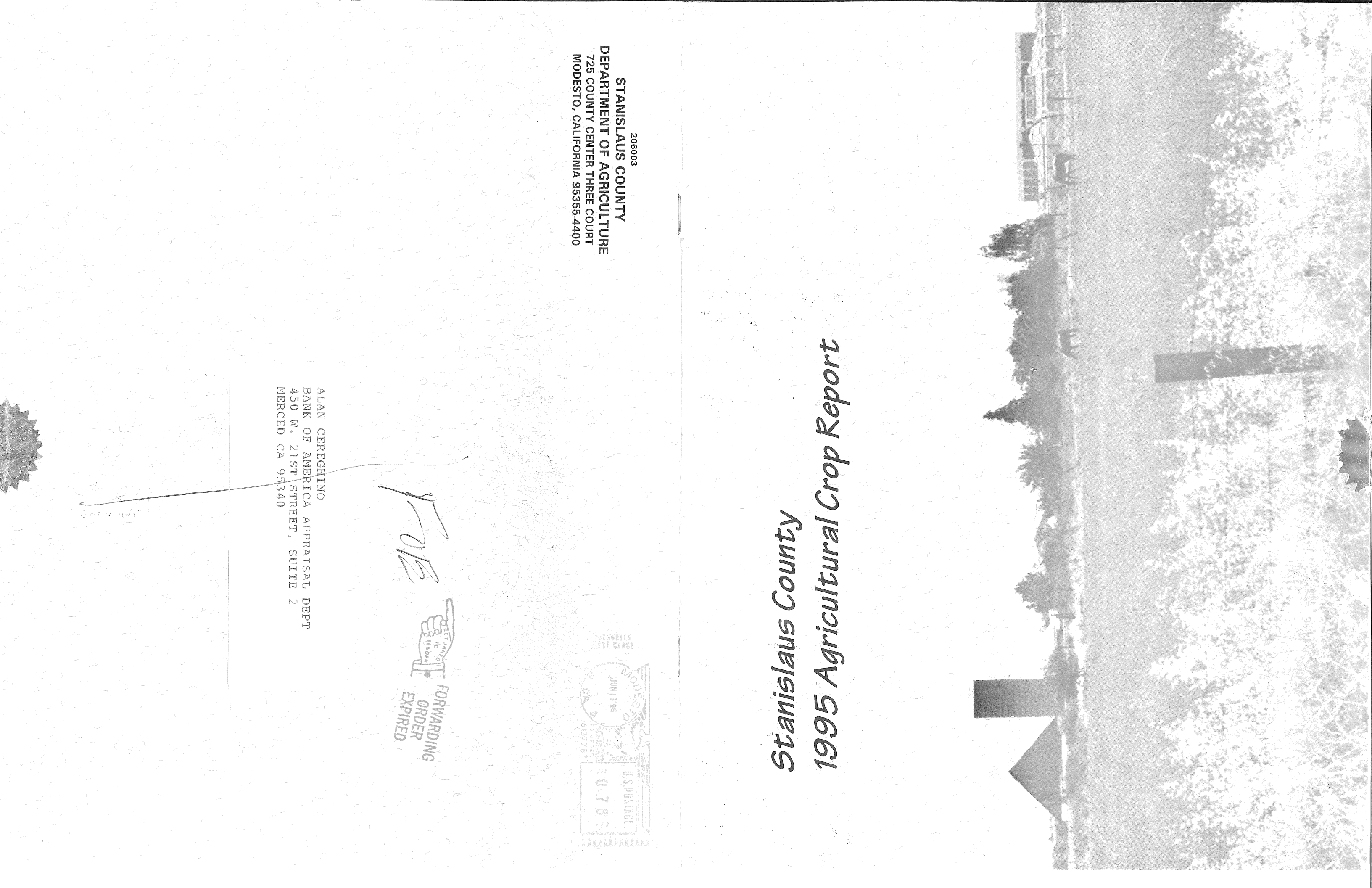
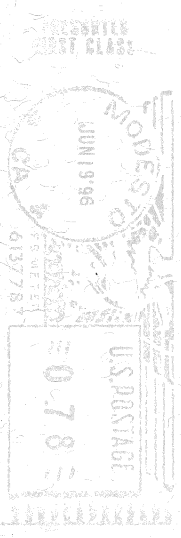




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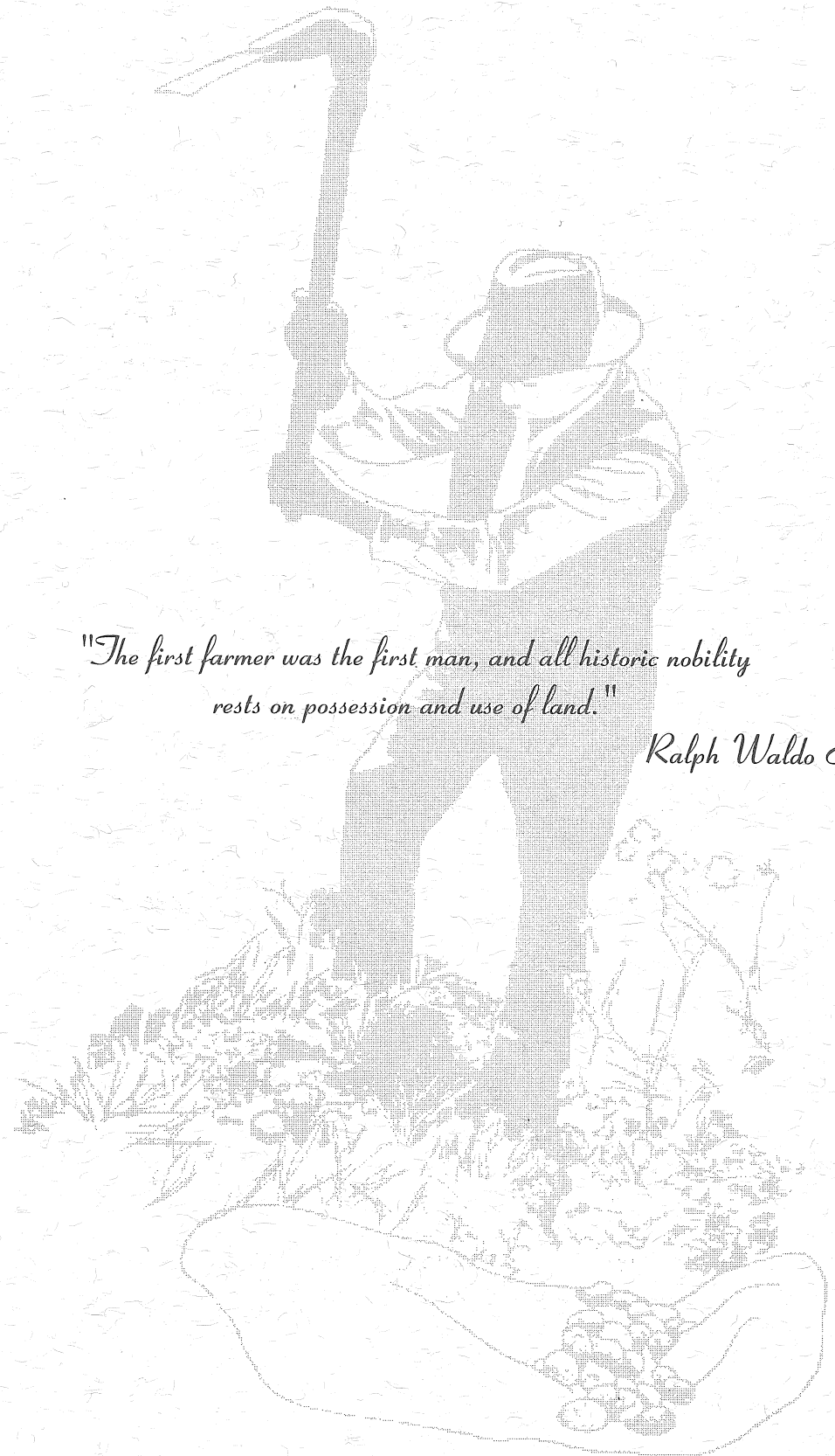
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The juxtaposition of the old barn and the new school in the background symbolizes the challenges of rural-urban interface in Stanislaus County today.

The farm is owned by Gus Papatone. The barn was built in the early part of the century. In the early 1950's, a navy plane crashed on the property, narrowly missing the silo and creating a sizeable crater.

Elizabeth Ustach Middle School opened its doors in 1993 and currently has approximately 1,200 students. An adjoining park and elementary school are planned for the future.

Photograph by Donald O. Cripe, Agricultural Commissioner



*"The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility
rests on possession and use of land."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The Stanislaus County Agricultural Crop Report for 1995 is hereby submitted in compliance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

The gross agricultural income for 1995 is \$1,115,492,000. This is an increase of approximately \$176,000 from 1994. The Fruit and Nut Crop Category lost \$18 million, with Almonds, Apricots and Grapes leading the decline. Also showing slight losses are Seed Crops and Nursery Products. All other categories advanced. Individual commodities posting gains include; Walnuts, Alfalfa Hay, Silage, Tomatoes, Wheat and Deciduous Fruit & Nut Trees/Vines. Cattle and Calves gained as did Turkeys, Milk and Chicken Eggs.

It must be noted that these are gross figures and do not indicate net profit. Also, figures shown do not reflect on any individual operation since the whole county is the smallest unit measured for any particular commodity.

We wish to express our appreciation to the many persons who contributed to the preparation of this document. Special thanks go to Sheryl Emery, who compiled the report.

Respectfully,


DONALD O. CRIPE
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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	Production			UNIT	Value	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almond Meat	1995	67,100	.46	30,866	Ton	\$4,700.00	\$145,070,000
	1994	73,000	.97	70,800	Ton	2,340.00	165,672,000
Almond Hulls	1995			68,500	Ton	76.00	5,206,000
	1994			141,000	Ton	57.00	8,037,000
Apples	1995	1,470	16.20	23,800	Ton	329.00	7,830,000
	1994	1,480	18.00	26,600	Ton	295.00	7,847,000
Apricots	1995	7,210	5.80	41,800	Ton	280.00	11,704,000
	1994	7,100	8.40	59,640	Ton	297.00	17,713,000
Cherries	1995	1,530	2.80	4,280	Ton	2,160.00	9,245,000
	1994	1,500	3.70	5,550	Ton	820.00	4,551,000
Grapes, All	1995	13,700					29,830,000
	1994	17,500					33,280,000
Red Varieties	1995	6,240	8.80	54,900	Ton	270.00	14,823,000
	1994	8,200	9.10	74,600	Ton	235.00	17,531,000
White Varieties	1995	7,500	9.30	69,800	Ton	215.00	15,007,000
	1994	9,300	9.90	92,100	Ton	171.00	15,749,000
Kiwi	1995	150	7.30	1,100	Ton	802.00	882,000
	1994	112	8.00	896	Ton	820.00	735,000
Nectarines	1995	107	7.20	770	Ton	641.00	494,000
	1994	124	5.10	632	Ton	800.00	506,000
Peaches, All	1995	9,600					35,517,000
	1994	10,300					34,767,000
Cling	1995	8,500	17.60	150,000	Ton	213.00	31,950,000
	1994	8,800	18.30	161,000	Ton	184.00	29,624,000
Freestone	1995	1,090	16.70	18,200	Ton	196.00	3,567,000
	1994	1,500	18.50	27,800	Ton	185.00	5,143,000
Walnuts, Inshell (Rev.)	1995	25,100	1.17	29,367	Ton	1,480.00	43,463,000
	1994	25,900	1.19	30,821	Ton	1,060.00	32,670,000
Miscellaneous	1995	1,170			Acre		2,509,000
	1994	1,030			Acre		3,927,000
Total (Rev.)	1995	127,000					\$291,750,000
	1994	138,000					309,705,000

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	Production			UNIT	Value	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1995	2,340	1.30	3,000	Ton	\$ 121.00	\$ 363,000
	1994	4,000	1.30	5,200	Ton	108.00	562,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1995	26,100					22,395,000
	1994	27,800					24,553,000
All Blackeyes	1995	7,100	1.20	8,520	Ton	545.00	4,643,000
	1994	7,700	1.10	8,470	Ton	666.00	5,641,000
Baby Limas	1995	6,900	1.50	10,400	Ton	604.00	6,282,000
	1994	6,500	1.40	9,100	Ton	643.00	5,851,000
Large Limas	1995	8,000	1.10	8,800	Ton	861.00	7,577,000
	1994	8,900	1.40	12,500	Ton	811.00	10,138,000
Others	1995	4,100	1.40	5,700	Ton	683.00	3,893,000
	1994	4,700	1.00	4,700	Ton	622.00	2,923,000
Corn, Grain	1995	900	4.20	3,780	Ton	114.00	431,000
	1994	1,200	3.90	4,680	Ton	96.00	450,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1995	39,600	8.80	348,000	Ton	109.00	37,932,000
	1994	40,000	7.90	316,000	Ton	108.00	34,128,000
Hay, Grain	1995	23,700	3.30	78,200	Ton	82.00	6,412,000
	1994	23,000	3.50	80,500	Ton	81.00	6,521,000
Hay, Other	1995	3,300	2.30	7,590	Ton	77.00	584,000
	1994	3,900	1.80	7,020	Ton	68.00	477,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1995	75,000			Acre	125.00	9,375,000
	1994	75,200			Acre	135.00	10,152,000
Rangeland	1995	358,000			Acre	17.00	6,086,000
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Rice	1995	3,070	3.60	11,000	Ton	204.00	2,244,000
	1994	3,000	3.50	10,500	Ton	248.00	2,604,000
Silage, All	1995	74,200					32,634,000
	1994	71,200					29,737,000
Cereal	1995	23,900	12.70	304,000		18.00	5,472,000
	1994	23,000	14.50	334,000	Ton	15.00	5,010,000
Corn	1995	50,300	27.00	1,358,000	Ton	20.00	27,160,000
	1994	48,200	27.00	1,301,000	Ton	19.00	24,727,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

	YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wheat	1995	8,160	2.00	Ton	125.00	\$ 2,038,000
	1994	8,400	1.40	Ton	116.00	1,369,000
Miscellaneous	1995	1,230		Acre		344,000
	1994	700		Acre		190,000
Total	1995	616,000				\$120,838,000
	1994	617,000				116,972,000

VEGETABLE CROPS

	YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Green Limas	1995	5,200	1.60	Ton	\$ 440.00	\$ 3,661,000
	1994	7,530	1.50	Ton	436.00	4,927,000
Broccoli	1995	1,870	3.80	Ton	383.00	2,723,000
	1994	1,950	5.70	Ton	380.00	4,218,000
Cauliflower	1995	2,020	4.30	Ton	429.00	3,728,000
	1994	2,200	4.50	Ton	570.00	5,643,000
Melons, All	1995	8,260				10,122,000
	1994	10,800				10,713,000
Cantaloupe	1995	2,180	9.60	Ton	143.00	2,989,000
	1994	2,590	8.40	Ton	100.00	2,180,000
Honeydew	1995	3,740	7.30	Ton	151.00	4,122,000
	1994	5,050	5.30	Ton	147.00	3,940,000
Other, Musk	1995	1,260	5.40	Ton	143.00	972,000
	1994	1,570	5.50	Ton	176.00	1,521,000
Watermelon	1995	1,080	14.00	Ton	135.00	2,039,000
	1994	1,600	20.00	Ton	96.00	3,072,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

	YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Peas, Green Processing	1995	3,620	1.70	Ton	251.00	\$ 1,544,000
	1994	3,680	2.50	Ton	211.00	1,941,000
Peppers	1995	967	12.7	Ton	193.00	2,374,000
	1994	1,200	11.00	Ton	218.00	2,878,000
Pumpkins	1995	613	11.90	Ton	146.00	1,064,000
	1994	680	7.80	Ton	100.00	530,000
Spinach	1995	1,140	11.20	Ton	90.00	1,152,000
	1994	1,300	9.80	Ton	90.00	1,143,000
Squash	1995	440	18.00	Ton	138.00	1,093,000
	1994	400	12.50	Ton	104.00	520,000
Sweet Potatoes	1995	1,390	12.60	Ton	383.00	6,703,000
	1994	1,660	14.00	Ton	360.00	8,352,000
Tomatoes, All	1995	19,950				39,414,000
	1994	14,300				32,657,000
Fresh	1995	2,550	13.50	Ton	340.00	11,696,000
	1994	2,450	10.00	Ton	465.00	11,393,000
Processing	1995	17,400	29.50	Ton	54.00	27,718,000
	1994	11,800	34.00	Ton	53.00	21,264,000
Miscellaneous	1995	1,570		Acre		2,355,000
	1994	1,200		Acre		1,800,000
Total	1995	47,000				\$ 75,933,000
	1994	46,900				75,322,000

The tomato was actually a contribution from the Aztecs, who first cultivated this plant. The Spanish, who conquered the area, brought the tomato back to Spain and named it *tomate*. *Tomate*, first recorded in 1604, gave way to tomato. Initially, people resisted eating this New World food because of its membership in the Nightshade family. Only recognized as a valuable food within the last century, tomatoes are popular today in salads and processed into juice, catsup and canned goods.

SEED CROPS

YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Vegetable	1995	201	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 249,000
	1994	237	1,100.00	261,000
Other	1995	898	662.00	594,000
	1994	995	625.00	622,000
Total	1995	1,100		\$ 843,000
	1994	1,230		883,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS

YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
	FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Deciduous Fruit & Nut Trees/Vines	1995	610	7,109,000	Plnt \$ 2.90	\$ 20,616,000
	1994	650	6,009,000	Plnt 3.15	18,928,000
Ornamental Trees	1995		1,090,000	Plnt 2.90	3,161,000
Trees & Shrubs	1994		1,080,000	Plnt 2.85	3,078,000
Christmas Trees	1995		1,150	Tree 18.00	20,700
	1994		3,000	Tree 20.00	60,000
Miscellaneous	1995	1,030	Acre 5,820.00		5,995,000
	1994	1,300	Acre 6,800.00		8,840,000
Total	1995	1,640			\$ 29,793,000
	1994	1,950			30,906,000

Give fools their gold, and knaves their power;
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92), U.S. poet

APIARY PRODUCTS

YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
	TOTAL			UNIT	TOTAL
Beeswax	1995	4,940	Lbs	\$ 1.77	\$ 8,740
	1994	7,170	Lbs	1.42	10,200
Bulk Bees	1995	4,480	Lbs	4.00	17,900
	1994	2,000	Lbs	4.00	8,000
Honey	1995	262,000	Lbs	.63	165,000
	1994	238,000	Lbs	.55	131,000
Pollination	1995	139,000	Col	31.60	4,392,000
	1994	143,000	Col	30.00	4,290,000
Queen Bees	1995	6,200	Each	5.80	36,000
	1994	4,500	Each	4.80	21,600
Total	1995				\$ 4,620,000
	1994				4,461,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

YEAR	<i>Production</i>		UNIT	<i>Value</i>	
	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves, All	1995	180,000			\$ 55,221,000
	1994	188,000			52,924,000
Beef Feeders	1995	105,000	Cwt	69.00	32,016,000
	1994	95,400	Cwt	71.00	25,986,000
Beef Slaughter	1995	32,300	Cwt	55.40	4,737,000
	1994	49,900	Cwt	64.30	7,009,000
Dairy Slaughter	1995	42,600	Cwt	36.00	18,468,000
	1994	42,400	Cwt	39.00	19,929,000
Sheep & Lambs	1995	2,530	Cwt	86.00	240,000
	1994	2,470	Cwt	65.60	178,000
Hogs & Pigs	1995	17,000	Cwt	47.06	1,068,000
	1994	17,400	Cwt	57.30	1,329,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (Cont.)

	YEAR	Production		UNIT	Value	
		NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens, All	1995	160,185,000				\$ 95,881,000
	1994	161,060,000				100,128,000
Chickens	1995	45,206,000	216,989,000	Lbs	.32	69,436,000
	1994	46,310,000	226,919,000	Lbs	.33	74,883,000
Chicks	1995	114,979,000		Each	.23	26,445,000
	1994	114,750,000		Each	.22	25,245,000
Turkeys, All	1995	10,299,000				52,787,000
	1994	11,240,000				49,473,000
Turkeys	1995	4,647,000	102,234,000	Lbs	.45	46,005,000
	1994	4,982,000	109,604,000	Lbs	.38	41,650,000
Poults	1995	5,652,000		Each	1.20	6,782,000
	1994	6,258,000		Each	1.25	7,823,000
Squab	1995	446,000		Each	3.15	1,405,000
	1994	499,000		Each	3.15	1,572,000
Total	1995					\$ 206,602,000
	1994					205,604,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	Production		UNIT	Value	
		TOTAL			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1995	27,745,000		Cwt		\$ 323,829,000
	1994	27,133,000		Cwt		313,256,000
Manufacturing	1995	1,063,000		Cwt	11.21	11,916,000
	1994	913,000		Cwt	11.12	10,153,000
Market	1995	26,682,000		Cwt	11.69	311,913,000
	1994	26,220,000		Cwt	11.56	303,103,000
Eggs, Chicken All	1995	90,920,000		Doz		57,922,000
	1994	91,814,000		Doz		55,023,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (Cont.)

	YEAR	Production		UNIT	Value	
		TOTAL			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hatching Eggs	1995	14,572,000		Doz	1.46	\$ 21,275,000
	1994	14,428,000		Doz	1.40	20,199,000
Market Eggs	1995	76,348,000		Doz	.48	36,647,000
	1994	77,386,000		Doz	.45	34,824,000
Eggs, Turkey	1995	4,990,000		Each	.67	3,343,000
Hatching	1994	4,791,000		Each	.66	3,162,000
Wool	1995	18,500		Lbs	1.03	19,100
(Rev.)	1994	22,200		Lbs	.97	21,500
Total	1995					\$ 385,113,000
(Rev.)	1994					371,463,000

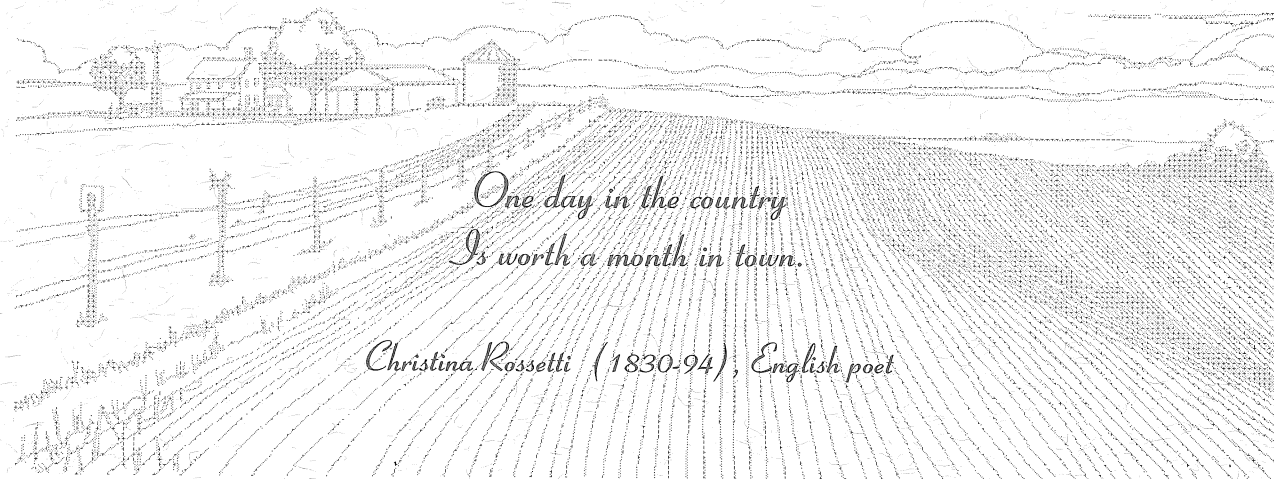
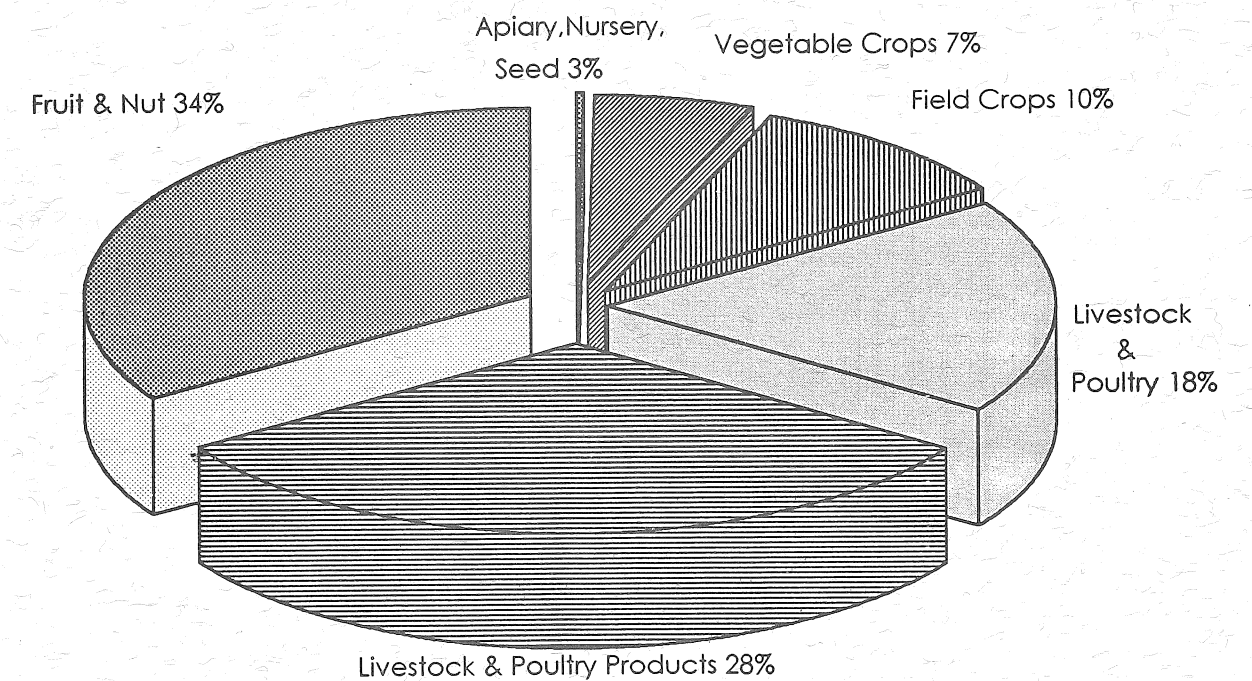
STANISLAUS COUNTY LEADING COMMODITIES

1995 RANK	COMMODITY	VALUE	1994 RANK
1	Milk, All	\$ 323,829,000	1
2	Almonds	145,070,000	2
3	Chickens, All	95,881,000	3
4	Chicken Eggs, All	57,922,000	4
5	Cattle & Calves, All	55,221,000	5
6	Turkeys, All	52,787,000	6
7	Walnuts	43,463,000	7
8	Tomatoes	39,414,000	N/A
9	Alfalfa	37,932,000	9
10	Peaches, All	35,517,000	8

SUMMARY

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	ESTIMATED VALUE
Fruit & Nut Crops (Rev.)	1995	127,000	\$ 291,750,000
	1994	138,000	309,705,000
Field Crops	1995	616,000	120,838,000
	1994	617,000	116,972,000
Vegetable Crops	1995	47,000	75,933,000
	1994	46,900	75,322,000
Seed Crops	1995	1,100	843,000
	1994	1,230	883,000
Nursery Products	1995	1,640	29,793,000
	1994	1,950	30,906,000
Apiary Products	1995		4,620,000
	1994		4,461,000
Livestock & Poultry	1995		206,602,000
	1994		205,604,000
Livestock & Poultry Products (Rev.)	1995		385,113,000
	1994		371,463,000
Total	1995	793,000	\$ 1,115,492,000
	(Rev.) 1994	805,000	1,115,316,000

CATEGORY SUMMARY 1995



*One day in the country
Is worth a month in town.*

Christina Rossetti (1830-94), English poet