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TO:
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Alex Ferreira, Chairman
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I hereby submit the Placer County Annual Crop Report for 1988.

The cattle industry was the leading industry in the County followed by the turkey and nursery industries.

This report reflects the gross value of the agricultural production in the County and does not reflect a net return to growers. Gross agricultural production in 1988 was \$52,618,880 with the timber industry bringing in an additional \$15,300,000 for a total value of \$67,918,880.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the many members of the agricultural community who contributed the information which made this report possible.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

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COMPARISON SUMMARY

INDUSTRY	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 4,435,500	\$ 4,820,500	\$ 3,584,400	\$ 3,858,800	\$ 4,874,000
Field Crops	10,407,000	10,769,000	11,654,900	12,710,000	11,898,000
Livestock/Poultry	26,581,000	23,549,000	23,089,000	24,609,000	24,213,000
Livestock/Poultry Products	3,731,000	4,298,700	6,374,400	5,646,000	7,918,000
Nursery Products	6,971,000	7,172,000	5,557,000	4,735,000	4,170,000
Apiary Products	493,380	471,300	489,300	399,000	481,200
Subtotals	\$52,618,880	\$51,080,500	\$50,749,000	\$51,957,800	\$53,554,200
Gross Timber Harvest	\$15,300,000	\$10,040,000	\$ 6,511,000	\$ 6,854,000	\$ 5,448,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$67,918,880	\$61,120,500	\$57,260,000	\$58,811,800	\$59,002,200

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT			
Cattle & Calves	1988	33,600	218,000	cwt.	\$64.50	\$14,061,000
	1987	33,500	218,000	cwt.	56.30	12,273,000
Sheep	1988	17,000	19,200	cwt.	70.30	1,350,000
	1987	17,600	19,900	cwt.	80.00	1,592,000
Swine	1988	1,700	3,740	cwt.	47.00	176,000
	1987	1,700	3,740	cwt.	58.00	217,000
Turkeys	1988	1,510,000	28,841,000	lb.	.35	10,094,000
	1987	1,465,000	25,198,000	lb.	.34	8,567,000
Other Livestock*	1988					900,000
	1987					900,000
TOTAL	1988					\$26,581,000
	1987					\$23,549,000

*Other livestock includes chickens, game birds, goats, goat milk, horses, rabbits, and worms.

FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
			PER ACRE	TOTAL			
Hay, Grain	1988	3,700	2.00	7,400	Ton	\$ 65.00	\$ 481,000
	1987	3,500	2.75	9,600	Ton	60.00	578,000
Hay, Other	1988	3,500	3.00	10,500	Ton	60.00	630,000
	1987	3,000	3.00	9,000	Ton	55.00	495,000
Oats	1988					xxxxxx	
	1987	800	.50	400	Ton	240.00	96,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1988	26,900			Acre	95.00	2,556,000
	1987	26,800			Acre	95.00	2,546,000
Pasture, Other	1988	210,000			Acre	5.00	1,050,000
	1987	218,000			Acre	5.00	1,090,000
Rice	1988	10,000	3.63	36,300	Ton	130.00	4,719,000
	1987	12,000	3.44	41,300	Ton	130.00	5,369,000
Straw, All	1988					Under Miscellaneous Field Crops	
	1987	1,000	1.50	1,500	Ton	30.00	45,000
Wheat	1988	1,200	.86	1,030	Ton	102.00	105,000
	1987	1,800	.98	1,770	Ton	86.00	152,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1988						866,000
	1987						400,000
TOTAL	1988						\$10,407,000
	1987						\$10,769,000

*Miscellaneous field crops include alfalfa hay, clover seed, corn silage, rice seed, straw, sudan hay, sudan seed, and sugar beets.

APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		TOTAL				
Honey	1988	38,200		lb.	\$.63	\$ 24,000
	1987	39,600		lb.	.60	23,800
Beeswax	1988	800		lb.	1.10	880
	1987	500		lb.	1.00	500
Package Bees	1988	27,400		lb.	4.50	123,000
	1987	30,000		lb.	5.00	150,000
Queen Bees	1988	4,100		ea.	5.00	20,500
	1987	4,200		ea.	5.00	21,000
Pollination	1988	13,000		Hives	25.00	325,000
	1987	12,000		Hives	23.00	276,000
TOTAL	1988					\$493,380
	1987					\$471,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
Milk, Market	1988		Under Misc. Livestock & Poultry Products			
	1987		103,000	cwt.	11.41	\$1,177,000
Wool	1988	98,000		lb.	1.25	123,000
	1987	100,000		lb.	.96	96,000
Egg, Market	1988		Under Misc. Livestock & Poultry Products			
	1987		75,700	doz.	.71	53,700
Miscellaneous Livestock & Poultry Products	1988					3,608,000
	1987					2,972,000
TOTAL	1988					\$3,731,000
	1987					\$4,298,700

*Miscellaneous livestock & poultry products include chicken eggs, market milk and turkey eggs.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		PER TON	VALUE
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS		
Apples	1988	73	5.60	409	\$ 549	\$ 225,000
	1987	73	5.34	390	400	156,000
Cherries	1988					Under Miscellaneous Fruits & Nuts
	1987	6	2.00	12	1,800	21,600
Grapes	1988	123	2.17	267	330	88,100
	1987	125	2.13	266	393	105,000
Kiwi	1988	51	3.98	203	1,735	352,000
	1987	47	8.77	412	1,860	766,000
Oranges, Mandarins	1988	31	7.45	231	648	150,000
	1987	30	4.77	143	550	78,700
Peaches	1988	85	3.68	313	679	213,000
	1987	84	4.19	352	555	195,000
Pears, Bartlett	1988	200	3.79	758	200	151,000
	1987	230	1.83	421	143	60,200
Pears, Other Varieties	1988	25	4.44	111	1,196	133,000
	1987	23	8.87	204	1,073	219,000
Persimmons	1988	14	6.07	85	840	71,400
	1987	14	9.57	134	1,109	149,000
Plums	1988	710	1.43	1,015	871	884,000
	1987	740	2.45	1,813	535	970,000
Walnuts	1988	1,026	1.02	1,046	1,218	1,274,000
	1987	1,010	1.36	1,370	943	1,292,000
Miscellaneous Fruits & Nuts*	1988					894,000
	1987					808,000
TOTAL	1988					\$4,435,500
	1987					\$4,820,500

*Miscellaneous fruit & nut crops include almonds, apricots, cherries, navel oranges, nectarines, olives, pistachios, prunes, and quince.

NURSERY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	PER UNIT	VALUE
		AREA	FIELD ACRES			
Nursery Stock, General	1988					\$6,971,000
	1987					\$7,172,000

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE
Timber	1988	106,100,000	bd. ft.	\$15,300,000
	1987	91,924,000	bd. ft.	\$10,040,000

TOP TEN CROPS FOR 1988

1. Cattle & Calves \$14,061,000
2. Turkeys 10,094,000
3. Nursery Products 6,971,000
4. Rice 4,719,000
5. Sheep and Wool 1,473,000
6. Walnuts 1,274,000
7. Hay (all) 1,111,000
8. Plums 884,000
9. Apiary Products 493,380
10. Kiwi 352,000

FOOD SAFETY

This year will undoubtedly be remembered as the year in which food safety became 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 other state programs 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 insure 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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