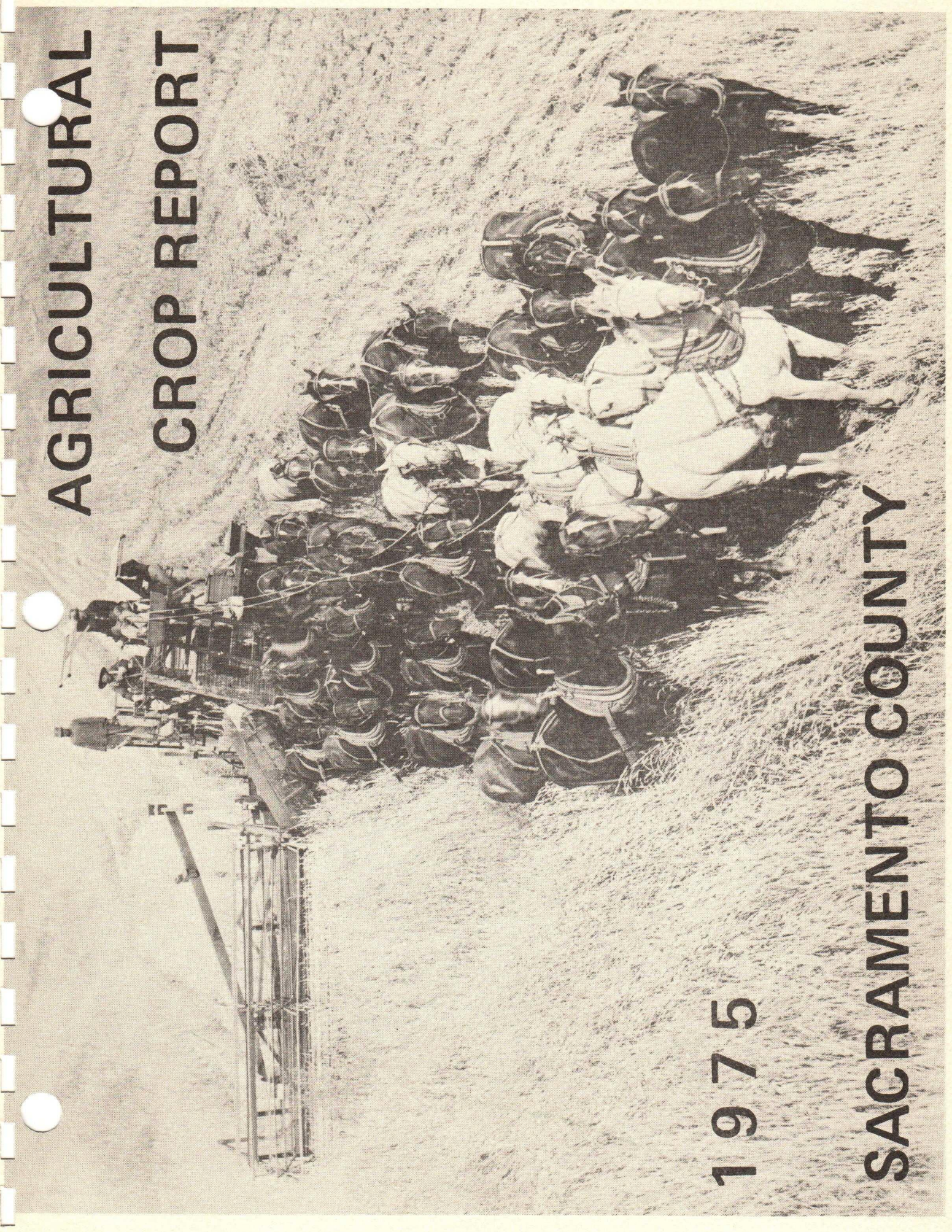


# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1975

SACRAMENTO COUNTY





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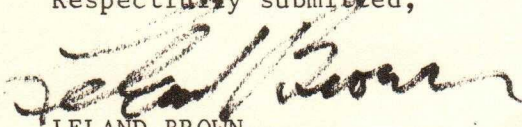
L.T. Wallace, Director  
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and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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I am pleased to submit the 1975 Agricultural Crop Report for Sacramento County.

Although inflation continues to raise the cost of most goods and services, the farmers in Sacramento County experienced a 16.5 million dollar drop in the gross value of agricultural commodities. The largest reduction occurred with the safflower crop where reduced acreage and a 40% drop in price resulted in an 8.5 million dollar reduction in the gross value. Lower prices were the rule rather than the exception, with 26 of the County's 47 farm commodities posting lower prices, while only 15 were higher.

I wish to express my appreciation to all individuals who cooperated with the preparation of this report, with a special thanks to the Sacramento County Agricultural Extension Service who assisted with the livestock production figures.

Respectfully submitted,

  
LELAND BROWN  
Agricultural Commissioner





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For Year 1975

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THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1975

1.	Cattle and Calves	\$ 20,410,000
2.	Corn	16,830,000
3.	Milk	16,007,000
4.	Tomatoes	13,711,000
5.	Pears	11,655,000
6.	Wheat	7,110,000
7.	Rice	7,052,000
8.	Pasture Irrigated	5,120,000
9.	Sugar Beets	4,299,000
10.	Hay, Alfalfa	3,528,000

S U M M A R Y   O F   P R O D U C T I O N

	<u>1975</u>	Value of <u>Production</u>	<u>1974</u>	Value of <u>Production</u>
	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Rank</u>	
Field Crops	1	\$ 56,880,000	1	\$ 72,859,000
Livestock and Poultry	2	23,085,000	2	23,734,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	3	20,071,000	3	20,197,000
Vegetable Crops	4	14,967,000	5	11,399,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	5	12,579,000	4	16,604,800
Nursery Products	6	6,651,000	6	6,021,000
Seed Crops	7	4,342,700	7	4,391,200
Apiary Products	8	<u>289,000</u>	8	<u>159,600</u>
		\$138,864,700		\$155,365,600



FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1974-75

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Value		
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1975	5,430	2.1	11,400	Ton	\$105.00	\$ 1,197,000
	1974	9,070	2.2	19,954	Ton	125.00	2,494,000
Beets, Sugar	1975	6,900	23.3	161,000	Ton	26.70	4,299,000
	1974	3,500	20.39	71,365	Ton	45.40	3,240,000
Corn, Field	1975	43,600	3.50	153,000	Ton	110.00	16,830,000
	1974*	50,000	3.50	175,000	Ton	130.00	22,750,000
Corn, Silage	1975	6,800	22.00	150,000	Ton	22.50	3,375,000
	1974	6,350	22.00	139,700	Ton	15.00	2,095,000
Grain Sorghum	1975	4,990	3.5	17,500	Ton	100.00	1,750,000
	1974	6,600	3.3	21,780	Ton	120.00	2,614,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1975	7,300	6.90	50,400	Ton	70.00	3,528,000
	1974	10,800	7.00	75,600	Ton	70.00	5,292,000
Hay, Grain	1975	14,200	2.8	39,800	Ton	55.00	2,189,000
	1974	8,300	2.0	16,600	Ton	50.00	830,000
Hay, Other	1975	2,500	1.8	4,500	Ton	40.00	180,000
	1974	8,800	1.7	14,960	Ton	40.00	598,000
Hops	1975	1,100	1,570.0	1,727,000	Lb.	.88	1,520,000
	1974	1,000	1,686.0	1,686,000	Lb.	.84	1,416,000
Oats	1975	1,600	1.3	2,100	Ton	145.00	304,000
	1974	1,500	1.25	1,875	Ton	135.00	253,000
Oats, Silage	1975	3,340	11.5	38,400	Ton	9.00	346,000
	1974	2,500	10.0	25,000	Ton	12.00	300,000
Pasture Irrigated	1975	64,000			Acre	80.00	5,120,000
	1974	64,000			Acre	75.00	4,800,000
Range	1975	145,000			Acre	7.00	1,015,000
	1974	147,000			Acre	7.00	1,029,000

\*Revised



FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1974-1975 (Continued)

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Rice	1975	14,900	2.75	41,000	Ton	\$160.00	\$ 6,560,000
	1974	11,500	2.75	31,625	Ton	240.00	7,590,000
Safflower	1975	5,510	1.5	8,260	Ton	220.00	1,817,000
	1974	21,500	1.3	27,950	Ton	370.00	10,341,000
Wheat	1975	27,400	2.0	54,800	Ton	125.00	6,850,000
	1974	24,300	2.2	53,460	Ton	135.00	7,217,000
TOTAL	1975	354,570					\$56,880,000
	1974*	376,720					72,859,000

Revised\*

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA AND VALUE, 1974-1975

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
NURSERY	1975	317					\$ 6,651,000
	1974	343					6,021,000



VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1974-1975

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1975	470	1.7	799	Ton	\$420.00	\$ 336,000
	1974	752	1.5	1,128	Ton	560.00	632,000
Cabbage	1975	60	18.0	1,080	Ton	95.00	103,000
	1974	110	18.0	1,980	Ton	90.00	178,000
Lettuce Head and Leaf	1975	70	10.0	700	Ton	250.00	175,000
	1974	105	6.5	682	Ton	250.00	170,000
Squash	1975	60	15.0	900	Ton	200.00	180,000
	1974	35	15.0	525	Ton	165.00	87,000
Tomatoes, Fresh	1975	150	25.0	3,750	Ton	260.00	975,000
	1974	110	25.0	2,750	Ton	200.00	550,000
Tomatoes, Processed	1975	8,860	25.0	222,000	Ton	57.50	12,765,000
	1974	7,600	21.2	161,000	Ton	57.50	9,257,000
Miscellaneous	1975*	400					433,000
	1974*	318					525,000
*Revised - Includes Cauliflower, Cucumber, Onions							
TOTAL	1975	10,070					\$14,967,000
	1974	9,030					11,399,000



SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1974-1975

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Clover, Ladino Certified	1975	5,700	391	2,229,000	Lb.	\$ 1.10	\$ 2,452,000
	1974	4,480	374	1,676,000	Lb.	1.40	2,346,000
Clover, Ladino	1975	240	424	101,760	Lb.	.95	96,700
	1974	100	325	32,500	Lb.	1.30	42,200
Oats	1975	1,600	1.0	1,600	Ton	150.00	240,000
	1974	1,200	1.2	1,440	Ton	280.00	403,000
Rice	1975	820	2.5	2,050	Ton	240.00	492,000
	1974	729	2.7	1,968	Ton	300.00	590,000
Safflower	1975	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1974	300	1.3	390	Ton	370.00	144,000
Sudan Certified	1975	600	2,200	1,320,000	Lb.	.10	132,000
	1974	1,860	2,580	4,800,000	Lb.	.10	480,000
Sudan Other	1975	560	2,860	1,602,000	Lb.	.15	240,000
	1974	452	2,930	1,324,000	Lb.	.12	159,000
Wheat	1975	870	2.3	2,000	Ton	130.00	260,000
	1974	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous Bean, Onion Other	1975	520					430,000
	1974	500					227,000
TOTAL	1975	10,910					\$ 4,342,700
	1974	9,621					4,391,200



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1974-1975

Item	Year	Production		Value	
		Unit	Per Unit	Unit	Total
Milk - Market	1975	1,842,000	Cwt.	\$8.69	\$16,007,000
	1974*	1,903,000	Cwt.	8.10	15,414,000
Milk Manufacturing	1975	255,000	Cwt.	6.65	1,696,000
	1974*	282,000	Cwt.	6.19	1,746,000
Wool	1975	160,000	Lb.	.56	90,000
	1974	161,000	Lb.	.66	106,000
Eggs, Market	1975	5,857,000	Doz.	.389	2,278,000
	1974	6,317,000	Doz.	.464	2,931,000
*Revised					
TOTAL	1975				\$20,071,000
	1974				20,197,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: VALUE 1974-1975

APIARY PRODUCTS*	1975	\$ 289,000
	1974	159,600

\*Includes honey, wax, package bees and queens.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1974-1975

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
*Cattle and Calves	1975	137,000	650,000	Cwt.	\$ 31.40	\$20,410,000
	1974	122,500	563,000	Cwt.	35.70	20,099,000
Sheep and Lambs	1975	12,800	12,800	Cwt.	46.00	589,000
	1974	13,200	13,200	Cwt.	38.00	501,000
Hogs and Pigs	1975	1,000	2,000	Cwt.	55.00	110,000
	1974	1,000	2,000	Cwt.	40.00	80,000
Broilers and Fryers	1975	650,000	2,925,000	Lb.	.25	731,000
	1974	850,000	3,400,000	Lb.	.23	782,000
Other Chickens	1975	158,000	632,000	Lb.	.04	25,000
	1974	85,000	318,000	Lb.	.07	22,000
**Other Livestock Products	1975					1,220,000
	1974					2,250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	1975					\$23,085,000
	1974					23,734,000

\*Includes Feed Lot, Beef Cattle and Dairy  
 \*\*Includes Turkeys, Rabbits and Hatchery Production



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1974-1975

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1975	40	.50	20	Ton	\$700.00	\$ 14,000
	1974	40	.79	31	Ton	920.00	28,500
Grapes, Table	1975	60	3.5	210	Ton	120.00	25,000
	1974	63	4.00	252	Ton	135.00	34,000
Grapes, Wine	1975	1,160	3.0	3,480	Ton	101.00	351,000
	1974	257	9.26	2,380	Ton	145.00	345,000
Olives	1975	40	1.5	60	Ton	340.00	20,000
	1974	42	1.00	42	Ton	421.00	17,700
Pears Bartlett	1975	6,160	14.6	89,900	Ton		11,655,000
	1974	6,000	15.7	94,200	Ton		15,848,600
Processed	1975			71,800	Ton	125.00	8,975,000
	1974			81,637	Ton	164.00	13,388,000
Dry Yard Fresh basis	1975			700	Ton	50.00	35,000
	1974			280	Ton	45.00	12,600
Fresh	1975			17,400	Ton	152.00	2,645,000
	1974			12,240	Ton	200.00	2,448,000
Pears, Other	1975	70	20.0	1,400	Ton	154.00	216,000
	1974	84	11.4	957	Ton	160.00	153,000
Strawberries	1975	15	3.0	45	Ton	420.00	19,000
	1974	20	3.5	70	Ton	460.00	32,200
Walnuts	1975	435	.7	280	Ton	430.00	120,000
	1974	324	.5	162	Ton	400.00	64,800
Miscellaneous	1975	225					159,000
	1974	167					81,000
TOTAL	1975	8,205					\$12,579,000
	1974	6,997					16,604,800



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(In Number of Head)

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