Butte County

1975 agricultural crop report

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CROP SUMMARY
1975

Weather conditions for the 1975 crop year were sometimes not to the best interest of the farmer. Late spring rains prevented some field crops from being planted at the proper time. A late July rain caused some brown rot problems in peaches and prunes. An early fall rain caught some walnuts and rice still in the fields.

Field Crops

Values were down $4,368,000 with rice, sorghum grains and safflower accounting for the largest decreases.

Seed Crops

Values were up $2,441,000 with vine seed crops, beans, barley and wheat showing increases in acreage.

Vegetable Crops

Values were up $750,000 with canning tomatoes showing the largest single increase.

Fruit and Nut Crops

Values were down $1,310,000 even though bearing acreage increased by 994 acres. Almonds accounted for the largest single drop in value because of lower production and price.

Nursery and Apiary

Values were up $710,000 with both nursery stock and apiary showing production increases.

Livestock and Poultry

Values were up $775,700 with market chicken eggs and cattle increasing in production. Hogs and pigs increased in price per unit.

The total 1975 crop commodity value decreased $997,100 from the 1974 value.

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Barley	1975	11,900	1.2	14,280	ton	$ 110.00	$ 1,571,000
	1974	10,200	1.1	11,220	ton	120.00	1,346,000
Beans, dry edible	1975	6,400	.93	5,952	ton	495.00	2,946,000
	1974	7,100	.76	5,396	ton	540.00	2,914,000
Corn	1975	4,600	3.8	17,480	ton	109.00	1,906,000
	1974	5,750	3.2	18,400	ton	130.00	2,392,000
Hay, alfalfa	1975	7,000	5.5	38,500	ton	64.00	2,464,000
	1974	5,900	5.0	29,500	ton	60.00	1,770,000
Grain	1975	3,400	2.0	6,800	ton	55.00	374,000
	1974	3,200	2.0	6,400	ton	45.00	288,000
Wild	1975	1,000	1.5	1,500	ton	40.00	60,000
	1974	1,100	1.5	1,650	ton	32.00	53,000
Oats	1975	6,700	1.0	6,700	ton	115.00	771,000
	1974	1,900	1.0	1,900	ton	140.00	266,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1975	19,800			*acre	90.00	1,782,000
	1974	18,300			*acre	100.00	1,830,000
Other	1975	329,000			*acre	3.50	1,152,000
	1974	330,000			*acre	3.50	1,155,000
Rice	1975	84,700	2.9	245,630	ton	170.00	41,757,000
	1974	77,500	2.55	197,625	ton	230.00	45,454,000
Safflower	1975	3,500	.73	2,555	ton	220.00	562,000
	1974	8,600	.70	6,020	ton	360.00	2,167,000
Silage, corn	1975	450	25.0	11,250	ton	16.00	180,000
	1974	700	24.0	16,800	ton	13.00	218,000
Sorghum, grain	1975	11,800	2.0	23,600	ton	105.00	2,478,000
	1974	14,850	2.0	29,700	ton	130.00	3,861,000
Sugar Beets	1975	3,680	22.5	82,800	ton	29.50	2,443,000
	1974	1,700	21.7	36,890	ton	43.00	1,586,000
Wheat	1975	24,400	1.5	36,600	ton	127.00	4,648,000
	1974	20,500	1.4	28,700	ton	145.00	4,162,000
Total	1975	518,330					$ 65,094,000
	1974	507,300					69,462,000

*Per acre value

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Barley	1975	1,000	2,400	2,400,000	lb.	$ .075	$ 180,000
	1974	520	1,500	780,000	lb.	.07	54,600
Beans	1975	650	1,610	1,046,500	lb.	.28	293,000
	1974	640	1,100	704,000	lb.	.18	127,000
Oats	1975	975	1,900	1,852,500	lb.	.085	157,000
	1974	900	2,500	2,250,000	lb.	.135	304,000
Oats & Vetch mixed	1975		Recorded in Miscellaneous				
	1974		Recorded in Miscellaneous				
Rice, certified & non-certified	1975	4,000	4,300	17,200,000	lb.	.126	2,167,000
	1974	3,000	4,500	13,500,000	lb.	.154	2,079,000
Vetch	1975	1,340	375	502,500	lb.	.10	50,000
	1974		Recorded in Miscellaneous				
Wheat	1975	4,300	2,300	9,890,000	lb.	.12	1,187,000
	1974	500	2,200	1,100,000	lb.	.15	165,000
*Miscellaneous	1975	2,200					2,053,000
	1974	2,040					916,200
Total	1975	14,465					$ 6,087,000
	1974	7,600					$ 3,645,800

*Melons and Cucurbits, Safflower and Oats and Vetch

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
*Miscellaneous	1975	1,965					$ 1,484,200
	1974	1,460					733,600

*Corn, Cucumbers, Melons, Onions, Peppers, Pumpkins, Squash, Tomatoes

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Almonds	1975	25,783	.66	17,017	ton	$ 680.00	$ 11,572,000
	1974	24,539	.75	18,404	ton	850.00	15,643,000
Hulls	1975			21,441	ton	42.00	901,000
	1974			23,005	ton	45.00	1,035,000
Apples	1975	225	6.0	1,350	ton	215.00	290,000
	1974	203	7.35	1,492	ton	200.00	298,000
Olives	1975	3,911	.95	3,715	ton	318.00	1,181,000
	1974	4,237	.55	2,330	ton	415.00	967,000
Oranges, Navel	1975	272	4.2	1,142	ton	132.00	151,000
	1974	200	6.2	1,240	ton	130.00	161,000
Mandarins & Tangerines	1975	43	1.0	43	ton	272.00	11,700
	1974	32	4.0	128	ton	210.00	26,900
Peaches, Clingstone	1975	4,065	13.0	52,845	ton	128.00	6,764,000
	1974	3,785	13.0	49,205	ton	130.00	6,397,000
Freestone	1975	106	9.0	954	ton	165.00	157,000
	1974	139	7.5	1,042	ton	135.00	141,000
Pears	1975	836	7.0	5,852	ton	125.00	732,000
	1974	770	6.5	5,005	ton	162.00	811,000
Prunes, dried	1975	7,277	2.17	15,791	ton	420.00	6,632,000
	1974	7,610	2.16	16,438	ton	425.00	6,986,000
Walnuts, Persian	1975	8,635	2.0	17,270	ton	430.00	7,426,000
	1974	8,736	1.32	11,532	ton	400.00	4,613,000
*Miscellaneous	1975	433					460,000
	1974	341					508,400
Total	1975	51,586					$ 36,277,700
	1974	50,592					$ 37,587,300

*Apricots, Black Walnuts, Bushberries, Cherries, Miscellaneous Citrus, Figs, Grapes, Kiwi Fruit, Nectarines, Pecans, Persimmons, Pistachio, Plums

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area: House Sq. Ft.	Production Area: Field Acres	Sold by Producers	Unit	Value: Per Unit	Value: Total
Conifer Seedlings	1975		Recorded in 1975 figure below				
	1974		3.0	1,100,000	plant	.026	$ 28,600
*Nursery Stock	1975	23,500	33.0	1,839,000	plant		1,278,000
*Miscellaneous	1974	18,300	31.0	1,298,000	plant		762,000
Total	1975	23,500	33.0	1,839,000	plant		$ 1,278,000
	1974	18,300	34.0				790,600

*Includes broad leaved evergreens, coniferous evergreens, deciduous fruit, nut and shade trees, shrubs, kiwi vines, grapevines, herbaceous perennials, indoor decorative plants, bulbs, rhizomes, roots, bedding plants, miscellaneous citrus, specimen olive trees.

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value: Per Unit	Value: Total
Honey	1975	205,600	lb.	$ .38	$ 78,000
	1974	184,000	lb.	.45	82,800
Beeswax	1975	3,100	lb.	1.10	3,400
	1974	3,000	lb.	1.20	3,600
Package Bees	1975	98,600	lb.	5.00	493,000
	1974	92,200	lb.	4.50	415,000
Queen Bees	1975	51,000	each	5.00	255,000
	1974	36,000	each	4.75	171,000
Pollination	1975	50,900	colony	7.12	362,000
	1974	43,000	colony	6.50	280,000
Nuclei	1975	2,400		18.00	43,000
	1974	3,300		18.00	59,400
Total	1975				$ 1,234,400
	1974				$ 1,011,800

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production: No. of Head	Production: Total Live Weight	Unit	Value: Per Unit	Value: Total
Cattle and Calves	1975	41,800	313,500	cwt.	$ 29.00	$ 9,092,000
	1974	40,000	292,000	cwt.	30.00	8,760,000
Sheep and Lambs	1975	7,200	7,560	cwt.	39.50	299,000
	1974	7,800	8,190	cwt.	35.00	287,000
Hogs and Pigs	1975	8,600	25,800	cwt.	47.50	1,226,000
	1974	9,100	27,300	cwt.	34.00	928,000
*Miscellaneous	1975					410,000
	1974					414,000
Total	1975					$ 11,027,000
	1974					$ 10,389,000

*Catfish, Meat Poultry, Pheasants, Pullet replacements, Rabbits, Turkeys

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value: Per Unit	Value: Total
Milk, Market	1975	178,000	cwt.	$ 9.23	$ 1,643,000
	*1974	226,000	cwt.	8.81	1,991,000
Manufacturing	1975	64,500	cwt.	6.75	435,000
	*1974	66,900	cwt.	6.23	417,000
Eggs, Chicken	1975	2,578,000	doz.	.45	1,160,000
Market	1974	1,351,000	doz.	.51	689,000
Eggs, Hatching	1975	XXX			XXX
Chicken & Turkey	1974	XXX			XXX
Wool	1975	72,000	lb.	.55	39,600
	1974	66,000	lb.	.65	42,900
Total	1975				$ 3,277,600
	*1974				$ 3,139,900

*Revised

PAYMENTS UNDER AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

	1975	1974
Rural Environmental Assistance Program	$ 76,755	$ 128,200
Cropland Adjustment Program	NONE	NONE
Wool Incentive Payments	9,025	NONE
Sugar Beet Payments	NONE	67,592
Feed Grain Program	NONE	NONE
Wheat Stabilization Program	NONE	NONE
*Total	$ 86,000	$ 195,800

*Total figures rounded

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	1976	1975
Cattle and Calves, All	60,000	62,000
Milk cows 2 years and over	2,000	2,000
Cattle and Calves in feed lots	500	800
Sheep and Lambs, All	10,000	10,000
Stock Sheep	800	1,000
Hogs and Pigs, All	5,400	5,400
Hens and Pullets of laying age	151,000	106,000

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF CROP VALUES

Commodities	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Field Crops	$ 25,514,500	$ 29,960,800	$ 62,873,900	$ 69,462,000	$ 65,094,000
Seed Crops	2,301,600	2,502,500	3,412,700	3,645,800	6,087,000
Vegetable Crops	499,940	368,200	536,000	733,600	1,484,200
Fruit and Nut Crops	22,030,000	27,957,200	53,775,000	37,587,300	36,277,700
Nursery Stock	452,500	662,000	654,500	790,600	1,278,000
Livestock and Poultry	*10,925,900	*12,409,000	*17,065,300	*13,525,900	14,304,600
Apiary Products	322,470	477,900	643,800	1,011,800	1,234,400
Grand Total	*$ 62,046,910	*$ 74,337,600	*$ 138,961,200	*$ 126,757,000	$ 125,759,900
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments	$ 492,000	$ 853,000	$ 532,000	$195,800	$ 86,000

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PLANT CROP ACREAGES

Commodities	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Field Crops	483,880	482,320	496,750	507,300	518,330
Seed Crops	16,180	14,625	8,710	7,600	14,465
Vegetable Crops	1,842	1,358	1,890	1,460	1,965
Fruit and Nut Crops	45,200.5	45,676	49,699	50,592	51,586
Grand Total	547,102.5	543,979	557,049	566,952	586,346

*Revised