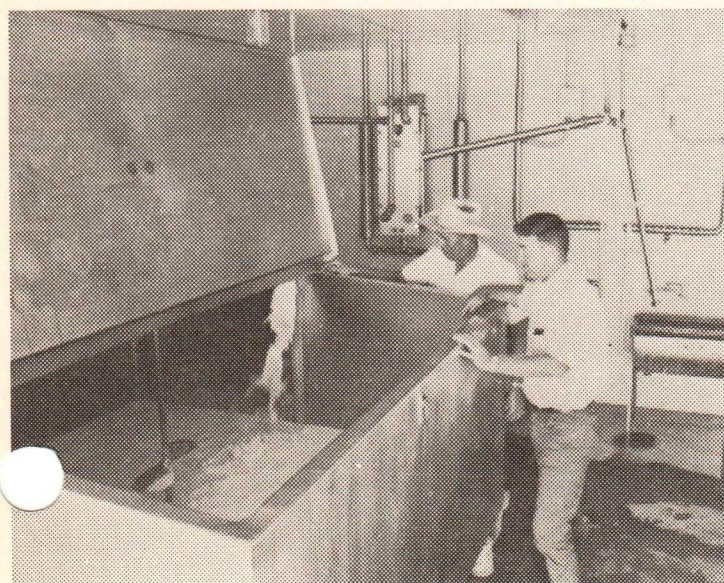
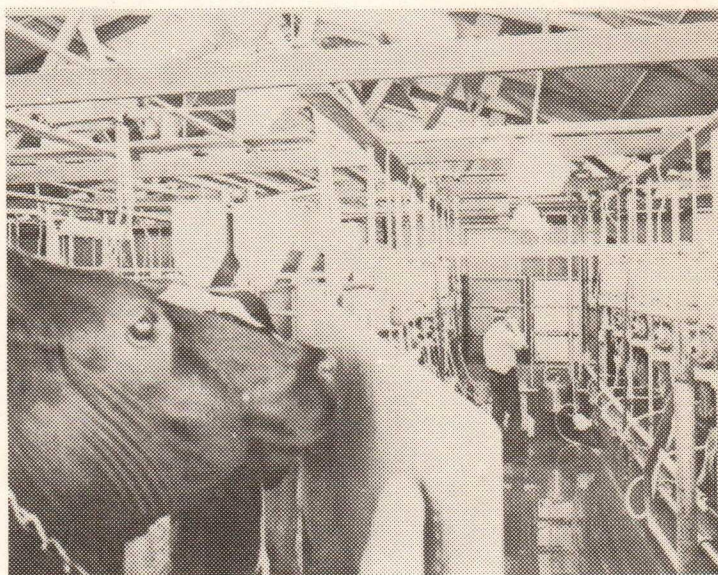


SACRAMENTO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

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The Sacramento County 1979 value of agricultural production was \$180,207,000, up \$38,839,000 from 1978 and nearly \$25,000,000 more than the previous record set in 1974.

A combination of factors, not just inflation, resulted in the new record. For example, the price of wheat was 11% lower in 1979 than in 1974, but the acreage was nearly double, resulting in an increased total value of \$2,983,000. Pears were also higher in price in 1974 than in 1979, but increased production per acre resulted in an increased value of \$3,401,000. Conversely, a price increase of nearly 85% over 1974 resulted in a \$4,000,000 increase in the value of cattle, even though fewer animals were marketed. The largest increase from 1974 to 1979 occurred with milk, which increased in value by over \$10,000,000. A 44% increase in price and 8% increase in production combine to cause this increase.

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 for the extra assistance they provided.

Respectfully submitted,


LELAND BROWN
Agricultural Commissioner

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GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION 1969 - 1979

1979	\$180,207,000
1978	141,368,600
1977	128,058,000
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
<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	

THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1979

1. Milk	\$27,623,000
2. Cattle and Calves	24,428,000
3. Corn	23,980,000
4. Pears	19,250,000
5. Wheat	10,200,000
6. Tomatoes	10,170,000
7. Rice	8,640,000
8. Grapes	4,928,000
9. Hay, Alfalfa	4,473,000
10. Pasture Irrigated	3,520,000

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION

	<u>1979</u>		<u>1978</u>	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Value of Production</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Value of Production</u>
Field Crops	1	\$62,876,000	1	\$48,011,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	2	29,076,000	2	24,310,000
Livestock and Poultry	3	28,177,000	4	19,107,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	4	24,678,000	3	20,360,000
Nursery Products	5	17,742,000	5	13,006,000
Vegetable Crops	6	11,801,000	6	11,472,600
Seed Crops	7	5,562,000	7	4,782,000
Apiary Products	8	295,000	8	320,000
TOTAL VALUE		<u>\$180,207,000</u>		<u>\$141,368,600</u>

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1979	2,370	2.2	5,200	Ton	110.00	\$ 572,000
	1978	4,880	1.9	9,270	Ton	105.00	974,000
Beets, Sugar	1979	2,800	25.0	70,000	Ton	26.00	1,820,000
	1978	3,100	21.9	68,000	Ton	25.66	1,745,000
Corn, Field	1979	52,000	4.2	218,000	Ton	110.00	23,980,000
	1978	49,900	4.1	204,590	Ton	95.00	19,436,000
Corn, Silage	1979	5,200	22.0	114,000	Ton	18.00	2,052,000
	1978	5,300	21.0	111,300	Ton	13.00	1,447,000
Grain Sorghum	1979	2,000	3.0	6,000	Ton	103.00	618,000
	1978	3,100	3.0	9,300	Ton	93.00	865,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1979	7,200	6.9	49,700	Ton	90.00	4,473,000
	1978	6,500	7.0	45,500	Ton	70.00	3,185,000
Hay, Grain	1979	8,700	2.0	17,400	Ton	50.00	870,000
	1978	12,700	2.0	25,400	Ton	35.00	889,000
Hay, Other	1979	6,700	1.9	12,700	Ton	48.00	610,000
	1978	8,200	1.8	14,760	Ton	32.00	472,000
Hops	1979	1,080	1,300.0	1,404,000	Lbs	.98	1,376,000
	1978	1,450	1,420.0	2,059,000	Lbs	.96	1,977,000
Oats	1979	1,100	.6	660	Ton	120.00	79,000
	1978	2,300	.4	920	Ton	98.00	90,000
Oats, Silage	1979	6,300	9.0	56,700	Ton	12.00	680,000
	1978	4,400	10.5	46,200	Ton	10.00	462,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1979	44,000			Acre	80.00	3,520,000
	1978	48,000			Acre	80.00	3,840,000
Range	1979	125,000			Acre	6.50	812,000
	1978	130,000			Acre	4.00	520,000
Rice	1979	16,000	3.0	48,000	Ton	180.00	8,640,000
	1978	13,000	2.6	34,000	Ton	150.00	5,100,000
Safflower	1979	11,000	.9	9,900	Ton	260.00	2,574,000
	1978	11,300	1.1	12,430	Ton	235.00	2,921,000
Wheat	1979	34,000	2.5	85,000	Ton	120.00	10,200,000
	1978	18,400	2.2	40,480	Ton	101.00	4,088,000
TOTAL	1979	325,450					\$62,876,000
	1978	322,500					48,011,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED		TOTAL
		YEAR	ACREAGE	
Nursery	1979		600	\$17,742,000
	1978		540	13,006,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			PRODUCTION	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1979	476	1.6	762	Ton	850.00	\$ 648,000
	1978	440	1.2	528	Ton	640.00	338,000
Cabbage	1979	36	16.0	576	Ton	200.00	115,000
	1978	20	17.0	340	Ton	140.00	47,600
Lettuce, Head/Leaf	1979	65	8.0	520	Ton	460.00	239,000
	1978	50	9.0	450	Ton	450.00	203,000
Squash	1979	44	10.0	440	Ton	220.00	97,000
	1978	20	15.0	300	Ton	210.00	63,000
Tomatoes, Fresh	1979	23	25.0	575	Ton	300.00	172,000
	1978	10	25.0	250	Ton	300.00	75,000
Tomatoes, Processed	1979	7,200	25.0	180,000	Ton	56.50	10,170,000
	1978	7,790	25.0	194,750	Ton	54.50	10,614,000
Miscellaneous	1979	640					360,000
	1978	80					132,000
TOTAL	1979	8,484					\$11,801,000
	1978	8,410					11,472,600

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Clover, Ladino Certified	1979	6,000	280.0	1,680,000	Lbs	1.35	\$ 2,268,000
	1978	6,800	276.0	1,877,000	Lbs	1.24	2,327,000
Clover, Ladino	1979	-	-	-		-	-
	1978	250	260.0	65,000	Lbs	1.15	75,000
Oats	1979	300	.6	180	Ton	240.00	43,000
	1978	400	.5	200	Ton	120.00	24,000
Rice	1979	1,300	3.0	3,900	Ton	230.00	897,000
	1978	800	2.5	2,000	Ton	160.00	320,000
Safflower	1979	600	1.8	10,800	Ton	285.00	308,000
	1978	290	1.8	520	Ton	240.00	125,000
Sudan, Certified	1979	1,670	2,400.0	4,008,000	Lbs	.095	381,000
	1978	2,600	2,200.0	5,720,000	Lbs	.10	572,000
Sudan, Hybrid	1979	500	3,300.0	1,650,000	Lbs	.12	198,000
	1978	1,000	2,600.0	2,600,000	Lbs	.13	338,000
Wheat	1979	1,400	2.8	3,920	Ton	170.00	666,000
	1978	760	2.4	1,824	Ton	110.00	201,000
Miscellaneous	1979	1,130					801,000
	1978	1,600					800,000
TOTAL	1979	12,900					\$ 5,562,000
	1978	14,500					4,782,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk-Market	1979	2,341,000	Cwt.	11.27	\$26,383,000
	1978	2,175,000	Cwt.	9.88	21,489,000
Milk Manufacturing	1979	117,000	Cwt.	10.60	1,240,000
	1978	181,000	Cwt.	8.70	1,574,000
Wool	1979	135,000	Lb.	.79	107,000
	1978	122,000	Lb.	.72	87,800
Eggs, Market	1979	2,720,000	Doz.	.495	1,346,000
	1978	2,070,000	Doz.	.56	1,159,200
TOTAL	1979				\$29,076,000
	1978				24,310,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL
Apiary Products*	1979	\$ 295,000
	1978	320,000

*Includes honey, was, package bees and queens.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves*	1979	53,700	369,000	Cwt.	66.20	\$24,428,000
	1978	54,900	320,000	Cwt.	48.50	15,520,000
Sheep and Lambs	1979	13,000	13,000	Cwt.	64.00	832,000
	1978	12,300	14,000	Cwt.	46.70	654,000
Hogs and Pigs	1979	3,000	5,400	Cwt.	45.00	243,000
	1978	3,600	6,000	Cwt.	60.70	364,000
Broilers and Fryers	1979	655,000	2,620,000	Lb.	.28	734,000
	1978	794,000	3,773,000	Lb.	.28	1,056,000
Other Chickens	1979	46,000	184,000	Lb.	.08	15,000
	1978	104,000	421,000	Lb.	.09	38,000
Other Livestock Products**	1979					1,925,000
	1978					1,475,000
TOTAL	1979					\$28,177,000
	1978					19,107,000

* Includes feed lot, beef and dairy cattle.

** Includes turkeys, rabbits and pullets.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK
(In Number of Head)

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1979	JANUARY 1, 1980
All Cattle and Calves*	130,000	125,000
Cows, Dairy	21,700	24,000
Cows, Beef	32,000	34,000
Stock Sheep and Lambs	13,500	14,000
Hogs	1,700	1,700

* Includes cattle in feedlots being finished for slaughter.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978-79

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Grapes, Wine	1979	3,200	7.0	22,400	Ton	220.00	\$ 4,928,000
	1978	3,300	6.1	20,180	Ton	211.00	4,258,000
Pears -							
Bartlett	1979	6,700	18.0	121,000	Ton		19,250,000
	1978	6,900	12.5	86,000	Ton		15,513,000
Processed	1979			109,000	Ton	154.00	(16,808,000)
	1978			78,000	Ton	175.50	(13,689,000)
Fresh	1979			11,600	Ton	210.00	(2,442,000)
	1978			8,000	Ton	228.00	(1,824,000)
Pears, Other	1979	30	10.0	300	Ton	157.00	47,000
	1978	30	7.2	216	Ton	320.00	69,000
Walnuts	1979	430	.7	301	Ton	800.00	241,000
	1978	430	.6	258	Ton	1200.00	310,000
Miscellaneous	1979	270					212,000
	1978	280					210,000
TOTAL	1979	10,630					\$24,678,000
	1978	10,940					20,360,000