



COMPARISON SUMMARY

	1976	1975	1974	1973
LIVESTOCK	\$ 8,755,400	\$ 8,321,000	\$ 5,525,000	\$ 9,316,000
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1,335,700	*1,047,300	943,000	909,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	1,405,800	1,482,000	1,421,000	683,000
NURSERY STOCK	4,752,000	*3,938,000	3,308,000	2,591,000
CHRISTMAS TREES	943,500	1,172,000	1,471,000	1,722,000
TREE CROPS	1,039,900	*824,000	771,000	952,000
FIELD CROPS	<u>12,689,300</u>	<u>12,336,000</u>	<u>11,994,000</u>	<u>9,568,000</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$30,921,600</u>	<u>*\$29,120,300</u>	<u>\$25,433,000</u>	<u>\$25,741,000</u>

*Revised

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Agricultural Crop Report

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING - - DECEMBER 31, 1976

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GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS A REPORT OF THE CONDITION, ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN SHASTA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1976; SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 2279 OF THE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE CODE. THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOW COUNTY INVENTORY, NET FARM INCOME, OR COST OF PRODUCTION.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES WERE GENERALLY HIGHER IN 1976. WALNUTS AND ALFALFA WERE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST GAINERS. WALNUT PRICES WERE UP, AND ALFALFA VALUES GAINED STEADILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS TREND WERE BEANS AND HONEY, WITH SLIGHTLY REDUCED VALUES.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION GENERALLY IN 1976 REMAINED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS 1975. THE PRODUCTION STATISTICS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1976 REFLECT MINIMAL DROUGHT INFLUENCE DUE, IN PART, TO FAVORABLE EARLY GROWING SEASON CONDITIONS. RANCHERS CONTINUED TO INCREASE LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT TO MEET CURRENT MARKET AND FEED CONDITIONS.

MOST RANCHERS AND GROWERS ARE STILL FEELING THE CONTINUED PRICE SQUEEZE OF HIGHER OPERATING AND FEED COSTS WITH LOW PROFIT MARGINS. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRICES CONTINUED TO RISE, BUT AGAIN FELL SHORT OF INFLATED PRICES AND INCREASING TAXES.

INFORMATION FOR COMPILING THIS REPORT HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM PRODUCERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, REPRESENTATIVES OF AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR FIELD. THE COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THEM IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED. THE COMPILATION OF THIS REPORT WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF INVESTIGATOR RICHARD PRICE.

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LIVESTOCK

CATTLE & CALVES	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beef Feeder Stock	1976	20,397	125,885	cwt	\$ 35.14	\$ 4,423,600
	1975	19,586	115,418	cwt	31.60	3,647,200
Breeder & Other Stock	1976	10,105		head	266.99	2,697,900
	1975	12,866		head	258.97	3,331,900
Milk Stock	1976	229		head	261.25	59,800
	1975	182		head	256.04	46,600
Dairy Calves	1976	307		head	21.49	6,600
	1975	333		head	16.22	5,400
TOTAL CATTLE					1976	\$ 7,187,900
					1975	\$ 7,031,100
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1976	1,190	1,186	cwt	\$ 47.43	\$ 56,300
	1975	1,610	1,453	cwt	44.80	65,100
HOGS & PIGS						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1976	1,277	2,029	cwt	48.51	98,400
	1975	1,484	2,055	cwt	50.22	103,200
HORSES						
Recreational	1976	3,604		head	392.00	1,412,800
	1975	3,134		head	358.00	1,122,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK					1976	\$ 8,755,400
					1975	\$ 8,321,400

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
Market	1976	138,000	cwt	\$ 9.20	\$ 1,269,600
	1975	*106,000	cwt	*9.17	*972,000
Manufacturing	1976	7,800	cwt	7.16	55,800
	1975	*9,900	cwt	*6.57	*65,000
WOOL	1976	19,448	lb.	.53	10,300
	1975	26,300	lb.	.39	10,300
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS				1976	\$ 1,335,700
				1975	*\$ 1,047,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

HONEY	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
HONEY	1976	274,600	lb.	\$.36	\$ 98,900
	1975	343,300	lb.	.44	152,800
BEEWAX	1976	14,000	lb.	1.41	19,700
	1975	18,600	lb.	1.20	22,400
PACKAGE BEES	1976	120,200	lb.	6.02	723,600
	1975	131,700	lb.	4.41	581,400
QUEENS	1976	103,600	ea.	4.47	463,100
	1975	129,500	ea.	4.74	614,200
POLLINATION	1976	16,700	col.	6.02	100,500
	1975	15,400	col.	7.24	111,400
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS				1976	\$ 1,405,800
				1975	\$ 1,482,200

* Revised

NURSERY STOCK

STRAWBERRY	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRY	1976	661	335	221,435	M	\$ 21.46	\$ 4,752,000
	1975	648	314	203,510	M	19.35	3,938,200

CHRISTMAS TREES

CHRISTMAS TREES	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TREES	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
CHRISTMAS TREES	1976			183,198	ea.	\$ 5.15	\$ 943,500
	1975			241,210	ea.	4.86	1,172,300

ORCHARD CROPS

FRUIT CROPS (apples olives pears persimmons prunes)	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
FRUIT CROPS (apples olives pears persimmons prunes)	1976	796				\$ 410,400
	1975	763				335,100
WALNUTS	1976	875	1,032	ton	\$610.00	\$ 629,500
	1975	875	1,112	ton	440.00	489,300
TOTAL TREE CROPS				1976		\$ 1,039,900
				1975		\$ 824,400

FIELD CROPS

BEANS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS	1976	350	21.42	7,500	cwt	\$ 18.75	\$ 140,600
	1975	525	15.87	8,332	cwt	25.92	216,000
MISC. CROPS (potatoes corn milo silage seed crops)	1976	706					276,000
	1975	716					315,100
GRAIN Barley	1976	1,050	.92	966	ton	\$102.02	\$ 98,600
	1975	1,054	1.06	1,117	ton	102.06	114,000
Oats	1976	815	.91	742	ton	162.30	120,400
	1975	935	.93	870	ton	130.70	113,700
Wheat	1976	1,770	1.40	2,478	ton	110.67	274,200
	1975	1,885	1.01	1,904	ton	126.40	240,700
HAY Alfalfa	1976	20,938	3.80	79,564	ton	70.00	5,569,500
	1975	20,958	4.16	87,101	ton	57.49	5,007,200
Other Hay	1976	15,700	1.40	21,980	ton	53.71	1,180,500
	1975	16,790	1.90	31,901	ton	48.81	1,557,100
PASTURE Irrigated	1976	34,000	90.00			90.00	3,060,000
	1975	34,000	80.00			80.00	2,720,000
Improved	1976	87,000	9.00			9.00	783,000
	1975	87,000	8.00			8.00	696,000
Rangeland	1976	339,000	3.50			3.50	1,186,500
	1975	339,000	4.00			4.00	1,356,000
TOTAL FIELD CROPS				1976		\$12,689,300	
				1975		\$12,335,800	