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Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

Merced County

1967-1972

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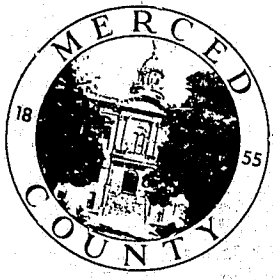
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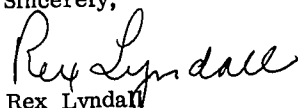
In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1967 Agricultural Crop Report, which contains the acreage, production, and gross value of the agricultural crops of Merced County.

The 1967 gross value of the 92 crops produced in Merced County is the highest in history. The gross value for 1967 was \$160,642,650-- an increase of \$1,605,210 over 1966. It is to be kept in mind that these figures are gross figures and in no way reflect the net income to farmers. The cost of production has risen steadily in 1967.

Weather conditions, resulting in a poor growing season, were the largest contributing factor to having reduced yields in most crops. The green market tomato crop would almost be considered a disaster, as being \$4,000,000 less than 1966 in gross returns, as was alfalfa hay down over \$2,500,000.

Most crops such as cotton had an increase in price that offset the reduced yields. The most significant increase was in the poultry industry, where broilers and fryers added \$12,000,000 to the gross income of Merced County.

Sincerely,



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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1967	58,900	1.25	73,600	Ton	\$48.00	\$3,533,000
	1966	54,900	1.5	82,400	Ton	51.80	4,268,000
BEANS (Dry)	1967	2,340	1.1	2,570	Ton	278.00	714,000
	1966	957	1.0	957	Ton	140.00	134,000
CORN (Grain)	1967	14,800	2.0	29,600	Ton	47.00	1,391,000
	1966	15,000	2.5	37,500	Ton	54.00	2,025,000
COTTON (Lint)	1967	22,300	799 lbs.	37,200	500 lb. bale	183.15	6,813,000
	1966	22,400	857 lbs.	40,100	500 lb. bale	136.50	5,474,000
COTTON (Seed)	1967	-----	----	14,800	Ton	53.00	784,000
	1966	-----	----	16,600	Ton	61.20	1,016,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1967	75,400	5.30	400,000	Ton	29.60	11,840,000
	1966	79,300	6.25	496,000	Ton	29.20	14,483,000
HAY (Grain)	1967	6,230	3.60	22,400	Ton	24.00	538,000
	1966	9,650	3.60	34,700	Ton	22.50	781,000
HAY (Wild)	1967	1,400	1.5	2,100	Ton	18.00	37,800
	1966	-----	----	-----	---	-----	-----
OATS (Grain)	1967	1,360	0.75	1,020	Ton	52.50	53,600
	1966	1,800	0.75	1,350	Ton	47.50	64,100
PASTURE (Permanent)	1967	102,000	----	-----	Acre	42.00	4,284,000
	1966	101,000	----	-----	Acre	42.00	4,242,000
PASTURE (Other)	1967	749,000	----	-----	Acre	5.00	3,745,000
	1966	*769,650	----	-----	Acre	4.00	*3,078,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1967	2,780	----	-----	Acre	25.00	69,500
	1966	2,760	----	-----	Acre	25.00	69,000
PEAS (Dry)	1967	705	1.2	846	Ton	110.00	93,100
	1966	2,800	1.0	2,800	Ton	100.00	280,000
RYE (Grain)	1967	950	0.50	475	Ton	50.00	23,800
	1966	766	0.35	270	Ton	50.00	13,500
RICE	1967	7,690	2.50	19,200	Ton	96.00	1,843,000
	1966	7,200	2.65	19,100	Ton	94.00	1,795,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1967	11,600	15.8	183,000	Ton	5.00	915,000
	1966	13,700	17.0	233,000	Ton	5.00	1,165,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1967	18,500	1.75	32,400	Ton	44.30	1,435,000
	1966	18,400	1.5	27,600	Ton	46.00	1,270,000
STRAW	1967	-----	----	4,500	Ton	10.00	45,000
	1966	-----	----	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000

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FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SAFFLOWER	1967	5,900	1.0	5,900	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$560,000
	1966	8,880	1.0	8,880	Ton	100.00	888,000
SUGAR BEETS	1967	5,180	19.5	101,000	Ton	12.90	1,303,000
	1966	7,390	18.8	139,000	Ton	10.80	1,501,000
STUBBLE * (Pasture)	1967	46,500	----	-----	Acre	1.50	69,800
	1966	47,500	----	-----	Acre	1.50	71,200
WHEAT (Grain)	1967	2,300	1.0	2,300	Ton	48.00	110,000
	1966	2,520	1.0	2,520	Ton	48.00	121,000
TOTAL	1967	<u>1,089,335</u>					<u>\$40,200,600</u>
	**1966	1,123,985					**42,778,000

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1967	975	700	682,000	Lb.	\$0.47	\$321,000
	1966	1,100	800	880,000	Lb.	0.45	396,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1967	590	1,650	974,000	Lb.	0.13	127,000
	1966	510	1,800	918,000	Lb.	0.08	73,400
CORN (Hybrid)	1967	100	2,820	282,000	Lb.	0.235	66,300
	1966	100	3,000	300,000	Lb.	0.235	70,500
OTHER	1967	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	-----
	1966	380	-----	-----	---	-----	323,000
TOTAL	1967	1,665					\$514,300
	1966	2,090					862,900

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1967	565	651	368,000	Lb.	\$0.45	\$ 166,000
	1966	1,010	650	656,000	Lb.	0.40	262,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1967	1,520	2,200	3,344,000	Lb.	0.115	385,000
	1966	5,160	2,450	12,642,000	Lb.	0.085	1,075,000
CANTALOUPE	1967	65	300	19,500	Lb.	0.75	14,600
	1966	100	350	35,000	Lb.	0.65	22,800
SQUASH	1967	35	700	24,500	Lb.	0.45	11,000
	1966	25	650	16,200	Lb.	0.40	6,500
TOMATO	1967	40	100	4,000	Lb.	3.00	12,000
	1966	130	140	18,200	Lb.	3.00	54,600
WATERMELON	1967	205	250	51,200	Lb.	0.75	38,400
	1966	340	300	102,000	Lb.	0.65	66,300
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1967	152	442	67,200	Lb.	0.90	60,500
	1966	84	200	16,800	Lb.	2.75	46,200
TOTAL OTHER SEED CROPS	1967	2,582					\$ 687,500
	1966	6,849					1,533,400
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1967	4,247					\$1,201,800
	1966	8,939					2,396,300

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ASPARAGUS	1967	19	1.47	28	Ton	\$280.00	\$ 7,840
	1966	19	1.8	34	Ton	540.00	18,400
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1967	4,240	1.5	6,360	Ton	160.00	1,018,000
	1966	3,400	1.3	4,420	Ton	156.00	690,000
BEANS (String)	1967	430	1.5	645	Ton	90.00	58,000
	1966	310	1.5	465	Ton	85.00	39,500
CORN (Processing)	1967	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
	1966	175	5.5	960	Ton	55.00	52,800
CORN (Sweet)	1967	778	5.5	4,280	Ton	98.00	419,000
	1966	680	4.7	3,200	Ton	102.00	326,000
CUCUMBER	1967	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
	1966	620	12.0	7,440	Ton	75.00	558,000
LETTUCE	1967	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
	1966	60	6.75	405	Ton	150.00	60,800
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1967	3,100	6.8	21,100	Ton	106.00	2,237,000
	1966	2,500	7.0	17,500	Ton	150.00	2,625,000
MELONS (Watermelons)	1967	1,340	15.0	20,100	Ton	35.00	704,000
	1966	1,130	12.0	13,600	Ton	51.40	699,000
PEAS (Freezer)	1967	1,100	1.2	1,320	Ton	75.00	99,000
	1966	500	1.0	500	Ton	140.00	70,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	1967	164	2.5	410	Ton	150.00	61,500
	1966	204	5.0	1,020	Ton	182.00	186,000
PEPPERS (Processing)	1967	150	5.0	750	Ton	63.50	47,600
	1966	72	5.0	360	Ton	50.00	18,000
SQUASH (Cannery-Winter)	1967	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
	1966	5	15.0	75	Ton	28.00	2,100
SWEET POTATOES	1967	4,750	5.0	23,800	Ton	208.00	4,950,000
	1966	5,010	4.75	23,800	Ton	164.00	3,903,000
SWEET POTATOES (Cannery)	1967	226	6.0	1,360	Ton	65.00	88,400
	1966	780	7.5	5,850	Ton	65.00	380,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES (Processing)	1967	11,100	16.0	178,000	Ton	\$38.40	\$6,835,000
	1966	7,450	18.0	134,000	Ton	33.00	4,422,000
(Market)	1967	-----	----	9,000	Ton	140.00	1,260,000
	1966	-----	----	25,900	Ton	208.00	5,387,000
MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES	1967	473					333,000
	1966	41					4,100
TOTAL	1967	<u>27,870</u>					<u>\$18,118,340</u>
	1966	*22,956					*19,441,700

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS	1967	13,424	0.60	8,050	Ton	\$588.00	\$4,733,000
	1966	13,375	0.70	9,360	Ton	600.00	5,616,000
APRICOTS	1967	1,236	7.29	9,010	Ton	140.00	1,261,000
	1966	1,365	4.47	6,100	Ton	80.00	488,000
BERRIES (Bush)	1967	9	3.0	27	Ton	200.00	5,400
	1966	35	1.8	63	Ton	329.00	20,700
CHERRIES	1967	27	0.60	16	Ton	300.00	4,800
	1966	54	0.75	40	Ton	400.00	16,000
CITRUS	1967	25	1.5	38	Ton	185.00	7,000
	1966	29	1.5	43	Ton	180.00	7,740
FIGS (Cannery)	1967	1,876	4.0	7,500	Ton	79.10	593,000
	1966	1,750	3.5	6,120	Ton	72.90	446,000
FIGS (Dry)	1967	1,598	0.9	1,440	Ton	200.00	288,000
	1966	1,200	0.9	1,080	Ton	148.00	160,000
GRAPES (Raisin)	1967	6,074	5.4	32,800	Ton	40.00	1,312,000
	1966	8,526	6.5	55,400	Ton	27.50	1,524,000
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1967	235	5.0	1,180	Ton	37.50	44,200
	1966	663	6.5	4,310	Ton	28.80	124,000
GRAPES (Wine)	1967	6,305	4.5	28,400	Ton	55.00	1,562,000
	1966	6,161	5.5	33,900	Ton	45.00	1,526,000
NECTARINES	1967	223	6.5	1,450	Ton	157.00	228,000
	1966	315	7.5	2,360	Ton	150.00	354,000
OLIVES	1967	*134	---	---	---	---	---
	1966	141	2.5	353	Ton	125.00	44,100
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1967	6,686	10.5	70,200	Ton	82.20	5,770,000
	1966	6,459	14.0	90,400	Ton	67.90	6,138,000
PEACHES (Freestone)	1967	2,546	6.52	16,600	Ton	75.00	1,245,000
	1966	4,048	8.6	34,800	Ton	50.00	1,740,000
PEACHES (Fresh)	1967	-----	----	1,350	Ton	141.00	190,000
	1966	-----	----	2,100	Ton	168.00	353,000
PLUMS	1967	88	4.0	352	Ton	180.00	63,400
	1966	157	3.5	550	Ton	180.00	99,000
PRUNES	1967	344	1.7	585	Ton	255.00	149,000
	1966	263	1.4	368	Ton	300.00	110,000

* Crop Failure

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRIES	1967	9	2.5	22	Ton	\$500.00	\$ 11,000
	1966	16	3.0	48	Ton	456.00	21,900
WALNUTS (Blacks)	1967	83	1.0	83	Ton	18.00	1,500
	1966	300	1.0	300	Ton	18.00	5,400
WALNUTS (English)	1967	5,912	0.80	4,730	Ton	540.00	2,554,000
	1966	6,428	0.70	4,500	Ton	440.00	1,980,000
MISCELLANEOUS (Pears, Pecans, Persimmons, Pomegranates)	1967	37					11,000
	1966	21					15,700
TOTAL	1967	46,871					\$20,033,300
	1966	51,306					20,789,540

FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1962 - 1967

CROPS	YEAR 1967		YEAR 1962	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	13,424	16,557	9,542	5,502
APRICOTS	1,236	112	732	673
CHERRIES	27	40	27	78
FIGS (Cannery)	1,876	-----	2,412	84
FIGS (Dry)	1,598	89	1,765	71
GRAPES (Raisin)	6,074	89	9,095	519
GRAPES (Table)	235	2	826	6
GRAPES (Wine)	6,305	1,584	4,383	1,254
NECTARINES	223	36	278	37
OLIVES	134	19	136	5
ORANGES	27	195	7	22
PEACHES (Clingstone)	6,686	2,254	4,430	2,767
PEACHES (Freestone)	2,546	650	3,807	658
PEARS	21	32	2	65
PECANS	3	14	4	2
PERSIMMONS	13	-----	-----	9
PLUMS	88	27	62	69
PRUNES	344	805	-----	499
WALNUTS (Black)	83	105	60	551
WALNUTS (English)	5,912	1,828	4,507	2,495
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	55	-----	78	11
TOTAL	<u>46,910</u>	<u>24,438</u>	<u>42,153</u>	<u>15,377</u>

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1966 - 1967

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1967	13,282,000	Doz.	\$0.272		\$3,613,000
	1966	9,658,000	Doz.	0.338		3,264,000
EGGS-CHICKEN (Hatching)	1967	218,000	Doz.	0.62		135,000
	1966	215,000	Doz.	0.70		150,000
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1967	4,796,000	Each	0.25		1,199,000
	1966	7,519,000	Each	0.24		1,805,000
MILK (Goat)	1967	24,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.03		48,700
	1966	29,600	Lb. Butterfat	1.90		56,200
MILK (Market)	1967	4,268,000	Cwt.	4.65		19,846,000
	1966	4,362,000	Cwt.	4.48		19,542,000
MILK (Manufacturing)	1967	1,747,000	Cwt.	3.94		6,883,000
	1966	1,700,000	Cwt.	3.78		6,426,000
WOOL	1967	676,000	Lb.	0.46		311,000
	1966	530,000	Lb.	0.56		*297,000
TOTAL	1967					\$32,035,700
	1966					31,540,200

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BEE INDUSTRY 1966 - 1967

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
BEESWAX	1967	68,000	Lb.	0.60		\$40,800
	1966	119,000	Lb.	0.45		53,500
HONEY	1967	1,190,000	Lb.	0.11		131,000
	1966	698,000	Lb.	0.10		69,800
POLLINATION	1967	24,500	Colony	6.00		147,000
	1966	22,000	Colony	5.00		110,000
TOTAL	1967					\$318,800
	1966					233,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION & VALUE 1966 - 1967

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1967	127,000	889,000	Cwt.	\$22.20	\$19,736,000
	1966	126,000	882,000	Cwt.	23.80	20,992,000
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1967	26,560,000	86,320,000	Lb.	0.17	14,674,000
	1966	4,476,000	14,547,000	Lb.	0.179	2,604,000
OTHER CHICKENS	1967	650,000	2,600,000	Lb.	0.04	104,000
	1966	304,000	1,398,000	Lb.	0.07	97,900
PULLETS	1967	1,445,000	-----	Each	1.59	2,298,000
	1966	2,284,000	-----	Each	1.60	3,654,000
GEESE	1967	53,500	-----	Each	2.00	107,000
	1966	54,000	-----	Each	2.00	108,000
GOATS	1967	439	-----	Each	16.20	7,110
	1966	482	-----	Each	13.50	6,500
HOGS AND PIGS	1967	12,000	24,000	Cwt.	20.10	482,000
	1966	12,800	25,600	Cwt.	23.80	609,000
SHEET AND Lambs	1967	62,400	49,900	Cwt.	22.40	1,118,000
	1966	56,100	44,900	Cwt.	23.40	1,051,000
TURKEYS	1967	1,958,000	41,108,000	Lb.	0.20	8,222,000
	1966	2,046,000	42,966,000	Lb.	0.235	10,097,000
TURKEY POULTS	1967	333,000	-----	Each	0.578	192,000
	1966	388,000	-----	Each	0.605	235,000
TOTAL	1967					\$46,940,110
	1966					39,454,400

NURSERY PRODUCTS

PRODUCTION ACREAGE, SALES AND VALUE 1966 - 1967

TOTAL*	1967	650	\$1,794,000
	1966	1,150	2,501,000

*Includes Budwood, Pits and Cuttings; Citrus, Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees; Grapevines; Semi-Tropical Ornamental and Shade Trees; Shrubs and Ornamental Plants. The separate production and value data are not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

ACREAGE SUMMARY 1966 - 1967

CLASSIFICATION	1966	1967
FIELD & TRUCK CROPS INCLUDING SEED CROPS	343,896	340,352
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS INCLUDING NON-BEARING	65,784	71,166
NURSERY AND MISCELLANEOUS CROPS	1,150	650
PASTURE LAND (Arable Not Farmed)	208,980	170,206
PASTURE LAND (Not Arable)	560,670	578,899
SLOUGHS, RIVERS, PONDS, BRUSH, BUILDING SITES, CANALS, ROADS, AIRPORTS, CITIES AND OTHER	88,000	107,207
TOTAL ACREAGE	*1,268,480	1,268,480

MERCED COUNTY GROSS VALUE ALL CROPS

ITEM	1966	1967
BEE INDUSTRY	\$233,300	\$318,800
FIELD CROPS	42,640,800	40,200,600
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	20,789,540	20,033,300
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	39,454,400	46,940,110
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	31,540,200	32,035,700
NURSERY PRODUCTS	2,501,000	1,794,000
SEED CROPS	2,396,300	1,201,800
VEGETABLE CROPS	*19,441,700	18,118,340
GRAND TOTAL	*158,997,240	<u>\$160,642,650</u>

*Revised



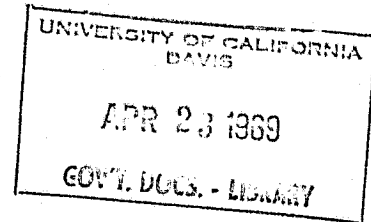
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To: Jerry W. Fielder, State Director of Agriculture, and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Merced County

In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1968 Agricultural Crop Report, which contains the acreage, production, and gross value of the agricultural crops of Merced County.

The 1968 gross value of 92 crops produced in Merced County is the highest in history--being \$166,306,220. During 1968, weather conditions were considered ideal for most crops. Some localized areas were damaged by frost, and some difficulty was incurred from early rains to harvest cotton; however, the overall production would be considered excellent.

Again, it is significant that the dairy industry is the number one dollar producer in the County; followed by cattle and calves. Chicken meat birds are still increasing, with turkeys decreasing for the past three years. Acreage increase in peaches and almonds, with good production, added considerably to the fruit and nut crops, and also the high price for walnuts. The market tomato industry was considered normal in 1968, compared to a disaster in 1967, with an increase in canning acreage.

Values contained in this Crop Report are gross figures and in no way reflect the net income to the farmers. Characterized by nearly all agriculture, production cost has risen considerably during 1968.

Sincerely,



Rex Lyndall
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights
and Measures

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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1968	50,600	1.0	50,600	Ton	\$45.00	\$ 2,277,000
	1967	58,900	1.25	73,630	Ton	48.00	3,533,000
BEANS (Dry)	1968	2,730	1.25	3,410	Ton	230.00	784,000
	1967	2,340	1.1	2,570	Ton	278.00	714,000
CORN (Grain)	1968	14,800	2.4	35,600	Ton	59.00	2,100,000
	1967	14,800	2.0	29,600	Ton	47.00	1,391,000
COTTON (Lint)	1968	26,200	907 Lbs.	49,600	500 lb. bale	105.33	5,227,000
	1967	22,300	799 Lbs.	37,200	500 lb. bale	183.15	6,813,000
COTTON (Seed)	1968	-----	-----	19,800	Ton	61.50	1,218,000
	1967	-----	-----	14,800	Ton	53.00	784,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1968	75,000	6.0	450,000	Ton	26.50	11,925,000
	1967	75,400	5.30	400,000	Ton	29.60	11,840,000
HAY (Alfalfa-Cube)	1968	8,000	6.0	48,000	Ton	31.00	1,488,000
	1967	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	-----
HAY (Grain)	1968	13,800	2.4	33,100	Ton	26.00	861,000
	1967	6,230	3.60	22,400	Ton	24.00	538,000
HAY (Wild)	1968	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	-----
	1967	1,400	1.5	2,100	Ton	18.00	37,800
OATS (Grain)	1968	1,400	0.8	1,120	Ton	46.00	51,500
	1967	1,360	0.75	1,020	Ton	52.50	53,600
PASTURE (Permanent)	1968	105,000	-----	-----	Acre	42.00	4,410,000
	1967	102,000	-----	-----	Acre	42.00	4,284,000
PASTURE (Other)	1968	745,000	-----	-----	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
	1967	749,000	-----	-----	Acre	5.00	3,745,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1968	1,700	-----	-----	Acre	25.00	42,500
	1967	2,780	-----	-----	Acre	25.00	69,500
PEAS (Dry)	1968	165	1.0	165	Ton	110.00	18,200
	1967	705	1.2	846	Ton	110.00	93,100
RYE (Grain)	1968	1,200	0.35	420	Ton	50.00	21,000
	1967	950	0.50	475	Ton	50.00	23,800
RICE	1968	7,000	2.50	17,500	Ton	97.00	1,698,000
	1967	7,690	2.50	19,200	Ton	96.00	1,843,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1968	11,300	17.0	192,000	Ton	5.00	960,000
	1967	11,600	15.8	183,000	Ton	5.00	915,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1968	21,000	1.25	26,200	Ton	45.50	1,192,000
	1967	18,500	1.75	32,400	Ton	44.30	1,435,000
STRAW	1968	-----	-----	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000
	1967	-----	-----	4,500	Ton	10.00	45,000

FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SAFFLOWER	1968	3,500	1.0	3,500	Ton	\$ 81.00	\$ 284,000
	1967	5,900	1.0	5,900	Ton	95.00	560,000
SUGAR BEETS	1968	3,600	23.25	83,700	Ton	13.80	1,155,000
	1967	5,180	19.5	101,000	Ton	12.90	1,303,000
STUBBLE* (Pasture)	1968	46,000	---	----	Acre	1.50	69,000
	1967	46,500	---	----	Acre	1.50	69,800
WHEAT (Grain)	1968	2,600	1.6	4,160	Ton	44.00	183,000
	1967	2,300	1.0	2,300	Ton	48.00	110,000
TOTAL	1968	<u>1,094,595</u>					<u>\$39,729,200</u>
	1967	<u>1,089,335</u>					<u>40,200,600</u>

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1968	900	600	540,000	Lb.	\$0.38	\$ 205,000
	1967	975	700	682,000	Lb.	0.47	321,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1968	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1967	590	1,650	974,000	Lb.	0.13	127,000
CORN (Hybrid)	1968	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1967	100	2,830	282,000	Lb.	0.235	66,300
OTHER	1968	420	2,400	1,008,000	Lb.	0.075	75,600
	1967	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	1968	1,320					\$280,600
	1967	1,665					514,300

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1968	620	910	564,000	Lb.	\$0.37	\$ 209,000
	1967	565	651	368,000	Lb.	0.45	166,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1968	1,600	1,500	2,400,000	Lb.	0.114	274,000
	1967	1,520	2,200	3,344,000	Lb.	0.115	385,000
CANTALOUPE	1968	50	500	25,000	Lb.	0.85	21,200
	1967	65	300	19,500	Lb.	0.75	14,600
SQUASH	1968	45	580	26,100	Lb.	0.52	13,600
	1967	35	700	24,500	Lb.	0.45	11,000
TOMATO	1968	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1967	40	100	4,000	Lb.	3.00	12,000
WATERMELON	1968	130	325	42,200	Lb.	0.82	34,600
	1967	205	250	51,200	Lb.	0.75	38,400
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1968	440	500	220,000	Lb.	0.27	59,400
	1967	152	442	67,200	Lb.	0.90	60,500
TOTAL OTHER SEED CROPS	1968	2,885					\$611,800
	1967	2,582					687,500
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1968	4,205					\$ 892,400
	1967	4,247					1,201,800

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1968	5,800	1.5	8,700	Ton	\$180.00	\$1,566,000
	1967	4,240	1.5	6,360	Ton	160.00	1,018,000
BEANS (String)	1968	300	1.4	420	Ton	93.00	39,100
	1967	430	1.5	645	Ton	90.00	58,000
CORN (Sweet)	1968	950	5.0	4,750	Ton	112.00	532,000
	1967	778	5.5	4,280	Ton	98.00	419,000
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1968	4,600	6.6	30,400	Ton	95.00	2,888,000
	1967	3,100	6.8	21,100	Ton	106.00	2,237,000
MELONS (Watermelons)	1968	1,100	9.0	9,900	Ton	20.00	198,000
	1967	1,340	15.0	20,100	Ton	35.00	704,000
PEAS (Freezer)	1968	2,000	1.2	2,400	Ton	98.00	235,000
	1967	1,100	1.2	1,320	Ton	75.00	99,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	1968	195	2.5	488	Ton	200.00	97,600
	1967	164	2.5	410	Ton	150.00	61,500
PEPPERS (Processing)	1968	260	6.75	1,760	Ton	63.00	111,000
	1967	150	5.0	750	Ton	63.50	47,600
SWEET POTATOES	1968	5,000	5.0	25,000	Ton	186.00	4,650,000
	1967	4,750	5.0	23,800	Ton	208.00	4,950,000
SWEET POTATOES (Cannery)	1968	325	6.0	1,950	Ton	65.00	127,000
	1967	226	6.0	1,360	Ton	65.00	88,400

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES (Processing)	1968	12,500	19.0	238,000	Ton	\$ 36.00	\$8,568,000
	1967	11,100	16.0	178,000	Ton	38.40	6,835,000
(Market)**	1968	-----	----	25,500	Ton	150.00	3,825,000
	1967	-----	----	9,000	Ton	140.00	1,260,000
MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES (Asparagus, Lettuce, Squash)	1968	683					284,000
	1967	492*					340,840*
TOTAL	1968	<u>33,713</u>					<u>\$23,120,700</u>
	1967	27,870					18,118,340

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**Includes tomatoes picked for fresh market from processing tomato acreage.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	PER UNIT		TOTAL	
ALMONDS	1968	15,304	0.58	8,880	Ton	\$500.00	\$4,440,000	
	1967	13,424	0.60	8,050	Ton	588.00	4,733,000	
ALMONDS (Hulls)	1968	-----	----	12,200	Ton	10.00	122,000	
APRICOTS	1968	1,278	5.5	7,030	Ton	155.00	1,090,000	
	1967	1,236	7.29	9,010	Ton	140.00	1,261,000	
BERRIES (Bush)	1968	16	1.5	24	Ton	240.00	5,760	
	1967	9	3.0	27	Ton	200.00	5,400	
CHERRIES	1968	39	1.5	58	Ton	250.00	14,500	
	1967	27	0.60	16	Ton	300.00	4,800	
CITRUS	1968*	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----	
	1967	25	1.5	38	Ton	185.00	7,000	
FIGS (Cannery)	1968	1,876	1.3	2,440	Ton	240.00	586,000	
	1967	1,876	4.0	7,500	Ton	170.00**	1,275,000**	
FIGS (Dry)	1968	1,061	0.5	530	Ton	210.00	111,000	
	1967	1,598	0.5**	799**	Ton	200.00	160,000**	
GRAPES (Raisin)	1968	5,994	5.4	32,400	Ton	50.00	1,620,000	
	1967	6,074	5.4	32,800	Ton	40.00	1,312,000	
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1968	224	5.0	1,120	Ton	47.50	53,200	
	1967	235	5.0	1,180	Ton	37.50	44,200	
GRAPES (Wine)	1968	6,638	5.0	33,200	Ton	66.00	2,191,000	
	1967	6,305	4.5	28,400	Ton	55.00	1,562,000	
NECTARINES	1968	223	7.0	1,560	Ton	147.00	229,000	
	1967	223	6.5	1,450	Ton	157.00	228,000	
OLIVES	1968	134	3.0	402	Ton	363.00	146,000	
	1967*	134	---	-----	---	-----	-----	
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1968	7,016	15.0	105,200	Ton	75.20	7,911,000	
	1967	6,686	10.5	70,200	Ton	82.20	5,770,000	
PEACHES (Freestone)	1968	2,613	9.03	23,600	Ton	88.40	2,086,000	
	1967	2,546	6.52	16,600	Ton	75.00	1,245,000	
PEACHES (Fresh)	1968	-----	---	2,400	Ton	114.00	274,000	
	1967	-----	---	1,350	Ton	141.00	190,000	
PLUMS	1968	105	4.0	420	Ton	179.00	75,200	
	1967	88	4.0	352	Ton	180.00	63,400	
PRUNES	1968	480	2.2	1,060	Ton	310.00	329,000	
	1967	344	1.7	585	Ton	255.00	149,000	

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRIES	1968	5	2.0	10	Ton	\$375.00	\$ 3,750
	1967	9	2.5	22	Ton	500.00	11,000
WALNUTS (Blacks)	1968	85	1.0	85	Ton	18.00	1,530
	1967	83	1.0	83	Ton	18.00	1,500
WALNUTS (English)	1968	6,322	0.75	4,740	Ton	680.00	3,223,000
	1967	5,912	0.80	4,730	Ton	540.00	2,554,000
MISCELLANEOUS (Pears, Pecans, Persimmons)	1968	53					\$ 7,900
	1967	37					11,000
TOTAL	1968	<u>49,466</u>					<u>\$24,519,840</u>
	1967	<u>46,871</u>					<u>20,587,300**</u>

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FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1963 - 1968

CROPS	YEAR 1968		YEAR 1963	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	15,304	15,350	10,832	4,525
APRICOTS	1,278	70	898	457
CHERRIES	39	28	27	78
FIGS (Cannery)	1,876	-----	2,412	84
FIGS (Dry)	1,061	50	1,765	71
GRAPES (Raisin)	5,994	9	9,330	541
GRAPES (Table)	224	2	773	3
GRAPES (Wine)	6,638	1,304	4,775	403
NECTARINES	223	36	304	6
OLIVES	134	19	137	4
ORANGES	25	7	7	22
PEACHES (Clingstone)	7,016	2,024	7,805	1,401
PEACHES (Freestone)	2,613	690	4,172	280
PEARS	37	16	2	65
PECANS	3	14	4	2
PERSIMMONS	13	-----	9	-----
PLUMS	105	10	69	85
PRUNES	480	697	-----	499
WALNUTS (Black)	85	99	66	545
WALNUTS (English)	6,322	1,474	4,896	2,086
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	73	-----	78	11
TOTAL	<u>49,543</u>	<u>21,899</u>	<u>48,361</u>	<u>11,168</u>

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1967 - 1968

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1968	15,558,000	Doz.	\$0.279	\$ 4,341,000	
	1967	13,282,000	Doz.	0.272	3,613,000	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Hatching)	1968	305,000	Doz.	0.65	198,000	
	1967	218,000	Doz.	0.62	135,000	
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1968	4,187,000	Each	0.24	1,005,000	
	1967	4,796,000	Each	0.25	1,199,000	
MILK (Goat)	1968	29,100	Lb. Butterfat	2.17	63,100	
	1967	24,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.03	48,700	
MILK (Market)	1968	4,776,000	Cwt.	4.75	22,686,000	
	1967	4,268,000	Cwt.	4.65	19,846,000	
MILK (Manufacturing)	1968	1,577,000	Cwt.	4.00	6,308,000	
	1967	1,747,000	Cwt.	3.94	6,883,000	
WOOL	1968	527,000	Lb.	0.46	242,000	
	1967	676,000	Lb.	0.46	311,000	
TOTAL	1968				\$34,843,100	
	1967				32,035,700	

BEE INDUSTRY 1967 - 1968

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
BEESWAX	1968	50,600	Lb.	0.70	\$ 35,400	
	1967	68,000	Lb.	0.60	40,800	
BULK BEES	1968	2,600	Lb.	1.00	2,600	
HONEY	1968	668,000	Lb.	0.12	80,200	
	1967	1,190,000	Lb.	0.11	131,000	
POLLEN	1968	1,600	Lb.	1.00	1,600	
POLLINATION	1968	25,500	Colony	6.50	166,000	
	1967	24,500	Colony	6.00	147,000	
QUEENS	1968	2,500	Lb.	1.35	3,380	
TOTAL	1968				\$ 289,180	
	1967				318,800	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION & VALUE 1967 - 1968

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1968	134,000	938,000	Cwt.	\$25.00	\$23,450,000
	1967	127,000	889,000	Cwt.	22.20	19,736,000
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1968	14,323,000	46,550,000	Lb.	0.17	7,914,000
	1967	12,260,000**	39,845,000**	Lb.	0.17	6,774,000**
OTHER CHICKENS	1968	415,000	1,660,000	Lb.	0.06	99,600
	1967	650,300	2,600,000	Lb.	0.04	104,000
PULLETS	1968	619,000	-----	Each	1.50	928,000
	1967	1,445,000	-----	Each	1.59	2,298,000
GEESE	1968	52,000	-----	Each	2.25	117,000
	1967	53,500	-----	Each	2.00	107,000
GOATS	1968	610	-----	Each	17.60	10,700
	1967	439	-----	Each	16.20	7,110
HOGS AND PIGS	1968	14,200	28,500	Cwt.	19.50	556,000
	1967	12,000	24,000	Cwt.	20.10	482,000
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1968	65,300	58,700	Cwt.	24.30	1,426,000
	1967	62,400	49,900	Cwt.	22.40	1,118,000
TURKEYS	1968	1,462,000	30,701,000	Lb.	0.21	6,447,000
	1967	1,958,000	41,108,000	Lb.	0.20	8,222,000
TURKEY POULTS	1968	151,000	-----	Each	0.50	75,500
	1967	333,000	-----	Each	0.578	192,000
TOTAL	1968					\$41,023,800
	1967					39,040,110**

NURSERY PRODUCTS

PRODUCTION ACREAGE, SALES AND VALUE 1967 - 1968

TOTAL*	1968	435	\$ 1,888,000
	1967	650	1,794,000

*Includes Budwood, Pits and Cuttings; Citrus, Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees; Grapevines; Semi-Tropical Ornamental and Shade Trees; Shrubs and Ornamental Plants. The separate production and value data are not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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MERCED COUNTY GROSS VALUE ALL CROPS

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FIELD CROPS	40,200,600	39,729,200
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	20,587,300*	24,519,840
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	39,040,110*	41,023,800
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	32,035,700	34,843,100
NURSERY PRODUCTS	1,794,000	1,888,000
SEED CROPS	1,201,800	892,400
VEGETABLE CROPS	18,118,340	23,120,700
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$153,296,650*</u>	<u>\$166,306,220</u>

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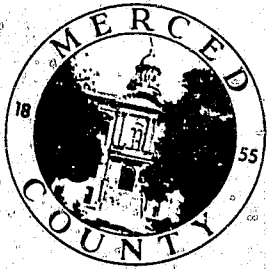
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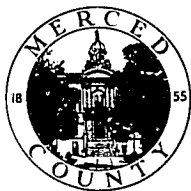


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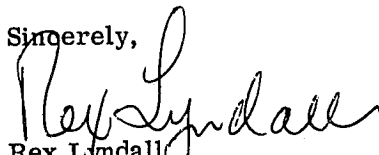
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1969 Agricultural Crop Report which contains the acreage, production, and gross value of the agricultural crops produced in Merced County.

The gross value in 1969, \$172,485,440, is about \$5,000,000 higher than in 1968. The dairy industry, as before, accounts for the largest income of the 92 crops contained in the report. Possibly the most significant increase has been in broilers and fryers. This industry is increasing each year within the county. Some fruit crops, such as almonds, have had a large increase in planted acres in previous years reflected in the bearing acreage this year. Processing tomatoes were down acreage-wise, as well as price, resulting in significant lower returns. Seed crops are continually dropping.

It is to be borne in mind that the values contained in this crop report are gross figures and in no way reflect the net income to the farmers. The agricultural industry in Merced County is similar to agriculture throughout the state -- production costs rising each year, and price increases hardly taking care of the increased cost of production.

Sincerely,


Rex Lyndall
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights
and Measures

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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1969	50,300	1.50	75,500	Ton	\$50.00	\$3,775,000
	1968	50,600	1.0	50,600	Ton	45.00	2,277,000
BEANS (Dry)	1969	3,620	1.0	3,620	Ton	205.00	742,000
	1968	2,730	1.25	3,410	Ton	230.00	784,000
CORN (Grain)	1969	25,600	2.1	53,800	Ton	55.00	2,959,000
	1968	14,800	2.4	35,600	Ton	59.00	2,100,000
COTTON (Lint)	1969	24,030	760 lbs.	38,100	500 lb. bale	105.38	4,015,000
	1968	26,200	907 lbs.	49,600	500 lb. bale	105.38	5,227,000
COTTON (Seed)	1969	-----	----	15,200	Ton	48.00	730,000
	1968	-----	----	19,800	Ton	61.50	1,218,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1969	57,700	6.0	346,000	Ton	28.50	9,861,000
	1968	75,000	6.0	450,000	Ton	26.50	11,925,000
HAY (Alfalfa-Cube)	1969	9,200	6.0	52,200	Ton	32.00	1,670,000
	1968	8,000	6.0	48,000	Ton	31.00	1,488,000
HAY (Grain)	1969	7,240	2.4	17,400	Ton	24.00	418,000
	1968	13,800	2.4	33,100	Ton	26.00	861,000
OATS (Grain)	1969	1,560	0.7	1,090	Ton	50.00	54,500
	1968	1,400	0.8	1,120	Ton	46.00	51,500
PASTURE (Permanent)	1969	106,000	---	-----	Acre	42.00	4,452,000
	1968	105,000	---	-----	Acre	42.00	4,410,000
PASTURE (Other)	1969	746,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,730,000
	1968	745,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1969	3,250	---	-----	Acre	25.00	81,200
	1968	1,700	---	-----	Acre	25.00	42,500
PEAS (Dry)	1969	1,400	0.75	1,050	Ton	100.00	105,000
	1968	165	1.0	165	Ton	110.00	18,200
RYE (Grain)	1969	302	0.25	75	Ton	65.00	4,900
	1968	1,200	0.35	420	Ton	50.00	21,000
RICE	1969	6,580	2.8	18,400	Ton	95.00	1,748,000
	1968	7,000	2.50	17,500	Ton	97.00	1,698,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1969	15,300	20.0	306,000	Ton	6.00	1,836,000
	1968	11,300	17.0	192,000	Ton	5.00	960,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1969	15,000	1.75	26,200	Ton	45.00	1,179,000
	1968	21,000	1.25	26,200	Ton	45.50	1,192,000
STRAW	1969	-----	---	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000
	1968	-----	---	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000

FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SAFFLOWER	1969	2,200	1.1	2,420	Ton	\$80.00	\$194,000
	1968	3,500	1.0	3,500	Ton	81.00	284,000
SUGAR BEETS	1969	9,200	21.30	196,000	Ton	13.80	2,705,000
	1968**	5,008	23.24	116,400	Ton	13.80	1,606,000
STUBBLE* (Pasture)	1969	45,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	67,500
	1968	46,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	69,000
WHEAT (Grain)	1969	5,750	1.75	10,100	Ton	49.00	495,000
	1968	2,600	1.6	4,160	Ton	44.00	183,000
TOTAL	1969	<u>1,090,232</u>					\$40,862,100
	1968**	1,096,003					40,180,200

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1969	100	175	17,500	lb.	\$0.45	\$ 7,900
	1968	900	600	540,000	lb.	0.38	205,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1969	305	1000	305,000	lb.	0.12	36,600
	1968	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
OTHER	1969	350	2,000	700,000	lb.	0.050	35,000
	1968	420	2,400	1,008,000	lb.	0.075	75,600
TOTAL	1969	755					\$ 79,500
	1968	1,320					280,600

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1969	800	165	132,000	lb.	\$0.40	\$ 52,800
	1968	620	910	564,000	lb.	0.37	209,000
BEANS (All Varieties)	1969	2,220	2,200	4,884,000	lb.	.10	488,000
	1968	1,600	1,500	2,400,000	lb.	0.114	274,000
CANTALOUPE	1969	175	330	57,800	lb.	0.84	48,600
	1968	50	500	25,000	lb.	0.85	21,200
SQUASH	1969	65	560	36,400	lb.	0.51	18,600
	1968	45	580	26,100	lb.	0.52	13,600
WATERMELON	1969	195	225	43,900	lb.	0.85	37,300
	1968	130	325	42,200	lb.	0.82	34,600
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1969	112	2,830	317,000	lb.	0.10	31,700
	1968	440	500	220,000	lb.	0.27	59,400
TOTAL OTHER SEED CROPS	1969	<u>3,567</u>					\$677,000
	1968	<u>2,885</u>					611,800
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1969	<u>4,322</u>					\$756,500
	1968	<u>4,205</u>					892,400

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1969	4,100	1.16	4,760	Ton	\$169.00	\$ 804,000
	1968	5,800	1.5	8,700	Ton	180.00	1,566,000
	1969	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
BEANS (String)	1968	300	1.4	420	Ton	93.00	39,100
CORN (Sweet)	1969	1,150	3.6	4,140	Ton	75.00	310,000
	1968	950	5.0	4,750	Ton	112.00	532,000
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1969	6,800	5.2	35,400	Ton	93.50	3,310,000
	1968	4,600	6.6	30,400	Ton	95.00	2,888,000
MELONS (Mixed)	1969	1,110	8.0	8,880	Ton	100.00	888,000
MELONS (Watermelons)	1969	997	5.0	4,980	Ton	30.00	149,000
	1968	1,100	9.0	9,900	Ton	20.00	198,000
PEAS (Freezer)	1969	894	1.5	1,340	Ton	105.00	141,000
	1968	2,000	1.2	2,400	Ton	98.00	235,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	1969	385	2.0	770	Ton	175.00	135,000
	1968	195	2.5	488	Ton	200.00	97,600
PEPPERS (Processing)	1969	65	6.0	390	Ton	63.00	24,600
	1968	260	6.75	1,760	Ton	63.00	111,000
SWEET POTATOES (Cannery)	1969	270	14.0	3,780	Ton	60.00	227,000
	1968	325	6.0	1,950	Ton	65.00	127,000
SWEET POTATOES	1969	5,300	4.51	23,900	Ton	170.00	4,063,000
	1968	5,000	5.0	25,000	Ton	186.00	4,650,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES (Processing)	1969	10,100	12.57	127,000	Ton	\$27.00	\$3,429,000
	1968	12,500	19.0	238,000	Ton	36.00	8,568,000
(Market)**	1969	-----	2.6	1,342,000	40 lb ctns.	2.56	3,436,000
	1968	-----	---	25,500	Ton	150.00	3,825,000
TOTAL TOMATOES	1969	<u>10,100</u>	15.2	153,840	Ton		<u>6,865,000</u>
MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES (Asparagus, Lettuce, Squash, Onion, Turnip)	1969	566					312,000
	1968	683					284,000
TOTAL	1969	<u>31,737</u>					<u>\$17,228,600</u>
	1968	<u>33,713</u>					<u>23,120,700</u>

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**Includes tomatoes picked for fresh market from processing tomato acreage.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS	1969	19,197	.70	13,440	Ton	\$520.00	\$6,989,000
	1968**	15,304	.651	9,960	Ton	500.00	4,980,000
ALMONDS (Hulls)	1969	-----	---	17,000	Ton	10.00	170,000
	1968	-----	---	12,200	Ton	10.00	122,000
APRICOTS	1969	1,259	8.0	10,100	Ton	120.00	1,212,000
	1968	1,278	5.5	7,030	Ton	155.00	1,090,000
BERRIES (Bush)	1969	20	1.5	30	Ton	240.00	7,200
	1968	16	1.5	24	Ton	240.00	5,760
CHERRIES	1969	50	1.0	50	Ton	300.00	15,000
	1968	39	1.5	58	Ton	250.00	14,500
CITRUS	1969	20	0.5	10	Ton	175.00	1,750
	1968 *	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
FIGS (Cannery)	1969	1,876	2.1	3,940	Ton	260.00	1,024,000
	1968	1,876	1.3	2,440	Ton	240.00	586,000
FIGS (Dry)	1969	878	0.5	440	Ton	212.00	93,300
	1968	1,061	0.5	530	Ton	210.00	111,000
GRAPES (Raisin)	1969	5,706	5.5	31,400	Ton	46.00	1,444,000
	1968	5,994	5.4	32,400	Ton	50.00	1,620,000
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1969	199	5.0	995	Ton	50.00	49,800
	1968	224	5.0	1,120	Ton	47.50	53,200
GRAPES (Wine)	1969	7,565	5.0	37,800	Ton	68.00	2,570,000
	1968	6,638	5.0	33,200	Ton	66.00	2,191,000
NECTARINES	1969	232	7.0	1,620	Ton	110.00	178,000
	1968	223	7.0	1,560	Ton	147.00	229,000
OLIVES	1969	134	2.5	335	Ton	130.00	43,600
	1968	134	3.0	402	Ton	363.00	146,000
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1969	7,534	11.3	85,100	Ton	74.00	6,297,000
	1968	7,016	15.0	105,200	Ton	75.20	7,911,000
PEACHES (Freestone)	1969	2,864	10.6	30,400	Ton	55.00	1,672,000
	1968	2,613	9.03	23,600	Ton	88.40	2,086,000
PEACHES (Fresh)	1969	-----	---	2,000	Ton	54.00	108,000
	1968	-----	---	2,400	Ton	114.00	274,000
PLUMS	1969	95	3.1	295	Ton	140.00	41,300
	1968	105	4.0	420	Ton	179.00	75,200
PRUNES	1969	773	2.0	1,550	Ton	375.00	581,000
	1968	480	2.2	1,060	Ton	310.00	329,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1968 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRIES	1969	2.5	2.0	5	Ton	\$500.00	\$ 2,500
	1968	5	2.0	10	Ton	375.00	3,750
WALNUTS (Black)	1969	91	1.0	91	Ton	18.00	1,640
	1968	85	1.0	85	Ton	18.00	1,530
WALNUTS (English)	1969	6,260	1.0	6,260	Ton	520.00	3,255,000
	1968	6,322	0.75	4,740	Ton	680.00	3,223,000
MISCELLANEOUS (Pears, Pecans, Persimmons)	1969	40					\$ 6,600
	1968	53					7,900
TOTAL	1969	<u>54,796</u>					<u>\$25,762,690</u>
	1968**	49,466					25,059,840**

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FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1969 - 1964

CROPS	YEAR 1969		YEAR 1964	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	19, 197	12, 194	12, 041	4, 073
APRICOTS	1, 259	200	1, 265	19
CHERRIES	39	197	27	83
FIGS (Cannery)	1, 876	-----	2, 477	19
FIGS (Dry)	878	28	1, 764	50
GRAPES (Raisin)	5, 706	3	8, 972	445
GRAPES (Table)	199	2	776	0
GRAPES (Wine)	7, 565	711	5, 065	113
NECTARINES	232	33	310	0
OLIVES	134	19	139	2
ORANGES	25	4	-----	-----
PEACHES (Clingstone)	7, 534	2, 086	5, 659	1, 791
PEACHES (Freestone)	2, 864	614	4, 288	153
PEARS	37	0	8	67
PECANS	3	14	4	2
PERSIMMONS	13	-----	9	-----
PISTACHIO		60		
PLUMS	95	50	88	120
PRUNES	773	543	39	1, 036
WALNUTS (Black)	91	99	92	519
WALNUTS (English)	6, 280	1, 325	5, 237	2, 163
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	73	-----	90	2
TOTAL	<u>54, 837</u>	<u>18, 122</u>	<u>48, 350</u>	<u>10, 679</u>

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1968 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1969	17,175,000	Doz.	\$0.34	\$ 5,840,000	
	1968	15,558,000	Doz.	0.279	4,341,000	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Hatching)	1969	153,000	Doz.	.70	107,000	
	1968	305,000	Doz.	0.65	198,000	
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1969	5,742,000	Each	0.24	1,378,000	
	1968	4,187,000	Each	0.24	1,005,000	
MILK (Goat)	1969	26,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.20	57,200	
	1968	29,100	Lb. Butterfat	2.17	63,100	
MILK (Market)	1969	5,007,000	Cwt.	4.94	24,735,000	
	1968	4,776,000	Cwt.	4.75	22,686,000	
MILK (Manufacturing)	1969	1,419,000	Cwt.	4.17	5,917,000	
	1968	1,577,000	Cwt.	4.00	6,308,000	
WOOL	1969	436,000	Lb.	.431	188,000	
	1968	527,000	Lb.	0.46	242,000	
TOTAL	1969				\$38,222,200	
	1968				34,843,100	

BEE INDUSTRY 1968 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
					TOTAL	
BEESWAX	1969	82,800	Lb.	0.60	\$ 49,700	
	1968	50,600	Lb.	0.70	35,400	
BULK BEES	1969	3,050	Lb.	1.00	3,050	
	1968	2,600	Lb.	1.00	2,600	
HONEY	1969	2,178,000	Lb.	0.125	272,000	
	1968	668,000	Lb.	0.12	80,200	
POLLEN	1969					
	1968	1,600	Lb.	1.00	1,600	
POLLINATION	1969	26,000	Colony	8.12	211,000	
	1968	25,500	Colony	6.50	166,000	
QUEENS	1969	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	1968	2,500	Each	1.35	3,380	
TOTAL	1969				\$ 535,750	
	1968				289,180	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION & VALUE 1968 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1969	134,000	938,000	Cwt.	\$26.80	\$25,138,000
	1968	134,000	938,000	Cwt.	25.00	23,450,000
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1969	18,588,000	69,703,000	Lb.	0.17	11,850,000
	1968	14,323,000	46,550,000	Lb.	0.17	7,914,000
OTHER CHICKENS	1969	452,000	1,807,000	Lb.	.09	163,000
	1968	415,000	1,660,000	Lb.	0.06	99,600
PULLETS	1969	548,000	-----	Each	1.60	877,000
	1968	619,000	-----	Each	1.50	928,000
GOATS	1969	760	-----	Each	20.50	15,600
	1968	610	-----	Each	17.60	10,700
HOGS AND PIGS	1969	13,900	27,800	Cwt.	23.00	639,000
	1968	14,200	28,500	Cwt.	19.50	556,000
HORSES	1969	1,850	-----	Each	210.00	388,000
	1968	610	-----	Each	17.60	10,700
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1969	62,300	56,100	Cwt.	27.00	1,515,000
	1968	65,300	58,700	Cwt.	24.30	1,426,000
TURKEYS	1969	1,311,000	26,218,000	Lb.	0.24	6,292,000
	1968	1,462,000	30,701,000	Lb.	0.21	6,447,000
TURKEY POULTS	1969	140,000	-----	Each	0.50	70,000
	1968	151,000	-----	Each	0.50	75,500
TOTAL	1969					\$46,947,600
	1968					41,023,800

NURSERY PRODUCTS

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FIELD CROPS	40,180,200*	40,862,100
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	25,059,840*	25,762,690
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - HORSES	41,023,800	46,947,600
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	34,843,100	38,222,200
NURSERY PRODUCTS	1,888,000	2,170,000
SEED CROPS	892,400	756,500
VEGETABLE CROPS	23,120,700	17,228,600
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$167,297,220</u>	<u>\$172,485,440</u>

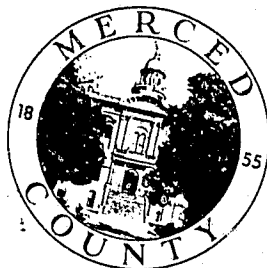
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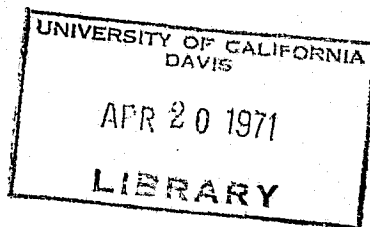
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COUNTY OF MERCED
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1970 Agricultural Crop Report which contains the acreage, production, and gross value of the agricultural crops produced in Merced County for the year 1970.

The gross value in 1970 was \$191,860,000, a \$19,040,000 increase from 1969. Significant increases are to be noted in alfalfa hay which is up \$3 million, about 7,000 tons of alfalfa cubes were exported, a relatively new industry. Sugar beets \$1 million, wheat has risen \$½ million, figs \$1 million, eggs down \$1 million because of price and production whereas broilers and fryers increased \$2 million despite a lower price. Milk, the number one commodity in gross value, was up \$2.75 million, turkeys increased in numbers with somewhat lower prices accounting for \$4.25 million increase. Seed crops including certified alfalfa seed continue downward in acreage and production. Freezer crops and sweet potatoes were significantly lower in acreage and price. Cotton down \$3/4 million, lower price and production down. Almonds were up \$1 million, and at the present time Merced County is the number one county in almond acreage in the state having about 22,000 acres of bearing almonds, and 10,000 acres of non-bearing almonds.

The values contained in this report are gross values and in no way reflect the net income of the farmer. Throughout California and the United States, production costs have continually risen, with price increases hardly taken care of by the cost of production.

Respectfully submitted,


Rex Lyndall
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Director of Weights
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Compilation of this Report
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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1970	49,700	1.50	74,500	Ton	\$57.00	\$3,800,000
	1969	50,300	1.50	75,500	Ton	50.00	3,775,000
BEANS (Dry)	1970	2,950	0.9	2,655	Ton	200.00	531,000
	1969	3,620	1.0	3,620	Ton	205.00	742,000
CORN (Grain)	1970	20,700	2.0	41,400	Ton	65.00	2,691,000
	1969	25,600	2.1	53,800	Ton	55.00	2,959,000
COTTON (Lint)	1970	23,500	625 lbs.	30,200	500 lb. bale	112.50	3,398,000
	1969	24,030	760 lbs.	38,100	500 lb. bale	105.38	4,015,000
COTTON (Seed)	1970	-----	-----	12,000	Ton	67.00	804,000
	1969	-----	-----	15,200	Ton	48.00	730,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1970	73,530	6.0	442,000	Ton	29.00	12,818,000
	1969	57,700	6.0	346,000	Ton	28.50	9,861,000
HAY (Alfalfa-Cube)	1970	6,180	6.0	37,100	Ton	33.00	1,224,000
	1969	9,200	6.0	52,200	Ton	32.00	1,670,000
HAY (Grain)	1970	16,195	2.5	40,500	Ton	25.00	1,012,000
	1969	7,240	2.4	17,400	Ton	24.00	418,000
OATS (Grain)	1970	1,530	0.75	1,150	Ton	48.00	55,200
	1969	1,560	0.7	1,090	Ton	50.00	54,500
PASTURE (Permanent)	1970	125,500	---	-----	Acre	42.00	5,271,000
	1969	106,000	---	-----	Acre	42.00	4,452,000
PASTURE (Other)	1970	745,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
	1969	746,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,730,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1970	3,525	---	-----	Acre	25.00	88,000
	1969	3,250	---	-----	Acre	25.00	81,200
PEAS (Dry)	1970	540	1.0	540	Ton	120.00	64,800
	1969	1,400	0.75	1,050	Ton	100.00	105,000
RYE (Grain)	1970	---	---	--	---	---	-----
	1969	302	0.25	75	Ton	65.00	4,900
RICE	1970	6,200	2.9	17,980	Ton	95.00	1,708,000
	1969	6,580	2.8	18,400	Ton	95.00	1,748,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1970	19,200	18.0	345,600	Ton	5.00	1,728,000
	1969	15,300	20.0	306,000	Ton	6.00	1,836,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1970	16,350	2.0	32,700	Ton	50.00	1,635,000
	1969	15,000	1.75	26,200	Ton	45.00	1,179,000
STRAW	1970	-----	---	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000
	1969	-----	---	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000

FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SAFFLOWER	1970	2,100	1.0	2,100	Ton	\$95.00	\$ 200,000
	1969	2,200	1.1	2,420	Ton	80.00	194,000
SUGAR BEETS	1970	10,378	26.0	270,000	Ton	14.32	3,866,000
	1969	9,200	21.30	196,000	Ton	13.80	2,705,000
STUBBLE* (Pasture)	1970	44,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	66,000
	1969	45,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	67,500
WHEAT (Grain)	1970	11,844	1.9	22,500	Ton	47.00	1,058,000
	1969	5,750	1.75	10,100	Ton	49.00	495,000
TOTAL	1970	1,174,593					\$45,783,000
	1969	1,090,232					\$40,862,100

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1970	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1969	100	175	17,500	lb.	\$0.45	\$ 7,900
BEANS (All Varieties)	1970	510	1,000	510,000	lb.	0.12	66,200
	1969	305	1,000	305,000	lb.	0.12	36,600
OTHER	1970	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1969	350	2,000	700,000	lb.	0.050	35,000
TOTAL	1970	510					\$61,200
	1969	755					\$79,500

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1970	100	100	10,000	lb.	\$0.37	\$ 3,700
	1969	800	165	132,000	lb.	0.40	52,800
BEANS (All Varieties)	1970	1,447	2,000	2,894,000	lb.	0.11	318,000
	1969	2,220	2,200	4,884,000	lb.	0.10	488,000
CANTALOUPE	1970	93	360	33,480	lb.	0.85	28,400
	1969	175	330	57,800	lb.	0.84	48,600
SQUASH	1970	58	1,215	70,470	lb.	0.51	36,000
	1969	65	560	36,400	lb.	0.51	18,600
WATERMELON	1970	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1969	195	225	43,900	lb.	0.85	37,300
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1970	110	2,000	220,000	lb.	0.10	22,000
	1969	112	2,830	317,000	lb.	0.10	31,700
TOTAL OTHER SEED CROPS	1970	1,808					\$408,100
	1969	3,567					\$677,000
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1970	2,318					\$469,300
	1969	4,322					\$756,500

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1970	2,630	1.36	3,580	Ton	\$170.00	\$ 608,000
	1969	4,100	1.16	4,760	Ton	169.00	804,000
CORN (Sweet)	1970	736	4.5	3,312	Ton	95.00	314,000
	1969	1,150	3.6	4,140	Ton	75.00	310,000
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1970	5,880	6.0	35,300	Ton	90.00	3,177,000
	1969	6,800	5.2	35,400	Ton	93.50	3,310,000
MELONS (Mixed)	1970	1,409	9.0	12,680	Ton	100.00	1,268,000
	1969	1,110	8.0	8,880	Ton	100.00	888,000
MELONS (Watermelons)	1970	700	10.0	7,000	Ton	27.50	192,500
	1969	997	5.0	4,980	Ton	30.00	149,000
PEAS (Freezer)	1970	500	1.4	700	Ton	81.40	57,000
	1969	894	1.5	1,340	Ton	105.00	141,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	1970	260	5.0	1,300	Ton	240.00	312,600
	1969	385	2.0	770	Ton	175.00	135,000
PEPPERS (Processing)	1970	132	5.0	660	Ton	90.50	60,000
	1969	65	6.0	390	Ton	63.00	24,600
SWEET POTATOES (Cannery)	1970	70	14.0	980	Ton	70.00	68,600
	1969	270	14.0	3,780	Ton	60.00	227,000
SWEET POTATOES	1970	3,800	5.0	19,000	Ton	140.00	2,660,000
	1969	5,300	4.51	23,900	Ton	170.00	4,063,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES MARKET	1970	5,154	---	964,000	40 lb.ctns.	\$3.43	\$3,306,000
	1969	10,100	---	1,342,000	40 lb.ctns.	2.56	3,436,000
PROCESSING (From Market Acreage)	1970	---	---	42,520	Ton	25.00	1,063,000
	1969	---	---	127,000	Ton	27.00	3,429,000
PROCESSING (Canning Varieties)	1970	4,644	23	106,000	Ton	25.00	2,650,000
TOTAL TOMATOES	1970	9,798		167,800	Ton		7,019,000
	1969	10,100		153,840	Ton		6,865,000
MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES (Asparagus, Lettuce, Squash, Onion Turnip Cucumber)	1970	585					334,000
	1969	566					312,000
TOTAL	1970	26,500					\$16,070,700
	1969	31,737					\$17,228,600

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970-1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS	1970	21,864	0.72	15,740	Ton	\$535.00	\$8,420,000
	** 1969	19,197	0.70	13,440	Ton	545.00	7,324,000
ALMONDS (Hulls)	1970	----	---	19,700	Ton	10.00	197,000
	1969	----	---	17,000	Ton	10.00	170,000
APRICOTS	1970	1,289	4.0	5,156	Ton	128.00	660,000
	1969	1,259	8.0	10,100	Ton	120.00	1,212,000
BERRIES (Bush)	1970	33	1.5	50	Ton	275.00	13,700
	1969	20	1.5	30	Ton	240.00	7,200
CHERRIES	1970	58	0.3	17	Ton	400.00	6,800
	1969	50	1.0	50	Ton	300.00	15,000
CITRUS	1970	29	0.75	21	Ton	180.00	3,800
	1969	20	0.5	10	Ton	175.00	1,750
FIGS (Cannery)	1970	1,876	4.0	7,504	Ton	271.00	2,034,000
	1969	1,876	2.1	3,940	Ton	260.00	1,024,000
FIGS (Dry)	1970	649	0.5	324	Ton	230.00	74,600
	1969	878	0.5	440	Ton	212.00	93,300
GRAPES (Raisin)	1970	5,497	4.5	24,736	Ton	54.00	1,336,000
	1969	5,706	5.5	31,400	Ton	46.00	1,444,000
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1970	201	4.0	804	Ton	65.00	52,000
	1969	199	5.0	995	Ton	50.00	49,800
GRAPES (Wine)	1970	7,534	4.0	30,200	Ton	95.00	2,869,000
	1969	7,565	5.0	37,800	Ton	68.00	2,570,000
NECTARINES	1970	229	7.5	1,720	Ton	130.00	223,600
	1969	232	7.0	1,620	Ton	110.00	178,000
OLIVES	1970	134	1.25	168	Ton	120.00	20,000
	1969	134	2.5	335	Ton	130.00	43,600
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1970	7,716	10.3	79,500	Ton	81.00	6,440,000
	1969	7,534	11.3	85,100	Ton	74.00	6,297,000
PEACHES (Freestone)	1970	2,899	8.6	25,000	Ton	50.00	1,250,000
	1969	2,864	10.6	30,400	Ton	55.00	1,672,000
PEACHES (Fresh)	1970	---	---	5,400	Ton	63.00	340,000
	1969	---	---	2,000	Ton	54.00	108,000
PLUMS	1970	104	4.5	468	Ton	115.00	54,000
	1969	95	3.1	295	Ton	140.00	41,300
PRUNES	1970	957	2.4	2,296	Ton	340.00	780,000
	1969	773	2.0	1,550	Ton	375.00	581,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1970 - 1969

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRIES	1970	2.5	2.0	5	Ton	\$475.00	\$ 2,400
	1969	2.5	2.0	5	Ton	500.00	2,500
WALNUTS (Black)	1970	103	1.0	103	Ton	13.00	1,850
	1969	91	1.0	91	Ton	18.00	1,640
WALNUTS (English)	1970	7,193	1.5	10,800	Ton	460.00	4,968,000
	1969	6,260	1.0	6,260	Ton	520.00	3,255,000
MISCELLANEOUS (Pears, Pecans)	1970	40					5,000
	1969	40					6,600
TOTAL	1970	58,407					\$29,752,000
	1969	54,796					** \$26,098,000

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FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1970 - 1965

CROPS	YEAR 1970		YEAR 1965	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	21,864	10,906	12,903	5,996
APRICOTS	1,289	260	1,362	----
CHERRIES	58	178	27	83
FIGS (Cannery)	1,876	----	1,986	----
FIGS (Dry)	647	28	1,270	50
GRAPES (Raisin)	5,497	----	8,609	466
GRAPES (Table)	201	----	770	----
GRAPES (Wine)	7,534	730	5,854	1,533
NECTARINES	229	44	315	----
OLIVES	134	19	141	----
ORANGES	30	2	28	7
PEACHES (Clingstone)	7,716	1,528	6,045	1,898
PEACHES (Freestone)	2,899	613	4,216	319
PEARS	28	----	8	65
PECANS	3	14	4	2
PERSIMMONS	13	----	9	----
PISTACHIO	-----	60	-----	----
PLUMS	104	46	118	67
PRUNES	957	359	235	839
WALNUTS (Black)	103	87	171	448
WALNUTS (English)	7,193	769	6,069	1,056
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	73	----	53	----
TOTAL	<u>58,375</u>	<u>15,643</u>	<u>50,193</u>	<u>12,829</u>

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1970 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1970	14,403,000	Doz.	\$0.318	\$ 4,580,000
	1969	17,175,000	Doz.	0.34	5,840,000
EGGS-CHICKEN (Hatching)	1970	106,450	Doz.	0.70	74,500
	1969	153,000	Doz.	0.70	107,000
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1970	8,292,890	Each	0.23	1,907,000
	1969	5,742,000	Each	0.24	1,378,000
MILK (Goat)	1970	29,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.25	65,300
	1969	26,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.20	57,200
MILK (Market)	1970	5,255,000	Cwt.	5.16	27,116,000
	1969	5,007,000	Cwt.	4.94	24,735,000
MILK (Manufacturing)	1970	1,536,000	Cwt.	4.40	6,758,000
	1969	1,419,000	Cwt.	4.17	5,917,000
WOOL	1970	432,000	Lb.	0.40	172,000
	1969	436,000	Lb.	0.431	188,000
TOTAL	1970				\$40,672,000
	1969				\$38,222,200

BEE INDUSTRY 1970 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEESWAX	1970	35,300	Lb.	0.58	\$ 20,500
	1969	82,800	Lb.	0.60	49,700
BULK BEES	1970	1,470	Lb.	1.00	1,500
	1969	3,050	Lb.	1.00	3,050
HONEY	1970	863,000	Lb.	0.14	121,000
	1969	2,178,000	Lb.	0.125	272,000
POLLEN	1970	3,000	Lb.	1.00	3,000
	1969	----	--	---	-----
POLLINATION	1970	27,000	Colony	8.11	219,000
	1969	26,000	Colony	8.12	211,000
QUEENS	1970	3,750	Each	1.25	4,700
	1969	----	----	----	-----
TOTAL	1970				\$ 370,000
	1969				\$ 535,750

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION & VALUE 1970 - 1969

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT			TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1970	135,000	945,000	Cwt.	\$29.30	\$27,688,000
	1969	134,000	938,000	Cwt.	26.80	25,138,000
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1970	23,634,000	87,446,000	Lb.	0.16	13,992,000
	1969	18,588,000	69,703,000	Lb.	0.17	11,850,000
OTHER CHICKENS	1970	445,600	1,782,000	Lb.	0.07	124,000
	1969	452,000	1,807,000	Lb.	0.09	163,000
PULLETS	1970	388,500	-----	Each	1.60	622,000
	1969	548,000	-----	Each	1.60	877,000
GOATS	1970	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1969	760	-----	Each	20.50	15,600
HOGS AND PIGS	1970	13,787	27,600	Cwt.	24.00	662,000
	1969	13,900	27,800	Cwt.	23.00	639,000
HORSES	1970	1,680	-----	Each	200.00	336,000
	1969	1,850	-----	Each	210.00	388,000
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1970	55,580	47,200	Cwt.	27.00	1,274,000
	1969	62,300	56,100	Cwt.	27.00	1,515,000
TURKEYS	1970	2,501,000	50,020,000	Lb.	0.228	11,404,000
	1969	1,311,000	26,218,000	Lb.	0.24	6,292,000
TURKEY POULTS	1970	519,000	-----	Each	0.50	260,000
	1969	140,000	-----	Each	0.50	70,000
TOTAL	1970					\$56,362,000
	1969					\$46,947,600

NURSERY PRODUCTS
PRODUCTION ACREAGE, SALES AND VALUE 1970-1969

TOTAL*	1970	445	\$2,382,000
	1969	427	\$2,170,000

*Includes Budwood, Pits and Cuttings; Citrus, Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees; Grapevines; Semi-Tropical Ornamental and Shade Trees; Shrubs and Ornamental Plants. The separate production and value data are not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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MERCED COUNTY GROSS VALUE ALL CROPS

ITEM	1970	1969
BEE INDUSTRY	\$ 370,000	\$ 535,750
FIELD CROPS	45,783,000	40,862,100
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	29,752,000	*26,098,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - HORSES	56,362,000	46,947,600
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	40,672,000	38,222,200
NURSERY PRODUCTS	2,382,000	2,170,000
SEED CROPS	469,300	756,500
VEGETABLES CROPS	16,070,700	17,228,600
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$191,860,300</u>	<u>*\$172,820,000</u>

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In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1971 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report, which contains the acreage, production and gross value of the 62 agricultural crops produced in Merced County for the year of 1971.

The gross agricultural value of 1971 is \$216,355,380, the first year to exceed two hundred million and an increase of \$24,495,080 from 1970. As in the past, milk and milk products are the leading agricultural commodities of the County. Thirteen categories exceed 5 million dollars; they are as follows: Milk, cattle and calves, alfalfa hay and cubes, broilers and fryers, tomatoes, almonds, turkeys, wine grapes, cling peaches, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes and permanent pasture. Almonds with a total acreage of 37,855, places Merced County as the number one County of the State in almond acreage. Again, we far exceed any other County in sweet potato acreage and production. It is significant to note a decrease of around 3 million dollars in turkey production from 1970. Of the apricot acreage in the County, only 63 percent was harvested, the balance dropped to the ground because of no market. Cling peaches reflected a decrease because of less acreage and lower prices.

The values contained in this report are gross values and in no way reflect the net income to the farmer. California, similar to other States in the nation in the agriculture industry, had increased production costs with price increases of their commodities not rising in proportion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Lyndall
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights and Measures

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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1971	38,850	1.50	58,275	Ton	\$59.00	\$3,438,000
	1970	49,700	1.50	74,500	Ton	57.00	3,800,000
BEANS (Dry)	1971	1,835	0.75	1,376	Ton	270.00	372,000
	1970	2,950	0.9	2,655	Ton	200.00	531,000
CORN (Grain)	1971	27,983	2.5	69,957	Ton	65.00	4,548,000
	1970	20,700	2.0	41,400	Ton	65.00	2,691,000
COTTON (Lint)	1971	26,000	742 lbs.	40,200	500 lb. bale	150.88	6,066,000
	1970	23,500	625 lbs.	30,200	500 lb. bale	112.50	3,398,000
COTTON (Seed)	1971	----	----	25,722	Ton	65.00	1,672,000
	1970	----	----	12,000	Ton	67.00	804,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1971	70,928	6.0	425,568	Ton	32.00	13,618,000
	1970	73,530	6.0	442,000	Ton	29.00	12,818,000
HAY (Alfalfa-Cube)	1971	7,938	6.0	47,628	Ton	38.50	1,834,000
	1970	6,180	6.0	37,100	Ton	33.00	1,224,000
HAY (Grain)	1971	14,134	2.0	28,268	Ton	28.50	806,000
	1970	16,195	2.5	40,500	Ton	25.00	1,012,000
OATS (Grain)	1971	2,495	0.75	1,871	Ton	52.00	97,300
	1970	1,530	0.75	1,150	Ton	48.00	55,200
PASTURE (Permanent)	1971	125,500	---	-----	Acre	42.00	5,271,000
	1970	125,500	---	-----	Acre	42.00	5,271,000
PASTURE (Other)	1971	745,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
	1970	745,000	---	-----	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1971	1,913	---	-----	Acre	25.00	47,900
	1970	3,525	---	-----	Acre	25.00	88,000
PEAS (Dry)	1971	----	---	-----	---	----	-----
	1970	540	1.0	540	Ton	120.00	64,800
RYE (Grain)	1971	1,000	0.25	250	Ton	65.00	16,200
	1970	-----	---	-----	---	-----	-----
RICE	1971	6,400	2.85	18,240	Ton	102.00	1,860,000
	1970	6,200	2.9	17,980	Ton	95.00	1,708,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1971	14,629	19.0	277,951	Ton	6.00	1,668,000
	1970	19,200	18.0	345,600	Ton	5.00	1,728,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1971	19,880	2.0	39,760	Ton	48.00	1,908,000
	1970	16,350	2.0	32,700	Ton	50.00	1,635,000
STRAW	1971	-----	---	3,120	Ton	10.00	31,200
	1970	-----	---	4,000	Ton	10.00	40,000

FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SAFFLOWER	1971	3,803	0.75	2,852	Ton	\$95.00	\$ 270,900
	1970	2,100	1.0	2,100	Ton	95.00	200,000
SUGAR BEETS	1971	10,985	23.7	260,344	Ton	15.00	3,906,000
	1970	10,378	26.0	270,000	Ton	14.32	3,866,000
STUBBLE* (Pasture)	1971	40,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	60,000
	1970	44,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	66,000
WHEAT (Grain)	1971	18,937	1.25	23,671	Ton	53.00	1,254,000
	1970	11,844	1.9	22,500	Ton	47.00	1,058,000
TOTAL	1971	1,138,210					\$52,469,500
	1970	1,174,593					\$45,783,000

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1971	1,260	377.7	475,902	lb.	\$0.367	\$174,600
	1970	----	----	-----	--	-----	-----
BEANS (All Varieties)	1971	684	2,000	1,368,000	lb.	0.09	123,200
	1970	510	1,000	510,000	lb.	0.12	66,200
OTHER	1971	----	----	-----	--	-----	-----
	1970	----	----	-----	--	-----	-----
TOTAL	1971	1,944					\$297,800
	1970	510					\$ 61,200

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1971	175	400	70,000	lb.	\$0.37	\$ 25,900
	1970	100	100	10,000	lb.	0.37	3,700
BEANS (All Varieties)	1971	1,817	2,500	4,542,500	lb.	0.0975	442,000
	1970	1,447	2,000	2,894,000	lb.	0.11	318,000
CANTALOUPE	1971	45	520	23,400	lb.	.85	19,900
	1970	93	360	33,480	lb.	0.85	28,400
SQUASH	1971	30	1,100	33,000	lb.	0.52	17,200
	1970	58	1,215	70,470	lb.	0.51	36,000
WATERMELON	1971	50	625	31,250	lb.	0.85	26,500
	1970	----	----	-----	--	-----	-----
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1971	85	1,744	148,240	lb.	0.11	16,300
	1970	110	2,000	220,000	lb.	0.10	22,000
TOTAL OTHER SEED CROPS	1971	2,202					\$547,800
	1970	1,808					\$408,100
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1971	4,146					\$845,600
	1970	2,318					\$469,300

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1971	2,590	1.42	3,677	Ton	\$159.00	\$ 584,600
	1970	2,630	1.36	3,580	Ton	170.00	608,000
CORN (Sweet)	1971	690	4.0	2,760	Ton	111.00	306,300
	1970	736	4.5	3,312	Ton	95.00	314,000
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1971	4,030	336	1,354,080	Crates	4.08	5,524,000
	1970	5,880	6.0	35,300	Ton	90.00	3,177,000
MELONS (Mixed)	1971	1,037	516	535,092	Crates	1.75	936,400
	1970	1,409	9.0	12,680	Ton	100.00	1,268,000
MELONS (Watermelons)	1971	888	12	10,656	Ton	45.00	479,600
	1970	700	10.0	7,000	Ton	27.50	192,500
PEAS (Freezer)	1971	250	1.88	470	Ton	87.20	40,900
	1970	500	1.4	700	Ton	81.40	57,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	1971	538	4.6	2,474	Ton	255.00	630,800
	1970	260	5.0	1,300	Ton	240.00	312,600
PEPPERS (Processing)	1971	---	---	1,715	Ton	91.00	156,000
	1970	132	5.0	600	Ton	90.50	60,000
SWEET POTATOES* (Cannery)	1971	---	---	750	Ton	70.00	52,500
	1970	70	14.0	980	Ton	70.00	68,600
SWEET POTATOES	1971	4,226	5.6	23,665	Ton	230.00	5,442,000
	1970	3,800	5.0	19,000	Ton	140.00	2,660,000

*Cannery Sweet Potatoes from market acreage.

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971- 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES MARKET	1971	4,509	--	1,590,000	40 lb. ctns.	\$ 5.00	\$ 7,950,000
	1970	5,154	---	964,000	40 lb. ctns.	3.43	3,306,000
PROCESSING (From Market Acreage)	1971	---	---	26,500	Ton	28.00	742,000
	1970	---	---	42,520	Ton	25.00	1,063,000
PROCESSING (Canning Varieties)	1971	4,349	27.36	118,988	Ton	28.00	3,332,000
	1970	4,644	23	106,000	Ton	25.00	2,650,000
TOTAL TOMATOES	1971	8,858		177,288	Ton		12,024,000
	1970	9,798		167,800	Ton		7,019,000
MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES (Asparagus, Snap Beans, Cauliflower, Chili Peppers)	1971	1,155					577,500
	1970	585					334,000
TOTAL	1971	24,262					\$26,754,600
	1970	26,500					\$16,070,700

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS	1971	25,339	0.75	19,004	Ton	\$520.00	\$9,882,000
	1970	21,864	0.72	15,740	Ton	535.00	8,420,000
ALMONDS (Hulls)	1971	----	---	22,550	Ton	10.00	225,500
	1970	----	---	19,700	Ton	10.00	197,000
APRICOTS	1971	876*	5.2	4,555	Ton	51.25	233,500
	1970	1,289	4.0	5,156	Ton	128.00	660,000
BERRIES (Bush)	1971	25	1.5	37	Ton	275.00	10,100
	1970	33	1.5	50	Ton	275.00	13,700
CHERRIES	1971	50	1.8	90	Ton	300.00	27,000
	1970	58	0.3	17	Ton	400.00	6,800
CITRUS	1971	29	0.51	15	Ton	170.00	2,500
	1970	29	0.75	21	Ton	180.00	3,800
FIGS (Cannery)	1971	1,729	3.5	6,051	Ton	240.00	1,452,000
	1970	1,876	4.0	7,504	Ton	271.00	2,034,000
FIGS (Dry)	1971	750	0.5	375	Ton	210.00	78,700
	1970	649	0.5	324	Ton	230.00	74,600
GRAPES (Raisin)	1971	4,638	6.0	27,828	Ton	64.00	1,780,000
	1970	5,497	4.5	24,736	Ton	54.00	1,336,000
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1971	132	5.0	660	Ton	65.00	42,900
	1970	201	4.0	804	Ton	65.00	52,000
GRAPES (Wine)	1971	7,681	5.7	43,781	Ton	136.00	5,954,000
	1970	7,534	4.0	30,200	Ton	95.00	2,869,000
NECTARINES	1971	199	7.0	1,393	Ton	160.00	222,800
	1970	229	7.5	1,720	Ton	130.00	223,600
OLIVES	1971	135	1.06	143	Ton	138.00	19,700
	1970	134	1.25	168	Ton	120.00	20,000
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1971	6,752	10.5	70,896	Ton	79.00	5,600,000
	1970	7,716	10.3	79,500	Ton	81.00	6,440,000
PEACHES (Freestone)	1971	2,678	8.0	21,424	Ton	53.00	1,136,000
	1970	2,899	8.6	25,000	Ton	50.00	1,250,000
PEACHES (Fresh)	1971	---	---	5,900	Ton	54.00	318,600
	1970	---	---	5,400	Ton	63.00	340,000
PLUMS	1971	91	5.0	455	Ton	140.00	63,700
	1970	104	4.5	468	Ton	115.00	54,000
PRUNES	1971	1,014	1.5	1,521	Ton	233.00	354,000
	1970	957	2.4	2,296	Ton	340.00	780,000

*495 Acres unharvested for economics reasons

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRIES	1971	5.0	2.0	10	Ton	\$518.00	\$ 5,180
	1970	2.5	2.0	5	Ton	475.00	2,400
WALNUTS (Black)	1971	113	1.0	113	Ton	18.00	2,000
	1970	103	1.0	103	Ton	18.00	1,850
WALNUTS (English)	1971	6,779	1.5	10,168	Ton	400.00	4,068,000
	1970	7,193	1.5	10,800	Ton	460.00	4,968,000
MISCELLANEOUS (Pears, Pecans)	1971	40					24,000
	1970	40					5,000
TOTAL	1971	59,055					\$31,502,180
	1970	58,407					\$29,752,000

FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1971 - 1966

CROPS	YEAR 1971		YEAR 1966	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	25,339	12,516	13,375	7,503
APRICOTS	1,371	323	1,365	---
CHERRIES	50	180	54	106
FIGS (Cannery)	1,729	----	1,750	---
FIGS (Dry)	750	----	1,200	50
GRAPES (Raisin)	4,638	10	8,526	62
GRAPES (Table)	132	25	663	663
GRAPES (Wine)	7,681	1,198	6,161	1,798
NECTARINES	199	58	315	---
OLIVES	135	38	141	---
ORANGES	29	45	29	155
PEACHES (Clingstone)	6,752	1,272	6,459	1,664
PEACHES (Freestone)	2,678	743	4,048	369
PEARS	17	----	8	145
PECANS	6	59	4	2
PERSIMMONS	13	----	9	---
PISTACHIO	----	470	----	---
PLUMS	91	52	157	8
PRUNES	1,014	393	263	811
WALNUTS (Black)	113	102	300	315
WALNUTS (English)	6,251	867	6,428	827
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	----	----	51	----
TOTAL	58,973	18,351	51,306	14,478

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1971- 1970

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1971	13,610,937	Doz.	\$0.24	\$ 3,266,000'
	1970	14,403,000	Doz.	0.318	
EGGS-CHICKEN (Hatching)	1971	-----	---	---	-----
	1970	106,450	Doz.	0.70	
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1971	7,699,680	Each	0.24	1,848,000
	1970	8,292,890	Each	0.23	1,907,000
MILK (Goat)	1971	30,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.30	69,000
	1970	29,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.25	65,300
MILK (Market)	1971	5,780,000	Cwt.	5.38	31,096,000
	1970	5,255,000	Cwt.	5.16	27,116,000
MILK (Manufacturing)	1971	1,884,000	Cwt.	4.59	8,468,000
	1970	1,536,000	Cwt.	4.40	6,758,000
WOOL	1971	438,000	Lb.	0.209	91,600
	1970	432,000	Lb.	0.40	172,000
TOTAL	1971				\$ 44,838,600
	1970				\$ 40,672,000

BEE INDUSTRY 1971 - 1970

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEESWAX	1971	16,725	Lb.	0.61	\$ 10,200
	1970	35,300	Lb.	0.58	
BULK BEES	1971	2,350	Lb.	1.00	2,300
	1970	1,470	Lb.	1.00	1,500
HONEY	1971	1,160,210	Lb.	0.21	243,700
	1970	863,000	Lb.	0.14	121,000
POLLEN	1971	3,000	Lb.	1.00	3,000
	1970	3,000	Lb.	1.00	3,000
POLLINATION	1971	25,000	Colony	9.00	225,000
	1970	27,000	Colony	8.11	219,000
QUEENS	1971	-----	---	---	-----
	1970	3,750	Each	1.25	
TOTAL	1971				\$ 484,200
	1970				\$ 370,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION & VALUE 1971- 1970

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
						TOTAL	
CATTLE AND CALVES	1971	137,700	953,900	Cwt.	\$31.90	\$30,748,000	
	1970	135,000	945,000	Cwt.	29.30	27,688,000	
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1971	21,758,600	81,594,750	Lb.	0.175	14,280,000	
	1970	23,634,000	87,446,000	Lb.	0.16	13,992,000	
OTHER CHICKENS	1971	421,092	1,684,368	Lb.	0.04	67,400	
	1970	445,600	1,782,000	Lb.	0.07	124,000	
PULLETS	1971	390,000	----	Each	1.69	659,100	
	1970	388,500	----	Each	1.60	622,000	
GOATS	1971	1,112	-----	Each	20.00	22,200	
	1970	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	
HOGS AND PIGS	1971	13,720	27,440	Cwt.	18.50	508,000	
	1970	13,787	27,600	Cwt.	24.00	662,000	
HORSES	1971	1,412	----	Each	190.00	268,000	
	1970	1,680	----	Each	200.00	336,000	
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1971	50,377	45,339	Cwt.	26.70	1,210,000	
	1970	55,580	47,200	Cwt.	27.00	1,274,000	
TURKEYS	1971	1,972,472	39,449,440	Lb.	0.214	8,442,000	
	1970	2,501,000	50,020,000	Lb.	0.228	11,404,000	
TURKEY POULTS	1971	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	
	1970	519,000	-----	Each	0.50	260,000	
TOTAL	1971					\$56,204,700	
	1970					\$56,362,000	

NURSERY PRODUCTS PRODUCTION ACREAGE, SALES AND VALUE 1971 - 1970

TOTAL*	1971	499	\$ 3,256,000
	1970	445	\$ 2,382,000

* Includes Budwood, Pits and Cuttings; Citrus, Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees; Grapevines; Semi-Tropical Ornamental and Shade Trees; Shrubs and Ornamental Plants. The separate production and value data are not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

MERCED COUNTY GROSS VALUE ALL CROPS

ITEM	1971	1970
BEE INDUSTRY	\$ 484,200	\$ 370,000
FIELD CROPS	52,469,500	45,783,000
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	31,502,180	29,752,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - HORSES	56,204,700	56,362,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	44,838,600	40,672,000
NURSERY PRODUCTS	3,256,000	2,382,000
SEED CROPS	845,600	469,300
VEGETABLES CROPS	26,754,600	16,070,700
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$216,355,380</u>	<u>\$191,860,300</u>



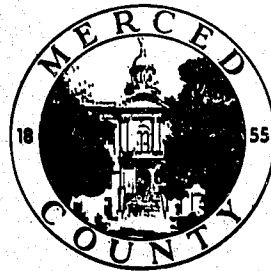
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To: Bernal Christensen, State Director of Agriculture, and the Honorable
Board of Supervisors of Merced County:

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2270 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1972 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report. The values contained in this report are gross values and in no way reflect the net income to farmers.

The gross value in 1972 was \$244,630,670 up \$26,152,290 from the previous year. This was mainly due to the increased prices and acreage of fruit and nut crops, plus an increase in numbers of cattle and calves, broilers and fryers. The dairy industry is still the largest category (milk increased by 10 million dollars over 1971), contributing 47 million dollars to the annual income, cattle and calves, \$32,000,000, alfalfa \$20,000,000, almonds \$14,000,000 and poultry \$13,000,000. Tree fruit and nut acreage has increased by 16,000 acres in the last 5 years. Increases were noted in all categories except cling peaches. The largest increase by far, was noted in almonds, from 29,000 acres to 38,000 acres - the largest acreage of almonds in a single county in the state. Considerable decline has been noted in barley and grain due to a dry spring. Tomatoes were lower in price for green pack coupled with reduced acreage, whereas, processing was slightly higher. Merced County is number one in the state in acreage and production of sweet potatoes.

Respectfully submitted,


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FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972-1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY (Grain)	1972	27,004	1.25	33,755	Ton	\$ 59.00	\$1,992,000
	1971	38,850	1.50	58,275	Ton	59.00	3,438,000
BEANS (Dry)	1972	1,878	1.0	1,878	Ton	370.00	694,800
	1971	1,835	0.75	1,376	Ton	270.00	372,000
CORN (Grain)	1972	31,110	3.0	93,330	Ton	62.00	5,786,000
	1971	27,983	2.5	69,957	Ton	65.00	4,548,000
COTTON* (Lint)	1972	31,930	870 lbs	57,873	500 lb. bale	158.40	9,167,000
	1971	26,000	742 lbs	40,200	500 lb. bale	150.88	6,066,000
COTTON (Seed)	1972	---	---	28,417	Ton	65.00	1,847,100
	1971	---	---	25,722	Ton	65.00	1,672,000
HAY (Alfalfa)	1972	87,927	6.0	527,562	Ton	35.00	18,464,600
	1971	70,928	6.0	425,568	Ton	32.00	13,618,000
HAY (Alfalfa-Cube)	1972	7,800	5.5	42,900	Ton	42.00	1,802,000
	1971	7,938	6.0	47,628	Ton	38.50	1,834,000
HAY (Grain)	1972	8,571	2.0	17,142	Ton	30.00	514,200
	1971	14,134	2.0	28,268	Ton	28.50	806,000
OATS (Grain)	1972	3,624	0.75	2,718	Ton	57.00	154,900
	1971	2,495	0.75	1,871	Ton	52.00	97,300
PASTURE (Permanent)	1972	120,000	---	---	Acre	42.00	5,040,000
	1971	125,500	---	---	Acre	42.00	5,271,000
PASTURE (Other)	1972	735,000	---	---	Acre	5.00	3,675,000
	1971	745,000	---	---	Acre	5.00	3,725,000
PASTURE (Sudan)	1972	2,338	---	---	Acre	25.00	58,400
	1971	1,913	---	---	Acre	25.00	47,900
RYE (Grain)	1972	1,077	0.295	318	Ton	65.00	20,600
	1971	1,000	0.25	250	Ton	65.00	16,200
RICE	1972	6,883	3.32	22,851	Ton	117.00	2,673,500
	1971	6,400	2.85	18,240	Ton	102.00	1,860,000
SILAGE (Corn)	1972	20,746	20.0	414,920	Ton	7.00	2,904,000
	1971	14,629	19.0	277,951	Ton	6.00	1,668,000
SORGHUM (Grain)	1972	15,455	2.0	30,910	Ton	59.00	1,823,700
	1971	19,880	2.0	39,760	Ton	48.00	1,908,000
STRAW	1972	---	---	2,160	Ton	10.00	21,600
	1971	---	---	3,120	Ton	10.00	31,200

* May be adjusted-picking incomplete

FIELD CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972-1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	PER UNIT		TOTAL	
SAFFLOWER	1972	4,138	1.0	4,138	Ton	\$ 125.00	\$ 517,300	
	1971	3,803	0.75	2,852	Ton	95.00	270,900	
SUGAR BEETS	1972	10,330	24.2	250,000	Ton	15.10	3,775,000	
	1971	10,985	23.7	260,344	Ton	15.00	3,906,000	
STUBBLE* (Pasture)	1972	45,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	67,500	
	1971	40,000	---	---	Acre	1.50	60,000	
WHEAT (Grain)	1972	8,667	1.75	15,167	Ton	60.00	910,000	
	1971	18,937	1.25	23,671	Ton	53.00	1,254,000	
TOTAL	1972	1,124,478					\$61,909,200	
	1971	1,138,210					\$52,469,500	

*STUBBLE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ACREAGE

SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972-1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
CERTIFIED SEED CROPS							
BEANS (All Varieties)	1972	940	2,250	2,115,000	lb.	\$0.115	\$ 243,300
	1971	684	2,000	1,368,000	lb.	0.09	123,200
OTHER	1972	2,171	----	-----	--	----	483,500
	1971	1,260	----	-----	--	----	174,600
TOTAL	1972	3,111					\$ 726,800
	1971	1,944					\$ 297,800

OTHER SEED CROPS

ALFALFA (All Varieties)	1972	114	801	91,314	lb.	\$0.38	\$ 34,700
	1971	175	400	70,000	lb.	0.37	25,900
BEANS (All Varieties)	1972	1,140	2,500	2,850,000	lb.	0.10	285,000
	1971	1,817	2,500	4,542,500	lb.	0.0975	442,000
CANTALOUPE	1972	74	380	28,120	lb.	0.80	22,500
	1971	45	520	23,400	lb.	0.85	19,900
SQUASH	1972	56	925	51,800	lb.	0.50	25,900
	1971	30	1,100	33,000	lb.	0.52	17,200
WATERMELON	1972	152	344	52,288	lb.	0.96	50,200
	1971	50	625	31,250	lb.	0.85	26,500
MISCELLANEOUS SEED CROPS	1972	375	----	-----	--	----	87,800
	1971	85	----	-----	--	----	16,300
TOTAL	1972	1,911					\$ 506,100
	1971	2,202					\$ 547,800

ALL SEED CROPS

TOTAL	1972	5,022					\$1,232,900
	1971	4,146					\$ 845,600

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972-1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS-LIMA (Freezer)	1972	3,280	1.57	5,150	Ton	\$168.00	\$ 865,200
	1971	2,590	1.42	3,677	Ton	159.00	584,600
CORN (Sweet)	1972	765	4.0	3,060	Ton	114.00	348,800
	1971	690	4.0	2,760	Ton	111.00	306,300
MELONS (Cantaloupe)	1972	4,819	203	978,257	Crates	5.05	4,940,000
	1971	4,030	336	1,354,080	Crates	4.08	5,524,000
MELONS (Mixed)	1972	1,452	564	818,928	Crates	1.56	1,277,600
	1971	1,037	516	535,092	Crates	1.75	936,400
MELONS (Watermelons)	1972	993	11	10,923	Ton	40.00	436,900
	1971	888	12	10,656	Ton	45.00	479,600
PEAS (Freezer)	1972	415	1.71	710	Ton	81.00	57,500
	1971	250	1.88	470	Ton	87.20	40,900
PEPPERS (Bell)	1972	526	1.91	1,004	Ton	255.00	256,000
	1971	538	4.6	2,474	Ton	255.00	630,800
PEPPERS (Processing)	1972	----	---	1,473	Ton	83.25	122,600
	1971	----	---	1,715	Ton	91.00	156,000
SWEET POTATOES	1972	4,480	5.75	25,760	Ton	225.00	5,796,000
	1971	4,226	5.6	23,665	Ton	230.00	5,442,000
SWEET POTATOES* (Cannery)	1972	----	---	1,037	Ton	62.50	64,800
	1971	----	---	750	Ton	70.00	52,500

*Cannery Sweet Potatoes from market acreage

VEGETABLE CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972 - 1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL			PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES MARKET	1972	4,043	---	1,632,000	30 lb ctns.	\$ 3.26	\$5,320,000	
	1971	4,509	---	1,590,000	40 lb ctns.	5.00	7,950,000	
PROCESSING (From Market Acreage)	1972	----	---	23,450	Ton	28.00	656,600	
	1971	----	---	26,500	Ton	28.00	742,000	
PROCESSING (Canning Varieties)	1972	5,029	25.0	125,725	Ton	28.00	3,520,000	
	1971	4,349	27.36	118,988	Ton	28.00	3,332,000	
TOTAL TOMATOES	1972	9,072		173,655	Ton		9,496,600	
	1971	8,858		177,288	Ton		12,024,000	
Miscellaneous Vegetables (Asparagus, Snap Beans, Chili Peppers, Lettuce, Onion, Cucumber)	1972	1,573					706,300	
	1971	1,155					577,500	
TOTAL	1972	27,375					\$24,370,000	
	1971	24,262					\$26,754,600	

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972-1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS (Kernel Basis)	1972	29,631	0.40	11,852	Ton	\$1,200.00	\$14,222,000
	**1971	25,339	0.45	11,402	Ton	1,125.00	12,828,000
ALMONDS (Hulls)	1972	----	---	26,370	Ton	12.00	316,400
	1971	----	---	22,550	Ton	10.00	225,500
APRICOTS	1972	1,391	5.5	7,650	Ton	103.00	788,000
	1971	*876	5.2	4,555	Ton	51.25	233,500
BERRIES (Bush)	1972	22	1.5	33	Ton	275.00	9,000
	1971	25	1.5	37	Ton	275.00	10,100
CITRUS	***1972	29	---	-----	---	-----	-----
	1971	29	0.51	15	Ton	170.00	2,500
FIGS (Cannery)	1972	1,672	2.2	3,678	Ton	240.00	882,700
	1971	1,729	3.5	6,051	Ton	240.00	1,452,000
FIGS (Dry)	1972	523	1.6	837	Ton	320.00	267,800
	1971	750	0.5	375	Ton	210.00	78,700
GRAPES (Raisin)	1972	4,495	5.5	24,722	Ton	104.00	2,571,000
	1971	4,638	6.0	27,828	Ton	64.00	1,780,000
GRAPES (Table to Wine)	1972	120	4.0	480	Ton	90.00	43,200
	1971	132	5.0	660	Ton	65.00	42,900
GRAPES (Wine)	1972	7,938	5.5	43,659	Ton	210.00	9,168,000
	1971	7,681	5.7	43,781	Ton	136.00	5,954,000
NECTARINES	1972	207	5.0	1,035	Ton	150.00	155,300
	1971	199	7.0	1,393	Ton	150.00	222,800
OLIVES	1972	136	1.5	204	Ton	140.00	28,500
	1971	135	1.06	143	Ton	138.00	19,700
PEACHES (Clingstone)	1972	5,149	13.0	66,937	Ton	74.50	4,986,800
	1971	6,752	10.5	70,896	Ton	79.00	5,600,000
PEACHES (Freestone)	1972	2,771	7.0	19,397	Ton	110.00	2,134,000
	1971	2,678	8.0	21,424	Ton	53.00	1,136,000
PEACHES (Fresh)	1972	-----	---	5,200	Ton	156.00	811,200
	1971	-----	---	5,900	Ton	54.00	318,600

*495 Acres unharvested for economic reasons

**Changed to Kernel Basis

***Frozen

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Continued)

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972 - 1971

CROPS	YEAR	ACREAGE HARVESTED	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
PLUMS	1972	133	6.0	798	Ton	\$250.00	\$ 199,500
	1971	91	5.0	455	Ton	140.00	63,700
PRUNES	1972	1,039	1.0	1,039	Ton	320.00	332,400
	1971	1,014	1.5	1,521	Ton	233.00	354,000
STRAWBERRIES	1972	4.0	2.0	8	Ton	516.00	4,120
	1971	5.0	2.0	10	Ton	518.00	5,180
WALNUTS (Black)	1972	122	1.0	122	Ton	18.50	2,250
	1971	113	1.0	113	Ton	18,00	2,000
WALNUTS (English)	1972	7,093	0.91	6,454	Ton	555.00	3,582,000
	*1971	6,779	1.16	7,863	Ton	400.00	3,145,000
Miscellaneous (Pears, Pecans, Cherries)	1972	77					74,000
	1971	90					51,000
TOTAL	1972	62,552					\$40,578,170
	1971	59,055					\$33,525,180

*Revised

FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE PLANTINGS 1972-1967

CROPS	YEAR 1972		YEAR 1967	
	BEARING	NON BEARING	BEARING	NON BEARING
ALMONDS	29,631	8,370	13,424	16,557
APRICOTS	1,391	309	1,236	112
CHERRIES	58	175	27	40
FIGS (Cannery)	1,299	----	1,876	----
FIGS (Dry)	659	----	1,598	89
GRAPES (Raisin)	4,495	10	6,074	89
GRAPES (Table)	120	25	235	2
GRAPES (Wine)	7,938	2,190	6,305	1,584
NECTARINES	207	49	223	36
OLIVES	136	38	134	19
ORANGES	30	82	27	195
PEACHES (Clingstone)	5,149	1,080	6,686	2,254
PEACHES (Freestone)	2,771	538	2,546	650
PEARS	17	----	21	32
PECANS	10	55	3	14
PERSIMMONS	13	----	13	----
PISTACHIO	1.5	470	----	----
PLUMS	133	8	88	27
PRUNES	1,039	368	344	805
WALNUTS (Black)	122	93	83	105
WALNUTS (English)	7,093	1,301	5,912	1,828
MISCELLANEOUS AND BERRIES	22	----	55	----
TOTAL	62,334.5	15,161	46,910	24,438

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1972-1971

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
EGGS-CHICKEN (Market)	1972	17,326,471	Doz.	\$0.282	\$ 4,886,000
	1971	13,610,937	Doz.	0.24	3,266,000
EGGS-TURKEY (Hatching)	1972	9,452,000	Each	0.25	2,363,000
	1971	7,699,680	Each	0.24	1,848,000
MILK (Goat)	1972	63,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.66	167,600
	1971	30,000	Lb. Butterfat	2.30	69,000
MILK (Market)	1972	6,785,000	Cwt.	5.44	36,910,000
	1971	5,780,000	Cwt.	5.38	31,096,000
MILK (Manufacturing)	1972	2,238,000	Cwt.	4.82	10,790,000
	1971	1,884,000	Cwt.	4.59	8,468,000
WOOL	1972	402,000	Lb.	0.41	164,800
	1971	438,000	Lb.	0.209	91,600
TOTAL	1972				\$55,281,400
	1971				\$44,838,600

BEE INDUSTRY 1972-1971

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEESWAX	1972	20,010	Lb.	0.61	\$ 12,200
	1971	16,725	Lb.	0.61	10,200
BULK BEES	1972	7,000	Lb.	1.12	7,800
	1971	2,350	Lb.	1.00	2,300
HONEY	1972	1,234,320	Lb.	0.31	382,600
	1971	1,160,210	Lb.	0.21	243,700
POLLEN	1972	5,000	Lb.	2.00	10,000
	1971	3,000	Lb.	1.00	3,000
POLLINATION	1972	18,887	Colony	11.65	220,000
	1971	25,000	Colony	9.00	225,000
TOTAL	1972				\$ 632,600
	1971				\$ 484,200

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
 PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1972 - 1971

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
						TOTAL	
CATTLE AND CALVES	1972	139,000	973,000	Cwt.	\$33.70	\$32,790,000	
	1971	137,700	963,000	Cwt.	31.90	30,748,000	
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1972	23,137,500	86,765,625	Lb.	0.16	13,882,500	
	1971	21,758,600	81,594,750	Lb.	0.175	14,280,000	
OTHER CHICKENS	1972	214,000	856,000	Lb.	0.056	48,000	
	1971	421,092	1,684,368	Lb.	0.04	67,400	
PULLETS	1972	245,200	-----	Each	1.74	426,600	
	1971	390,000	-----	Each	1.69	659,100	
GOATS	1972	563	-----	Each	11.37	6,400	
	1971	1,112	-----	Each	20.00	22,200	
HOGS AND PIGS	1972	18,240	36,480	Cwt.	19.50	711,400	
	1971	13,720	27,440	Cwt.	18.50	508,000	
HORSES	1972	1,490	-----	Each	200.00	298,000	
	1971	1,412	-----	Each	190.00	268,000	
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1972	52,308	44,462	Cwt.	29.70	1,320,500	
	1971	50,377	45,339	Cwt.	26.70	1,210,000	
TURKEYS	1972	1,753,443	35,068,860	Lb.	0.22	7,715,200	
	1971	1,972,472	39,449,440	Lb.	0.214	8,442,000	
TOTAL	1972					\$57,198,600	
	1971					\$56,204,700	

NURSERY PRODUCTS
 PRODUCTION ACREAGE, SALES AND VALUE 1972-1971

TOTAL*	1972	649	\$ 3,427,800
	1971	499	\$ 3,256,000

*Includes Budwood, Pits and Cuttings; Citrus, Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees; Grapevines; Semi-Tropical Ornamental and Shade Trees; Shrubs and Ornamental Plants. The separate production and value data are not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

MERCED COUNTY GROSS VALUE ALL CROPS

ITEM	1972	1971
BEE INDUSTRY	\$ 632,600	\$ 484,200
FIELD CROPS	61,909,200	52,469,500
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	40,578,170	33,525,180
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY-HORSES	57,198,600	56,204,700
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	55,281,400	44,838,600
NURSERY PRODUCTS	3,427,800	3,256,000
SEED CROPS	1,232,900	845,600
VEGETABLES CROPS	<u>24,370,000</u>	<u>26,754,600</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$244,630,670	\$218,378,380