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Sharon Bolton, Executive Director of Riverside Farm Bureau with her horse Lucky.

After completing tasks to shepherd Farm Bureau through the technical and complex Riverside County Integrated Project, the RCIP, our Executive Director has opted to change course. Sharon noted "this was a most difficult decision to make. I will miss the daily contact with my friends at the Bureau but we will always be supportive of each other as we continue the work to protect farmers, ranchers and property owners everywhere".

Sharon will take a new post as President of the Temecula based California Land Institute effective immediately. Her role in real estate sales is a continuation of her lengthy career in raw land sales and will include advising private property owners on issues stemming from the implementation of the newly adopted County General Plan as well as the Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan, the MSHCP. Sharon will step down from her post effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.



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# News in Brief...

## MELONGROWERS STRUGGLE

Central Valley melon growers have struggled with weather conditions and price fluctuations this year. The cool, damp spring created planting and growing problems for watermelons, cantaloupes and other melon varieties. Hot July weather caused melon crops to mature quickly. One grower harvested eight weeks of plantings in just one week. Large supplies caused farm prices to drop as much as 50 percent lower in July compared to a year ago. Supplies are expected to be in better balance with demand in August.

## BIG ALMOND CROP

California almond growers expect another one billion pound crop this year. The 2003 harvest is just now getting underway. Farmers say aggressive marketing to develop new customers has paid off. Almonds are now used in many cereals, baked products and as snacks. About 70 percent of the crop is exported, and the recent decline in the value of the U.S. dollar has made California almonds more affordable in Europe and many other nations.

## FARMLAND VALUES RISE

Farmland values in California have risen about 3% this year. A US Agriculture Department report lists the average value of California farmland real estate at \$3,200 dollars an acre. For irrigated cropland, the average value is more than \$7,000 an acre. The report says land values rose nationwide, driven by low interest rates and poor returns for alternative investments.

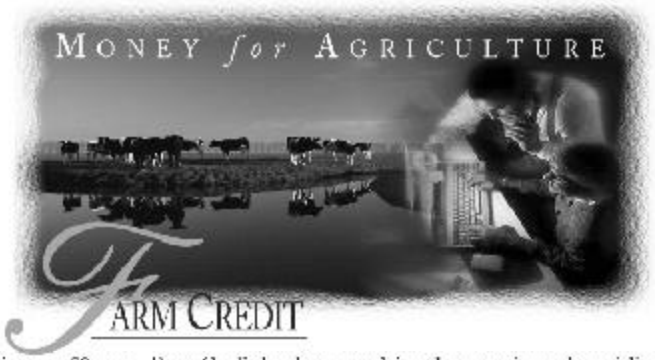
## TWELVE COUNTIES REACH \$1 BILLION VALUE IN 2002

Even though farmers received lower prices for many commodities last year, California's farmers and ranchers produced enough to hike gross farm income in several counties. For the first time, 12 counties produced more than \$1 billion dollars in farm goods. Fresno County regains honors as the top farm county in California and the nation with nearly \$3.5 billion dollars. Tulare is second, followed by Monterey, Kern, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, San Diego, Imperial, Ventura, Riverside and Kings.

## WORKER/EMPLOYER BILLS FACE LEGISLATURE

Amid speculation about the recall election and continued concerns about the budget deficit, the state Legislature must also tackle complicated worker issues in the next few weeks. The Legislature returned to business yesterday (Monday). It faces a series of bills to reform workers' compensation insurance, plus measures to resolve shortages in the unemployment-insurance trust fund. A California Farm Bureau spokesman says the issues could have a "monumental impact" on the state's business climate.

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The Farmer Idea Exchange is designed to encourage Farm Bureau members to share their innovative ideas and help farmers find ways to cut costs, become more efficient, improve the environment and boost their net income.

Interested participants need to simply fill out a form which requires a one-page, typed description explaining the concept of the idea, how it was formulated and where it is applicable, the materials used, how much time and money it has saved, and how it has affected net income. The second step in completing the application is to attach two color photographs, and the final step is to mail it in.

Farm Bureau members may apply in any of the 15 following categories: Soil Quality, Livestock, Crops, Management Systems, Input Efficiency, Equipment, Energy, Marketing, Safety and Handicap Helpers, Farm Shop Ideas, Water Management, Wildlife, Farm Buildings, Rotational Grazing and Tobacco. The top 15 ideas overall will be selected to represent California in the national contest.

To take advantage of this opportunity, obtain a copy of the official entry form from the [AFBF Web site](#); contacting a local county [Farm Bureau office](#); by writing Farmer Idea Exchange, Leadership Division, California Farm Bureau Federation, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833; by calling the CFBF Help Line at (800) 698-FARM; or by sending an e-mail to [cfbf@cfbf.com](mailto:cfbf@cfbf.com).

Applications are due September 12, 2003.

Mail your completed entry packet to California Farm Bureau Federation at the address listed above, including:

Affirmation of Entry Originality and Release

Description of Idea

Two color photographs (4"x6")

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## California Farm Bureau donates \$100,000 to build California FFA leadership center

The California Farm Bureau Federation board of directors has voted unanimously to donate \$100,000 to build the California Future Farmers of America Leadership Center.

"California Farm Bureau wants to help FFA members be successful students and responsible citizens," said CFBF President Bill Pauli. "The future of California agriculture is in their hands."

Approximately \$5 million will be needed to complete the project. Located on a 6-acre parcel along Highway 99 in Galt, the 15,000-square-foot facility will include conference rooms and a communication and technology center. It will serve as the hub of operations for state FFA leadership to develop programming to serve the association's members.

"Our board made this donation for two very important reasons," Pauli said. "First, the California FFA Association has operated for 75 years without a permanent home. And second, more than 56,000 FFA members from 300 different chapters in California would directly benefit from the CFBF donation."

The center also will provide users with opportunities for leadership development, group dynamics, teamwork and cooperation. It will be dedicated to preparing students for career success by enhancing their own personal development.

"We are excited about the California Farm Bureau donation at the American Founder level, which is the highest level at which a donation can be pledged," said California FFA Executive Director Jim Aschwanden. "The California Farm Bureau donation helps us take a giant step toward reaching our campaign goal."

Research shows that FFA can make a difference. According to a 1991 study by Purdue University, FFA members are more enthusiastic about, and attach greater value to their school studies than the average student.

"California Farm Bureau believes the new leadership center will help the FFA program become even more effective," Pauli said. "Developing future leaders is what California FFA is all about, and California Farm Bureau wants to be a part of that effort."

The FFA I Believe campaign has raised approximately \$987,000 since its kickoff date last April. About \$2.5 million will be needed to construct the building, and an additional \$2.5 million required to fund future operating costs.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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# Fun Facts About Agriculture

• Popcorn pops because water is stored in a small circle of soft starch in each kernel. As the kernel is heated, the water heats, the droplet of moisture turns to steam and the steam builds up pressure until the kernel finally explodes to many times its original volume.

• There are about 600 kernels on each ear of corn.

• Farmers grow corn on every continent except Antarctica.

• In the U.S. in 1998, hens produced 6,657,000,000 dozen eggs - that's 6.657 billion dozen! After these eggs were laid, about two-thirds were sold in the shell and one third of them

were broken - not by accident, but on purpose. Because after the eggs are broken out of their shells, they can be made into liquid, frozen, dried and specialty egg products.

• Pasta is one of America's favorite foods. Last year, 1.3 million pounds of pasta were sold in American grocery stores. If you lined up 1.3 million pounds of 16 oz. spaghetti packages, it could circle the Earth's equator almost nine times!


• The average U.S. dairy cow produces 22.5 quarts of milk each day. That's about 16,000 glasses of milk per year - enough for about 40 people. One cow can give 200,000 glasses of milk in a lifetime.

• Farmers and ranchers provide food and habitat for 75% of the nation's wildlife.

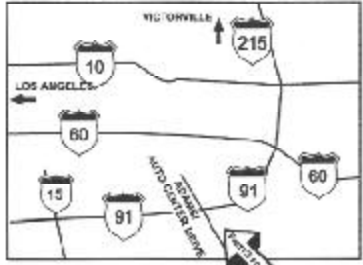
• A hive of bees flies over 55,000 miles to bring you one pound of honey. A honey bee can fly 15 miles per hour.


• In 1996, each American consumed an average of 77 pounds more of commercially grown vegetables than in 1970, 63 pounds more grain products, 54 pounds more fruits, 32 pounds more poultry, 10 gallons more milk lower in fat than whole milk, 20.5 pounds less red meat, 73 fewer eggs, and 17 gallons less whole milk.

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I am pleased to submit the 2002 Agricultural Production Report for the acreage, yield and gross valuation of agricultural crops and livestock in Riverside County.

This year's Agricultural Production Report represents a total gross valuation of \$1,063,478,300, which is a decrease of \$61,430,100 from the 2001 gross value. The gross value for agricultural crops was \$767,549,400, an increase of \$10,224,500 from the previous year. The value of livestock and poultry production was \$295,928,700, a decrease of \$71,654,800 from the 2001 value.

It must be emphasized that this report reflects a gross return and in no way represents a measure of profit or loss to the producer. Leading agricultural economists agree that every dollar received by farmers in Riverside County in 2002, has the financial impact of three times that amount. Therefore, \$1,063,478,300 becomes over \$3,190,434,000 revenue generated into the local economy.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the producers, processors and agencies who have provided the information necessary for the compilation of this report. I would also like to express my gratitude to all the members off my staff, particularly Dustin Wiley, for his dedicated contribution toward the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Snyder  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Sealer of Weights and Measures**

# CITRUS CROPS

	Year	Planted Acreage	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
				Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<b>Grapefruit-Ruby</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>4,931</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>3,431,976</b>	<b>34 lbs</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>\$ 21,964,600</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>225</b>	<b>1,109,475</b>		<b>0.11</b>	<b>122,000</b>
Grapefruit-Ruby	2001	5,698	5,360	698	3,741,280	34 lbs	6.47	24,206,100
By-Products	2001			490	2,626,400		0.06	157,600
<b>Grapefruit-White</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>640,232</b>	<b>34 lbs</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>3,316,400</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>222</b>	<b>339,216</b>		<b>0.30</b>	<b>101,800</b>
Grapefruit-White	2001	1,746	1,528	377	8576,056	34 lbs	5.12	2,949,400
By-Products	2001			403	615,784		0.45	277,100
<b>Kumquats</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>21,285</b>	<b>10 lbs</b>	<b>14.45</b>	<b>307,600</b>
	2001	43	43	250	10,750	10 lbs	6.00	64,500
<b>Lemons</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>7,049</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>3,016,972</b>	<b>38 lbs</b>	<b>10.39</b>	<b>31,346,300</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>168</b>	<b>1,184,232</b>		<b>0.51</b>	<b>604,000</b>
Lemons	2001	7,298	6,616	581	3,843,896	38 lbs	15.80	60,733,600
By-Products	2001			295	1,951,720		0.98	1,912,700
<b>Limes</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>29,945</b>	<b>40 lbs</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>354,500</b>
	2001	47	47	538	25,286	40 lbs	10.00	252,900
<b>Oranges-Navel</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1,748,573</b>	<b>37.5 lbs</b>	<b>9.72</b>	<b>16,996,100</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>283</b>	<b>1,073,419</b>		<b>0.30</b>	<b>322,000</b>
Oranges-Navel	2001	5,919	3,793	548	2,078,564	37.5 lbs	7.71	16,025,700
By-Products	2001			293	1,111,349		0.25	277,800
<b>Oranges-Valencia</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>6,582</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>1,168,738</b>	<b>37.5 lbs</b>	<b>8.20</b>	<b>9,583,700</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>331</b>	<b>1,243,898</b>		<b>0.85</b>	<b>1,057,300</b>
Oranges-Valencia	2001	6,779	3,955	370	1,463,350	37.5 lbs	8.71	12,745,800
By-Products	2001			296	1,170,680		0.73	854,600
<b>Royal Mandarins</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>120,600</b>	<b>37.5 lbs</b>	<b>6.08</b>	<b>733,200</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>173</b>	<b>51,900</b>		<b>0.33</b>	<b>17,100</b>
Royal Mandarins	2001	480	480	450	216,000	37.5 lbs	8.00	1,728,000
By-Products	2001			90	43,200		1.88	78,200
<b>Tangelos</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>97,933</b>	<b>30 lbs</b>	<b>7.93</b>	<b>776,600</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>27</b>	<b>8,613</b>		<b>0.34</b>	<b>2,900</b>
Tangelos	2001	580	376	431	162,056	30 lbs	10.87	1,761,500
By-Products	2001			168	63,168		0.15	9,500
<b>Tangerines</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>906,280</b>	<b>25 lbs</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>7,513,100</b>
<b>By-Products</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>291</b>	<b>404,490</b>		<b>0.70</b>	<b>283,100</b>
Tangerines	2001	1,421	1,393	476	663,068	25 lbs	9.06	6,007,400
By-Products	2001			127	176,911		1.01	178,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>29,818</b>	<b>23,164</b>					<b>\$95,402,300</b>
	2001	30,011	23,591					130,221,100

# TREE AND VINE CROPS

	Year	Planted Acreage	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
				Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples	2002	67	67	85	5,695	40 lbs	11.47	\$ 65,300
	2001	86	86	103	8,858		11.79	104,400
Avocados	2002	7,785	7,199	200	1,439,800	26 lbs	25.30	36,426,900
	2001	7,160	6,863	183	1,255,929		28.00	35,166,000
Cherries	2002	31	27	80	2,160	18 lbs	36.00	77,800
	2001	27	26	50	1,300		29.00	37,700
Dates	2002	5,940	3,440	4.14	14,242	tons	2,633.00	37,499,200
Culls	2002			0.36	1,238		66.00	81,700
Dates	2001	5,507	3,507	4.04	14,168	tons	2,637.00	37,361,000
Culls	2001			0.44	1,543		66.24	102,200
<b>Grapes - Table</b>								
Beauty Seedless	2002	253	253	585	148,005	18 lbs	15.02	2,223,000
	2001	226	226	657	148,482		15.98	2,372,700
Exotic	2002	67	67	799	53,533	18 lbs	15.73	842,100
	2001	33	33	630	20,790		7.04	146,400
Flame Seedless	2002	5,883	5,883	675	3,971,025	18 lbs	12.87	51,107,100
	2001	4,369	4,369	774	3,381,606		13.05	44,130,000
Perlette	2002	3,081	3,081	516	1,589,796	18 lbs	12.19	19,379,600
	2001	2,785	2,785	824	2,294,840		12.77	29,305,100
Thompson Seedless	2002	1,860	1,860	638	1,186,680	18 lbs	14.52	17,230,600
	2001	1,732	1,732	948	1,641,936		8.30	13,628,100
Other Varieties	2002	1,415	1,415	652	922,580	18 lbs	14.15	13,054,500
	2001	1,243	1,243	879	1,092,597		16.86	18,421,200

## HARVESTED TABLE GRAPE ACREAGE SUPPLIED BY CALIFORNIA DESERT GRAPE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Grapes - Wine	2002	1,288	1,250	4.16	5,200	tons	676.54	3,518,000
	2001	2,402	2,302	4.50	10,359		900.00	9,323,100
Miscellaneous*	2002	686	465	158	73,470	24 lbs	18.79	1,380,500
	2001	844	713	120	85,560		14.41	1,232,900
Peaches - Freestone	2002	56	53	223	11,819	22 lbs	10.31	121,900
	2001	81	65	192	12,480		12.74	159,000
Persimmons	2002	39	39	383	14,937	24 lbs	8.75	130,700
	2001	43	38	388	14,744		6.06	89,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	2002	<b>28,451</b>	<b>25,099</b>					<b>\$183,138,900</b>
	2001	26,538	23,988					191,579,100

\* Apricots, Figs, Grape By-Products, Jojoba, Jujubee, Kiwis, Longan, Lychee, Mangos, Nectarines, Olives, Pears, Pecans, Pistachios, Plums, Pomegranates, and Walnuts.

# VEGETABLE, MELON & MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<b>Artichokes</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>474,012</b>	<b>23 lbs</b>	<b>9.65</b>	<b>\$ 4,574,200</b>
	2001	844	1028	867,632		6.93	6,012,700
<b>Beans-Green</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>168,896</b>	<b>28 lbs</b>	<b>15.93</b>	<b>2,690,500</b>
	2001	416	292	121,472		16.57	2,012,800
<b>Broccoli</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1,534,175</b>	<b>23 lbs</b>	<b>9.22</b>	<b>14,145,100</b>
	2001	3,011	559	1,683,149		6.37	10,721,700
<b>Cabbage</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>161,365</b>	<b>50 lbs</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>756,800</b>
	2001	271	589	159,619		4.91	783,700
<b>Carrots</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>2,923,254</b>	<b>48 lbs</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>15,961,000</b>
	2001	3,952	724	2,861,248		5.94	16,995,800
<b>Cauliflower</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>723,760</b>	<b>23 lbs</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>6,745,400</b>
	2001	844	871	735,124		7.07	5,197,300
<b>Celery</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>419,832</b>	<b>60 lbs</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>3,077,400</b>
	2001	267	1,261	336,687		8.05	2,710,300
<b>Corn-Sweet</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>651,300</b>	<b>45 lbs</b>	<b>6.82</b>	<b>4,441,900</b>
	2001	2,154	371	799,134		7.50	5,993,500
<b>Eggplant</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>199,690</b>	<b>20 lbs</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>1,655,400</b>
	2001	165	1,141	188,265		7.23	1,361,200
<b>Lettuce Head</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>520,676</b>	<b>50 lbs</b>	<b>7.56</b>	<b>3,936,300</b>
	2001	1,783	401	714,983		6.19	4,425,700
<b>Head-Bulk For Shredding</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>7.70</b>	<b>9,055</b>	<b>1000 lbs</b>	<b>88.00</b>	<b>796,800</b>
	2001	1,663	3.60	5,987		87.60	524,500
<b>Loose Leaf</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>2,521,920</b>	<b>22 lbs</b>	<b>10.48</b>	<b>26,429,700</b>
	2001	2,877	844	2,428,188		7.59	18,429,900
<b>Romaine</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1,561,677</b>	<b>35 lbs</b>	<b>10.83</b>	<b>16,913,000</b>
	2001	1,462	891	1,302,642		8.15	10,616,500
<b>Melons Cantaloupe</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1,429,110</b>	<b>40 lbs</b>	<b>5.57</b>	<b>\$ 7,960,100</b>
	2001	3,876	507	1,965,132		5.86	11,515,700

# VEGETABLE, MELON & MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<b>Melons</b>							
<b>Honeydew</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>815,100</b>	<b>29 lbs</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>3,847,300</b>
	2001	1,138	636	723,768		4.38	3,170,100
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>450,546</b>	<b>33 lbs</b>	<b>6.55</b>	<b>2,951,100</b>
	2001	929	345	320,505		5.91	1,894,200
<b>Watermelon</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>51,160</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>234.22</b>	<b>11,982,700</b>
	2001	1,914	26.9	51,487		200.00	10,297,400
<b>Miscellaneous*</b>							
	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>865,940</b>	<b>28 lbs</b>	<b>8.88</b>	<b>7,689,500</b>
	2001	1,170	280	327,600		15.96	5,228,500
<b>Okra</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>128,118</b>	<b>20 lbs</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1,281,200</b>
	2001	121	600	72,600		9.96	723,100
<b>Onions</b>							
<b>Dry</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>576,779</b>	<b>50 lbs</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>3,541,400</b>
	2001	640	1,020	652,800		6.86	4,478,200
<b>Oriental Vegetables</b>							
	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,431,638</b>	<b>28 lbs</b>	<b>9.41</b>	<b>13,471,700</b>
	2001	2,885	720	2,077,200		6.24	12,961,700
<b>Peppers</b>							
<b>Bell</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>3,028,922</b>	<b>30 lbs</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>30,198,400</b>
	2001	3,202	1,229	3,935,258		7.44	29,278,300
<b>Chili</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>159,695</b>	<b>10 lbs</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>359,300</b>
	2001	15	906	13,590		8.64	117,400
<b>Potatoes</b>							
<b>Fall</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>292,636</b>	<b>100 lbs</b>	<b>14.94</b>	<b>4,372,000</b>
	2001	1,860	226	420,360		8.66	3,640,300
<b>Spring</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>448,380</b>	<b>100 lbs</b>	<b>16.51</b>	<b>7,402,800</b>
	2001	2,304	283	652,032		11.76	7,667,900
<b>Pumpkins</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>158.41</b>	<b>456,200</b>
	2001	101	20.8	2,101		105.18	221,000
<b>Spinach</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,237,500</b>	<b>30 lbs</b>	<b>7.93</b>	<b>9,813,400</b>
	2001	1,054	945	996,030		12.27	12,221,300

## VEGETABLE, MELON & MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
<b>Squash</b>								
<b>Summer (misc. var.)</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>265,080</b>	<b>28 lbs</b>	<b>6.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,664,700</b>	
	2001	330	655	216,150		5.92	1,279,600	
<b>Winter (misc. var.)</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>42,280</b>	<b>40 lbs</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>371,200</b>	
	2001	70	364	25,480		4.06	103,400	
<b>Strawberries</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>354,236</b>	<b>12 lbs</b>	<b>10.23</b>	<b>3,623,800</b>	
	2001	24	471	11,304		10.00	113,000	
<b>Tomatoes</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>409,698</b>	<b>20 lbs</b>	<b>5.62</b>	<b>2,302,500</b>	
	2001	396	2,023	801,108		7.60	6,088,400	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>35,360</b>					<b>\$215,412,800</b>	
	2001	41,459					196,785,100	

\*Anise, Beets, Chard (Green, Red), Cilantro, Cucumbers, Endive, Escarole, Fennel, Gailon, Garlic, Greens (Mustard, Collard), Herbs, Kale, Leeks, Onions (Green), Parsley, Peas, Radishes, Spices, and Turnips.

## FIELD AND SEED CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
<b>Beans-Dry</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
	2001	420	14.30	6,006	100 lbs	29.00	174,200	
<b>Cotton</b>								
<b>Short Staple</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>29,455</b>	<b>500 lbs</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>8,836,500</b>	
	2001	16,473	3.07	50,572		250.00	12,643,000	
<b>Seed</b>	<b>2002</b>		<b>1.22</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>1,441,800</b>	
	2001		1.22	20,097		110.00	2,210,700	
<b>Grain</b>								
<b>Barley</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>103.41</b>	<b>54,700</b>	
	2001	Miscellaneous						
<b>Milo Maize</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>101.00</b>	<b>67,100</b>	
	2001	Miscellaneous						
<b>Oats</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>No Harvest due to drought</b>						
	2001	None Reported						
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>17,181</b>	<b>tons</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>2,319,400</b>	
	2001	24,120	0.90	21,708		111.24	2,414,800	

# FIELD AND SEED CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<b>Hay</b>								
Alfalfa	2002	58,379	8.80	513,735	tons	91.75	\$ 47,135,200	
	2001	57,254	8.87	507,843		96.45	48,981,500	
Barley	2002	1,017	1.00	1,017	tons	90.00	91,500	
	2001	1,415	1.00	1,415		80.00	113,200	
Bermuda Grass	2002	1,481	6.60	9,775	tons	80.00	782,000	
	2001	1,676	5.90	9,888		76.00	751,500	
Klein Grass	2002	2,421	9.00	21,789	tons	86.00	1,873,900	
	2001	2,439	8.90	21,707		98.00	2,127,300	
Oat	2002	1,238	1.82	2,253	tons	96.99	218,500	
	2001	3,557	2.62	9,319		92.63	863,200	
Sudan	2002	1,347	4.60	6,196	tons	81.00	501,900	
	2001	2,089	5.48	11,448		86.31	988,100	
Straw-Other	2002	567	1.50	851	tons	30.00	25,500	
	2001	4,012	1.90	7,622		32.00	243,900	
Miscellaneous*	2002	1,800	13.74	24,732	tons	39.05	965,800	
	2001	2,939	4.20	12,343		78.82	972,900	
Pasture-Irrigated	2002	15,500		15,500	acres	122.00	1,891,000	
	2001	16,397		16,397		128.66	2,109,600	
Rangeland	2002	40,000		40,000	acres	0.00	0	
	2001	45,000		45,000		5.00	225,000	
<b>Silage and Green Chop</b>								
Alfalfa	2002	4,256	28.85	122,786	tons	28.67	3,520,300	
	2001	2,614	30.00	78,420		30.00	2,352,600	
Barley	2002	1,430	8.46	12,098	tons	20.07	242,800	
	2001	Miscellaneous						
Corn	2002	1,744	23.15	40,374	tons	29.31	1,183,400	
	2001	1,315	30.00	39,450		29.77	1,174,400	
Sudan	2002	90	16.67	1,500	tons	21.80	32,700	
	2001	Miscellaneous						
<b>Seed</b>								
Bermuda Grass	2002	1,029	503.00	517,587	lbs	1.50	776,400	
	2001	1,270	513.00	651,510		1.75	1,140,100	
<b>TOTAL</b>								
	2002	147,665					\$71,960,400	
	2001	187,045					80,215,900	

\* Beans (Dry), Forage (Green Chop), Oats (Green Chop), Onion Seed, Peanuts (Seed, Straw), Rye Grass (Hay), Safflower, Sorghum (Green Chop), Timothy Grass (Hay), and Wheat (Green Chop).

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Year	Number of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
							Total
Cattle and Calves	2002	10,000	50,000	cwt	50.00	\$	2,500,000
	2001	40,000	200,000		54.00		10,800,000
Sheep and Lambs	2002	59,000	67,180	cwt	66.02		4,435,200
	2001	90,120	82,724		48.60		4,020,400
Chickens (Spent Hens)	2002	3,520,000	12,672,000	lbs	0.000		0
	2001	3,595,350	12,943,260		0.001		12,900
Other Livestock*	2002	260,000	18,200	cwt	6.60		120,100
	2001	484,038	31,500		50.24		1,582,600
Chickens	2002	6,400,000 (annual average)					
	2001	6,537,000 (annual average)					
<b>TOTAL</b>	2002					\$	7,055,300
	2001						16,415,900

\*Ducks, Hogs, Rabbits, and Squab

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
						Total
Eggs*	2002	140,800,000	dozen	0.43	\$	60,544,000
	2001	143,814,000		0.39		56,231,300
Milk**	2002	18,907,000	cwt	12.05		227,829,400
	2001	19,341,026		15.12		292,436,300
Other Products***	2002					500,000
	2001					2,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	2002				\$	288,873,400
	2001					351,167,600

\* Information Supplied by: University of California Cooperative Extension Services.

\*\* Information Supplied by: California Agricultural Statistics Service.

\*\*\* Hides, Manure and Wool.

## NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION

	Year	Acres	Production	Unit	Valuation
Ornamental Nursery Stock	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>16,158,792</b>	various	<b>\$ 133,088,900</b>
	2001	2,450	15,693,753		94,015,800
Cut Flowers and Cut Greens	<b>2002</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>2,405,000</b>	cuttings	<b>1,475,700</b>
	2001	345	2,070,000		1,035,100
Christmas Trees (cut)	<b>2002</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3,068</b>	each	<b>96,900</b>
	2001	85	15,500		415,400
Turf	<b>2002</b>	<b>3,509</b>	<b>202,170,720</b>	square feet	<b>43,800,000</b>
	2001	3,266	142,231,034		29,796,000
Farm Planting Stock	<b>2002</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>583,500</b>	various	<b>4,612,100</b>
	2001	184	356,775		13,109,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>6,736</b>			<b>\$ 183,073,600</b>
	2001	6,330			138,371,300

## AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

	Year	Production	Unit	Valuation
All Fish Includes Trout, Catfish, Tilapia	<b>2002</b>	<b>7,407,983</b>	lbs	<b>\$ 15,757,600</b>
	2001	6,871,214		15,412,400

## APICULTURE

	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,900,000</b>	lbs	<b>1.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,995,000</b>
	2001	4,940,000		0.58	2,865,200
Beeswax	<b>2002</b>	<b>47,000</b>	lbs	<b>1.00</b>	<b>47,000</b>
	2001	123,500		1.25	154,400
Queen Cells	<b>2002</b>	<b>1,200</b>	queens	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1,800</b>
	2001	200		2.00	400
Fees Collected for Pollination	<b>2002</b>	<b>20,000</b>	colonies	<b>38.00</b>	<b>760,000</b>
	2001	40,000		43.00	1,720,000
Total Colonies	<b>2002</b>	<b>21,000</b>			
	2001	45,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2002</b>				<b>\$ 2,803,800</b>
	2001				4,740,000

## DISTRICT VALUATIONS - AGRICULTURAL CROPS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Riverside/Corona	\$ 38,383,900	\$ 31,464,000	\$ 31,203,800	\$ 49,707,800	\$ 84,200,000
San Jacinto/Temecula Valley	112,639,900	94,443,000	102,293,100	138,802,600	145,426,200
Coachella Valley	398,156,700	427,605,600	324,729,300	450,695,100	425,631,400
Palo Verde Valley	92,011,800	90,393,100	93,876,000	99,073,100	93,716,800

## ACREAGE STATISTICS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Citrus	31,091	30,757	30,653	30,011	29,818
Trees and Vines	30,361	29,942	28,405	26,538	28,451
Vegetables, Melons, & Misc.	45,276	48,008	45,405	41,738	35,360
Field and Seed Crops	219,863	210,463*	163,861	187,045	147,665
<b>Total Planted Acreage</b>	<b>326,591</b>	<b>319,170*</b>	<b>268,324</b>	<b>285,332</b>	<b>241,294</b>

## TOTAL VALUATION - F.O.B.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Citrus	\$110,869,900	\$118,236,100	\$114,572,900	\$130,221,100	\$95,402,300
Trees and Vines	248,126,600	224,383,600	177,390,100	191,579,100	183,138,900
Vegetables, Melons, & Misc.	204,511,200	238,001,400	193,720,100	196,785,100	215,412,800
Field and Seed Crops	77,180,200	64,554,300	66,921,500	80,215,900	71,960,400
Nursery	94,549,900	90,377,000	107,520,300	138,371,300	183,073,600
Apiculture	6,539,300	5,572,000	4,269,200	4,740,000	2,803,800
Aquaculture Products	10,431,000	16,006,800	17,174,700	15,412,400	15,757,600
Total Crop Valuation	\$752,208,100	\$757,131,200	\$681,568,800	\$757,324,900	\$767,549,400
Livestock & Poultry Valuation	447,298,600	440,230,900	366,992,800	367,583,500	295,928,700
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,199,506,700</b>	<b>\$1,197,362,100</b>	<b>\$1,048,561,600</b>	<b>\$1,124,908,400</b>	<b>\$1,063,478,300</b>

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY LEADING AGRICULTURAL VALUATIONS

<u>2001</u>			<u>2002</u>		
1.	Milk	\$292,436,300	1.	Milk	\$227,829,400
2.	Nursery	138,371,300	2.	Nursery	183,073,600
3.	Grapes, Table	108,003,500	3.	Grapes, Table	103,836,900
4.	Lemons	62,646,300	4.	Eggs	60,544,000
5.	Eggs	56,231,300	5.	Hay, all	50,757,900
6.	Hay, all	53,483,600	6.	Dates	37,580,900
7.	Dates	37,463,200	7.	Avocados	36,426,900
8.	Avocados	35,166,000	8.	Lemons	31,950,300
9.	Peppers, Bell	29,278,300	9.	Peppers, Bell	30,198,400
10.	Grapefruit, Ruby & White	27,590,200	10.	Lettuce, Loose Leaf	26,429,700
11.	Lettuce, Loose Leaf	18,429,900	11.	Grapefruit, Ruby & White	25,504,800
12.	Carrots	16,995,800	12.	Oranges, Navel	17,318,100
13.	Oranges, Navel	16,303,500	13.	Lettuce, Romaine	16,913,000
14.	Aquaculture Products	15,412,400	14.	Carrots	15,961,000
15.	Oranges, Valencia	13,600,400	15.	Aquaculture Products	15,757,600
16.	Oriental Vegetables	12,961,700	16.	Broccoli	14,145,100
17.	Cotton	12,643,000	17.	Oriental Vegetables	13,471,700
18.	Spinach	12,221,300	18.	Watermelons	11,982,700
19.	Cantaloupe	11,515,700	19.	Potatoes	11,774,800
20.	Cattle and Calves	10,800,000	20.	Oranges, Valencia	10,641,000

## CALIFORNIA'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES BY TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION

<u>1999</u>			<u>2000</u>			<u>2001</u>		
<u>RANK</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>		
1	FRESNO	\$3,568,379,000	FRESNO	\$3,425,926,000	TULARE	\$3,493,010,000		
2	TULARE	3,078,087,000	TULARE	3,068,063,000	FRESNO	3,218,681,000		
3	MONTEREY	2,369,154,000	MONTEREY	2,923,393,000	MONTEREY	2,746,251,000		
4	KERN	2,129,928,000	KERN	2,213,200,000	KERN	2,254,322,000		
5	MERCED	1,534,030,000	MERCED	1,538,545,000	MERCED	1,703,044,000		
6	SAN JOAQUIN	1,352,690,000	SAN JOAQUIN	1,348,724,000	SAN JOAQUIN	1,389,889,000		
7	SAN DIEGO	1,242,548,000	SAN DIEGO	1,254,389,000	STANISLAUS	1,353,300,000		
8	STANISLAUS	1,210,211,000	STANISLAUS	1,197,302,000	SAN DIEGO	1,289,708,000		
9	<b>RIVERSIDE</b>	<b>1,197,389,000</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE</b>	<b>1,048,590,000</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE</b>	<b>1,124,929,000</b>		
10	VENTURA	1,059,123,000	VENTURA	1,047,128,000	VENTURA	1,053,714,000		

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## Export Countries

Australia	El Salvador	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia
Austria	Eritrea	Malaysia	Senegal
Bahamas	France	Mexico	Singapore
Bahrain	French Polynesia	Monaco	South Africa
Bangladesh	Germany	Netherlands	Sri Lanka
Belguim	Ghana	New Zealand	Switzerland
Belize	Grenada	Nigeria	Taiwan
Brazil	Guatemala	Northern Mariana Islands	Thailand
Burkina Faso	Honduras	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Canada	Hong Kong	Panama	Turkey
Chile	India	People's Republic of China	United Arab Emirates
Colombia	Indonesia	Peru	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Italy	Philippines	United Kingdom
Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Republic of Korea	Venezuela
Egypt	Japan	Russian Federation	Vietnam

## Commodities Certified

Alfalfa Hay	Cantaloupes	Cowpeas	Mangos
Animal Feed	Carrots	Date Palm Offshoots	Nursery Stock
Artichokes	Cilantro	Dates	Oat Hay
Avocados	Citrus Fruits	Dried Flowers	Onions
Bell Peppers	Citrus Budwood	Grapes	Onion Seed
Bermuda Grass Sod	Citrus Seed	Honeydews	Peppers
Broccoli	Corn	Klein Grass Hay	Pumpkins
Cabbage	Cottonseed	Lettuce	Sudan Grass Hay
			Tomatoes
			Watermelon

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