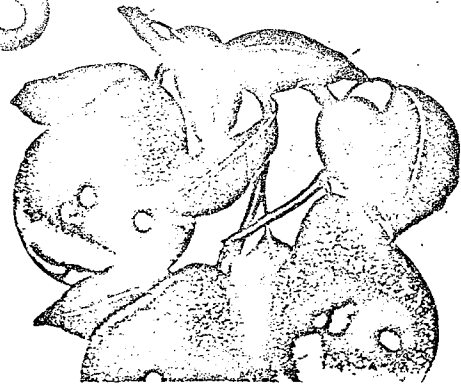
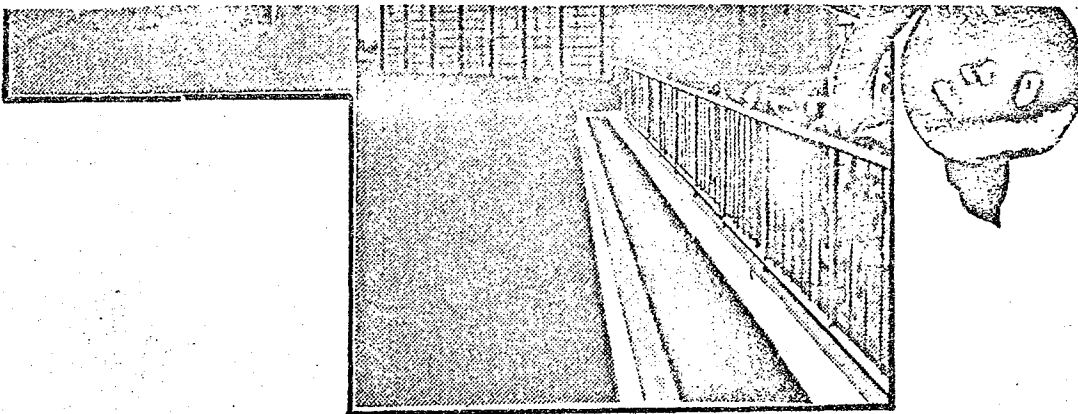


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California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
of Sutter County

We respectfully submit to you the Sutter County Agricultural Crop Report for the 1978 calendar year in accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

The total Gross value for all farm products, crops, live-stock and livestock products again reached an all time record high for Sutter County. The \$220,437,700 figure is a 9 percent increase over the 1977 gross of \$200,897,800. This means that the increase in the value of agricultural production in Sutter County did not keep pace with the rate of inflation in the U.S. We point this out even though we know there are a number of other factors that influence the prices received for agricultural commodities, because it is important for the general public to understand that inflation affects farmers just as much if not more than everyone else. The American Farmer is caught in the middle of the vicious inflation squeeze. He has watched the prices of the goods and services he requires soar, but has been unable to obtain equal compensation for his goods. A recent publication of Business Statistics shows that on the average, prices received by farmers for all agricultural products are only 66 percent of parity using 1910-14 as the base period. This is not to say that farmers should be getting 100 percent of parity, but to point out what a great job the American Farmer (Sutter County Farmer) has been doing these past sixty some years to enable him to continue producing food in great abundance.

The question we have to ask now is this. Has the American Farmer (Sutter County Farmer) reached the point where he can no longer overcome the obstacles he is facing? Only time will tell.

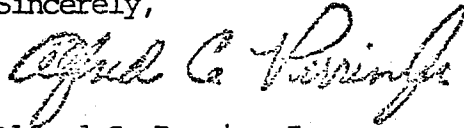
A few highlights of the 1978 crop report show that tomatoes continued to hold their number one spot in value in Sutter County, with rice a close second. These two crops represent almost 37 percent of the total value of all the agricultural commodities raised in Sutter County. The ten leading crops represents just

over 80 percent of the total value of the agricultural production in Sutter County.

Fruit and Nut Crops along with Livestock and Poultry showed substantial gains in value due mainly to better prices received, while Field Crops and Vegetable Crops were down somewhat in value due to lower prices and yields.

We want to thank all those that provided the information necessary to compile this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred C. Perrin, Jr.", written in dark ink.

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>Production</u>				<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Almonds	1978	5,725	.50	2,863	tons	\$1,500.00	\$ 4,294,000
	1977	5,439	.61	3,318	tons	900.00	2,986,000
Almond Hulls	1978			3,579	tons	30.50	109,000
	1977			4,200	tons	26.00	109,000
Peaches Clingstone	1978	11,113	14.90	165,557	tons	137.50	22,765,000
	1977	11,032	14.77	162,943	tons	118.50	19,309,000
Peaches Freestone	1978	130	16.89	2,196	tons	273.24	600,000
	1977	121	15.70	1,900	tons	241.35	458,600
Pears, All	1978	1,388	12.07	16,753	tons	200.86	3,365,000
	1977	1,388	11.40	15,823	tons	134.16	2,123,000
Plums	1978	77	5.01	386	tons	429.74	166,000
	1977	76	4.98	378	tons	386.54	146,000
Prunes Dried	1978	16,128	2.25	36,288	tons	650.00	23,587,000
	1977	15,784	2.75	43,406	tons	500.00	21,703,000
Walnuts English	1978	12,711	.92	11,694	tons	1,254.00	14,664,000
	1977	12,066	1.14	13,755	tons	713.00	9,807,000
Walnuts Black	1978	556	2.32	1,290	tons	125.60	162,000
	1977	510	2.25	1,148	tons	75.00	86,100
Misc. <sup>1</sup>	1978	166	4.62	767	tons	553.16	424,000
	1977	148	5.09	753	tons	547.58	412,000
TOTAL	1978	47,994					\$70,136,000
	1977	46,564					57,139,700

<sup>1</sup>Includes apples, apricots, bushberries, cherries, nectarines, olives, oranges, pecans, persimmons, pictachios, strawberries, and kiwi

FIELD CROPS  
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Barley	1978	26,500	1.37	36,305	tons	95.00	\$ 3,449,000
	1977	26,000	1.55	40,300	tons	88.81	3,579,000
Beans, dry Baby Lima	1978	7,071	.96	6,788	tons	402.00	2,729,000
	1977	6,284	.97	6,095	tons	408.00	2,487,000
Beans, dry Gr. Baby Lima	1978	284	.98	279	tons	420.00	117,000
	1977	70	1.25	88	tons	500.00	44,000
Beans, dry Blackeye	1978	1,758	.70	1,231	tons	403.00	496,000
	1977	2,585	.64	1,654	tons	482.25	798,000
Beans, dry Flat White	1978	55	.92	51	tons	420.00	21,400
	1977	110	.88	97	tons	560.00	54,300
Beans, dry Kidney, all	1978	341	.87	297	tons	412.00	122,000
	1977	425	.59	251	tons	557.50	140,000
Beans, dry Lg. Lima	1978	1,341	.61	818	tons	729.00	596,000
	1977	1,405	1.07	1,503	tons	714.50	1,074,000
Beans, dry Red	1978	55	1.10	61	tons	800.00	48,800
	1977	15	1.05	16	tons	575.00	9,200
Beans, dry Pinto	1978	250	.42	105	tons	380.00	39,900
	1977	400	.98	392	tons	540.00	212,000
Beans, dry Sm. White	1978	100	.75	75	tons	420.00	31,500
	1977	125	.52	65	tons	550.00	35,800
Beans, dry Pink	1978	6,842	.78	5,337	tons	375.00	2,001,000
	1977	4,371	.85	3,715	tons	428.00	1,590,000
Corn, Field Grain	1978	8,938	3.08	27,529	tons	96.00	2,643,000
	1977	10,553	4.09	43,162	tons	90.39	3,901,000
Corn, Field Silage	1978	2,252	24.00	54,048	tons	14.00	757,000
	1977	4,914	23.20	114,005	tons	20.15	2,297,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1978	9,007	6.80	61,248	tons	59.75	3,660,000
	1977	8,250	7.61	62,783	tons	68.47	4,299,000
Hay, Grain	1978	6,210	2.25	13,973	tons	37.55	525,000
	1977	9,400	1.15	10,810	tons	31.95	345,000

FIELD CROPS (Con't)  
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hay, other	1978	10,029	1.00	10,029	tons	\$ 10.06	\$ 201,000
	1977	18,425	1.14	21,005	tons	25.13	528,000
Oats	1978	1,233	.48	592	tons	105.85	62,700
	1977	2,092	.75	1,569	tons	111.00	174,000
Pasture & Range Irrigated	1978	24,000			acres	90.00	2,160,000
	1977	24,000			acres	75.00	1,800,000
Pasture, dry	1978	50,000			acres	3.50	175,000
	1977	50,000			acres	2.00	100,000
Rice	1978	85,787	2.83	242,777	tons	150.00	36,417,000
	1977	48,903	2.99	146,220	tons	190.78	27,896,000
Safflower	1978	4,464	1.16	5,178	tons	224.25	1,161,000
	1977	17,785	1.38	24,543	tons	246.89	6,059,000
Field Crops By-Products	1978			30,316	tons	30.00	909,000
	1977			32,285	tons	17.50	565,000
Sorghum Grain	1978	19,400	1.96	38,024	tons	83.00	3,156,000
	1977	15,953	2.01	32,066	tons	78.85	2,528,000
Sugar Beets	1978	5,014	25.44	127,556	tons	25.43	3,244,000
	1977	5,324	25.12	133,739	tons	22.70	3,036,000
Wheat	1978	23,422	1.76	41,223	tons	103.93	4,284,000
	1977	25,000	2.39	59,750	tons	83.17	4,969,000
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	1978	1,171					716,000
	1977	1,780					948,000
TOTAL	1978	295,524					69,722,300
	1977	284,169					69,468,300

<sup>1</sup>Includes popcorn, sweet rice, wild rice, soybeans, hops, sunflowers



SEED CROPS  
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>				<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alfalfa	1978	430	363	156,090	lbs	\$ .99	\$ 155,000
	1977	325	211	68,575	lbs	1.10	75,400
Barley	1978	3,783	3,356	12,695,748	lbs	.055	698,000
	1977	3,125	3,621	11,315,625	lbs	.0625	707,000
Beans, dry Mixed	1978	961	1,592	1,529,912	lbs	.272	416,000
	1977	537	1,707	916,659	lbs	.273	250,000
Clover	1978	460	211	97,060	lbs	1.27	123,000
	1977	821	146	119,866	lbs	1.05	126,000
Cantaloupe & Honeydew	1978	287	343	98,441	lbs	1.70	167,000
	1977	274	363	99,462	lbs	1.76	175,000
Cucumber	1978	291	309	89,919	lbs	3.04	273,000
	1977	260	430	111,800	lbs	2.04	228,000
Field, Corn	1978	2,052	7,924	16,260,048	lbs	.0626	1,018,000
	1977	1,860	8,237	15,320,820	lbs	.0780	1,195,000
Oats	1978	1,718	1,348	2,315,864	lbs	.060	139,000
	1977	335	1,607	538,345	lbs	.079	42,500
Pumpkins & Squash	1978	101	1,072	108,272	lbs	.97	105,000
	1977	174	416	72,384	lbs	2.63	190,000
Rice	1978	4,433	5,000	22,165,000	lbs	.085	1,884,000
	1977	2,166	5,800	12,562,800	lbs	.1095	1,376,000
Safflower	1978	1,370	1,916	2,624,920	lbs	.1259	330,000
	1977	2,599	1,668	4,335,132	lbs	.1223	530,000
Sorghum, Grain	1978	3,567	5,168	18,434,256	lbs	.056	1,032,000
	1977	3,188	5,142	16,392,696	lbs	.050	820,000
Tomatoes	1978	425	208	88,400	lbs	8.17	722,000
	1977	315	195	61,425	lbs	7.28	447,000
Vetch	1978	608	792	481,536	lbs	.08	38,500
	1977	400	112	45,000	lbs	.27	12,200

SEED CORPS (Con't)  
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>				<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Watermelon	1978	352	262	92,224	lbs	\$1.61	\$ 148,000
	1977	432	267	115,344	lbs	2.40	277,000
Wheat	1978	3,090	4,317	13,339,530	lbs	.059	787,000
	1977	2,602	4,411	11,477,422	lbs	.055	631,000
Sudan, all	1978	816	2,582	2,106,912	lbs	.1258	265,000
	1977	Not Shown Separately					
Misc. Seed <sup>1</sup>	1978	201		248,964	lbs		134,000
	1977	331		507,649	lbs		345,000
TOTAL	1978	24,900					\$8,434,500
	1977	19,744					7,427,100

<sup>1</sup>Includes onion, celery, cauliflower, soybean

VEGETABLE CROPS  
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Corn, sweet	1978	200	5.65	1,130	tons	\$262.98	\$ 295,000
	1977	160	4.65	744	tons	280.00	208,000
Melons Honeydew	1978	2,100	11.37	23,877	tons	143.72	3,432,000
	1977	1,835	8.17	14,992	tons	148.67	2,229,000
Melons, mixed	1978	672	7.83	5,262	tons	322.16	1,695,000
	1977	453	14.00	6,342	tons	216.10	1,371,000
Pumpkins	1978	1,098	21.42	23,519	tons	84.79	1,994,000
	1977	808	20.62	16,661	tons	63.38	1,056,000
Squash, all	1978	1,068	18.28	19,523	tons	138.69	2,708,000
	1977	185	10.05	3,524	tons	65.76	232,000
Tomatoes, canning	1978	29,733	23.00	683,859	tons	54.00	36,928,000
	1977	33,760	24.50	827,120	tons	56.10	46,401,000
Tomatoes, fresh	1978	253	11.42	2,889	tons	565.17	1,633,000
	1977	160	14.43	2,309	tons	293.47	678,000
Watermelons	1978	239	14.26	3,407	tons	99.06	337,000
	1977	220	13.52	2,974	tons	94.84	282,000
Misc. Vegetables <sup>1</sup>	1978	536	15.02	8,050	tons	150.93	1,215,000
	1977	233	15.04	3,504	tons	168.11	589,000
TOTAL	1978	35,899					\$50,237,000
	1977	37,814					53,046,000

<sup>1</sup>Includes green onions, dry onions, cabbage, cucumbers, asparagus, carrots, okra, turnips, egg plant, table beets, cauliflower, bell peppers, chili peppers, blackeyed beans, string beans, leaf lettuce

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>
Fruit & Nut Trees & Vines	1978	178	1,594,404	plants	\$3,388,000
	1977	146	1,181,297	plants	2,139,000
Ornamental	1978	19			92,500
	1977	16			86,800
TOTAL	1978	197			3,480,500
	1977	162			2,225,800

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	1978	82,600	lbs	\$ .47	\$ 38,800
	1977	70,400	lbs	.45	31,700
Beeswax	1978	8,400	lbs	1.76	14,800
	1977	5,200	lbs	1.43	7,400
Package Bees	1978	84,970	lbs	6.26	532,000
	1977	80,070	lbs	5.11	409,000
Queen Bees	1978	57,801	each	4.79	277,000
	1977	61,500	each	4.49	276,000
Pollination	1978	28,775	colony	7.95	229,000
	1977	27,795	colony	6.57	183,000
TOTAL	1978				\$1,091,600
	1977				907,100

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	1978	36,746	170,095	cwt	\$ 58.56	\$ 9,961,000
	1977	30,213	136,666	cwt	41.81	5,714,000
Sheep & Lambs	1978	48,386	51,919	cwt	54.47	2,828,000
	1977	40,698	41,696	cwt	44.25	1,845,000
Hogs & Pigs	1978	14,950	22,680	cwt	89.03	2,019,000
	1977	15,100	26,451	cwt	39.36	1,041,000
Rabbits, all	1978	61,400	321,040	lbs	.501	161,000
	1977	Not Shown Separately				
Chicken, all	1978	185,000	741,000	lbs	.304	225,000
	1977	150,000	605,000	lbs	.32	194,000
Misc. Livestock <sup>1</sup>	1978	117,860		head		886,000
	1977	168,975		head		673,000
TOTAL	1978	464,342				\$16,080,000
	1977	404,986				9,467,000

<sup>1</sup>Includes Pheasants, squab, goats, ducks, geese, horses, catfish

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS  
PRODUCTION AND VALUE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Milk, marketing*	1978	50,200	cwt	\$9.742	\$ 489,000
	1977	45,000	cwt	9.387	422,000
Milk, manufacturing*	1978	29,900	cwt	9.30	278,000
	1977	31,800	cwt	8.48	279,000
Wool	1978	483,759	lbs	.74	358,000
	1977	376,792	lbs	.77	290,000
Eggs, chicken Market	1978	56,000	doz	.70	39,200
	1977	56,000	doz	.49	27,400
Eggs, hatching	1978	26,500	doz	1.10	29,100
	1977	19,400	doz	1.00	19,400
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	1978				62,500
	1977				180,000
TOTAL	1978				\$1,255,800
	1977				1,218,800

<sup>1</sup>Includes worms, game bird eggs, angora fur, rabbit fur

\*Corrected

SUMMARY  
FARM VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 57,139,700	\$ 70,136,000
FIELD CROPS	69,468,300	69,722,300
SEED CROPS	7,427,100	8,434,500
VEGETABLE CROPS	53,046,000	50,237,000
NURSERY PRODUCTS	2,225,800	3,480,500
APIARY PRODUCTS	907,100	1,091,600
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	9,467,000	16,080,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	<u>1,218,800</u>	<u>1,255,800</u>
TOTAL	\$200,897,800	\$220,437,700

TEN LEADING CROPS & VALUE

1977	1978
*Tomatoes, all..... \$47,525,000	*Tomatoes, all..... \$39,283,000
*Rice, all..... 29,272,000	*Rice, all..... 38,301,000
Prunes, Dried..... 21,703,000	Prunes, Dried..... 23,587,000
Peaches, all..... 19,767,600	Peaches, all..... 23,365,000
Walnuts, all..... 9,893,100	Walnuts, all..... 14,826,000
*Field Corn, all..... 7,393,000	Cattle & Calves..... 9,961,000
*Beans, all..... 6,694,300	*Beans, all..... 6,619,000
*Safflower, all..... 6,589,000	*Wheat, all..... 5,071,000
Cattle & Calves..... 5,714,000	*Grain Sorghum, all.. 4,188,000
*Wheat, all..... 5,600,000	*Almonds & Hulls..... 4,403,000

\*Includes Seed

FRUIT AND NUT TREE

Bearing and Non-Bearing Acreage

	<u>Bearing Acres</u>		<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Almonds	5,439	5,725	372.	86.
Apples	21.	21.	10.	40.
Apricots	2.	2.		
Cherries	36.	36.		
Kiwi			5.	15.
Nectarines	11.	12.	1.	
Olives	35.	35.		
Oranges	11.	11.		
Peaches, Clingstone	11,033	11,113	1,414	1,957
Peaches, Freestone	121.	131.	27.	28.
Pears	1,388	1,388	1.	25.
Pecans	4.	4.	8.	8.
Persimmons	1.	1.		½
Pistachios		½		
Plums	76.	77.		
Prunes	15,784	12,128	1,117	1,545
Walnuts, Black	510.	556.	53.	7.
Walnuts, English	<u>12,067</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>963.</u>
TOTAL	46,539	47,951½	4,283	4,676½