



COMPARISON SUMMARY

| | 1976 | 1975 | 1974 | 1973 |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| LIVESTOCK | \$ 8,755,400 | \$ 8,321,000 | \$ 5,525,000 | \$ 9,316,000 |
| LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS | 1,335,700 | *1,047,300 | 943,000 | 909,000 |
| APIARY PRODUCTS | 1,405,800 | 1,482,000 | 1,421,000 | 683,000 |
| NURSERY STOCK | 4,752,000 | *3,938,000 | 3,308,000 | 2,591,000 |
| CHRISTMAS TREES | 943,500 | 1,172,000 | 1,471,000 | 1,722,000 |
| TREE CROPS | 1,039,900 | *824,000 | 771,000 | 952,000 |
| FIELD CROPS | <u>12,689,300</u> | <u>12,336,000</u> | <u>11,994,000</u> | <u>9,568,000</u> |
| TOTALS | <u>\$30,921,600</u> | <u>*\$29,120,300</u> | <u>\$25,433,000</u> | <u>\$25,741,000</u> |

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SHASTA COUNTY

Agricultural Crop Report

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING - - DECEMBER 31, 1976

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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 1976; 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 1976. WALNUTS AND ALFALFA WERE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST GAINERS. WALNUT PRICES WERE UP, AND ALFALFA VALUES GAINED STEADILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS TREND WERE BEANS AND HONEY, WITH SLIGHTLY REDUCED VALUES.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION GENERALLY IN 1976 REMAINED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS 1975. THE PRODUCTION STATISTICS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1976 REFLECT MINIMAL DROUGHT INFLUENCE DUE, IN PART, TO FAVORABLE EARLY GROWING SEASON CONDITIONS. RANCHERS CONTINUED TO INCREASE LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT TO MEET CURRENT MARKET AND FEED CONDITIONS.

MOST RANCHERS AND GROWERS ARE STILL FEELING THE CONTINUED PRICE SQUEEZE OF HIGHER OPERATING AND FEED COSTS WITH LOW PROFIT MARGINS. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRICES CONTINUED TO RISE, BUT AGAIN FELL SHORT OF INFLATED PRICES AND INCREASING TAXES.

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 RICHARD PRICE.

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LIVESTOCK

| | YEAR | PRODUCTION | | | VALUE | |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|-------------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | NO. OF HEAD | TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| CATTLE & CALVES | 1976 | 20,397 | 125,885 | cwt | \$ 35.14 | \$ 4,423,600 |
| | 1975 | 19,586 | 115,418 | cwt | 31.60 | 3,647,200 |
| Breeder & Other Stock | 1976 | 10,105 | | head | 266.99 | 2,697,900 |
| | 1975 | 12,866 | | head | 258.97 | 3,331,900 |
| Milk Stock | 1976 | 229 | | head | 261.25 | 59,800 |
| | 1975 | 182 | | head | 256.04 | 46,600 |
| Dairy Calves | 1976 | 307 | | head | 21.49 | 6,600 |
| | 1975 | 333 | | head | 16.22 | 5,400 |
| TOTAL CATTLE | | | | | 1976 | \$ 7,187,900 |
| | | | | | 1975 | \$ 7,031,100 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| Feeders & Fat Lambs | 1976 | 1,190 | 1,186 | cwt | \$ 47.43 | \$ 56,300 |
| | 1975 | 1,610 | 1,453 | cwt | 44.80 | 65,100 |
| HOGS & PIGS | | | | | | |
| Feeders & Fat Hogs | 1976 | 1,277 | 2,029 | cwt | 48.51 | 98,400 |
| | 1975 | 1,484 | 2,055 | cwt | 50.22 | 103,200 |
| HORSES | | | | | | |
| Recreational | 1976 | 3,604 | | head | 392.00 | 1,412,800 |
| | 1975 | 3,134 | | head | 358.00 | 1,122,000 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK | | | | | 1976 | \$ 8,755,400 |
| | | | | | 1975 | \$ 8,321,400 |

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

| | YEAR | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | |
|--------------------------|------|------------|------|--------------|---------------|
| | | PRODUCTION | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| MILK | 1976 | 138,000 | cwt | \$ 9.20 | \$ 1,269,600 |
| | 1975 | *106,000 | cwt | *9.17 | *972,000 |
| Manufacturing | 1976 | 7,800 | cwt | 7.16 | 55,800 |
| | 1975 | *9,900 | cwt | *6.57 | *65,000 |
| WOOL | 1976 | 19,448 | lb. | .53 | 10,300 |
| | 1975 | 26,300 | lb. | .39 | 10,300 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS | | | | 1976 | \$ 1,335,700 |
| | | | | 1975 | *\$ 1,047,300 |

APIARY PRODUCTS

| | YEAR | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | |
|-----------------------|------|------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | PRODUCTION | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| HONEY | 1976 | 274,600 | lb. | \$.36 | \$ 98,900 |
| | 1975 | 343,300 | lb. | .44 | 152,800 |
| BEESWAX | 1976 | 14,000 | lb. | 1.41 | 19,700 |
| | 1975 | 18,600 | lb. | 1.20 | 22,400 |
| PACKAGE BEES | 1976 | 120,200 | lb. | 6.02 | 723,600 |
| | 1975 | 131,700 | lb. | 4.41 | 581,400 |
| QUEENS | 1976 | 103,600 | ea. | 4.47 | 463,100 |
| | 1975 | 129,500 | ea. | 4.74 | 614,200 |
| POLLINATION | 1976 | 16,700 | col. | 6.02 | 100,500 |
| | 1975 | 15,400 | col. | 7.24 | 111,400 |
| TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS | | | | 1976 | \$ 1,405,800 |
| | | | | 1975 | \$ 1,482,200 |

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NURSERY STOCK

| | YEAR | ACRES | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | | |
|------------|------|-------|------------|---------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | PER ACRE | PLANTS | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| STRAWBERRY | 1976 | 661 | 335 | 221,435 | M | \$ 21.46 | \$ 4,752,000 |
| | 1975 | 648 | 314 | 203,510 | M | 19.35 | 3,938,200 |

CHRISTMAS TREES

| | YEAR | ACRES | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | | |
|-----------------|------|-------|------------|---------|-------|--------------|------------|
| | | | PER ACRE | TREES | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| CHRISTMAS TREES | 1976 | | | 183,198 | ea. | \$ 5.15 | \$ 943,500 |
| | 1975 | | | 241,210 | ea. | 4.86 | 1,172,300 |

ORCHARD CROPS

| | YEAR | ACRES | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | |
|---|------|-------|------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | TOTAL | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| FRUIT CROPS (apples olives pears persimmons prunes) | 1976 | 796 | | | | \$ 410,400 |
| | 1975 | 763 | | | | 335,100 |
| WALNUTS | 1976 | 875 | 1,032 | ton | \$610.00 | \$ 629,500 |
| | 1975 | 875 | 1,112 | ton | 440.00 | 489,300 |
| TOTAL TREE CROPS | | | | 1976 | | \$ 1,039,900 |
| | | | | 1975 | | \$ 824,400 |

FIELD CROPS

| | YEAR | HARVESTED ACRES | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|------------|--------|--------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | PER ACRE | TOTAL | UNIT | AV. PER UNIT | TOTAL | |
| BEANS | 1976 | 350 | 21.42 | 7,500 | cwt | \$ 18.75 | \$ 140,600 | |
| | 1975 | 525 | 15.87 | 8,332 | cwt | 25.92 | 216,000 | |
| MISC. CROPS (potatoes corn milo silage seed crops) | 1976 | 706 | | | | | 276,000 | |
| | 1975 | 716 | | | | | 315,100 | |
| GRAIN | Barley | 1976 | 1,050 | .92 | 966 | ton | \$102.02 | \$ 98,600 |
| | | 1975 | 1,054 | 1.06 | 1,117 | ton | 102.06 | 114,000 |
| Oats | 1976 | 815 | .91 | 742 | ton | 162.30 | 120,400 | |
| | 1975 | 935 | .93 | 870 | ton | 130.70 | 113,700 | |
| Wheat | 1976 | 1,770 | 1.40 | 2,478 | ton | 110.67 | 274,200 | |
| | 1975 | 1,885 | 1.01 | 1,904 | ton | 126.40 | 240,700 | |
| HAY | Alfalfa | 1976 | 20,938 | 3.80 | 79,564 | ton | 70.00 | 5,569,500 |
| | | 1975 | 20,958 | 4.16 | 87,101 | ton | 57.49 | 5,007,200 |
| Other Hay | 1976 | 15,700 | 1.40 | 21,980 | ton | 53.71 | 1,180,500 | |
| | 1975 | 16,790 | 1.90 | 31,901 | ton | 48.81 | 1,557,100 | |
| PASTURE | Irrigated | 1976 | 34,000 | 90.00 | | 90.00 | 3,060,000 | |
| | | 1975 | 34,000 | 80.00 | | 80.00 | 2,720,000 | |
| Improved | 1976 | 87,000 | 9.00 | | 9.00 | 783,000 | | |
| | 1975 | 87,000 | 8.00 | | 8.00 | 696,000 | | |
| Rangeland | 1976 | 339,000 | 3.50 | | 3.50 | 1,186,500 | | |
| | 1975 | 339,000 | 4.00 | | 4.00 | 1,356,000 | | |
| TOTAL FIELD CROPS | | | | 1976 | | \$12,689,300 | | |
| | | | | 1975 | | \$12,335,800 | | |