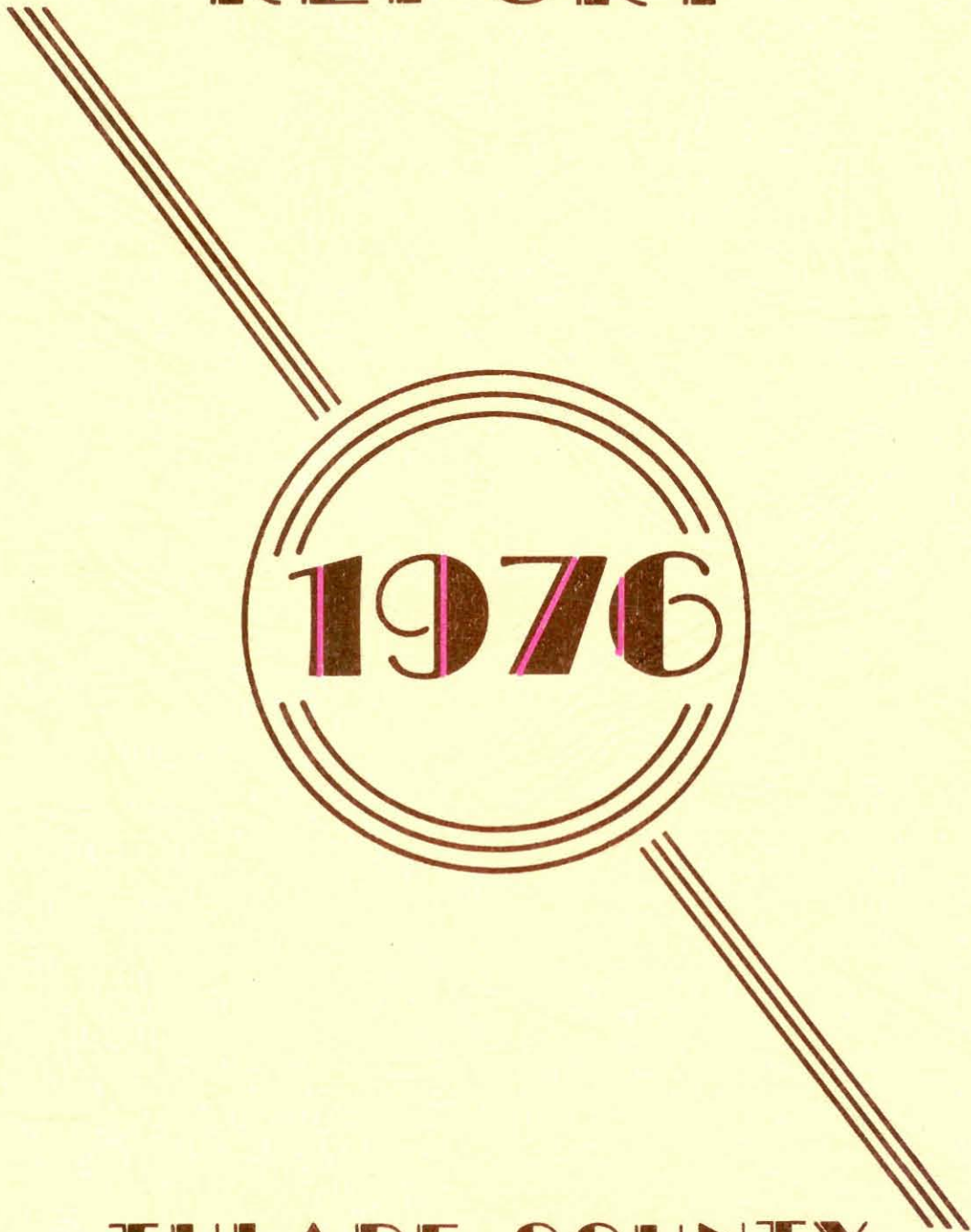


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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the Annual Agricultural Crop Report of the acreage, production and valuation of the agricultural crops and products produced in Tulare County during the calendar year 1976.

Again, this year, it must be emphasized that these figures are gross returns to the producer and does not indicate actual net or profit. The farmer continually finds himself in a price squeeze. Between the consumers demand for quality products and the inflationary spiral of producing, harvesting, and shipping his product to market, the net profit to the grower is considerably reduced.

This report is the result of information gathered from many sources. I wish to express my appreciation to all those agencies, both private and governmental, who assisted in compiling this report. I would also like to thank all the members of my staff, without whose input, the publication of this report would be impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clyde R. Churchill".

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VITICULTURE, AN ANCIENT FRUIT
MAKES GOOD IN TULARE COUNTY

The old world or European grape, *Vitis vinifera*, has been cultivated for so many years that its exact place of origin cannot be determined.

The oldest Hebrew, Greek, and Roman writings refer to grapes and winemaking, and seeds of grapes have been found in the oldest tombs of Egypt.

Many historians feel that the *vinifera* grape originated in the region of the Caspian and Black Seas.

Most scholars agree that the Egyptians probably were among the first to cultivate grapes and grew them for wine over six thousand years ago.

When the Vikings reached the North American continent, several hundred years before Columbus, they apparently found wild grapes so abundant that they called the new land, *Vineland*.

Today's American varieties derive from the native wild grapes, *Muscadine* and *V. rotundifolia* found in the South and the Concord and Niagara "*V. labrusca*" found in the North.

Europe which produces nearly 75% of the world's grapes, now use mostly *rockstock* which is native to the American Continent.

The reason for this is twofold. First the American stock is more resistant to the root louse, known as *phyloxera* and secondly, greater frost resistance in old world grapes is obtained by crossings made with American varieties.

In California old world varieties are grown on American rootstocks in soils where *phyloxera* is a problem. The most famous wines are also, usually made from old world grapes.

Italy produces more grapes than any other country in the world, with France and Spain next in that order.

The United States is fourth in world production, with over one half of the crops in Raisin varieties, but, only one half of these are made into raisins. The rest are used for wine or eaten fresh.

As with so many other fruits, the first grape cuttings were brought to California by the Franciscan Fathers.

The first vines planted by California ranchers, both Spanish and American, were secured from the missions and hence became popularly known as Mission grapes.

In 1851 Colonel Augustin Haraszthy planted some Muscatel grapes at San Diego, which he had secured at Alexandria, Egypt. Ten years later the vineyards propagated from these vines together with those brought in by the Franciscan padres were producing wine of sufficient quality. This prompted Governor Downey to appoint a commission to encourage the importation of better and disease-free vines into the State.

Before the coming of the white man to the San Joaquin Valley a variety of small, blue, wild grapes grew along the river bottoms.

When Jefferson Davis sent surveyors to the valley in about 1853, to locate the best route for a proposed railway, the commander of the expedition wrote that "It is probable that grapes could be cultivated in this valley with success. The borders of the creek were overgrown in places by thick masses of grapevines, loaded with long and heavy clusters of fruit".

Aside from perhaps a few individual grape vines planted near the homes of early day settlers, the first commercial vineyard of eight acres of Mission grapes were planted one-half mile southwest of the Oakgrove schoolhouse, in the spring of 1855, by a pioneer by the name of James Persian.

In the following spring, 1856, Dr. Reuben Mathews planted about four acres of the same variety just east of the corner of Main and East streets in the city of Visalia.

During the 1860's and 70's very little attention was given to the production of grapes on a commercial scale, except that a few plantings of wine varieties, including Muscats, were made in the vicinities of Farmersville, Visalia, Tulare, and Porterville,

The real viticultural development of Tulare County started about 1888 and into the 1890's as the deep well pump was made available to farmers of the area.

Even at that time the modern refrigerator railroad cars and trucks were not in existence and little or no attempt was made to produce table grapes commercially, although wine and raisin grapes were grown to considerable extent along with river delta areas where gravity flow water was available.

During the early 1880's quite a little enthusiasm was manifested in the planting and growing of Muscat and Malaga grapes in the vicinity of Tulare and Visalia and around Dinuba in the latter 80's and early 90's. These were used principally in the manufacture of wine and were shipped to the wineries throughout the state in tank cars.

From about 1892 to 1904 considerable acreages of Thompson Seedless grapes were planted, also a number of other table varieties and during the years of 1915, 16, and 17, good market values were realized, thus stimulating the further planting of grapes for fresh use.

Refrigerator rail cars came into their own during the early 1920's and the number of commercial grape acres planted to Thompson Seedless grapes increased from 21,597 acres in 1919 to 42,656 acres in 1921.

In 1924 there were 107 different shipping concerns operating in Tulare County from Earlimart, Richgrove on the south, to Dinuba and Kingsburg on the north.

It was about this time that the legislature enacted laws and regulations, governing the shipment of table grapes, requiring certain standards be met as to the maturity, quality, condition, etc. of grapes offered for sale on the fresh fruit market.

This law is for the protection of the industry as well as the consumer and the enforcement of these regulations were placed in the hands of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and requires a great amount of attention from this office.

The grape industry remained fairly static through the depression years of the late 1920's and early 30's.

Then in the 1940's and 50's the economy of the country began to soar and the Friant Kern Canal was pushed through the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley to Kern County, bringing ample water to the dryland areas of southern Tulare County.

During the 1950's and 60's some of the largest grape holdings in the world were developed in southern Tulare County.

Although numerous names became synonymous in this area with high quality grapes, one of the best known and more colorful was that of P.J. Divizich's highland vineyards.

Mr. Divizich became known throughout the area as the King of Grapes and farmed over six thousand acres, featuring 33 different varieties. It was a well known fact that he could drive from his office and cold storage plant in Ducor for seven miles to the west and never leave his property boundaries.

Today we find that James Persian's first commercial planting of six acres of Mission grapes in 1855, has developed into over 75,000 acres planted in Tulare County in 1976 and adds \$ 133,177,000 to our economy.

Despite problems with urban encroachment, drought conditions, escalating costs and other problems, the grape industry continues to be a dominant factor in the economy of Tulare County.

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TULARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE STATISTICS

ORCHARD	BEARING ACREAGE	NON-BEARING ACREAGE	TOTAL ACREAGE
<u>CITRUS</u>			
Grapefruit	133	164	297
Lemons	3,762	1,489	5,251
Limes	10	4	14
Navels	57,867	1,766	59,633
Valencias	23,952	109	24,061
Tangelos	854	85	939
Tangerines	778	5	783
TOTAL	87,356	3,622	90,978
<u>DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES</u>			
Almonds	4,266	3,974	8,240
Apples	144	12	156
Apricots	188	9	197
Avocados	371	721	1,092
Cherries	28	10	38
Figs	62	0	62
Grapes			
Table	24,684	1,108	25,792
Raisin	31,998	1,154	33,152
Wine	16,000	423	16,423
Nectarines	4,227	2,243	6,470
Olives	13,504	1,496	15,000
Peaches			
Cling	1,677	175	1,852
Freestone	2,138	1,241	3,379
Pears & Apple Pears	175	59	234
Pecans	25	67	92
Plums	9,653	2,518	12,171
Prunes	3,895	745	4,640
Persimmons	204	33	237
Pistachio Nuts	218	651	869
Pomegranates	1,085	323	1,408
Quince	63	12	75
Walnuts	22,119	6,383	28,502
TOTAL	136,724	23,357	160,081

Total Grapes <i>Crops</i>	72,682	2,685	75,367
Total Orchard Grapes	151,398	24,294	175,692
TOTAL	224,080	26,979	251,059

Above acreage computed through December, 1976

1975-76 FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1976	47,000	1.95	91,650	Ton	103.50	9,486,000
	1975	29,000	2.35	68,150	Ton	106.66	7,269,000
Beans - Dry	1976	6,500	.85	5,525	Ton	340.00	1,879,000
	1975	6,000	1.05	6,300	Ton	370.00	2,331,000
Corn - Field	1976	15,000	3.19	47,850	Ton	105.00	5,024,000
	1975	8,000	3.62	28,960	Ton	116.00	3,359,000
Cotton - Lint <u>A/</u>	1976	143,000	944.00	281,000	Bale	71.40	96,384,000
	1975	104,000	916.66	199,000	Bale	51.60	49,192,000
Cotton - Seed	1976	X	X	115,000	Ton	107.00	12,305,000
	1975	X	X	81,000	Ton	106.66	8,639,000
Hay - Alfalfa	1976	84,000	7.00	588,000	Ton	69.75	41,013,000
	1975	88,700	7.15	634,000	Ton	59.50	37,723,000
Grain	1976	3,750	2.00	7,500	Ton	63.00	473,000
	1975	3,600	2.00	7,200	Ton	52.50	378,000
Oats	1976	1,360	.85	1,156	Ton	118.00	136,000
	1975	2,430	.80	1,940	Ton	120.00	233,000
Pasture & Range Irrigated	1976	12,000	X	X	Acre	75.00	900,000
	1975	15,000	X	X	Acre	75.00	1,163,000
Native	1976	900,000	X	X	Acre	7.00	6,300,000
	1975	900,000	X	X	Acre	7.00	6,300,000
Other	1976	3,680	X	X	Acre	10.00	36,800
	1975	3,720	X	X	Acre	10.00	37,200
Rice	1976	1,354	2.61	3,534	Ton	138.00	488,000
	1975	3,500	2.35	8,230	Ton	160.00	1,317,000
Safflower	1976	X	X	X	Ton	X	X
	1975	455	1.50	680	Ton	200.00	136,000
Seed Screenings	1976	X	X	400	Ton	64.00	25,600
	1975	X	X	290	Ton	87.00	25,200
Silage	1976	51,540	15.87	817,940	Ton	11.46	9,374,000
	1975	58,500	17.66	1,033,000	Ton	10.68	11,032,000
Sorghum Grain	1976	29,100	2.25	65,475	Ton	87.00	5,696,000
	1975	42,800	1.91	81,750	Ton	96.50	7,889,000

1975-76 FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Straw	1976	5,000	1.5	7,500	Ton	20.75	156,000
	1975	X	X	7,150	Ton	22.50	161,000
Sugar Beets	1976	6,091	32.94	200,638	Ton	19.84	3,981,000
	1975	6,470	33.55	217,000	Ton	27.98	6,072,000
Wheat	1976	66,000	1.99	131,340	Ton	110.19	14,472,000
	1975	108,000	2.53	273,000	Ton	125.75	34,330,000
Total	1976						191,740,000
	1975						177,586,000

1975-76 FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

A/ Cotton-Lint Yield in pounds, Production 480 lbs. gross weight bales, Lint price on hundredweight basis.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1975-76

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans - Blackeye #5							
Registered or	1976	178	.91	162	Ton	345.00	55,900
Certified	1975	51	2.00	102	Ton	370.00	37,700
Barley - Registered							
or Certified	1976	129	1.60	206	Ton	108.00	22,200
	1975	250	2.30	580	Ton	120.00	69,600
Wheat - Registered							
or Certified	1976	354	1.26	446	Ton	115.00	51,300
	1975	590	2.50	1,480	Ton	154.00	228,000
Misc. Vegetables							
for Seed	1976	210	X	X	X	X	122,000
	1975	218	X	X	X	X	126,000
Total	1976						251,000
	1975						461,000

1975-76 VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1976	156	3.20	499	Ton	708.00	353,000
	1975	282	4.14	1,170	Ton	582.00	681,000
Beans - Green Fresh Market	1976	22	2.25	50	Ton	405.00	20,250
	1975	50	3.00	150	Ton	320.00	48,000
Processed	1976	3,000	3.00	9,000	Ton	155.00	1,395,000
	1975	2,280	3.00	6,840	Ton	170.00	1,163,000
Corn - Sweet	1976	92	4.00	368	Ton	160.00	58,900
	1975	114	4.17	480	Ton	145.00	70,000
Cucumbers - Fresh	1976	281	5.20	1,461	Ton	206.50	302,000
	1975	91	5.05	460	Ton	286.00	132,000
Processed	1976	Added to Miscellaneous					X
	1975	90	15.00	1,350	Ton	110.00	149,000
Melons-Miscellaneous Varieties	1976	660	7.50	4,950	Ton	111.00	549,000
	1975	600	7.50	4,500	Ton	86.50	380,000
Watermelons	1976	50	8.00	400	Ton	75.00	30,000
	1975	208	8.00	1,660	Ton	50.00	83,000
Onions	1976	Added to Miscellaneous					X
	1975	121	17.00	2,060	Ton	50.00	103,000
Peppers - Bell Fresh	1976	103	6.84	705	Ton	359.00	253,000
	1975	20	6.75	135	Ton	317.00	42,800
Processed	1976	15	6.00	90	Ton	120.00	10,800
	1975	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chili - Fresh	1976	149	9.75	1,453	Ton	224.50	326,000
	1975	233	12.50	2,912	Ton	140.00	408,000
Processed	1976	74	1.8	133	Ton	296.00	39,300
	1975	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pimento	1976	100	8	800	Ton	170.00	136,000
	1975	310	11.75	3,640	Ton	170.00	619,000
Potatoes - Market	1976	223	15.00	3,345	Ton	63.00	211,000
	1975	282	15.00	4,230	Ton	120.00	508,000
Squash	1976	190	7.12	1,353	Ton	330.50	447,000
	1975	168	7.49	1,258	Ton	355.00	447,000

1975-76 VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Tomatoes	1976	1,473	11.32	16,674	Ton	361.75	6,032,000
	1975	1,190	16.99	20,200	Ton	509.00	10,292,000
Miscellaneous Vegetables	1976	1,796	X	X	X	X	2,473,000
	1975	1,147	X	X	X	X	1,741,000
Total	1976						12,636,000
	1975						16,876,000

1975-76 FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds - Meats	1976	4,456	.62	2,763	Ton	1,300.00	3,592,000
	1975	4,286	.325	1,390	Ton	1,280.00	1,779,000
Almonds - Hulls	1976	X	X	8,333	Ton	57.00	475,000
	1975	X	X	3,090	Ton	55.00	170,000
Apples - Fresh	1976	166	10.78	1,179	Ton	245.00	289,000
	1975	137	12.37	1,695	Ton	266.00	451,000
Processed	1976	X	X	610	Ton	55.00	33,550
	1975	X	X	630	Ton	65.00	40,950
Apricots	1976	205	4.55	933	Ton	675.00	630,000
	1975	194	5.00	970	Ton	542.00	526,000
Avocados	1976	373	2.2	821	Ton	560.00	460,000
	1975	338	.75	254	Ton	1,219.00	310,000
Cherries	1976	37	1.00	37	Ton	500.00	18,500
	1975	35	.12	4	Ton	520.00	2,080
Figs	1976	66	4.38	289	Ton	776.00	224,000
	1975	70	5.58	390	Ton	794.00	310,000
Grapes - Table	1976	24,946	4.69	X	X	X	119,588,000
	1976	25,339	5.55	X	X	X	101,371,000
Emperor	1976	15,946	3.97	63,306	Ton	458.00	28,994,000
	1975	15,649	5.08	79,500	Ton	426.00	33,867,000
Almeria	1976	688	4.79	3,296	Ton	537.00	1,770,000
	1975	650	6.33	4,110	Ton	500.00	2,055,000
Ribier	1976	3,829	4.46	17,077	Ton	557.00	9,512,000
	1975	3,828	4.82	18,450	Ton	422.00	7,786,000
Calmeria	1976	2,384	5.65	13,470	Ton	596.00	8,028,000
	1975	X	X	X	X	X	X
White Malaga	1976	417	13.00	5,421	Ton	87.00	472,000
	1975	391	6.90	2,700	Ton	391.00	1,056,000
Red Malaga	1976	INCLUDED IN WINE GRAPES					X
	1976	492	4.37	2,150	Ton	394.00	847,000
Muscats	1976	ADDED TO MISCELLANEOUS					X
	1975	207	10.50	2,170	Ton	210.00	456,000
Cardinal	1976	416	5.57	2,317	Ton	523.00	1,212,000
	1975	396	5.33	2,110	Ton	403.00	850,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Italia	1976	664	4.81	3,194	Ton	511.00	1,632,000
	1975	657	5.95	3,910	Ton	416.00	1,627,000
Grapes - Table Cont. Miscellaneous	1976	3,960	5.13	20,315	Ton	668.00	13,570,000
	1975	3,276	5.95	19,500	Ton	456.00	8,892,000
Thompson - Fresh	1976	15,729	5.91	92,958	Ton	602.00	55,961,000
	1975	17,100	5.89	101,000	Ton	435.00	43,935,000
Canning	1976	X	X	20,000	Ton	135.00	2,700,000
	1975	X	X	16,300	Ton	120.00	1,956,000
Grapes - Raisin <u>A/</u>	1976	32,139	X	9,600	Ton	1,050.00	10,080,000
	1975	33,033	X	18,420	Ton	647.00	11,918,000
Grapes - Wine	1976	17,075	X	120,720	Ton	85.54	10,326,000
	1975	15,673	X	176,000	Ton	86.19	15,169,000
Grapefruit - Fresh	1976	138	1.40	193	Ton	181.00	34,900
	1975	130	12.00	1,560	Ton	167.00	261,000
Lemons - Fresh <u>A/</u>	1976	3,788	4.01	7,620	Ton	105.26	802,000
	1975	3,456	13.00	15,730	Ton	258.00	4,058,000
Processed	1976	X	X	7,570	Ton	16.00	121,000
	1975	X	X	29,200	Ton	50.00	1,460,000
Nectarines - Fresh	1976	4,647	9.56	44,425	Ton	411.00	18,259,000
	1975	4,130	7.29	30,110	Ton	490.00	14,754,000
Olives - Canned	1976	13,570	2.92	39,625	Ton	302.00	11,967,000
	1975	12,667	2.85	36,100	Ton	425.00	15,343,000
Oil	1976	X	X	3,000	Ton	120.00	360,000
	1975	X	X	2,250	Ton	140.00	315,000
Oranges - Navel	1976	58,407	6.98	290,516	Ton	188.25	54,690,000
	1975	57,177	9.58	382,000	Ton	192.63	73,585,000
Processed	1976	X	X	117,000	Ton	17.17	2,009,000
	1975	X	X	166,000	Ton	15.00	2,490,000
Valencia	1976	24,183	9.08	117,050	Ton	181.86	21,287,000
	1975	24,360	9.65	131,000	Ton	186.84	24,476,000
Processed	1976	X	X	102,000	Ton	35.22	3,592,000
	1975	X	X	104,000	Ton	40.00	4,160,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1975-76

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches - Cling	1976	1,783	9.00	16,047	Ton	105.00	1,685,000
	1975	1,803	10.21	18,400	Ton	128.50	2,364,000
Freestone - Fresh	1976	2,679	13.16	35,256	Ton	360.00	12,692,000
	1975	2,145	12.47	26,760	Ton	488.00	13,059,000
Pears & Apple Pears	1976	176	4.22	743	Ton	507.00	377,000
	1975	115	1.43	160	Ton	489.00	78,200
Plums - Fresh	1976	9,893	6.31	62,425	Ton	545.00	34,022,000
	1975	9,345	10.22	95,500	Ton	469.00	44,790,000
Processed	1976	X	X	302	Ton	6.00	1,810
	1975	X	X	388	Ton	9.50	3,690
Persimmons	1976	254	4.57	1,161	Ton	513.00	596,000
	1975	237	2.78	660	Ton	516.00	341,000
Pomegranates	1976	1,090	3.68	4,011	Ton	318.00	1,275,000
	1975	1,012	4.90	4,960	Ton	298.00	1,478,000
Prunes - Processed (Dry Wt.)	1976	4,072	2.85	11,605	Ton	445.00	5,164,000
	1975	3,881	1.55	6,020	Ton	405.00	2,438,000
Pistachio Nuts (Dry Wt.)	1976	240	15.00	360,000	Lbs.	1.05	378,000
	1975	163	2,543.00	415,000	Lbs.	.97	403,000
Quince	1976	65	8.34	542,000	Ton	351.00	190,000
	1975	62	6.51	400,000	Ton	404.00	162,000
Tangelos	1976	856	6.00	5,136	Ton	320.00	1,644,000
	1975	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tangerines	1976	821	6.88	5,648	Ton	290.00	1,638,000
	1975	1,721	6.09	10,480	Ton	240.00	2,515,000
Walnuts	1976	23,873	.97	23,200	Ton	575.00	13,340,000
	1975	21,115	1.26	26,540	Ton	474.00	12,580,000
Miscellaneous - Bushberries and Strawberries	1976	81	2.37	192	Ton	542.00	104,000
	1975	44	2.59	114	Ton	549.00	62,600
Total	1976						336,208,000
	1975						355,180,000

A/ Estimated

1975-76 NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Citrus and Subtropical Fruit trees	1976	54,000	Each	3.95	213,000
	1975	45,000	Each	4.37	197,000
Citrus Buds	1976	81,000	Each	.10	8,100
	1975	29,500	Each	.07	2,070
Citrus Seedlings	1976	X	X	X	X
	1975	26,000	Each	.12	3,120
Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees	1976	995,000	Each	2.10	2,090,000
	1975	1,061,000	Each	1.59	1,687,000
Grape Vines	1976	2,569,000	M	185.00	475,000
	1975	2,509,000	M	257.00	645,000
Ornamentals & Cut Flowers	1976	X	X	X	1,617,000
	1975	X	X	X	1,612,000
Vegetable and Flower Plants in Flats	1976	72,300	Flats	3.89	281,000
	1975	28,000	Flats	1.23	34,400
Total	1976				4,684,000
	1975				4,181,000

1975-76 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves	1976	253,000	X	Head	167.000	42,251,000
	1975	245,000	X	Head	155.000	37,975,000
Lambs	1976	575	46,000	Lb.	.475	21,800
	1975	500	40,000	Lb	.429	17,200
Sheep	1976	1,150	126,500	Lb.	.126	15,900
	1975	1,000	110,000	Lb	.108	11,900
Hogs & Pigs	1976	28,200	X	Head	90.59	2,555,000
	1975	34,260	X	Head	92.76	3,178,000
Broilers & Fryers	1976	4,696,000	19,070,600	Lb.	.28	5,340,000
	1975	4,001,000	16,004,000	Lb.	.260	4,161,000
Other Chickens	1976	71,511	286,000	Lb.	.08	23,000
	1975	104,000	390,000	Lb.	.064	25,000
Pullets	1976	479,000	X	Each	2.25	1,078,000
	1975	415,000	X	Each	2.31	959,000
Turkeys	1976	482,800	10,494,000	Lb.	.314	3,298,000
	1975	556,000	12,543,000	Lb.	.318	3,989,000
Catfish	1976	X	94,000	Lb.	1.00	94,000
	1975	X	X	X	X	X
Miscellaneous Chicks-Poults	1976	X	X	X	X	1,382,000
	1975	X	X	X	X	1,418,000
Rabbits-Squabs						
Geese-Pigeons						
Total	1976					56,059,000
	1975					51,734,000

1975-76 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Milk - Market	1976	13,260,000	Cwt.	8.95	118,677,000
	1975	11,888,000	Cwt.	8.61	102,356,000
Manufacturing	1976	221,000	Cwt.	8.29	1,832,000
	1975	181,000	Cwt.	7.14	1,292,000
Wool	1976	3,356	Lb.	.51	1,711
	1975	7,500	Lb.	.31	2,330
Eggs-Chicken-Market	1976	2,318,000	Doz.	.514	1,192,000
	1975	2,432,000	Doz.	.531	1,291,000
Turkey - Hatching	1976	6,400,000	Each	.393	2,517,000
	1975	6,298,000	Each	.392	2,469,000
Total	1976				124,220,000
	1975				107,410,000

1975-76 APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Honey - Orange	1976	1,120,000	Lb.	.41	459,000
	1975	1,200,000	Lb.	.42	504,000
Other	1976	700,000	Lb.	.41	287,000
	1975	1,000,000	Lb.	.40	400,000
Beeswax	1976	35,000	Lb.	1.25	43,750
	1975	40,000	Lb.	1.20	48,000
Pollination <u>A/</u>	1976	35,000	Colony	10.00	350,000
	1975	40,000	Colony	9.00	360,000
Total	1976				1,140,000
	1975				1,312,000

A/ From Bee Colonies registered in Tulare County

	<u>TOTAL OF MAJOR CROPS</u>	<u>CROP TOTALS</u>
FIELD CROPS		191,740,000
	Cotton	96,384,000
	Cotton Seed	12,305,000
	Alfalfa	41,013,000
SEED CROPS		251,000
VEGETABLE CROPS		12,636,000
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		336,208,000
	Grapes	139,994,000
	Olives	12,327,000
	Oranges	
	Navel	56,699,000
	Valencia	24,879,000
	Peaches	
	Cling	1,685,000
	Freestone	12,692,000
	Plums	34,022,000
	Walnuts	13,340,000
NURSERY PRODUCTS		4,684,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY		56,059,000
	Livestock	44,843,000
	Poultry	11,121,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS		124,220,000
	Milk	120,509,000
	Eggs	3,709,000
APIARY PRODUCTS		1,140,000
	GRAND TOTAL	726,938,000

COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURAL INCOME

1975 - 1976

1956	-----	263,403,142
1957	-----	284,308,391
1958	-----	328,584,889
1959	-----	341,645,299
1960	-----	334,012,325
1961	-----	322,770,545
1962	-----	329,094,057
1963	-----	325,848,300
1964	-----	357,335,000
1965	-----	324,221,000
1966	-----	373,408,000
1967	-----	364,729,000
1968	-----	376,443,000
1969	-----	378,849,000
1970	-----	408,039,000
1971	-----	402,550,000
1972	-----	463,191,000
1973	-----	580,729,000
1974	-----	682,454,000
1975	-----	714,740,000
1976	-----	726,938,000