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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RELEASES ANNUAL CROP REPORT

2017 Crop Values Illustrate Why Greatness Grows in San Joaquin County

(STOCKTON, CA) The San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner formally presented the 2017 Annual Agricultural Crop Report to the County Board of Supervisors today for adoption. The data will be used by the United States Department of Agriculture as part of its annual compilation of detailed agricultural data for every county in America.

Agricultural Commissioner Tim Pelican announced that the gross value of agricultural production for 2017 was over \$2.5 billion, signaling an increase of 8.13 percent from 2016 value. Pelican reported that overall, agricultural commodity values showed a positive upward trend in 2017.

“San Joaquin County is heavily agricultural with farmland spreading over 58 percent of the County. More than 3,580 farms cover 518,000 acres and raise everything from asparagus and grapes, to livestock, bees, fruits, nuts, tomatoes, and many things in between,” said Pelican. “Our unique climate and geography as well as our rich soil and diverse water resources allow us to grow over 250 commodities throughout the year and result in San Joaquin County being one of the most abundant agricultural regions in the world.”

Supervisor Bob Elliott, Chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, commented on this year’s Annual Crop Report noting, “We are the proud home to a \$2.5 billion agriculture industry that exports to 92 countries. “From our world-class wine and agricultural region, to our treasured Delta resources, to the economic vitality of our cities, San Joaquin County has something special to offer everyone. That’s why we say that Greatness Grows Here.”

Highlights from the 2017 crop year:

- Grapes were still the number one single commodity in 2017, valuing \$395.5 million.
- Milk, the County’s number two commodity, increased by 6.95% with a total value of \$387.4 million. Overall, Livestock and Poultry Products increased by 7.76% valuing \$429.9 million.
- Almonds, the number three commodity, increased by 3.98% valuing \$362.7 million. Overall, Fruit and Nut Crop production increased by 11.52% and continues to be the largest in total value at \$1.36 billion.
- Field Crops increased by 19.81%, with a total value of \$208.8 million.
- Nursery Products increased by 9.23% totaling \$117.3 million.
- Apiary Products increased by 8.67% totaling \$26.5 million.
- Seed Crops increased in value by \$908,000, with a total value of \$4.67 million.

For the 2017 Crop Report, and past years, please visit:
www.sjgov.org/departments/agcomm/crop_reports

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