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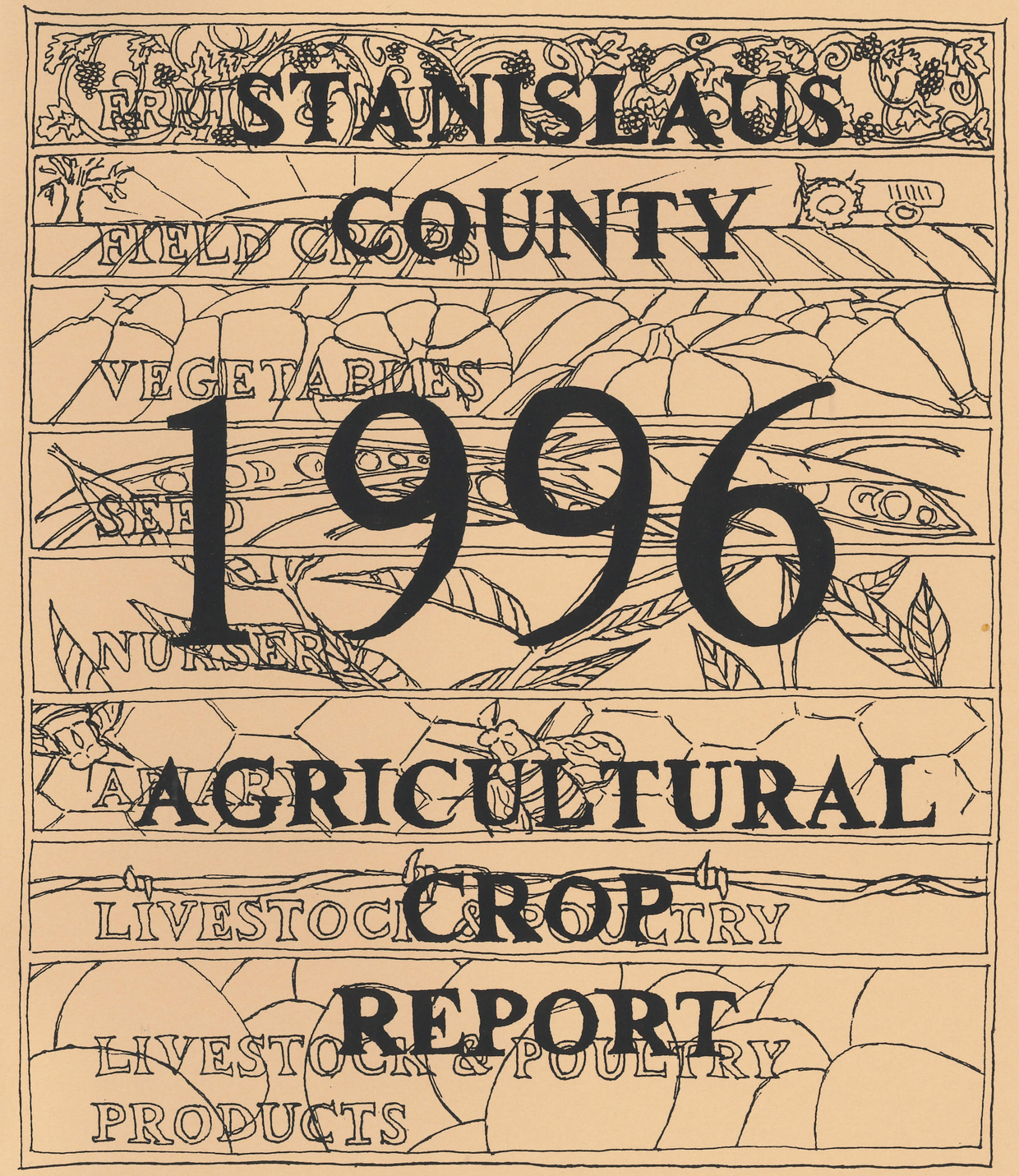

STANISLAUS COUNTY 1996 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

The cover for the 1996 Crop Report illustrates that it is the combination of different kinds of production that make Stanislaus a top agricultural county in California.

The illustration is by Nye Marnach, Stanislaus County Agricultural Inspector.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

"A Prayer in Spring"
Robert Frost

Stanislaus County Department of Agriculture
1996 Annual Crop Report

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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The Stanislaus County Agricultural Crop Report for 1996 is hereby submitted in compliance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

The gross agricultural income for 1996 is $1,223,196,000. This is an increase of approximately $108 million from 1995. Although Fruit and Nut acreage did not increase, and Vegetable Crops, Seed and Nursery acreage fell, increases in yields and prices resulted in higher total values. Some exceptions in individual commodities were Cherries, Squash, Tomatoes, Cattle and Calves, and Turkeys, where losses were reported. Overall, all categories advanced. Individual commodities posting gains include: Almonds, Grapes, Beans, Rice, Melons, Honey, Queen Bees, Chickens, Milk and 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 Nye Marnach, who compiled the report.

Respectfully,

Donald O. Cripe

DONALD O. CRIPE
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FRUIT & NUT ISLANDS

	Production					Value	
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almond Meat	1996	67,800	.59	40,000	Ton	$4,200.00	$168,000,000
	1995	67,100	.46	30,900	Ton	4,700.00	145,070,000
Almond Hulls	1996			69,200	Ton	82.00	5,674,000
	1995			68,500	Ton	76.00	5,206,000
Apples	1996	1,710	11.80	20,200	Ton	325.00	6,565,000
	1995	1,470	16.20	23,800	Ton	329.00	7,830,000
Apricots	1996	7,710	5.90	45,500	Ton	319.00	14,515,000
	1995	7,210	5.80	41,800	Ton	280.00	11,704,000
Cherries	1996	1,540	.87	1,340	Ton	2,800.00	3,752,000
	1995	1,530	2.80	4,300	Ton	2,160.00	9,245,000
Grapes, All	1996	13,560					48,382,000
	1995	13,700					29,830,000
Red Varieties	1996	6,100	7.10	43,300	Ton	489.00	21,174,000
	1995	6,240	8.80	54,900	Ton	270.00	14,823,000
White Varieties	1996	7,460	9.60	71,600	Ton	380.00	27,208,000
	1995	7,500	9.30	69,800	Ton	215.00	15,007,000
Kiwi	1996	170	9.80	1,700	Ton	950.00	1,615,000
	1995	150	7.30	1,100	Ton	802.00	882,000
Nectarines	1996	96	7.00	670	Ton	798.00	535,000
	1995	107	7.20	770	Ton	641.00	494,000
Peaches, All	1996	9,280					34,861,000
	1995	9,600					35,517,000
Cling	1996	8,430	17.20	145,000	Ton	214.00	31,030,000
	1995	8,500	17.60	150,000	Ton	213.00	31,950,000
Freestone	1996	850	18.50	15,700	Ton	244.00	3,831,000
	1995	1,090	16.70	18,200	Ton	196.00	3,567,000
Walnuts, Inshell	1996	24,000	1.24	29,800	Ton	1,520.00	45,296,000
	1995	25,100	1.17	29,400	Ton	1,480.00	43,463,000
Miscellaneous*	1996	1,280			Acre		2,890,000
	1995	1,170			Acre		2,509,000
Total	1996	127,000					$332,085,000
	1995	127,000					291,750,000

* Miscellaneous includes: Avocados, Blueberries, Blackberries, Boysenberries, Citrus, Pears, Pecans, Prunes, Plums, Pistachios, and Strawberries.

FIELD CROPS

	Production					Value	
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1996	2,300	1.75	4,000	Ton	$ 152.00	$ 608,000
	1995	2,340	1.30	3,000	Ton	121.00	363,000
Beans, Dry Edible All	1996	28,700					23,534,000
	1995	26,100					22,395,000
Blackeyes	1996	7,700	1.01	7,780	Ton	617.00	4,800,000
	1995	7,100	1.20	8,520	Ton	545.00	4,643,000
Baby Limas	1996	7,800	1.06	8,270	Ton	800.00	6,616,000
	1995	6,900	1.50	10,400	Ton	604.00	6,282,000
Large Limas	1996	8,810	1.03	9,070	Ton	1,020.00	9,251,000
	1995	8,000	1.10	8,800	Ton	861.00	7,577,000
Others	1996	4,410	1.00	4,410	Ton	650.00	2,867,000
	1995	4,100	1.40	5,700	Ton	683.00	3,893,000
Corn, Grain	1996	1,050	4.70	4,940	Ton	138.00	682,000
	1995	900	4.20	3,780	Ton	114.00	431,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1996	39,400	7.50	296,000	Ton	116.00	34,336,000
	1995	39,600	8.80	348,000	Ton	109.00	37,932,000
Hay, Grain	1996	28,700	3.50	100,000	Ton	78.00	7,800,000
	1995	23,700	3.30	78,200	Ton	82.00	6,412,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1996	75,000			Acre	125.00	9,375,000
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Rangeland	1996	358,000			Acre	17.00	6,086,000
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Rice	1996	3,110	3.90	12,000	Ton	235.00	2,820,000
	1995	3,070	3.60	11,000	Ton	204.00	2,244,000
Silage, All	1996	71,200					30,608,000
	1995	74,200					32,634,000
Cereal	1996	23,000	10.50	215,000	Ton	19.00	4,085,000
	1995	23,900	12.70	304,000	Ton	18.00	5,472,000
Corn	1996	48,200	26.20	1,263,000	Ton	21.00	26,523,000
	1995	50,300	27.00	1,358,000	Ton	20.00	27,160,000

FIELD CROPS COUNTY

	Production					Value	
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wheat	1996	9,800	2.10	20,600	Ton	$ 155.00	$ 3,193,000
	1995	8,160	2.00	16,300	Ton	125.00	2,038,000
Miscellaneous*	1996	1,580			Acre		464,000
	1995	1,230			Acre		344,000
Total	1996	619,000					$119,506,000
	1995	616,000					120,838,000

* Miscellaneous includes: Forage Mix, Grass Hays, Sudan Grass, Vetch and Cotton.

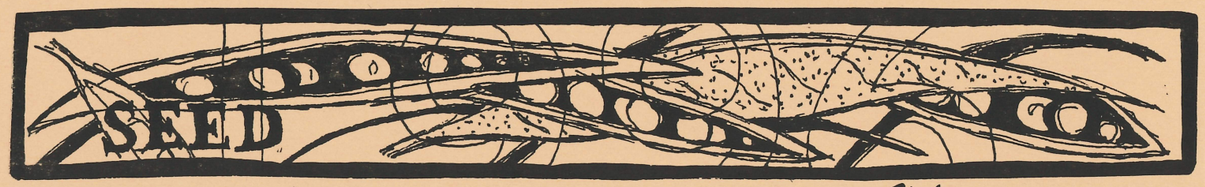
VEGETABLES

	Production					Value	
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Green Limas	1996	5,540	1.20	6,650	Ton	$ 445.00	$ 2,959,000
	1995	5,200	1.60	8,320	Ton	440.00	3,661,000
Broccoli	1996	1,800	4.00	7,200	Ton	373.00	2,686,000
	1995	1,870	3.80	7,110	Ton	383.00	2,723,000
Cauliflower	1996	1,560	5.30	8,270	Ton	494.00	4,085,000
	1995	2,020	4.30	8,690	Ton	429.00	3,728,000
Melons, All	1996	10,580					12,889,000
	1995	8,260					10,122,000
Cantaloupe	1996	3,560	9.60	34,200	Ton	156.00	5,335,000
	1995	2,180	9.60	20,900	Ton	143.00	2,989,000
Honeydew	1996	5,640	7.00	39,500	Ton	130.00	5,135,000
	1995	3,740	7.30	27,300	Ton	151.00	4,122,000
Other, Musk	1996	520	5.00	2,600	Ton	63.00	163,800
	1995	1,260	5.40	6,800	Ton	143.00	972,000
Watermelon	1996	860	20.90	17,900	Ton	126.00	2,255,000
	1995	1,080	14.00	15,100	Ton	135.00	2,039,000

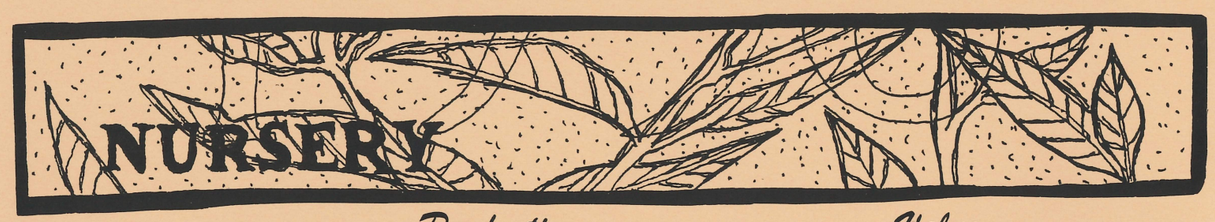
VEGETABLES

	Production					Value	
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Peas, Green Processing	1996	3,680	1.40	5,150	Ton	$ 254.00	$ 1,308,000
	1995	3,620	1.70	6,150	Ton	251.00	1,544,000
Peppers	1996	670	13.00	8,710	Ton	220.00	1,916,000
	1995	967	12.70	12,300	Ton	193.00	2,374,000
Pumpkins	1996	634	14.30	9,100	Ton	140.00	1,274,000
	1995	613	11.90	7,290	Ton	146.00	1,064,000
Spinach	1996	1,140	9.30	10,600	Ton	90.00	954,000
	1995	1,140	11.20	12,800	Ton	90.00	1,152,000
Squash	1996	250	14.40	3,600	Ton	160.00	576,000
	1995	440	18.00	7,920	Ton	138.00	1,093,000
Sweet Potatoes	1996	1,480	18.70	27,700	Ton	306.00	8,476,000
	1995	1,390	12.60	17,500	Ton	383.00	6,703,000
Tomatoes, All	1996	17,150					37,486,000
	1995	19,950					39,414,000
Fresh	1996	2,850	14.50	41,300	Ton	356.00	14,703,000
	1995	2,550	13.50	34,400	Ton	340.00	11,696,000
Processing	1996	14,300	34.90	421,900	Ton	54.00	22,783,000
	1995	17,400	29.50	513,300	Ton	54.00	27,718,000
Miscellaneous*	1996	1,750			Acre		2,810,000
	1995	1,570			Acre		2,355,000
Total	1996	46,000					$ 77,419,000
	1995	47,000					75,933,000

* Miscellaneous includes: Asparagus, Beets, Cabbage, Cactus, Carrots, Celery, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Garlic, Herbs, Onion and Spinach.



	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	UNIT	Value PER UNIT	Value TOTAL
Vegetable	1996	205	Acre	$ 1,300.00	$ 267,000
	1995	201	Acre	1,240.00	249,000
Other	1996	890	Acre	688.00	612,000
	1995	898	Acre	662.00	594,000
Total	1996	1,095			$ 879,000
	1995	1,100			843,000



	Production YEAR	Production FIELD ACRES	Production QUANTITY SOLD	UNIT	Value PER UNIT	Value TOTAL
Deciduous Fruit & Nut Trees/Vines	1996	388	4,522,000	Plnt	$ 4.99	$ 22,565,000
	1995	610	7,109,000	Plnt	2.90	20,616,000
Ornamental Trees Trees & Shrubs	1996		553,000	Plnt	5.57	3,080,000
	1995		1,090,000	Plnt	2.90	3,161,000
Miscellaneous*	1996	748				6,535,000
	1995	1,030				5,995,000
Total	1996	1140				$ 32,180,000
	1995	1640				29,793,000

* Miscellaneous includes: Christmas Trees, Gypsophilia, Turf and Vegetable Transplants.

	Production YEAR	Production TOTAL	UNIT	Value UNIT	Value TOTAL
Beeswax	1996	6,600	Lbs	$ 2.88	$ 19,000
	1995	4,940	Lbs	1.77	8,700
Bulk Bees	1996	3,600	Lbs	4.00	14,400
	1995	4,480	Lbs	4.00	17,900
Honey	1996	358,000	Lbs	.85	304,000
	1995	262,000	Lbs	.63	165,000
Pollination	1996	140,000	Col	34.50	4,830,000
	1995	139,000	Col	31.60	4,392,000
Queen Bees (rev.)	1996	19,400	Each	5.83	113,000
	1995	17,200	Each	5.80	98,000
Total (rev.)	1996				$ 5,280,000
	1995				4,682,000

	Production YEAR	Production NUMBER OF HEAD	Production TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	Value PER UNIT	Value TOTAL
Cattle & Calves,	1996	179,000				$ 41,981,000
All	1995	180,000				55,221,000
Beef Feeders	1996	93,000	434,000	Cwt	55.65	24,152,000
	1995	105,000	464,000	Cwt	69.00	32,016,000
Beef Slaughter	1996	42,600	90,400	Cwt	39.87	3,604,000
	1995	32,300	85,500	Cwt	55.40	4,737,000
Dairy Slaughter	1996	43,700	569,000	Cwt	25.00	14,225,000
	1995	42,600	513,000	Cwt	36.00	18,468,000
Sheep & Lambs	1996	2,470	1,920	Cwt	98.00	188,000
	1995	2,530	2,790	Cwt	86.00	240,000
Hogs & Pigs	1996	18,500	28,500	Cwt	53.40	1,522,000
	1995	17,000	22,700	Cwt	47.06	1,068,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

		Production			Value	
	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens, All	1996	186,948,000				$ 123,358,000
	1995	160,185,000				95,881,000
Chickens	1996	46,372,000	222,585,000	Lbs	$ .39	86,808,000
	1995	45,206,000	216,989,000	Lbs	.32	69,436,000
Chicks	1996	140,576,000		Each	.26	36,550,000
	1995	114,979,000		Each	.23	26,445,000
Turkeys, All	1996	9,668,000				49,661,000
	1995	10,299,000				52,787,000
Turkeys	1996	4,468,000	63,663,000	Lbs	.41	40,301,000
	1995	4,647,000	102,234,000	Lbs	.45	46,005,000
Poults	1996	5,200,000		Each	1.80	9,360,000
	1995	5,652,000		Each	1.20	6,782,000
Squab	1996	448,000		Each	3.58	1,604,000
	1995	446,000		Each	3.15	1,405,000
Total	1996					$ 218,314,000
	1995					206,602,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS REPORT

		Production		Value	
	YEAR	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1996	27,844,000	Cwt		$ 382,837,000
	1995	27,745,000	Cwt		323,829,000
Manufacturing	1996	1,418,000	Cwt	$ 14.11	20,008,000
	1995	1,063,000	Cwt	11.21	11,916,000
Market	1996	26,426,000	Cwt	13.73	362,829,000
	1995	26,682,000	Cwt	11.69	311,913,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS REPORT

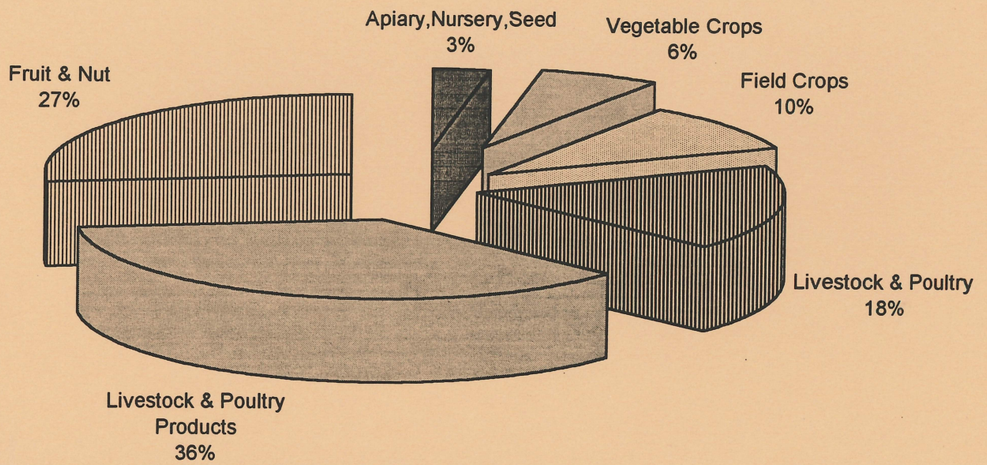
		Production		Value	
	YEAR	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Eggs, Chicken Market	1996	96,000,000	Doz	$ .64	$ 61,440,000
	1995	76,348,000	Doz	.48	36,647,000
Eggs, Turkey Hatching	1996	4,700,000	Each	.69	3,243,000
	1995	4,990,000	Each	.67	3,343,000
Wool	1996	19,200	Lbs	.65	12,500
	1995	18,500	Lbs	1.03	19,100
Total	1996				$ 447,533,000
	1995				385,113,000

STANISLAUS COUNTY LEADING COMMODITIES

1996 RANK	COMMODITY	VALUE	1995 RANK
1	Milk, All	$ 382,837,000	1
2	Almonds	168,000,000	2
3	Chickens, All	123,358,000	3
4	Chicken Eggs, All	61,440,000	4
5	Turkeys, All	49,661,000	6
6	Grapes	48,382,000	N/A
7	Walnuts	45,296,000	7
8	Cattle and Calves	41,981,000	5
9	Tomatoes	37,486,000	8
10	Peaches, All	34,861,000	10

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	ESTIMATED VALUE
Fruit & Nut Crops	1996	127,000	$ 332,085,000
	1995	127,000	291,750,000
Field Crops (Rev.)	1996	619,000	119,506,000
	1995	616,000	120,838,000
Vegetable Crops	1996	46,000	77,419,000
	1995	47,000	75,933,000
Seed Crops	1996	1,095	879,000
	1995	1,100	843,000
Nursery Products	1996	1,140	32,180,000
	1995	1,640	29,793,000
Apiary Products	1996		5,280,000
	1995		4,620,000
Livestock & Poultry	1996		218,314,000
	1995		206,632,000
Livestock & Poultry Products	1996		447,533,000
	1995		385,113,000
Total	1996	794,000	$ 1,223,196,000
	1995	793,000	1,115,522,000

CATEGORY SUMMARY 1996



An error exists in the letter to Ann Veneman, Secretary State of California, the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County and the summary page of the 1996 crop report in the gross agriculture income.

The correct figure for 1996 is $1,233,196,000 with an increase of approximately $118 million from 1995.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.