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SHASTA COUNTY
 AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
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 Redding, California, 96001



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 Agricultural Crop Report

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING - DECEMBER 31, 1977

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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 1977; 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.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRICES IN 1977 SHOWED A GENERAL RISE. AMONG THE BIG GAINERS WERE BEANS, NURSERY STOCK AND WALNUTS. PRICES DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN SMALL GRAINS, ALFALFA AND THE MAJORITY OF APIARY PRODUCTS.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN 1977 SHOWED SOME MIXED RESULTS IN RESPONSE TO THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS. THERE WERE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OF NURSERY STOCK AND MILK. IN CONTRAST, CATTLE LIVEWEIGHT, SMALL GRAINS AND APIARY PRODUCTS SHOWED A GENERAL DECLINE. FUTURE CATTLE SALES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE REDUCTION OF FOUNDATION HERDS BY THIS YEAR'S INCREASED SALES OF BREEDING STOCK.

THE COSTS OF INCREASED OVERHEAD EXPENSES AND TAXES, COUPLED WITH LOWER PRODUCTION IN SOME COMMODITIES, CREATED LOSSES FOR SOME GROWERS. INCREASED PRICES AND HIGHER PRODUCTION IN OTHER COMMODITIES OVERSHADOWED THIS LOSS AND NETTED AN OVERALL INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL INCOME.

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 THIS IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED. THE COMPILATION OF THIS REPORT WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF INVESTIGATOR RICHARD PRICE.

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LIVESTOCK

CATTLE & CALVES	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beef Feeder Stock	1977	20,100	116,600	cwt	\$ 36.70	\$ 4,279,200
	1976	20,397	125,885	cwt	35.14	4,423,600
Breeder & Other	1977	11,128		head	287.90	3,203,800
	1976	10,105		head	266.99	2,697,900
Milk Stock	1977	211		head	270.00	57,000
	1976	229		head	261.25	59,800
Dairy Calves	1977	289		head	22.15	6,400
	1976	307		head	21.49	6,600
TOTAL CATTLE					1977	\$ 7,546,400
					1976	\$ 7,187,900
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1977	1,046	858	cwt	\$ 52.90	\$ 45,400
	1976	1,190	1,186	cwt	47.43	56,300
HOGS & PIGS						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1977	1,015	1,837	cwt	49.21	90,400
	1976	1,277	2,029	cwt	48.51	98,400
HORSES						
Recreational	1977	3,050		head	410.00	1,250,500
	1976	3,604		head	392.00	1,412,800
TOTAL LIVESTOCK					1977	\$ 8,932,700
					1976	\$ 8,755,400

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Market	1977	193,000	cwt	\$ 9.97	\$ 1,924,200	
	1976	*141,000	cwt	*9.27	*1,307,100	
Manufacturing	1977	3,890	cwt	7.49	29,100	
	1976	*7,600	cwt	*7.10	*54,000	
WOOL	1977	17,087	lb.	.64	10,900	
	1976	19,448	lb.	.53	10,300	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS					1977	\$ 1,964,200
					1976	*\$ 1,371,400

APIARY PRODUCTS

HONEY	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
HONEY	1977	231,100	lb.	\$.42	\$ 97,100	
	1976	274,600	lb.	.36	98,900	
BEESWAX	1977	11,200	lb.	1.82	20,400	
	1976	14,000	lb.	1.41	19,700	
PACKAGE BEES	1977	110,000	lb.	7.20	792,000	
	1976	120,200	lb.	6.02	723,600	
QUEENS	1977	118,100	ea.	4.00	472,400	
	1976	103,600	ea.	4.47	463,100	
POLLINATION	1977	15,800	col.	7.10	112,200	
	1976	16,700	col.	6.02	100,500	
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS					1977	\$ 1,494,100
					1976	\$ 1,405,800

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NURSERY STOCK

STRAWBERRY	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	
STRAWBERRY	1977	870	352	306,240	M	\$ 23.55	
	1976	661	335	221,435	M	19.35	
						TOTAL	\$ 7,212,000
							4,752,000

CHRISTMAS TREES

CHRISTMAS TREES	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TREES	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	
CHRISTMAS TREES	1977			198,200	ea.	\$ 5.35	
	1976			183,198	ea.	5.15	
						TOTAL	\$ 1,060,400
							943,500

ORCHARD CROPS

FRUIT CROPS (apples, olives, pears, persimmons, prunes)	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
FRUIT CROPS	1977	1,013				\$ 581,000
	1976	796				410,400
WALNUTS	1977	875	1,032	ton	\$681.00	\$ 702,800
	1976	875	1,112	ton	610.00	629,500
TOTAL TREE CROPS					1977	\$ 1,283,800
					1976	\$ 1,039,900

FIELD CROPS

BEANS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	
BEANS	1977	492	19.40	9,500	cwt	\$ 31.20	
	1976	350	21.42	7,500	cwt	18.75	
						TOTAL	\$ 296,400
							140,600
MISC. CROPS (potatoes, corn, milo, silage, seed crops)	1977	765				342,700	
	1976	706				276,000	
GRAIN							
Barley	1977	950	.90	855	ton	\$ 85.00	
	1976	1,050	.92	966	ton	102.02	
						TOTAL	\$ 72,700
							98,600
Oats	1977	750	.70	525	ton	140.00	
	1976	815	.91	742	ton	162.30	
						TOTAL	73,500
							120,400
Wheat	1977	1,500	1.10	1,650	ton	92.00	
	1976	1,770	1.40	2,478	ton	110.67	
						TOTAL	151,800
							274,200
HAY							
Alfalfa	1977	20,890	3.60	75,204	ton	63.00	
	1976	20,938	3.80	79,564	ton	70.00	
						TOTAL	4,737,900
							5,569,500
Other Hay	1977	16,200	1.60	25,920	ton	58.50	
	1976	15,700	1.40	21,980	ton	53.71	
						TOTAL	1,516,300
							1,180,500
PASTURE							
Irrigated	1977	34,000	90.00			90.00	
	1976	34,000	90.00			90.00	
						TOTAL	3,060,000
							3,060,000
Improved	1977	87,000	9.00			9.00	
	1976	87,000	9.00			9.00	
						TOTAL	783,000
							783,000
Rangeland	1977	339,000	3.50			3.50	
	1976	339,000	3.50			3.50	
						TOTAL	1,186,500
							1,186,500
TOTAL FIELD CROPS					1977	\$12,220,800	
					1976	\$12,689,300	