

AGRICULTURAL CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT 1985



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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With few exceptions, farm income in 1985 was a rerun of the the poor performance of 1984. While the total value was up by eight million dollars for a total of \$191,369,000, the majority of growers just "traded dollars", or lost money. Few farmers showed a reasonable return on their investments.

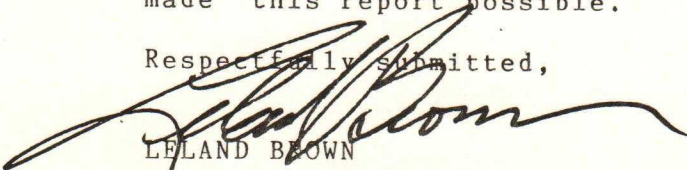
The one "bright spot" in the farm economy occurred in the pear industry. Except for a few growers who could not find markets, a resurgence in the price of pears returned this industry to the profitable side of the ledger. This is especially significant since Sacramento is a leading pear producing county.

Other than pears, there were few bright spots in the farm economy. The value of field crops, such as corn, rice and sugar beets, was essentially flat as compared to 1984. Wild rice is a new crop to the Sacramento Valley, and a few Sacramento County growers tried this crop as an alternative to regular rice. However, wild rice is tricky to grow; while some growers made money, others experienced crop failures.

The economics of livestock was no better than field crops. The total value of livestock production was up, but the higher value was a result of increased numbers marketed and not price. The price per pound of most animals was lower in 1985 than in 1984. An increase in the production of miscellaenous livestock, such as turkeys and fish, also contributed to the increase in the total value of livestock production.

The nursery industry in Sacramento County is oriented toward landscape plantings and; therefore, is not directly influenced by the farm economy. The resurgence of the building industry has benefited the nursery growers. I wish to thank the growers and related industry people who cooperated in supplying data which made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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Agricultural Commissioner

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For Year 1985

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THE TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES - 1985

1.	MILK	\$ 37,993,000
2.	PEARS	21,410,000
3.	CATTLE AND CALVES	19,367,000
4.	CORN	18,480,000
5.	WHEAT	6,930,000
6.	RICE	6,318,000
7.	PROCESSED TOMATOES	6,084,000
8.	CORN, SILAGE	4,700,000
9.	GRAPES, WINE	4,052,000
10.	ALFALFA	4,032,000

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION

	1985	VALUE OF PRODUCTION	1984	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
FIELD CROPS	1	\$ 56,046,000	1	\$ 56,116,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRO.	2	38,994,000	2	40,658,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	3	35,555,000	3	*32,034,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	4	26,129,000	4	19,545,000
NURSERY PRODUCTS	5	19,425,000	5	17,421,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	6	11,474,000	6	12,073,000
SEED CROPS	7	3,601,600	7	4,356,000
APIARY	8	145,000	8	320,000

*Revised

GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION 1975-1985

Year	Value of Production	Commodity
1985	\$ 191,209,600	CATTLE AND CALVES
1984	182,523,000*	CORN
1983	167,772,000	RICE
1982	181,985,000	CATTLE AND CALVES
1981	208,846,000	DEER, WINE
1980	221,600,400	
1979	182,800,000	
1978	141,368,600	FIELD CROPS
1977	128,058,000	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRO.
1976	131,630,300	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY
1975	133,072,600	FRUIT & NUT CROPS

* Revised

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY	1985	3,850	2.3	8,860	TON	\$110.00	\$975,000
	1984	1,750	2.5	4,380	TON	120.00	525,000
BEETS, SUGAR	1985	6,300	16.0	101,000	TON	32.90	3,323,000
	1984	4,000	22.0	88,000	TON	38.00	3,344,000
CORN, FIELD	1985	40,000	4.2	168,000	TON	110.00	18,480,000
	1984	50,000	4.1	205,000	TON	110.00	22,550,000
CORN, SILAGE	1985	7,500	25.0	188,000	TON	25.00	4,700,000
	1984	7,800	24.0	187,000	TON	21.00	3,927,000
GRAIN, SORGHUM	1985	1,680	2.5	4,200	TON	100.00	420,000
	1984	1,700	2.8	4,760	TON	104.00	495,000
HAY, ALFALFA	1985	6,400	7.0	44,800	TON	90.00	4,032,000
	1984	4,600	7.0	32,200	TON	85.00	2,737,000
HAY, GRAIN	1985	7,380	2.5	18,400	TON	65.00	1,196,000
	1984	7,650	2.8	21,400	TON	60.00	1,284,000
HAY, OTHER	1985	9,200	2.0	18,400	TON	40.00	736,000
	1984	8,280	2.5	20,700	TON	30.00	621,000
OATS	1985	900	1.0	900	TON	120.00	108,000
	1984	900	1.0	900	TON	120.00	108,000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1985	30,000			ACRE	100.00	3,000,000
	1984	30,000			ACRE	100.00	3,000,000
RANGE	1985	98,000			ACRE	10.00	980,000
	1984	98,000			ACRE	10.00	980,000
RICE	1985	13,500	3.6	48,600	TON	130.00	6,318,000
	1984	16,700	3.5	58,500	TON	130.00	7,605,000
SAFFLOWER	1985	2,200	1.4	3,080	TON	250.00	770,000
	1984	5,850	1.0	5,850	TON	240.00	1,404,000
WHEAT	1985	21,000	3.0	63,000	TON	110.00	6,930,000
	1984	22,000	2.2	48,400	TON	118.00	5,711,000
WILD RICE	1985	1,800	.7	1,260	TON	1,800.00	2,268,000
	1984	-687	.7	481	TON	1,800.00	855,000
MISC. FIELD **	1985	2,000					1,810,000
	1984	1,950					970,000
TOTAL	1985	251,710					\$ 56,046,000
	1984	261,867					56,116,000

**Includes Dry Beans, Sunflower, Popcorn, and Hops

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACRES AND VALUE, 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
NURSERY	1985	640	\$ 19,425,000
	1984	732	17,421,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
ASPARAGUS	1985	1,680	.9	1,510	TON	\$1,200.00	\$1,812,000
	1984	1,770	1.5	2,660	TON	1,200.00	3,186,000
CABBAGE	1985	40	15	600	TON	220.00	132,000
	1984	20	15	300	TON	200.00	60,000
LETTUCE, HEAD/LEAF	1985	60	5	300	TON	450.00	135,000
	1984	50	6	300	TON	460.00	138,000
SQUASH	1985	50	10	500	TON	210.00	105,000
	1984	20	12	240	TON	220.00	53,000
SWEET CORN	1985	680	4.0	2,720	TON	325.00	884,000
	1984	450	4.5	2,305	TON	325.00	658,000
TOMATOES FRESH	1985	30	26	780	TON	400.00	312,000
	1984	164	10	1,640	TON	200.00	328,000
TOMATOES PROCESSED.	1985	3,900	30	117,000	TON	52.00	6,084,000
	1984	5,400	26	140,000	TON	52.00	7,300,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1985	730					2,010,000
	1984	90					350,000
TOTAL	1985	7170					\$11,474,000
	1984	7964					12,073,000

* Bell pepper, chinese vegetables, green onions, and bean sprouts

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
GRAPES, WINE	1985	4,330	7.1	30,700	TON	\$132.00	\$ 4,052,000
	1984	4,200	7.0	29,400	TON	133.00	3,910,000
PEARS BARTLETT	1985	6,380	15.7	100,000	TON		21,410,000
	1984	6,500	17.8	116,000	TON		15,130,000
PROCESSED	1985			85,000	TON	206.00	(17,510,000)
	1984			98,000	TON	125.00	(12,250,000)
FRESH	1985			15,000	TON	260.00	(3,900,000)
	1984			18,000	TON	160.00	(2,880,000)
WALNUTS	1985	270	1.1	297	TON	650.00	193,000
	1984	310	1.0	310	TON	800.00	248,000
MISCELLAENOUS*	1985	225					474,000
	1984	200					257,000
TOTAL	1985	11,205					\$26,129,000
	1984	11,210					19,545,000

*INCLUDES: Apples, Almonds, Cherries, Peaches, Plums, Pistachios, Kiwi, Olives, and Strawberries

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1984-1985

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
CLOVER	1985	3,850	360.0	1,386,000	LB	\$ 1.20	\$1,663,000
	1984	4,030	380.0	1,531,000	LB	1.50	2,297,000
OATS	1985	300	1.2	360	TON	160.00	57,600
	1984	400	1.0	400	TON	160.00	64,000
RICE	1985	300	3.6	1,080	TON	140.00	151,000
	1984	770	3.5	2,700	TON	180.00	485,000
SUDAN, CERTIFIED	1985	2,400	2,900	6,960,000	LB	.14	974,000
	1984	1,300	3,000	3,900,000	LB	.15	585,000
SUDAN, HYBRID	1985	350	3,250	1,138,000	LB	.16	182,000
	1984	370	3,100	1,147,000	LB	.17	195,000
WHEAT	1985	700	3.0	2,100	TON	140.00	294,000
	1984	1,300	2.5	3,250	TON	120.00	390,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1985	450					280,000
	1984	570					340,000
TOTAL	1985	8,350					\$3,601,600
	1984	8,740					4,356,000

*Includes Alfalfa, Beans and Vegetables.

ITEM	YEAR	ACREAGE	HARVESTED PER ACRE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
GRAPES, WINE	1985	4,330	1.1	30,700	TON	\$132.00	\$4,052,000
	1984	4,300	7.0	29,400	TON	132.00	3,910,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK-MARKET	1985	3,071,000	CWT	\$12.17	\$37,374,000
	1984	2,927,000	CWT	12.80	37,583,000
MILK MANUFACTURING	1985	56,000	CWT	11.06	619,000
	1984	159,000	CWT	12.00	1,914,000
WOOL	1985	92,000	LB	.60	55,000
	1984	94,000	LB	.80	75,000
EGGS, MARKET	1985	1,690,000	DOZ	.56	946,000
	1984	1,840,000	DOZ	.59	1,086,000
TOTAL	1985				\$38,994,000
	1984				40,658,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: VALUE 1984-85

APIARY PRODUCTS*	1985				\$145,000
	1984				320,000

*Includes Honey, Packaged Bees, Queens, and Wax.

CLOVER	1985	1,386,000	LB	1.20	\$1,663,000
OATS	1985	1,231,000	TON	1.20	\$1,477,000
RICE	1985	1,386,000	TON	1.20	\$1,663,000
SUDAN, CERTIFIED	1985	1,386,000	TON	1.20	\$1,663,000
SUDAN, HYBRID	1985	1,386,000	TON	1.20	\$1,663,000
WHEAT	1985	1,386,000	TON	1.20	\$1,663,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1985	1,386,000	TON	1.20	\$1,663,000
TOTAL	1985	1,386,000			\$1,663,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1984-85

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE & CALVES	1985	57,600	382,000	CWT	\$50.70	\$19,367,000
	1984*	49,600	341,000	CWT	54.10	18,448,000
SHEEP & LAMBS	1985	10,600	10,600	CWT	68.00	721,000
	1984	9,400	9,400	CWT	59.00	555,000
HOGS & PIGS	1985	5,000	5,000	CWT	48.00	240,000
	1984	4,800	4,800	CWT	50.00	240,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1985	1,733,000	6,932,000	LB	.34	2,357,000
	1984	1,484,000	7,392,000	LB	.36	2,661,000
REPLACEMENT PULLETS	1985	645,000		EACH	5.25	3,386,000
	1984	807,000		EACH	5.00	4,035,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK**	1985					9,484,000
	1984					6,095,000
TOTAL	1985					\$35,555,000
	1984*					32,034,000

**INCLUDES: Turkeys, Rabbits, Fish Farms, Manure and Stewing Hens

*Revised

ITEM	JANUARY 1 INVENTORY OF LIVESTOCK	
	JANUARY, 1985	JANUARY, 1986
ALL CATTLE & CALVES	112,000	118,000
COWS, DAIRY	23,500	23,800
COWS, BEEF	26,000	28,000
STOCK SHEEP & LAMBS	9,400	10,600
HOGS	900	900