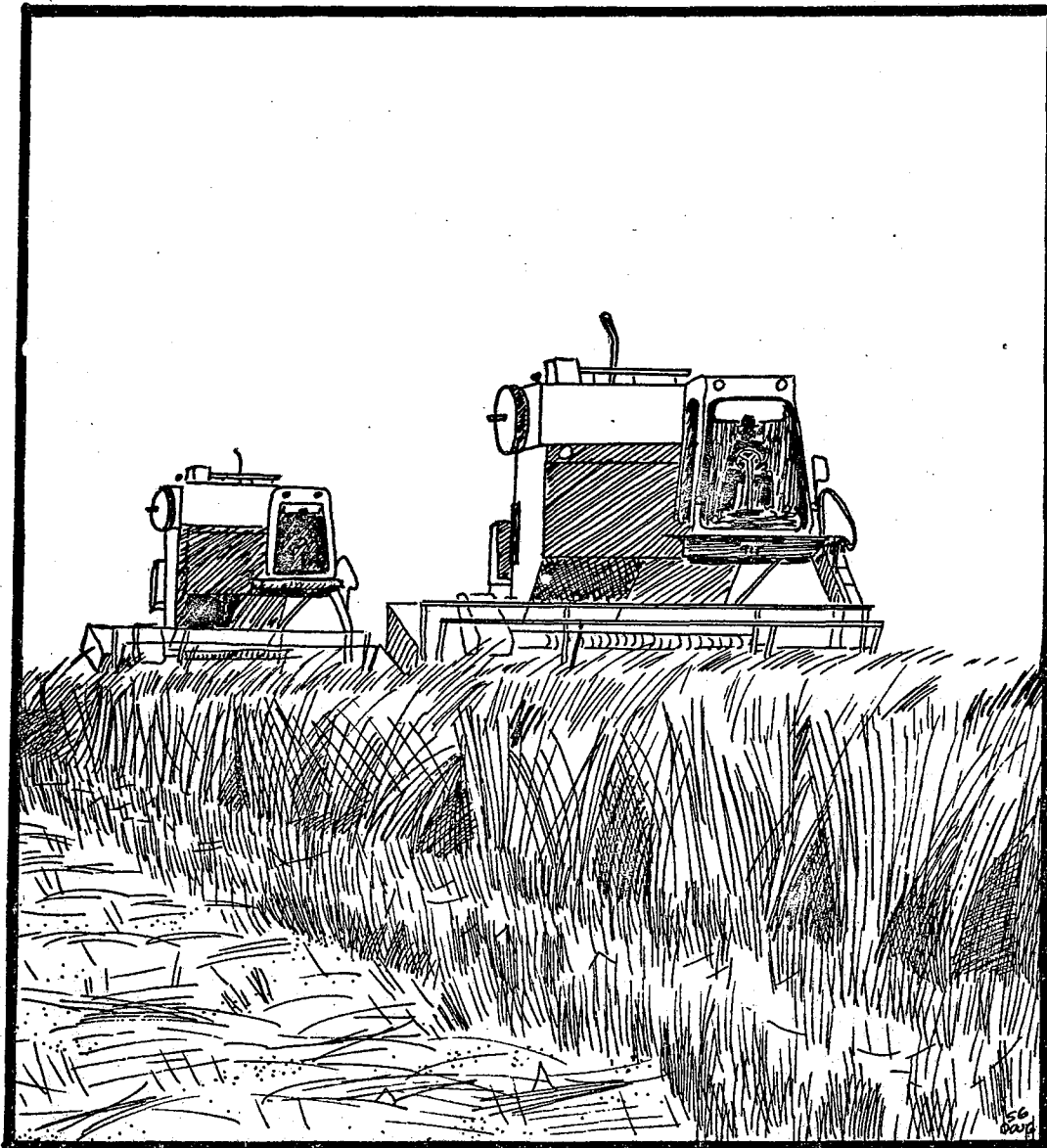


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I am pleased to present to you the 1976 Agricultural Crop Report as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

Values shown in this report are gross returns only. The 1976 crop year was an extremely rough one for growers in many areas.

First, we had a reduction in rice acreage and a lower per acre yield as the result of cool weather and a lower price resulting in a decrease of \$16,594,000 from 1975.

Canning Tomatoes, our second leading crop, suffered a loss to the cannery strike and an untimely rain which resulted in a decrease of \$9,064,000 in total sales from 1975. Increased plantings in small grains helped to offset some of these losses.

Increases were realized in tree crops, such as Cling Peaches, which surprisingly did not suffer too much from the cannery strike. Again, not all of the peaches grown were sold due to a continued lack of contracts with canners.

The drought, which began in the 1975-76 winter, showed up in increased forced sales of both sheep and cattle which resulted in an increased value of livestock sold. This will ultimately result in fewer livestock available in 1977 and losses will continue to plague growers.

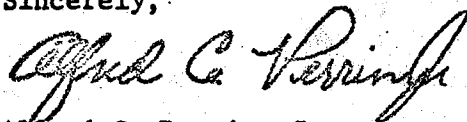
Seed crops which enjoyed good sales in 1975 were down by \$3,855,100 due to over supply on the world market.

In spite of these problems and losses the total production value in 1976 was \$178,537,000, down only \$8,997,900 from the 1975 figure which was \$187,534,900.

Agriculture continues to be the leading industry in the County.

A sincere thanks is due all who provided information for this report.

Sincerely,



Alfred C. Perrin, Jr.
Agricultural Commissioner

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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	1976	6,009	.71	4,266	tons	\$710.00	\$ 3,029,000
	1975	6,273	.53	3,325	tons	675.00	2,244,000
Almonds Hulls	1976			4,800	tons	42.75	205,000
	1975			4,200	tons	42.50	179,000
Peaches Clingstone	1976	11,345	12.20	138,409	tons	117.50	16,263,000
	1975	10,058	12.28	123,512	tons	128.50	15,871,000
Peaches Freestone	1976	144	13.41	1,931	tons	194.20	375,000
	1975	161	11.43	1,840	tons	199.90	368,000
Pears, all	1976	881	10.42	9,180	tons	149.30	1,371,000
	1975	1,369	7.86	10,760	tons	137.20	1,476,000
Plums	1976	201	5.38	1,081	tons	388.84	420,000
	1975	281	5.81	1,633	tons	194.00	317,000
Prunes Dried	1976	15,875	2.30	36,513	tons	425.00	15,518,000
	1975	16,004	2.54	40,650	tons	415.00	16,870,000
Walnuts English	1976	11,271	1.27	14,314	tons	615.00	8,803,000
	1975	11,110	1.09	12,110	tons	430.00	5,207,000
Walnuts Black	1976	436	68.80	30,000	bags	2.00	60,000
	1975	441	37.75	16,600	bags	1.89	31,400
Misc. ¹	1976	126	4.80	605	tons	739.47	447,000
	1975	117	4.90	573	tons	358.94	206,000
TOTAL	1976	46,288					\$46,491,000
	1975	45,814					42,769,400

¹Includes apples, apricots, bushberries, cherries, nectarines, olives, oranges, pecans, strawberries, pistachios and kiwi.

FIELD 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>
Barley	1976	19,000	1.49	28,310	tons	\$107.00	\$ 3,029,000
	1975	13,518	1.81	24,468	tons	112.00	2,740,000
Beans, dry Baby Lima	1976	4,228	1.05	4,439	tons	352.00	1,563,000
	1975	3,545	1.17	4,148	tons	373.00	1,547,000
Beans, dry	1976	133	1.33	177	tons	325.00	57,500
	1975	154	1.00	154	tons	360.00	55,400
Beans, dry Blackeye	1976	636	1.04	661	tons	560.00	370,000
	1975	106	.50	53	tons	420.00	22,300
Beans, dry Flat White	1976	40	.48	19	tons	400.00	7,600
	1975	Not Shown Separate in 1975					
Beans, dry Kidney	1976	145	.97	141	tons	346.00	48,800
	1975	192	.81	156	tons	473.00	73,800
Beans, dry Large Lima	1976	1,105	1.21	1,337	tons	786.00	1,051,000
	1975	575	.76	437	tons	590.00	258,000
Beans, dry Pink	1976	4,921	.76	3,740	tons	275.00	1,028,000
	1975	3,937	.67	2,638	tons	333.00	878,000
Beans, dry Red	1976	338	.71	240	tons	270.00	64,800
	1975	58	1.26	73	tons	440.00	32,100
Beans, dry Pinto	1976	30	.40	12	tons	240.00	2,900
	1975	125	.43	54	tons	332.00	17,928
Corn, field Grain	1976	11,392	4.06	46,252	tons	103.00	4,764,000
	1975	9,224	3.81	35,143	tons	113.00	3,971,000
Corn, field Silage	1976	4,200	23.50	98,700	tons	19.50	1,925,000
	1975	3,875	24.00	93,000	tons	18.00	1,674,000
Hay Alfalfa	1976	9,715	6.40	62,176	tons	77.18	4,799,000
	1975	10,440	6.26	65,354	tons	70.68	4,619,000
Hay Grain	1976	7,174	1.88	13,487	tons	57.30	773,000
	1975	6,150	2.70	16,605	tons	51.61	857,000
Hay Other	1976	20,430	1.35	27,580	tons	26.29	725,000
	1975	17,849	1.69	30,165	tons	26.35	795,000

FIELD CROPS (CON'T)
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested 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>
Oats	1976	1,043	1.81	1,888	tons	\$200.00	\$ 377,600
	1975	1,020	1.05	1,071	tons	125.00	134,000
Pasture & Range Irrigated	1976	24,000			acres	100.00	2,400,000
	1975	24,000			acres	90.00	2,160,000
Pasture & Range Dry	1976	50,000			acres	3.00	150,000
	1975	50,000			acres	4.50	225,000
Rice	1976	78,964	2.65	209,255	tons	152.80	31,974,000
	1975	95,690	2.85	272,717	tons	170.00	46,362,000
Safflower	1976	8,226	1.08	8,884	tons	219.18	1,947,000
	1975	11,461	1.01	11,576	tons	224.60	2,600,000
Field Crop By-Products	1976			45,970	tons	35.00	1,609,000
	1975			8,600	tons	22.85	197,000
Sorghum Grain	1976	23,177	2.34	54,234	tons	90.00	4,881,000
	1975	20,053	2.00	40,106	tons	105.00	4,211,000
Sugar Beets	1976	5,648	25.07	141,595	tons	20.96	2,968,000
	1975	3,612	24.09	87,013	tons	29.80	2,593,000
Wheat	1976	40,000	2.21	88,400	tons	117.00	10,343,000
	1975	30,533	1.58	48,242	tons	112.25	5,415,000
Misc.	1976	860					928,000
	1975	891					848,000
TOTAL	1976	315,405					\$77,786,200
	1975	307,008					\$82,286,500

SEED CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crops	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1976	380	592.	225,000	lbs.	\$.60	\$ 135,000
	1975	380	616.	234,000	lbs.	.70	164,000
Barley	1976	3,754	4,024.	15,106,096	lbs.	.076	1,148,000
	1975	3,394.	3,155.	10,708,070	lbs.	.09	964,000
Beans, dry Mixed	1976	366	2,111.	772,626	lbs.	.32	247,000
	1975	289	1,519.	438,991	lbs.	.27	119,000
Clover	1976	871	235.	204,685	lbs.	1.25	256,000
	1975	1,282	184.	235,888	lbs.	1.15	271,000
Cantaloupe & Honeydew	1976	239	335.	80,065	lbs.	1.82	146,000
	1975	555	331.	183,705	lbs.	2.11	388,000
Cucumber	1976	280	408.	114,240	lbs.	2.12	242,000
	1975	1,593	638.	1,016,334	lbs.	2.81	2,856,000
Field Corn	1976	1,703	7,779.	13,247,637	lbs.	.088	1,166,000
	1975	1,545	7,439.	11,493,255	lbs.	.10	1,149,000
Pumpkins & Squash	1976	253	577.	145,981	lbs.	1.47	215,000
	1975	589	522.	307,458	lbs.	1.89	581,000
Rice	1976	3,637	5,000.	18,185,000	lbs.	.1225	2,228,000
	1975	6,165	5,800.	35,757,000	lbs.	.1240	4,434,000
Safflower	1976	245	1,993.	488,285	lbs.	.137	66,900
	1975	2,230	2,386.	5,320,780	lbs.	.15	798,000
Sorghum Grain	1976	4,460	6,113.	27,263,980	lbs.	.082	2,236,000
	1975	2,070	5,808.	12,022,560	lbs.	.088	1,058,000
Tomatoes	1976	400	275.	110,000	lbs.	8.52	937,000
	1975	215	346.	74,390	lbs.	8.20	610,000
Watermelon	1976	1,019	365.	371,935	lbs.	2.08	774,000
	1975	762	222.	169,164	lbs.	2.32	392,000
Wheat	1976	1,464	2,000.	2,928,000	lbs.	.07	205,000
	1975	529	2,332.	1,233,628	lbs.	.11	136,000
Misc. Seed	1976	230		213,030	lbs.		128,000
	1975	109		57,600	lbs.		95,000
TOTAL	1976	19,301					\$10,129,900
	1975	21,707					14,015,000

VEGETABLE CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested 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>
Melons, Honeydew	1976	1,200	10.74	12,888	tons	\$146.00	\$ 1,882,000
	1975	1,255	10.98	13,780	tons	116.80	1,610,000
Melons, mixed	1976	356	16.14	5,746	tons	167.80	964,000
	1975	97	7.50	728	tons	181.62	132,000
Pumpkins	1976	1,265	18.95	23,972	tons	40.15	962,000
	1975	857	20.87	17,886	tons	42.25	756,000
Squash, all	1976	332	16.85	5,594	tons	83.25	466,000
	1975	76	9.68	736	tons	85.15	62,700
Tomatoes, canning	1976	24,500	21.80	532,810	tons	47.40	25,255,000
	1975	25,510	24.20	617,250	tons	55.60	34,319,000
Tomatoes, fresh	1976	85	10.62	903	tons	286.50	259,000
	1975	75	11.20	840	tons	364.70	306,000
Corn, sweet	1976	178	5.74	1,022	tons	276.58	283,000
	1975	155	5.08	787	tons	236.42	186,000
Watermelons	1976	215	13.98	3,006	tons	86.07	259,000
	1975	105	14.48	1,520	tons	95.59	145,000
Misc. Vegetables	1976	211	11.94	2,519	tons	189.04	476,000
	1975	142	6.60	937	tons	220.92	207,000
TOTAL	1976	28,342					\$30,806,000
	1975	28,272					37,723,700

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>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nursery Crops</u>					
Fruit & Nut Trees & Vines	1976	151	1,228,028	plants	\$1,973,000
	1975	170	1,378,943	plants	2,005,000
Ornamental	1976	10			51,200
	1975	15			54,500
TOTAL	1976	161			\$2,024,200
	1975	185			2,059,500

APIARY PRODUCTS
PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Honey	1976	66,400	lbs.	\$.36	\$ 23,900
	1975	72,000	lbs.	.36	25,900
Beeswax	1976	4,400	lbs.	1.24	5,500
	1975	1,500	lbs.	1.10	1,600
Package Bees	1976	74,100	lbs.	5.05	374,000
	1975	151,500	lbs.	5.68	861,000
Queen Bees	1976	78,000	each	4.49	350,000
	1975	83,500	each	4.98	416,000
Pollination	1976	30,850	colony	8.03	248,000
	1975	31,650	colony	5.62	178,000
TOTAL	1976	253,750			\$1,001,400
	1975	340,150			1,482,500

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Head</u>	<u>Total Liveweight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cattle & Calves	1976	29,043	137,158	cwt.	\$ 36.74	\$5,039,000
	1975	20,900	89,700	cwt.	34.19	3,067,000
Sheep & Lambs	1976	45,217	47,726	cwt.	44.92	2,144,000
	1975	46,363	43,571	cwt.	37.44	1,631,000
Hogs & Pigs	1976	8,500	19,177	cwt.	43.06	826,000
	1975	5,250	12,125	cwt.	42.68	517,000
Hogs & Pigs Feeder	1976	6,345	2,538	cwt.	60.00	152,000
	1975	3,750	1,875	cwt.	70.00	131,000
Hogs & Pigs Breeding Stock	1976	570		head	225.00	128,000
	1975	500		head	200.00	100,000
Old Hens & Roosters	1976	35,000	175,000	lbs.	.11	19,300
	1975	27,000	135,000	lbs.	.05	6,700
Misc. Livestock	1976	144,600		head		673,000
	1975	124,100		head		545,000
TOTAL	1976	269,275				8,981,300
	1975	227,863				5,997,700

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS
PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Milk, marketing	1976	52,900	cwt.	\$8.62	\$ 451,000
	*1975	51,100	cwt.	8.53	440,000
Milk, manufacturing	1976	30,400	cwt.	7.77	236,000
	*1975	47,000	cwt.	6.90	324,000
Wool	1976	211,250	lbs.	.65	137,000
	1975	437,828	lbs.	.52	228,000
Eggs, chicken Market	1976	500,000	doz.	.58	290,000
	1975	400,000	doz.	.45	180,000
Eggs, hatching	1976	20,000	doz.	1.20	24,000
	1975	12,000	doz.	.90	10,800
Miscellaneous	1976				179,000
	1975	Not Shown in 1975			
TOTAL	1976	814,550			1,317,000
	*1975	947,928			1,182,800

*Corrected

SUMMARY
FARM VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 42,769,400	\$ 46,491,000
FIELD CROPS	82,286,300	77,786,200
SEED CROPS	14,015,000	10,129,900
VEGETABLE CROPS	37,723,700	30,806,000
NURSERY CROPS	2,059,500	2,024,200
APIARY PRODUCTS	1,482,500	1,001,400
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	5,997,700	8,981,300
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	<u>1,182,800*</u>	<u>1,317,000</u>
TOTAL	\$187,516,900*	\$178,537,000

TEN LEADING CROPS & VALUE

	<u>1975</u>		<u>1976</u>
Rice	\$50,796,000	Rice	\$34,202,000
Tomatoes, all	34,625,000	Tomatoes, all	26,451,000
Prunes, Dried	16,870,000	Peaches, Clingstone	16,263,000
Peaches, Clingstone	15,871,000	Prunes, Dried	15,518,000
Field Corn, all	6,794,000	Wheat, all	10,548,000
Wheat, all	5,551,000	Walnuts, English	8,803,000
Sorghum Grain, all	5,269,000	Sorghum Grain, all	7,117,000
Walnuts, English	5,207,000	Field Corn, all	5,930,000
Alfalfa, hay & seed	4,783,000	Alfalfa, hay & seed	4,934,000
Barley, all	3,704,000	Barley, all	4,177,000

*Corrected

FRUIT AND NUT TREE

Bearing and Non-Bearing Acreage

	<u>Bearing Acres</u>		<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Almonds	6,273	6,009	75	148
Apples	17	21		
Apricots	3	1		
Cherries	23	20	17	17
Nectarines	8	9	1	
Olives	36	35		
Oranges	11	11		
Peaches, Clingstone	10,058	11,345	2,879	793
Peaches, Freestone	161	143	2	8
Pears	1,369	881	96	1
Pecans	6	6		
Persimmons			1	1
Plums	281	201	2	
Prunes	16,004	15,875	900	787
Walnuts, Black	441	436	206	141
Walnuts, English	<u>11,144</u>	<u>11,304</u>	<u>3,024</u>	<u>2,251</u>
TOTAL	45,835	46,297	7,203	4,147