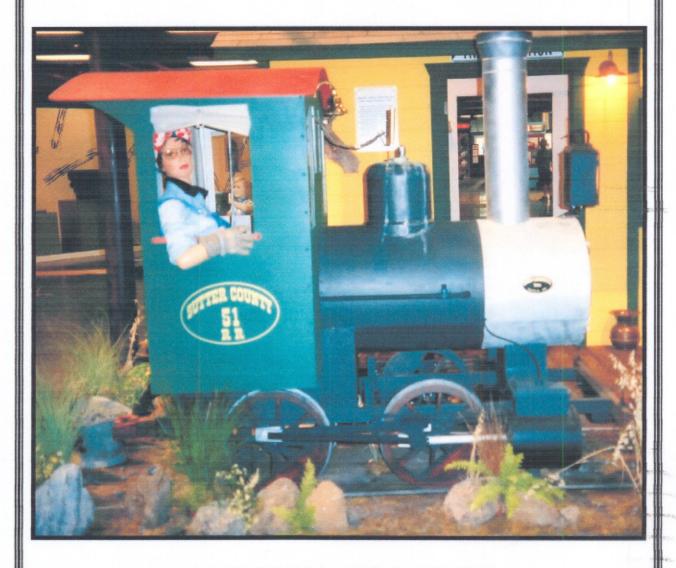
# 2005



SUTTER COUNTY
CROP, LIVESTOCK
AND
ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sutter County's 2005 STATE FAIR EXHIBIT entry portrayed a train Depot during World War II. This was the time when the men were shipped off to war and the women were called to "Do the Job Left Behind."

A locomotive from the War, engineered by a woman, pulls into the depot dropping off soldiers returning home to their families. Freshly picked produce packed in wooden crates sat on the dock waiting to be loaded onto the train and transported to surrounding county markets.

Over 300 hours of volunteer hours were donated towards this award winning project.

Sutter County was awarded a First Place "Gold" Ribbon.



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## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

MARK P. QUISENBERRY Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures

May 2006

To: A.G. Kawamura, Secretary California Department of Food and Agriculture and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Sutter: Larry Munger, Chairman, District 3 Larry Montna, District 1 Dennis Nelson, District 2 Jim Whiteaker, District 4 Dan Silva, District 5

In accordance with Section 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2005 Sutter County Agricultural Crop Report. Sutter County's gross agricultural production value totaled \$298,531,300 with Rice, Walnuts, Peaches, Dried Plums and Almonds as the leading agricultural commodities.

For the second year in a row, 2005 weather conditions were once again not conducive to agricultural crop production. Cold, wet weather in early-February prevented honeybee pollination of almonds thereby affecting yield; hot, dry and windy weather conditions in March during Dried Plum and Peach bloom caused yields to plummet; and rain during early-May split the fruit of the Cherry crop thereby causing significant losses.

Market prices were encouraging for many crops such as Almonds, Dried Plums and Peaches (for those who had product to market), Rice, (Apiary) Pollination Services and Cattle and Calves.

As summarized in this report agriculture continues to be a valuable asset to Sutter County's economic base. Industries directly or indirectly tied to agriculture benefited appreciably as the agricultural industry returned over \$1.04 Billion to our local economy in 2005.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to staff and to the many individuals from the agriculture industry who assisted in the compilation of this report. In addition, with the publication of this report, the yearly activities of this department are included herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Quisenberry Agricultural Commissioner

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### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROPS	YEAR	PR HARVESTED ACRES	ODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almonds,	2005	3,892	0.51	1,985	Tons	\$ 6,050.09 \$	12,009,400
Meats	2004	4,246	0.91	3,864	Tons	\$ 3,883.79 \$	15,007,000
Almonds,	2005			496	Tons	85.00	42,200
Hulls	2004			966	Tons	78.00	75,300
Apples	2005	45	2.70	122	Tons	190.00	23,200
	2004	73	2.85	208	Tons	200.00	41,600
Cherries	2005	12	0.41	5	Tons	1,740.00	8,700
	2004	14	0.41	6	Tons	1,161.53	7,000
Kiwifruit	2005	108	3.13	338	Tons	971.72	328,400
	2004	194	4.50	873	Tons	833.00	727,200
Peaches,	2005	9,074	12.77	115,875	Tons	239.43	27,744,000
Cling	2004	9,263	15.07	139,593	Tons	225.59	31,490,800
Peaches,	2005	98	3.47	340	Tons	408.00	138,700
Freestone	2004	111	3.33	370	Tons	281.00	104,000
Pears	2005	123	10.60	1,304	Tons	213.00	277,800
	2004	244	12.13	2,960	Tons	191.69	567,400
Persimmons	2005	240	4.46	1,070	Tons	398.10	426,000
	2004	216	4.20	907	Tons	367.74	333,500
Dried Plums	2005	18,429	0.70	12,900	Tons	1,468.57	18,944,600
(Prunes)	2004	19,587	0.47	9,206	Tons	1,215.04	11,185,700
Walnuts,	2005	18,065	1.84	33,240	Tons	1,573.93	52,317,400
English	2004	17,871	1.64	29,308	Tons	1,328.13	38,924,800
Walnuts,	2005	69	0.06	4	Tons	164.66	700
Black	2004	71	0.06	4	Tons	164.66	700
Miscellaneous Fruit	2005	354		573	Tons		670,300
& Nuts 1	2004	387		885	Tons		717,300
Orchard	2005						4,074,500
By-Products	2004	-0					3,092,100
TOTAL	2005	50,509 52,277				S S	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes Apricots, Bushberries (Blackberries, Boysenberries, & Raspberries), Chestnut, Feijoa/Guava, Figs, Grapefruit, Grapes, Jujube, Lemon, Limes, Nectarines, Oranges (Mandarin, Naval & Valencia), Pecan, Pistachios, Plum, Pomegranates, Strawberries, Tangerines, and other miscellaneous fruit and nut crops of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

# FRUIT AND NUT CROPS BEARING AND NON-BEARING ACREAGE $^{1}$

	BEARING A	CRES	NON-BEARING ACRES			
CROP	2004	2005	2004	2005		
Almonds	4,246	3,892	1,977	2,247		
Apples	233	205	54	1		
Apricots	5	4	1	1		
Cherries	41	14	1	2		
Chestnuts	26	26	1	0		
Grapes	86	84	4	3		
Kiwi	194	148	0	0		
Nectarines	46	46	6	10		
Olives	10	33	22	0		
Oranges, Navel	12	10	9	9		
Oranges, Valencia	1	1	0	0		
Peaches, Cling	9,263	9,074	3,042	2,475		
Peaches, Freestone	111	98	10	10		
Pears	244	123	35	9		
Pecans	21	21	6	21		
Persimmons	216	260	25	7		
Pistachios	45	33	6	16		
Plums	69	71	9	9		
Dried Plums (Prunes)	21,763	20,477	2,161	1,808		
Strawberries	30	34	0	0		
Walnuts, Black	71	69	0	0		
Walnuts, English	17,871	18,065	2,498	6,143		
Miscellaneous 2	56	57	19	7		
TOTAL	54,660	52,845	9,886	12,778		

Acreage from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes Bushberries, Feijoa/Guava, Fig, Grapefruit, Jujube, Lemon, Lime, Oranges (Mandarin), Pomegranates, Tangerines, and other miscellaneous fruit and nut crops of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

# FIELD CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROPS	YEAR	PR HARVESTED ACREAGE	ODUCTION PER ACRE	N TOTAL	UNIT		VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS, DRY:								
Lima	2005	2,468	1.05	2,591	Tons	S	672.92	\$ 1,743,500
	2004	2,108	1.05	2,213	Tons	S	567.47	\$ 1,255,800
Blackeye	2005	837	0.77	644	Tons		646.57	416,400
	2004	120	0.75	90	Tons		596.42	53,700
Pink	2005	See Miscellaneo	us					
	2004	305	0.66	201	Tons		520.00	104,500
Kidney	2005	See Miscellaneou	us					
	2004	515	0.77	397	Tons		652.56	259,100
Miscellaneous 1	2005	4,057		4,022	Tons			2,421,300
	2004	2,040		1,553	Tons			967,000
Corn, field	2005	3,210	5.12	16,435	Tons		100.00	1,643,500
Grain	2004	6,491	6.45	41,867	Tons		100.83	4,221,400
Нау,	2005	7,004	6.22	43,565	Tons		120.00	5,227,800
Alfalfa	2004	6,935	5.68	39,391	Tons		106.51	4,195,500
Hay,	2005	1,017	3.62	3,682	Tons		89.57	329,800
Grain	2004	1,900	3.00	5,700	Tons		71.00	404,700
Hay,	2005	1,241	3.40	4,219	Tons		97.00	409,200
Other	2004	2,134	3.75	8,003	Tons		88.44	707,800
Oats,	2005	300	1.39	417	Tons		120.00	50,000
Grain	2004	400	0.45	180	Tons		100.00	18,000
Pasture,	2005	10,879			Acres		125.00	1,359,900
Irrigated	2004	10,989			Acres		135.00	1,483,500
Pasture,	2005	60,769			Acres		7.50	455,800
Range, Dry	2004	60,167			Acres		9.00	541,500
Rice 2	2005	97,801	3.75	366,754	Tons		253.20	92,862,100
	2004	121,131	4.31	522,075	Tons		195.60	102,117,900
Safflower	2005	10,641	0.99	10,535	Tons		232.16	2,445,800
	2004	4,960	1.42	7,043	Tons		224.72	1,582,700

### FIELD CROPS continued

		PR	ODUCTIO	N		VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER			PER	
CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Sorghum,	2005	848	2.42	2,052	Tons	\$ 92.95 \$	190,700
Grain	2004	560	2.81	1,574	Tons	\$ 69.00 \$	108,600
Straw, Grain	2005	3,335	2.00	6,670	Tons	30.00	200,100
	2004	2,000	2.92	6,214	Tons	25.50	158,500
Wheat, Grain	2005	11,580	2.51	29,066	Tons	106.29	3,089,400
	2004	12,950	2.92	37,814	Tons	109.09	4,125,100
Wild Rice	2005	1,707	0.65	1,110	Tons	1,279.10	1,419,800
	2004	1,720	0.73	1,256	Tons	911.47	1,144,800
Miscellaneous 3	2005	1,727		4,231	Tons		1,083,700
	2004	2,736		8,269	Tons		1,972,900
Field Crop	2005			61,379	Tons	19.14	1,174,800
By-Products	2004			89,277	Tons	16.64	1,485,600
TOTAL	2005	219,421				\$	116,523,600
	2004	240,161				\$	126,908,600

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes Beans (Carnario, Black Turtle, Garbanzo, Black & Pinto) and other miscellaneous beans of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes USDA Support Price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes Corn (Silage), Cotton, Millet, Popcorn, Soybean, and other miscellaneous field crops of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

### VEGETABLE CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

		P	RODUCTION				VALUE		
CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT		PER UNIT		TOTAL
Melons,	2005	2,852	10.40	29,661	Tons	s	280.37	c	9 216 100
Honeydew	2004	2,111	9.70	20,477	Tons	\$	313.18		8,316,100 6,413,000
Tomatoes,	2005	5,200	35.24	183,248	Tons		49.01		8,981,000
Canning	2004	6,300	41.14	259,182	Tons		45.66		11,834,300
Watermelons	2005	35	14.33	502	Tons		128.00		64,300
	2004	46	14.64	673	Tons		212.00		142,700
Miscellaneous 1	2005	514		2,365	Tons				2,427,200
	2004	578		3,274	Tons				2,843,000
TOTAL	2005	8,601						\$	19,788,600
	2004	9,035						\$	21,233,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes the following crops:

Asparagus, Beans (Blue Lake, Green String, Chinese Long), Beet, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Carrot, Chard (Swiss/Red), Cilantro, Corn (Sweet), Cucumber, Diakon, Eggplant, Garlic, Gourds, Herbs, Jicama, Lettuce, Melons (Mixed & Bitter), Mustard, Okra, Onion, Peppers (Bell, Red & Chili), Peas (Blackeye, Snap), Potatoes, Pumpkin (Farmers Market, Wholesale/Retail), Squash, Tomatoes (Fresh & Greenhouse), Tomatillo and other miscellaneous vegetables of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

### SEED CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	RODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, 1	2005	1,190	1,433	1,705,270	Lbs	\$ 0.36 \$	613,900
Dry	2004	484	1,574	761,816	Lbs	\$ 0.33 \$	251,400
Cantaloupe &	2005	313	375	117,375	Lbs	2.34	274,700
Honeydew	2004	4	805	3,220	Lbs	2.40	7,700
Cucumber	2005	823	184	151,432	Lbs	6.87	1,040,300
	2004	1,377	239	329,103	Lbs	9.10	2,994,800
Pumpkin &	2005	593	313	185,609	Lbs	4.00	742,400
Squash	2004	463	392	181,496	Lbs	4.72	856,700
Rice	2005	6,372	7,400	47,152,800	Lbs	0.12	5,658,300
	2004	6,582	9,188	60,475,416	Lbs	0.15	9,071,300
Safflower	2005	656	1,913	1,254,928	Lbs	0.13	163,100
	2004	614	3,600	2,210,400	Lbs	0.12	265,200
Sunflower	2005	4,069	795	3,234,855	Lbs	0.79	2,555,500
	2004	3,310	1,209	4,001,790	Lbs	0.75	3,001,300
Watermelon	2005	1,197	288	344,736	Lbs	8.18	2,819,900
	2004	1,061	230	244,030	Lbs	5.48	1,337,300
Wheat	2005	1,831	5,080	9,301,480	Lbs	0.05	465,100
	2004	975	5,500	5,362,500	Lbs	0.05	268,100
Miscellaneous 2	2005	1,798		1,308,605	Lbs		355,900
	2004	1,905		1,742,528	Lbs		1,058,500
TOTAL	2005	18,842				\$	
	2004	16,775				\$	19,112,300

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes Beans (Favo Bell, Blackeye, Cranberry, Merlot, Kidney) and other bean seed crops of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes Canola, Clover, Corn, Cowpea, Gourd, Oat, Pea, Triticale-Juan, Tomato, Vetch, and other miscellaneous seed crops of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

# NURSERY PRODUCTS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

NURSERY PRODUCTS	YEAR	FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD	UNIT	TOTAL
Fruit & Nut	2005	223	2,240,100	Each	\$ 10,928,200
Trees & Vines	2004	168	2,411,945	Each	\$ 11,657,200
Ornamental Trees, Shrubs	2005	3			130,100
and other Nursery Stock	2004	15			482,500
TOTAL	2005	226			\$ 11,058,300
	2004	183			\$ 12,139,700

# APIARY PRODUCTS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

				,	VALUE PER		
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT			TOTAL
Honey	2005	132,974	Pounds	\$	0.62	\$	82,400
	2004	197,870	Pounds	\$	1.25	\$	247,300
Pollination	2005	50,455	Colony		48.85		2,464,700
	2004	43,026	Colony		20.84		896,700
Miscellaneous 1	2005	60,202					950,800
	2004	69,086					897,800
	2005					S	3,497,900
TOTAL	2004					S	2,041,800

<sup>1</sup> Includes Beeswax, Package Bees and Queen Bees

# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

		PRODU	CTION		VALUE		
ITEM	VEAD	NUMBER	TOTAL	LINUT	PER		mom. r
HEM	YEAR	NUMBER	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	UNIT		TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	2005	11,056	100,884	Cwt.	\$ 101.58	S	10,247,800
	2004	13,056	117,664	Cwt.	\$ 97.39	S	11,459,300
Sheep & Lambs	2005	16,931	20,398	Cwt.	93.11		1,899,300
	2004	16,125	19,426	Cwt.	84.50		1,641,500
Wool	2005	100,996		Lbs.	0.86		86,900
	2004	96,188		Lbs.	0.97		93,300
Miscellaneous 1	2005						3,727,900
	2004						2,646,300
Livestock	2005						6,000
By-Products	2004						5,700
TOTAL	2005					\$	15,967,900
	2004					\$	15,846,100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes Angora Fur, Aquaculture, Bait Products, Chickens, Chicken Eggs, Ducks, Geese, Goats, Milk (Market), Hogs, Partridge, Pheasants, Pigeons, Rabbits, Rabbit Hides, Turkeys and other miscellaneous livestock and poultry of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

# SUMMARY FARM VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	\$ 102,274,400	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	\$ 117,005,900
FIELD CROPS	\$ 126,908,600	FIELD CROPS	\$ 116,523,600
SEED CROPS	\$ 19,112,300	SEED CROPS	\$ 14,689,100
VEGETABLE CROPS	\$ 21,233,000	VEGETABLE CROPS	\$ 19,788,600
NURSERY PRODUCTS	\$ 12,139,700	NURSERY PRODUCTS	\$ 11,058,300
APIARY PRODUCTS	\$ 2,041,800	APIARY PRODUCTS	\$ 3,497,900
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	\$ 15,509,500	LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	\$ 15,967,900
TOTAL	\$ 299,219,300		\$ 298,531,300

# TEN LEADING CROPS AND VALUE<sup>1</sup>

(Excluding By-Products)

	<u>2004</u>		2005
RICE	\$ 111,189,200	RICE	\$ 98,520,400
WALNUTS	\$ 38,925,500	WALNUTS	\$ 52,318,100
PEACHES	\$ 31,594,800	PEACHES	\$ 27,882,700
ALMONDS	\$ 15,082,300	DRIED PLUMS (PRUNES)	\$ 18,944,600
TOMATOES	\$ 12,535,600	ALMONDS	\$ 12,051,600
NURSERY PRODUCTS	\$ 12,139,700	NURSERY PRODUCTS	\$ 11,058,300
CATTLE & CALVES	\$ 11,459,300	CATTLE & CALVES	\$ 10,247,800
DRIED PLUMS (PRUNES)	\$ 11,185,700	TOMATOES	\$ 9,328,400
CORN	\$ 4,478,200	MELONS	\$ 8,410,500
WHEAT	\$ 4,393,200	ALFALFA HAY	\$ 5,227,800

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes Seed. Rice does not include Wild Rice.

# GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

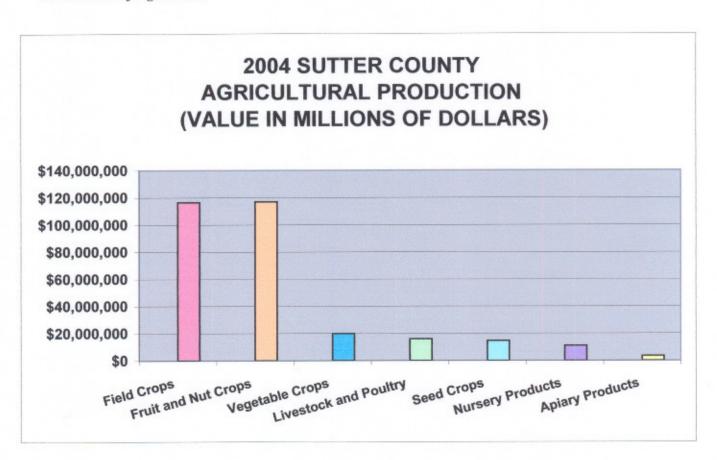
YEAR	VALUE	YEAR	VALUE
1948	\$ 39,684,000	1977	\$ 200,878,000
1949	\$ 36,731,000	1978	\$ 220,502,000
1950	\$ 41,930,000	1979	\$ 258,666,900
1951	\$ 52,003,000	1980	\$ 299,014,700
1952	\$ 49,494,000	1981	\$ 316,465,900
1953	\$ 44,815,000	1982	\$ 247,784,100
1954	\$ 38,783,000	1983	\$ 205,335,300
1955	\$ 43,224,000	1984	\$ 262,285,500
1956	\$ 49,381,000	1985	\$ 255,449,600
1957	\$ 41,313,000	1986	\$ 229,364,800
1958	\$ 38,786,000	1987	\$ 216,183,600
1959	\$ 50,707,000	1988	\$ 201,345,800
1960	\$ 50,536,000	1989	\$ 243,940,200
1961	\$ 55,585,000	1990	\$ 217,400,000
1962	\$ 57,322,000	1991	\$ 268,941,900
1963	\$ 55,155,000	1992	\$ 285,622,700
1964	\$ 66,740,000	1993	\$ 292,108,300
1965	\$ 64,564,000	1994	\$ 340,171,300
1966	\$ 71,627,000	1995	\$ 330,170,500
1967	\$ 69,313,000	1996	\$ 302,706,400
1968	\$ 80,275,000	1997	\$ 277,169,700
1969	\$ 74,006,000	1998	\$ 268,323,100
1970	\$ 77,238,000	1999	\$ 347,939,000
1971	\$ 82,209,000	2000	\$ 340,176,000
1972	\$ 95,118,000	2001	\$ 264,673,000
1973	\$ 159,204,000	2002	\$ 291,061,100
1974	\$ 179,719,000	2003	\$ 307,322,300
1975	\$ 187,517,000	2004	\$ 299,219,300
1976	\$ 178,554,000	2005	\$ 298,531,300

#### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMPARISON

COUNTY	2004 RANK	GROSS VALUE	TOTAL COUNTY ACRES	AGRICULTURAL LAND ***	AGRICULTURAL LAND PERCENT	AG VALUE PER COUNTY ACRES
Fresno	1	\$ 4,691,224,200	3,816,320	1,928,865	51%	\$ 1,229.25
Tulare	2	\$ 3,296,522,000	3,158,400	1,393,456	44%	\$ 1,043.73
Monterey	3	\$ 3,287,164,770	2,127,359	1,260,613	59%	\$ 1,545.19
Kern	4	\$ 2,477,716,000	5,229,440	2,731,341	52%	\$ 473.80
Sutter	22	\$ 298,725,100	389,440	371,964	96%	\$ 767.06

<sup>\*</sup> County Crop Report

<sup>\*\*\* 2002</sup> Census of Agriculture



<sup>\*\*</sup>County Assessor's Office

# SUTTER COUNTY EXPORTS

#### VEGETABLE/GRASS SEEDS

Seeds include the following: Alfalfa, artichoke, asparagus, bean, beet, bermuda grass, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, chard (swiss), clover, coriander, cucumber, eggplant, herb seed, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, melon, mustard, okra, onion, parsley, pea, pepper, pumpkin, radish, safflower, spinach, squash, swiss chard, tomato, turnip, watermelon & grass

Argentina	India	People's Rep. of China
Bolivia	Iran	Philippines
Brazil	Italy	Portugal
Chile	Jamaica	Republic of Korea
Colombia	Japan	Republic of Yemen
Costa Rica	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
Czech Republic	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Denmark	Lebanon	South Africa
Dominican Republic	Mauritius	Spain
Ecuador	Mexico	Suriname
Egypt	Morocco	Thailand
Ethiopia	Netherlands	Trinidad & Tobago
Guatemala	Nicaragua	Turkey

Venezuela

Viet Nam

United Arab Emirates

#### PADDY RICE/WILD RICE

Singapore, Turkey, Republic of Korea, Australia

Pakistan

Panama

Peru

#### DRY BEANS/PEAS

Guyana

Hong Kong

Haiti

	Jamaica	Spain
Argentina	Netherlands	Taiwan
Australia	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Belize	Panama	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	New Zealand	
Guatemala	People's Rep. o	f China
Italy		

#### FRESH KIWI

Republic of Korea

#### REDWOOD/WALNUT WOOD BURLS

Switzerland

#### FRUIT TREES

Afghanistan

#### DRIED PLUMS (PRUNES)

Austria	Japan
Australia	Israel
Brazil	Malaysia
Brunei Darussalam	Netherlands
Egypt	Poland
France	Republic of Korea
Greece	Russian Federation
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Germany Spain Hong Kong Switzerland India Taiwan Indonesia Thailand Italy United Kingdom

#### ALMOND TREES

Portugal, Spain

#### MANGOS

Germany

#### WALNUT - MEATS AND IN SHELL

Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, People's Rep. of China, Poland, Spain, Venezuela

#### WALNUT SEED

Spain

#### PROCESSED & MILL WOOD PRODUCTS

Chili

#### DRIED APRICOTS

Hong Kong

#### FRESH MELONS

Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Taiwan

#### FRESH GARLIC

Mexico

#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005**

ORGANIC PRODUCERS

Thirty-six (36) Organic Registered in Sutter County

PEST EXCLUSION Interstate, Intrastate

**Total Units** Inspected 3,469

#### BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Pest	Control Agent	Scientific Name	Program Scope*	Distribution*
Puncture Vine	Puncture vine Seed Weevil	(Microlarinus lareynii)	Countywide	General
(Tribulus terrestris)	Puncture vine Stem Weevil	(M. lypriformis)	Countywide	General
Yellow Starthistle	Yellow Starthistle Bud Weevil	(Bangasternus orientalis)	10 sites	Locally established
(Centaurea solstitialis)	Yellow Starthistle Hairy Weevil	(Eustenopus villosus)	10 sites	Locally established
	Yellow Starthistle Flower Weevil	(Larinus curtus)	2 sites	Locally established
	Yellow Star Thistle Rust	(Puccinia juncea var. solstitialis)	2 sites	Newly introduced
	False Peacock Fly	(Chaetorellia succinea)	Countywide	General
	Peacock Fly	(C. australis)	Countywide	General
	Gall Fly	(Urophora sirunaseva)	Countywide	General
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid	Lerp Psyllid Wasp	(Psyllaephagus bliteus)	2 sites	Locally established

Red Gum Lerp Psyllid (Glycaspis brimblecombei)

Phytosanitary Field Inspection

Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter

PEST DETECTION

Nursery Inspection

Import Fire Ant Khapra Beetle

Public Contact

Special Survey:

McPhail

Rice Disease

Visual

Hours

153 109

2,738

358 0

63

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Number of Properties	Number of Acres
94	
10	295
286	7,863
106	
106	29
0	-
40	-
84	4

0

20

Vine Mealy Bug	47
VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL	Properties
Ground Squirrels, Gophers, Jackrabbits,	
Rats & Mice	2
CONTROL AGENTS	Units Used/Sold
Anticoagulant Bait	2,095
Anticogulant, Paraffin Blocks	475
Zinc Phosphide Bait	1,650
Strychnine	17
(Below ground use only)	

EXOTIC PEST DETECTION	Traps in Operation (Seasonal High)	Total Number of Services
European Pine Shoot Moth	5	22
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	125	1,976
Gypsy Moth	61	209
Khapra Beetle	160	327
Japanese Beetle	42	148
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	110	531
Melon Fruit Fly	42	199
Oriental Fruit Fly	42	213

3,157

#### WEED MANAGEMENT AREA PROGRAMS (WMA)

Hours Acreage

Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense (L.) Pers), Yellow Starthistle (Centaurea solstitalis L.), Russian Thistle (Salsola tragus L), and Puncture Vine (Tribulus terrestris L.): 1,709 2,596

<sup>\*</sup>Represents number of sites or crop control agents incorporated into program.

### SUTTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIRECTOR of UNDERGROUND STORAGE of HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (CUPA)

### 2005 Department Statistics

#### Pest Exclusion

This program provides the first line of defense for California agriculture and the environment against the invasion of exotic pests. Inspections provide protection from the introduction of plant and animal insect and disease pests that may be introduced into the state through the movement of legal or illegal trade. This program also involves inspections of plant material being delivered to other states and countries and the issuance of certificates documenting compliance with their entry requirements.

Total Hours Expended 2005:

8,110

#### **Pest Detection**

This program provides the second line of defense against exotic pests through the early detection of new introductions before they become widely established. Through early detection the likelihood of these pests becoming established in the state is lessened and the cost and environmental impact of eradiation is minimized.

Total Hours Expended 2005:

1.819

#### Pest Management

The county Ag Commissioner is charged with the responsibility of managing nuisance pests of agriculture and human health. Many of these pests are introduced species that have become established despite our best pest exclusion efforts. If promising, programs are established to distribute biological agents for troublesome pests.

Total Hours Expended 2005:

6,815

#### Pesticide Use Enforcement

This is a complex program that covers far more than its name implies. This program was developed to provide for the proper, safe, and effective use of pesticides essential for production of food and fiber and for protection of the public health and safety. It also protects the environment from potentially harmful pesticides by prohibiting, regulating or ensuring proper stewardship of pesticides. An important component of the program focuses on agricultural and pest control workers, ensuring safe working conditions, use of proper protective equipment and training for employees who work with or around pesticides. Other components of the program include pesticide use reporting, incident investigations, outreach activities promoting best management practices, and monitoring applications in the field.

Total Hours Expended 2005:

14,861

Consumer Protection and Services

Seed Certification: Inspections are performed at the retail and wholesale establishments that sell seed. Samples are drawn for germination and purity testing, and labeling is inspected for compliance with state requirements. Through this program, certification services are also available for growers and processors, in cooperation with the California Crop Improvement Association.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 444

**Nursery Inspection:** Through this program inspections are performed at the growing, propagation, production and sales site to assure cleanliness from pests, varietal trueness and stock vigor prior to consumer sales.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 253

Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Standardization: This program ensures compliance with California's minimum standards regarding quality and marketing of all produce commercially grown and/or marketed in the state. Direct Marketing regulation and Organic law enforcement are part of a program that provides for local protection to growers, marketers and consumers.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 1,145

Egg Inspection: Retailers and packers of eggs are inspected to enforce state and federal health, quality, and grade standards.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 16

**Apiary Inspection:** A program that emphasizes the registration and site location of honeybee colonies in the county. At the request of beekeepers or growers, the county Ag Commissioner inspects colonies for strength and health to ensure effective pollination.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 19

**Crop Statistics:** As required by the California Food and Agricultural Code, the gross production and value of the county's commodities are compiled and recorded in the annual crop report. This valuable information helps associated businesses while promoting the production and prosperity of agriculture in California.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 140

Predatory Animal Damage Control: In cooperation with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, the Wildlife Services program responds to requests by the public and agencies in need of assistance in managing wildlife damage. The program has the authority to assist in solving problems that are created when wildlife causes damage to agricultural property or natural resources. The program also assists with wildlife problems involving threats to human health and safety and threatened or endangered species.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 1,834

Measurement Standards: Each year county weights and measures officials inspect and test packaged commodities and all commercially used devices. Transactions derived from the use of such devices are also inspected for accuracy. In addition to inspection activities, weights and measures officials provide education and training to the public as well as the regulated industries.

Total Hours Expended 2005: 3,088

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA): The Unified Program is the consolidation of six state environmental programs into one program under the authority of a Certified Unified Program Agency. This program was established under the amendments to the California Health and Safety Code made by SB 1082 in 1994. A CUPA, or Certified Unified Program Agency is a local agency that has been certified by Cal-EPA to implement the six state environmental programs within the local agency's jurisdiction. The six programs include the Hazardous Materials Business Plan/Emergency Response Plan, Hazardous Waste/Tiered Permitting, Underground Storage Tanks, Aboveground Storage Tanks (SPCC only), California Accidental Release Program and the Uniform Fire Code Hazardous Materials Management Plan.

Total Hours Expended 2005:

1,143

Program Details can be found at:

www.suttercounty.org/cropreport

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