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Fresno County

1970-1974

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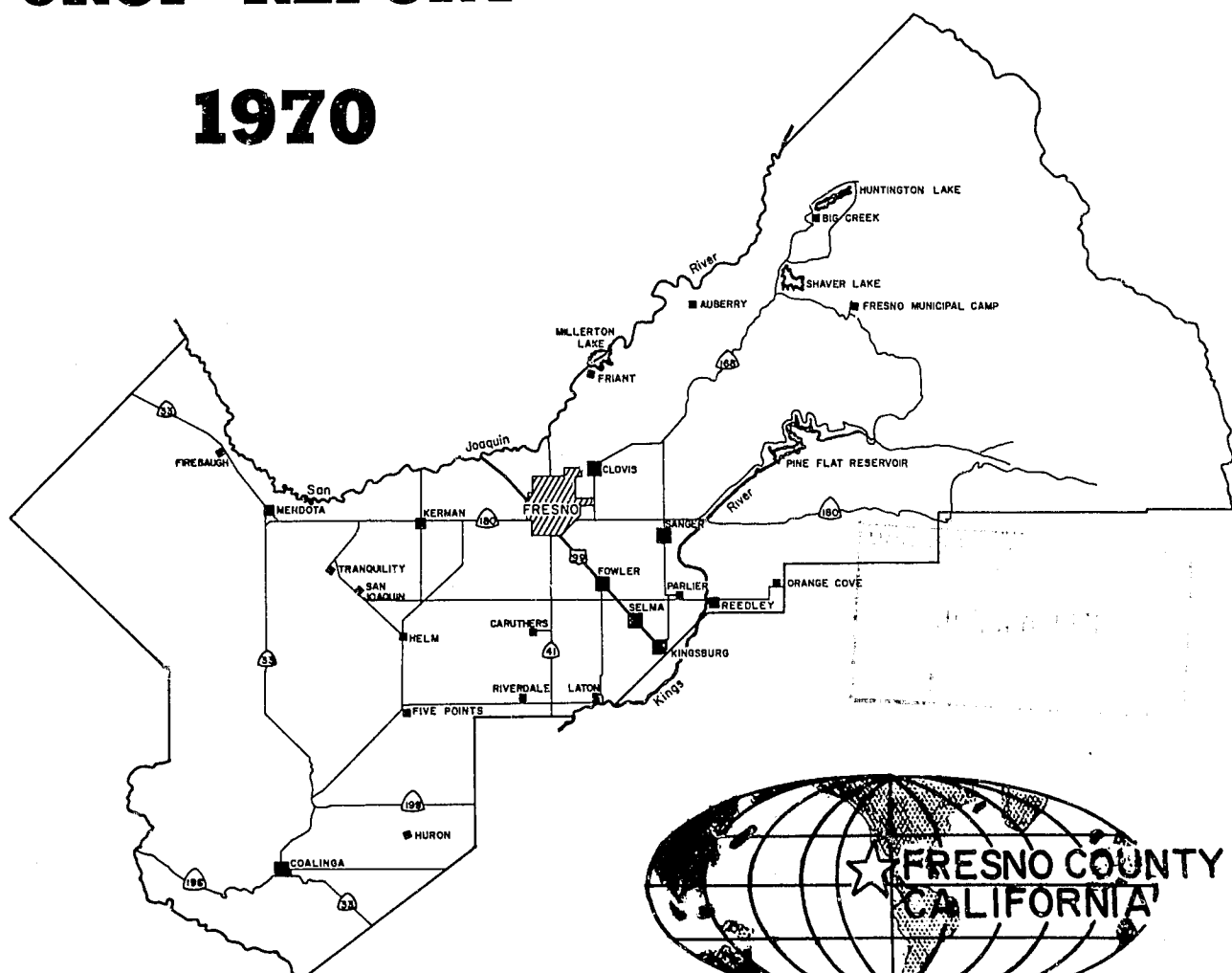
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Gentlemen:

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Acting County Administrative Officer

The Agricultural Crop Report for Fresno County is submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code for your information on the acreage, production and gross value for 1970 in Fresno County.

The gross value of products from Fresno County's agricultural industry has, for the ninth year, exceeded the four hundred million dollar mark. Fresno County remains the number one county in California, a position held for 20 consecutive years.

The gross value of agricultural products produced in Fresno County for 1970 totaled \$473,804,000 reflecting an increase of \$15,790,000 over the gross receipts of 1969.

The year 1970 was a very dry year following the very wet 1969 season. Root damage from excessive moisture tended to be aggravated by the dry spring and high temperatures ranging up to 108° F. during the summer. Average yields were short on cotton. Range conditions were not considered very favorable due to lack of rain. Muscat and black juice variety grape yields were down. Deciduous fruit production however was generally very good. A record yield in plums was reported. Almond yields were also very good. Vegetable and melon yields were generally very good.

This crop report represents the gross value of the agricultural products and not net value to the farmer.

The staff and I wish to thank the many individuals and firms who cooperated with us by providing the information that helped make this report possible. Special credit goes to the staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office under the supervision of Thomas L. Sharer, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, for the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Corn
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Barley	1970	195,000	1.50	292,000	ton	\$ 48.00	\$ 14,016,000
	1969	200,000	1.30	260,000	ton	51.00	13,260,000
Beans, dry	1970	11,858	.75	8,893	ton	162.00	1,441,000
	1969	6,201	.91	5,643	ton	175.00	988,000
Corn	1970	21,500	2.50	53,750	ton	60.00	3,225,000
	1969	17,000	2.25	38,300	ton	58.00	2,221,000
Cotton Lint	1970	167,000	1.95	326,000	bale	125.00	40,750,000
	1969	177,200	2.02	358,000	bale	113.00	40,454,000
Cotton Seed	1970			135,000	ton	67.00	9,045,000
	1969			143,000	ton	38.00	5,434,000
Hay							
Alfalfa	1970	150,000	6.75	1,012,000	ton	29.00	29,348,000
	1969	149,000	6.35	946,000	ton	26.50	25,069,000
Grain	1970	1,000	1.75	1,750	ton	24.00	42,000
	1969	1,500	1.60	2,400	ton	22.30	53,500
Other, tame	1970	500	1.50	750	ton	22.00	16,500
	1969	500	1.40	700	ton	20.50	14,400
Wild	1970	500	1.40	700	ton	18.00	12,600
	1969	600	1.30	780	ton	18.00	14,000
Oats	1970	2,500	1.75	4,375	ton	45.00	197,000
	1969	3,000	2.00	6,000	ton	42.00	252,000
Pasture and Range							
Alfalfa <u>a/</u> stubble	1970	130,000			acre	3.00	390,000
	1969	125,000			acre	3.00	375,000
Barley <u>a/</u> and Wheat stubble	1970	75,000			acre	1.50	112,000
	1969	90,000			acre	1.50	135,000
Cantaloupe <u>a/</u>	1970	12,000			acre	2.00	24,000
	1969	10,000			acre	2.25	22,500
Irrigated Pasture	1970	85,000			acre	65.00	5,525,000
	1969	85,000			acre	65.00	5,525,000
Native Range	1970	1,300,000			acre	2.30	2,990,000
	1969	1,350,000			acre	2.40	3,240,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Rice	1970	19,000	2.50	47,500	ton	\$ 95.00	\$ 4,512,000
	1969	17,500	2.45	42,900	ton	105.00	4,504,000
Safflower	1970	80,000	1.10	88,000	ton	100.00	8,800,000
	1969	95,000	1.00	95,000	ton	80.00	7,600,000
Screenings	1970			6,550	ton	14.00	92,000
	1969			5,340	ton	14.00	74,800
Silage							
Corn	1970	10,000	19.00	190,000	ton	7.00	1,330,000
	1969	11,500	18.50	213,000	ton	6.75	1,438,000
Sorghum	1970	3,000	18.00	54,000	ton	7.00	378,000
	1969	2,000	17.00	34,000	ton	6.75	230,000
Other	1970	500	15.00	7,500	ton	7.50	56,000
	1969	600	15.00	9,000	ton	7.00	63,000
Sorghum Grain	1970	19,000	1.10	20,900	ton	50.00	1,045,000
	1969	22,000	1.30	28,600	ton	45.00	1,287,000
Straw	1970			20,000	ton	10.00	200,000
	1969			23,000	ton	10.00	230,000
Sugar Beets	1970	37,040	25.00	926,000	ton	13.32	12,334,000
	1969	23,596	18.80	444,000	ton	11.75	5,217,000
Wheat	1970	45,000	1.60	72,000	ton	49.00	3,528,000
	1969	23,000	1.60	36,800	ton	51.00	1,877,000
Miscellaneous ^{b/}	1970						75,000
	1969						70,000
Total	1970	2,148,398				\$	139,484,000
	1969	2,185,197					119,648,000

a/ Not included in total acreage figures

^{b/} Miscellaneous includes Flax, Peanuts and Sugar Cane

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa, Cert.	1970	27,181					\$ 5,758,000
All	1969	24,843					4,345,000
Buffalo	1970	693	440	305,000	lb.	.45	137,000
	1969	69	380	26,000	lb.	.41	10,700
Caliverde 65	1970	538	448	241,000	lb.	.37	89,200
	1969	1,439	403	580,000	lb.	.38	220,000
Cody	1970	503	443	223,000	lb.	.39	87,000
	1969	1,193	216	258,000	lb.	.40	103,000
Dawson	1970	1,955	521	1,019,000	lb.	.38	387,000
	1969	1,328	435	578,000	lb.	.41	237,000
El-Unico	1970	400	701	280,000	lb.	.51	143,000
	1969	380	691	263,000	lb.	.46	121,000
Kanza	1970	480	332	159,000	lb.	.37	58,800
	1969	335	201	67,000	lb.	.38	25,400
Lahontan	1970	915	450	412,000	lb.	.55	227,000
	1969	2,209	181	400,000	lb.	.49	196,000
Mesa Sirsa	1970	2,316	434	1,005,000	lb.	.45	452,000
	1969	1,428	556	794,000	lb.	.44	349,000
Moapa	1970	7,041	486	3,422,000	lb.	.40	1,369,000
	1969	5,623	543	3,053,000	lb.	.40	1,221,000
Rambler	1970	450	525	236,000	lb.	.45	106,000
	1969	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	XXX
Ranger	1970	8,672	554	4,804,000	lb.	.40	1,922,000
	1969	7,543	415	3,130,000	lb.	.39	1,221,000
Sonora	1970	1,739	786	1,367,000	lb.	.40	547,000
	1969	1,925	514	989,000	lb.	.40	396,000
Washoe	1970	513	293	150,000	lb.	.45	67,500
	1969	926	332	307,400	lb.	.40	123,000
Other, Cert. a/	1970	966	452	437,000	lb.	.38	166,000
	1969	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	XXX
Alfalfa	1970	5,400	547	2,954,000	lb.	.38	1,122,000
Non-Cert. b/ public varieties	1969	3,400	427	1,452,000	lb.	.39	566,000
Export varieties c/	1970	2,605	431	1,124,000	lb.	.40	450,000
	1969	2,739	256	701,000	lb.	.40	280,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Proprietary	1970	25,500	489	12,469,500	lb.	.40	\$ 4,988,000
Certified and Non-Certified	1969	8,200	327	2,681,000	lb.	.40	1,072,000
Total All Alfalfa Seed	1970	60,686					12,319,000
	1969	XXX					XXX
Barley, Cert.	1970	3,243	1,400	4,540,000	lb.	.0475	216,000
	1969	4,292	1,766	7,580,000	lb.	.038	288,000
Barley, Non-Certified	1970	2,000	2,400	4,800,000	lb.	.046	221,000
	1969	3,988	2,300	9,172,000	lb.	.037	339,000
Cotton <u>d/</u>	1970	8,105		5,386,000	lb.	.10	539,000
	1969	10,945		10,812,000	lb.	.084	908,000
Vegetable <u>e/</u>	1970	3,102					991,000
	1969	829					795,000
Other <u>f/</u>	1970	46,182					3,264,000
	1969	<u>3,560</u>					<u>321,000</u>
Total	1970	123,318					\$ 17,550,000
	1969	63,196					8,968,000

a/ Includes Certified Cherokee, Delta, Mesilla, Team.

b/ Includes Non-Certified Alfalfa varieties not meeting minimum standards.

c/ Altfranken, Armin, Dehnfeld Isis, Feul, La Rocco, Polesana, Tuna.

d/ Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crops".

e/ Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Collard, Endive, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Okra, Parsley and Tomatoes.

f/ Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Oats, Certified Rice, Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Safflower, Non-Certified Vetch, Non-Certified Flax, Non-Certified White Corn.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Beans, snap	1970	350	4.5	1,580	ton	\$ 320	\$ 506,000
	1969	350	4.5	1,580	ton	300	474,000
Cabbage	1970	120	12.0	1,440	ton	80	115,000
	1969	45	12.0	540	ton	60	32,400
Chinese veg.	1970	275	13.0	3,580	ton	145	519,000
	1969	300	13.0	3,900	ton	135	526,000
Corn, sweet fresh	1970	160	3.8	608	ton	110	67,000
	1969	120	3.2	384	ton	100	38,400
Cucumbers	1970	300	8.0	2,400	ton	135	324,000
	1969	270	7.5	2,025	ton	160	324,000
Lettuce	1970	5,483	8.6	47,000	ton	95	4,465,000
	1969	5,200	10.2	53,000	ton	100	5,300,000
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1970	25,000	7.5	188,000	ton	100	18,800,000
	1969	25,500	7.3	186,000	ton	96	17,856,000
Casaba	1970	100	6.0	600	ton	125	75,000
	1969	90	5.2	468	ton	120	56,200
Cranshaw	1970	350	6.5	2,280	ton	135	308,000
	1969	250	5.0	1,250	ton	130	162,000
Honeydew	1970	410	8.5	3,480	ton	97	338,000
	1969	170	7.8	1,330	ton	100	133,000
Persian	1970	40	4.5	180	ton	145	26,000
	1969	65	4.2	273	ton	142	38,800
Watermelons	1970	400	10.0	4,000	ton	45	180,000
	1969	650	8.5	5,530	ton	45	249,000
Onions							
Dry	1970	550	13.0	7,150	ton	115	822,000
	1969	500	13.0	6,500	ton	120	780,000
Green	1970	400	10.0	4,000	ton	170	680,000
	1969	400	10.0	4,000	ton	170	680,000
Peppers							
Bell	1970	450	5.0	2,250	ton	160	360,000
	1969	300	4.5	1,350	ton	165	223,000
Chili	1970	200	4.5	900	ton	290	261,000
	1969	120	4.5	540	ton	300	162,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Radishes	1970	750	5.0	3,750	ton	\$ 150	\$ 562,000
	1969	650	5.0	3,250	ton	150	488,000
Romaine	1970	250	6.0	1,500	ton	80	120,000
	1969	300	6.0	1,800	ton	85	153,000
Squash							
Summer	1970	300	8.0	2,400	ton	180	432,000
	1969	250	8.0	2,000	ton	195	390,000
Winter	1970	25	5.5	138	ton	40	5,500
	1969	60	5.5	330	ton	45	14,800
Sweet Potatoes	1970	680	4.0	2,720	ton	288	783,000
	1969	800	4.0	3,200	ton	155	496,000
Tomatoes							
Fresh							
Cherry	1970	125	12.0	1,500	ton	240	360,000
	1969	100	14.0	1,400	ton	235	329,000
Regular	1970	575	16.0	9,200	ton	200	1,840,000
	1969	550	18.0	9,900	ton	195	1,930,000
Processed	1970	11,540	21.4	247,000	ton	25.11	6,202,000
	1969	13,940	24.0	335,000	ton	27.20	9,112,000
Turnips	1970	25	10.0	250	ton	40	10,000
	1969	70	10.0	700	ton	45	31,500
Other veg. <u>a/</u>	1970	3,325					1,552,000
	1969	<u>3,385</u>					<u>1,634,000</u>
Total	1970	52,183					\$ 39,713,000
	1969	54,435					41,613,000

a/ "Other Vegetables" include asparagus, beets, broccoli, broccoli (frozen), cantaloupes (frozen), carrots, cauliflower (frozen), cucumbers (processed), eggplant, garlic, loose lettuce, mustard greens, onions (processed), peas, potatoes, snap beans (frozen), spinach, spinach (processed), swiss chard, tomatoes (hot house grown), watermelon (frozen).

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1970	6,416	1.03	6,608	ton	\$ 630	\$ 4,163,000
	1969	5,464	.80	4,371	ton	550	2,404,000
Apricots	1970	472	4.10				
	1969	379	4.00				
Fresh	1970			1,066	ton	310	333,000
	1969			666	ton	390	260,000
Processed	1970			869	ton	70	60,800
	1969			850	ton	115	97,800
Bushberries	1970	130	4.83				
	1969	146	6.42				
Fresh	1970			35	ton	520	18,200
	1969			40	ton	520	20,800
Processed	1970			580	ton	400	232,000
	1969			897	ton	240	215,000
Figs	1970	10,849	.85				
	1969	10,817	.95				
Dried	1970			9,022	ton	140	1,263,000
	1969			10,276	ton	235	2,415,000
Fresh	1970			200	ton	450	90,000
	1969			250	ton	500	125,000
Grapes	1970	171,117	8.20				
	1969	170,638	8.43				
Raisin Varieties	1970	148,737					
	1969	148,487					
Canned	1970			16,600	ton	70	1,162,000
	1969			12,000	ton	55	660,000
Crushed	1970			492,000	ton	54	26,568,000
	1969			403,000	ton	45.35	18,276,000
Dried	1970			147,000	ton	271 ^{a/}	39,837,000
	1969			177,000	ton ^{b/}	420	74,340,000
Fresh	1970			62,400	ton	319	19,906,000
	1969			67,300	ton	195	13,124,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Grapes (cont'd)							
Table Varieties	1970	9,524					
	1969	9,820					
Crushed	1970			46,500	ton	\$ 49	\$ 2,278,000
	1969			59,900	ton	29.80	1,785,000
Fresh	1970			46,100	ton	278	12,816,000
	1969			48,500	ton	205	9,942,000
Wine Varieties	1970	12,856					
	1969	12,331					
Crushed	1970			87,500	ton	84	7,350,000
	1969			104,000	ton	56.40	5,866,000
Fresh	1970			14,700	ton	203	2,984,000
	1969			20,000	ton	143.60	2,872,000
Lemons	1970	128	7.50				
	1969	128	7.00				
Fresh	1970			600	ton	225	135,000
	1969			540	ton	225	122,000
Processed	1970			360	ton	60	21,600
	1969			356	ton	60	21,400
Nectarines	1970	4,321	8.00	34,568	ton	283	9,783,000
	1969	4,026	8.50	34,221	ton	255	8,726,000
Olives	1970	885	1.58	1,398	ton	230	322,000
	1969	851	2.88	2,451	ton	290	711,000
Oranges	1970	12,312					
	1969	10,402					
Navel	1970	9,660	6.70				
	1969	8,370	6.60				
Fresh	1970			48,000	ton	150	7,200,000
	1969			40,000	ton	157	6,280,000
Processed	1970			16,722	ton	16	268,000
	1969			15,242	ton	22	335,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Oranges (cont'd)							
Valencia	1970	2,379	5.40				
	1969	1,957	8.90				
Fresh	1970			9,846	ton	\$ 126	\$ 1,241,000
	1969			10,451	ton	115	1,202,000
Processed	1970			3,000	ton	36	108,000
	1969			6,966	ton	30	209,000
Miscellaneous	1970	273	6.50	1,774	ton	122	216,000
	1969	288	7.00	2,016	ton	110	222,000
Peaches	1970	9,642					
	1969	9,378					
Clingstone	1970	1,973	13.50				
	1969	1,873	15.20				
Processed	1970			26,635	ton	80	2,131,000
	1969			28,470	ton	75	2,135,000
Freestone	1970	7,669	9.35				
	1969	7,505	9.20				
Fresh	1970			53,720	ton	231	12,409,000
	1969			51,700	ton	194	10,029,000
Processed	1970			17,985	ton	67	1,205,000
	1969			17,300	ton	65	1,124,000
Persimmons	1970	59	5.00	295	ton	282	83,200
	1969	58	4.30	249	ton	227	56,500
Plums	1970	6,922	8.01				
	1969	6,770	6.36				
Fresh	1970			54,000	ton	273	14,742,000
	1969			41,974	ton	456	19,140,000
Processed	1970			1,445	ton	8	11,600
	1969			1,090	ton	8	8,720
Pomegranates	1970	372	5.40	2,008	ton	290	582,000
	1969	336	4.45	1,495	ton	285	426,000
Strawberries	1970	230	18.00	4,140	ton	411	1,702,000
	1969	225	15.00	3,375	ton	470	1,586,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per		Total
			Per acre	Total		unit		
Walnuts	1970	3,001	.60	1,800	ton	\$ 478	\$	861,000
	1969	2,866	.56	1,600	ton	500		800,000
Miscellaneous <u>c/</u>	1970	684						485,000
	1969	<u>602</u>						<u>464,000</u>
Total	1970	227,540						\$172,567,000
	1969	223,299 <u>d/</u>						185,000,000

a/ Field price unit taken as value unit in 1970.

b/ Dry tons.

c/ Miscellaneous includes almond hulls, apples, dried apricots, avocados, cling peaches (fresh), dried peaches, sub-standard figs, dried and processed nectarines, grapefruit, olives (oil), pears, pecans, pistachio nuts, prunes, quince, damaged raisins, and black walnuts.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Oranges (cont'd)							
Valencia	1970	2,379	5.40				
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	1969			6,966	ton	30	209,000
Miscellaneous	1970	273	6.50	1,774	ton	122	216,000
	1969	288	7.00	2,016	ton	110	222,000
Peaches	1970	9,642					
	1969	9,378					
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	1969	1,873	15.20				
Processed	1970			26,635	ton	80	2,131,000
	1969			28,470	ton	75	2,135,000
Freestone	1970	7,669	9.35				
	1969	7,505	9.20				
Fresh	1970			53,720	ton	231	12,409,000
	1969			51,700	ton	194	10,029,000
Processed	1970			17,985	ton	67	1,205,000
	1969			17,300	ton	65	1,124,000
Persimmons	1970	59	5.00	295	ton	282	83,200
	1969	58	4.30	249	ton	227	56,500
Plums	1970	6,922	8.01				
	1969	6,770	6.36				
Fresh	1970			54,000	ton	273	14,742,000
	1969			41,974	ton	456	19,140,000
Processed	1970			1,445	ton	8	11,600
	1969			1,090	ton	8	8,720
Pomegranates	1970	372	5.40	2,008	ton	290	582,000
	1969	336	4.45	1,495	ton	285	426,000
Strawberries	1970	230	18.00	4,140	ton	411	1,702,000
	1969	225	15.00	3,375	ton	470	1,586,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per		Total
			Per acre	Total		unit		
Walnuts	1970	3,001	.60	1,800	ton	\$ 478	\$	861,000
	1969	2,866	.56	1,600	ton	500		800,000
Miscellaneous <u>c/</u>	1970	684						485,000
	1969	<u>602</u>						<u>464,000</u>
Total	1970	227,540						\$172,567,000
	1969	223,299 <u>d/</u>						185,000,000

a/ Field price unit taken as value unit in 1970.

b/ Dry tons.

c/ Miscellaneous includes almond hulls, apples, dried apricots, avocados, cling peaches (fresh), dried peaches, sub-standard figs, dried and processed nectarines, grapefruit, olives (oil), pears, pecans, pistachio nuts, prunes, quince, damaged raisins, and black walnuts.

d/ Revised.

NURSEY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE - 1970

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity sold by Producers	Unit	Per unit	Total
		House Sq.ft.	Field acres				
Citrus							
Grapefruit							
Marsh	1970		.01	135	tree	\$ 2.50	\$ 300
	1969		.02	200	tree	2.50	500
Lemons							
Eureka	1970		.02	185	tree	2.50	500
	1969		.08	855	tree	2.50	2,140
Lisbon	1970		.01	950	tree	2.40	2,280
	1969		.99	957	tree	2.50	2,390
Oranges							
Navel							
Frost Nucellar	1970		1.00	10,153	tree	2.00	20,300
	1969		2.50	24,547	tree	2.00	49,100
Robertson	1970		.01	140	tree	2.75	400
	1969		.04	405	tree	2.75	1,100
Washington	1970		.05	1,025	tree	2.25	2,300
	1969		.015	150	tree	2.50	375
Thompson	1970		1.00	1,025	tree	2.00	2,100
	1969		XX	XX	XX	XX	XXX
Others	1970		.50	5,030	tree	3.96	20,000
	1969		2.12	29,463	tree	2.45	72,200
Valencia	1970		.01	100	tree	2.50	250
	1969		XX	XX	XX	XX	XXX
Tangerine	1970		.03	885	tree	2.75	2,400
	1969		XX	XX	XX	XX	XXX
Cut Flowers	1970		2.40				1,700
	1969		2.28				1,620
General Ornamentals							
Bedding Plants, Flowering	1970	13,000		19,500	flat	2.70	52,700
	1969	13,000		21,500	flat	2.70	58,000
Pansies, Field Grown	1970		1.75	4,700	flat	2.50	11,800
	1969		.25	1,200	flat	2.65	3,180

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity sold by Producers	Unit	Per unit	Total
		House Sq.ft.	Field acres				
General Ornamentals (cont'd)							
Outdoor Potted, Flowering	1970	2,000		7,000	plant	.30	2,100
	1969	2,000		6,500	plant	.30	1,950
Cactus and Succulents	1970	10,000		25,000	plant	.25	6,300
	1969	5,000		20,000	plant	.20	4,000
Christmas Trees	1970			3,100	tree	5.00	15,500
	1969			2,800	tree	4.00	11,200
Shrubs, Vines, etc.	1970		1.00	25,100	plant	6.47	162,000
	1969		6.00	151,000	plant	.78	118,000
Grapevines	1970		3.5	65	per M	90.00	5,900
	1969		75.0	1,077	per M	90.00	96,000
Indoor Decorative Plants							
Pothos, Peperomia, Philodendron, etc.	1970			200	plant	.20	40
	1969	1,500		1,500	plant	.20	300
Propagative Materials							
Citrus Budwood	1970			5,834	bud	.38	2,200
	1969			77,680	bud	.056	4,400
Pits (Nemaguard)	1970			250,000	seed	.015	3,800
	1969			1,063,500	seed	.026	27,700
Trees							
Ornamental	1970			30,000	tree	1.50	45,000
	1969			25,400	tree	1.48	37,600
Shade	1970			30,000	tree	1.50	45,000
	1969			25,400	tree	1.48	37,600
Others	1970			35,120		1.57	55,100
	1969			XXX		XX	XXX
Vegetable Plants							
Hot Beds							
Tomatoes	1970	10,000		50	per M	15.00	750
	1969	14,000		2,000	per M	24.00	48,000
Peppers	1970	40,000		3,710	per M	16.50	61,200
	1969	XXX		XXX	per M	XXX	XXX
Yams	1970		4.00	7,680	per M	3.00	23,000
	1969		5.60	10,000	per M	3.00	30,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity sold by Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
		House Sq.ft.	Field acres				
Special Group							
Tomatoes	1970	135,000		5,500	Per M	\$26.00	\$ 143,000
	1969	127,465		4,835	per M	24.00	116,000
Peppers	1970	16,000		915	per M	26.00	23,800
	1969	XXX		XXX		XXX	XXX
Others	1970	25,000		1,090	per M	25.95	28,300
	1969	<u>16,250</u>		657	per M	24.00	<u>15,800</u>
Total	1970	251,000	11.825				
	1969	179,215	100.07				\$ 740,000 762,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1970

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			
Cattle and Calves						
Beef						
Breeding Stock						
Common	1970	5,000		head	\$ 295.00	\$ 1,475,000
	1969	4,000		head	295.00	1,180,000
Registered	1970	500		head	500.00	250,000
	1969	450		head	500.00	225,000
Feeders	1970	75,000	143,000	cwt.	30.30	4,333,000
	1969	77,000	145,000	cwt	28.60	4,147,000
Calves	1970	36,000	162,000	cwt.	32.60	5,281,000
	1969	34,000	153,000	cwt.	30.20	4,621,000
Slaughter Stock						
From Feed Lots	1970	220,000	836,000	cwt.	28.40	23,742,000
	1969	246,000	938,000	cwt.	27.90	26,170,000
From other sources	1970	10,000	100,000	cwt.	26.50	2,650,000
	1969	10,000	100,000	cwt.	25.00	2,500,000
Dairy						
Breeding Stock	1970	13,000		head	375.00	4,875,000
	1969	12,000		head	375.00	4,500,000
Cull Stock	1970	10,000	120,000	cwt.	19.10	2,292,000
	1969	11,000	132,000	cwt.	17.60	2,323,000
Calves	1970	31,000	77,500	cwt.	29.40	2,278,000
	1969	32,000	80,000	cwt.	26.80	2,144,000
Sheep and Lambs						
Slaughter Stock						
Lambs	1970	50,000	40,000	cwt.	27.20	1,088,000
	1969	55,000	44,000	cwt.	27.40	1,206,000
Sheep	1970	6,500	9,100	cwt.	7.60	69,000
	1969	7,000	9,800	cwt.	7.30	71,500
Hogs and Pigs						
Breeding Stock	1970	70		head	90.00	6,300
	1969	75		head	90.00	6,750

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1970 (Cont'd)

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No.of Head	Total Liveweight			
Hogs and Pigs (cont'd)						
Feeders	1970	850	595	cwt.	\$30.00	\$ 18,000
	1969	750	525	cwt.	26.90	14,100
Slaughter Stock	1970	8,000	16,400	cwt.	23.70	389,000
	1969	7,500	15,375	cwt.	23.60	363,000
Horses and Mules						
Recreational Stock	1970	1,200		head	240.00	288,000
	1969	1,000		head	240.00	240,000
Broilers and Fryers	1970	6,150,000	21,525,000	lb.	.168	3,616,000
	1969	5,979,000	20,926,000	lb.	.175	3,662,000
Other Chickens	1970	600,000	2,400,000	lb.	.07	168,000
	1969	585,000	2,340,000	lb.	.09	211,000
Chicks	1970 ^{a/}					
	1969	18,739,000		each	.116	2,174,000
Turkeys	1970	3,150,000	56,700,000	lb.	.23	13,041,000
	1969	2,909,000	52,362,000	lb.	.23	12,043,000
Turkey Poults	1970	6,253,000		each	.546	3,414,000
	1969	4,789,000		each	.556	2,663,000
Pigeons	1970	10,000	13,000	lb.	.80	10,000
	1969	10,000	13,000	lb.	.80	10,000
Miscellaneous ^{a/}	1970					1,072,000
	1969					<u>12,000</u>
Total	1970					\$70,355,000
	1969					<u>70,487,000</u>

^{a/} Miscellaneous includes chicks, pheasants, ducks, geese, rabbits.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1970

Crop	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk					
Manufacturing	1970	241,000	cwt.	\$ 4.36	\$ 1,051,000
	1969	269,000	cwt.	4.16	1,119,000
Market	1970	4,805,000	cwt.	5.16	24,794,000
	1969	4,292,000	cwt.	4.93	21,160,000
Wool	1970	1,400,000	lb.	.40	560,000
	1969	1,768,000	lb.	.44	778,000
Eggs					
Chicken Hatching	1970	2,400,000	dozen	.665	1,596,000
	1969	2,963,000	dozen	.66	1,956,000
Market	1970	10,500,000	dozen	.318	3,339,000
	1969	10,300,000	dozen	.340	3,502,000
Turkey Hatching	1970	6,500,000	each	.25	1,625,000
	1969	6,036,000	each	.25	1,509,000
Miscellaneous	1970	1,500	cwt.		33,000
	1969	1,500	cwt.		33,000
Total	1970				\$32,998,000
	1969				30,057,000

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (In Number of Head)

<u>Item</u>	<u>January 1, 1971</u>	<u>January 1, 1970</u>
Cattle and Calves		
All	297,300	308,900
Milk Cows 2 years and over	45,400	50,000
Cattle and Calves on feed	100,300	90,000
Sheep and Lambs		
All	97,100	110,000
Stock Sheep	40,000	50,000
Hogs and Pigs	11,700	10,300
Horses and Mules	8,000	7,000
Hens and Pullets of laying age	800,000	779,000
Turkey Breeder Hens	80,000	78,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1970

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1970	1,025,178	lb.	\$.135	\$ 138,000
	1969	2,154,683	lb.	.12	259,000
Beeswax	1970	34,173	lb.	.63	22,000
	1969	35,911	lb.	.64	23,000
Pollination <u>a/</u>					
Alfalfa Seed	1970	21,600	colony	5.85	126,000
	1969	22,307	colony	5.73	128,000
Tree Fruit <u>b/</u>	1970	18,240	colony	5.05	92,000
	1969	15,218	colony	4.06	62,000
Cantaloupes	1970	3,900	colony	4.85	19,000
	1969	1,505	colony	4.76	<u>7,160</u>
Total	1970				\$ 397,000
	1969				479,000

a/ This reflects only the bees registered in Fresno County by commercial and semi-commercial beekeepers. Approximately 204,863 colonies were estimated to be in Fresno County at the peak of the pollination season.

b/ Almond, Plum, Peaches.

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1970

The following table reflects gross income from approximately 204,863 colonies of bees located in Fresno County during the peak of the 1970 pollination season. (Shown for interest value only. Not included in Crop Report values.)

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1970	6,760,479	lb.	\$.135	\$ 913,000
	1969	15,931,260	lb.	.12	1,912,000
Beeswax	1970	225,350	lb.	.63	142,000
	1969	265,521	lb.	.64	170,000
Pollination					
Alfalfa Seed	1970	203,587	colony	5.85	1,191,000
	1969	199,748	colony	5.73	1,145,000
Tree Fruit	1970	25,984	colony	5.05	131,000
	1969	25,495	colony	4.06	103,500
Cantaloupes	1970	20,486	colony	4.85	99,000
	1969	13,200	colony	4.76	62,800
Total	1970				\$ 2,476,000
	1969				3,393,000

Growth of Fresno County Agriculture as Indicated by Gross Value
of Agricultural Products Over a Span of Twenty Years

1950 - 285,169,170
1955 - 325,844,210
1956 - 330,096,960
1957 - 359,569,750
1958 - 370,997,930
1959 - 390,211,120
1960 - 388,802,520
1961 - 385,091,740
1962 - 413,572,210
1963 - 423,206,000
1964 - 443,088,000
1965 - 438,253,000
1966 - 452,926,000
1967 - 438,753,000*
1968 - 462,659,000
1969 - 458,014,000
1970 - 473,804,000

SIX YEAR COMPARISON STUDY OF GROSS CROP VALUES IN FRESNO COUNTY

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Field Crops	\$164,565,000	\$144,589,000	\$143,350,000	\$135,034,000	\$119,648,000	\$139,484,000
Seed Crops	12,510,000	14,406,000	13,650,000*	14,026,000	8,968,000	17,550,000
Vegetable Crops	29,316,000	43,430,000	42,188,000	52,634,000	41,613,000	39,713,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	146,008,000	156,724,000	148,474,000	169,834,000	186,000,000	172,567,000
Nursery Products	942,000	926,000	987,000	1,012,000	762,000	740,000
Livestock and Poultry	84,584,000	92,527,000	89,885,000	89,889,000	100,544,000	103,353,000
Apiary	328,000	324,000	219,000	230,000	479,000	397,000
Grand Total	\$438,253,000	\$452,926,000	\$438,753,000*	\$462,659,000	\$458,014,000	\$473,804,000

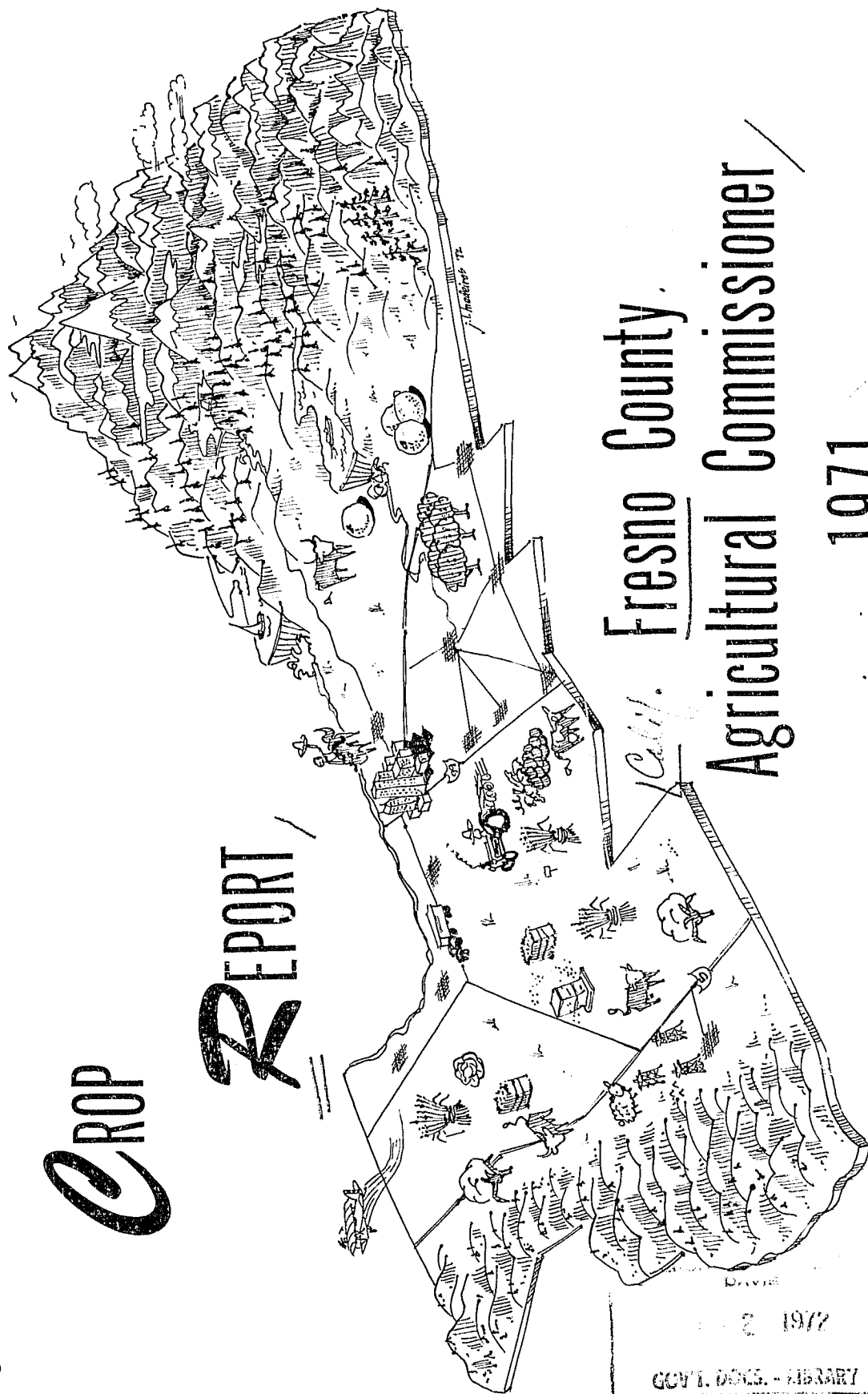
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Gentlemen:

The Agricultural Crop Report for Fresno County is submitted for your information in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code on the acreage, production and gross value for 1971 in Fresno County.

The gross value of products from Fresno County's agricultural industry has, for the first time, exceeded the five hundred million dollar mark. Fresno County remains the number one county in California, a position held over 20 years.

The gross value of agricultural products produced in Fresno County for 1971 totaled \$507,930,000 reflecting an increase of \$33,224,000 over the gross receipts of 1970.

The year 1971 was typical in Fresno County as the weather, as always, played an important part in the production and quality of the agricultural products. The first part of the year had freezing temperatures which caused some damage to citrus and deciduous fruits. However, the growing season was normal and the crops reacted very favorably to these conditions. Toward the end of the harvest period, one of the earliest frosts recorded in Fresno County occurred in late October. Emperor grapes were hard hit during this freeze, as were olives and late vegetable crops.

Field crops and seed crops remained approximately the same as 1970, with some showing a slight increase in value while others were down. Nursery products were up slightly. Vegetable crops increased approximately eight million dollars. The higher acreage of processing tomatoes accounted for most of the increase. Fruit and nut crops showed an increase of twenty-two million. The main contributor was grapes, with almonds and nectarines showing a sharp increase. Livestock and poultry were up seven and one-half million dollars, with slaughter stock showing the largest increase.

This crop report represents the gross value of agricultural products and not net value to the farmer.

The staff and I wish to thank the many individuals and firms who cooperated with us by providing the information that helped make this report possible. Special credit goes to the staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Barley	1971	168,000	1.40	235,000	ton	\$ 54.00	\$ 12,690,000
	1970	195,000	1.50	292,000	ton	48.00	14,016,000
Beans, dry	1971	6,497	.70	4,550	ton	240.00	1,092,000
	1970	11,858	.75	8,893	ton	162.00	1,441,000
Corn	1971	37,000	2.53	93,600	ton	53.00	4,961,000
	1970	21,500	2.50	53,750	ton	60.00	3,225,000
Cotton Lint	1971	204,416	672 ^a /	286,000 ^b /	bale	.315 ^c /	43,271,000
	1970	167,000	1.95	326,000	bale	125.00	40,750,000
Cotton Seed	1971			118,000	ton	65.00	7,670,000
	1970			135,000	ton	67.00	9,045,000
Hay							
Alfalfa	1971	145,000	6.85	993,000	ton	31.00	30,783,000
	1970	150,000	6.75	1,012,000	ton	29.00	29,348,000
Grain	1971	1,200	1.80	2,160	ton	26.00	56,000
	1970	1,000	1.75	1,750	ton	24.00	42,000
Other, tame	1971	400	1.50	600	ton	24.00	14,400
	1970	500	1.50	750	ton	22.00	16,500
Wild	1971	800	1.40	1,120	ton	20.00	22,400
	1970	500	1.40	700	ton	18.00	12,600
Oats	1971	1,800	1.75	3,150	ton	47.00	148,000
	1970	2,500	1.75	4,375	ton	45.00	197,000
Pasture and Range							
Alfalfa ^d / stubble	1971	110,000			acre	3.00	330,000
	1970	130,000			acre	3.00	390,000
Barley ^d / and Wheat stubble	1971	60,000			acre	1.50	90,000
	1970	75,000			acre	1.50	112,000
Cantaloupe ^d /	1971	8,000			acre	2.00	16,000
	1970	12,000			acre	2.00	24,000
Irrigated Pasture	1971	85,000			acre	70.00	5,950,000
	1970	85,000			acre	65.00	5,525,000
Native Range	1971	1,300,000			acre	3.60	4,680,000
	1970	1,300,000			acre	2.30	2,990,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Rice	1971	14,800	2.20	32,600	ton	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,260,000
	1970	19,000	2.50	47,500	ton	95.00	4,512,000
Safflower	1971	26,000	1.25	32,500	ton	110.00	3,575,000
	1970	80,000	1.10	88,000	ton	100.00	8,800,000
Screenings	1971			6,150	ton	18.00	111,000
	1970			6,550	ton	14.00	92,000
Silage							
Corn	1971	12,000	19.00	228,000	ton	8.00	1,824,000
	1970	10,000	19.00	190,000	ton	7.00	1,330,000
Sorghum	1971	2,500	18.00	45,000	ton	8.00	360,000
	1970	3,000	18.00	54,000	ton	7.00	378,000
Other	1971	400	15.00	6,000	ton	8.50	51,000
	1970	500	15.00	7,500	ton	7.50	56,000
Sorghum Grain	1971	20,500	1.70	34,800	ton	48.00	1,670,000
	1970	19,000	1.10	20,900	ton	50.00	1,045,000
Straw	1971			10,000	ton	10.00	100,000
	1970			20,000	ton	10.00	200,000
Sugar Beets	1971	48,660	17.90	871,000	ton	14.15	12,325,000
	1970	37,040	25.00	926,000	ton	13.32	12,334,000
Wheat	1971	28,000	1.63	45,600	ton	53.00	2,417,000
	1970	45,000	1.60	72,000	ton	49.00	3,528,000
Miscellaneous ^{e/}	1971	None					
	1970						75,000
Total	1971	2,102,973					\$137,467,000
	1970	2,148,398					139,484,000

a/ Pounds of lint per acre.

b/ 480 pound net weight bales.

c/ Price per pound.

d/ Not included in total acreage figures.

e/ Miscellaneous includes Flax, Peanuts and Sugar Cane.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE -- 1971

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa, Cert.	1971	27,691					\$ 6,096,000
All	1970	27,181					5,758,000
Buffalo	1971	658	430	283,000	lb.	.41	116,000
	1970	693	440	305,000	lb.	.45	137,000
Caliverde 65	1971 ^{a/}						
	1970	538	448	241,000	lb.	.37	89,200
Cody	1971	615	575	354,000	lb.	.39	138,000
	1970	503	443	223,000	lb.	.39	87,000
Dawson	1971	913	554	506,000	lb.	.36	182,000
	1970	1,955	521	1,019,000	lb.	.38	387,000
El-Unico	1971	1,328	814	1,081,000	lb.	.33	357,000
	1970	400	701	280,000	lb.	.51	143,000
Kanza	1971	1,005	392	394,000	lb.	.38	150,000
	1970	480	332	159,000	lb.	.37	58,800
Lahontan	1971	1,167	515	601,000	lb.	.54	325,000
	1970	915	450	412,000	lb.	.55	227,000
Mesa Sirsa	1971	2,305	670	1,544,000	lb.	.34	525,000
	1970	2,316	434	1,005,000	lb.	.45	452,000
Moapa	1971	5,678	546	3,100,000	lb.	.33	1,023,000
	1970	7,041	486	3,422,000	lb.	.40	1,369,000
Moapa 69	1971	1,182	719	850,000	lb.	.32	272,000
	1970	None					
Rambler	1971	450	1,232	554,000	lb.	.45	249,000
	1970	450	525	236,000	lb.	.45	106,000
Ranger	1971	8,540	576	4,919,000	lb.	.38	1,869,000
	1970	8,672	554	4,804,000	lb.	.40	1,922,000
Sonora	1971	1,526	647	987,000	lb.	.31	306,000
	1970	1,739	786	1,367,000	lb.	.40	547,000
Washoe	1971	None					
	1970 ^{a/}	513	293	150,000	lb.	.45	67,500
Other, Cert ^{a/}	1971	2,324	644	1,497,000	lb.	.39	584,000
	1970	966	452	437,000	lb.	.38	166,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa Non-Cert. ^{b/} Public Varieties	1971	5,800	447	2,593,000	lb. \$.35	\$ 908,000
	1970	5,400	547	2,954,000	lb.	.38	1,122,000
Export Varieties ^{c/}	1971	3,630	415	1,506,000	lb.	.40	602,000
	1970	2,605	431	1,124,000	lb.	.40	450,000
Proprietary Certified and Non-Certified	1971	26,947	408	10,994,000	lb.	.40	4,398,000
	1970	25,500	489	12,469,500	lb.	.40	4,988,000
Total All Alfalfa Seed	1971	64,068					12,004,000
	1970	60,686					12,319,000
Barley, Cert	1971	1,418	2,800	3,970,000	lb.	.05	198,000
	1970	3,243	1,400	4,540,000	lb.	.0475	216,000
Barley Non-Certified	1971	2,876	2,500	7,190,000	lb.	.045	324,000
	1970	2,000	2,400	4,800,000	lb.	.046	221,000
Cotton ^{d/}	1971	8,105		5,386,000	lb.	.11	592,000
	1970	8,105		5,386,000	lb.	.10	539,000
Vegetable ^{e/}	1971	1,035					502,000
	1970	3,102					991,000
Other ^{f/}	1971	9,576					1,596,000
	1970	<u>46,182</u>					<u>3,264,000</u>
Total	1971	78,973					15,216,000
	1970	115,213 ^{g/}					17,550,000

a/ Includes Certified Cherokee, Delta, Mesilla, Team, Washoe, Caliverde 65 and Others.

b/ Includes Non-Certified Alfalfa varieties not meeting minimum standards.

c/ Altfranken, Armin, Dehnfeld Isis, Feul, LaRocco, Polesana, Tuna.

d/ Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crops."

e/ Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Collard, Endive, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Okra, Parsley and Tomatoes.

f/ Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Oats, Certified Rice, Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Safflower, Non-Certified Vetch, Non-Certified Flax, Non-Certified White Corn.

g/ Revised

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Beans, snap	1971	500	4.2	2,100	ton	\$ 345	\$ 724,000
	1970	350	4.5	1,575	ton	320	506,000
Cabbage	1971	45	12.0	540	ton	65	35,100
	1970	120	12.0	1,440	ton	80	115,000
Chinese veg.	1971	300	13.0	3,900	ton	155	604,000
	1970	275	13.0	3,580	ton	145	519,000
Corn, sweet fresh	1971	50	3.0	150	ton	115	17,200
	1970	160	3.8	608	ton	110	67,000
Cucumbers	1971	350	9.0	3,150	ton	150	472,000
	1970	300	8.0	2,400	ton	135	324,000
Lettuce	1971	3,990	10.4	41,500	ton	120	4,980,000
	1970	5,483	8.6	47,000	ton	95	4,465,000
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1971	23,000	7.3	168,000	ton	105	17,640,000
	1970	25,000	7.5	188,000	ton	100	18,800,000
Casaba	1971	60	6.5	390	ton	120	46,800
	1970	100	6.0	600	ton	125	75,000
Cranshaw	1971	300	6.8	2,040	ton	125	255,000
	1970	350	6.5	2,280	ton	135	308,000
Honeydew	1971	100	8.2	820	ton	110	90,200
	1970	410	8.5	3,480	ton	97	338,000
Persian	1971	30	5.0	150	ton	160	24,000
	1970	40	4.5	180	ton	145	26,000
Watermelons	1971	350	8.5	2,980	ton	50	149,000
	1970	400	10.0	4,000	ton	45	180,000
Onions							
Dry	1971	600	13.0	7,800	ton	120	936,000
	1970	550	13.0	7,150	ton	115	822,000
Green	1971	450	12.0	5,400	ton	150	810,000
	1970	400	10.0	4,000	ton	170	680,000
Peppers							
Bell	1971	500	5.0	2,500	ton	180	450,000
	1970	450	5.0	2,250	ton	160	360,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peppers (continued)							
Chili	1971	300	4.0	1,200	ton	\$ 310	\$ 372,000
	1970	200	4.5	900	ton	290	261,000
Radishes	1971	600	5.0	3,000	ton	150	450,000
	1970	750	5.0	3,750	ton	150	562,000
Romaine	1971	200	6.0	1,200	ton	85	102,000
	1970	250	6.0	1,500	ton	80	120,000
Squash							
Summer	1971	250	7.0	1,750	ton	185	324,000
	1970	30	8.0	2,400	ton	180	432,000
Winter	1971	60	5.0	300	ton	50	15,000
	1970	25	5.5	138	ton	40	5,500
Sweet Potatoes	1971	570	4.0	2,280	ton	250	570,000
	1970	680	4.0	2,720	ton	288	783,000
Tomatoes							
Fresh							
Cherry	1971	100	12.0	1,200	ton	280	336,000
	1970	125	12.0	1,500	ton	240	360,000
Regular	1971	450	15.0	6,750	ton	240	1,620,000
	1970	575	16.0	9,200	ton	200	1,840,000
Processed	1971	23,010	23.1	532,000	ton	28	14,896,000
	1970	11,540	21.4	247,000	ton	25.11	6,202,000
Turnips	1971	30	10.0	300	ton	40	12,000
	1970	25	10.0	250	ton	40	10,000
Other Veg. ^{a/}	1971	2,810					1,655,000
	1970	<u>3,325</u>					<u>1,552,000</u>
Total	1971	59,005					47,585,000
	1970	52,183					39,713,000

a/ "Other Vegetables" include asparagus, beets, broccoli, broccoli (frozen), cantaloupes (frozen), carrots, cauliflower (frozen), cucumbers (processed), eggplant, garlic, loose lettuce, mustard greens, onions (processed), peas, potatoes, snap beans (frozen), spinach (processed), swiss chard, tomatoes (hot house grown), watermelon (frozen).

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1971	9,909	1.10	10,900	ton	\$ 658	\$ 7,172,000
	1970	6,416	1.03	6,608	ton	630	4,163,000
Apricots	1971	506	3.80				
	1970	472	4.10				
Fresh	1971			874	ton	200	175,000
	1970			1,066	ton	310	333,000
Processed	1971			1,049	ton	50	52,000
	1970			869	ton	70	60,800
Bushberries	1971	112	5.49				
	1970	130	4.83				
Fresh	1971			20	ton	540	10,800
	1970			35	ton	520	18,200
Processed	1971			595	ton	400	238,000
	1970			580	ton	400	232,000
Figs	1971	10,585	.88				
	1970	10,849	.85				
Dried	1971			9,315	ton	240	2,236,000
	1970			9,022	ton	240	2,165,000
Fresh	1971 ^{a/}						
	1970			200	ton	450	90,000
Grapes	1971	166,712	9.40				
	1970	171,117	8.20				
Raisin Varieties	1971	145,276					
	1970	148,737					
Canned	1971			19,300	ton	70	1,351,000
	1970			16,600	ton	70	1,162,000
Crushed	1971			616,000	ton	52.95	32,617,000
	1970			492,000	ton	54	26,568,000
Dried	1971			153,000	ton	309	47,277,000
	1970			147,000	ton ^{b/}	271	39,837,000
Fresh	1971			73,800	ton	282	20,812,000
	1970			62,400	ton	319	19,906,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (Continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Grapes (continued)							
Table Varieties	1971	8,471					
	1970	9,524					
Crushed	1971			34,000	ton	\$ 48.45	\$ 1,647,000
	1970			46,500	ton	49	2,278,000
Fresh	1971			35,600	ton	316	11,250,000
	1970			46,100	ton	278	12,816,000
Wine Varieties	1971	12,965					
	1970	12,856					
Crushed	1971			91,300	ton	92.40	8,436,000
	1970			87,500	ton	84	7,350,000
Fresh	1971			19,700	ton	240	4,728,000
	1970			14,700	ton	203	2,984,000
Lemons	1971	148	6.60				
	1970	128	7.50				
Fresh	1971			600	ton	232	139,000
	1970			600	ton	225	135,000
Processed	1971			377	ton	60	22,600
	1970			360	ton	60	21,600
Nectarines	1971	4,774	8.30	39,624	ton	325	12,878,000
	1970	4,321	8.00	34,568	ton	283	9,783,000
Olives	1971	877	2.03	1,780	ton	150	267,000
	1970	885	1.58	1,398	ton	230	322,000
Oranges	1971	14,258					
	1970	12,312					
Navel	1971	11,208	6.60				
	1970	9,660	6.70				
Fresh	1971			51,220	ton	170	8,707,000
	1970			48,000	ton	150	7,200,000
Processed	1971			22,753	ton	28	637,000
	1970			16,722	ton	16	268,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Oranges (continued)							
Valencia	1971	2,743	5.40				
	1970	2,379	5.40				
Fresh	1971			9,518	ton	\$ 165	\$ 1,570,000
	1970			9,846	ton	126	1,241,000
Processed	1971			5,294	ton	45	238,000
	1970			3,000	ton	36	108,000
Miscellaneous	1971	307	5.00	1,535	ton	135	207,000
	1970	273	6.50	1,774	ton	122	216,000
Peaches	1971	9,943					
	1970	9,642					
Clingstone	1971	2,280	12.00				
	1970	1,973	13.50				
Processed	1971			27,360	ton	78	2,134,000
	1970			26,635	ton	80	2,131,000
Freestone	1971	7,663	8.80				
	1970	7,669	9.35				
Fresh	1971			50,520	ton	238	12,024,000
	1970			53,720	ton	231	12,409,000
Processed	1971			16,914	ton	71	1,201,000
	1970			17,985	ton	67	1,205,000
Persimmons	1971	61	4.25	259	ton	370	95,800
	1970	59	5.00	295	ton	282	83,200
Plums	1971	7,242	5.80				
	1970	6,922	8.01				
Fresh	1971			40,761	ton	346	14,103,000
	1970			54,000	ton	273	14,742,000
Processed	1971			1,239	ton	8	9,900
	1970			1,445	ton	8	11,600
Pomegranates	1971	374	5.50	2,057	ton	300	617,000
	1970	372	5.40	2,008	ton	290	582,000
Strawberries	1971	210	14.00	2,940	ton	490	1,441,000
	1970	230	18.00	4,140	ton	411	1,702,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Walnuts	1971	3,024	.67	2,026	ton	\$ 367	\$ 744,000
	1970	3,001	.60	1,800	ton	478	861,000
Miscellaneous ^{a/}	1971	539					338,000
	1970	684					485,000
Total	1971	229,274					\$195,375,000
	1970	227,540					173,469,000

^{a/} Miscellaneous includes almond hulls, apples, dried apricots, avocados, fresh figs, substandard figs, grapefruit, dried and processed nectarines, dried peaches, olives (oil), pears, pecans, pistachio nuts, prunes, damaged raisins.

^{b/} Dry tons.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1971

Item	Year	Production Area Acres	Quantity Sold by Producers	Value
General Ornamentals	1971	27.63	595,000	\$ 505,000
	1970	11.15	145,000	342,000
Citrus	1971	5.85	25,600	56,400
	1970	5.60	25,500	53,000
Deciduous	1971	4.50	72,500	147,000
	1970	4.00	35,120	59,000
Grapevines	1971	10.50	408,000	56,000
	1970	3.50	65,000	5,900
Vegetable Plants	1971	11.00	31,300	403,000
	1970	<u>9.50</u>	18,900	<u>280,000</u>
Total	1971	59.48		\$1,167,000
	1970	33.75		740,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No.of Head	Total Liveweight			
Cattle and Calves						
Beef						
Breeding Stock						
Common	1971	4,500		head	\$ 325.00	\$ 1,462,000
	1970	5,000		head	295.00	1,475,000
Registered	1971	400		head	550.00	220,000
	1970	500		head	500.00	250,000
Feeders	1971	78,000	148,600	cwt.	32.00	4,755,000
	1970	75,000	143,000	cwt.	30.30	4,333,000
Calves	1971	33,000	148,500	cwt.	36.00	5,346,000
	1970	36,000	162,000	cwt.	32.60	5,281,000
Slaughter Stock						
From Feed Lots	1971	245,000	931,000	cwt.	30.50	28,396,000
	1970	220,000	836,000	cwt.	28.40	23,742,000
From Other Sources	1971	8,000	80,000	cwt.	28.00	2,240,000
	1970	10,000	100,000	cwt.	26.50	2,650,000
Dairy						
Breeding Stock	1971	11,000		head	395.00	4,345,000
	1970	13,000		head	375.00	4,875,000
Cull Stock	1971	8,000	96,000	cwt.	20.00	1,920,000
	1970	10,000	120,000	cwt.	19.10	2,292,000
Calves	1971	30,000	75,000	cwt.	33.00	2,475,000
	1970	31,000	77,500	cwt.	29.40	2,278,000
Sheep and Lambs						
Slaughter Stock						
Lambs	1971	46,500	37,200	cwt.	26.70	993,000
	1970	50,000	40,000	cwt.	27.20	1,088,000
Sheep	1971	6,000	8,400	cwt.	6.90	58,000
	1970	6,500	9,100	cwt.	7.60	69,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971 (continued)

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			
Hogs and Pigs						
Breeding Stock	1971	50		head	\$ 90.00	\$ 4,500
	1970	70		head	90.00	6,300
Feeders	1971 ^{a/}					
	1970	850	595	cwt.	30.00	18,000
Slaughter Stock	1971	12,000	24,000	cwt.	20.00	480,000
	1970	8,000	16,400	cwt.	23.70	389,000
Horses and Mules						
Recreational Stock	1971	900		head	250.00	225,000
	1970	1,200		head	240.00	288,000
Broilers and Fryers	1971	6,880,000	24,080,000	lb.	.172	4,142,000
	1970	6,150,000	21,525,000	lb.	.168	3,616,000
Other Chickens	1971	716,000	2,864,000	lb.	.04	115,000
	1970	600,000	2,400,000	lb.	.07	168,000
Turkeys	1971	3,402,000	61,236,000	lb.	.22	13,472,000
	1970	3,150,000	56,700,000	lb.	.23	13,041,000
Turkey Poults	1971	7,640,000		each	.548	4,187,000
	1970	6,253,000		each	.546	3,414,000
Pigeons	1971	28,800	36,000	lb.	.89	32,000
	1970	10,000	13,000	lb.	.80	10,000
Miscellaneous ^{a/}	1971					1,317,000
	1970					<u>1,072,000</u>
Total	1971					\$76,184,000
	1970					70,355,000

^{a/} Miscellaneous includes chicks, ducks, geese, pheasants, feeder pigs, rabbits.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Crop	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk					
Manufacturing	1971	349,000	cwt.	\$ 4.70	\$ 1,640,000
	1970	241,000	cwt.	4.36	1,051,000
Market	1971	4,891,000	cwt.	5.35	26,167,000
	1970	4,805,000	cwt.	5.16	24,794,000
Wool	1971	823,680	lb.	.18	148,000
	1970	1,400,000	lb.	.40	560,000
Eggs					
Chicken Hatching	1971	3,850,000	dozen	.715	2,753,000
	1970	2,400,000	dozen	.665	1,596,000
Market	1971	9,800,000	dozen	.24	2,352,000
	1970	10,500,000	dozen	.318	3,339,000
Turkey Hatching	1971	5,000,000	each	.25	1,250,000
	1970	6,500,000	each	.25	1,625,000
Miscellaneous	None				
	1970	1,500	cwt.		<u>33,000</u>
Total	1971				\$34,310,000
	1970				32,998,000

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (In Number of Head)

<u>Item</u>	<u>January 1, 1972</u>	<u>January 1, 1971</u>
Cattle and Calves		
All	340,800	297,300
Milk Cows 2 years and over	45,300	45,400
Cattle and Calves on feed	123,900	100,300
Sheep and Lambs		
All	105,600	97,100
Stock Sheep	45,000	40,000
Hogs and Pigs	10,500	11,700
Horses and Mules	15,000	8,000
Hens and Pullets of laying age	723,000	800,000
Turkey Breeder Hens	90,000	80,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1971	1,331,053	lb.	\$.228	\$ 303,000
	1970	1,025,178	lb.	.135	138,000
Beeswax	1971	27,626	lb.	.605	16,700
	1970	34,173	lb.	.63	22,000
Pollination ^{a/}					
Alfalfa Seed	1971	38,261	colony	5.98	229,000
	1970	21,600	colony	5.85	126,000
Tree Fruit ^{b/}	1971	13,000	colony	4.59	59,700
	1970	18,240	colony	5.05	92,000
Cantaloupes	1971	3,286	colony	5.21	17,100
	1970	3,900	colony	4.85	19,000
Total	1971				\$625,500
	1970				397,000

^{a/} This reflects only the bees registered in Fresno County by commercial and semi-commercial beekeepers. Approximately 219,750 colonies were estimated to be in Fresno County at the peak of the pollination season.

^{b/} Almond, Peaches, Plum

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1971

The following table reflects gross income from approximately 219,750 colonies of bees located in Fresno County during the peak of the 1971 pollination season. (Shown for interest value only. Not included in Crop Report values.)

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1971	6,988,050	lb.	\$.228	\$ 1,593,000
	1970	6,760,479	lb.	.135	913,000
Beeswax	1971	145,035	lb.	.605	87,700
	1970	225,350	lb.	.63	142,000
Pollination					
Alfalfa Seed	1971	200,870	colony	5.98	1,201,000
	1970	203,587	colony	5.85	1,191,000
Tree Fruit	1971	13,000	colony	4.59	59,700
	1970	25,984	colony	5.05	131,000
Cantaloupes	1971	17,252	colony	5.21	89,900
	1970	20,486	colony	4.85	<u>99,000</u>
Total	1971				\$3,031,000
	1970				2,476,000

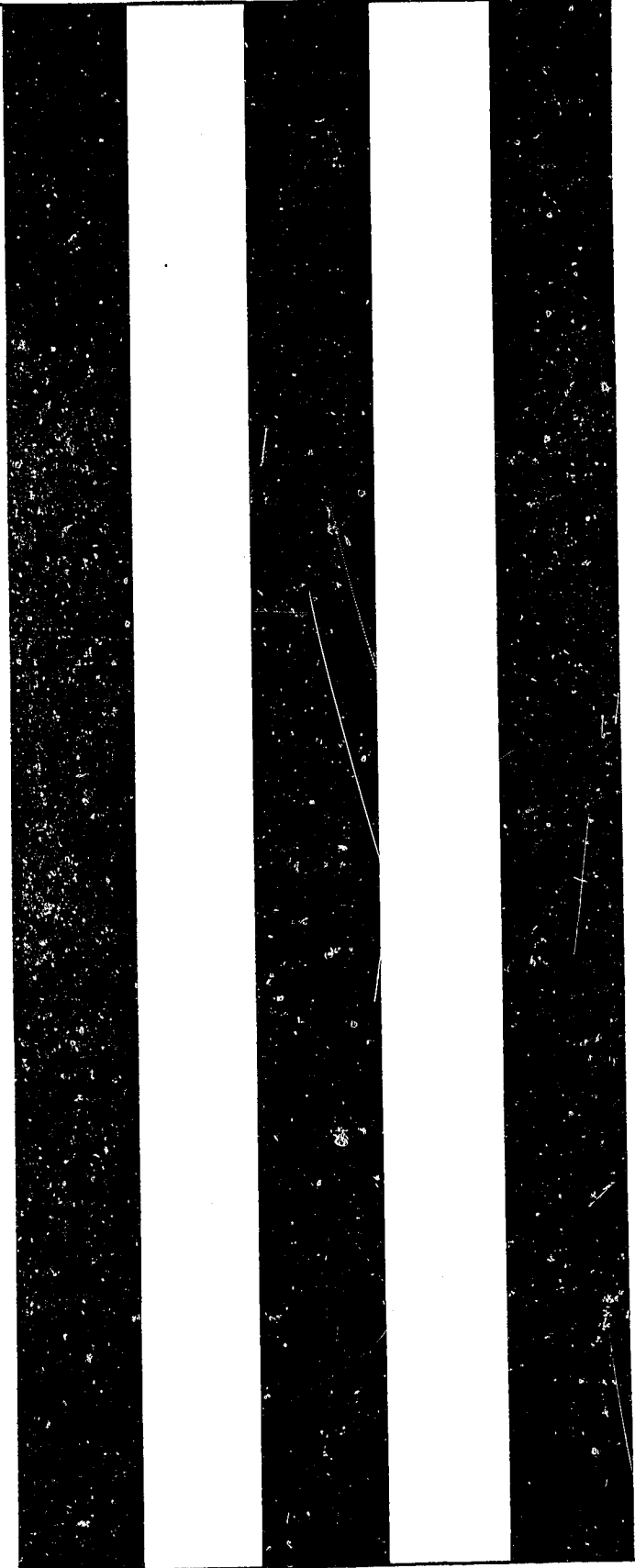
Growth of Fresno County Agriculture as Indicated by Gross Value
of Agricultural Products Over a Span of Twenty-One Years

1950 - 285,169,170
1955 - 325,844,210
1956 - 330,096,960
1957 - 359,569,750
1958 - 370,997,930
1959 - 390,211,120
1960 - 388,802,520
1961 - 385,091,740
1962 - 413,572,210
1963 - 423,206,000
1964 - 443,088,000
1965 - 438,253,000
1966 - 452,926,000
1967 - 438,753,000*
1968 - 462,659,000
1969 - 458,014,000
1970 - 474,706,000*
1971 - 507,930,000

SIX YEAR COMPARISON STUDY OF GROSS CROP VALUES IN FRESNO COUNTY

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Field Crops	\$144,589,000	\$143,350,000	\$135,034,000	\$119,648,000	\$139,484,000	\$137,467,000
Seed Crops	14,406,000	13,650,000*	14,026,000	8,968,000	17,550,000	15,216,000
Vegetable Crops	43,430,000	42,188,000	52,634,000	41,631,000	39,713,000	47,585,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	156,724,000	148,474,000	169,834,000	186,000,000	173,469,000*	195,375,000
Nursery Products	926,000	987,000	1,012,000	762,000	740,000	1,167,000
Livestock and Poultry	92,527,000	89,885,000	89,889,000	100,544,000	103,353,000	110,494,000
Apiary	324,000	219,000	230,000	479,000	397,000	626,000
Grand Total	\$452,926,000	\$438,753,000*	\$462,659,000	\$458,014,000	\$474,706,000*	\$507,930,000

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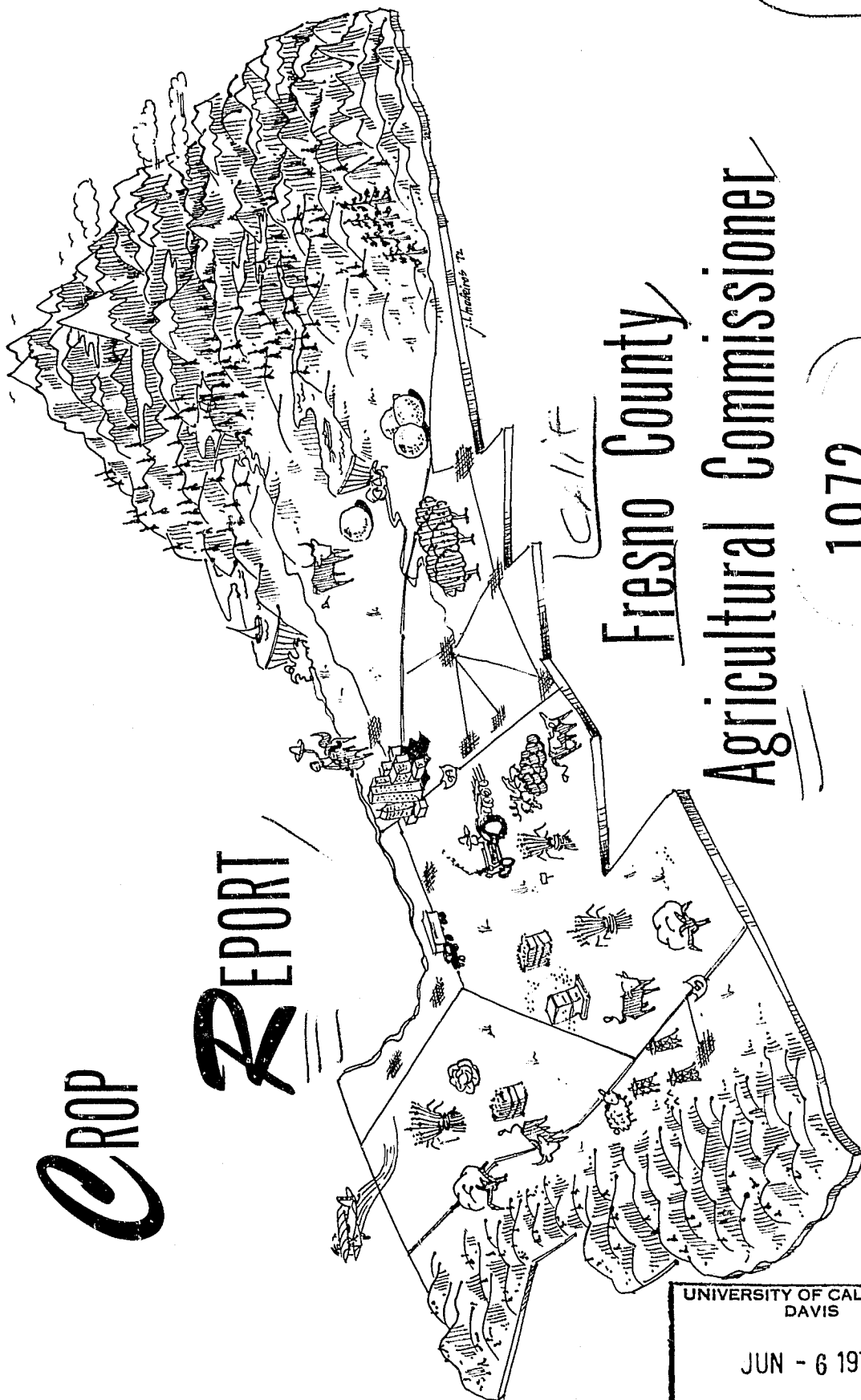
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Gentlemen:

As required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1972 Agricultural Crop Report for Fresno County.

For the second consecutive year, the local agricultural industry has exceeded the five hundred million dollar mark. Fresno County continues in the role of the number one county in California, a position held for 22 years.

The gross value of agricultural products produced in Fresno County during 1972 totaled \$559,370,000, an increase of \$51,440,000 over 1971.

Weather again played a dominant role in the production of agricultural products in Fresno County. Temperatures on March 27, 1972 ranged down to 25 and 26 degrees in spots and spelled disaster for many Fresno County growers. Commodities damaged include grapes, almonds, walnuts, plums, peaches and nectarines.

This crop report represents the gross value of agricultural products and not the net value to the grower.

Members of the staff have worked diligently on this report under the guidance and supervision of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Thomas L. Sharer. I wish to commend all of them for their painstaking efforts.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the many individuals and organizations for their assistance in compiling this publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Corn
Agricultural Commissioner

FRESNO COUNTY DATA

Fresno County stretches for approximately 150 miles across the San Joaquin Valley.

Many extremes are found in the County, as indicated below:

Highest elevation (High Sierras on East)	14,254 ft.
Lowest elevation (flat lands in West)	163 ft.
Transition in Life Zones range from Sonoran to Alpine	
Rainfall (maximum, including heavy snows in mountains)	56 in.
Rainfall (minimum)	3.55 in.
Normal total precipitation	11.14 in.
Average maximum temperatures	77.6°
Average minimum temperatures	48.2°
Mean temperature	63.0°
January temperatures - range	36.7° to 55.4°
July temperatures - range	62.6° to 100.0°
Growing season - average	291 days

Farm Characteristics

There are approximately 7,539 farms in Fresno County averaging 292.8 acres.
About 57.8% of the land area is in farms. Average value of land and buildings per acre -- \$585.96.

Land Uses

	<u>Acres</u>
Total Cropland	1,178,144
Field Crops	807,607
Orchards, Vineyards, Bush Fruits	246,530
Other Uses	124,007
Pasture and Range land	494,810
Other land	95,574
Urban and built-up areas	180,000
Water areas (40 acres or more)	7,582
Forest and woodland	387,000
Federal Non-Cropland	<u>1,472,519</u>
Total acreage in Fresno County	3,815,629

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Barley	1972	154,000	1.80	277,000	ton	\$ 63.00	\$ 17,451,000
	1971	168,000	1.40	235,000	ton	54.00	12,690,000
Beans, dry	1972	9,130	.76	6,940	ton	294.00	2,040,000
	1971	6,497	.70	4,550	ton	240.00	1,092,000
Corn	1972	32,000	2.28	73,000	ton	62.00	4,526,000
	1971	37,000	2.53	93,600	ton	53.00	4,961,000
Cotton Lint	1972	241,317	865 ^a / ₁	435,000 ^b / ₁	bale	.31 ^c / ₁	64,728,000
	1971	204,416	672	286,000	bale	.315	43,271,000
Cotton Seed	1972			184,907	ton	60.00	11,094,000
	1971			118,000	ton	65.00	7,670,000
Hay							
Alfalfa	1972	133,000	7.00	931,000	ton	36.00	33,516,000
	1971	145,000	6.85	993,000	ton	31.00	30,783,000
Grain	1972	800	1.00	800	ton	30.00	24,000
	1971	1,200	1.80	2,160	ton	26.00	56,000
Other, tame	1972	400	1.50	600	ton	28.00	16,800
	1971	400	1.50	600	ton	24.00	14,400
Wild	1972	None					
	1971	800	1.40	1,120	ton	20.00	22,400
Oats	1972	1,200	1.50	1,800	ton	51.00	91,800
	1971	1,800	1.75	3,150	ton	47.00	148,000
Pasture and Range							
Alfalfa ^d / stubble	1972	95,000			acre	3.00	285,000
	1971	110,000			acre	3.00	330,000
Barley ^d / and Wheat stubble	1972	65,000			acre	1.50	97,500
	1971	60,000			acre	1.50	90,000
Cantaloupe ^d / stubble	1972	10,000			acre	2.00	20,000
	1971	8,000			acre	2.00	16,000
Irrigated Pasture	1972	85,000			acre	75.00	6,375,000
	1971	85,000			acre	70.00	5,950,000
Native Range	1972	1,300,000			acre	3.80	4,940,000
	1971	1,300,000			acre	3.60	4,680,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Rice	1972	12,800	2.60	33,280	ton	\$ 125.00	\$ 4,160,000
	1971	14,800	2.20	32,600	ton	100.00	3,260,000
Safflower	1972	24,000	1.20	28,800	ton	123.00	3,542,000
	1971	26,000	1.25	32,500	ton	110.00	3,575,000
Screenings	1972			6,050	ton	34.00	206,000
	1971			6,150	ton	18.00	111,000
Silage							
Corn	1972	10,000	18.00	180,000	ton	8.50	1,530,000
	1971	12,000	19.00	228,000	ton	8.00	1,824,000
Sorghum	1972	2,000	18.00	36,000	ton	9.00	324,000
	1971	2,500	18.00	45,000	ton	8.00	360,000
Other	1972	400	15.00	6,000	ton	9.00	54,000
	1971	400	15.00	6,000	ton	8.50	51,000
Sorghum Grain	1972	15,000	2.20	33,000	ton	60.00	1,980,000
	1971	20,500	1.70	34,800	ton	48.00	1,670,000
Straw	1972			8,000	ton	10.00	80,000
	1971			10,000	ton	10.00	100,000
Sugar Beets	1972	42,670	25.73	1,098,000	ton	13.75	15,098,000
	1971	48,660	17.90	871,000	ton	14.15	12,325,000
Wheat	1972	15,000	1.72	25,800	ton	60.00	1,548,000
	1971	<u>28,000</u>	1.63	45,600	ton	53.00	<u>2,417,000</u>
Total	1972	2,078,717					\$173,727,000
	1971	2,102,973					137,467,000

a/ Pounds of lint per acre.

b/ 480 pound net weight bales.

c/ Price per pound.

d/ Not included in total acreage figures.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa. Cert.	1972	20,543	550	11,299,000	lb.	.42	\$ 4,746,000
All	1971	27,691	602	16,670,000	lb.	.37	6,096,000
Alfalfa	1972	6,000	396	2,376,000	lb.	.40	950,000
Non-Cert.	1971	5,800	447	2,593,000	lb.	.35	908,000
Export	1972	3,100	389	1,206,000	lb.	.40	482,000
Varieties	1971	3,630	415	1,506,000	lb.	.40	602,000
Proprietary	1972	12,629	348	4,395,000	lb.	.40	1,758,000
Varieties	1971	26,947	408	10,994,000	lb.	.40	4,398,000
Total All	1972	42,272					7,936,000
Alfalfa Seed	1971	64,068					12,004,000
Barley, Cert.	1972	4,002	3,500	14,007,000	lb.	.0475	665,000
	1971	1,418	2,800	3,970,000	lb.	.05	198,000
Barley	1972	5,000	3,500	17,500,000	lb.	.0425	744,000
Non-Cert.	1971	2,876	2,500	7,190,000	lb.	.045	324,000
Cotton ^{a/}	1972	9,255		6,460,000	lb.	.29	1,873,000
	1971	8,105		5,386,000	lb.	.11	592,000
Vegetable ^{b/}	1972	1,173					387,000
	1971	1,035					502,000
Other ^{c/}	1972	8,971					1,609,000
	1971	<u>9,576</u>					<u>1,596,000</u>
Total	1972	61,418					13,214,000
	1971	78,973					15,216,000

^{a/} Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crops."

^{b/} Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Collard, Endive, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Okra, Parsley and Tomatoes.

^{c/} Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Oats, Certified Rice, Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Safflower, Non-Certified Vetch, Non-Certified Flax, Non-Certified White Corn.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Beans, snap	1972	350	4.4	1,540	ton	\$ 280	\$ 431,000
	1971	500	4.2	2,100	ton	345	724,000
Cabbage	1972	40	12.0	480	ton	60	28,800
	1971	45	12.0	540	ton	65	35,100
Chinese veg.	1972	325	12.0	3,900	ton	120	468,000
	1971	300	13.0	3,900	ton	155	604,000
Corn, sweet fresh	1972	40	3.4	136	ton	105	14,300
	1971	50	3.0	150	ton	115	17,200
Cucumbers	1972	300	8.5	2,550	ton	160	408,000
	1971	350	9.0	3,150	ton	150	472,000
Lettuce	1972	5,400	11.0	59,400	ton	114	6,772,000
	1971	3,990	10.4	41,500	ton	120	4,980,000
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1972	23,500	8.1	190,350	ton	118	22,461,000
	1971	23,000	7.3	168,000	ton	105	17,640,000
Casaba	1972	100	6.3	630	ton	95	59,800
	1971	60	6.5	390	ton	120	46,800
Cranshaw	1972	200	6.0	1,200	ton	160	192,000
	1971	300	6.8	2,040	ton	125	255,000
Honeydew	1972	190	8.5	1,620	ton	115	186,000
	1971	100	8.2	820	ton	110	90,200
Persian	1972	40	5.0	200	ton	150	30,000
	1971	30	5.0	150	ton	160	24,000
Watermelons	1972	500	8.2	4,100	ton	50	205,000
	1971	350	8.5	2,980	ton	50	149,000
Onions							
Dry	1972	500	13.0	6,500	ton	120	780,000
	1971	600	13.0	7,800	ton	120	936,000
Green	1972	400	12.0	4,800	ton	155	744,000
	1971	450	12.0	5,400	ton	150	810,000
Peppers							
Bell	1972	300	5.0	1,500	ton	175	262,000
	1971	500	5.0	2,500	ton	180	450,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peppers (continued)							
Chili	1972	600	4.0	2,400	ton	\$ 320	\$ 768,000
	1971	300	4.0	1,200	ton	310	372,000
Radishes	1972	650	5.0	3,250	ton	140	455,000
	1971	600	5.0	3,000	ton	150	450,000
Romaine	1972	300	6.0	1,800	ton	75	135,000
	1971	200	6.0	1,200	ton	85	102,000
Squash							
Summer	1972	250	7.5	1,875	ton	175	328,000
	1971	250	7.0	1,750	ton	185	324,000
Winter	1972	50	5.0	250	ton	40	10,000
	1971	60	5.0	300	ton	50	15,000
Sweet Potatoes	1972	690	4.0	2,760	ton	238	657,000
	1971	570	4.0	2,280	ton	250	570,000
Tomatoes							
Fresh							
Cherry	1972	90	11.0	990	ton	300	297,000
	1971	100	12.0	1,200	ton	280	336,000
Regular	1972	500	14.0	7,000	ton	280	1,960,000
	1971	450	15.0	6,750	ton	240	1,620,000
Processed	1972	26,520	26.4	700,000	ton	28	19,600,000
	1971	23,010	23.1	532,000	ton	28	14,896,000
Turnips	1972	150	10.0	1,500	ton	50	75,000
	1971	30	10.0	300	ton	40	12,000
Other Veg. ^{a/}	1972	5,200					2,398,000
	1971	<u>2,810</u>					<u>1,655,000</u>
Total	1972	67,185					59,725,000
	1971	59,005					47,585,000

^{a/} "Other Vegetables" include asparagus, beets, broccoli, broccoli (frozen), cantaloupes (frozen), carrots, cauliflower (frozen), cucumbers (processed), eggplant, garlic, loose lettuce, mustard greens, onions (processed), peas, potatoes, snap beans (frozen), spinach (processed), swiss chard, tomatoes (hot house grown), watermelon (frozen).

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1972	12,218	.47	5,740	ton	\$ 675	\$ 3,874,000
	1971	9,909	1.10	10,900	ton	658	7,172,000
Apricots							
Fresh	1972	185	4.65	860	ton	260	223,600
	1971	506	3.80	874	ton	200	175,000
Processed	1972 ^{a/}						
	1971			1,049	ton	50	52,000
Bushberries	1972	108	4.06				
	1971	112	5.49				
Fresh	1972			20	ton	550	11,000
	1971			20	ton	540	10,800
Processed	1972			418	ton	466	195,000
	1971			595	ton	400	238,000
Figs, dried	1972	10,433	.60	6,260	ton	370	2,316,000
	1971	10,585	.88	9,315	ton	240	2,236,000
Grapes	1972	165,726	5.90				
	1971	166,712	9.40				
Raisin Varieties	1972	145,016					
	1971	145,276					
Canned	1972			8,460	ton	105	888,000
	1971			19,300	ton	70	1,351,000
Crushed	1972			439,000	ton	77.70	34,110,000
	1971			616,000	ton	52.95	32,617,000
Dried	1972			81,900	ton ^{b/}	526	43,079,000
	1971			153,000	ton	309	47,277,000
Fresh	1972			29,500	ton	392.50	11,579,000
	1971			73,800	ton	282	20,812,000
Table Varieties	1972	7,628					
	1971	8,471					
Crushed	1972			26,900	ton	78.70	2,117,000
	1971			34,000	ton	48.45	1,647,000
Fresh	1972			25,700	ton	431	11,077,000
	1971			35,600	ton	316	11,250,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Grapes (continued)							
Wine Varieties	1972	13,082					
	1971	12,965					
Crushed	1972			85,300	ton	\$ 136.40	\$ 11,635,000
	1971			91,300	ton	92.40	8,436,000
Fresh	1972			10,300	ton	300	3,090,000
	1971			19,700	ton	240	4,728,000
Lemons	1972	336	5.00				
	1971	148	6.60				
Fresh	1972			880	ton	250	220,000
	1971			600	ton	232	139,000
Processed	1972			800	ton	73.50	58,800
	1971			377	ton	60	22,600
Nectarines	1972	5,469	8.60	47,000	ton	340	15,980,000
	1971	4,774	8.30	39,624	ton	325	12,878,000
Olives	1972	898	.70	628	ton	420	264,000
	1971	877	2.03	1,780	ton	150	267,000
Oranges	1972	15,869					
	1971	14,258					
Navel	1972	12,655	7.80				
	1971	11,208	6.60				
Fresh	1972			65,806	ton	163	10,726,000
	1971			51,220	ton	170	8,707,000
Processed	1972			32,903	ton	27	888,000
	1971			22,753	ton	28	637,000
Valencia	1972	3,145	7.60				
	1971	2,743	5.40				
Fresh	1972			15,902	ton	151	2,401,000
	1971			9,518	ton	165	1,570,000
Processed	1972			8,000	ton	47	376,000
	1971			5,294	ton	45	238,000
Miscellaneous	1972	69	6.00	414	ton	130	53,800
	1971	307	5.00	1,535	ton	135	207,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peaches	1972	10,036					
	1971	9,943					
Clingstone	1972	2,098	12.50				
	1971	2,280	12.00				
Processed	1972			26,200	ton	\$ 74	\$ 1,939,000
	1971			27,360	ton	78	2,134,000
Freestone	1972	7,938	7.80				
	1971	7,663	8.80				
Fresh	1972			47,916	ton	270	12,937,000
	1971			50,520	ton	238	12,024,000
Processed	1972			14,000	ton	110	1,540,000
	1971			16,914	ton	71	1,201,000
Persimmons	1972	63	3.25	205	ton	425	87,100
	1971	61	4.25	259	ton	370	95,800
Plums	1972	7,693	6.00				
	1971	7,242	5.80				
Fresh	1972			46,200	ton	400	18,480,000
	1971			40,761	ton	346	14,103,000
Processed	1972 ^{a/}						
	1971			1,239	ton	8	9,900
Pomegranates	1972	374	4.75	1,780	ton	310	552,000
	1971	374	5.50	2,057	ton	300	617,000
Strawberries	1972	205	11.50	2,360	ton	455	1,074,000
	1971	210	14.00	2,940	ton	490	1,441,000
Walnuts	1972	3,291	.51	1,678	ton	525	881,000
	1971	3,024	.67	2,026	ton	367	744,000
Miscellaneous ^{c/}	1972	620					380,000
	1971	539					338,000
Total	1972	233,524				\$	193,032,000
	1971	229,274					195,375,000

^{a/} Included in Miscellaneous

^{b/} Dry Tons

^{c/} Includes almond hulls, apples, dried apricots, processed apricots, avocados, fresh figs, substandard figs, grapefruit, dried and processed nectarines, dried peaches, olives (oil), pears, pecans, pistachio nuts, processed plums, damaged raisins.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1972

Item	Year	Production Area Acres	Quantity Sold by Producers	Value
General Ornamentals	1972	37.85	627,369	\$ 521,000
	1971	27.63	595,000	505,000
Citrus	1972	6.80	22,768	57,000
	1971	5.85	25,600	56,400
Deciduous	1972	6.00	93,000	180,000
	1971	4.50	72,500	147,000
Grapevines	1972	11.50	349,820	53,000
	1971	10.50	408,000	56,000
Vegetable Plants	1972	11.00	18,500 Per M	370,000
	1971	<u>11.00</u>	31,300 Per M	<u>403,000</u>
Total	1972	73.15		\$ 1,181,000
	1971	59.48		1,167,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No.of Head	Total Liveweight			
Cattle and Calves						
Beef						
Breeding Stock						
Common	1972	4,000		head	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,400,000
	1971	4,500		head	325.00	1,462,000
Registered	1972	400		head	575.00	230,000
	1971	400		head	550.00	220,000
Feeders	1972	76,000	145,000	cwt.	37.90	5,496,000
	1971	78,000	148,600	cwt.	32.00	4,755,000
Calves	1972	35,000	158,000	cwt.	39.80	6,288,000
	1971	33,000	148,500	cwt.	36.00	5,346,000
Slaughter Stock						
From Feed Lots	1972	250,000	950,000	cwt.	34.00	32,300,000
	1971	245,000	931,000	cwt.	30.50	28,396,000
From Other Sources	1972	9,000	90,000	cwt.	31.00	2,790,000
	1971	8,000	80,000	cwt.	28.00	2,240,000
Dairy						
Breeding Stock	1972	10,000		head	490.00	4,900,000
	1971	11,000		head	395.00	4,345,000
Cull Stock	1972	10,000	120,000	cwt.	22.30	2,676,000
	1971	8,000	96,000	cwt.	20.00	1,920,000
Calves	1972	28,000	70,000	cwt.	36.50	2,555,000
	1971	30,000	75,000	cwt.	33.00	2,475,000
Sheep and Lambs						
Slaughter Stock						
Lambs	1972	49,000	39,200	cwt.	29.80	1,168,000
	1971	46,500	37,200	cwt.	26.70	993,000
Sheep	1972	6,500	9,100	cwt.	7.50	68,200
	1971	6,000	8,400	cwt.	6.90	58,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 (continued)

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			
Hogs and Pigs						
Breeding Stock	1972	69		head	\$ 90.00	\$ 6,210
	1971	50		Head	90.00	4,500
Slaughter Stock	1972	11,000	22,000	cwt.	26.00	572,000
	1971	12,000	24,000	cwt.	20.00	480,000
Horses and Mules						
Recreational Stock	1972	700		head	275.00	192,000
	1971	900		head	250.00	225,000
Broilers and Fryers	1972	4,700,000	16,450,000	lb.	.173	2,846,000
	1971	6,880,000	24,080,000	lb.	.172	4,142,000
Other Chickens	1972	804,000	3,216,000	lb.	.05	161,000
	1971	716,000	2,864,000	lb.	.04	115,000
Turkeys	1972	3,183,000	57,294,000	lb.	.22	12,605,000
	1971	3,402,000	61,236,000	lb.	.22	13,472,000
Turkey Poults	1972	9,650,000		each	.541	5,221,000
	1971	7,640,000		each	.548	4,187,000
Pigeons	1972	22,413	28,016	lb.	.89	24,900
	1971	28,800	36,000	lb.	.89	32,000
Miscellaneous ^{a/}	1972					1,100,000
	1971					1,317,000
Total	1972				\$	82,599,000
	1971					76,184,000

^{a/} Includes chicks, ducks, geese, pheasants, feeder pigs, rabbits.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Crop	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk					
Manufacturing	1972	350,000	cwt.	\$ 4.73	\$ 1,656,000
	1971	349,000	cwt.	4.70	1,640,000
Market	1972	4,842,000	cwt.	5.36	25,953,000
	1971	4,891,000	cwt.	5.35	26,167,000
Wool	1972	877,587	lb.	.35	307,000
	1971	823,680	lb.	.18	148,000
Eggs					
Chicken Hatching	1972	5,400,000	dozen	.708	3,823,000
	1971	3,850,000	dozen	.715	2,753,000
Market	1972	9,600,000	dozen	.282	2,707,000
	1971	9,800,000	dozen	.24	2,352,000
Turkey Hatching	1972	2,300,000	each	.25	575,000
	1971	5,000,000	each	.25	1,250,000
Total	1972				\$ 35,021,000
	1971				34,310,000

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (In Number of Head)

<u>Item</u>	<u>January 1, 1973</u>	<u>January 1, 1972</u>
Cattle and Calves		
All	350,000	340,800
Milk Cows 2 years and over	45,300	45,300
Cattle and Calves on feed	128,300	123,900
Stock Sheep and Lambs	112,500	105,600
Hogs and Pigs	7,000	10,500
Horses and Mules	15,000	15,000
Hens and Pullets of laying age	685,000	723,000
Turkey Breeder Hens	40,000	90,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1972	1,436,175	lb.	\$.32	\$ 460,000
	1971	1,331,053	lb.	.228	303,000
Beeswax	1972	31,915	lb.	.53	16,900
	1971	27,626	lb.	.605	16,700
Pollination ^{a/}					
Alfalfa Seed	1972	30,600	colony	5.80	177,000
	1971	38,261	colony	5.98	229,000
Tree Fruit ^{b/}	1972	25,600	colony	5.30	136,000
	1971	13,000	colony	4.59	59,700
Cantaloupes	1972	3,300	colony	5.65	18,600
	1971	3,286	colony	5.21	<u>17,100</u>
Total	1972				\$ 808,000
	1971				625,500

^{a/} Reflects only the bees registered in Fresno County by commercial and semi-commercial beekeepers. Approximately 178,868 colonies were estimated to be in Fresno County at the peak of the pollination season.

^{b/} Almond, Peaches, Plum.

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972

The following table reflects gross income from approximately 178,868 colonies of bees located in Fresno County during the peak of the 1972 pollination season. (Shown for interest value only. Not included in Crop Report values.)

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1972	8,049,060	lb.	\$.32	\$ 2,576,000
	1971	6,988,050	lb.	.228	1,593,000
Beeswax	1972	178,868	lb.	.53	94,800
	1971	145,035	lb.	.605	87,700
Pollination					
Alfalfa Seed	1972	171,660	colony	5.80	996,000
	1971	200,870	colony	5.98	1,201,000
Tree Fruit	1972	14,350	colony	5.30	76,055
	1971	13,000	colony	4.59	59,700
Cantaloupes	1972	18,250	colony	5.65	103,000
	1971	17,252	colony	5.21	89,900
Total	1972				\$ 3,846,000
	1971				3,031,000

Growth of Fresno County Agriculture as Indicated by Gross Value
of Agricultural Products Over a Span of Twenty-Two Years

1950 - 285,169,170	1964 - 443,088,000
1955 - 325,844,210	1965 - 438,253,000
1956 - 330,096,960	1966 - 452,926,000*
1957 - 359,569,750	1967 - 438,753,000
1958 - 370,997,930	1968 - 462,659,000
1959 - 390,211,120	1969 - 458,014,000*
1960 - 388,802,520	1970 - 474,706,000
1961 - 385,091,740	1971 - 507,930,000
1962 - 413,572,210	1972 - 559,370,000
1963 - 423,206,000	

SIX YEAR COMPARISON STUDY OF GROSS CROP VALUES IN FRESNO COUNTY

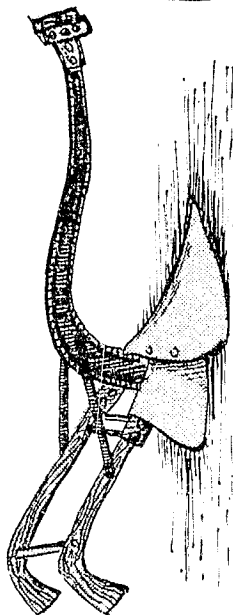
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Field Crops	\$143,350,000	\$135,034,000	\$119,648,000	\$139,484,000	\$137,467,000	\$173,727,000
Seed Crops	13,650,000*	14,026,000	8,968,000	17,550,000	15,216,000	13,214,000
Vegetable Crops	42,188,000	52,634,000	41,613,000	39,713,000	47,585,000	59,725,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	148,474,000	169,834,000	186,000,000	173,469,000*	195,375,000	193,032,000
Nursery Products	987,000	1,012,000	762,000	740,000	1,167,000	1,181,000
Livestock and Poultry	89,885,000	89,889,000	100,544,000	103,353,000	110,494,000	117,620,000
Apiary	219,000	230,000	479,000	397,000	626,000	808,000
Grand Total	\$438,753,000*	\$462,659,000	\$458,014,000	\$474,706,000*	\$507,930,000	\$559,370,000

*Revised

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

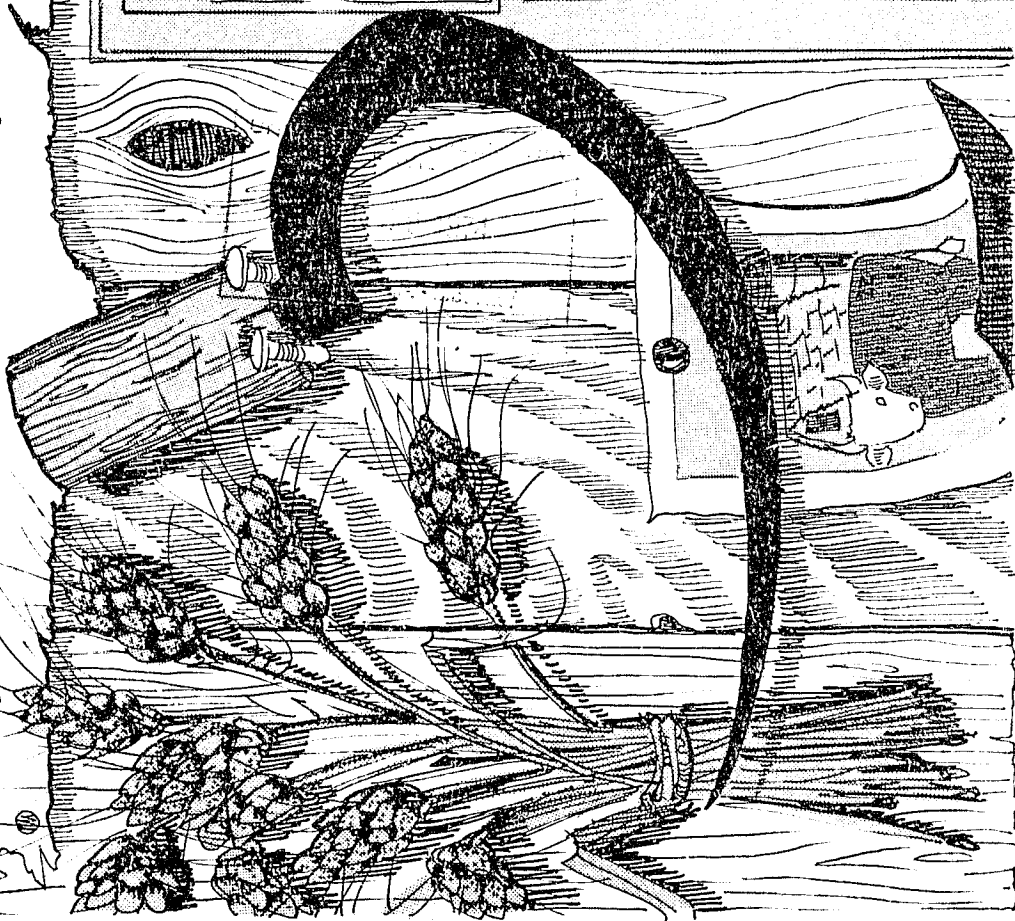


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As required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, we are pleased to submit the 1973 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for Fresno County. The values found in this report are gross values and do not represent net income to the grower.

For the third consecutive year Fresno County's agricultural industry has exceeded the one-half billion dollar mark.

The gross value of agricultural products produced in Fresno County during the 1973 season totaled \$833,765,000 representing an increase of \$274,458,000 over 1972.

Members of the staff spent many hours developing this report. I wish to commend all of them for their untiring efforts.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the many individuals, organizations and other public agencies for their assistance in compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas E. Corn
Agricultural Commissioner

FRESNO COUNTY AGRI-LITES 1973

COTTON - - - - - Sharp acreage increase plus increasing yields and price.
Harvest started week of September 29; reported 95% complete
on first picking by November 17.

ALFALFA HAY - - - Gross value reduced due to less acreage.

SUGAR BEETS - - - Short acreage and reduced yields. Wet winter held up
harvest of 1972 crop causing late planting of 1973 crop.

ALFALFA SEED - - - Value up due to higher prices.

LETTUCE - - - - - Reduced value due to drop in price.

CANTALOUPE - - - Yields down, but gross returns up.

PROCESSING - - - - Yields down due to high temperatures during May and early
TOMATOES June.

ALMONDS - - - - - Gross value up. Both yields and price up.

FIGS - - - - - Yields still below one ton, but price outstanding.
Movement excellent.

GRAPES - - - - - Production and price up. Tray counts for raisins above
1100 per acre. Gross tray weights approximately 4.8
pounds. Rains during October damaged a few raisins.
Table and juice grapes returns and yields good.

ORANGES - - - - - Temperatures on December 9, 10 and 11, 1972 caused heavy
loss of 1972-73 orange crop.

PEACHES - - - - - Yields outstanding despite lower acreage.

PLUMS - - - - - Acreage, yields and price up.

SLAUGHTER - - - - Feed lot returns increased substantially early during
STOCK period.

BROILERS AND
FRYERS - - - - - Increased both in numbers and value.

LIVESTOCK AND
POULTRY PRODUCTS - Increased per unit value for milk, wool and eggs.

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Barley	1973	166,000	1.44	239,000	ton	\$ 92.00	\$ 21,988,000
	1972	154,000	1.80	277,000	ton	63.00	17,451,000
Beans, dry	1973	9,490	.70	6,640	ton	545.00	3,619,000
	1972	9,130	.76	6,940	ton	294.00	2,040,000
Corn	1973	17,000	2.52	42,800	ton	107.00	4,580,000
	1972	32,000	2.28	73,000	ton	62.00	4,526,000
Cotton Lint	1973	279,250	830 ^a /	483,000 ^b /	bale	.50 ^c /	115,920,000
	1972	241,317	865	435,000	bale	.31	64,728,000
Cotton Seed	1973			205,000	ton	114.00	23,370,000
	1972			184,907	ton	60.00	11,094,000
Hay							
Alfalfa	1973	98,000	6.80	666,000	ton	49.00	32,634,000
	1972	133,000	7.00	931,000	ton	36.00	33,516,000
Other	1973	5,500	1.80	9,900	ton	54.00	535,000
	1972	2,420	1.32	3,200	ton	41.44	132,600
Pasture and Range							
Alfalfa stubble ^d /	1973	90,000			acre	3.00	270,000
	1972	95,000			acre	3.00	285,000
Barley and Wheat stubble ^d /	1973	70,000			acre	1.50	105,000
	1972	65,000			acre	1.50	97,500
Cantaloupe ^d /	1973	12,000			acre	2.00	24,000
	1972	10,000			acre	2.00	20,000
Irrigated Pasture	1973	85,000			acre	75.00	6,375,000
	1972	85,000			acre	75.00	6,375,000
Native Range	1973	1,300,000			acre	4.00	5,200,000
	1972	1,300,000			acre	3.80	4,940,000
Rice	1973	16,300	2.80	45,600	ton	240.00	10,944,000
	1972	12,800	2.60	33,280	ton	125.00	4,160,000
Safflower	1973	23,800	1.22	29,000	ton	183.00	5,307,000
	1972	24,000	1.20	28,800	ton	123.00	3,542,000
Screenings	1973			2,250	ton	45.50	102,000
	1972			6,050	ton	34.00	206,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Silage							
Corn	1973	13,000	19.00	247,000	ton	\$ 13.00	\$ 3,211,000
	1972	10,000	18.00	180,000	ton	8.50	1,530,000
Sorghum	1973	1,000	18.00	18,000	ton	13.00	234,000
	1972	2,000	18.00	36,000	ton	9.00	324,000
Other	1973	400	15.00	6,000	ton	13.00	78,000
	1972	400	15.00	6,000	ton	9.00	54,000
Sorghum Grain	1973	16,000	2.00	32,000	ton	102.00	3,264,000
	1972	15,000	2.20	33,000	ton	60.00	1,980,000
Straw	1973			10,000	ton	15.00	150,000
	1972			8,000	ton	10.00	80,000
Sugar Beets	1973	22,800	20.40	465,000	ton	17.50	8,138,000
	1972	42,670	25.73	1,098,000	ton	13.75	15,098,000
Wheat	1973	13,500	1.74	23,500	ton	107.00	2,514,000
	1972	<u>15,000</u>	1.72	25,800	ton	60.00	<u>1,548,000</u>
Total	1973	2,061,540					\$248,562,000
	1972	2,078,717					173,727,000

a/ Pounds of lint per acre.

b/ 480 pounds net weight bales.

c/ Price per pound.

d/ Not included in total acreage figures.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa Cert.	1973	14,900	546	8,135,000	lb.	\$.86	\$ 6,996,000
All	1972	20,543	550	11,299,000	lb.	.42	4,746,000
Alfalfa	1973	7,000	440	3,080,000	lb.	.80	2,464,000
Non-Cert.	1972	6,000	396	2,376,000	lb.	.40	950,000
Export	1973	850	420	357,000	lb.	.60	214,000
Varieties	1972	3,100	389	1,206,000	lb.	.40	482,000
Proprietary	1973	8,200	555	4,551,000	lb.	.75	3,413,000
Varieties	1972	12,629	348	4,395,000	lb.	.40	1,758,000
Total All	1973	31,000					13,087,000
Alfalfa Seed	1972	42,272					7,936,000
Barley, Cert.	1973	3,410	3,000	10,230,000	lb.	.05	512,000
	1972	4,002	3,500	14,007,000	lb.	.0475	665,000
Barley	1973	2,860	7,000	20,020,000	lb.	.049	981,000
Non-Cert.	1972	5,000	3,500	17,500,000	lb.	.0425	744,000
Cotton ^{a/}	1973	9,550		8,814,000	lb.	.57	5,024,000
	1972	9,255		6,460,000	lb.	.29	1,873,000
Vegetable ^{b/}	1973	535					367,000
	1972	1,173					387,000
Other ^{c/}	1973	3,530					820,000
	1972	<u>8,971</u>					<u>1,609,000</u>
Total	1973	41,300					20,791,000
	1972	61,418					13,214,000

^{a/} Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crops"

^{b/} Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Collard, Endive, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Okra, Parsley and Tomatoes.

^{c/} Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Wheat, Non-Certified Oats, Certified Rice, Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Flax, Non-Certified White Corn, Non-Certified Blackeye Cowpeas, Non-Certified Safflower, Non-Certified Vetch.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Beans, snap	1973	400	4.	1,800	ton	\$ 380	\$ 684,000
	1972	350	4.4	1,540	ton	280	431,000
Cabbage	1973	40	12.0	480	ton	80	38,400
	1972	40	12.0	480	ton	60	28,800
Chinese veg.	1973	300	13.0	3,900	ton	135	526,000
	1972	325	12.0	3,900	ton	120	468,000
Corn, sweet fresh	1973	150	3.0	450	ton	126	56,700
	1972	40	3.4	136	ton	105	14,300
Cucumbers	1973	280	9.0	2,520	ton	170	428,000
	1972	300	8.5	2,550	ton	160	408,000
Lettuce	1973	4,870	11.2	54,500	ton	70	3,815,000
	1972	5,400	11.0	59,400	ton	114	6,772,000
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1973	24,000	7.6	182,000	ton	137	24,934,000
	1972	23,500	8.1	190,350	ton	118	22,461,000
Casaba	1973	190	6.5	1,240	ton	113	140,000
	1972	100	6.3	630	ton	95	59,800
Cranshaw	1973	290	8.2	2,380	ton	183	436,000
	1972	200	6.0	1,200	ton	160	192,000
Honeydew	1973	660	9.0	5,940	ton	127	754,000
	1972	190	8.5	1,620	ton	115	186,000
Persian	1973	90	6.0	540	ton	156	84,000
	1972	40	5.0	200	ton	150	30,000
Watermelons	1973	400	8.3	3,320	ton	50	166,000
	1972	500	8.2	4,100	ton	50	205,000
Onions							
Dry	1973	400	13.0	5,200	ton	200	1,040,000
	1972	500	13.0	6,500	ton	120	780,000
Green	1973	450	12.0	5,400	ton	266	1,436,000
	1972	400	12.0	4,800	ton	155	744,000
Peppers							
Bell	1973	470	5.0	2,350	ton	200	470,000
	1972	300	5.0	1,500	ton	175	262,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peppers (continued)							
Chili	1973	350	4.0	1,400	ton	\$ 500	\$ 700,000
	1972	600	4.0	2,400	ton	320	768,000
Radishes	1973	800	5.0	4,000	ton	175	700,000
	1972	650	5.0	3,250	ton	140	455,000
Romaine	1973	200	6.0	1,200	ton	75	90,000
	1972	300	6.0	1,800	ton	75	135,000
Squash							
Summer	1973	250	7.0	1,750	ton	250	438,000
	1972	250	7.5	1,875	ton	175	328,000
Winter	1973	75	5.0	375	ton	60	22,500
	1972	50	5.0	250	ton	40	10,000
Sweet Potatoes	1973	615	6.0	3,690	ton	193	712,000
	1972	690	4.0	2,760	ton	238	657,000
Tomatoes							
Fresh							
Cherry	1973	100	10.0	1,000	ton	466	466,000
	1972	90	11.0	990	ton	300	297,000
Regular	1973	425	13.0	5,520	ton	433	2,390,000
	1972	500	14.0	7,000	ton	280	1,960,000
Processed	1973	36,380	20.2	735,000	ton	35	25,725,000
	1972	26,520	26.4	700,000	ton	28	19,600,000
Turnips	1973	250	10.0	2,500	ton	87	218,000
	1972	150	10.0	1,500	ton	50	75,000
Other Veg. ^{a/}	1973	7,480					6,542,000
	1972	<u>5,200</u>					<u>2,398,000</u>
Total	1973	79,900					\$73,012,000
	1972	67,185					59,725,000

^{a/} "Other Vegetables" includes asparagus, beets, broccoli, broccoli (frozen), cantaloupes (frozen), carrots, cauliflower (frozen), cucumbers (processed), eggplant, garlic, loose lettuce, mustard greens, onions (processed), peas, potatoes, snap beans (frozen), spinach (processed), swiss chard, tomatoes (hot house grown), watermelon (frozen), sweet potatoes (cannery).

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1973	12,358	.94	11,600	ton	\$1,500	\$17,400,000
	1972	12,218	.47	5,740	ton	675	3,874,000
Apricots	1973	230	4.80	1,100	ton	278	306,000
	1972	185	4.65	860	ton	260	223,600
Bushberries	1973	121	5.00				
	1972	108	4.06				
Fresh	1973			5	ton	700	3,500
	1972			20	ton	550	11,000
Processed	1973			600	ton	694	416,000
	1972			418	ton	466	195,000
Figs, dried	1973	10,176	.83	8,450	ton	574	4,850,000
	1972	10,433	.60	6,260	ton	370	2,316,000
Grapes	1973	166,335	9.76				
	1972	165,726	5.90				
Raisin Varieties	1973	143,731					
	1972	145,016					
Canned	1973			12,200	ton	120	1,464,000
	1972			8,460	ton	105	888,000
Crushed	1973			615,000	ton	78.30	48,155,000
	1972			439,000	ton	77.70	34,110,000
Dried	1973			187,000	ton ^{a/}	700	130,900,000
	1972			81,900	ton	526	43,079,000
Fresh	1973			41,100	ton	363.42	14,937,000
	1972			29,500	ton	392.50	11,579,000
Table Varieties	1973	7,290					
	1972	7,628					
Crushed	1973			32,600	ton	82.56	2,691,000
	1972			26,900	ton	78.70	2,117,000
Fresh	1973			25,300	ton	379.79	9,609,000
	1972			25,700	ton	431	11,077,000
Wine Varieties	1973	15,314					
	1972	13,082					
Crushed	1973			115,000	ton	148.60	17,089,000
	1972			85,300	ton	136.40	11,635,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Grapes (continued)							
Wine Varieties							
Fresh	1973			15,800	ton	\$ 303.92	\$ 4,802,000
	1972			10,300	ton	300	3,090,000
Lemons	1973	515	8.97				
	1972	336	5.00				
Fresh	1973			620	ton	210	130,000
	1972			880	ton	250	220,000
Processed	1973			4,000	ton	40	160,000
	1972			800	ton	73.50	58,800
Nectarines	1973	5,680	7.84	44,500	ton	341	15,174,000
	1972	5,469	8.60	47,000	ton	340	15,980,000
Olives	1973	940	2.10	1,970	ton	358	705,000
	1972	898	.70	628	ton	420	264,000
Oranges	1973	18,147					
	1972	15,869					
Navel	1973	14,857	3.37				
	1972	12,655	7.80				
Fresh	1973			24,800	ton	167	4,142,000
	1972			65,806	ton	163	10,726,000
Processed	1973			25,300	ton	10	253,000
	1972			32,903	ton	27	888,000
Valencia	1973	3,226	2.17				
	1972	3,145	7.60				
Fresh	1973			2,680	ton	160	429,000
	1972			15,902	ton	151	2,401,000
Processed	1973			4,320	ton	18	77,800
	1972			8,000	ton	47	376,000
Miscellaneous	1973	64	3.00	192	ton	134	25,700
	1972	69	6.00	414	ton	130	53,800

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973 (continued)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peaches	1973	9,102					
	1972	10,036					
Clingstone	1973	1,855	13.00				
	1972	2,098	12.50				
Processed	1973			24,100	ton	\$ 112	\$ 2,699,000
	1972			26,200	ton	74	1,939,000
Freestone	1973	7,247	9.43				
	1972	7,938	7.80				
Fresh	1973			52,600	ton	309	16,253,000
	1972			47,916	ton	270	12,937,000
Processed	1973			15,700	ton	125	1,962,000
	1972			14,000	ton	110	1,540,000
Persimmons	1973	63	4.75	300	ton	500	150,000
	1972	63	3.25	205	ton	425	87,100
Plums	1973	7,925	7.00	55,500	ton	473	26,252,000
	1972	7,693	6.00	46,200	ton	400	18,480,000
Pomegranates	1973	420	4.70	1,970	ton	320	630,000
	1972	374	4.75	1,780	ton	310	552,000
Strawberries	1973	203	13.80	2,800	ton	531	1,487,000
	1972	205	11.50	2,360	ton	455	1,074,000
Walnuts	1973	3,398	.92	3,130	ton	580	1,815,000
	1972	3,291	.51	1,678	ton	525	881,000
Miscellaneous ^{b/}	1973	1,159					1,268,000
	1972	620					380,000
Total	1973	236,772					\$326,235,000
	1972	233,524					193,032,000

a/ Dry Tons

b/ Includes almond hulls, apples, dried apricots, processed apricots, avocados fresh figs, substandard figs, grapefruit, dried and processed nectarines, dried peaches, olives (oil), pears, pecans, pistachio nuts, processed plums, prunes, damaged raisins, tangelos, tangerines.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1973

Item	Year	Production Area Acres	Quantity Sold by Producers	Value
General Ornamentals ^{a/}	1973	30.00	674,063 ^{b/}	616,000
	1972	37.85	627,369	521,000
Citrus	1973	2.50	18,125 ^{c/}	44,000
	1972	6.80	22,768	57,000
Deciduous	1973	None		
	1972	6.00	93,000	180,000
Grapevines	1973	18.00	2,603,430	964,000
	1972	11.50	349,820	53,000
Vegetable Plants	1973	11.00	35,855 Per M	621,000
	1972	<u>11.00</u>	18,500 Per M	<u>370,000</u>
Total	1973	61.50		\$2,245,000
	1972	73.15		1,181,000

a/ Includes cut flowers.

b/ Includes flats, dozens, cans and single plants.

c/ Includes citrus buds.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			
Cattle and Calves						
Beef						
Breeding Stock						
Common	1973	4,000		head	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,688,000
	1972	4,000		head	350.00	1,400,000
Registered	1973	500		head	600.00	300,000
	1972	400		head	575.00	230,000
Feeders	1973	79,000	150,000	cwt.	49.53	7,430,000
	1972	76,000	145,000	cwt.	37.90	5,496,000
Calves	1973	33,000	148,000	cwt.	54.89	8,124,000
	1972	35,000	158,000	cwt.	39.80	6,288,000
Slaughter Stock						
From Feed Lots	1973	236,000	897,000	cwt.	42.00	37,674,000
	1972	250,000	950,000	cwt.	34.00	32,300,000
From Other Sources	1973	11,000	110,000	cwt.	39.00	4,290,000
	1972	9,000	90,000	cwt.	31.00	2,790,000
Dairy						
Breeding Stock	1973	10,000		head	573.00	5,730,000
	1972	10,000		head	490.00	4,900,000
Cull Stock	1973	7,000	84,000	cwt.	30.48	2,560,000
	1972	10,000	120,000	cwt.	22.30	2,676,000
Calves	1973	30,000	75,000	cwt.	50.00	3,750,000
	1972	28,000	70,000	cwt.	36.50	2,555,000
Sheep and Lambs						
Slaughter Stock						
Lambs	1973	46,000	36,800	cwt.	35.33	1,300,000
	1972	49,000	39,200	cwt.	29.80	1,168,000
Sheep	1973	6,000	8,400	cwt.	14.10	118,000
	1972	6,500	9,100	cwt.	7.50	68,200

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Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No.of Head	Total Liveweight			
Hogs and Pigs						
Breeding Stock	1973	50		head	\$120.00	\$ 6,000
	1972	69		head	90.00	6,210
Slaughter Stock	1973	10,500	21,000	cwt.	39.00	819,000
	1972	11,000	22,000	cwt.	26.00	572,000
Horses and Mules						
Recreational Stock	1973	925		head	300.00	278,000
	1972	700		head	275.00	192,000
Broilers and Fryers	1973	9,079,500	31,778,000	lb.	.248	7,881,000
	1972	4,700,000	16,450,000	lb.	.173	2,846,000
Other Chickens	1973	453,000	1,812,000	lb.	.134	243,000
	1972	804,000	3,216,000	lb.	.05	161,000
Turkeys	1973	4,350,880	78,316,000	lb.	.34	26,627,000
	1972	3,183,000	57,294,000	lb.	.22	12,605,000
Turkey Poults	1973	10,511,000		each	.585	6,149,000
	1972	9,650,000		each	.541	5,221,000
Pigeons	1973	23,900	29,875	lb.	1.00	29,900
	1972	22,413	28,016	lb.	.89	24,900
Miscellaneous ^{a/}	1973					1,958,000
	1972					<u>1,100,000</u>
Total	1973					\$116,955,000
	1972					<u>82,599,000</u>

^{a/} Includes chicks, ducks, geese, pheasants, feeder pigs, rabbits.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Crop	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk					
Manufacturing	1973	316,000	cwt.	\$ 5.64	\$ 1,782,000
	1972	350,000	cwt.	4.73	1,656,000
Market	1973	5,219,000	cwt.	6.42	33,506,000
	1972	4,842,000	cwt.	5.36	25,953,000
Wool	1973	810,000	lb.	1.15	932,000
	1972	877,587	lb.	.35	307,000
Eggs					
Chicken Hatching	1973	4,595,000	dozen	.782	3,593,000
	1972	5,400,000	dozen	.708	3,823,000
Market	1973	7,768,387	dozen	.512	3,977,000
	1972	9,600,000	dozen	.282	2,707,000
Turkey Hatching	1973	3,852,000	each	.26	1,002,000
	1972	2,300,000	each	.25	575,000
Total	1973				\$44,792,000
	1972				35,021,000

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (In Number of Head)

<u>Item</u>	<u>January 1, 1974</u>	<u>January 1, 1973</u>
Cattle and Calves		
All	322,000	350,000
Milk Cows 2 years and over	47,000	45,300
Cattle and Calves on feed	137,400	128,300
Stock Sheep and Lambs	103,800	112,500
Hogs and Pigs	9,400	7,000
Horses	15,000	15,000
Hens and Pullets of laying age	407,000	685,000
Turkey Breeder Hens	67,000	40,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1973	1,689,000	lb.	\$.448	\$ 757,000
	1972	1,436,175	lb.	.32	460,000
Beeswax	1973	28,000	lb.	.85	24,000
	1972	31,915	lb.	.53	16,900
Pollination ^{a/}					
Alfalfa Seed	1973	29,600	colony	6.30	186,000
	1972	30,600	colony	5.80	177,000
Tree Fruit ^{b/}	1973	25,400	colony	6.70	170,000
	1972	25,600	colony	5.30	136,000
Cantaloupes	1973	6,110	colony	5.85	35,700
	1972	3,300	colony	5.65	18,600
Total	1973				\$1,173,000
	1972				808,000

^{a/} Reflects only the bees registered in Fresno County by commercial and semi-commercial beekeepers. Approximately 144,000 colonies were estimated to be in Fresno County at the peak of the pollination season.

^{b/} Almond, peaches, plums.

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973

The following table reflects gross income from approximately 144,000 colonies of bees located in Fresno County during the peak of the 1973 pollination season. (Shown for interest value only. Not included in Crop Report values.)

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1973	7,133,000	lb.	\$.448	\$3,196,000
	1972	8,049,060	lb.	.32	2,576,000
Beeswax	1973	119,000	lb.	.85	101,200
	1972	178,868	lb.	.53	94,800
Pollination					
Alfalfa Seed	1973	125,000	colony	6.30	788,000
	1972	171,660	colony	5.80	996,000
Tree Fruit	1973	10,700	colony	6.70	71,700
	1972	14,350	colony	5.30	76,055
Cantaloupes	1973	25,800	colony	5.85	151,000
	1972	18,250	colony	5.65	103,000
Total	1973				\$4,308,000
	1972				3,846,000

Growth of Fresno County Agriculture as Indicated by Gross Value
of Agricultural Products Over a Span of Twenty-Three Years

1950 - \$285,169,170
1955 - 325,844,210
1956 - 330,096,960
1957 - 359,569,750
1958 - 370,997,930
1959 - 390,211,120
1960 - 388,802,520
1961 - 385,091,740
1962 - 413,572,210
1963 - 423,206,000
1964 - \$443,088,000
1965 - 438,253,000
1966 - 452,926,000
1967 - 438,753,000
1968 - 462,659,000
1969 - 458,014,000
1970 - 474,706,000
1971 - 507,930,000
1972 - 559,307,000
1973 - 833,765,000

SIX YEAR COMPARISON STUDY OF GROSS CROP VALUES IN FRESNO COUNTY

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Field Crops	\$135,034,000	\$119,648,000	\$139,484,000	\$137,467,000	\$173,727,000	\$248,562,000
Seed Crops	14,026,000	8,968,000	17,550,000	15,216,000	13,214,000	20,791,000
Vegetable Crops	52,634,000	41,613,000	39,713,000	47,585,000	59,725,000	73,012,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	169,834,000	186,000,000	173,469,000*	195,375,000	193,032,000	326,235,000
Nursery Products	1,012,000	762,000	740,000	1,167,000	1,181,000	2,245,000
Livestock and Poultry	89,889,000	100,544,000	103,353,000	110,494,000	117,620,000	161,747,000
Apiary	230,000	479,000	397,000	626,000	808,000	1,173,000
Grand Total	\$462,659,000	\$458,014,000	\$474,706,000*	\$507,930,000	\$559,307,000*	\$833,765,000

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the Fresno County Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for 1974.

The gross value of agricultural crops and products produced in Fresno County during the 1974 season totaled \$967,350,000 an increase of \$138,668,000 over 1973.

The values found in this report represent gross figures and not net income to the grower.

Members of the staff spent many hours in the compilation of this report. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for their efforts.

We are grateful to all individuals, organizations, the Extension Service, and other public agencies for their assistance in developing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRESNO COUNTY AGRI-LITES 1974

COTTON - - - - - Gross value up due to a large increase in acreage.
Weather was favorable for harvesting.

ALFALFA HAY - - - - Acreage was decreased, but high prices resulted in an
increase in gross value.

SUGAR BEETS - - - - A large increase in price and a small increase in acreage
returned a much higher gross value.

ALFALFA SEED - - - - Gross value was up due to an increase in price and acreage.

LETTUCE - - - - - Due to a very strong market along with an increase in acreage,
the gross value was up substantially.

CANTALOUPEs - - - - Gross value was up due to increased prices. Acreage was down
25%.

PROCESSING - - - - Higher prices and a small increase in acreage more than
TOMATOES - - - - doubled the gross value of 1973.

ALMONDS - - - - - Gross value was up due to an increase in acreage. Yields
were down slightly and prices decreased sharply.

FIGS - - - - - Yields decreased, but prices increased returning a higher
gross value.

GRAPES - - - - - Production and prices down. Acreage was up. Gross value
was down sharply.

ORANGES - - - - - Gross value up substantially due to a frost-free year,
increased acreage, yields and prices.

PEACHES - - - - - Yields were very good and prices increased slightly returning
a higher gross value.

PLUMS - - - - - Gross value down due to lower prices. Yields and acreage
were up.

SLAUGHTER - - - - Feed lot returns were up due to an increase in numbers
STOCK - - - - although lower prices were received.

BROILERS - - - - - Increased in both numbers and value.
AND FRYERS

LIVESTOCK AND - - - Increased per unit value for milk, chicken and turkey
POULTRY PRODUCTS - - hatching eggs.

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Other	1974	5,000	1.46	7,300	ton	69.50	507,000
	1973	5,500	1.80	9,900	ton	54.00	535,000
Pasture and Range							
Alfalfa stubbled ^d / _d	1974	80,000			acre	5.00	400,000
	1973	90,000			acre	3.00	270,000
Barley and Wheat stubbled ^d / _d	1974	80,000			acre	3.00	240,000
	1973	70,000			acre	1.50	105,000
Cantaloupe ^d / _d	1974	9,000			acre	3.00	27,000
	1973	12,000			acre	2.00	24,000
Irrigated Pasture	1974	50,000			acre	90.00	4,500,000
	1973	85,000			acre	75.00	6,375,000
Native Range	1974	1,300,000			acre	4.25	5,525,000
	1973	1,300,000			acre	4.00	5,200,000
Rice	1974	19,250	2.38	45,800	ton	240.00	10,992,000
	1973	16,300	2.80	45,600	ton	240.00	10,944,000
Safflower	1974	10,000	1.00	10,000	ton	310.00	3,100,000
	1973	23,800	1.22	29,000	ton	183.00	5,307,000
Screenings	1974			1,500	ton	45.00	68,000
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Miscellaneous vegetables were harvested throughout the year. Asparagus harvest was under way March 15. The strawberry picking operation began the third week in April and was mostly complete by May 31.

Spring lettuce made excellent progress and harvesters moved into the fields during the first week of April. Cutting was complete by May 11. Fall lettuce was planted during August. Harvesting crews moved into the fields the week of October 6. Quality continued fair to good and returns were outstanding. Harvest was mostly complete by November 23. Limited picking continued until December 14.

Dry onions were harvested from the week of May 13 through June. Quality was generally good, but market conditions were unfavorable.

Cantaloupe harvest got under way the first week in July and continued throughout the summer. Quality was reported fair to good. Some returns were disappointing.

The cannery tomato mechanical harvesters moved into the fields during the middle of July and moved rapidly. Yields and quality were good.

Growers moved into the almond harvest by August 15; yields and quality were good. Production is steadily increasing.

Dried figs were moving out of the orchards by the final week of August. Harvest was estimated 40% complete by September 27. Cool weather resulted in substantial cullage for all varieties. Returns have been outstanding.

Honey production was about normal in Fresno County at nearly 40 pounds per hive. There was a complete failure of sage honey. Orange, alfalfa and cotton made up the bulk of the honey crop. Prices were between 40¢ and 50¢ per pound. The majority of hives in the county were brought in for pollination of alfalfa seed. Acreage was down from peak years, but the number of hives exceeded 20,000. Colonies of bees in Fresno County suffered severely from pesticides in 1974 -- one of our worst years for hive losses. Overwintering of hives was affected by the high cost of sugar. The occurrence of American Foulbrood disease of hives was very low due to antibiotic feeding by beekeepers.

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	1973	90,000			acre	3.00	270,000
Barley and Wheat stubble ^d /	1974	80,000			acre	3.00	240,000
	1973	70,000			acre	1.50	105,000
Cantaloupe ^d /	1974	9,000			acre	3.00	27,000
	1973	12,000			acre	2.00	24,000
Irrigated Pasture	1974	50,000			acre	90.00	4,500,000
	1973	85,000			acre	75.00	6,375,000
Native Range	1974	1,300,000			acre	4.25	5,525,000
	1973	1,300,000			acre	4.00	5,200,000
Rice	1974	19,250	2.38	45,800	ton	240.00	10,992,000
	1973	16,300	2.80	45,600	ton	240.00	10,944,000
Safflower	1974	10,000	1.00	10,000	ton	310.00	3,100,000
	1973	23,800	1.22	29,000	ton	183.00	5,307,000
Screenings	1974			1,500	ton	45.00	68,000
	1973			2,250	ton	45.50	102,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Silage							
Corn	1974	13,000	18.50	240,000	ton	\$ 14.00	\$ 3,360,000
	1973	13,000	19.00	247,000	ton	13.00	3,211,000
Sorghum	1974	2,000	18.00	36,000	ton	14.00	504,000
	1973	1,000	18.00	18,000	ton	13.00	234,000
Other	1974	350	15.00	5,250	ton	14.00	74,000
	1973	400	15.00	6,000	ton	13.00	78,000
Sorghum Grain	1974	12,000	2.02	24,200	ton	131.00	3,170,000
	1973	16,000	2.00	32,000	ton	102.00	3,264,000
Straw	1974			6,000	ton	20.00	120,000
	1973			10,000	ton	15.00	150,000
Sugar Beets	1974	23,158	20.38	472,000	ton	48.40	22,845,000
	1973	22,800	20.40	465,000	ton	17.50	8,138,000
Wheat	1974	35,000	1.74	60,900	ton	130.00	7,917,000
	1973	<u>13,500</u>	1.74	23,500	ton	107.00	<u>2,514,000</u>
Total	1974	2,130,777					\$347,460,000
	1973	2,067,040					248,562,000

a/ Pounds of lint per acre.

b/ 480 pounds net weight bales.

c/ Price per pound.

d/ Not included in total acreage figures.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Alfalfa Certified	1974	22,860	579	13,236,000	1b.	\$1.08	\$14,295,000
	1973	14,900	546	8,135,000	1b.	.86	6,996,000
Alfalfa Non-Certified	1974	3,165	564	1,785,000	1b.	.94	1,678,000
	1973	7,000	440	3,080,000	1b.	.80	2,464,000
Export Varieties	1974	856	636	544,000	1b.	.90	490,000
	1973	850	420	357,000	1b.	.60	214,000
Proprietary Varieties	1974	10,772	600	6,463,000	1b.	1.09	7,045,000
	1973	8,200	555	4,551,000	1b.	.75	3,413,000
Total All Alfalfa Seed	1974	37,653		22,028,000	1b.		23,508,000
	1973	31,000		16,123,000	1b.		13,087,000
Barley Certified	1974	3,977	3,600	14,317,000	1b.	.07	1,002,000
	1973	3,410	3,000	10,230,000	1b.	.05	512,000
Barley Non-Certified	1974	2,166	3,100	6,715,000	1b.	.06	403,000
	1973	2,860	3,000	8,580,000	1b.	.049	420,000*
Cotton ^{a/}	1974	12,340		11,427,000	1b.	.082	1,085,000 ^{b/}
	1973	9,550		8,814,000	1b.	.057	502,000*
Vegetable ^{c/}	1974	952					428,000
	1973	535					367,000
Other ^{d/}	1974	2,308					690,000
	1973	3,530					820,000
Total	1974	47,056					27,116,000
	1973	41,300					15,708,000*

*Revised

a/ Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crops"

b/ Includes acreage approval @ \$12 per acre.

c/ Beets, cabbage, carrots, collard, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onion, okra, parsley and tomatoes.

d/ Certified wheat, non-certified wheat, non-certified oats, certified rice, certified blackeye cowpeas, non-certified flax, non-certified white corn, non-certified blackeye cowpeas, non-certified safflower, non-certified vetch, zinnias.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Beans, snap	1974	600	5.1	3,060	ton	\$ 384	\$ 1,175,000
	1973	400	4.5	1,800	ton	380	684,000
Cabbage	1974	50	11.2	560	ton	85	47,600
	1973	40	12.0	480	ton	80	38,400
Chinese vegetables	1974	500	13.0	6,500	ton	200	1,300,000
	1973	300	13.0	3,900	ton	135	526,000
Corn sweet fresh	1974	300	3.8	1,140	ton	186	212,000
	1973	150	3.0	450	ton	126	56,700
Cucumbers	1974	350	12.8	4,480	ton	195	874,000
	1973	280	9.0	2,520	ton	170	428,000
Lettuce	1974	5,550	11.8	65,500	ton	232	15,196,000
	1973	4,870	11.2	54,500	ton	70	3,815,000
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1974	18,000	8.6	155,000	ton	189	29,295,000
	1973	24,000	7.6	182,000	ton	137	24,934,000
Casaba	1974	162	6.0	970	ton	174	169,000
	1973	190	6.5	1,240	ton	113	140,000
Cranshaw	1974	310	7.0	2,170	ton	303	658,000
	1973	290	8.2	2,380	ton	183	436,000
Honeydew	1974	375	8.5	3,190	ton	161	514,000
	1973	660	9.0	5,940	ton	127	754,000
Persian	1974	68	6.0	410	ton	234	95,900
	1973	90	6.0	540	ton	156	84,000
Watermelons	1974	600	8.5	5,100	ton	102	520,000
	1973	400	8.3	3,320	ton	50	166,000
Onions							
Dry	1974	1,000	16.75	16,800	ton	80	1,344,000
	1973	400	13.0	5,200	ton	200	1,040,000
Green	1974	350	18.0	6,300	ton	133	838,000
	1973	450	12.0	5,400	ton	266	1,436,000
Peppers							
Bell	1974	500	8.8	4,400	ton	229	1,008,000
	1973	470	5.0	2,350	ton	200	470,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 (continued)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Peppers (continued)							
Chili	1974	635	2.10	1,330	ton	\$ 520	\$ 692,000
	1973	350	4.0	1,400	ton	500	700,000
Radishes	1974	800	5.0	4,000	ton	171	684,000
	1973	800	5.0	4,000	ton	175	700,000
Romaine	1974	200	6.0	1,200	ton	162	194,000
	1973	200	6.0	1,200	ton	75	90,000
Squash							
Summer	1974	400	7.5	3,000	ton	160	480,000
	1973	250	7.0	1,750	ton	250	438,000
Winter	1974	200	10.0	2,000	ton	65	130,000
	1973	75	5.0	375	ton	60	22,500
Sweet Potatoes	1974	450	7.0	3,150	ton	220	693,000
	1973	615	6.0	3,690	ton	193	712,000
Tomatoes							
Fresh							
Cherry	1974	200	11.0	2,200	ton	500	1,100,000
	1973	100	10.0	1,000	ton	466	466,000
Regular	1974	1,870	12.0	22,400	ton	333	7,459,000
	1973	425	13.0	5,520	ton	433	2,390,000
Processed	1974	37,110	24.9	924,000	ton	56.80	52,483,000
	1973	36,380	20.2	735,000	ton	35	25,725,000
Turnips	1974	300	15.0	4,500	ton	133	598,000
	1973	250	10.0	2,500	ton	87	218,000
Other Vegetables ^{a/}	1974	10,884					12,018,000
	1973	7,480					6,542,000
Total	1974	81,764					\$129,778,000
	1973	79,900					73,012,000

^{a/} "Other Vegetables" includes asparagus, beets, broccoli, broccoli (frozen), cantaloupes (frozen), carrots, cauliflower (frozen), cucumbers (processed), eggplant, garlic, loose lettuce, shredding lettuce, mustard greens, onions (processed), peas, potatoes, snap beans (frozen), spinach (processed), sweet potatoes (cannery), Swiss chard, tomatoes (hot house grown), watermelon (frozen).

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per unit	Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1974	13,614	.92	12,500	ton	\$ 920	\$11,500,000
	1973	12,358	.94	11,600	ton	1,500	17,400,000
Apricots	1974	230	3.22	740	ton	268	198,000
	1973	230	4.80	1,100	ton	278	306,000
Bushberries	1974	123.5	5.07				
	1973	121	5.00				
Fresh	1974			6	ton	708	4,000
	1973			5	ton	700	3,500
Processed	1974			620	ton	550	341,000
	1973			600	ton	694	416,000
Figs, dried	1974	10,271	.75	7,703	ton	705	5,431,000
	1973	10,176	.83	8,450	ton	574	4,850,000
Grapes	1974	171,604	8.26				
	1973	166,335	9.76				
Raisin Varieties	1974	144,375					
	1973	143,731					
Canned	1974			11,600	ton	120	1,392,000
	1973			12,200	ton	120	1,464,000
Crushed	1974			436,000	ton	74	32,264,000
	1973			615,000	ton	78.30	48,155,000
Dried	1974			164,000	ton ^{a/}	639	104,796,000
	1973			187,000	ton	700	130,900,000
Fresh	1974			39,100	ton	316	12,356,000
	1973			41,100	ton	363.42	14,937,000
Table Varieties	1974	7,091					
	1973	7,290					
Crushed	1974			35,100	ton	57	2,001,000
	1973			32,600	ton	82.56	2,691,000
Fresh	1974			24,100	ton	338	8,146,000
	1973			25,300	ton	379.79	9,609,000
Wine Varieties	1974	20,138					
	1973	15,314					
Crushed	1974			164,000	ton	99	16,236,000
	1973			115,000	ton	148.60	17,089,000

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