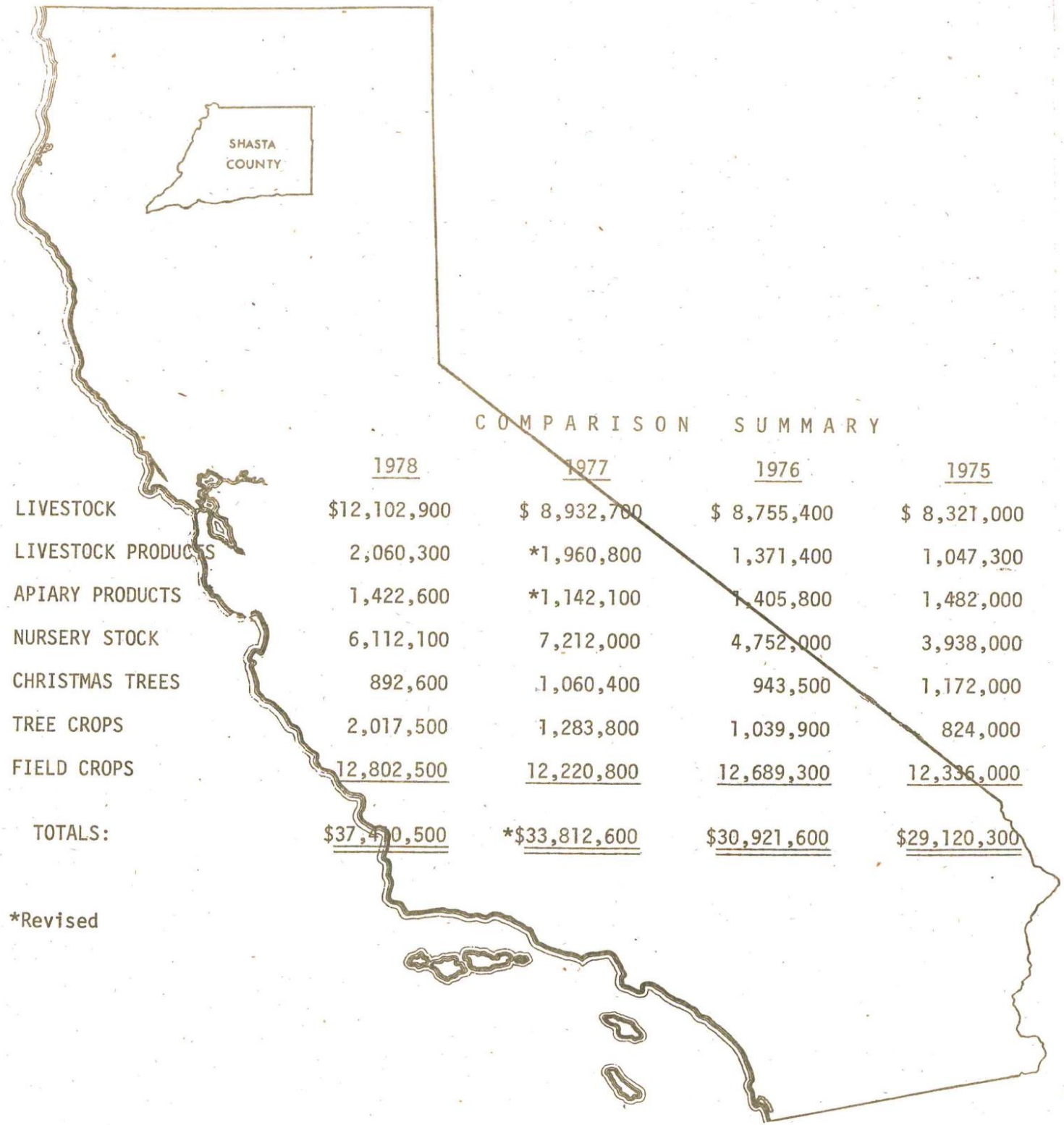
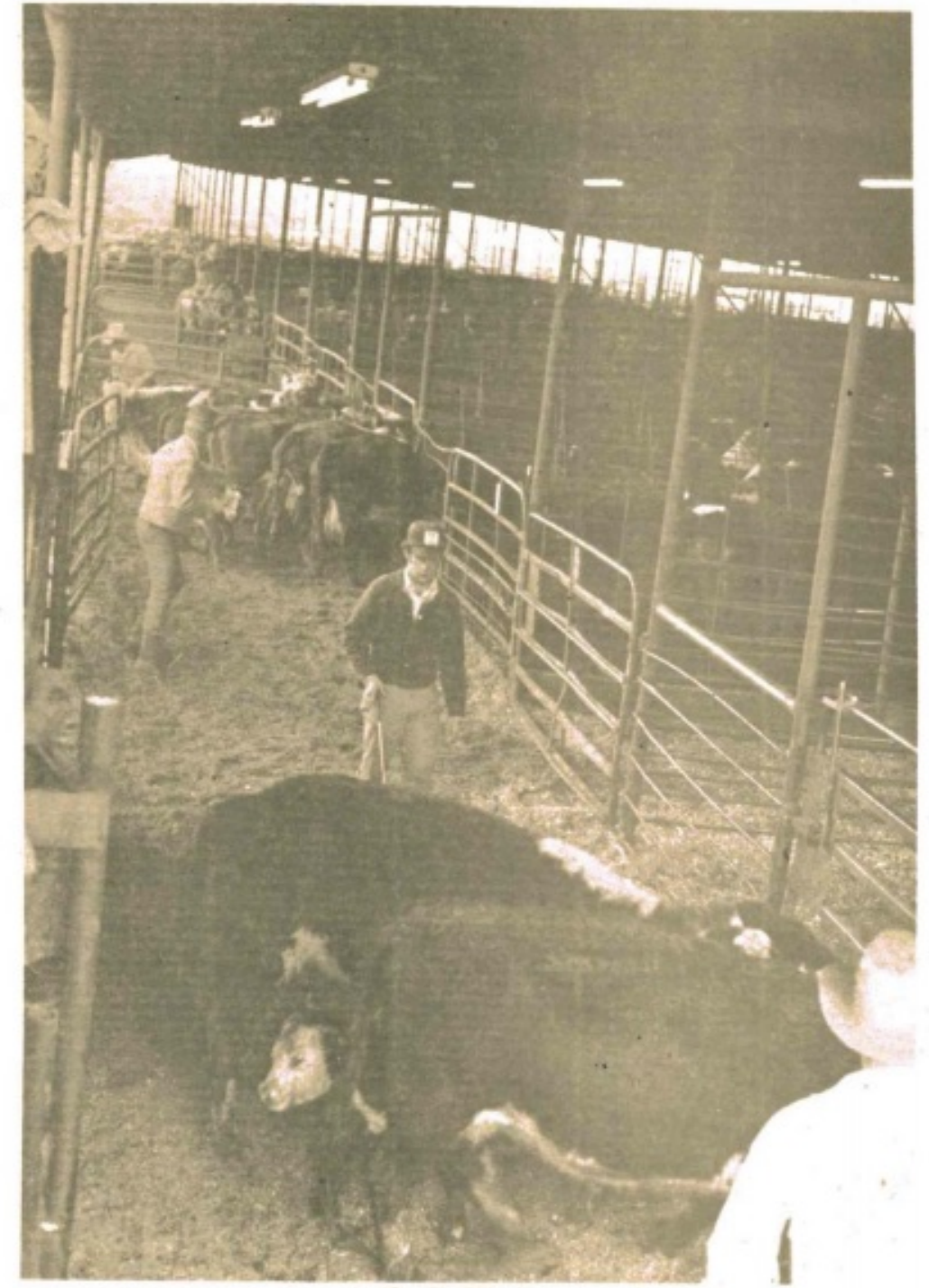


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**Agricultural Crop Report**

# ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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YEAR ENDING - DECEMBER 31, 1978

SHASTA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - WEIGHTS & MEASURES

TO: RICHARD E. ROMINGER, DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE AND

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SHASTA:  
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS A REPORT OF THE CONDITION, ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN SHASTA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1978, SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 2279 OF THE CALIFORNIA FOOD AND 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 1978 WERE GENERALLY HIGHER. THOSE COMMODITIES THAT SHOWED A BIG GAIN WERE WALNUTS, PASTURE LAND, AND CATTLE. PRICES DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN HAY, BEANS, AND HORSES. (THE HORSE SALE FIGURE REFLECTS RECREATIONAL USES ONLY—IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SALE OF BREEDING STOCK WHICH IS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT.) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN 1978 SHOWED MIXED RESULTS DUE TO VARYING CLIMATIC AND MARKET CONDITIONS. THOSE COMMODITIES THAT SHOWED INCREASING PRODUCTION WERE APIARY PRODUCTS, WOOL, AND WALNUTS. GENERAL DECLINES WERE SEEN IN STRAWBERRY NURSERY STOCK, APPLES, AND CHRISTMAS TREE PRODUCTION.

THE COSTS OF INCREASED OVERHEAD EXPENSES AND LOWER PRODUCTION IN SOME COMMODITIES CREATED LOSSES FOR SOME GROWERS. HIGHER PRODUCTION AND HIGHER PRICES FOR OTHER COMMODITIES ALLOWED THE OVERALL PRODUCTION AND VALUE PICTURE OF AGRICULTURE TO KEEP PACE WITH INFLATION INCREASES.

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.

*C. Bruce Wade*

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

\*FRONT COVER PHOTO - COTTONWOOD AUCTION YARD - BY INVESTIGATOR DON McBROOME

## LIVESTOCK

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>CATTLE &amp; CALVES</b>						
Beef Feeder Stock	1978	20,000	115,500	cwt.	\$ 55.50	\$6,410,300
	1977	20,100	116,600	cwt.	36.70	4,279,200
Breeder & Other	1978	11,210		head	395.00	4,428,000
	1977	11,128		head	287.90	3,203,800
Milk Stock	1978	220		head	376.00	82,700
	1977	211		head	270.00	57,000
Dairy Calves	1978	295		head	37.50	11,100
	1977	289		head	22.15	6,400
TOTAL CATTLE:					1978	\$10,932,100
					1977	\$ 7,546,400
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
Feeders and Fat Lambs	1978	1,100	891	cwt.	\$ 60.00	\$ 53,500
	1977	1,046	858	cwt.	52.90	45,400
<b>HOGS &amp; PIGS</b>						
Feeders and Fat Hogs	1978	1,080	1,836	cwt.	57.10	104,800
	1977	1,015	1,837	cwt.	49.21	90,400
<b>HORSES</b>						
Recreational	1978	2,700		head	375.00	1,012,500
	1977	3,050		head	410.00	1,250,500
TOTAL LIVESTOCK:					1978	\$12,102,900
					1977	\$ 8,932,700

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>MILK</b>						
Market	1978	196,000	cwt.	\$10.33	\$2,024,700	
	1977	*192,000	cwt.	*9.99	*1,918,100	
Manufacturing	1978	2,700	cwt.	8.52	23,000	
	1977	*4,000	cwt.	*7.94	*31,800	
<b>WOOL</b>						
	1978	18,489	lb.	.68	12,600	
	1977	17,087	lb.	.64	10,900	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS:					1978	\$2,060,300
					1977	*1,960,800

## APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>HONEY</b>						
	1978	360,000	lb.	\$ .44	\$158,400	
	1977	231,100	lb.	.42	97,100	
<b>BEESWAX</b>						
	1978	12,500	lb.	1.85	23,100	
	1977	11,200	lb.	1.82	20,400	
<b>PACKAGE BEES</b>						
	1978	111,100	lb.	4.20	466,600	
	1977	110,000	lb.	*4.00	*440,000	
<b>QUEENS</b>						
	1978	160,000	ea.	4.00	640,000	
	1977	118,100	ea.	4.00	472,400	
<b>POLLINATION</b>						
	1978	18,500	col.	7.27	134,500	
	1977	15,800	col.	7.10	112,200	
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS:					1978	\$1,422,600
					1977	*1,142,100

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## NURSERY STOCK

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	PLANTS		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>STRAWBERRY</b>							
	1978	872	296	258,112	M	\$23.68	\$6,112,100
	1977	870	352	306,240	M	23.55	7,212,000

## CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	PLANTS		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>CHRISTMAS TREES</b>							
	1978			156,600	ea.	\$5.70	\$ 892,600
	1977			198,200	ea.	\$5.35	\$1,060,400

## ORCHARD CROPS

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			TOTAL	AV. PER UNIT		TOTAL	
<b>FRUIT CROPS (Apples, Olives, Pears, Persimmons, Prunes)</b>							
	1978	1,300					\$462,300
	1977	1,103					\$581,000
<b>WALNUTS</b>							
	1978	892	1,200		ton	\$1,296	\$1,555,200
	1977	875	1,032		ton	681	702,800
TOTAL TREE CROPS:					1978		\$2,017,500
					1977		\$1,283,800

## FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>BEANS</b>							
	1978	360	20.00	7,200	cwt.	\$26.00	\$187,200
	1977	492	19.40	9,500	cwt.	\$31.20	\$296,400
<b>MISC. CROPS (Potatoes, Corn, Milo, Silage, Seed Crops)</b>							
	1978	780					\$358,000
	1977	765					\$342,700
<b>GRAIN</b>							
Barley	1978	1,000	.80	800	ton	\$100.00	\$80,000
	1977	950	.90	855	ton	\$ 85.00	\$72,700
Oats	1978	700	.80	560	ton	\$140.00	\$78,400
	1977	750	.70	525	ton	\$140.00	\$73,500
Wheat	1978	1,800	1.00	1,800	ton	\$100.00	\$180,000
	1977	1,500	1.10	1,650	ton	\$ 92.00	\$151,800
<b>HAY</b>							
Alfalfa	1978	21,000	3.50	73,500	ton	\$ 53.00	\$3,895,500
	1977	20,890	3.60	75,204	ton	\$ 63.00	\$4,737,900
Other Hay	1978	17,000	1.90	32,300	ton	\$ 48.00	\$1,550,400
	1977	16,200	1.60	25,920	ton	\$ 58.50	\$1,516,300
<b>PASTURE</b>							
Irrigated	1978	34,000	95.00			\$ 95.00	\$3,230,000
	1977	34,000	90.00			\$ 90.00	\$3,060,000
Improved	1978	87,000	10.00			\$ 10.00	\$870,000
	1977	87,000	9.00			\$ 9.00	\$783,000
Rangeland	1978	339,000	7.00			\$ 7.00	\$2,373,000
	1977	339,000	3.50			\$ 3.50	\$1,186,500
TOTAL FIELD CROPS:					1978		\$12,802,500
					1977		\$12,220,800