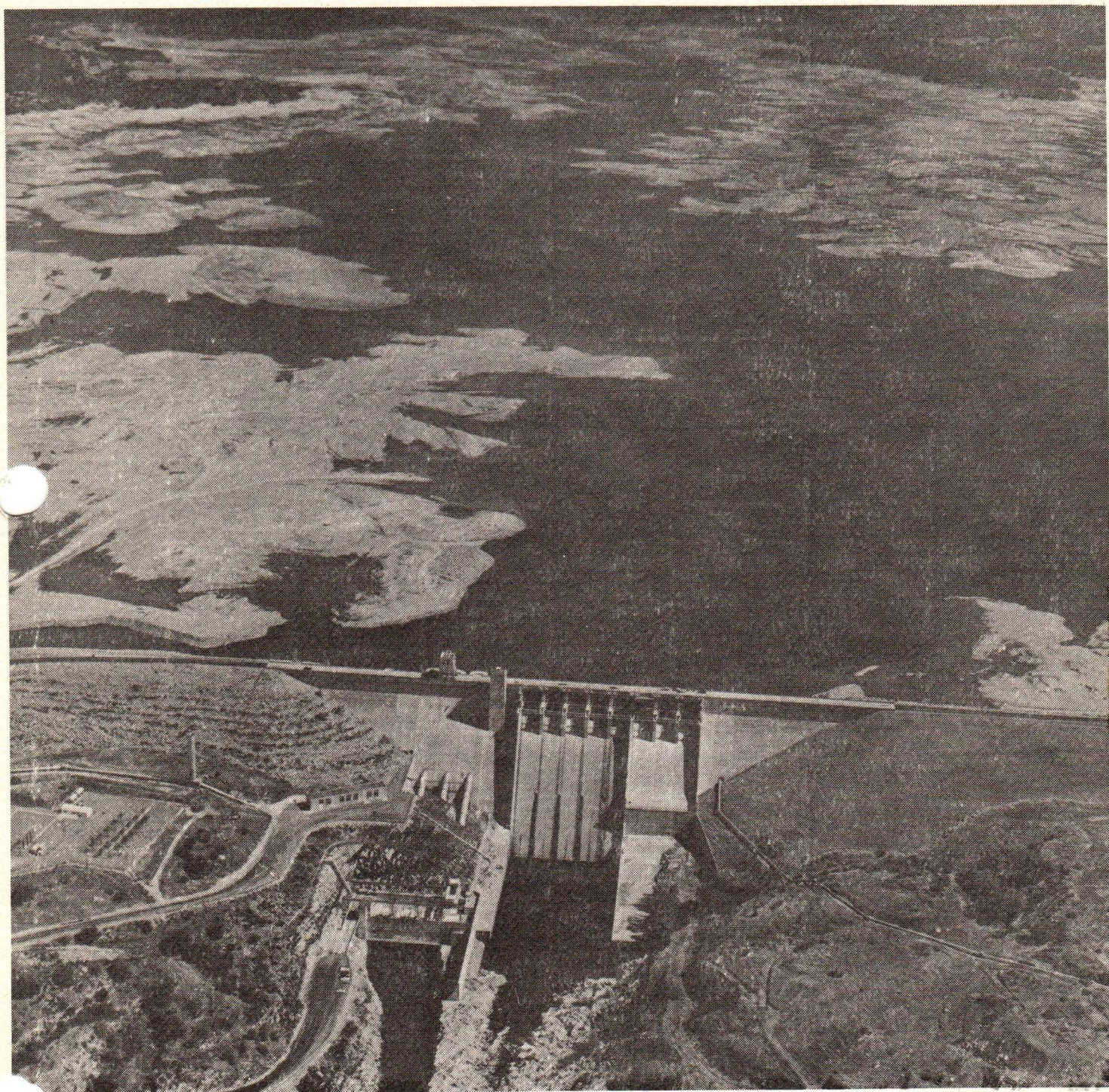


# SACRAMENTO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT 1977



1977 DROUGHT • FOLSOM LAKE • OCTOBER 1977 • 140,000 AC. FT.  
NORMAL FULL CAPACITY 1,000,000 AC. FT.





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The total 1977 value of agricultural production in Sacramento County was \$127,655,200, down nearly four million dollars from the previous year.

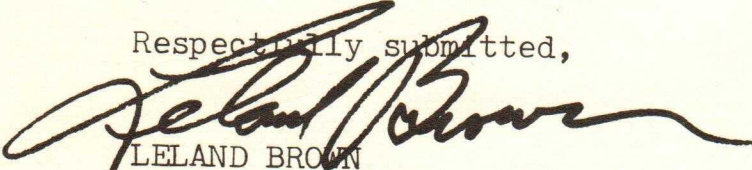
This was the third year in a row that the County's farmers experienced a decline in farm value, with the 1977 value almost 19% lower than 1974. This decline is attributed to the drought and depressed farm prices especially for corn, wheat, barley and other field crops.

It may seem contradictory, but while cattlemen were receiving disaster assistance because of the drought, the value of cattle sold actually increased. This paradoxical situation occurred because cattlemen were forced to sell off large numbers of their stock, including portions of their breeding herds.

As in most years, while some crops lost value others showed an increase. For instance, wine grapes have increased in value by almost 700% during the last five years to become a two million dollar industry. Safflower acreage tripled during 1977, over the previous year, and the value of the County's canning tomato crop increased from seven million to nearly eleven million dollars. Nursery production is often not recognized as a major agricultural industry in the County, but at eight million dollars, it was valued at more than the combined production values of sugar beets, rice and eggs.

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 Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service, who assisted with the livestock production figures.

Respectfully submitted,

  
LELAND BROWN  
Agricultural Commissioner



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For Year 1977

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GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION 1967 - 1977

1977	\$127,655,200
1976	131,630,300 *
1975	133,072,600
1974	155,365,600
1973	121,391,100
1972	92,547,400
1971	81,033,750
1970	80,898,300
1969	77,319,620
1968	83,286,900
1967	69,285,000

\* Figures Revised

THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1977

1.	Milk	\$20,980,000
2.	Cattle and Calves	15,698,000
3.	Corn	13,928,000
4.	Tomatoes	11,026,000
5.	Wheat	10,268,000
6.	Pears	10,253,000
7.	Hay, Alfalfa	4,830,000
8.	Pasture Irrigated	4,320,000
9.	Rice	4,308,000
10.	Safflower	3,088,000

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION

	1976		1977	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Value of Production</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Value of Production</u>
Field Crops	1	\$58,491,000	1	\$48,844,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	2	23,167,000*	2	22,156,200
Livestock and Poultry	3	17,745,300	3	18,477,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	4	12,579,000	4	12,947,000
Vegetable Crops	5	8,710,000	5	12,043,800
Nursery Products	6	7,155,000	6	8,190,000
Seed Crops	7	3,513,000	7	4,791,000
Apiary Products	8	<u>270,000</u>	8	<u>207,000</u>
TOTAL VALUE		\$131,630,300		\$127,655,200

\* Revised



FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			PRODUCTION	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1977	4,450	2.3	10,240	Ton	91.00	\$ 932,000
	1976	2,100	2.2	4,620	Ton	95.00	439,000
Beets, Sugar	1977	3,800	30.3	115,000	Ton	22.50	2,588,000
	1976	5,400	27.0	145,800	Ton	19.75	2,880,000
Corn, Field	1977	38,100	4.0	152,400	Ton	81.00	12,344,000
	1976	45,000	4.0	180,000	Ton	100.00	18,000,000
Corn, Silage	1977	5,500	18.0	99,000	Ton	16.00	1,584,000
	1976	8,000	16.0	128,000	Ton	22.00	2,816,000
Grain Sorghum	1977	2,600	3.5	9,100	Ton	84.00	764,000
	1976	4,400	3.4	15,000	Ton	90.00	1,350,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1977	9,200	7.5	69,000	Ton	70.00	4,830,000
	1976	8,800	7.5	66,000	Ton	82.00	5,412,000
Hay, Grain	1977	12,800	2.1	26,900	Ton	40.00	1,076,000
	1976	13,000	2.0	26,000	Ton	70.00	1,820,000
Hay, Other	1977	4,900	1.9	9,310	Ton	38.00	354,000
	1976	3,200	1.8	5,760	Ton	50.00	288,000
Hops	1977	1,150	1,620.0	1,863,000	Lbs	.95	1,770,000
	1976	1,200	1,440.0	1,728,000	Lbs	.87	1,503,000
Oats	1977	2,100	2.0	4,200	Ton	80.00	336,000
	1976	1,000	1.2	1,200	Ton	200.00	240,000
Oats, Silage	1977	4,100	10.0	41,000	Ton	12.00	492,000
	1976	3,100	10.5	32,500	Ton	14.00	455,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1977	54,000			Acre	80.00	4,320,000
	1976	59,000			Acre	80.00	4,720,000
Range	1977	142,000			Acre	3.50	497,000
	1976	144,000			Acre	3.50	504,000
Rice	1977	7,200	3.0	21,600	Ton	190.00	4,104,000
	1976	11,000	2.8	30,800	Ton	140.00	4,312,000
Safflower	1977	9,300	1.3	12,100	Ton	250.00	3,025,000
	1976	3,600	1.0	3,600	Ton	220.00	792,000
Wheat	1977	32,800	3.3	108,000	Ton	91.00	9,828,000
	1976	40,000	2.7	108,000	Ton	120.00	12,960,000
TOTAL	1977	334,000					\$48,844,000
	1976	352,800					58,491,000



NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA AND VALUE, 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED		TOTAL
		ACREAGE		
Nursery	1977	410		\$ 8,190,000
	1976	336		7,155,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			PRODUCTION		TOTAL
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Asparagus	1977	440	1.5	660	Ton	550.00	\$	363,000
	1976	520	1.6	832	Ton	420.00		349,000
Cabbage	1977	30	18.0	540	Ton	120.00		64,800
	1976	50	18.0	900	Ton	120.00		108,000
Lettuce Head/Leaf	1977	50	8.0	400	Ton	400.00		160,000
	1976	70	8.0	560	Ton	385.00		216,000
Squash	1977	30	15.0	450	Ton	200.00		90,000
	1976	40	15.0	600	Ton	200.00		120,000
Tomatoes Fresh	1977	20	25.0	500	Ton	320.00		160,000
	1976	90	25.0	2,250	Ton	310.00		697,000
Tomatoes Processed	1977	7,730	25.0	193,000	Ton	56.30		10,866,000
	1976	7,000	20.0	140,000	Ton	50.00		7,000,000
Miscellaneous	1977	350						340,000
	1976	300						220,000
TOTAL	1977	8,650						\$12,043,800
	1976	8,070						8,710,000



SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			PRODUCTION	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Clover, Ladino Certified	1977	5,700	320.0	1,824,000	Lbs	1.10	\$ 2,006,000
	1978	4,600	288.0	1,325,000	Lbs	1.10	1,458,000
Clover, Ladino	1977	340	290.0	98,600	Lbs	1.00	99,000
	1976	220	288.0	63,400	Lbs	1.05	67,000
Oats	1977	920	2.5	2,300	Ton	150.00	345,000
	1976	1,200	1.75	2,100	Ton	210.00	441,000
Rice	1977	370	2.5	925	Ton	220.00	204,000
	1976	590	2.8	1,650	Ton	240.00	396,000
Safflower	1977	250	1.0	250	Ton	250.00	63,000
	1976	250	.9	225	Ton	240.00	54,000
Sudan, Certified	1977	1,900	2,500.0	4,750,000	Lbs	.13	618,000
	1978	940	2,500.0	2,350,000	Lbs	.15	352,000
Sudan, Other	1977	1,100	2,700.0	2,970,000	Lbs	.15	446,000
	1976	900	2,000.0	1,800,000	Lbs	.17	306,000
Wheat	1977	1,450	3.3	4,780	Ton	92.00	440,000
	1976	450	4.0	1,800	Ton	125.00	225,000
Miscellaneous	1977	950					570,000
	1976	500					214,000
TOTAL	1977	12,980					\$ 4,791,000
	1976	9,650					3,513,000



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk-Market	1977	2,003,000	Cwt.	9.428	\$18,884,000
	1976*	2,115,000	Cwt.	9.105	19,257,000
Milk Manufacturing	1977	262,000	Cwt.	8.00	2,096,000
	1976*	247,000	Cwt.	7.39	1,825,000
Wool	1977	140,000	Cwt.	.68	95,200
	1976	170,000	Cwt.	.65	110,000
Eggs, Market	1977	1,965,000	Doz.	.55	1,081,000
	1976	3,591,000	Doz.	.55	1,975,000
TOTAL	1977				\$22,156,200
	1976				23,167,000

\*Revised

APIARY PRODUCTS: VALUE 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL
Apiary Products*	1977	\$ 207,000
	1976	270,000

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



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves*	1977	75,500	459,000	Cwt.	34.20	\$15,698,000
	1976	72,400	421,000	Cwt.	34.80	14,651,000
Sheep & Lambs	1977	14,000	15,000	Cwt.	40.70	610,000
	1976	13,500	14,400	Cwt.	38.60	556,000
Hogs & Pigs	1977	3,600	7,200	Cwt.	47.00	338,000
	1976	2,400	4,800	Cwt.	42.50	204,000
Broilers & Fryers	1977	862,000	3,879,000	Lb.	.26	1,008,000
	1976	700,000	3,150,000	Lb.	.25	731,000
Other Chickens	1977	75,000	300,000	Lb.	.06	18,000
	1976	62,000	279,000	Lb.	.08	22,300
Other Livestock Products**	1977					805,000
	1976					1,525,000
TOTAL	1977					\$18,477,000
	1976					17,745,300

\*Includes feed lot, beef and dairy cattle.

\*\*Includes turkeys, rabbits and pullets.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK

(In Number of Heads)

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1977	JANUARY 1, 1978
All Cattle and Calves*	92,200	83,900
Cows, Dairy	18,500	20,000
Cows, Beef	19,800	17,960
Stock Sheep and Lambs	16,000	14,000
Hogs	900	1,100

\*Includes cattle in feedlots being finished for slaughter.



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1976-77

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Grapes, Wine	1977	1,860	6.0	11,200	Ton	180.00	\$ 2,016,000
	1976	1,800	3.0	5,400	Ton	133.00	718,000
Pears -							
Bartlett	1977	6,900	13.0	89,200	Ton		10,208,000
	1976	6,500	18.1	118,000	Ton		11,116,000
Processed	1977			73,600	Ton	110.30	8,118,000
	1976			96,100	Ton	99.80	9,589,000
Dry Yard Fresh Basis	1977			- 0 -	Ton	- 0 -	- 0 -
	1976			300	Ton	50.00	15,000
Fresh	1977			15,600	Ton	134.00	2,090,000
	1976			21,600	Ton	70.00	1,512,000
Pears, Other	1977	30	10.0	300	Ton	150.00	45,000
	1976	30	10.0	300	Ton	136.00	40,800
Walnuts	1977	430	1.0	430	Ton	750.00	323,000
	1976	430	.9	387	Ton	600.00	232,000
Miscellaneous	1977	350					355,000
	1976	370					271,000
TOTAL	1977	9,570					\$12,947,000
	1976	9,130					12,579,000