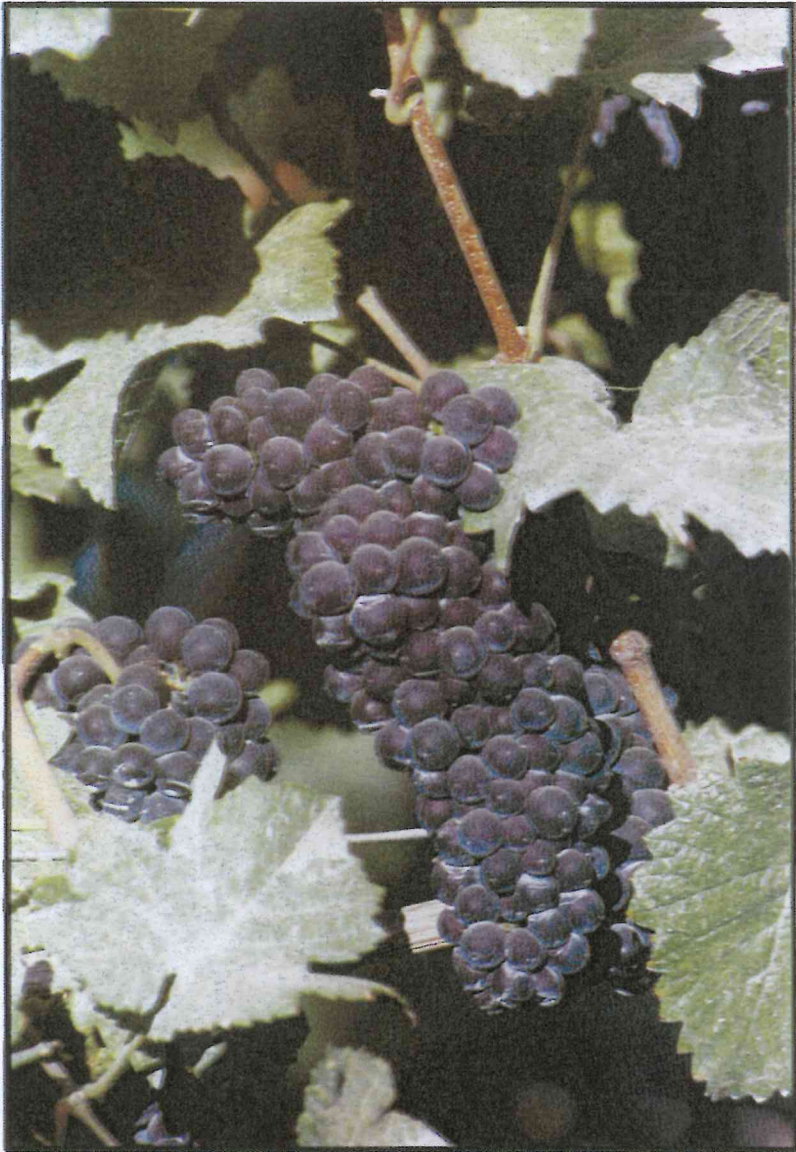


Agricultural Crop Report 1996



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I am very pleased to present the 1996 annual crop report pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code section 2279. The crop report reflects acreage, production and gross values for the agricultural commodities produced within Solano County. Net farm income and costs of production and marketing are not reflected.

1996 was a record-setting year for agricultural production within Solano County. The gross value of agricultural commodities amounted to an all-time high of \$211,630,700, a 17% increase over 1995. Agriculture contributes significantly to the overall economic strength of the county.

Field crop values increased by 18%, with 26,000 additional production acres. Nursery stock increased by 13%, fruit crops increased by 32%, vegetable crops (with processing tomatoes the main commodity) increased by 11%, seed crops increased by 13%, livestock and apiary products increased by 11%, and livestock production increased by 17%. A total of 27 commodities exceeded \$1 million in gross value.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SOLANO COUNTY
FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE
1996

Orchard Crop	Bearing Acreage	Non-Bearing Acreage	Total Acreage
Almonds	1,338	223	1,561
Apples	123	0	123
Apricots	681	0	681
Cherries	77	31	108
Figs	12	0	12
Grapes (Wine)	2,093	682	2,775
Kiwi	53	0	53
Olives	12	0	12
Oranges	26	0	26
Peaches (Freestone)	301	2	303
Pears	1,291	0	1,291
Pecans	3	0	3
Persimmons	6	0	6
Pistachio Nuts	24	0	24
Plums	21	0	21
Prunes	2,117	261	2,378
Tangerines	5	0	5
Walnuts (English)	4,211	554	4,765
Walnuts (Black)	25	0	25
Totals	12,419	1,753	14,172

FIELD CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley, (Irrigated)	1996	14,400	2.00	28,800	Ton \$	153.00 \$	4,406,400
	1995	13,169	2.00	26,338	Ton	115.00	3,028,900
Barley, (Dryland)	1996	5,124	1.10	5,636	Ton	153.00	862,300
	1995	3,331	1.19	3,964	Ton	115.00	455,900
Beans, Dry, Edible, All Classes *	1996	8,157	.87	7,097	Ton	673.00	4,776,300
	1995	7,444	.97	7,221	Ton	561.00	4,051,000
Corn, Field	1996	28,083	4.44	124,689	Ton	123.00	15,336,700
	1995	19,724	4.85	95,661	Ton	120.00	11,479,300
Corn, Pop	1996			(See Miscellaneous)			
	1995	450	2.80	1,260	Ton	206.00	259,600
Corn, Taco	1996			(See Miscellaneous)			
	1995	360	4.37	1,573	Ton	133.00	209,200
Hay, Alfalfa	1996	28,995	6.62	191,947	Ton	96.00	18,426,900
	1995	25,439	5.26	133,809	Ton	99.00	13,247,100
Hay, Grain	1996	841	1.99	1,674	Ton	69.00	115,500
	1995	1,514	3.09	4,678	Ton	75.00	350,900
Hay, Grass	1996	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	50.00	175,000
	1995	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	75.00	262,500
Oats, Grain	1996	4,000	1.50	6,000	Ton	200.00	1,200,000
	1995	2,438	1.10	2,682	Ton	200.00	536,400
Pasture, Irrigated	1996	20,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	1,845,000
	1995	20,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	1,845,000
Pasture, Rangeland	1996	143,650	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,154,800
	1995	143,700	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,155,500
Safflower, Oil	1996	6,075	1.24	7,533	Ton	351.00	2,644,100
	1995	10,500	1.07	11,235	Ton	300.00	3,370,500

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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	1996	5,988	27.53	164,850	Ton	\$ 34.35	\$ 5,662,600
	1995	13,604	25.29	344,045	Ton	35.35	12,162,000
Wheat, Irrigated	1996	52,449	2.10	110,143	Ton	147.00	16,191,000
	1995	35,000	2.23	78,050	Ton	135.00	10,536,800
Wheat, Dryland	1996	16,568	1.59	26,343	Ton	147.00	3,872,400
	1995	11,790	1.52	17,921	Ton	135.00	2,419,300
Misc. Field Crops	1996	1,772	(Corn Nuts, Grasses, Milo,				1,408,700
	1995	1,850	Popcorn, Silage, Straw, Sunflower, Taco Corn, Etc.)				676,500
TOTAL		1996	340,102			\$ 79,077,700	
FIELD CROPS		1995	314,263			67,045,700	

NURSERY STOCK: ACREAGE AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Acreage	Value
		Acreage	Value
Nursery Stock **	1996	746	\$ 22,347,700
	1995	718	19,715,200
TOTAL		1996	746
NURSERY		1995	718
STOCK			\$ 22,347,700
			19,715,200

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

FRUIT CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds							
(Meats)	1996	---	---	405.1	Ton	\$3,484.00	\$ 1,411,400
	1995	---	---	214.3	Ton	3,346.00	717,000
(Hulls)	1996	---	---	506.3	Ton	65.00	32,900
	1995	---	---	267.8	Ton	70.00	18,700
Total Almonds	1996	1,338	.302	405.1	Ton	---	1,444,300
	1995	1,415	.151	214.3	Ton	---	735,700
Apricots							
Dried (7.3:1) *	1996	---	---	179.0	Ton	5,235.00	937,100
	1995	---	---	55.0	Ton	5,190.00	285,500
Fresh Market	1996	---	---	121.1	Ton	1,340.00	162,300
	1995	---	---	25.6	Ton	1,345.00	34,400
Total Apricots	1996	681	2.100	1,427.8	Ton	---	1,099,400
	1995	840	.554	465.6	Ton	---	319,900
Cherries							
Fresh Market	1996	77	.100	7.9	Ton	3,560.00	28,100
	1995	72	1.409	101.5	Ton	3,560.00	361,300
Grapes, Wine **							
Dark Varieties	1996	---	---	8,543.1	Ton	1,003.00	8,568,700
	1995	---	---	4,029.6	Ton	750.00	3,022,200
White Varieties	1996	---	---	4,769.3	Ton	1,033.00	4,926,700
	1995	---	---	6,082.6	Ton	744.00	4,525,500
Total Grapes	1996	2,093	6.360	13,312.4	Ton	---	13,495,400
	1995	2,000	5.056	10,112.2	Ton	---	7,547,700
Kiwi ***							
	1996	50	9.000	450.0	Ton	1,000.00	450,000
	1995	53	9.000	477.0	Ton	1,000.00	477,000

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* Drying Ratio

** Price Varies By Variety

*** Value and Yield Vary By Variety

FRUIT CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

(Continued)

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches							
(Freestone)	1996	---	---	137.4	Ton	\$3,370.00	\$ 463,000
Dried	1995	---	---	95.0	Ton	3,300.00	313,500
(8:1) *							
Total	1996	301	3.650	1,099.2	Ton	---	463,000
Peaches	1995	324	2.345	760.0	Ton	---	313,500
Pears	1996	---	---	9,817.0	Ton	222.00	2,179,400
Canned #1	1995	---	---	11,384.0	Ton	217.00	2,470,300
Dried	1996	---	---	148.8	Ton	3,120.00	461,800
(6.8:1) *	1995	---	---	.6	Ton	3,000.00	2,000
Juice & Fermentation	1996	---	---	517.0	Ton	85.00	43,900
	1995	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fresh Market	1996	---	---	1,288.0	Ton	356.00	458,500
	1995	---	---	2,724.0	Ton	296.00	811,600
Total	1996	1,291	9.790	12,633.0	Ton	---	3,143,600
Pears	1995	1,479	9.554	14,130.4	Ton	---	3,283,900
Prunes **	1996	2,117	2.060	4,370.5	Ton	872.00	3,811,100
	1995	2,120	1.782	3,779.3	Ton	1,000.00	3,779,300
Walnuts	1996	4,211	.810	3,410.0	Ton	1,527.00	5,207,100
	1995	4,211	.951	4,007.0	Ton	1,407.00	5,637,800
Misc. Fruit and Nuts	1996	306	***				2,449,600
	1995	277	***				1,519,200
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TOTAL FRUIT	1996	12,465					\$31,591,600
& NUT CROPS	1995	12,791					\$23,975,300
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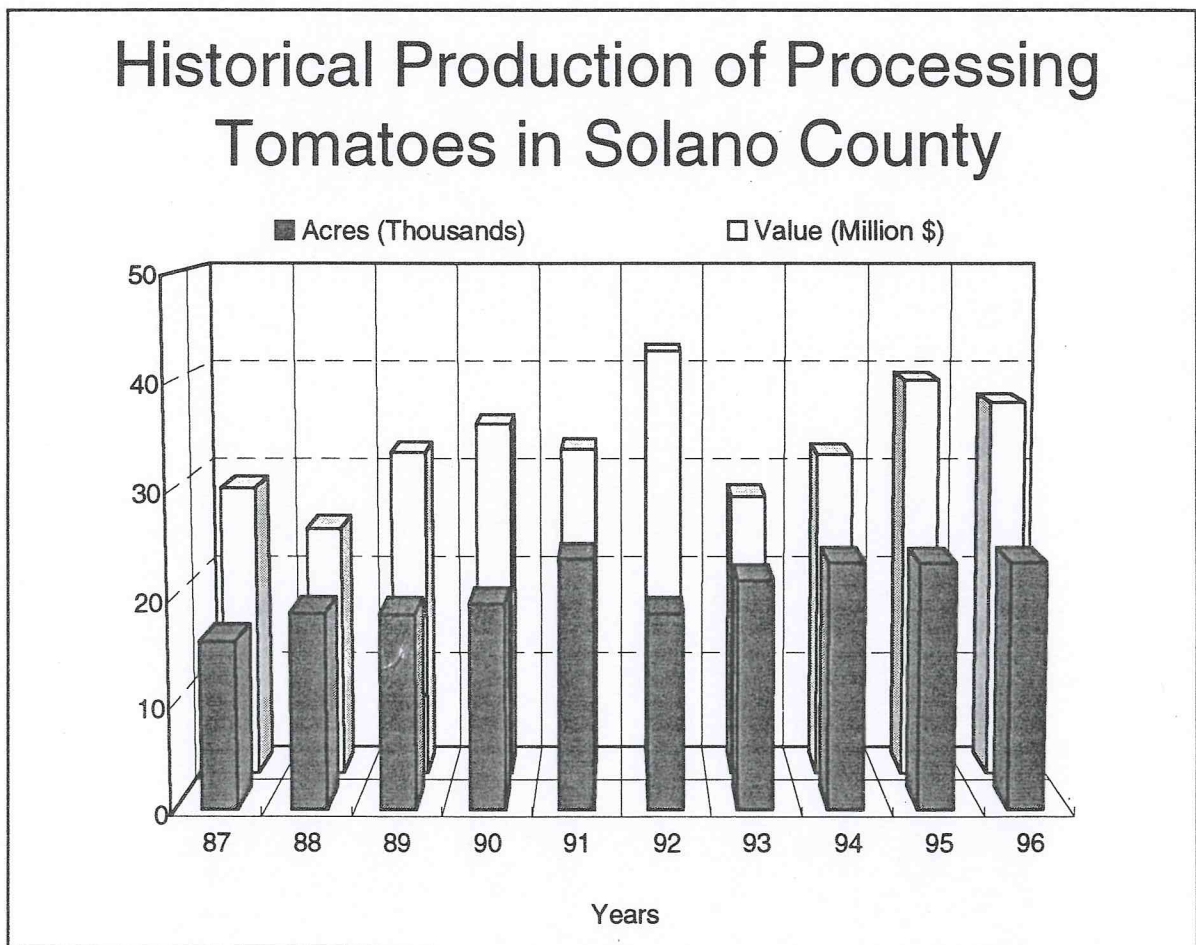
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** Price Varies By Variety

*** (Apples, Asian Pears, Black Walnuts, Figs, Jojoba, Olives, Oranges, Pecans, Plums, Persimmons, Pistachios, Strawberries, Tangerines, & Other Misc. Fruit, Juice 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	1996	23,432	32.32	757,322 Ton	\$ 51.46	\$ 38,971,800	
	1995	23,389	30.27	707,985 Ton	52.08	36,871,900	
Misc. Vegetables	1996	527	(Celery, Endive, Herbs, Spices, Sweet Corn, and Other Misc. Vegetables)			5,500,400	
	1995	478				3,063,659	
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TOTAL VEGETABLE CROPS	1996	23,959				\$ 44,472,200	
	1995	23,867				39,935,600	

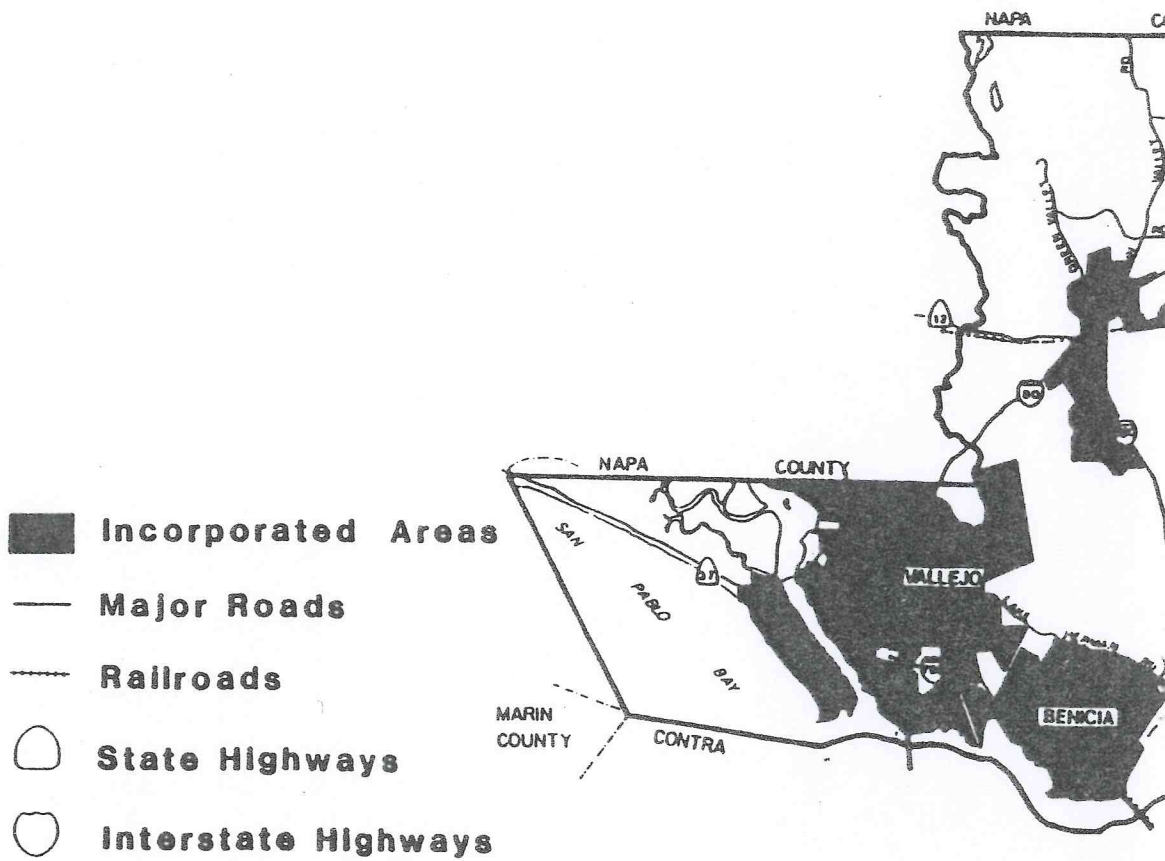


Map of Solano County

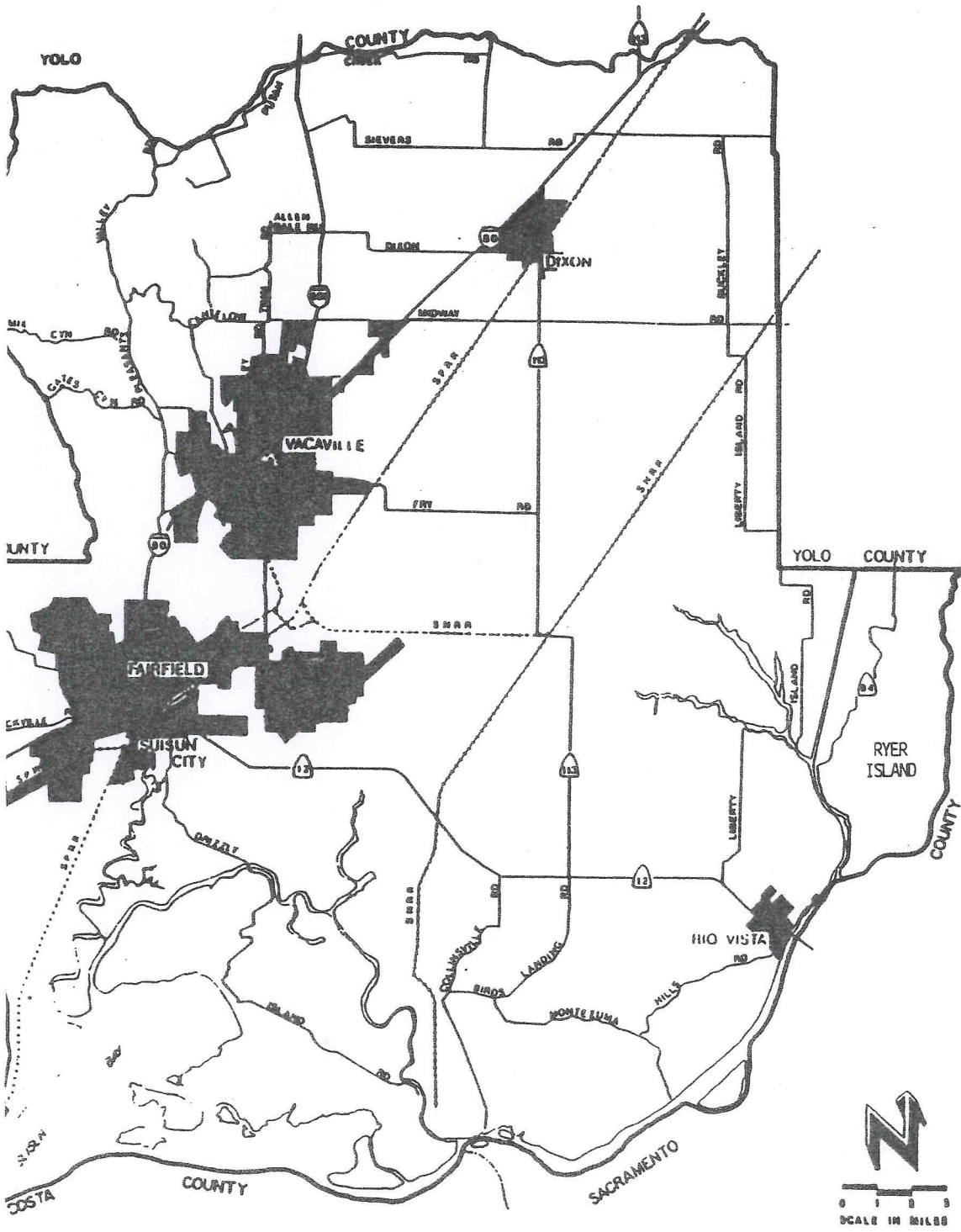
Area of County (Square Miles - Land) 823 Square Miles
 Area of County (Acres - Land) 526,720 Acres

Major Farming Districts

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



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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 *	1996	3,242	.86	2,788	Ton	\$ 672.00	\$ 1,873,500
	1995	2,661	.94	2,501	Ton	566.00	1,415,600
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes * Certified	1996	1,749	.84	1,469	Ton	840.00	1,234,000
	1995	1,779	.86	1,530	Ton	670.00	1,025,100
Cantaloupe	1996	46	411	18,906	Lb.	3.02	57,100
	1995	50	750	37,500	Lb.	2.10	78,800
Cucumber	1996	189	166	31,374	Lb.	6.63	208,000
	1995	167	128	21,376	Lb.	5.00	106,900
Safflower	1996	1,002	.75	751	Ton	350.00	262,900
	1995	642	1.29	829	Ton	300.00	248,400
Squash	1996	142	392	55,664	Lb.	3.22	179,200
	1995	76	297	22,572	Lb.	3.50	79,000
Sunflower, Certified	1996	3,436	.42	1,443	Ton	1,400.00	2,020,200
	1995	5,649	.42	2,373	Ton	1,205.00	2,859,500
Tomato	1996	515	62	31,930	Lb.	46.50	1,484,700
	1995	263	75	19,725	Lb.	26.50	522,700
Watermelon	1996	285	306	87,210	Lb.	3.78	329,700
	1995	37	350	12,950	Lb.	3.00	38,900
Wheat, Certified	1996	1,800	2.50	4,500	Ton	170.00	765,000
	1995	2,594	1.80	4,669	Ton	129.00	602,300
Misc. Seed	1996	633	(Alfalfa, Carrot, Onion, Peas,				259,900
	1995	1,113	Pepper, Pumpkin, and Other Misc. Seed)				861,400
TOTAL	1995	13,039					\$ 8,674,200
SEED CROPS	1995	15,031					7,658,600

**LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND APIARY
PRODUCTS AND VALUE**

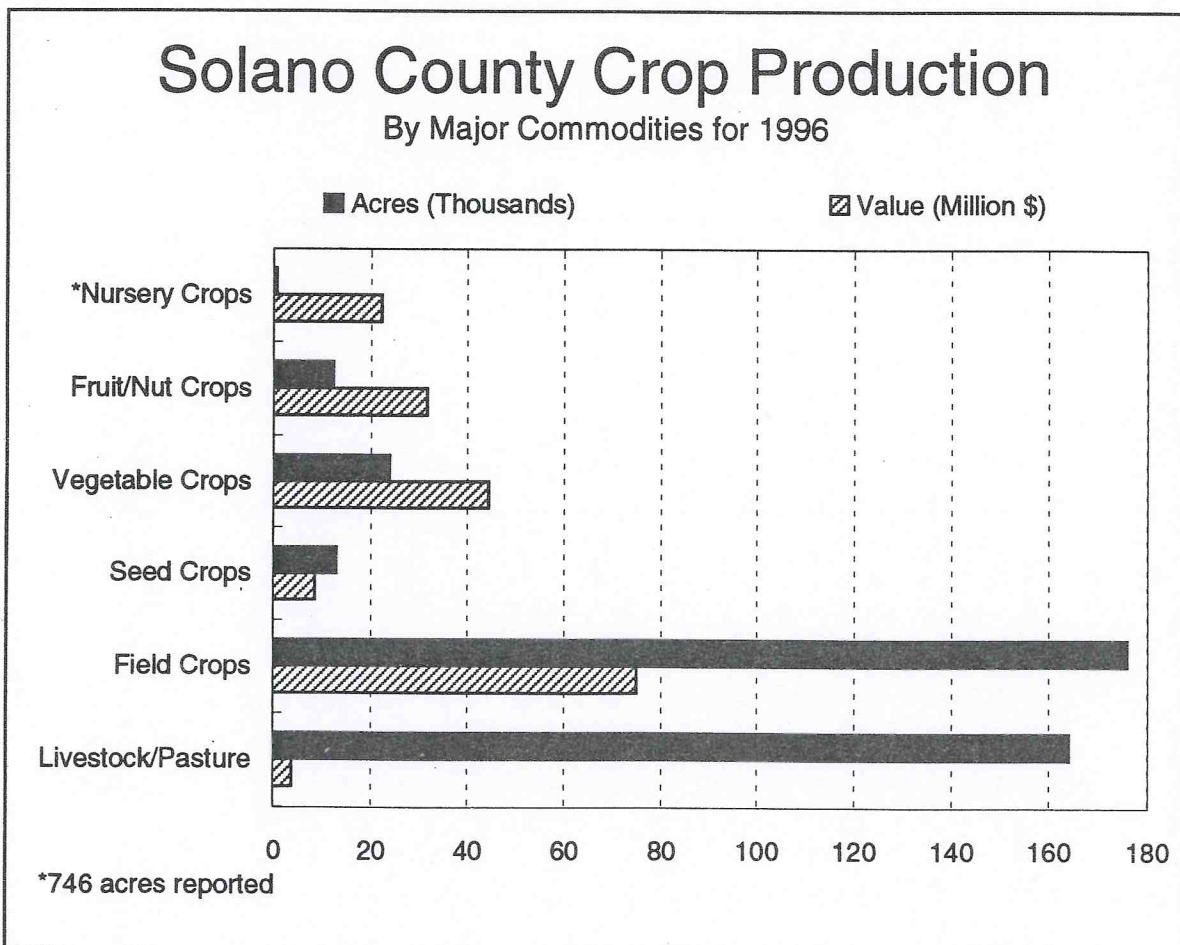
Item -----	Year -----	Average Production		Average Value	
		Production -----	Unit -----	Per Unit -----	Total -----
Bees - Honey	1996	51,280	Lb.	\$.99	\$ 50,800
	1995	77,780	Lb.	.63	49,000
- Packages *	1996	2,788	Pkg.	27.33	76,200
	1995	4,100	Pkg.	18.75	76,900
- Pollination **	1996	5,700	Colony		287,700
	1995	6,045	Colony		151,100
- Queens	1996	6,912	Each	8.57	59,200
	1995	13,500	Each	6.75	91,100
- Wax	1996	1,200	Lb.	2.13	2,600
	1995	350	Lb.	2.00	700
Milk - Market	1996	282,233	Cwt.	14.28	4,030,300
	1995	295,010	Cwt.	12.17	3,590,300
- Manufacturing	1996	777	Cwt.	14.98	11,600
	1995	---	---	---	---
Wool	1996	370,000	Lb.	.90	333,000
	1995	327,954	Lb.	1.04	341,100
Miscellaneous	1996				1,100
	1995				1,500
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TOTAL LIVESTOCK	1996		\$	4,852,500
POULTRY, AND APIARY	1995			4,301,700
PRODUCTS & VALUE					
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* 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

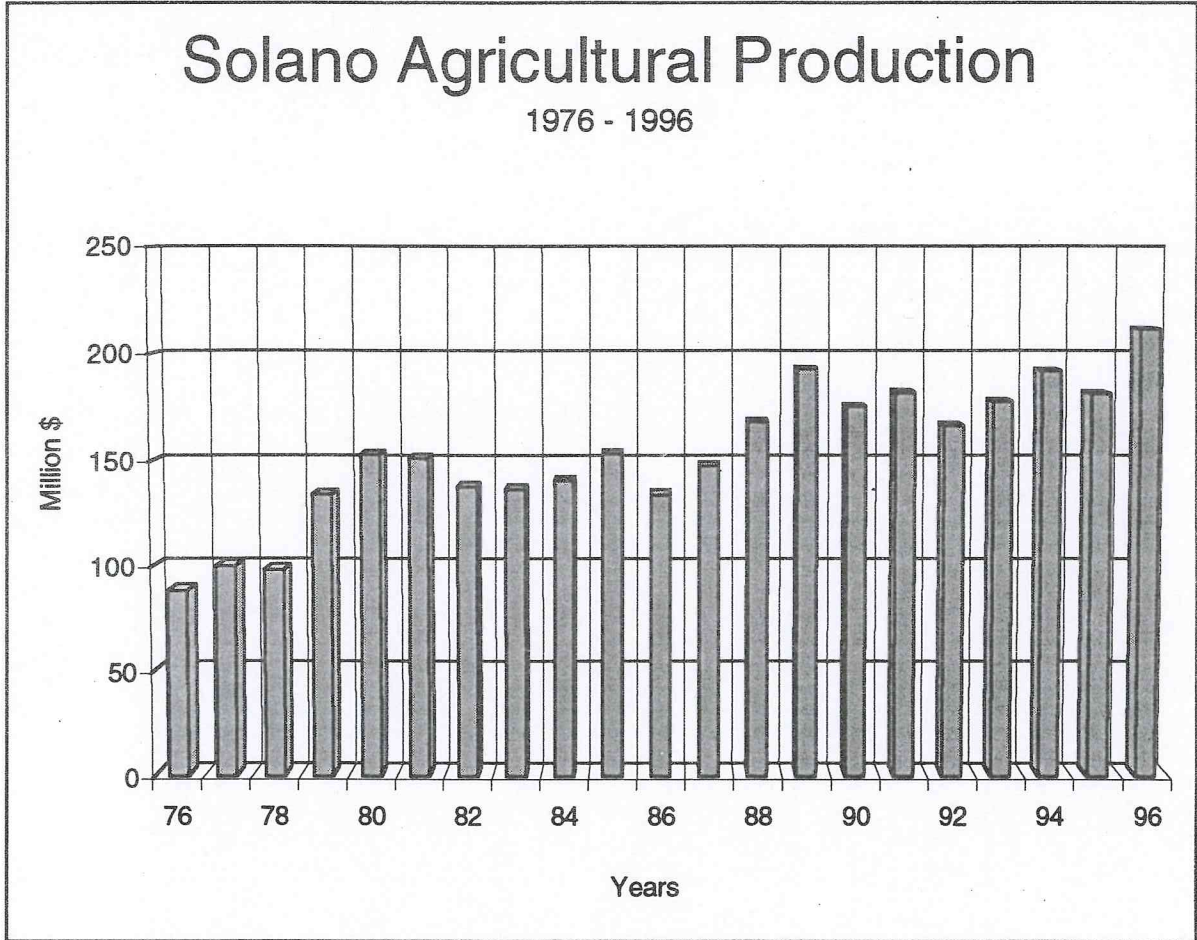
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Average Production		Average Value		
		Head	Liveweight	Per Unit	Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves	1996	25,000	193,750	Cwt.	\$46.20	\$ 8,951,300
	1995	32,000	160,000	Cwt.	53.30	8,528,000
Hogs & Pigs	1996	200	400	Cwt.	52.00	20,800
	1995	200	400	Cwt.	39.70	15,900
Stock Sheep	1996	45,000	54,000	Cwt.	26.70	1,441,800
	1995	50,000	62,000	Cwt.	24.80	1,537,600
Feeder Lambs	1996	110,000	110,000	Cwt.	89.40	9,834,000
	1995	99,990	89,991	Cwt.	79.20	7,127,300
Miscellaneous	1996	(Dove, Pheasants, Pigeons, Rabbits,				366,900
	1995	Eggs, Etc.)				366,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY		1996				\$ 20,614,800
		1995				17,574,800



PRODUCTION GRAND TOTAL

 GRAND TOTAL OF ALL 1996 \$211,630,700
 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1995 \$180,206,900



VALUE SUMMARY

Year	Field Crops	Fruit & Nut Crops	Seed Crops	Vegetable Crops	Animal Production	Totals
1987	69,850,100	17,045,700	4,825,200	29,850,100	26,044,600	147,615,700
1988	80,521,500	17,216,400	4,873,600	34,828,700	30,800,800	168,241,000
1989	95,353,400	20,133,500	8,291,800	38,217,200	31,007,000	193,002,900
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

* Includes Nursery Stock

DISTRIBUTION OF FARM ACREAGE

	1996	1995
Field Crops	175,952	150,113
Fruit & Nut Crops	14,218 *	14,098 *
Pasture Lands	164,150	164,150
Seed Crops	13,039	15,031
Vegetable Crops	23,959	23,867
Nursery Stock	746	718
Fallowed Land	---	5,642
	-----	-----
Totals	392,064	373,619

* Includes Non-bearing Acreage

AGRICULTURE'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

There are significant economic effects resulting from the production of agricultural commodities in Solano County. The gross value of production totalling \$211,630,700 results in approximately \$1.6 billion in sales, \$737 in personal income, \$821 in value added, and 12,510 jobs. Agricultural production has significant beneficial spin-offs, greatly impacting the overall economy of Solano County.

Many of Solano's agricultural commodities are processed before being sold to the consumer. In fact, 63% of the agricultural jobs are in processing various commodities. When total sales from agricultural production and processing in Solano County are added to indirect sales stimulated by agriculture, the economic impact of agriculture increases by over 50%!

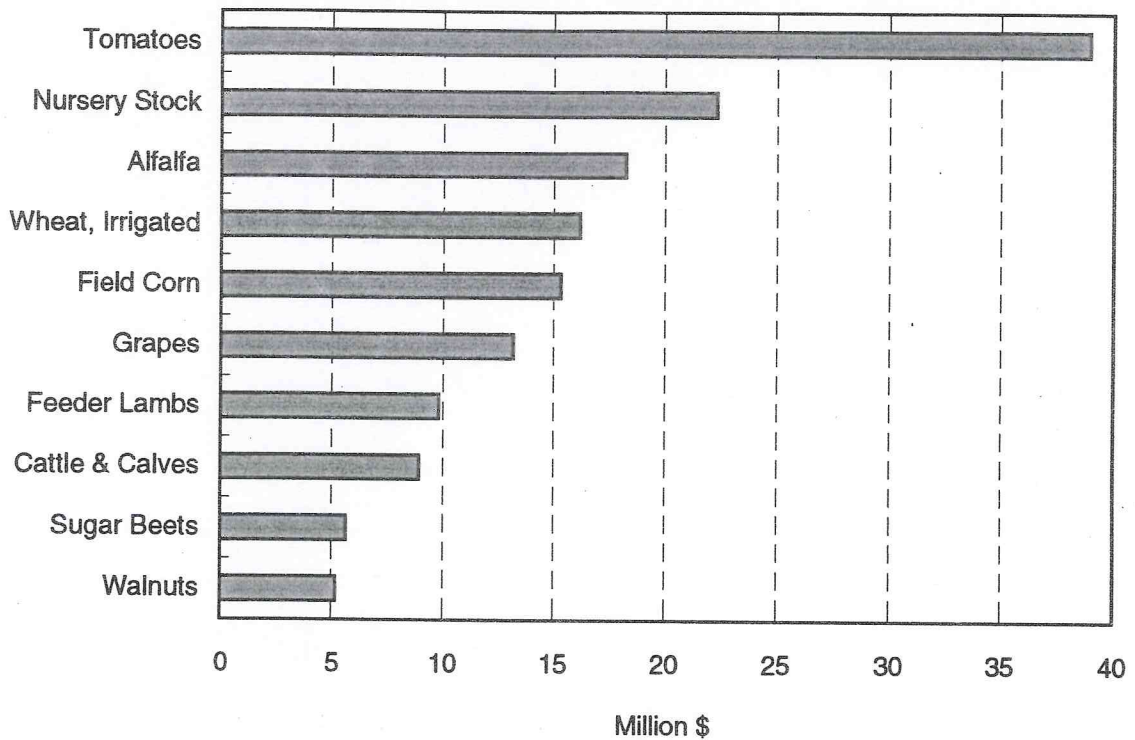
For every dollar of total gross value of agricultural production, \$3.50 of personal income is created by agriculturally related jobs.

The economic impacts of the agricultural industry are a major contributor to the overall strength of Solano County's current and future economic wealth.

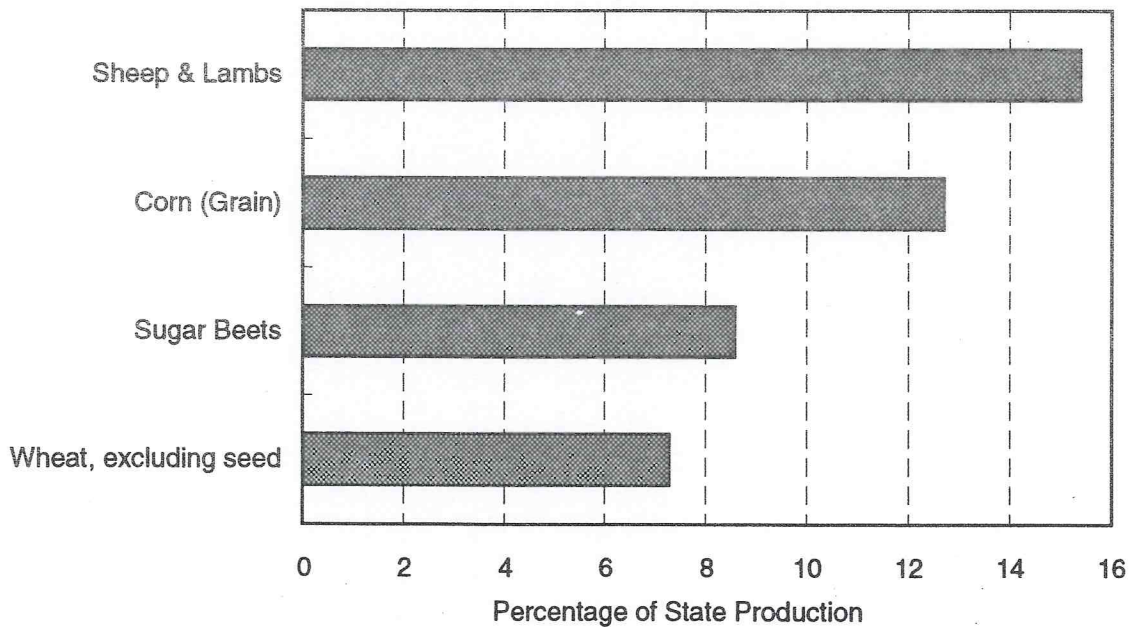
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Top Ten Crops in Solano County

By Value for 1996



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 for 1995.

\$ MILLION DOLLAR CROPS \$

1996 1995

		RANKING	
		1996	1995
TOMATOES, PROCESSING	\$38,971,800	1	1
NURSERY STOCK	22,347,700	2	2
ALFALFA HAY	18,426,900	3	3
WHEAT, IRRIGATED	16,191,000	4	6
CORN, FIELD	15,336,700	5	5
GRAPES	13,495,400	6	8
FEEDER LAMBS	9,834,000	7	9
CATTLE AND CALVES	8,951,300	8	7
SUGAR BEETS	5,662,600	9	4
WALNUTS	5,207,100	10	10
BEANS, EDIBLE, DRY	4,776,300	11	11
BARLEY, IRRIGATED	4,406,400	12	16
MILK	4,030,300	13	13
WHEAT, DRYLAND	3,872,400	14	18
PEARS	3,143,600	15	15
PRUNES	3,811,100	16	12
SAFFLOWER, OIL	2,664,100	17	14
PASTURE, RANGELAND	2,154,800	18	19
SUNFLOWER SEED, CERT.	2,020,200	19	17
BEANS, SEED, DRY	1,873,500	20	22
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,845,000	21	20
TOMATO, SEED	1,484,700	22	--
ALMONDS	1,444,300	23	--
STOCK SHEEP	1,441,800	24	21
BEANS, SEED, DRY, CERT.	1,234,000	25	23
OATS, GRAIN	1,200,000	26	--
APRICOTS	1,099,400	27	--

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COUNTY BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Pest -----	Biocontrol Agent -----	Scope of Program *
Yellow Star Thistle Centaurea solstitialis L.	Bud Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u>	9 Sites
	Hairy Weevil <u>Eustenopus villosus</u>	1 Site
	Gall Fly <u>Urophora sirunaseva</u>	2 Sites

PEST EXCLUSION

Gypsy Moth <u>Lymantria dispar</u>	Household Goods 125 Shipments Inspected
Exotic Pests	3,194 Inspections of Packages and Shipments at UPS, Trucks, Foreign Aircraft, etc.
	306 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	878 Traps placed throughout the County to detect the presence of these pests

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

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

FARMS	PRODUCTS	ACRES
12	VARIOUS FRUITS & VEGETABLES	APPROX. 250
	(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, 1996) 373,052
Benicia - 27,219 Dixon - 13,078 Fairfield - 86,867
Rio Vista - 3,662 Suisun - 25,521 Vacaville - 84,195
Vallejo - 112,302

State Ranking In 1995 For Agricultural Production Values - 28th

Ranking Among California Counties - Gross Values of Production 1995
2nd: Sheep & Lambs
4th: Corn (Grain), Sugar Beets
5th: Wheat (Excl. Seed)

Total Secured Assessed Value (1996-97) \$18,016,299,876

Total Land Area In California (Acres, 1991). . . 100,000,000 Acres

California Agricultural Land (Acres, 1991) . . . 30,000,000 Acres

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

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

Area Of County (Water) 75.3 Sq. Mi.

Number of Farms in Solano County (1992) 850 Farms

Average U.S. Farm Size (Acres, 1991) 467 Acres

Average California Farm Size (Acres, 1991) 373 Acres

Average Size of Solano Farm (Acres, 1992) 400 Acres

Solano County Road Miles (Jan. 1, 1997) 600.5 Miles

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, Mare Island Naval Reserve,
University of California at Davis and Wolfskill
Ranch, California Maritime Academy