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Pursuant to the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to present the 1994 crop report for Solano County. The gross value of agricultural commodities produced in 1994 amounts to \$191,927,700. This is Solano County's second highest production year and represents an 8% increase over the previous year.

This report compiles data on acreage, production, and gross values for all agricultural commodities produced within Solano County. Net farm income or costs of production and marketing are not reflected in this report.

Field crops showed the largest dollar increase with increased bean and corn acreage and an increase in wheat prices. Nursery stock values increased by 20% and the county's number one commodity, processing tomatoes, increased 23% in gross value. Seed crops declined, as did livestock and poultry prices.

Farm and ranch acreage represents approximately 70% of the land in Solano County. The continued production of agricultural commodities contributes over \$1 billion to the economy.

Thank you to those involved in farming and ranching for providing the data for this report and to Lenny DaMassa, Supervising Agricultural Biologist, for his hard work compiling this report. Larry Clement, Agricultural Extension Service, graciously created the graphics within this report.

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SOLANO COUNTY
FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE
1994

Orchard Crop	Bearing Acreage	Non-Bearing Acreage	Total Acreage
Almonds	1,430	40	1,470
Apples	124	0	124
Apricots	862	0	862
Cherries	78	39	117
Figs	12	0	12
Grapes (Wine)	1,874	100	1,974
Kiwi	69	0	69
Olives	12	0	12
Oranges	26	0	26
Peaches (Freestone)	293	43	336
Pears	1,658.5	1.5	1,660
Pecans	3	0	3
Persimmons	6	0	6
Pineapple Guava (Feijoa)	3	0	0
Pistachio Nuts	24	0	24
Plums	19	2	21
Prunes	2,206	415	2,621
Tangerines	5	0	5
Walnuts (English)	3,817	587	4,404
Walnuts (Black)	25	0	25
Totals	12,546.5	1,227.5	13,774

FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley, (Irrigated)	1994	13,107	1.60	20,971	Ton	\$ 105.00	\$ 2,202,000
	1993	14,918	1.37	20,438	Ton	103.00	2,105,100
Barley, (Dryland)	1994	4,693	1.43	6,711	Ton	105.00	704,700
	1993	5,082	.98	4,980	Ton	103.00	512,900
Beans, Dry, Edible, All Classes *	1994	8,216	.96	7,887	Ton	551.00	4,345,700
	1993	4,900	.98	4,802	Ton	577.00	2,770,800
Corn, Field	1994	17,671	5.21	92,066	Ton	99.00	9,114,500
	1993	14,154	4.88	69,072	Ton	106.00	7,321,600
Corn, Pop	1994	---	---	(See Miscellaneous)		---	---
	1993	---	---	(See Miscellaneous)		---	---
Corn, Taco	1994	430	5.53	2,378	Ton	97.00	230,700
	1993	995	4.92	4,895	Ton	112.00	548,200
Hay, Alfalfa	1994	22,818	6.78	154,706	Ton	99.00	15,315,900
	1993	20,500	6.11	125,255	Ton	90.00	11,273,000
Hay, Grain	1994	1,700	2.86	4,862	Ton	59.00	286,900
	1993	1,700	3.06	5,202	Ton	57.00	296,500
Hay, Grass	1994	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	45.00	157,000
	1993	3,500	1.00	3,500	Ton	50.00	175,000
Oats, Grain	1994	2,953	2.11	6,231	Ton	67.00	417,500
	1993	4,300	1.98	8,514	Ton	85.00	723,700
Pasture, Irrigated	1994	20,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	1,845,000
	1993	20,500	---	---	Acre	90.00	1,845,000
Pasture, Rangeland	1994	143,700	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,155,500
	1993	143,700	---	---	Acre	15.00	2,155,500
Safflower, Oil	1994	10,500	1.50	15,750	Ton	302.00	4,756,500
	1993	10,977	1.15	12,624	Ton	320.00	4,039,700
Sorghum Milo	1994	---	(See Miscellaneous)		---	---	---
	1993	---	(See Miscellaneous)		---	---	---

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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	1994	18,869	27.47	518,331	Ton	\$ 34.00	\$ 17,623,300
	1993	19,724	28.10	554,244	Ton	36.00	19,952,800
Wheat, Irrigated	1994	44,000	2.75	121,000	Ton	112.00	13,552,000
	1993	43,500	2.20	95,700	Ton	107.00	10,239,900
Wheat, Dryland	1994	12,321	1.66	20,452	Ton	112.00	2,290,600
	1993	12,260	1.80	22,068	Ton	107.00	2,361,300
Misc. Field Crops	1994	2,465	(Grass, Silage, Sunflower,				1,855,000
	1993	2,338	Popcorn, Milo, Etc.)				975,900
TOTAL		1994	327,443				\$ 76,853,300
FIELD CROPS		1993	323,048				67,296,900

NURSERY STOCK: ACREAGE AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Acreage	Value	
		Acreage	Value	
Nursery Stock **	1994	652	\$ 17,344,700	
	1993	663	14,511,500	
TOTAL		1994	652	\$ 17,344,700
NURSERY STOCK		1993	663	14,511,500

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

FRUIT CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Average Production			Average Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds							
(Meats)	1994	---	---	569.3	Ton	\$2,300.00	\$ 1,309,400
	1993	---	---	486.2	Ton	3,333.00	1,620,500
(Hulls)	1994	---	---	711.6	Ton	50.00	35,600
	1993	---	---	607.7	Ton	40.00	24,300
Total Almonds	1994	1,430	.398	569.3	Ton	---	1,345,000
	1993	1,430	.340	468.2	Ton	---	1,644,800
Apricots							
Dried (6.0:1) *	1994	---	---	515.5	Ton	4,260.00	2,196,000
	1993	---	---	340.5	Ton	4,980.00	1,695,700
Fresh Market	1994	---	---	216.4	Ton	812.00	175,700
	1993	---	---	422.0	Ton	751.00	316,900
Total Apricots	1994	862	3.839	3,309.4	Ton	---	2,371,700
	1993	866	3.160	2,737.4	Ton	---	2,012,600
Cherries							
Fresh Market	1994	78	.364	28.4	Ton	3,110.00	88,300
	1993	78	.815	63.6	Ton	2,984.00	189,000
Grapes, Wine **							
Dark Varieties	1994	---	---	3,923.9	Ton	664.00	2,605,500
	1993	---	---	3,133.1	Ton	615.00	1,926,900
White Varieties	1994	---	---	6,114.8	Ton	602.00	3,681,100
	1993	---	---	4,244.0	Ton	573.00	2,431,800
Total Grapes	1994	1,874	5.356	10,038.7	Ton	---	6,286,600
	1993	1,884	3.915	7,377.1	Ton	---	4,358,700
Kiwi ***							
	1994	69	9.000	621.0	Ton	1,000.00	621,000
	1993	77	9.000	783.0	Ton	1,200.00	831,600

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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)	1994	---	---	214.0	Ton	\$3,050.00	\$ 652,700
Dried	1993	---	---	162.4	Ton	3,040.00	493,700
(7.4:1) *							
Total	1994	293	5.404	1,583.6	Ton	---	652,700
Peaches	1993	293	4.212	1,234.2	Ton	---	493,700
Pears	1994	---	---	16,905.3	Ton	197.00	3,330,300
Canned #1	1993	---	---	15,704.0	Ton	220.00	3,454,900
Dried	1994	---	---	28.5	Ton	3,000.00	85,500
(6.8:1) *	1993	---	---	728.0	Ton	3,000.00	2,184,000
Juice & Fermentation	1994	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1993	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fresh Market	1994	---	---	1,829.4	Ton	173.00	316,500
	1993	---	---	977.0	Ton	347.00	339,000
Total	1994	1,659	11.409	18,928.5	Ton	---	3,732,300
Pears	1993	1,706	12.892	21,995.0	Ton	---	5,977,900
Prunes **	1994	2,206	1.762	3,888.0	Ton	1,033.00	4,016,300
	1993	2,211	.823	1,820.8	Ton	1,103.00	2,008,300
Walnuts	1994	3,817	.826	3,153.0	Ton	1,162.00	3,663,800
	1993	3,821	1.016	3,885.0	Ton	1,318.00	5,120,400
Misc. Fruit and Nuts	1994	268	(Apples, Asian Pears, Black				1,516,100
	1993	250	Walnuts, Feijoa, Figs, Jojoba, Olives, Oranges, Pecans, Plums, Persimmons, Pistachios, Tangerines & Other Misc. Fruit and Nuts)				1,650,200
TOTAL FRUIT	1994	12,556					\$24,293,800
& NUT CROPS	1993	12,616					\$24,288,000

* Drying Ratio

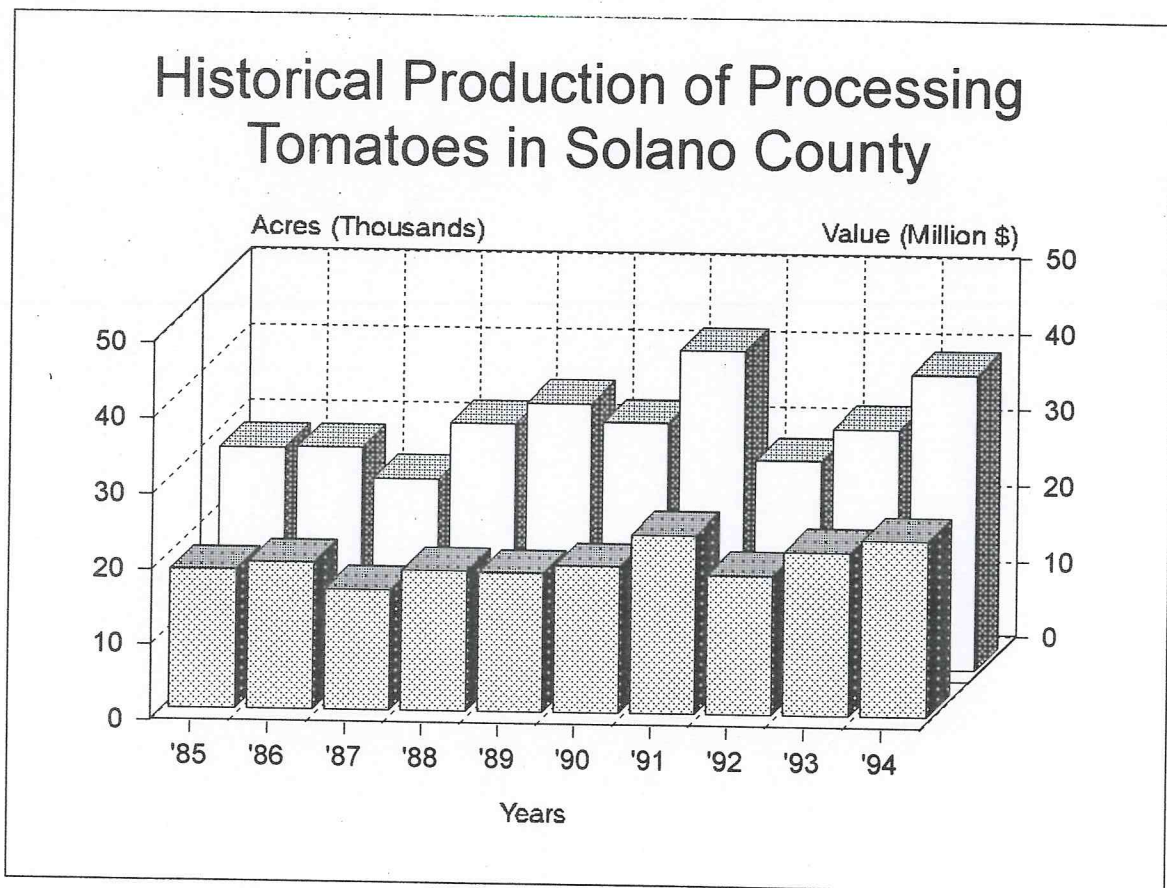
** Price Varies By Variety

VEGETABLE CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Average Production

Average Value

Crop	Year	Harvested		Average Production		Average Value		
		Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Tomatoes, Processing	1994	23,413	33.74	789,955	Ton	\$ 49.43	\$ 39,047,500	
	1993	21,783	31.48	685,728	Ton	46.32	31,762,900	
Misc. Vegetables	1994	1,000	(Celery, Endive, Herbs, Onions, Pumpkins, Spices, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, and Other Misc. Vegetables)					4,007,200
	1993	1,759						4,085,300
TOTAL		1994	24,413					\$ 43,054,700
VEGETABLE		1993	23,542					35,848,200
CROPS								

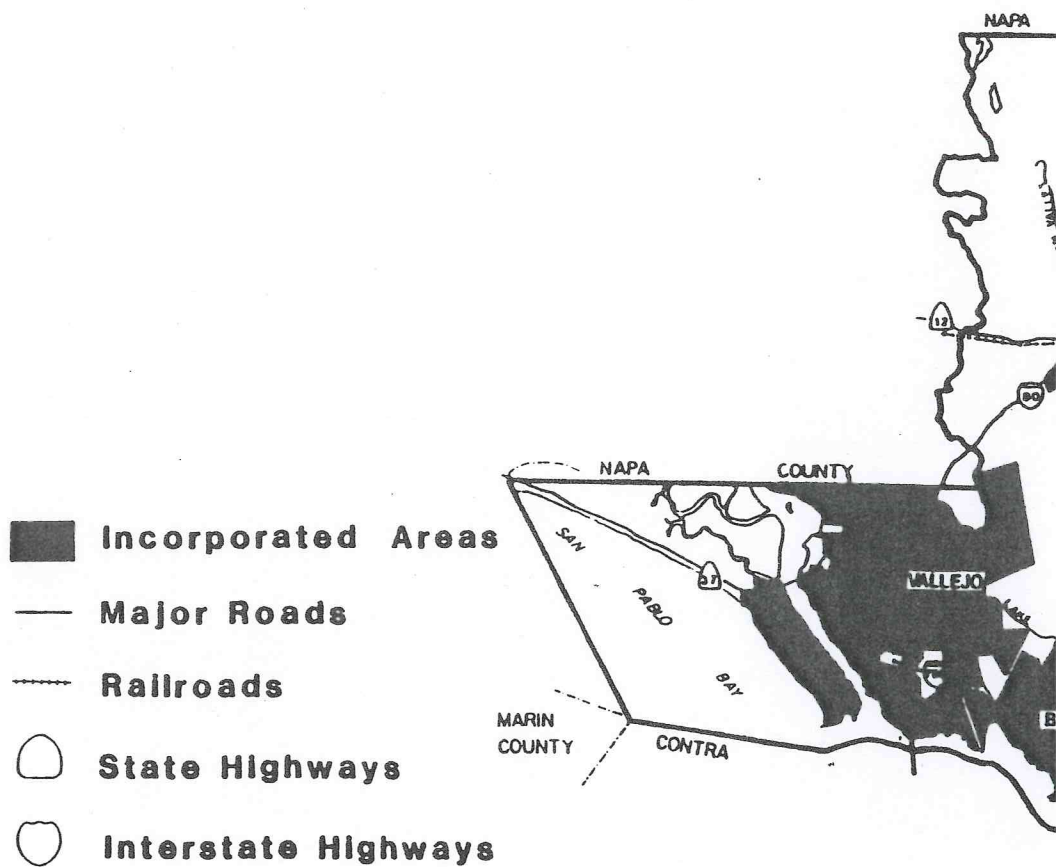


Map of Solano County

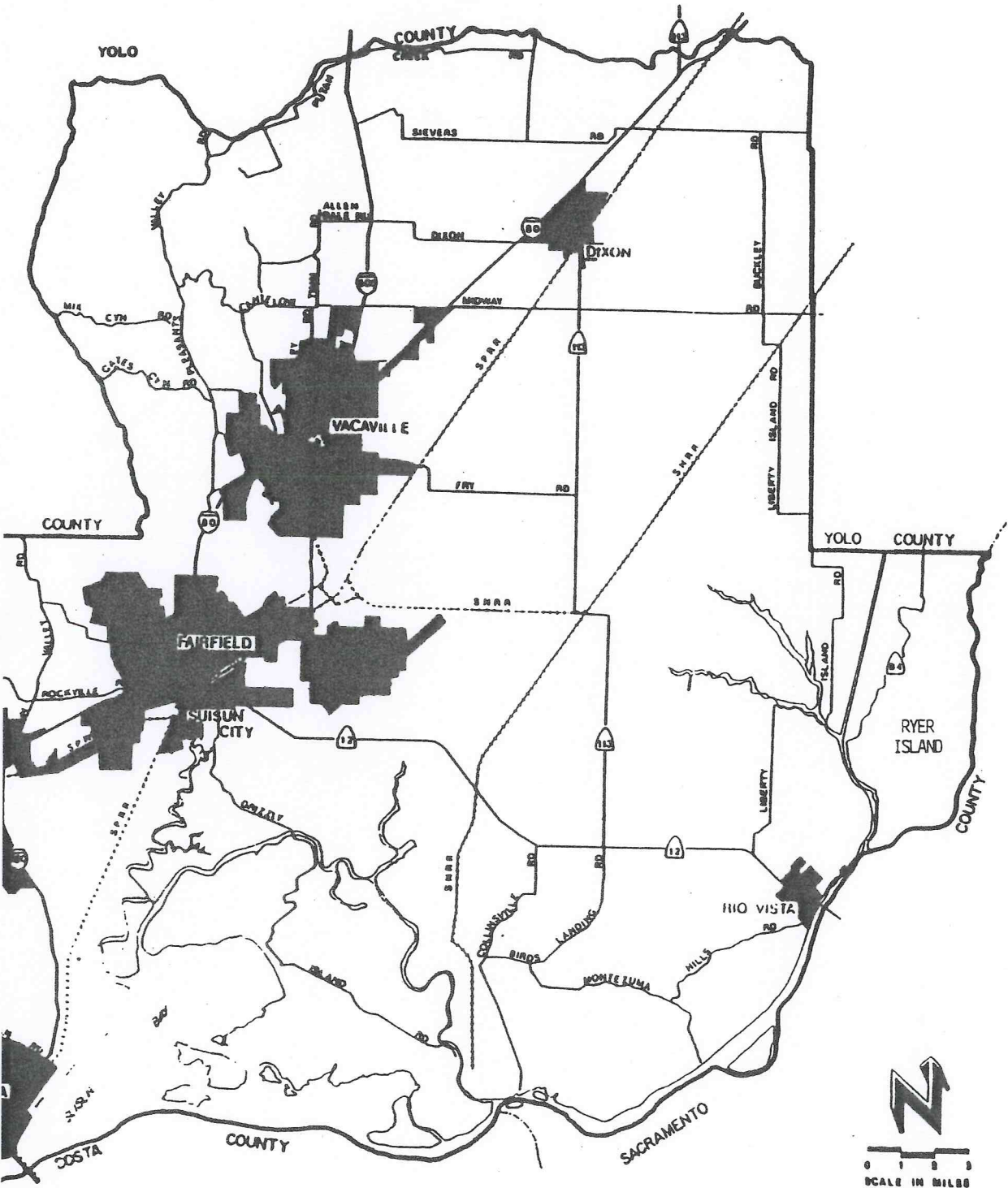
Area of County (Square Miles - Land) 828.2 Square Miles
 Area of County (Acres - Land) 530,048 Acres

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 *	1994	2,007	.90	1,806	Ton	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,137,800
	1993	2,435	.77	1,875	Ton	660.00	1,237,500
Beans, Dry, All Market Classes * Certified	1994	652	.68	443	Ton	700.00	310,100
	1993	313	.64	200	Ton	740.00	148,000
Cantaloupe	1994	75	411	30,825	Lb.	2.00	61,700
	1993	61	302	18,422	Lb.	3.65	67,200
Cucumber	1994	152	180	27,360	Lb.	3.60	98,500
	1993	234	184	43,056	Lb.	3.45	148,500
Pumpkin	1994	11	371	4,081	Lb.	1.71	7,000
	1993	---	---	---	---	---	---
Safflower	1994	---	(See Miscellaneous)			---	---
	1993	670	.96	643	Ton	310.00	199,300
Squash	1994	32	224	7,168	Lb.	3.35	24,000
	1993	55	312	17,160	Lb.	4.25	72,900
Sunflower, Certified	1994	2,966	.64	1,898	Ton	1,100.00	2,087,800
	1993	4,172	.92	3,838	Ton	1,080.00	4,145,000
Tomato	1994	513	54	27,702	Lb.	14.01	388,100
	1993	---	(See Miscellaneous)			---	---
Watermelon	1994	40	230	9,200	Lb.	2.00	18,400
	1993	139	592	82,288	Lb.	2.14	176,100
Wheat, Certified	1994	3,783	2.90	10,970	Ton	122.00	1,338,300
	1993	810	2.25	1,823	Ton	120.00	218,800
Misc. Seed	1994	831	(Alfalfa, Clover, Grass, Onion, Pepper, Safflower, Sunflower Oil, and Other Misc. Seed)				462,700
	1993						373,700
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TOTAL	1994	11,062					\$ 5,934,400
SEED	1993	9,281					6,787,200
CROPS							

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

Item -----	Year -----	Average Production		Average Value	
		Production -----	Unit -----	Per Unit -----	Total -----
Bees - Honey	1994	11,560	Lb.	\$.77	\$ 8,900
	1993	86,375	Lb.	.61	52,700
- Packages *	1994	2,248	Pkg.	18.50	41,600
	1993	1,500	Pkg.	19.75	29,600
- Pollination **	1994	4,600	Colony	24.50	112,700
	1993	7,630	Colony	21.47	163,800
- Queens	1994	15,052	Each	6.37	95,900
	1993	10,900	Each	6.50	70,900
- Wax	1994	600	Lb.	3.00	1,800
	1993	1,170	Lb.	1.35	1,600
Milk - Market	1994	314,859	Cwt.	11.92	3,753,100
	1993	296,466	Cwt.	11.44	3,391,600
- Manufacturing	1994	126	Cwt.	9.41	1,200
	1993	405	Cwt.	11.05	5,000
Wool	1994	375,548	Lb.	.65	244,100
	1993	542,075	Lb.	.47	254,800
Miscellaneous	1994	(Chicken Eggs, Breeder			2,500
	1993	Queens, Etc.)			1,400

TOTAL LIVESTOCK	1994			\$ 4,261,800
POULTRY, AND APIARY	1993			3,971,400
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	1994	32,000	160,000	Cwt.	\$65.30	\$10,448,000
	1993	40,000	200,000	Cwt.	72.93	14,586,000
Hogs & Pigs	1994	200	400	Cwt.	46.70	18,700
	1993	200	400	Cwt.	50.10	20,000
Stock Sheep	1994	50,000	61,000	Cwt.	29.10	1,775,100
	1993	50,000	60,000	Cwt.	27.30	1,638,000
Feeder Lambs	1994	124,706	114,729	Cwt.	65.10	7,526,200
	1993	132,206	125,595	Cwt.	67.10	8,427,400
Miscellaneous	1994	(Chickens, Dove, Ducks, Geese,				417,022
	1993	Pheasants, Pigeons, Rabbits, Quail, Turkeys, Fish, Eggs, Etc.)				330,500

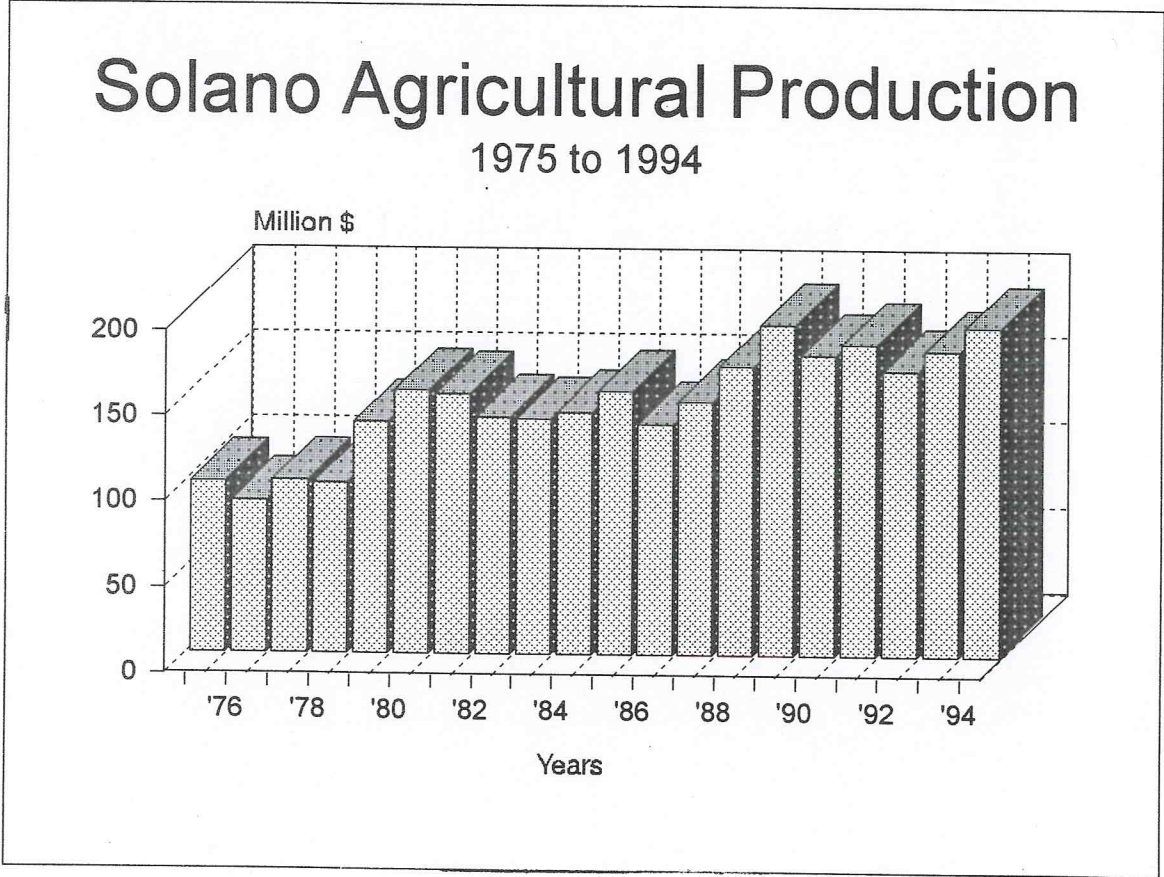
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1994					\$ 20,185,000
	1993					25,001,900

JANUARY 1, 1995 INVENTORY ESTIMATE OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item ----	No. of Head -----
Cattle and Calves	
All	43,000
Milk Cows	1,400
Hogs and Pigs	200
Horses and Mules	4,200
Stock Sheep	50,000

PRODUCTION GRAND TOTAL

 GRAND TOTAL OF ALL 1994 \$191,927,700
 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1993 \$177,705,100



VALUE SUMMARY

Year	Field Crops	Fruit & Nut Crops	Seed Crops	Vegetable Crops	Animal Production	Totals
1985	79,092,200	13,483,100	5,629,100	32,608,600	22,365,300	153,178,300
1986	61,739,200	12,821,900	3,900,600	31,577,400	23,914,300	133,953,400
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

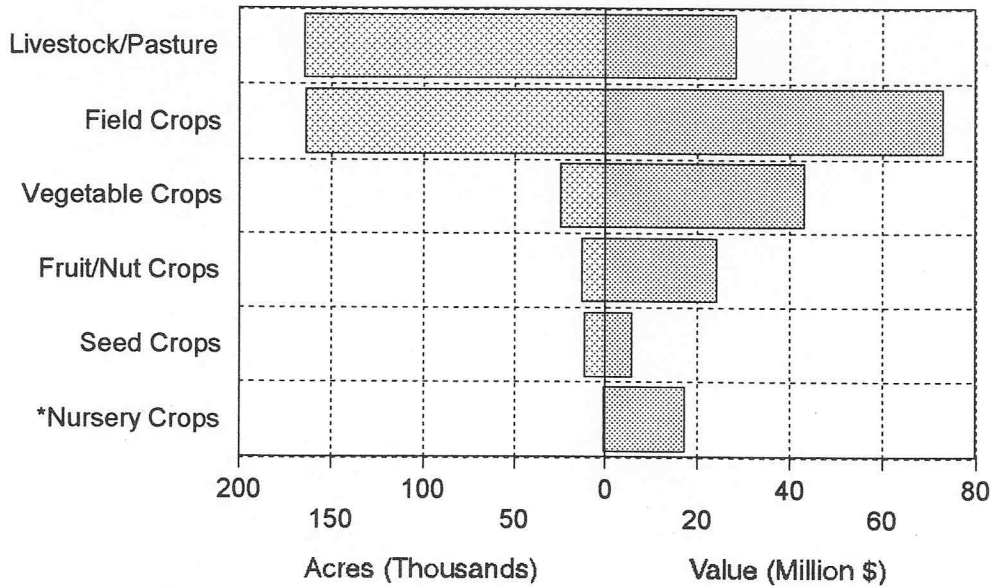
* Includes Nursery Stock

DISTRIBUTION OF FARM ACREAGE

	1994	1993
Field Crops	163,243	158,848
Fruit & Nut Crops	13,774 *	13,645 *
Pasture Lands	164,200	164,200
Seed Crops	11,062	9,281
Vegetable Crops	24,413	23,542
Nursery Stock	652	663
Fallowed Land	12,541	5,095
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Totals	389,885	375,274

* Includes Non-bearing Acreage

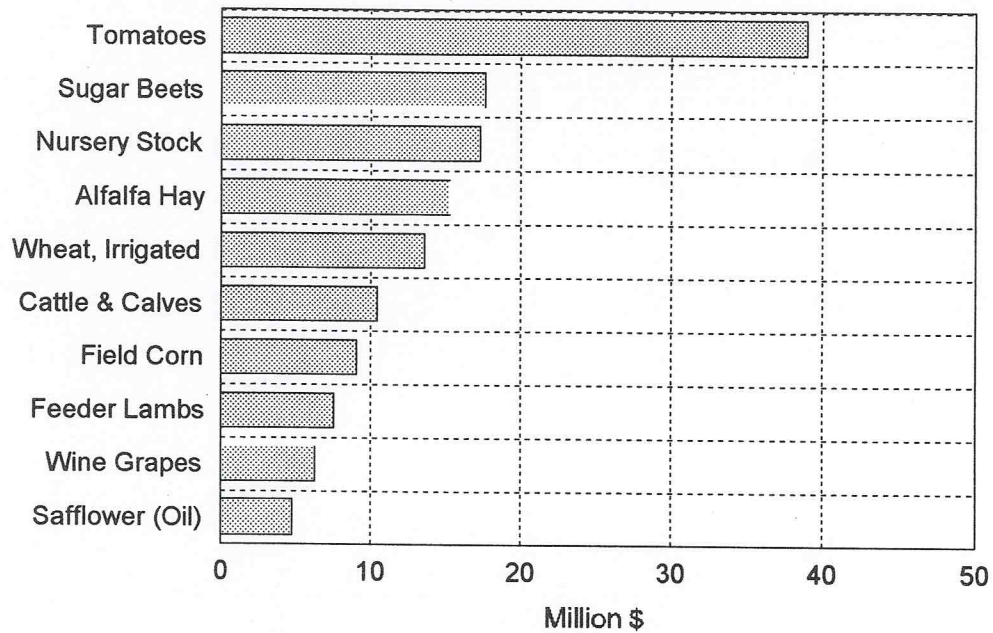
Solano County Crop Production By Major Commodities for 1994



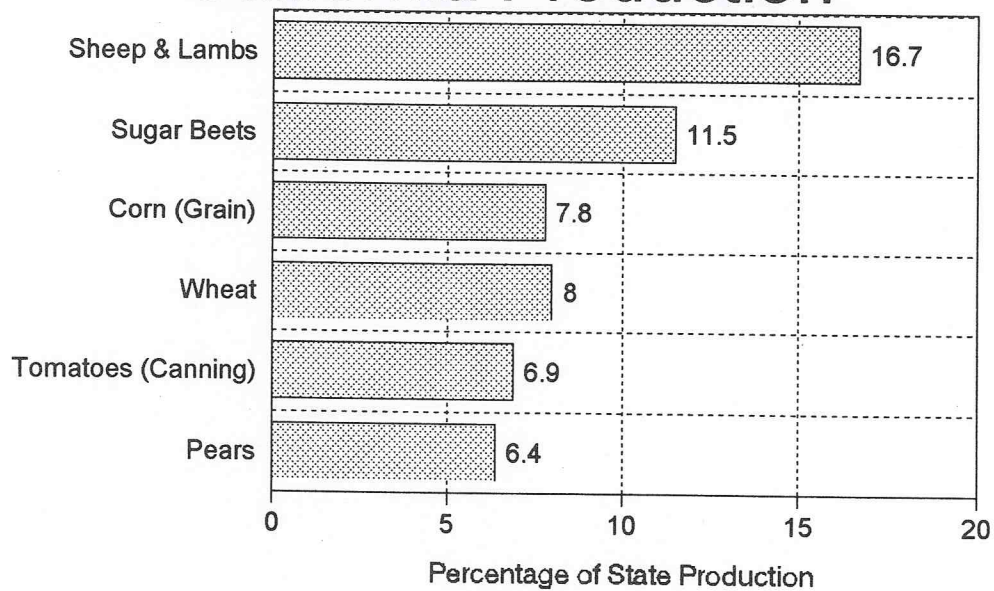
*652 acres reported

Top Ten Crops in Solano County

By Value for 1994



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 the state in gross value for 1993.

\$ MILLION DOLLAR CROPS \$

		1994	1993
TOMATOES, PROCESSING.	\$39,047,500	1	1
SUGAR BEETS	17,623,300	2	2
NURSERY STOCK	17,344,700	3	4
ALFALFA HAY	15,315,900	4	5
WHEAT, IRRIGATED	13,552,000	5	6
CATTLE AND CALVES	10,448,000	6	3
CORN, FIELD	9,114,500	7	8
FEEDER LAMBS	7,526,200	8	7
GRAPES	6,286,600	9	11
SAFFLOWER, OIL	4,756,500	10	13
BEANS, EDIBLE, DRY ALL MARKET CLASSES	4,345,700	11	15
PRUNES	4,016,300	12	20
MILK	3,754,300	13	14
PEARS	3,732,300	14	9
WALNUTS	3,663,800	15	10
APRICOTS	2,371,700	16	19
WHEAT, DRYLAND	2,290,600	17	16
BARLEY, IRRIGATED	2,202,000	18	18
PASTURE, RANGELAND	2,155,500	19	17
SUNFLOWER SEED, CERTIFIED	2,087,800	20	12
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,845,000	21	21
STOCK SHEEP	1,775,100	22	23
ALMONDS	1,345,000	23	22
WHEAT SEED, CERTIFIED	1,338,300	24	--
BEANS, SEED, DRY ALL MARKET CLASSES	1,137,800	25	24

ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT

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Pest	Agent/Mechanism	Scope of Program
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COUNTY BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Yellow Star Thistle <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L.	Bud Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u> Hairy Weevil <u>Eustenopus villosus</u>	9 Sites 1 Site 2 Sites
	Gall Fly <u>Urophora sirunaseva</u>	

PEST EXCLUSION

Gypsy Moth <u>Lymantria dispar</u>	Household Goods Shipments 186 Shipments Inspected
Exotic Pests	1,964 Inspections of Packages and Shipments at UPS, Trucks, Foreign Aircraft, Etc.
	375 Federal, State, and Other Origin or Phytosanitary Inspection Certificates Issued
Apple Maggot, Kaphra Beetle, Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, European Pine Shoot Moth, Japanese Beetle, Melon Fly, Nantucket Pine Shoot Moth, Gypsy Moth	917 Traps placed throughout the County to detect the presence of these pests

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

FARMS	PRODUCTS	ACRES
15	VARIOUS FRUITS & VEGETABLES	300 - 400

(Apricots, Beans, Carrots, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Figs, Herbs,
Lettuce, Mandarins, Melons, Mushrooms, Oranges, Peaches,
Peppers, Persimmons, Plums, Prunes, Squash, Tomatoes,
Walnuts, Etc.)

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

SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL INFORMATION

County Seat Fairfield

County Population (January 1, 1994) 373,923

Benicia - 27,138	Dixon - 12,431	Fairfield - 86,514
Rio Vista - 3,676	Suisun - 24,799	Vacaville - 82,528
	Vallejo - 116,148	

State Ranking In 1993 For Agricultural Production Values - 28th

Ranking Among California Counties - Gross Values of Production 1993

- 2nd: Sheep & Lambs, Sugar Beets
- 4th: Tomatoes (Processing), Wheat (Excl. Seed)
- 5th: Corn (Grain), Pears

Total Secured Assessed Value (1994-95) \$16,806,944,700

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

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

Area Of County (Square Miles - Land) 828.2 Sq. Mi.

Area Of County (Acres - Land) 530,048 Acres

Acre Of County 78.7 Sq. Mi.

Number of Farms in Solano County (1987) 895 Farms

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

Average California Farm Size (Acres, 1991) 361 Acres

Average Size of Solano Farm (Acres, 1987) 359 Acres

Solano County Road Miles (Jan. 1, 1992) 610.3 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 Southern Pacific, Amtrack

Facilities - Travis Air Force Base, Mare Island Naval Reserve,
University of California at Davis & Wolfskill
Agricultural Experiment Stations, California
Maritime Academy