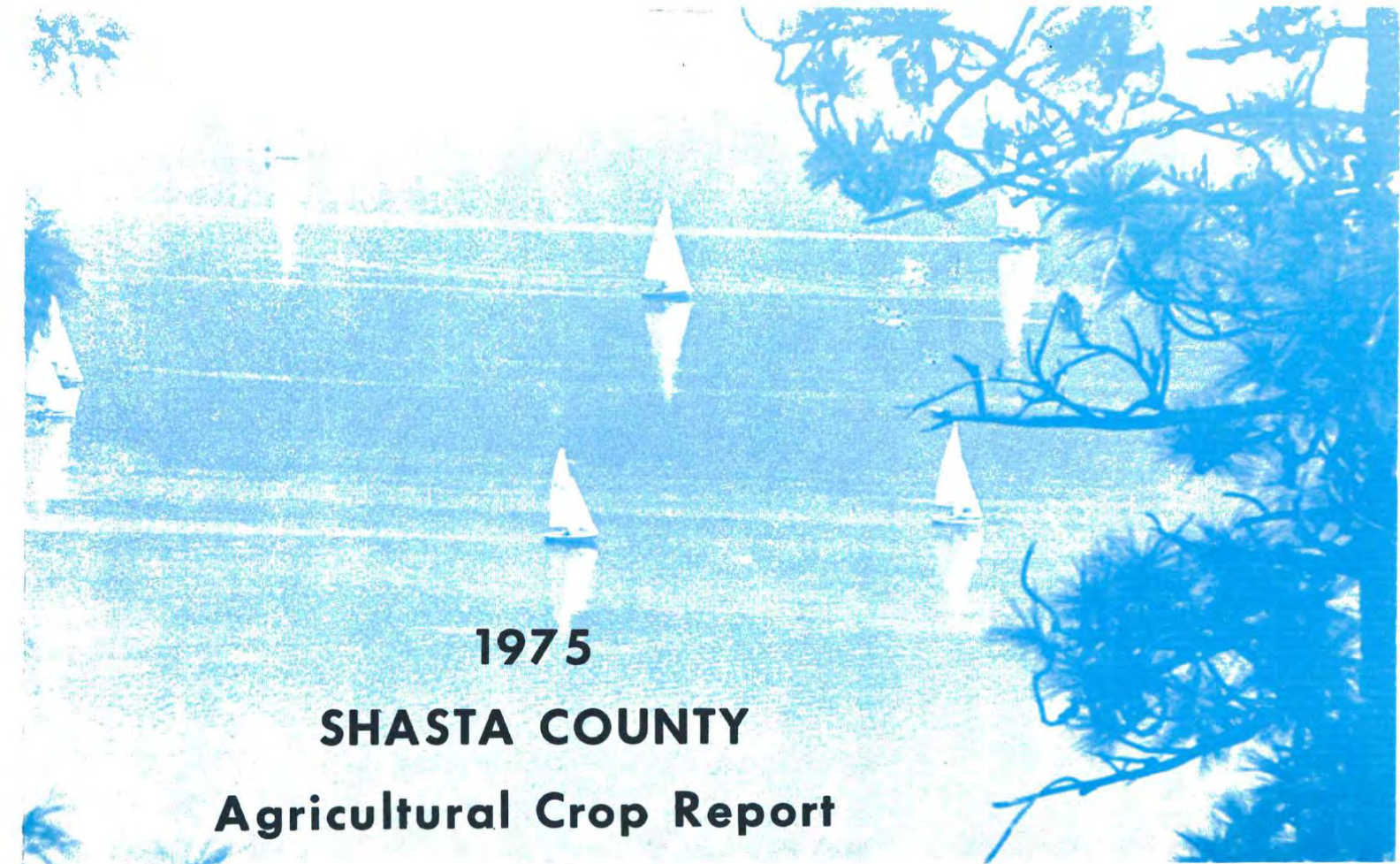


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**1975
SHASTA COUNTY
Agricultural Crop Report**

SHASTA COUNTY
AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
2430 Hospital Lane
Redding, California, 96001

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING - -DECEMBER 31, 1975

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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 1975; 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 1975. PORK PRICES WERE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST GAINER AND VALUES RECEIVED FOR PORK REMAINED HEALTHY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS TREND WAS OUR GRAIN CROPS WHICH WERE OFF SLIGHTLY IN VALUE.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN 1975 REMAINED APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT AS RANCHERS ADJUSTED HERDS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH MARKET AND FEED CONDITIONS.

AS WE POINTED OUT LAST YEAR, MANY RANCHERS AND GROWERS ARE CAUGHT IN A PRICE SQUEEZE OF HIGHER FEED AND OPERATING COSTS AND LOWER PROFIT MARGINS. PRICE INCREASES RECEIVED FOR FARM COMMODITIES HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH INFLATION AND TAX INCREASES. IF THIS TREND CONTINUES WE WILL PROBABLY SEE MORE DRASTIC CHANGES IN OUR AGRICULTURE PICTURE IN SHASTA COUNTY.

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 DAVE HAAKONSON.

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LIVESTOCK

	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			TOTAL LIVENEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE & CALVES						
Beef Feeder Stock	1975	19,586	115,418	cwt	\$ 31.60	\$ 3,647,200
	1974	16,630	92,341	cwt	29.15	2,691,700
Breeder & Other Stock	1975	12,866		head	258.97	3,331,900
	1974	6,637		head	254.61	1,689,800
Milk Stock	1975	182		head	256.04	46,600
	1974	262		head	198.79	52,100
Dairy Calves	1975	333		head	16.22	5,400
	1974	261		head	47.24	12,300
				TOTAL	1975	7,031,100
					1974	4,445,900
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1975	1,610	1,453	cwt	\$ 44.80	\$ 65,100
	1974	1,350	1,135	cwt	37.06	42,100
HOGS & PIGS						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1975	1,484	2,055	cwt	\$ 50.22	\$ 103,200
	1974	1,219	1,304	cwt	36.11	47,000
HORSES						
Recreational	1975	3,134		head	\$ 358.00	\$ 1,122,000
	1974	3,043		head	325.00	990,000
				TOTAL	1975	\$ 8,321,400
					1974	5,525,000

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK					
Market	1975	103,000	cwt	\$ 9.11	\$ 938,000
	1974	*101,000	cwt	*8.58	*867,000
Manufacturing	1975	10,500	cwt	6.84	71,800
	1974	* 12,400	cwt	*5.52	*68,400
WOOL					
	1975	26,300	lb.	\$.39	10,300
	1974	19,300	lb.	.41	7,800
			TOTAL	1975	\$ 1,020,100
				1974	943,200

APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
HONEY					
	1975	343,300	lb.	\$.44	\$ 152,800
	1974	501,400	lb.	.43	215,300
BEE SWAX					
	1975	18,600	lb.	1.20	22,400
	1974	13,400	lb.	1.32	17,700
PACKAGE BEES					
	1975	131,700	lb.	4.41	581,400
	1974	133,100	lb.	4.39	584,700
QUEENS					
	1975	129,500	ea.	4.74	614,200
	1974	123,600	ea.	4.28	528,900
POLLINATION					
	1975	15,400	col.	7.24	111,400
	1974	11,300	col.	6.61	74,700
			TOTAL	1975	\$ 1,482,200
				1974	1,421,300

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NURSERY STOCK

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT
STRAWBERRY						
	1975	648	314	203,510	M	\$ 19.35
	1974	514	325	167,100	M	19.80
						TOTAL
						\$ 3,938,200
						3,307,900

CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TREES	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT
CHRISTMAS TREES						
	1975			241,210	ea.	\$ 4.86
	1974			320,830	ea.	4.58
						TOTAL
						\$ 1,172,300
						1,470,700

ORCHARD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
FRUIT CROPS (apples, olives, pears, persimmons, prunes)						
	1975	763				\$ 335,100
	1974	1,035				439,000
WALNUTS						
	1975	875	1,112	ton	\$ 440.00	\$ 489,300
	1974	875	752	ton	441.00	331,800
			TOTAL TREE CROPS		1975	\$ 824,400
					1974	770,800

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
				TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS							
	1975	525	15.87	8,332	cwt	\$ 25.92	\$ 216,000
	1974	530	16.57	8,780	cwt	23.38	205,300
MISC. CROPS (potatoes, corn, milo, silage, seed crops)							
	1975	716					\$ 315,100
	1974	880					395,700
GRAIN							
Barley	1975	1,054	1.06	1,117	ton	\$ 102.06	\$ 114,000
	1974	1,260	1.16	1,465	ton	119.60	175,200
Oats	1975	935	.93	870	ton	\$ 130.70	\$ 113,700
	1974	175	1.09	190	ton	138.42	26,300
Wheat	1975	1,885	1.01	1,904	ton	\$ 126.40	\$ 240,700
	1974	1,545	1.22	1,885	ton	136.89	258,000
HAY							
Alfalfa	1975	20,958	4.16	87,101	ton	\$ 57.49	\$ 5,007,200
	1974	23,714	4.31	102,326	ton	55.17	5,645,300
Other Hay	1975	16,790	1.90	31,901	ton	\$ 48.81	\$ 1,557,100
	1974	13,191	1.84	24,219	ton	45.93	1,112,400
PASTURE							
Irrigated	1975	34,000	80.00			\$ 80.00	\$ 2,720,000
	1974	34,000	70.00			70.00	2,380,000
Improved	1975	87,000	8.00			\$ 8.00	\$ 696,000
	1974	87,000	7.00			7.00	609,000
Rangeland	1975	339,000	4.00			\$ 4.00	\$ 1,356,000
	1974	339,000	3.50			3.50	1,186,500
			TOTAL FIELD CROPS		1975	\$ 12,335,800	
					1974	11,993,700	