

Agricultural Crop Report 1999



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The 1999 annual crop report reflects the acreage, production, and gross values of the agricultural commodities produced within Solano County. Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code section 2279, the crop report shows the year's gross farm income. The cost of production and marketing, and net farm income, are not indicated in this report.

The gross value was \$195,482,500, a 5.5% increase from the prior year. The 1999 crop report shows the continuing strength of agricultural production within Solano County. Agriculture is a key part of the county's economy.

Field crops are the county's mainstay, grown on almost 300,000 acres and the largest crop group in value and acreage in Solano County. Field crop values showed a 5% acreage and 9% value reduction as compared to the prior year. Processing tomato values increased 20% due to stronger prices and increased yields. Other production categories increased, with nursery stock values up 10%, fruit and nut crop values up 29%, and livestock production up 4%. Seed crops declined by \$1.3 million or 14%.

As Solano County agriculture progresses into the 21st century, future crop production is expected to be strong, though with low prices for field crops, there will be challenges. 1999 fruit/nut acreages increased, with new plantings of over 500 acres of wine grapes and English walnuts.

A special thanks to Lenny DaMassa, Supervising Agricultural Biologist, for compiling the data for the 1999 crop report. The numbers reflected are a direct result of the hard work and commitment of Solano County's farmers, ranchers, and others who are in the business of production agriculture, generating over \$1.5 billion each year in agriculturally related sales for Solano County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Cohen".

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1999

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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SOLANO COUNTY
FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE

1999

<u>Orchard Crop</u>	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>
Almonds	1,506	314	1,820
Apples	128	26	154
Apricots	543	51	594
Cherries	95	5	100
Figs	2	0	2
Grapes (Wine)	3,390	1,033	4,423
Kiwi	11	0	11
Nectarines	10	0	10
Olives	12	0	12
Oranges	26	0	26
Peaches (Freestone)	277	36	313
Pears	1,036	0	1,036
Pecans	3	0	3
Pluots	0	9	9
Persimmons	6	0	6
Pistachio Nuts	24	0	24
Plums	19	3	22
Prunes	2,256	87	2,343
Tangerines	13	0	13
Walnuts (English)	4,922	2,291	7,213
Walnuts (Black)	25	0	25
Totals	14,304	3,855	18,159

FIELD CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley, (Irrigated)	1999	4,700	2.30	10,810	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,027,000
	1998	4,918	2.25	11,065	Ton	98.00	1,084,400
Barley, (Dryland)	1999	1,078	1.27	1,877	Ton	95.00	178,300
	1998	4,051	.96	3,889	Ton	98.00	381,100
Beans, Dry, Edible, All Classes *	1999	4,900	.99	4,851	Ton	546.00	2,648,600
	1998	4,357	1.00	4,357	Ton	598.00	2,605,500
Corn, Field	1999	15,600	5.04	78,624	Ton	90.00	7,076,200
	1998	21,672	4.79	103,808	Ton	92.00	9,550,300
Hay, Alfalfa	1999	29,571	6.39	188,958	Ton	97.00	18,328,900
	1998	31,804	6.25	198,775	Ton	95.00	18,883,600
Hay, Grain	1999	4,000	2.72	10,880	Ton	63.00	685,400
	1998	4,217	2.35	9,909	Ton	47.00	465,700
Hay, Grass	1999	3,000	2.00	6,000	Ton	45.00	270,000
	1998	3,000	2.60	7,800	Ton	34.00	265,200
Oats, Grain	1999	1,361	1.50	2,041	Ton	140.00	285,700
	1998	2,100	1.88	3,948	Ton	140.00	552,700
Pasture, Irrigated	1999	22,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	2,025,000
	1998	20,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	1,845,000
Pasture, Rangeland	1999	143,650	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,154,800
	1998	143,650	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,154,800
Safflower, Oil	1999	9,977	1.25	12,471	Ton	300.00	3,741,300
	1998	7,500	1.25	9,375	Ton	300.00	2,812,500
Sorghum/Milo	1999	2,605	2.60	6,773	Ton	85.00	575,700
	1998	4,454	1.50	6,681	Ton	65.00	434,300
Sudangrass	1999	3,679	2.75	10,117	Ton	97.00	981,300
	1998	---	---	---	---	---	---

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* Value and Yield Vary By Variety

FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

(Continued)

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Sugar Beets	1999	5,800	27.72	160,776	Ton	\$ 39.95	\$ 6,423,000
	1998	10,720	24.55	263,176	Ton	40.16	10,569,100
Wheat, Irrigated	1999	29,164	2.68	78,159	Ton	90.00	7,034,300
	1998	31,370	2.13	66,818	Ton	92.00	6,147,300
Wheat, Dryland	1999	7,106	2.20	15,633	Ton	90.00	1,407,000
	1998	8,468	1.74	14,734	Ton	92.00	1,355,500
Misc. Field Crops	1999	2,961					1,117,300
	1998	4,004					2,194,200
TOTAL		1999	291,652				\$ 55,959,800
FIELD CROPS		1998	306,785				61,301,200

NURSERY STOCK: ACREAGE AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Acreage	Value
		Acreage	Value
Nursery Stock **	1999	875	\$ 28,978,000
	1998	837	26,408,000
TOTAL		1999	875
NURSERY STOCK		1998	837
			\$ 28,978,000
			26,408,000

** Nursery Stock includes cuttings, buds, scions, Christmas trees, turf, root-stock, greenhouse, timber, firewood, ornamentals, etc.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds							
Meats	1999	---	---	608.7	Ton	\$1,576.00	\$ 959,300
	1998	---	---	599.5	Ton	3,116.00	1,868,000
Hulls	1999	---	---	760.8	Ton	60.00	45,600
	1998	---	---	749.3	Ton	61.00	45,700
Total Almonds	1999	1,506	.404	608.7	Ton	---	1,004,900
	1998	1,501	.400	599.5	Ton	---	1,913,700
Apricots							
Dried (6.6:1) *	1999	---	---	40.0	Ton	6,000.00	240,000
	1998	---	---	57.3	Ton	4,977.00	285,200
Fresh Market	1999	---	---	50.0	Ton	1,200.00	60,000
	1998	---	---	69.9	Ton	920.00	64,300
Total Apricots	1999	543	.578	314.0	Ton	---	300,000
	1998	543	.860	465.2	Ton	---	349,500
Cherries							
Fresh Market	1999	95	.50	47.5	Ton	3,000.00	142,500
	1998	86	.23	20.1	Ton	3,066.00	61,600
Grapes, Wine **							
Dark Varieties	1999	---	---	6,119.8	Ton	1,130.00	6,915,300
	1998	---	---	5,014.9	Ton	1,045.00	5,240,600
White Varieties	1999	---	---	7,186.9	Ton	1,004.00	7,215,600
	1998	---	---	6,010.7	Ton	1,031.00	6,197,000
Total Grapes	1999	3,390	3.925	13,306.7	Ton	---	14,130,900
	1998	2,711	4.070	11,025.6	Ton	---	11,437,600
Kiwi ***							
	1999	11	6.000	66.0	Ton	1,000.00	66,000
	1998	16	6.800	108.8	Ton	1,000.00	108,800

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* Drying Ratio

** Price Varies By Variety

*** Value and Yield Vary By Variety

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

(Continued)

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches							
Freestone	1999	---	---	73.0	Ton	\$4,330.00	\$ 316,000
Dried (7:6) *	1998	---	---	56.8	Ton	4,330.00	245,900
Fresh Market	1999			---	---	---	---
	1998			13.4	Ton	1,332.00	17,800
Total	1999	277	2.002	554.8	Ton	---	316,000
Peaches	1998	291	1.590	462.1	Ton	---	263,700
Pears	1999	---	---	10,439.0	Ton	220.00	2,296,600
Canned #1	1998	---	---	8,339.0	Ton	191.00	1,592,700
Dried	1999	---	---	365.0	Ton	3,000.00	1,095,000
(6.3:1) *	1998	---	---	1.0	Ton	3,000.00	3,000
Juice & Fermentation	1999	---	---	137.0	Ton	60.00	8,200
	1998	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fresh Market	1999	---	---	2,272.0	Ton	200.00	454,400
	1998	---	---	1,296.0	Ton	242.00	313,600
Total	1999	1,036	14.620	15,147.0	Ton	---	3,854,200
Pears	1998	1,037	9.310	9,641.3	Ton	---	1,909,300
Prunes **	1999	2,256	1.624	3,665.0	Ton	857.00	3,140,900
	1998	2,236	1.010	2,259.0	Ton	745.00	1,683,000
Walnuts	1999	4,922	.994	4,893.0	Ton	891.00	4,359,700
	1998	4,607	.733	3,378.0	Ton	1,125.00	3,800,300
Misc. Fruits and Nuts	1999	340	***				2,263,300
	1998	349	***				1,471,400
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TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1999	14,376					\$29,578,400
	1998	13,377					\$22,998,900

* Drying Ratio

** Price Varies By Variety

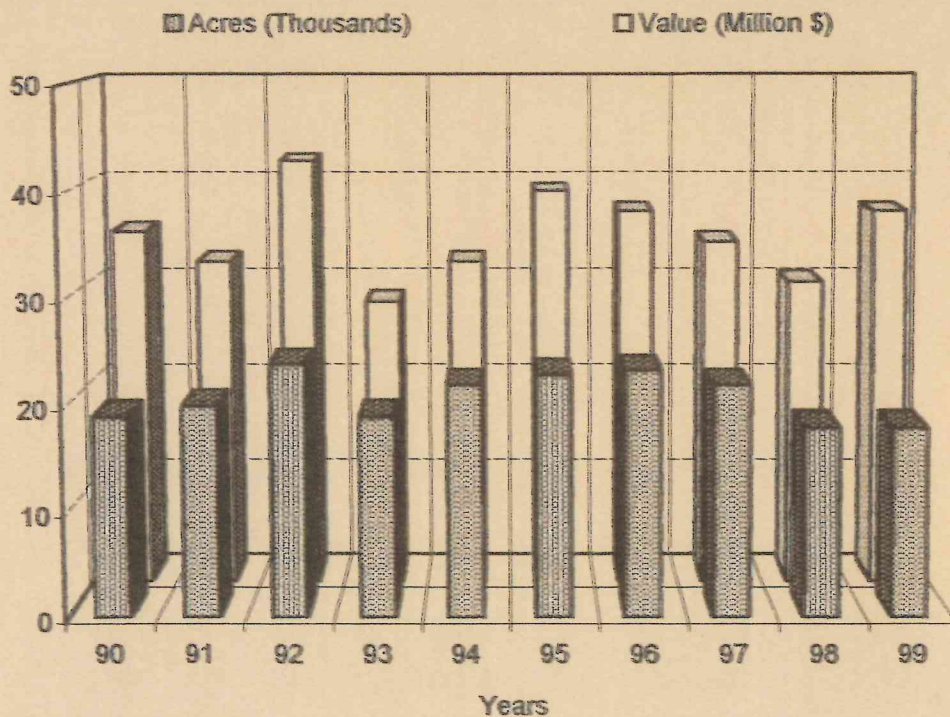
*** (Apples, Asian Pears, Black Walnuts, Figs, Jojoba, Olives, Oranges, Pecans, Plums, Persimmons, Pistachios, Strawberries, Tangerines, & Other Misc. Fruits, Juices, and Nuts)

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production		Average Value			
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Tomatoes, Processing	1999	18,341	34.58	634,231	Ton	\$ 58.00	\$ 36,785,400
	1998	17,557	31.12	546,374	Ton	54.00	29,504,200
Misc. Vegetables	1999	928					7,500,000
	1998	894					7,271,200
TOTAL		1999	19,269				\$ 44,285,400
VEGETABLE		1998	18,451				36,775,400
CROPS							

Historical Production of Processing Tomatoes in Solano County

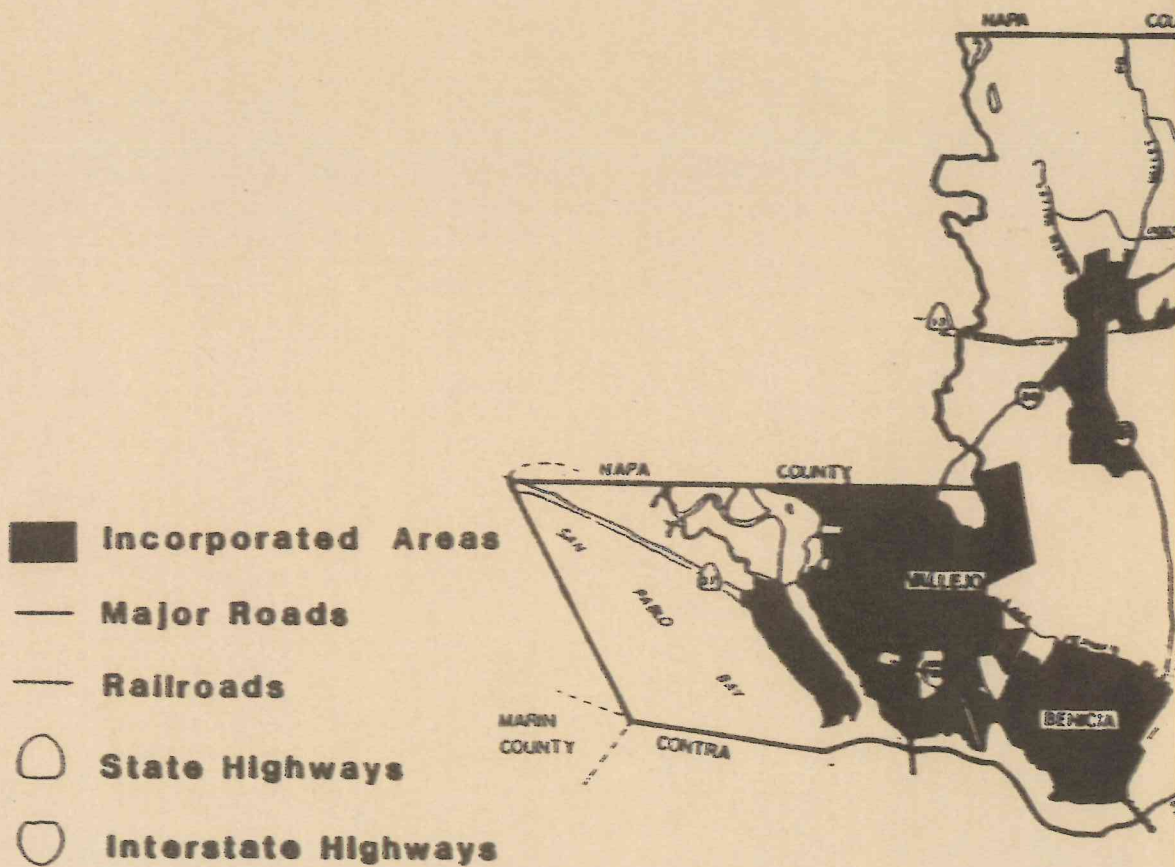


Map of Solano County

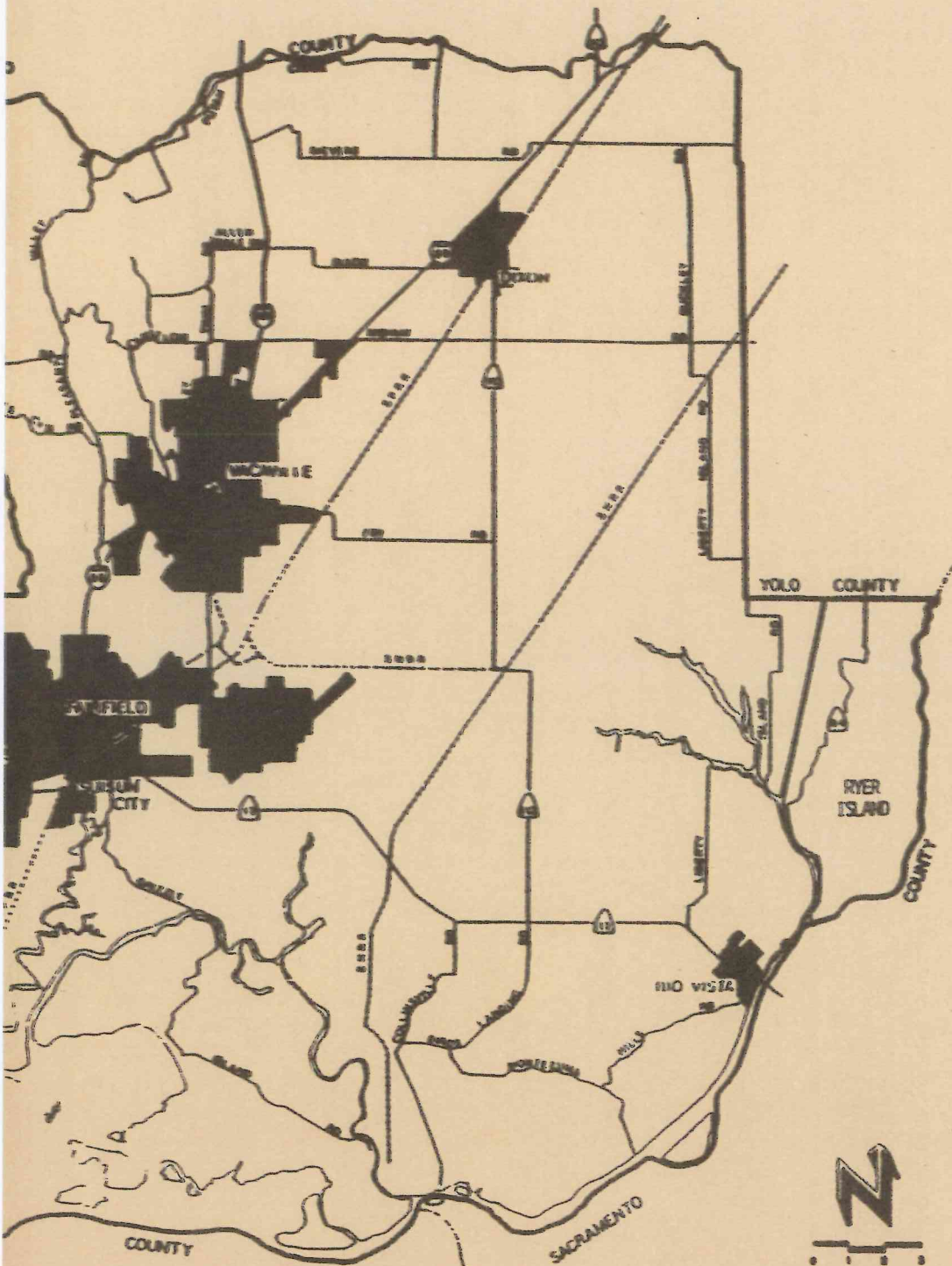
Area of County (Square Miles - Land) 823 Square Miles
 Area of County (Acres - Land) 526,720 Acres

Major Farming Districts

Dixon, Winters, Rio Vista - Ryer Island, Suisun Valley, East Vacaville



Prepared by Solano County Department of Planning and Economic Development



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SEED CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes *	1999	932	.78	727	Ton	\$ 640.00	\$ 465,300
	1998	2,746	.80	2,197	Ton	642.00	1,410,500
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes * Certified	1999	1,113	.63	701	Ton	640.00	448,600
	1998	701	.66	463	Ton	655.00	303,300
Cantaloupe	1999	97	500	48,500	Lb.	3.20	155,200
	1998	25	330	8,250	Lb.	2.67	22,000
Cucumber	1999	476	350	166,600	Lb.	3.40	566,400
	1998	219	136	29,784	Lb.	3.47	103,400
Safflower	1999	898	.53	476	Ton	300.00	142,800
	1998	2,000	.60	1,200	Ton	300.00	360,000
Squash	1999	159	585	93,015	Lb.	5.00	465,100
	1998	94	402	37,788	Lb.	4.75	179,500
Sunflower, Certified	1999	4,491	.48	2,156	Ton	1,470.00	3,169,300
	1998	3,043	.42	1,278	Ton	1,460.00	1,865,900
Tomato	1999	362	45	29,520	Lb.	45.00	733,100
	1998	656	45	29,520	Lb.	45.00	1,328,400
Watermelon	1999	465	303	140,900	Lb.	3.00	422,700
	1998	314	270	84,780	Lb.	3.59	304,400
Wheat, Certified	1999	735	2.50	1,838	Ton	100.00	183,800
	1998	1,822	.97	1,767	Ton	110.00	194,400
Misc. Seed	1999	1,457					1,234,900
	1998	1,929					3,246,200
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TOTAL	1999	11,185					\$ 7,987,200
SEED	1998	13,549					9,318,000
CROPS							

* Yield and Value Vary By Variety

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND APIARY

PRODUCTS AND VALUE

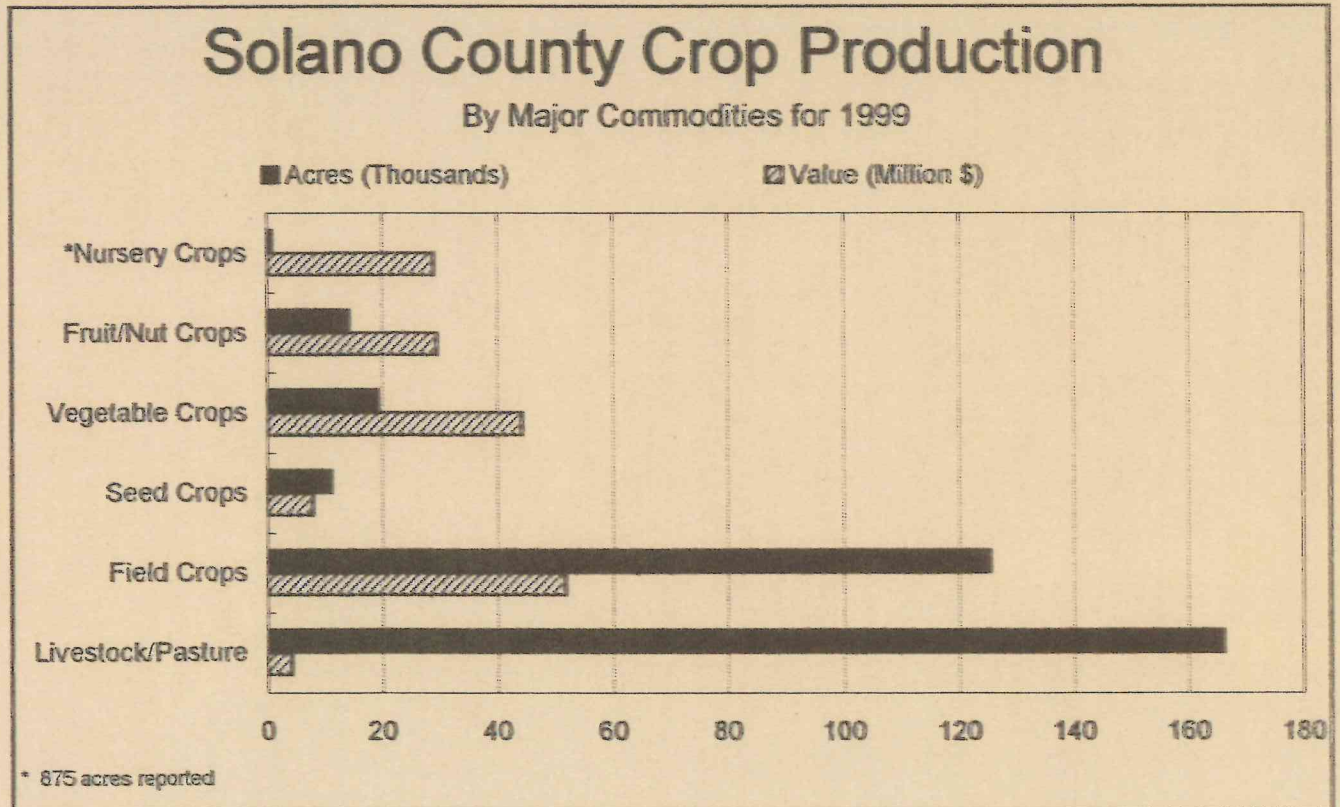
Item -----	Year -----	Average Production		Average Value	
		Production -----	Unit -----	Per Unit -----	Total -----
Bees - Honey	1999	19,000	Lb.	\$.55	\$ 10,500
	1998	118,600	Lb.	.57	67,600
- Packages *	1999	1,500	Pkg.	15.50	23,300
	1998	2,300	Pkg.	18.25	42,000
- Pollination **	1999	6,630	Colony		152,100
	1998	9,685	Colony		214,200
- Queens	1999	6,042	Each	7.50	45,300
	1998	13,500	Each	7.75	104,600
- Wax	1999	---	---	---	---
	1998	1,425	Lb.	2.00	2,900
Milk - Market	1999	290,134	Cwt.	14.47	4,198,200
	1998	278,339	Cwt.	16.01	4,456,200
- Manufacturing	1999	6,253	Cwt.	13.20	82,500
	1998	---	Cwt.	---	---
Wool	1999	381,182	Lb.	.31	118,200
	1998	377,400	Lb.	.77	290,600
TOTAL LIVESTOCK,		1999 \$ 4,630,100		
POULTRY, AND APIARY		1998 5,178,100		
PRODUCTS & VALUE					

* Packages Include 2 Lbs. Bees Plus a Queen

** Pollination Fee Varies By Crop; Crops Pollinated Include Alfalfa, Almond, Kiwi, Onion, Prune, Sunflower, and Vine Seed

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Average Production		Average Value		
		Head	Liveweight	Per Unit	Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves	1999	29,274	226,874	Cwt.	\$59.40	\$13,476,300
	1998	28,560	221,340	Cwt.	55.10	12,195,800
Hogs & Pigs	1999	200	400	Cwt.	35.10	14,000
	1998	200	400	Cwt.	34.00	13,600
Stock Sheep	1999	46,360	55,632	Cwt.	28.70	1,596,600
	1998	45,900	55,080	Cwt.	30.50	1,679,900
Feeder Lambs	1999	113,325	113,325	Cwt.	74.80	8,476,700
	1998	112,200	112,000	Cwt.	74.80	8,392,600
Miscellaneous	1999					500,000
	1998					917,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY		1999				\$ 24,063,600
		1998				23,198,900

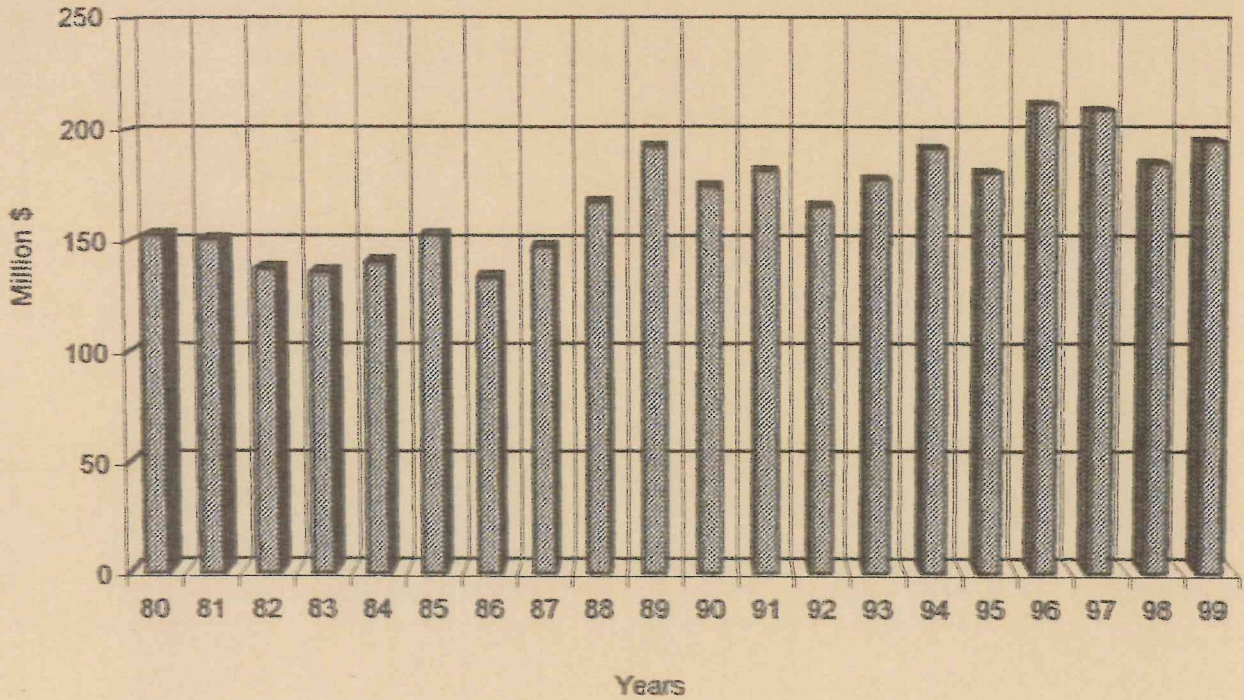


PRODUCTION GRAND TOTAL

 GRAND TOTAL OF ALL 1999 \$195,482,500
 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1998 \$185,178,500

Solano Agricultural Production

20 Year Comparison
 1980 - 1999



VALUE SUMMARY

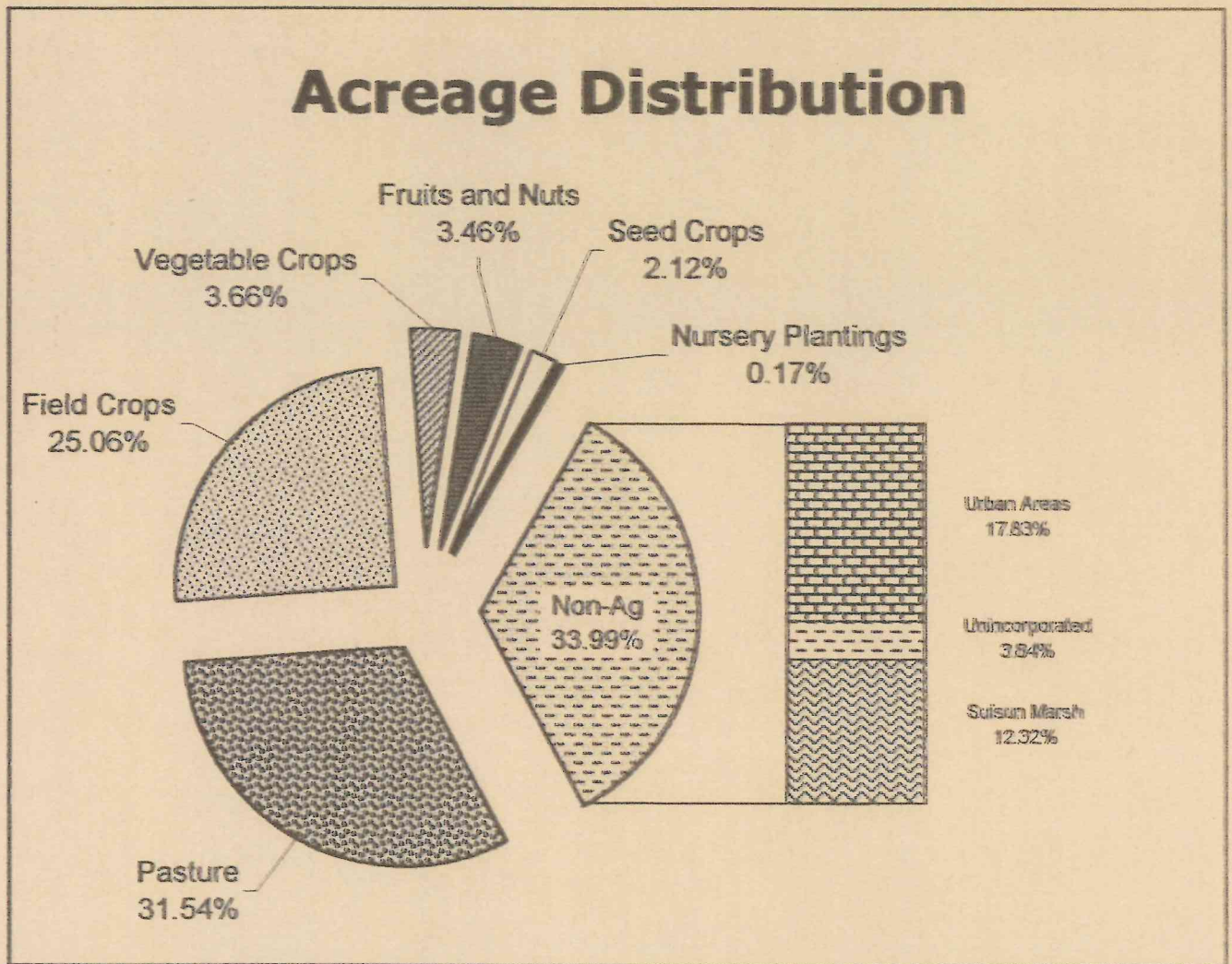
Year	Field Crops	Fruit & Nut Crops	Seed Crops	Vegetable Crops	Animal Production	Totals
1990	82,568,700	19,657,300	9,235,200	35,650,900	28,154,900	175,267,000
1991	77,881,400	25,522,000	8,025,600	45,040,400	25,305,600	181,775,000
1992	76,794,800	23,769,700	5,887,100	30,898,900	28,949,500	166,300,000
1993	81,808,400*	24,288,000	6,787,200	35,848,200	28,973,300	177,705,100
1994	94,198,000*	24,293,800	5,934,400	43,054,700	24,446,800	191,927,700
1995	86,760,900*	23,975,300	7,658,600	39,935,600	21,876,500	180,206,900
1996	101,425,400*	31,591,600	8,674,200	44,472,200	25,467,300	211,630,700
1997	94,110,000*	34,585,700	10,594,500	41,007,000	28,843,700	209,140,900
1998	87,709,200*	22,998,900	9,318,000	36,775,400	28,377,000	185,178,500
1999	84,937,800*	29,578,400	7,987,200	44,285,400	28,693,700	195,482,500

* Includes Nursery Stock

DISTRIBUTION OF FARM ACREAGE

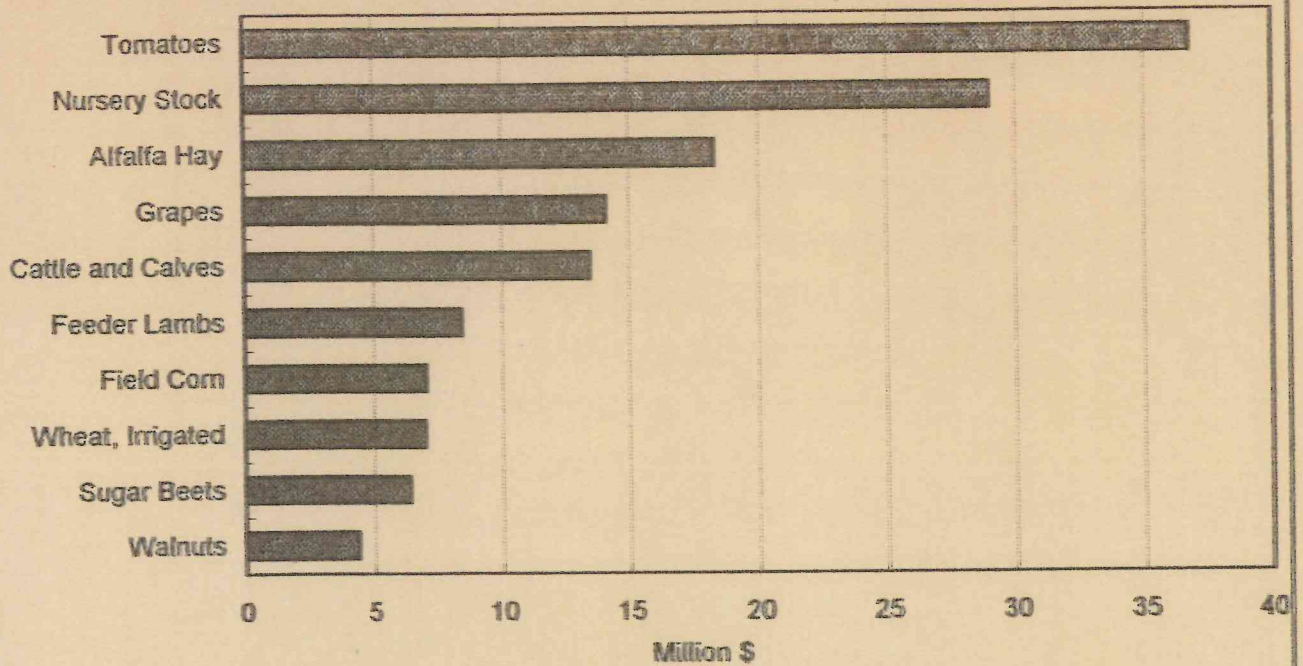
	1999	1998
Field Crops	125,502	142,635
Fruit & Nut Crops	18,246 *	15,616 *
Pasture Lands	166,150	164,150
Seed Crops	11,185	13,549
Vegetable Crops	19,269	18,451
Nursery Stock	875	837
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Totals	341,227	355,238

* Includes Non-bearing Acreage

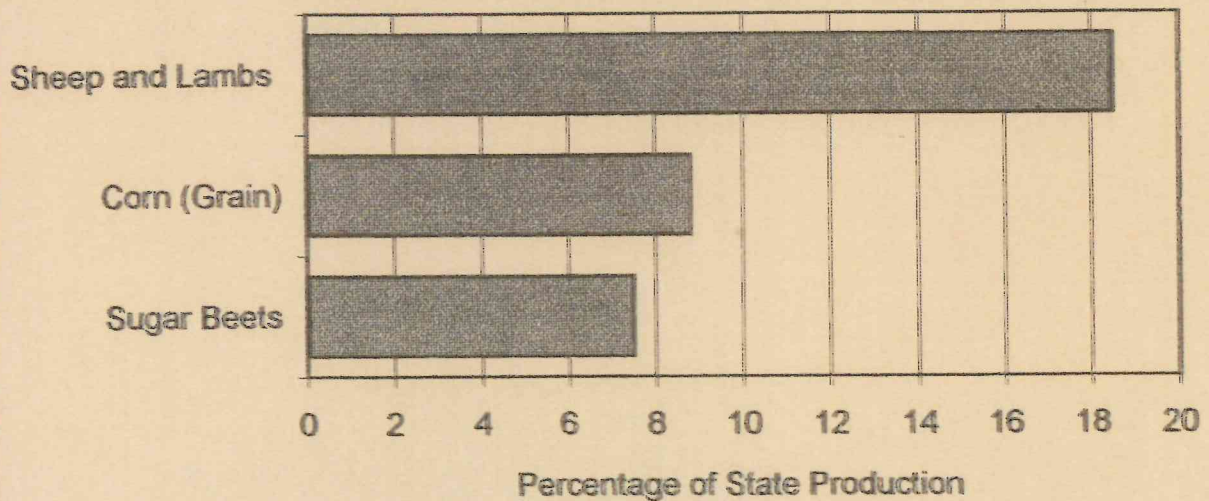


Top Ten Crops in Solano County

By Value for 1999



Solano County's Share of California Production



Values listed are a percentage of statewide production for crops in which Solano ranked in the top five in state gross value in 1998

\$ MILLION DOLLAR CROPS \$

		1999	1998
		RANKING	
TOMATOES, PROCESSING	\$36,785,400	1	1
NURSERY STOCK	28,978,000	2	2
ALFALFA HAY	18,328,900	3	3
GRAPES, WINE	14,130,900	4	5
CATTLE AND CALVES	13,476,300	5	4
FEEDER LAMBS	8,476,700	6	8
CORN, FIELD	7,076,200	7	7
WHEAT, IRRIGATED	7,034,300	8	9
SUGAR BEETS	6,423,000	9	6
WALNUTS	4,359,700	10	11
MILK, MARKET	4,198,200	11	10
PEARS	3,854,200	12	16
SAFFLOWER, OIL	3,741,300	13	12
SUNFLOWER, SEED, CERT.	3,169,300	14	17
PRUNES	3,140,900	15	19
BEANS, EDIBLE, DRY	2,648,600	16	13
PASTURE, RANGELAND	2,154,800	17	14
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	2,025,000	18	18
STOCK SHEEP	1,596,600	19	20
WHEAT, DRYLAND	1,407,000	20	22
BARLEY, IRRIGATED	1,027,000	21	24
ALMONDS	1,004,900	22	15
BEAN, SEED, DRY			21
TOMATO, SEED			23

ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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COUNTY BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Pest -----	Biocontrol Agent -----	Scope of Program * -----
Yellow Star Thistle <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Bud Weevil <i>Bangasternus orientalis</i>	9 Sites
	Hairy Weevil <i>Eustenopus villosus</i>	1 Site
	Gall Fly <i>Urophora sirunaseva</i>	2 Sites
Purple Star Thistle <i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Weevil <i>Larinus minutus</i>	2 Sites
	Fly <i>Terrelia Sp.</i>	

PEST EXCLUSION

Gypsy Moth <i>Lymantria dispar</i>	Household Goods 73 Shipments Inspected
Exotic Pests	975 Inspections of Packages and Shipments at UPS, Trucks, etc.
	492 Federal, State, and Other Origin or Phytosanitary Inspection Certificates Issued
Apple Maggot, Kaphra Beetle, Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Japanese Beetle, Melon Fly, Gypsy Moth	895 Traps placed throughout the County to detect the presence of these pests

* Represents total number of individual sites, trees, acres, etc., incorporated in program efforts (survey, trap servicings, releases, etc.)

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

FARMS	PRODUCTS	ACRES
20	VARIOUS FRUITS & VEGETABLES	APPROX. 350
	(Apricots, Beans, Carrots, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Figs, Herbs, Lettuce, Mandarins, Melons, Mushrooms, Oranges, Peaches, Peppers, Persimmons, Plums, Prunes, Squash, Tomatoes, Walnuts, Etc.)	

SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL INFORMATION

County Seat Fairfield

County Population (January 1, 2000) 399,000

Benicia - 29,000	Dixon - 15,550	Fairfield - 95,300
Rio Vista - 4,850	Suisun - 27,250	Vacaville - 91,500
	Vallejo - 114,700	

State Ranking In 1998 For Agricultural Production Values - 28th

Ranking Among California Counties - Gross Values of Production 1998
 2nd Sheep & Lambs, 4th Corn(Grain), 4th Sugar Beets

Total Secured Assessed Value (2000-01) \$22,175,539,868

Total Land Area In California (Acres, 1997) . . . 100,000,000 Acres

California Agricultural Land (Acres, 1997) . . . 27,698,779 Acres

Area Of County (Square Miles - Land) 823 Sq. Mi.

Area Of County (Acres - Land) 526,720 Acres

Area of County (Acres-Urban Land) 93,894 Acres

Area Of County (Water) 75.3 Sq. Mi.

Area Of County (Acres - Water) 48,192 Acres

Number of Full Time Farms in Solano County (1997) . . . 403 Farms

Average U.S. Farm Size (Acres, 1997) 487 Acres

Average California Farm Size (Acres, 1997) 374 Acres

Average Size of Solano Farm (Acres, 1997) 455 Acres

Solano County Road Miles (Jan. 1, 2000) 600.7 Miles

Number of Solano County Owned Bridges 116

Major Roadways - Interstates 80, 505, 680, 780
 Highways 12, 29, 37, 84, 113, 220

Major Farming Districts - Dixon, Winters, Rio Vista-Ryer Island,
 Suisun Valley, East Vacaville

Major Rivers & Waterways - Sacramento and Napa Rivers, Deep Water
 Ship Channel, San Pablo and Suisun Bays

Railroads Amtrak, California Northern, Southern Pacific

Facilities - Travis Air Force Base, University of California at Davis
 and Wolfskill Ranch, California Maritime Academy