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# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE 

# 2006 ANNUAL CROP REPORT 

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## A.G. KAWAMURA, SECRETARY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AND <br> THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Dear Secretary and Board Members:
In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present the seventy - third Annual Report of Agricultural Production in San Joaquin County. The values shown are estimates based on the most common method of sale for the individual commodity, except for fresh fruits and vegetables where the value is based on the F.O.B. packed price at the shipping point. The figures contained in this report are gross values rather than net return to the grower.

The gross value of agricultural production for 2006 is estimated to be at $\$ 1,684,850,000$. This represents a $2.9 \%$ decrease from last years production of $\$ 1,735,089,000$. Notable losses occurred in Fruit and Nut Crops, Livestock and Poultry Products, and in Livestock and Poultry. Although we experienced decreases in these areas there were increases in Field Crops, Seed Crops, Vegetable Crops, Nursery Products and Apiary Products. Highlights for the 2006 crop year are as follows:

- Despite a second consecutive year of losses, milk remained the County's most valuable commodity. Lower prices paid to producers combined with a decrease in production resulted in a decline of 53.5 million dollars.
- Overall tomato acreage was up $10 \%$, moving tomatoes up to the number three crop for 2006.
- July's unexpected heat wave wreaked havoc with sweet corn and pepper crops.
- Prolonged periods of cold temperatures and rainy weather drove asparagus production down 36.1 percent from 2005 yields.
- Lower yields and a reduction in bearing acreage due to variety replacement caused grapes to have an 84.7 million dollar loss.
- A significant boost in dry bean and tomato acreage occurred when late spring rains in the South San Joaquin Valley forced production north.
- With high yields and good prices walnuts achieved an all time high value.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who assisted my biologists and deputies by furnishing the necessary information that made this report possible.


## FIELD CROPS



## SEED CROPS



## NUMBERS MAY NOT COMPUTE EXACTLY DUE TO ROUNDING

*INCLUDES POTATO FOR SEED

## Export Shipments Inspected By San Joaquin County


-TAIWAN (15.8\%)
םREPUBLIC OF KOREA (11.9\%)
$\square J A P A N(10.5 \%)$
ロMEXICO (7.7\%)
$\square$ AUSTRALIA (5.03\%)
ロSPAIN (4.6\%)
-ITALY (4.3\%)
םGERMANY (3.9\%)
-INDIA (3.7\%)
-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (3.3\%)
-OTHER COUNTRIES (29.4\%)

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS



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## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

|  |  |  | RODUCTION |  |  |  | GROSS VALUE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CROP | YEAR | BEARING ACREAGE | PER ACRE | TOTAL | UNIT | PER UNIT | SUBTOTAL | TOTAL |
| PEACHES, ALL | 2006 | 2,530 | 18.18 | 46,000 | TON | \$249.00 |  | \$11,472,000 |
|  | 2005 | 2,440 | 17.40 | 42,300 | TON | \$256.00 |  | \$10,878,000 |
| CLINGSTONE | 2006 | $1,160$ | $16.00$ | $18,600$ | TON | $\$ 275.00$ | $\$ 5,115,000$ |  |
|  | $2005$ | $1,120$ | $17.80$ | $19,900$ | TON | $\$ 237.00$ | $\$ 4,718,000$ |  |
| FREESTONE | $2006$ | 1,370 | $20.00$ | $27,400$ | TON | $\$ 232.00$ | \$6,357,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | $1,320$ | 17.00 | 22,400 | TON | \$275.00 | \$6,160,000 |  |
| PEARS | 2006 |  | $16.00$ | 8,940 | TON | $\$ 238.00$ |  | $\$ 2,128,000$ |
|  | 2005 | 586 | 10.50 |  | TON | \$235.00 |  | \$1,445,000 |
| WALNUTS, ENGLISH | 2006 | 43,900 | 1.83 | 80,300 | TON | \$1,663.00 |  | \$133,539,000 |
|  | 2005 | 43,200 | 1.55 | 67,000 | TON | \$1,458.00 |  | \$97,628,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 2006 | 1,350 |  |  |  |  |  | $\$ 3,489,000$ |
|  |  | $1,240$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\$ 6,501,000$ |
| BIOMASS | 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$1,773,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\$ 2,052,000$ |
| TOTAL | 2006 | 207,100 |  |  |  |  |  | \$680,016,000 |
|  | 2005 | 209,000 |  |  |  |  |  | \$716,863,000 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NUMB } \\ & \text { *BUSHBI } \end{aligned}$ | ERS MAY NOT ERRIES ARE N | COMPUTE EX <br> W INCLUDED | TLY DUE MISCELL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ROUND } \\ & \text { EOUS F } \end{aligned}$ | NG <br> UITS |  |  |

## Percentage of Each Category to Total



## VEGETABLE CROPS

|  |  |  | PRODUCTION |  |  |  | GROSS VALU |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CROP | YEAR | HARVESTE <br> D ACREAGE | PER ACRE | TOTAL | UNIT | PER UNIT | SUBTOTAL | TOTAL |
| ASPARAGUS | 2006 | 13,700 | 1.18 | 16,100 | TON | \$2,550.00 |  | \$41,055,000 |
|  | 2005 | 14,000 | 1.80 | 25,200 | TON | \$2,350.00 |  | \$59,220,000 |
| CORN, SWEET | 2006 | 2,210 | 5.58 | 12,400 | TON | \$284.00 |  | \$3,522,000 |
|  | 2005 | 3,120 | 9.32 | 29,100 | TON | \$308.00 |  | \$8,931,000 |
| CUCUMBERS | 2006 | 1,580 | 7.50 | $11,900$ |  | \$177.00 |  | \$2,106,000 |
|  | 2005 | 1,450 | 8.50 | 12,300 | TON | \$600.00 |  | \$7,398,000 |
| MELONS, ALL |  |  |  | 75,500 |  | $\$ 268.00$ |  | $\$ 20,202,000$ |
|  | 2005 | 2,370 | 23.81 | 81,700 | TON | \$215.00 |  | \$17,537,000 |
| WATERMEL | 2006 | 2,070 | 36.00 | 74,500 | TON | \$267.00 | \$19,892,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 2,200 | 36.25 | 79,700 | TON | \$213.00 | \$16,976,000 |  |
| OTHER | 2006 | 90 | 10.75 | 968 | TON | \$320.00 | \$310,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 173 | 11.36 | 1,970 | TON | \$285.00 | \$561,000 |  |
| ONIONS, DRY | 2006 | 2,140 | 34.00 | 72,800 | TON | \$240.00 |  | \$17,472,000 |
|  | 2005 | 2,400 | 22.28 | 53,500 | TON | \$225.00 |  | \$12,004,000 |
| PEPPERS | 2006 | 990 | 11.30 | $11,200$ | TON | \$480.00 |  | \$5,376,000 |
|  | 2005 | 1,230 | 9.06 | 10,600 | TON | \$711.00 |  | \$7,504,000 |
| POTATOES | 2006 | 2,640 | 14.40 | 38,000 | TON | \$598.00 |  | \$22,724,000 |
|  | 2005 | 2,390 | 14.88 | 35,600 | TON | \$473.00 |  | \$16,767,000 |
| PUMPKINS | 2006 | 3,410 | 16.00 | 54,600 | TON | \$266.00 |  | \$14,524,000 |
|  | 2005 |  |  |  | TON |  |  |  |
| TOMATOES, ALL | 2006 | 51,700 | 31.37 | 1,622,000 | TON | \$90.00 |  | \$146,330,000 |
|  | 2005 |  | 30.54 | 1,438,000 | TON | \$72.00 |  | \$103,551,000 |
| SHIPPING | 2006 | 9,730 | 10.53 | 102,000 | TON | \$615.00 | \$62,730,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 8,290 | 9.69 | 80,300 | TON | \$410.00 | \$32,935,000 |  |
| PROCESSING | 2006 | 42,000 | 36.20 | 1,520,000 | TON | \$55.00 | \$83,600,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 38,800 | 35.00 | 1,358,000 | TON | \$52.00 | \$70,616,000 |  |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 2006 | 6,180 |  |  |  |  |  | \$28,066,000 |
| VEGETABLES | 2005 | 8,780 |  |  |  |  |  | \$25,942,000 |
| TOTAL | 2006 | 86,700 |  |  |  |  |  | \$301,377,000 |
|  | 2005 | 84,328 |  |  |  |  |  | \$263,553,000 |
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## NURSERY PRODUCTS

|  |  |  |  | GROSS VALUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITEM | YEAR | QUANTITY SOLD | UNIT | TOTAL |
| GRAPEVINES, STRAWBERRY PLANTS | 2006 | 106,448,000 | PLANT | \$8,786,000 |
| FRUIT \& NUT TREES | 2005 | 70,639,000 | PLANT | \$6,311,000 |
| VEGETABLE PLANTS | 2006 | 346,556,000 | PLANT | \$10,938,000 |
|  | 2005 | 266,265,000 | PLANT | \$10,264,000 |
| FLOWERING POTTED PLANTS | 2006 | 1,931,000 | EACH | \$5,052,000 |
|  | 2005 | 1,936,000 | EACH | \$9,535,000 |
| FOLIAGE PLANTS | 2006 | 4,109,000 | EACH | \$16,305,000 |
|  | 2005 | 3,280,000 | EACH | \$15,985,000 |
| BEDDING PLANTS | 2006 | 1,161,000 | PKG | \$13,841,000 |
|  | 2005 | 1,543,000 | PKG | \$14,463,000 |
| WOODY ORNAMENTALS | 2006 | 12,528,000 | EACH | \$58,952,000 |
|  | 2005* | 12,225,000 | EACH | \$54,145,000 |
| BULBS, RHIZOMES, TURF, | 2006 |  |  | \$24,249,000 |
| CACTUS, CHRISTMAS TREES, ETC. |  |  |  | \$22,970,000 |
| TOTAL | 2006 |  |  | \$138,123,000 |
|  | 2005 |  |  | \$133,673,000 |

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* ADJUSTED 2005 FIGURE


## APIARY PRODUCTS

|  |  |  |  | GR | VALUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITEM | YEAR | PRODUCTION | UNIT | PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| HONEY | 2006 | 133,000 | LBS | \$0.83 | \$110,000 |
|  | 2005 | 180,000 | LBS | \$1.03 | \$185,000 |
| POLLINATION | 2006 | 134,000 | HIVE | \$92.92 | \$12,451,000 |
|  | 2005 | 191,000 | HIVE | \$65.49 | \$12,509,000 |
| OTHER APIARY* | 2006 |  |  |  | \$1,294,000 |
| TOTAL | 2006 |  |  |  | \$13,855,000 |
|  | 2005 |  |  |  | \$12,664,000 |

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*OTHER APIARY IS A NEW CATEGORY FOR 2006,
IT INCLUDES POLLEN, BEES, QUEENS, NUCLEUS COLONIES \& BEESWAX

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

|  |  |  |  |  | GR | ALUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITEM | YEAR | NO. HEAD | LIVE WEIGHT | UNIT | PER UNIT | TOTAL |
| CATTLE \& CALVES* | 2006 | 108,000 | 821,000 | CWT | \$106.00 | \$87,363,000 |
|  | 2005 | 156,000 | 886,000 | CWT | \$103.00 | \$91,057,000 |
| SHEEP \& LAMBS | 2006 | 16,100 | 21,000 | CWT | \$70.00 | \$1,472,000 |
|  | 2005 | 20,000 | 26,700 | CWT | \$103.00 | \$2,661,000 |
| BROILERS | 2006 | 2,130,000 | 11,350,000 | LBS | \$0.60 | \$6,810,000 |
|  | 2005 | 1,474,000 | 7,664,000 | LBS | \$0.60 | \$3,449,000 |
| TURKEYS | 2006 | 380,000 | 8,983,000 | LBS | \$0.65 | \$5,839,000 |
|  | 2005 | 538,000 | 20,812,000 | LBS | \$0.39 | \$8,050,000 |
| OTHER LIVESTOCK** | 2006 |  |  |  |  | \$5,389,000 |
|  | 2005 |  |  |  |  | \$5,275,000 |
| TOTAL | 2006 |  |  |  |  | \$106,873,000 |
|  | 2005 |  |  |  |  | \$110,492,000 |

* NO LONGER PROCESSING SPENT HENS
**OTHER LIVESTOCK INCLUDES HOGS, GOATS, SQUAB, DUCKS, AND OTHER FOWL


## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

|  |  |  |  |  | GROSS VAI |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITEM | YEAR | PRODUCTION |  | PER UNIT | SUBTOTAL | TOTAL |
| MILK, ALL |  | $22,213,000$ |  |  |  | \$261,030,000 |
|  | 2005 | 22,352,000 | CWT | \$14.00 |  | \$314,565,000 |
| MARKET | 2006 | 22,162,000 | CWT | \$12.00 | \$260,399,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 22,235,000 | CWT | \$14.00 | \$312,840,000 |  |
| MANUFACTURING | 2006 | 51,000 | CWT | \$12.00 | \$612,000 |  |
|  | 2005 | 117,000 | CWT | \$15.00 | \$1,724,000 |  |
| WOOL | 2006 | 64,000 | LBS | \$0.86 |  | \$55,000 |
|  | 2005 | 119,000 | LBS | \$0.72 |  | \$86,000 |
| EGGS, CHICKEN | 2006 | 28,098,000 | DOZ | \$0.55 |  | \$15,316,000 |
|  | 2005 | 41,709,000 | DOZ | \$0.41 |  | \$17,101,000 |
| MANURE | 2006 | 377,000 | TON | \$4.00 |  | \$1,511,000 |
|  | 2005 | 378,000 | TON | \$5.00 |  | \$1,890,000 |

TOTAL

## 2006

## Some Interesting Wheat Facts

Wheat is being harvested somewhere in the world every month of the year.

Wheat is well adapted to harsh environments and is mostly grown in wind- swept areas too dry and too cold for rice and corn.

A single wheat seed is called a kernel. There are about fifty kernels in a head of wheat, and there are 15,000 to 17,000 kernels of wheat in a pound.

A bushel of wheat weighs 60 pounds and yields about 42 pounds of white flour or enough flour for 73 one-pound loaves of white bread.

The state of California consumes over 118 million bushels of wheat per year.

Wheat flour is an ingredient in many brands of licorice.
There is approximately 5 cents worth of wheat in each loaf of bread sold.

Durum wheat is used to make pasta because of its hard nature, which produces a firm cooked product.

California exports up to 300,000 metric tons of wheat annually. Destinations for California wheat include Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Italy, and Peru.

J anuary is national Wheat Bread Month.
Wheat is the only grain with sufficient gluten content to make a raised or leavened loaf of bread.

Cyrus McCormick invented the mechanical reaper in 1831 allowing growers to harvest 8 acres a day compared to 2 acres by hand.

The 1970 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Norman Borlaug for developing high-yielding wheat varieties.

## HISTORICAL TONS PER ACRE OF WHEAT



2005 VS. 2006 VALUES BY CATEGORY



## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY'S TOP TEN LEADING CROPS FOR 2006

MILK, ALL \$261,030,000<br>GRAPES, ALL TOMATOES, ALL<br>ALMOND MEATS<br>WALNUTS, ENGLISH<br>CHERRIES<br>CATTLE AND CALVES<br>HAY, ALL<br>NURSERY, WOODY ORNAMENTALS<br>ASPARAGUS<br>ALL OTHER CROPS<br>\$58,952,000<br>\$205,000,000<br>\$146,330,000<br>\$143,440,000<br>\$133,539,000<br>\$121,375,000<br>\$87,363,000<br>\$76,790,000<br>\$41,055,000<br>\$409,976,000



## Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture is many things to many people. The following are some of the practices used by growers and others in San Joaquin County to further the goals of increasing agriculture's sustainable nature:

## Locally Grown -

The Select San Joaquin program encourages consumer awareness of where their food is produced through community outreach activities and point of sale displays. The Agriculture Commissioner issues nearly 100 Certified Producer Certificates for our growers to sell their commodities directly to the consumer.

## Environmentally Friendly-

Lodi Rules is an award-winning program hosted by the Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission that uses a third party certification system to ensure that participants limit pesticide use and practice environmentally "soft" practices. Also, San Joaquin County supports nineteen registered organic growers producing twenty crops.

## Preventing Pests -

An average of 125 rated pests are found each year on incoming shipments through various pathways by county biologists. Among these have been West Indian Fruit Fly, Glassy-winged Sharpshooter and dozens of others. Infested shipments are destroyed or returned. Keeping out exotic pests reduces spraying of pesticides and helps to maintain our ecological balance.

## Beneficial Organisms-

Growers have erected over 1000 nest boxes in our county to attract barn owls to their orchards and vineyards, helping to keep rodent populations in check. Additionally, thirty "good bugs" have been established by the department of agriculture to control pest insects and invasive weeds.

## Educational-

Several "you pick" establishments cater to school children and adults, keeping them in touch with hands-on knowledge of how things grow. Corn mazes and pumpkin patches draw visitors to farms and the Lodi Wine Trail guides connoisseurs through vineyards to sample our county's bounty. These activities showcase agriculture and remind people of the quality of life enhancements farming brings to a community.

## San Joaquin County Trading Partners 2006

| ALGERIA | GUATEMALA | PAKISTAN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ARGENTINA | HAITI | PANAMA |
| AUSTRALIA | HONDURAS | PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA |
| AUSTRIA | HONG KONG | PERU |
| BAHRAIN | INDIA | PHILIPPINES |
| BELGIUM | INDONESIA | POLAND |
| BRAZIL | IRAN | PORTUGAL |
| BULGARIA | ISRAEL | REPUBLIC OF KOREA |
| CANADA | ITALY | REPUBLIC OF SQUTH AFRICA |
| CHILE | JAMAICA | RUSSIAN FEDERATION |
| COLOMBIA | JAPAN | SAUDI ARABIA |
| COSTA RICA | KUWAIT | SINGAPORE |
| CYPRUS | LATVIA | SPAIN |
| DENMARK | LEBANON | SWEDEN |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | MESOTHO | SYRIA |
| EAST TIMOR | MALAYSIA | TAIWAN |
| ECUADOR | MEXICO | THAILAND |
| EGYPT | MOROCCO | TURKEY |
| EL SALVADOR | NETHERLANDS | TUNSIA |
| FRANCE | NEW ZEALAND | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES |
| FRENCH POLYNESIA | NICARAGUA | UNITED KINGDOM |
| GERMANY | NORWAY | VENEZUELA |
| GREECE |  | VIETNAM |
|  |  |  |

## General San Joaquin County Information

| County Seat: |  |  | Stockton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County Population (2004): |  |  | 649,900 |
| Population Per Square Mile: |  |  | 450 |
| Incorporated Cities (7): |  |  |  |
| Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Stockton, Tracy |  |  |  |
| Land Area (Square Miles): |  |  | 1400 |
| Land Area in Farms (Acres-2002): |  |  | 812,629 |
| Total Cropland (Acres-2002): |  |  | 574,752 |
| Irrigated Cropland (Acres- 2002): |  |  | 520,172 |
| Number of Farms (2002): |  |  | 4,026 |
| Average Size of Farms (Acres-2002): |  |  | 202 |
| Agricultural Work Force (Monthly Average-2002): |  |  | 16,800 |
| Season High (June): |  |  | 28,400 |
| Season Low (December): |  |  | 11,000 |
| Lowest Elevation in County (Delta Area): |  |  | 12' Below Sea Level |
| Highest Elevation in County (Southwest Hills): |  |  | 3065' Above Sea Level |
| Length of County (North to South): |  |  | 75 Miles |
| Length of county (East to West): |  |  | 65 Miles |
| Average January Temperature ( F ) |  |  | 53 |
| Average July Temperature ( F) |  |  | 93 |
| Average Annual Rainfall: |  |  |  |
| North County: | 16 Inches | South County: | 14 Inches |
| East County: | 12 Inches | West County: | 9 Inches |

## A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

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