

AGRICULTURAL CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT

1984



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The year 1984 was as disappointing to most Sacramento County farmers as it was to agriculture nationwide. While the costs to produce food continued to rise, the prices paid to growers was frequently less than the cost of production.

The total value of agricultural commodities produced in Sacramento during 1984 is estimated at \$181,517,000. Although this is up by \$13,745,000 from the previous year, very little of this increase can be attributed to higher prices. In fact, just the opposite is true.

The prices growers received for field crops present a dismal picture and is illustrative of the farmers' financial problems. Although the acreage devoted to field crops bounced back by 13,000 acres from the previous year's PIK program, the total value increased by less than \$800,000. In many instances the prices growers received for their crops in 1984 were less than they received ten years ago. The following price listing of the County's major field crops for 1984 compared with 1974 illustrate this reduced value:

	<u>PRICE PER TON</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1984</u>
Beets, Sugar	\$ 45.	\$ 38
Corn, Field	130.	110.
Corn, Silage	15.	21.
Hay, All	63.	62.
Rice	240.	130.
Safflower	370.	240.
Wheat	135.	120.
Average Price(Weighted)	155.	105 32% Decrease in value

The prices paid for cattle and sheep were up marginally from the previous two years, but was still less than in 1980. The total value of all livestock produced in the County was up from 1983, primarily because of an increased number of turkeys, chickens and fish sent to market.

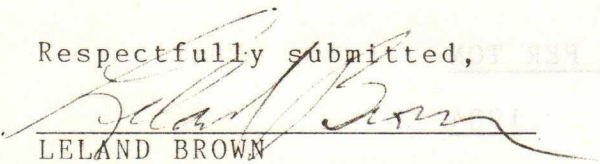
The County's bartlett pear industry brightened considerably from the previous year, increasing in value from \$9,850,000 in 1983 to \$15,130,000 in 1984. This increase resulted from significantly better yields combined with higher prices. Unfortunately, however, not all growers benefited from the improvement, as there were a number of growers who were unable to market a portion or all of their pears. Even though 1984 prices were considerably better than in 1983, pear prices in 1984 were still approximately 22% lower than in 1974.

Wine grape growers in Sacramento County, like wine grape growers statewide, faced increased competition from foreign wines, forcing prices lower. The prices paid growers for Sacramento County wine grapes declined by nearly 22% from the previous year, matching the \$133 per ton paid in 1976. In 1974 wine grape prices were 8% higher than in 1984.

The County's main vegetable crops, canning tomatoes and asparagus, present a mixed picture. The prices paid for processing tomatoes seem to be in the same rut as many other crops, either down or stagnant for the past several years. The 1984 average price per ton was \$52.; in 1983 it was \$53., and in 1974, \$57.50 per ton. On the other hand, asparagus production is making a resurgence in Sacramento County. The price of asparagus was down by 14% from the previous year, but the average price was up by nearly 50% from just three years ago.

Obviously, a discussion of the prices paid to growers is not the only consideration when considering agriculture's financial picture. Over the past ten years, better technology has resulted in higher yields, while growers have found ways to increase productivity and reduce costs. Most growers are not going broke, but in the face of the last ten year's inflation combined with substantially lower prices, even the most efficient growers are finding it difficult to show a profit.

Respectfully submitted,


LELAND BROWN
Agricultural Commissioner

	1984	1983	1974	Average Price(Weighted)
Beans, Sugar	45.	45.	45.	45.
Corn, Field	130.	130.	130.	130.
Corn, Silage	15.	15.	15.	15.
Hay, All	65.	65.	65.	65.
Rice	130.	130.	130.	130.
Safflower	340.	340.	340.	340.
Wheat	155.	155.	155.	155.
	103	103	103	103

Decrease in value

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THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1984

1. MILK	\$ 39,497,000
2. CORN	22,550,000
3. CATTLE AND CALVES	17,442,000
4. PEARS	15,130,000
5. RICE	7,605,000
6. PROCESSED TOMATOES	7,300,000
7. WHEAT	5,711,000
8. REPLACEMENT PULLETS	4,035,000
9. CORN, SILAGE	3,927,000
10. GRAPE	3,910,000

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION

	1984	VALUE OF PRODUCTION	1983	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
FIELD CROPS	1	\$ 56,116,000	1	\$ 55,381,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRO.	2	40,658,000	2	40,484,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	3	31,028,000	3	27,509,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	4	19,545,000	4	14,732,000
NURSERY PRODUCTS	5	17,421,000	5	13,793,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	6	12,073,000	6	12,082,000
SEED CROPS	7	4,356,000	7	3,454,000
APIARY	8	320,000	8	337,000

THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1984

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION 1974-1984

1984		\$ <u>181,517,000</u>
1983		<u>167,772,000</u>
1982		<u>181,985,000</u>
1981		<u>208,846,000</u>
1980		<u>221,600,400</u>
1979		<u>182,800,000</u>
1978		<u>141,368,600</u>
1977		<u>128,058,000</u>
1976		<u>131,630,300</u>
1975		<u>133,072,600</u>
1974		<u>155,365,600</u>

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1983-84

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY	1984	1,750	2.5	4,380	TON	120.00	525,000
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-
BEETS, SUGAR	1984	4,000	22	88,000	TON	38.00	3,344,000
	1983	1,800	21.0	39,000	TON	37.00	1,443,000
CORN, FIELD	1984	50,000	4.1	205,000	TON	110.00	22,550,000
	1983	45,000	4.0	180,000	TON	125.00	22,500,000
CORN, SILAGE	1984	7,800	24	187,000	TON	21.00	3,927,000
	1983	7,780	26.0	202,000	TON	19.00	3,838,000
GRAIN, SORGHUM	1984	1,700	2.8	4,760	TON	104.00	495,000
	1983	3,000	2.6	7,800	TON	110.00	858,000
HAY, ALFALFA	1984	4,600	7.0	32,200	TON	85.00	2,737,000
	1983	6,400	7.0	44,800	TON	105.00	4,704,000
HAY, GRAIN	1984	7,650	2.8	21,400	TON	60.00	1,284,000
	1983	9,200	3.0	27,600	TON	60.00	1,656,000
HAY, OTHER	1984	8,280	2.5	20,700	TON	30.00	621,000
	1983	8,200	2.0	16,400	TON	40.00	656,000
OATS	1984	900	1.0	900	TON	120.00	108,000
	1983	980	1.0	980	TON	135.00	132,000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1984	30,000	-	-	ACRE	100.00	3,000,000
	1983	33,000	-	-	ACRE	100.00	3,300,000
RANGE	1984	98,000	-	-	ACRE	10.00	980,000
	1983	98,000	-	-	ACRE	8.00	784,000
RICE	1984	16,700	3.5	58,500	TON	130.00	7,605,000
	1983	12,600	3.6	45,400	TON	140.00	6,356,000
SAFFLOWER	1984	5,850	1.0	5,850	TON	240.00	1,404,000
	1983	3,800	1.6	6,080	TON	235.00	1,429,000
WHEAT	1984	22,000	2.2	48,400	TON	118.00	5,711,000
	1983	20,000	2.3	46,000	TON	120.00	5,520,000
WILD RICE	1984	687	.7	481	TON	1,800.00	855,000
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. FIELD **	1984	1,950	-	-	-	-	970,000
	1983	1,900	-	-	-	-	2,205,000
TOTAL	1984	261,867	-	-	-	-	56,116,000
	1983	251,630	-	-	-	-	55,381,000

**Includes Dry Beans, Sunflower, Popcorn, and Hops

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION ACRES AND VALUE, 1983-84

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
NURSERY	1984	732	17,421,000
	1983	660	14,732,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1983-84

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		TOTAL
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	
ASPARAGUS	1984	1,770	1.5	2,660	TON	1,200.00	3,186,000
	1983	1,350	1.8	2,430	TON	1,400.00	3,402,000
CABBAGE	1984	20	15	300	TON	200.00	60,000
	1983	26	15	390	TON	210.00	82,000
LETTUCE, HEAD/LEAF	1984	50	6	300	TON	460.00	138,000
	1983	28	6	168	TON	450.00	76,000
SQUASH	1984	20	12	240	TON	220.00	53,000
	1983	53	13	689	TON	230.00	158,000
SWEET CORN	1984	450	4.5	2,305	TON	325.00	658,000
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOMATOES FRESH	1984	164	10	1,640	TON	200.00	328,000
	1983	18	26	468	TON	450.00	211,000
TOMATOES PROCESSED	1984	5,400	26	140,000	TON	52.00	7,300,000
	1983	5,420	26	141,000	TON	53.00	7,473,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1984	90					350,000
	1983	420					680,000
TOTAL	1984	7964					12,073,000
	1983	7315					12,082,000

* Pepper, chinese vegetables, green onions, and bean sprouts

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1983-84

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
GRAPES, WINE	1984	4,200	7.0	29,400	TON	133.00	3,910,000
	1983	3,610	5.6	20,200	TON	170.00	3,434,000
PEARS BARTLETT	1984	6,500	17.8	116,000	TON		15,130,000
	1983	6,630	14.5	96,000	TON		9,850,000
PROCESSED	1984			98,000	TON	125.00	(12,250,000)
	1983			83,500	TON	100.00	(8,350,000)
FRESH	1984			18,000	TON	160.00	(2,880,000)
	1983			12,500	TON	120.00	(1,500,000)
WALNUTS	1984	310	1.0	310	TON	800.00	248,000
	1983	410	1.0	410	TON	680.00	279,000
MISCELLANEOUS	1984	200					257,000
	1983	190					230,000
TOTAL	1984	11,210					19,545,000
	1983	10,840					13,793,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1983-1984

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
CLOVER	1984	4,030	380.0	1,531,000	LB	1.50	2,297,000
	1983	2,660	365.0	971,000	LB	1.35	1,311,000
OATS	1984	400	1.0	400	TON	160.00	64,000
	1983	400	1.0	400	TON	140.00	56,000
RICE	1984	770	3.5	2,700	TON	180.00	485,000
	1983	780	3.5	2,730	TON	180.00	491,000
SUDAN, CERTIFIED	1984	1,300	3,000	3,900,000	LB	.15	585,000
	1983	2,460	2,600	6,396,000	LB	.12	768,000
SUDAN, HYBRID	1984	370	3,100	1,147,000	LB	.17	195,000
	1983	290	3,100	899,000	LB	.15	135,000
WHEAT	1984	1,300	2.5	3,250	TON	120.00	390,000
	1983	810	2.0	1,620	TON	140.00	227,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1984	570					340,000
	1983	1,165					466,000
TOTAL	1984	8,740					4,356,000
	1983	8,565					3,454,000

*Includes Alfalfa, Beans and Vegetables.

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		ACRE	PER ACRE	UNIT	PER UNIT
GRAPE, WINE	1984	4,200	7.0	TON	133.00
	1983	3,610	5.6	TON	170.00
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1983-84					

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK-MARKET	1984	2,927,000	CWT	12.80	37,583,000
	1983	2,816,000	CWT	12.90	36,326,000
MILK MANUFACTURING	1984	159,000	CWT	12.00	1,914,000
	1983	221,000	CWT	12.10	2,674,000
WOOL	1984	94,000	LB	.80	75,000
	1983	100,000	LB	.65	65,000
EGGS, MARKET	1984	1,840,000	DOZ	.59	1,086,000
	1983	2,580,000	DOZ	.55	1,419,000
TOTAL	1984				40,658,000
	1983				40,484,000

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		ACRE	PER ACRE	UNIT	PER UNIT
APIARY PRODUCTS: VALUE 1983-84					
APIARY PRODUCTS*	1984	1,231,000	1.70	LB	320,000
	1983	971,000	1.70	LB	337,000
*Includes Honey, Packaged Bees, Queens, and Wax.					
CLOVER	1984	4,030	1.0	TON	64,000
	1983	2,660	1.0	TON	56,000
OATS	1984	400	1.0	TON	64,000
	1983	400	1.0	TON	56,000
RICE	1984	770	3.2	TON	482,000
	1983	780	3.2	TON	491,000
SUDAN CERTIFIED	1984	1,300	1.2	TON	282,000
	1983	2,460	1.2	TON	268,000
SUDAN HYBRID	1984	370	1.1	TON	192,000
	1983	290	1.2	TON	132,000
WHEAT	1984	1,300	2.2	TON	290,000
	1983	810	2.0	TON	227,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1984	270	1.1	TON	340,000
	1983	1,162	1.1	TON	468,000
TOTAL	1984	8,740			4,028,000
	1983	8,262			3,424,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1983-84

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE & CALVES	1984	47,400	323,000	CWT	54.00	17,442,000
	1983	54,300	386,000	CWT	52.50	20,265,000
SHEEP & LAMBS	1984	9,400	9,400	CWT	59.00	555,000
	1983	10,500	10,500	CWT	56.00	588,000
HOGS & PIGS	1984	4,800	4,800	CWT	50.00	240,000
	1983	800	1,600	CWT	52.00	83,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1984	1,484,000	7,392,000	LB	.36	2,661,000
	1983	1,193,000	4,772,000	LB	.33	866,000
REPLACEMENT PULLETS	1984	807,000		EACH	5.00	4,035,000
	1983	711,000	711,000	EACH	5.00	3,555,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK*	1984					6,095,000
	1983					914,000
TOTAL	1984					31,028,000
	1983					27,509,000

*INCLUDES: Turkeys, Rabbits, Catfish, Manure, and Stewing Hens

JANUARY 1 INVENTORY OF LIVESTOCK
(In Number of Head)

ITEM	JANUARY, 1984	JANUARY, 1985
ALL CATTLE & CALVES	102,000	112,000
COWS, DAIRY	21,200	23,500
COWS, BEEF	19,000	9,400
STOCK SHEEP & LAMBS	11,000	9,400
HOGS	800	900