AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT 1988



Solano County Department of Agriculture

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano

and

Mr. Kent Taylor, County Administrator

In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the annual crop report of agricultural production for the year 1988. This report addresses the acreage, production, and gross value of agricultural production in Solano County and does not attempt to reflect net farm income nor costs of production and marketing. This report also emphasizes an average production and average value of gross receipts.

The gross value of all agricultural products for 1988 was \$168,239,400 up \$20,623,700 from 1987. This rise in gross value is due to moderately increased yields in all categories with particular emphasis in increased prices paid for each unit on most commodities.

Again, tomatoes were the leading agricultural crop in 1988 in gross value at \$31,956,500, a increase of \$7,457,300. Acreage increased from 16,000 in 1987 to 18,688 in 1988.

Field corn became the second leading agricultural crop in terms of gross value with \$16,896,000.

Sugar beets, the third leading agricultural crop had a gross value of \$15,674,700.

Field crops, in general, were up \$10,671,400. This increase is due primarily to moderately increased yields per acre, with a particular emphasis in increased prices paid for each unit on most commodities.

Fruit and nut crops were up \$170,700 from 1987 due primarily to an increase in prices paid per unit.

Seed crops were up \$48,400 due to an increase in prices paid per unit despite a overall decrease in acres planted.

Vegetable crops were up \$4,978,600 due largely to increased acreage of tomatoes and an increase in the price paid per unit.

The gross value of animal production was up \$4,568,000 due primarily to increased prices paid per unit for cattle and calves. In addition, we have standardized th stock sheep inventory to indicate a more accurate picture of the sheep and wool industry in Solano County. This is reflected in an increased production return in this years crop report.

I again emphasize that this report represents only $\underline{\text{gross value}}$ of agricultural products and $\underline{\text{does}}$ not reflect any $\underline{\text{net return}}$ to the producer. Also, I emphasize the issue of an average production and average value considering the diversity in production areas.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who have provided the information, records, and assistance necessary for my staff to compile this crop report and to the growers of Solano County who make agriculture our most valued industry.

Respectfully,

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Agricultural Commissioner

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This year will undoubtedly be remembered as the year in which food safety became a a major concern of the public. Reports concerning Alar on apples and adulterated Chilean fruit served to heighten public awareness and concern over the safety of their fresh food supply. Ironically, at the very same time, the National Academy of Sciences released a 1400 page report strongly encouraging the public to double their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

California has long had the well deserved reputation of having the toughest regulations concerning food safety and pesticide usage in the world. California's strong pesticide regulatory program is administered jointly throughout the state by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the county Agricultural Commissioners. This program utilizes over 650,000 staff hours annually to make certain that pesticides are being used legally and safely. Food grown under California's tight regulatory program is safe.

This program is not only the toughest state program in existence but has restrictions on pesticides and their usage which exceed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards. While these restrictions substantially increase the cost of agricultural production for California producers over products grown in other states and countries, they provide top protection to farm workers, the environment and consumers of California products. California has long been on the leading edge in developing programs to regulate pesticides and quite often the E.P.A. adopts its pesticide programs based on California's leadership.

California's pesticide residue sampling for agricultural products is by far the most extensive program anywhere. The number of residue samples analyzed in this program not only exceeds the total number of samples of all the other states combined but also exceeds the total number of samples analyzed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the entire nation. Because this program is cooperatively administered by a system of county and state regulatory agencies, it affords a timely response in sampling, analyzing and quarantining any product not meeting the high standards established to ensure its safety.

While agricultural producers must bear the increased burden of trying to produce top quality products under increasingly tighter restrictions, California's leadership has determined that affording this level of protection is the cost of doing business in California.

Other states and countries would be well advised to afford their citizens and environments California's level of protection.

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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SOLANO COUNTY FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE STATISTICS

1988

Orchard Crop	Bearing Acreage	Non-Bearing <u>Acreage</u>	Total
Almonds	2,194	0	2,194
Apples	118	0	. 118
Apricots	1,032	20	1,052
Cherries	76	2	78
Figs	12	0	12
Grapes(Wine)	1,096	364	1,460
Guava(Feijoa)	12	0	12
Kiwi	102	0	102
Olives	12	0	12
Oranges	26	0	26
Peaches (Freestone)	353	3	356
Pears	1,754	17	1,771
Pecans	2	0	2
Persimmons	4	0	4
Pistachio Nuts	24	0	24
Plums	19	0	. 19
Prunes	2,240	53	2,293
Tangerines	5	0	5
Walnuts (English)	2,583	1432	4,015
Walnuts (Black)	25	0	25

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Avei	rage Produ	ction				
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Barley,	1988	5,000	2.40 2.30	12,000	Ton .	107.00	1,284,000
(Irrigated)	1987	6,800		15,640	Ton	89.00	1,392,000
Barley,	1988	4,527	1.00	4,527	Ton	107.00	484,400
(Dryland)	1987	3,181	1.17	3,722	Ton	89.00	331,300
Beans, Dry, All	1988	9,000	1.25	11,250	Ton	500.00	5,625,000
Market Classes*	1987	7,500	1.00	7,500	Ton	375.00	2,812,500
Field Corn	1988	32,000	4.80	153,600	Ton	110.00	16,896,000
	1987	37,000	4.67	172,790	Ton	82.00	14,168,800
Hay (Alfalfa)	1988	13,606	6.85	93,201	Ton	86.00	8,015,300
	1987	11,500	6.85	78,775	Ton	73.00	5,750,600
Hay (Grain)	1988 1987	2,000 5,800	2.00 2.50	4,000 14,500	Ton Ton	60.00	240,000 797,500
Hay (Grass)	1988 1987	3,500 3,800	2.00	7,000 7,600	Ton Ton	50.00 35.00	350,000 266,000
Nursery Stock	1988 1987	776 704					11,267,900 11,063,100
Oats (Grain)	1988	2,179	.75	1,634	Ton	195.00	318,600
	1987	2,200	1.10	2,420	Ton	110.00	266,200
Pasture, (Irrigated)	1988 1987	20,500 20,500			Acre Acre	70.00 70.00	1,435,000 1,435,000
Pasture, (Rangeland)	·1988 1987	143,800 145,300			Acre Acre	10.00	1,438,000 1,453,000
Safflower, Oil	1988	3,300	1.08	3,564	Ton	245.00	873,200
	1987	1,359	1.37	1,862	Ton	200.00	372,400
Sorghum (Milo)	1988 1987	600 800	2.27 2.50	1,362 2,000	Ton Ton	100.00	136,200
Sugar Beet	1988	18,528	23.50	435,408	Ton	36.00	15,674,700
	1987	19,211	26.08	501,044	Ton	35.25	17,661,800

^{*} Value And Yield May Vary By Variety

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE (Con't)

	Ave	rage Produ	ction		Average Value				
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	Unit	Per <u>Unit</u>	Total		
Wheat, (Irrigated)	1988 1987	50,000 50,000	2.75 2.35	137,500 117,500	Ton Ton	110.00 90.00	15,125,000 10,575,000		
Wheat, (Dryland)	1988 1987	6,000 8,221	.77 1.00	4,620 8,221	Ton Ton	110.00 90.00	508,200 739,900		
Miscellaneous	1988 1987	, ,		Sunflower Sunflower			850,000 595,000		
TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1988 1987	315,316 323,876				\$	80,521,500 69,850,100		

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Aver	age Produ	ction	Average Value				
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	Unit	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Almonds Almond (Meats)	1988 1987			704.1 847.0	Ton Ton	2,000.00 2,100.00	1,408,200 1,778,700	
Almond Hulls	1988 1987			880.1 1,059.0	Ton Ton	25.00 20.00	22,000 21,200	
Total Almonds	1988 1987	2,194 2,325	.320 .364	704.1 847.0	Ton Ton		1,430,200 1,799,900	
Apricots Dried * (6.0:1)	1988 1987			312.0 284.8	Ton Ton	1,890.00 1,860.00	589,700 529,700	
Fresh Market	1988 1987			320.5 450.0	Ton Ton	946.00 920.00	303,200 414,000	
Juice	1988 1987			100.0	Ton Ton	250.00	25,000	
Total Apricots	1988 1987	1,032 1,063	2.120 2.125	2,192.5 2,258.8	Ton Ton		892,900 968,700	
Cherries Fresh Market	1988 1987	76 119	.700 1.689	53.2 201.1	Ton Ton	3,000.00 2,000.00	159,600 402,200	
Grapes, Wine ** Dark Variety	1988 1987			2,002.0 2,133.0	Ton Ton	560.00	1,121,100 744,400	
White Variety	1988 1987			1,856.0 1,471.0	Ton Ton	471.00 330.00	874,200 485,400	
Total Grapes	1988 1987	1,096 1,138	3.520 3.167	3,858.0 3,604.0	Ton Ton		1,995,300 1,229,800	
Kiwi ***	1988 1987	102 98	5.000 4.100	510.0 401.8	Ton Ton	1,700.00 1,800.00	867,000 723,200	
Peaches (Freestor Dried * (8.0:1)	ne) 1988 1987			209.7 215.0	Ton Ton	1,072.00 1,041.00	224,800 223,800	

^{*} Drying Ratio
** Price Varies by Variety
*** Yields Vary by Grower and Age of Vines

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Average Production					Average Value			
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Peaches (Cont'd)									
Total Peaches	1988 1987	353 368	4.750 4.791	1,677.6 1,763.0	Ton Ton		224,800 223,800		
Pears Canned #1	1988 1987			20,134.0	Ton	200.00	4,026,800		
D-1-1-1				17,141.0	Ton	175.00	2,999,700		
Dried * (6.0:1)	1988 1987			84.0 6.6	Ton Ton	720.00 520.00	60,500 3,400		
Fermentation & Juice Concentrate	1988 1987			33.0 3,573.0	Ton Ton	25.00 85.00	800 303,700		
Fresh Market	1988 1987			69.0 7.0	Ton Ton	325.00 105.00	22,400 700		
Total Pears	1988 1987	1,754 2,037	11.820 10.193	20,740.0 20,764.0	Ton Ton		4,110,500 3,307,500		
Plums	1988 1987	19 19	2.500 4.200	47.5 79.8	Ton Ton	1,106.00 714.00	52,500 57,000		
Prunes **	1988 1987	2,240 2,239	2.470 2.799	5,533.0 6,269.0	Ton Ton	720.00 700.00	3,983,800 4,388,300		
Walnuts	1988 1987	2,583 2,583	1.280 1.277	3,306.0 3,299.0	Ton Ton	960.00 1,040.00	3,173,800 3,431,000		
Miscellaneous	1988 1987	235 241		s, Figs, Gua es, Pecans, chios, Black	Persi		326,000 514,300		
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1988 1987	11,684 12,230					\$17,216,400 \$17,045,700		

^{*} Drying Ratio ** Dry Yield

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Aver	age Produ	ction	ge Value			
Crop	<u>Year</u>	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes *	1988 1987	2784 3430	.87 .75	2,422 2,573	Ton Ton	600.00 520.00	1,453,200 1,338,000
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes,* Certified	1988 1987	1139 1533	.84 .85	957 1,303	Ton Ton	600.00 510.00	574,200 644,500
Cantaloupe	1988 1987	232 239	300.00	69,600 95,600	Lb.	2.00	139,200 191,200
Cucumber	1988 1987	166 235	275.00 340.00	45,650 79,900	Lb.	3.50 3.45	159,800 275,700
Squash	1988 1987	247 130	200.00	49,400 49,400	Lb.	3.25 3.10	160,600 153,100
Sunflower	1988 1987	601 480	.65 .90	391 432	Ton Ton	1,000.00	391,000 388,800
Sunflower, Certified	1988 1987	1,516 1,055	.65 .90	985 950	Ton Ton	1,000.00	985,000 855,000
Watermelon	1988 1987	520 409	400.00	208,000 126,790	Lb. Lb.	2.00	416,000 253,600
Watermelon, Certified	1988 1987	110	400.00	44,000	Lb.	2.00	88,000
Wheat, Certified	1988 1987	1,108 1,370	2.65 2.82	2,936 3,863	Ton Ton	120.00	352,300 386,300
Miscellaneous	1988 1987	375 267	(Alfalf Safflo	a,Carrot,(wer)	Onion,	Pepper,	154,300 339,000
TOTAL SEED CROP	1988 1987	8,798 9,148					\$4,873,600 \$4,825,200

^{*} Value and Yield Vary By Variety

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Aver	age Produc	tion		Average Value			
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Tomatoes (Processing)	1988 1988 1987	18,688 16,000	36.00 33.00	672,768 528,000	Ton Ton		31,956,500 24,499,200	
Miscellaneous	1988 1987	1,900 1,963	(Asparagus, Beans, Carrots, Cucumbers, Endive, Melons, Onions, Mixed & Bell Peppers, Popcorn, Pumpkins, Spices, Squash, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, & Misc. Vegetables)				2,872,200 5,350,900	
TOTAL VEGETABLE CROPS	1988 1987	20,588 17,963					\$34,828,700 \$29,850,100	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Ave	rage Produc	ction	Average Value			
<u>Item</u>	Year	Head	Liveweight	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	Total	
Cattle & Calves	1988 1987	40,000 40,000	200,000	Cwt. Cwt.		13,320,000 11,260,000	
Hogs & Pigs	1988 1987	100 100	200 200	Cwt. Cwt.	47.00 58.00	9,400 11,600	
Stock Sheep	1988 1987	77,000 20,185	92,400 24,222	Cwt. Cwt.	25.50 25.10	2,356,200 608,000	
Feeder Lambs	1988 1987	160,000 156,008	160,000 140,407	Cwt. Cwt.		11,248,000 10,516,500	
Miscellaneous	1988 1987		,Ducks,Pheasants, rkeys,Fish, Etc.)			124,800 94,300	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1988 1987				\$		

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND APIARY PRODUCTS AND VALUE

Ave	rage Pro	oduction	Average Value				
<u>Item</u>	Year	Production	<u>Unit</u>	Per <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Bees - Honey	1988 1987	37,657 10,488	Lb. Lb.	.52 .65	19,600 6,800		
- Packages *	1988 1987	1,550 2,195	Pkg. Pkg.	14.40 15.00	22,300 32,900		
- Pollination **	1988 1987	5,175 5,885	Colony Colony	20,00 19.00	103,500 111,800		
- Queens	1988 1987	20,300 23,000	Each Each	6.00 7.25	121,800 166,800		
- Queens-Breeder	1988 1987	110	Each (See Queer	100.00 ns Above)	11,000		
- Wax	1988 1987	560 165	Lb. Lb.	1.00	560 100		
Milk - Market	1988 1987	231,825 205,294	Cwt. Cwt.	10.88 11.41	2,522,300 2,342,400		
- Manufacturing	1988 1987	194	Cwt.	9.89	1,900		
Wool	1988 1987	493,974 456,709	Lb. Lb.	1.33 .88	657,000 401,900		
Miscellaneous	1988			Chicken Eggs,	280,800		
	1987	Game Bird (Fertile Chi Game Bird	cken Eggs,	Chicken Eggs,	491,500		
TOTAL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND APIARY PRODUCTS & VALUE	1988 1987				3,740,800 3,554,200	****	
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	1988 1987				68,239,400 47,615,700	****	

Packages Include 2 Lbs. Bees Plus Queen

**** 1987 Revised Due To Milk Figures

^{***} Pollination Fee Varies By Crop, Crops Pollinated Include Alfalfa,
Almond, Kiwi, Onion, Sunflower, Vine Seed

*** Average Price Weighted Including Breeder Queens

S U M M A R Y

Year	Field Crops	Fruit & Nut Crops	Seed Crops	Vegetable <u>Crops</u>	Animal Production	Totals
1978	45,593,000	14,212,200	2,689,900	22,910,800	12,898,100	98,304,000
1979	66,117,700	16,865,700	4,993,100	30,092,400	16,123,200	134,192,100
1980	86,755,900	15,781,400	6,527,200	25,532,900	18,398,100	152,995,500
1981	86,094,700	17,875,900	3,685,000	24,753,300	18,688,800	151,097,700
1982	76,060,100	14,973,000	2,713,500	24,282,000	19,808,100	137,836,700
1983	78,209,800	11,727,900	3,000,000	25,070,700	18,452,200	136,460,600
1984	77,553,100	13,307,400	3,617,700	26,640,200	19,511,500	140,629,900
1985	79,092,200	13,483,100	5,629,100	32,608,600	22,365,300	153,178,300
1986	61,739,200	12,821,900	3,900,600	31,577,400	23,914,300	133,953,400
1987	69,850,100	17,045,700	4,825,200	29,850,100	*26,044,600	*147,615,700
1988	80,521,500	17,216,400	4,873,600	34,828,700	30,799,200	168,239,400

CLASSIFICATION OF ACREAGE

Field Crops				151,016
Fruit & Nuts Crops				11,684
Pasture Lands				
Seed Crops				8,798
Vegetable Crops .				20,588

TOTAL AREA

Square Miles - 827

Estimated Total County Population - 303,546

JANUARY 1, 1989 INVENTORY OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

<u>Item</u>			No	of Head
Cattle and Calves All				
Hens and Pullets (of laying age)				23,000
Hogs and Pigs				100
Horses and Mules				4,200
Stock Sheep		•		77,000

^{* 1987} Revised Due To Milk Figures

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1.	TOMATOES									•		•	•	•		\$31,956,500
2.	FIELD CORN	•	•					•		•			•		•	16,896,000
3.	SUGAR BEETS			•	•				•		•					15,674,700
4.	WHEAT, IRRIGATE).	•		•	•		•		•			•			15,125,000
5.	CATTLE & CALVES					٠.		•			•					13,320,000
6.	NURSERY STOCK															11,267,900
7.	FEEDER LAMBS	•	•		•					•						11,248,000
8.	ALFALFA HAY															8,015,300
9.	BEANS, DRY, ALL MARKET CLASSES	•		•							٠					5,625,000
10.	PEARS	•				•										4,110,500
11.	PRUNES						•		•				•		•	3,983,800
12.	WALNUTS															3,173,800
13.	MILK															2,254,200
14.	STOCK SHEEP												•			2,356,200
15.	GRAPES	٠				•										1,995,300
16.	BEANS, DRY, ALL MARKET CLASSES, SEED	•	•		•				•		٠	•			•	1,453,200
17.	PASTURE, RANGELA	ANI).													1,438,000
18.	PASTURE, IRRIGAT	ŒI).			•							•			1,435,000
19.	ALMONDS	•				•			•	•						1,430,200
20.	BARLEY, IRRIGATE	ED			•											1,284,000