum Grain, all	2,409,000	Beans, Dry-all	3,589,000