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TO: Ann Veneman, Secretary
Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Imperial
Dean A. Shores, Chairman
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In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the Annual Crop Report for 1995. This report is a summary of acreage, yields, and gross value of agricultural production in Imperial County. I wish to emphasize that this report represents gross returns to the producer and does not indicate actual net profit.

The total agricultural production value in 1995 was \$1,008,653,000. This is a 5.6% percent increase from the 1994 value. The increase in values were posted in the fruit and nut crops (8%), vegetable crops (36%), and apiary (51%) sectors. This increase was a direct result of higher pricing coupled with increased yields. Decreases in value occurred in field crops (11%), livestock (16%) and seed and nursery (12%). Lower prices were the principal cause of the decreases in gross value. As a measure of how agricultural production impacts the County, for every thousand dollars of total gross value produced, \$220 dollars of personal income is generated to agriculturally related jobs. Even though this is a modest increase over last year, the whitefly continues to cause significant crop loss and economic damage.

I wish to thank all the individuals and organizations for their cooperation in providing the information required for the compilation of this report. I wish to especially thank the staff that produced this report for their dedicated work.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Birdsall

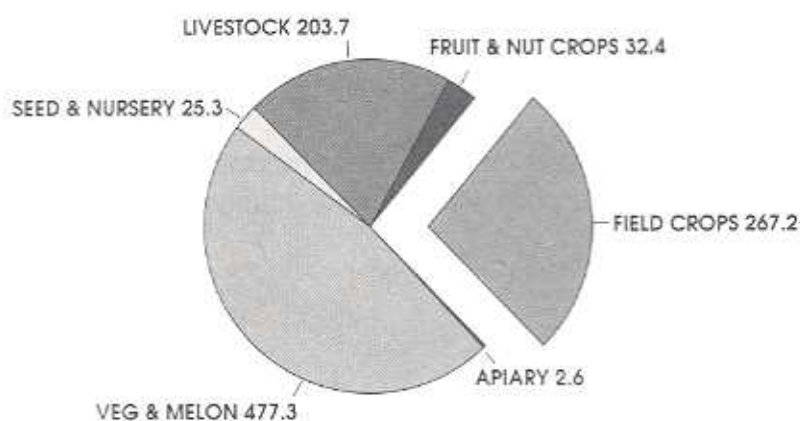
LIVESTOCK

CROP	YEAR	TOTAL HEAD	UNIT GAIN	TOTAL GAIN*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
CATTLE (Feedlot)..... Finished & Backgrounded	1995	318,952	A 8.11	2,586,700	CWT	A 62.44	161,514,000
	1994	342,711	A 8.27	2,834,671	CWT	A 71.31	202,151,000
SHEEP (Feeders)	1995	225,000	0.42	94,500	CWT	73.10	6,908,000
	1994	339,806	0.48	161,408	CWT	74.25	11,985,000
WOOL.....	1995	227,272		1,105,224	LBS	1.23	1,359,000
	1994	350,000		1,706,250	LBS	1.58	2,696,000
AQUATIC PRODUCTS..... (Fish & Algae)	1995						12,596,000
	1994						8,733,000
MISC. LIVESTOCK..... (Dairy, Dairy Heifers, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, Ostriches, Cavies & Poultry)	1995						21,342,000
	1994						17,049,000
VALUE 1995							203,719,000
VALUE 1994							242,614,000

* GAIN MAY NOT TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING
A - Based on average gain and price

1995 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION GROSS VALUE

(Value = Millions of Dollars)



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

FIELD CROPS

FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
ALFALFA (Cubed & Greenchopped)	1995	6,500	6.36	41,340.00	TON	105.28	4,352,000
	1994	7,651	8.75	66,946.25	TON	92.50	6,193,000
ALFALFA HAY (Baled)	1995	175,901	7.94	1,398,654.00	TON	87.47	122,165,000
	1994	183,617	7.88	1,446,901.96	TON	110.00	159,159,000
TOTAL ALFALFA	1995	182,401	7.88	1,437,994.00	TON	87.98	126,517,000
	1994	191,268	7.91	1,513,848.21	TON	109.23	165,352,000
COTTON (Lint)	1995	9,647	2.75	A 26,529.25	BALE	395.22	B 10,485,000
	1994	9,176	2.82	A 25,876.32	BALE	377.50	B 9,768,000
COTTON (Seed)	1995	9,647	1.03	9,965.02	TON	154.44	1,539,000
	1994	9,176	1.06	9,703.62	TON	130.00	1,261,000
PASTURE CROPS							
Alfalfa	1995	109,440	#		ACRE	37.80	4,137,000
	1994	116,022	#		ACRE	36.40	4,223,000
Ryegrass	1995	4,817	C		ACRE	188.91	910,000
	1994	4,987	C		ACRE	254.80	1,271,000
Sugar Beet Tops	1995	3,161	#		ACRE	31.64	100,000
	1994	2,767	#		ACRE	37.33	103,000
Misc. Pasture	1995	33,619	#		ACRE	31.53	1,060,000
	1994	33,044	#		ACRE	48.30	1,596,000
TOTAL PASTURE	1995	151,037					6,207,000
	1994	156,820					7,193,000
BALED STRAW	1995			52,823.00	TON	32.50	1,717,000
	1994			31,392.20	TON	32.67	1,026,000
SUDANGRASS HAY	1995	77,365	6.50	502,872.50	TON	85.00	42,744,000
	1994	78,878	6.60	520,594.80	TON	87.58	45,594,000
SUGAR BEETS	1995	31,612	32.11	1,015,061.32	TON	39.58	40,176,000
	1994	27,878	32.35	895,092.15	TON	39.58	35,428,000
WHEAT	1995	67,117	2.75	184,571.75	TON	170.00	31,377,000
	1994	55,730	2.87	159,722.18	TON	135.75	21,682,000
MISC. FIELD CROPS	1995	28,257					6,459,000
	1994	23,323					13,639,000
TOTALS 1995	ACRES	401,216				VALUE	267,221,000
TOTALS 1994	ACRES	391,031				VALUE	300,943,000

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MISC. FIELD CROPS = Barley, Bermudagrass Hay, Bufflegrass, Corn Nuts, Field Corn, Kliengrass, Ryegrass, Oats, Safflower, Sesbania, Sorghum Grain and Sorghum Silage.

= Pastured one time and acres are counted in other crop listings

A = 500 lb. Bales

B = Includes Government Payment

C = Pastured Five Times

VEGETABLE AND MELON CROPS

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
ASPARAGUS							
Harvested	1995	4,764	164	780,968	30 LB CTN	31.17	24,343,000
New Seeding	1995	272					
Harvested	1994	5,991	147	881,944	30 LB CTN	35.67	31,459,000
BROCCOLI (Market)	1995	5,926	495	2,932,715	26 LB CTN	9.07	26,600,000
	1994	7,217	485	3,502,202	26 LB CTN	5.60	19,612,000
CABBAGE (Market)	1995	757	603	456,893	50 LB CTN	4.72	2,157,000
	1994	1,554	307	477,755	50 LB CTN	5.12	2,446,000
CARROTS							
Market & Processing	1995	14,959	820	12,266,380	50 LB BAG	8.67	106,350,000
	1994	16,312	714	11,646,768	50 LB BAG	7.10	82,692,000
Culls & Feed	1995		6.20	92,746	TON	5.50	510,000
	1994		7.84	127,886	TON	6.00	767,000
TOTAL CARROTS	1995	14,959					106,860,000
	1994	16,312					83,459,000
CAULIFLOWER (Market)	1995	3,237	520	1,684,456	23 LB CTN	8.67	14,604,000
	1994	5,043	489	2,468,064	23 LB CTN	6.72	16,585,000
SWEET CORN	1995	3,896	299	1,166,415	50 LB CTN	8.00	9,331,000
Fall & Spring	1994	4,864	250	1,215,824	50 LB CTN	5.56	6,760,000
HEAD LETTUCE							
Naked Pack	1995	13,484	510	6,877,107	50 LB CTN	6.93	47,658,000
	1994	12,624	343	4,327,469	50 LB CTN	4.10	17,743,000
Wrap Pack	1995	8,748	576	5,040,952	40 LB CTN	8.72	43,957,000
	1994	12,623	432	5,452,122	40 LB CTN	4.61	25,134,000
Salad Products and Trim & Cored	1995						17,458,000
	1994						13,167,000
TOTAL HEAD LETTUCE	1995	22,232					109,073,000
	1994	25,247					56,044,000
LEAF LETTUCE	1995	6,144	844	5,188,447	35 LB CTN	10.31	53,493,000
	1994	7,925	826	6,542,448	35 LB CTN	4.21	27,544,000

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VEGETABLE AND MELON CROPS

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CROP	YEAR	ACRES	YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
ONIONS							
Market	1995	4,333	1,061	4,596,236	50 LB SACK	6.09	27,991,000
	1994	3,749	706	2,647,183	50 LB SACK	4.21	11,145,000
Processor	1995	6,925	19.26	133,375	TON	80.45	10,730,000
	1994	8,116	17.10	138,804	TON	79.26	11,002,000
TOTAL ONIONS.....	1995	11,258					38,721,000
	1994	11,865					22,147,000
TOMATOES							
Market	1995	808	1,689	1,364,712	25 LB CTN	7.11	9,703,000
	1994	920	970	892,825	25 LB CTN	5.90	5,268,000
Processor	1995	1,028	44.10	45,332	TON	53.89	2,443,000
	1994	1,656	27.81	46,053	TON	54.00	2,487,000
TOTAL TOMATOES.....	1995	1,836					12,146,000
	1994	2,576					7,755,000
MISC. VEGETABLES.....	1995	5,694					23,739,000
	1994	5,396					18,824,000
CANTALOUPE							
Spring	1995	14,473	366	5,297,118	40 LB CTN	8.40	44,496,000
	1994	14,588	426	6,219,121	40 LB CTN	7.46	46,395,000
Fall.....	1995	455	413	187,929	40 LB CTN	7.75	1,456,000
	1994	383	95	36,390	40 LB CTN	11.11	404,000
TOTAL CANTALOUPE....	1995	14,928	367	5,485,047	40 LB CTN	8.38	45,952,000
	1994	14,971	418	6,255,511	40 LB CTN	7.48	46,799,000
HONEYDEW & MISC. MELONS							
Spring and Fall	1995	1,770	367	650,386	40 LB CTN	6.40	4,162,000
	1994	1,408	511	719,612	40 LB CTN	5.59	4,023,000
WATERMELONS.....	1995	2,619	9.98	26,140	TON	235.04	6,144,000
	1994	3,503	13.71	48,021	TON	140.00	6,723,000
TOTALS 1995.....	ACRES	100,020				VALUE	477,325,000
TOTALS 1994.....	ACRES	113,784				VALUE	350,180,000

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MISC. VEGETABLES = Artichokes, Beans, Beets, Celery, Chinese Vegetables, Cilantro, Collards, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Endive, Garlic, Kale, Mustard Greens, Okra, Green Onions, Parsley, Parsnips, Peppers, Potatoes, Radishes, Rappini, Rutabagas, Spinach, Squash, Swiss Chard, Turnips and Water Lilies.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	UNITS PER ACRE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
DATES							
Harvested	1995	652	4.14	2,699.28	TON	5,201.39	14,040,000
Non-Bearing	1995	250					
Harvested	1994	652	3.80	2,477.60	TON	4,499.92	11,149,000
GRAPEFRUIT							
Harvested	1995	849	14.50	12,310.50	TON	192.11	2,365,000
Non-Bearing	1995	73					
Harvested	1994	893	13.54	12,092.96	TON	169.19	2,046,000
LEMONS							
Harvested	1995	1,556	9.66	15,030.96	TON	545.27	8,196,000
Non-Bearing	1995	385					
Harvested	1994	1,649	11.74	19,352.07	TON	519.48	10,053,000
ORANGES (NAVELS & VALENCIA)							
Harvested	1995	585	3.80	2,223.00	TON	447.14	994,000
Non-Bearing	1995	0					
Harvested	1994	607	6.06	3,678.29	TON	457.01	1,681,000
TANGERINES							
Harvested	1995	544	9.84	5,352.96	TON	479.92	2,569,000
Non-Bearing	1995	40					
Harvested	1994	556	7.83	4,351.00	TON	558.26	2,429,000
MISC. CITRUS, FRUIT & NUT CROPS							
Harvested	1995	498	8.66	4,310.62	TON	814.50	3,511,000
Non-Bearing	1995	127					
Harvested	1994	601	6.12	3,675.12	TON	859.84	3,160,000
CITRUS BY-PRODUCTS							
	1995			13,742.00	TON	55.01	756,000
	1994			10,953.16	TON	56.15	615,000
TOTALS 1995		ACRES	4,684			VALUE	32,431,000
TOTALS 1994		ACRES	4,741			VALUE	30,048,000

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MISC. CITRUS = Limes, Tangelos, Tangors and Temples
 FRUIT & NUT CROPS = Grapes, Mangos and Pecans

SEED CROPS AND NURSERY PRODUCTS

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	UNITS PER ACRE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
ALFALFA SEED	1995	13,423	440	5,906,120	LBS	1.24	7,324,000
	1994	3,805	417	1,586,685	LBS	1.38	2,190,000
BERMUDAGRASS SEED	1995	17,854	269	4,802,726	LBS	1.44	6,916,000
	1994	15,426	480	7,404,480	LBS	1.64	12,143,000
ONION SEED	1995	1,317	326	429,342	LBS	5.94	2,550,000
	1994	1,929	294	567,126	LBS	5.13	2,909,000
MISC. FIELD, VEGETABLE & FLOWER SEED CROPS & NURSERY PRODUCTS	1995	1,878					1,870,000
	1994	1,211					4,752,000
CERTIFIED SEED	1995	9,930					6,666,000
	1994	8,701					7,019,000
TOTALS 1995		ACRES	44,402			VALUE	25,326,000
TOTALS 1994		ACRES	31,072			VALUE	29,013,000

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MISC. FIELD, VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEED CROPS = Artichoke, Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower, Flax, Flowers, Herbs, Lettuce, Okra, Radish, Rape, Rappini, Sesbania, Sudangrass, Sunflower, Watermelon and Grains.

CERTIFIED SEED = Alfalfa, Artichoke, Bermudagrass, Flax, Oats, Rape, Sudangrass and Wheat.

APIARY PRODUCTS

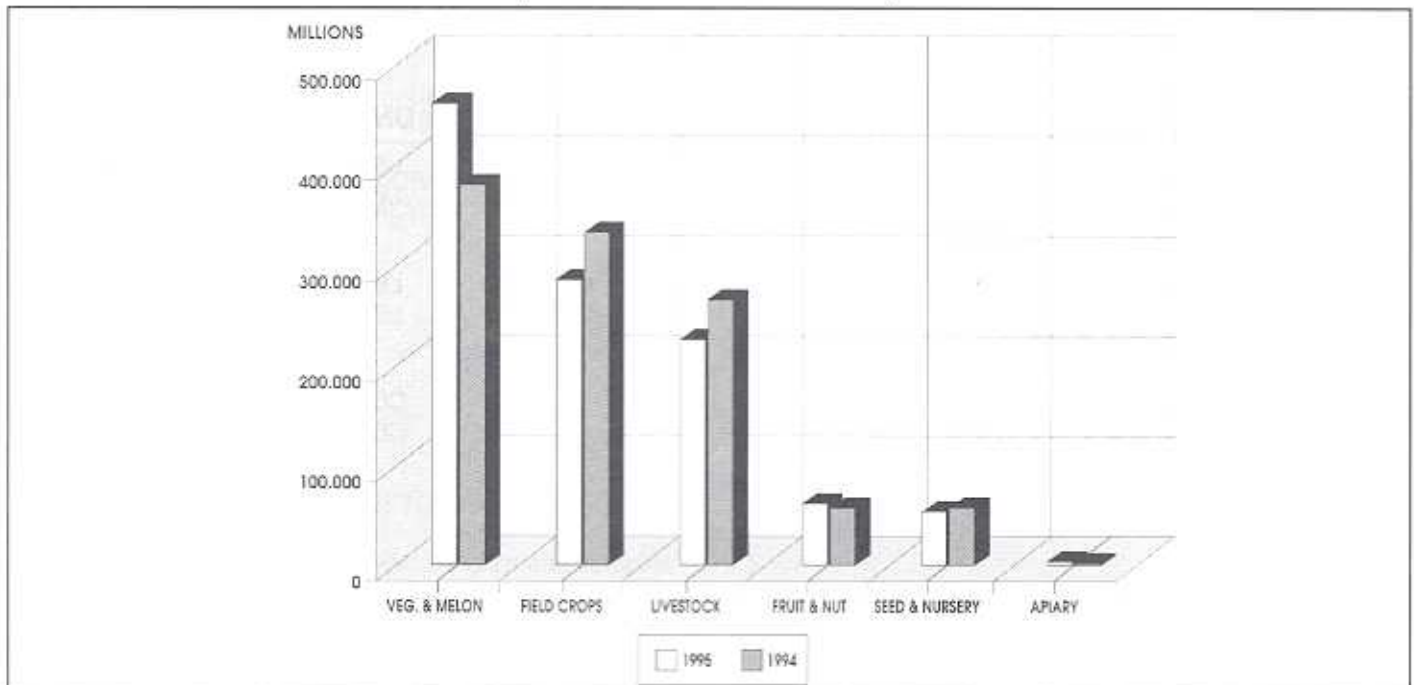
	YEAR	TOTAL HIVES	YIELD PER HIVE	TOTAL UNITS*	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	GROSS VALUE
HONEY	1995	34,480	53.83	1,856,058.00	LBS	0.65	1,206,000
	1994	38,814	52.38	2,032,924.36	LBS	0.46	935,000
WAX.....	1995	34,480	1.21	41,720.00	LBS	2.18	91,000
	1994	38,884	1.11	43,233.79	LBS	1.57	68,000
POLLINATION.....	1995	69,745			COL	19.13	1,334,000
	1994	40,273			COL	18.21	733,000
						VALUE 1995	2,631,000
						VALUE 1994	1,736,000

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1995 SUMMARY

COMMODITY	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
VEGETABLE & MELON CROPS	1995	100,020	477,325,000
	1994	113,874	350,180,000
FIELD CROPS	1995	401,216	267,221,000
	1994	391,031	300,943,000
LIVESTOCK	1995		203,719,000
	1994		242,614,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1995	4,684	32,431,000
	1994	4,741	30,048,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS	1995	44,402	25,326,000
	1994	31,072	29,013,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	1995		2,631,000
	1994		1,736,000
TOTALS	1995	550,322	1,008,653,000
	1994	540,718	954,534,000

GROSS VALUE
1995-1994 COMPARISON
(Value = Millions of Dollars)



MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1995 RANKING		1994 RANKING	
1	CATTLE	\$161,514,000	1
2	ALFALFA	126,517,000	2
3	LETTUCE	109,073,000	4
4	CARROTS	106,860,000	3
5	LEAF LETTUCE	53,493,000	9
6	CANTALOUPE.....	45,952,000	5
7	SUDANGRASS HAY	42,744,000	6
8	SUGARBEETS	40,176,000	7
9	ONIONS	38,715,000	10
10	WHEAT	31,377,000	11
11	BROCCOLI.....	26,600,000	12
12	ASPARAGUS.....	24,341,000	8
13	MISC. VEGETABLES	23,739,000	13
14	MISC. LIVESTOCK.....	21,342,000	14
15	CAULIFLOWER.....	14,604,000	15
16	DATES	14,040,000	19
17	AQUATIC PRODUCTS.....	12,596,000	22
18	COTTON LINT	10,485,000	21
19	TOMATOES - MARKET	9,703,000	27
20	SWEET CORN	9,331,000	25
21	LEMONS	8,196,000	20
22	ALFALFA SEED	7,324,000	35
23	BERMUDAGRASS SEED	6,916,000	17
24	SHEEP	6,908,000	18
25	CERTIFIED SEED	6,666,000	24
26	MISC. FIELD CROPS.....	6,459,000	16
27	TOTAL PASTURE.....	6,207,000	23
28	WATERMELONS.....	6,144,000	26
29	HONEYDEW & MISC. MELONS	4,162,000	29
30	MISC. CITRUS	3,511,000	36
31	TANGERINES.....	2,569,000	34
32	ONIONS	2,550,000	30
33	TOMATOES-PROCESSOR.....	2,443,000	32
34	GRAPEFRUIT	2,365,000	37
35	CABBAGE	2,157,000	33
36	MISC. SEED & NURSERY	1,870,000	28
37	BAILED STRAW	1,717,000	40
38	COTTON SEED.....	1,539,000	39
39	WOOL.....	1,359,000	31
40	POLLINATION	1,334,000	*

* = NEW FOR 1995

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