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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1976

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Drought: 1976 was the third driest year of record and 1977 is starting out to set a new all time low. The effect on beef cattle is clearly indicated. 3,600 more head sold with over 3 million pounds less weight which had a severe impact on total value. This included breeding stock that would normally be held in our cow/calf operations and an unusually low number of stockers. At this time I estimate there is only one-half the breeding stock that would normally be carried on our ranges. Low rainfall caused severe losses in field crops and unseasonal rains caused damage to several crops, particularly wine grapes and garbanzo beans. The importance of adequate water has been emphasized by the increased value of irrigated crops, such as vegetables, fruit and nut, nursery and cut flowers.

It must be remembered that the estimates listed in this report are gross receipts for agricultural products and do not reflect true profit to the growers. Whether profitable to the farmers or not, agriculture stimulates more new wealth than any other business.

One of the major problems facing agriculture today is the high value of farmland causing fracturization of property into non-agricultural units. The escalation in the price of labor, utilities, taxes and other costs of production make it increasingly difficult to hold lands in agriculture.

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Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Kalar
 Agricultural Commissioner

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VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1975-76

CROP	Year	Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Beans, (Snap)----	1976	210	83	17,400	Cwt	18.30	\$ 318,000
	1975	216	85	18,400	Cwt	18.65	343,000
Broccoli-----	1976	3,825	73	279,000	Cwt	14.10	3,934,000
	1975	4,397	78	343,000	Cwt	12.40	4,253,000
Brussels----- Sprouts	1976	45	102	4,590	Cwt	18.20	83,500
	1975	141	98	13,800	Cwt	16.80	232,000
Cabbage-----	1976	239	217	51,900	Cwt	4.95	257,000
	1975	96	214	20,000	Cwt	4.40	88,000
Carrots-----	1976	944	360	340,000	Cwt	6.10	2,074,000
	1975	700	334	234,000	Cwt	6.05	1,416,000
Cauliflower-----	1976	761	340	259,000	25#	4.10	1,062,000
	1975	680	355	241,000	Crate	4.65	1,122,000
Celery-----	1976	1,402	810	1,136,000	60#	4.24	4,817,000
	1975	1,399	845	1,182,000	Crate	5.20	6,146,000
Lettuce-----	1976	6,360	768	4,885,000	48#	3.58	17,488,000
	1975	6,662	703	4,683,000	Ctn	2.70	12,644,000
Peas,----- (Edible Pod)	1976	808	33	26,700	Cwt	64.00	1,709,000
	1975	910	27	24,000	Cwt	59.00	1,416,000
Peas, (Green)----	1976	110	21	2,310	Cwt	16.05	37,100
	1975	146	18	2,630	Cwt	16.40	43,100
Peppers,----- (Bell)	1976	539	122	65,800	Cwt	12.35	813,000
	1975	423	119	50,300	Cwt	11.75	591,000
Potatoes-----	1976	286	310	88,700	Cwt	4.05	359,000
	1975	430	320	138,000	Cwt	4.55	628,000
Romaine-----	1976	445	800	356,000	38#	2.80	997,000
	1975	554	810	449,000	Ctn	2.75	1,235,000
Tomatoes-----	1976	102	200	20,400	Cwt	12.60	257,000
	1975	112	210	23,000	Cwt	13.00	299,000
Miscellaneous----	1976	397					794,000
	1975	379					758,000
TOTAL	1976	16,473					\$34,999,600
VEGETABLE CROP	1975	17,245					31,214,100

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Compiled by R. P. HENDERSON, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

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FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1975-76

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay-----	1976	14,900	6.9	103,000	Ton	70.00	\$ 7,210,000	
	1975	14,100	6	84,600	Ton	60.00	5,076,000	
Grain Hay-----	1976	48,000	.8	38,400	Ton	60.00	2,304,000	
	1975	55,000	1.4	77,000	Ton	50.00	3,850,000	
Beans								
Small Whites----	1976	62	16	992	Cwt	19.50	19,000	
	1975	97	18	1,750	Cwt	31.00	54,200	
Pinks-----	1976	55	15	825	Cwt	14.00	11,600	
	1975	94	16	1,500	Cwt	20.25	30,400	
Garbanzo-----	1976	5,894	5	29,500	Cwt	50.00	1,475,000	
	1975	6,236	11	68,600	Cwt	29.00	1,989,000	
Large Lima-----	1976	337	16	5,390	Cwt	37.00	199,000	
	1975	257	18	4,630	Cwt	29.70	138,000	
Corn, (Grain)----	1976	200	28	5,600	Cwt	5.80	32,500	
	1975	300	31	9,300	Cwt	6.10	56,700	
Corn, (Silage)---	1976	950	17	16,000	Ton	11.00	176,000	
	1975	950	19	18,000	Ton	10.00	180,000	
Barley-----	1976	69,000	10	690,000	Cwt	5.20	3,588,000	
	1975	56,000	16	896,000	Cwt	5.50	4,928,000	
Oats-----	1976	1,050	11	11,600	Cwt	5.40	62,600	
	1975	1,090	17	18,500	Cwt	5.30	98,000	
Safflower-----	1976	580	.16	93	Ton	206.00	19,200	
	1975	10,000	.25	2,500	Ton	220.00	550,000	
Wheat-----	1976	54,000	7	378,000	Cwt	5.75	2,174,000	
	1975	68,000	13	884,000	Cwt	6.25	5,525,000	
Irrigated----- Pasture	1976	3,100			Acre	60.00	186,000	
	1975	3,500			Acre	50.00	175,000	
Sugar Beets-----	1976	1,791	26.7	47,800	Ton	20.22	966,000	
	1975*	1,483	25.7	38,100	Ton	30.46	1,160,000	
Miscellaneous----	1976						1,131,000	
	1975						1,020,000	
TOTAL	1976	199,919					\$19,553,900	
FIELD CROPS	1975*	217,107					24,830,300	

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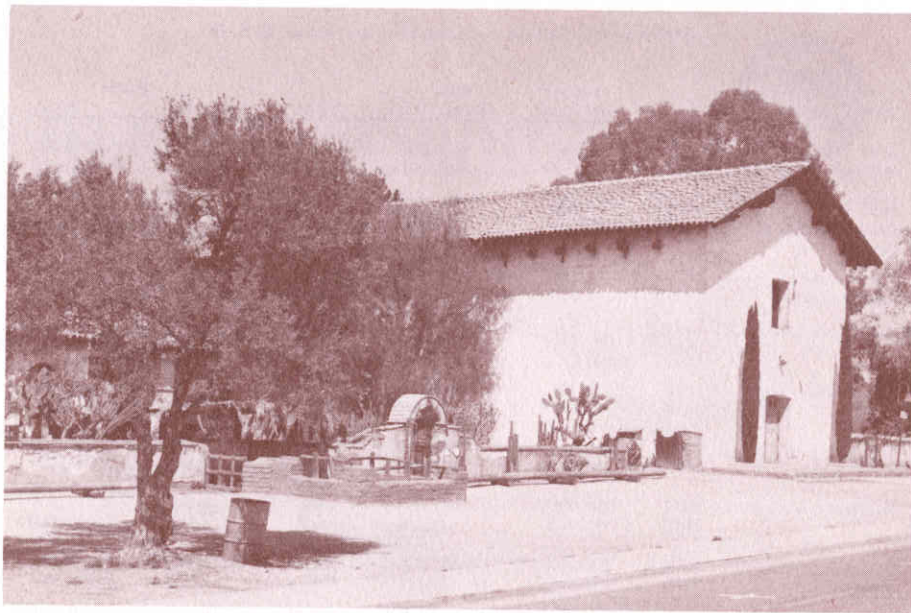
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1975-76

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	Total Production	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
						Per Unit	Total
Beef Cattle----- and Calves	1976	96,700	411,000	Cwt	35.20	\$14,467,000	
	1975	93,100	442,000	Cwt	34.30	15,161,000	
Beef Cattle----- Feed Lot-Out of County	1976	22,000	61,600	Cwt	38.15	2,350,000	
	1975	18,000	49,500	Cwt	41.70	2,064,000	
Dairy Cows----- and Heifers	1976	320		Each	571.00	183,000	
	1975	310		Each	445.00	138,000	
Horses-----	1976	274		Each	639.00	175,000	
	1975	321		Each	879.00	282,000	
Hogs-----	1976	8,731	18,700	Cwt	48.00	898,000	
	1975	6,600	14,700	Cwt	42.00	617,000	
Chickens----- (Meat)	1976	197,000	788,000	Lbs	.089	70,100	
	1975	220,000	902,000	Lbs	.053	47,800	
Pullets-----	1976	530,000		Each	2.30	1,219,000	
	1975	1,200,000		Each	2.00	2,400,000	
Turkeys----- (Meat)	1976	384,000	7,407,000	Lbs	.317	2,348,000	
	1975	377,000	8,626,000	Lbs	.338	2,916,000	
Sheep and----- Lambs	1976	13,300	12,300	Cwt	46.20	568,000	
	1975	11,100	11,900	Cwt	40.50	482,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1976					310,000	
	1975					274,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1976					\$22,588,100	
	1975					24,381,800	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1975-76

PRODUCT	Year	PRODUCTION		Per Unit	VALUE	
		Total	Unit		Per Unit	Total
Market Milk-----	1976	241,000	Cwt	9.31	\$2,244,000	
	1975*	226,000	Cwt	9.18	2,075,000	
Manufacturing----- Milk	1976	2,520	Cwt	8.29	20,900	
	1975*	1,830	Cwt	7.24	13,200	
Wool-----	1976	62,000	Lbs	.574	35,600	
	1975	71,000	Lbs	.61	43,300	
Chicken Eggs Market-----	1976	1,615,000	Doz	.63	1,017,000	
	1975	1,996,000	Doz	.53	1,058,000	
Honey-----	1976	309,000	Lbs	.43	133,000	
	1975	382,000	Lbs	.45	172,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1976				108,000	
	1975				87,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1976				\$3,558,500	
	1975*				3,448,500	

*Revised



Mission San Miguel Arcangel

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1975-76

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total				Total
Almonds-----	1976	2,796	.208	581	Ton	1,380.00	\$	802,000
	1975	2,040	.0863	176	Ton	1,320.00		232,000
Apples-----	1976	138	5.6	773	Ton	80.00		61,800
	1975	121	5.2	629	Ton	80.00		50,300
Avocados-----	1976	396	1.8	713	Ton	980.00		699,000
	1975	153	1.2	184	Ton	460.00		84,600
Grapes-----	1976	2,962	1.9	5,628	Ton	230.00		1,294,000
	1975	1,219	1.8	2,190	Ton	160.00		350,000
Lemons-----	1976	520	610	317,000	Boxes	3.10		983,000
	1975	480	459	220,000	Boxes	3.80		836,000
Pears-----	1976	21	1.4	29	Ton	105.00		3,040
	1975	76	1.7	129	Ton	120.00		15,500
Walnuts-----	1976	2,623	.25	656	Ton	650.00		426,000
	1975	2,430	.356	865	Ton	480.00		415,000
Strawberries----	1976	175	41,000	7,175,000	Lbs	.29		2,081,000
	1975	180	36,300	6,534,000	Lbs	.281		1,836,000
Miscellaneous---	1976	252						94,000
	1975	234						87,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1976	9,883						\$6,443,840
	1975	6,933						3,906,400

SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1975-76

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	VALUE	
				Total
Seed				
Field Crop-----	1976	790		\$ 510,000
	1975	1,091		818,000
Flower-----	1976	240		108,000
	1975	222		110,000
Nursery and-----	1976			5,567,000
Cut Flowers	1975			2,124,000
TOTAL	1976	1,030		\$6,185,000
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1975	1,313		3,052,000

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACREAGE: 1976 - 227,305
1975 - 242,598

COMPARISON OF VALUATIONS OF MAJOR GROUPS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS:

	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	SEED & NURSERY STOCK	TOTAL VALUATIONS
1967 -	22,445,700	12,541,180	2,895,800	16,497,600	524,000	54,904,280
1968 -	23,645,300	10,898,140	3,851,800	16,029,800	657,000	55,082,040
1969 -	25,498,900	10,003,680	3,063,500	17,526,000	669,400	56,761,480
1970 -	24,659,100	10,327,750	2,974,900	18,368,300	586,900	56,916,950
1971 -	24,802,200	11,033,130	2,080,100	21,111,000	443,600	59,470,030
1972 -	26,645,400	10,668,840	2,029,600	22,276,300	435,700	62,055,840
1973 -	33,200,700	15,881,000	3,853,600	27,983,800	753,600	81,672,700
1974 -	25,839,900	23,377,300	4,952,600	28,256,700	1,941,000	84,367,500
*1975 -	27,830,300	24,830,300	3,906,400	31,214,100	3,052,000	90,833,100
1976 -	26,146,600	19,553,900	6,443,840	34,999,600	6,185,000	93,328,940

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