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1978 ANNUAL CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT

INYO-MONO
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It is with pleasure that I submit to you the 1978 Agricultural Crop Report as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

Gross agricultural production returned \$12,300,924 to local producers in 1978. This is an increase of more than 3.5 million and is due primarily to better prices paid to cattlemen for cattle and calves. Numbers of cattle marketed also increased.

Alfalfa growers, on the average, received lower prices in 1978 for approximately 50,000 tons of alfalfa hay and some growers suffered production losses caused by unseasonal cold weather, insect and weed problems. Mono County alfalfa acreage increased by 1343 acres, while Inyo County acreage remained about the same as in 1977.

Growing conditions for wildflowers and brush were the best in many years contributing to a sizeable increase in honey production.

The values in this report represent gross returns only and do not reflect net income or losses.

A sincere thank you goes to all who responded to my questionnaire; with a special word of thanks to P. Dean Smith, Farm Advisor, and George Milovich, Agricultural Inspector for assistance with this report.

Agriculture continues to be the basic industry of the counties.

Respectively Submitted

Edmond W. Hale
Agricultural Commissioner

INYO COUNTY

* LIVESTOCK *

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NUMBER HEAD	(cwt) LIVEWEIGHT		PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves						
Calves-Steers	1978	4,700	23,500	cwt.	\$71.00	\$1,668,500
Heifers	1978	4,087	18,392	cwt.	\$66.00	\$1,213,872
Cows	1978	1,088	10,880	cwt.	\$40.00	\$435,200
Bulls	1978	200	2,700	cwt.	\$45.00	\$121,500
All Cattle & Calves (adj.)	1977	9,169	51,305	cwt.	\$35.50	\$1,819,922
Feeders	1978	1,575	X	cwt.	\$67.00	\$316,575
(Gain)	1977	1,425	X	cwt.	\$37.00	\$184,538
Sheep & Lambs	1978	1,200	1,080	cwt.	\$60.00	\$64,800
	1977	1,200	1,080	cwt.	\$48.00	\$51,840
TOTAL LIVESTOCK				1978	\$3,820,447	
				1977	\$2,056,300	

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Manufacturing	1978	400	cwt.	\$4.00	\$1,600
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Wool	1978	96	cwt.	\$73.00	\$7,008
	1977	96	cwt.	\$66.00	\$6,336
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS				1978	\$8,608
				1977	\$7,936

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

	For Period Ending	
	January 1, 1978	January 1, 1979
Cattle & Calves	23,000	23,000
Cows & Heifers that have calved	11,000	10,000
Sheep & Lambs	1,200	1,200

INYO COUNTY FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1978	3,312	5.25	17,388	Ton	\$55.00	\$956,340
Hay	1977	3,304	6.0	19,824	Ton	\$63.00	\$1,248,912
Irrigated Pasture	1978	10,985	X	X	Acre	\$10.50	\$115,342
	1977	10,050	X	X	Acre	\$7.20	\$72,360
Dry Grazing	1978	182,607	X	X	Acre	\$.59	\$107,738
	1977	181,000	X	X	Acre	\$.78	\$141,180
TOTAL FIELD CROPS					1978	\$1,179,420	
					1977	\$1,462,452	

FRUIT PRODUCTION

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Misc. Fruit	1978	28	.1	3	Ton	\$2000.00	\$6,000
	1977	28	2.5	70	Ton	\$270.00	\$18,900
TOTAL FRUIT PRODUCTION					1978	\$6,000	
					1977	\$18,900	

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
HONEY	1978	267,450	lbs.	.50	\$133,725
	1977	88,000	lbs.	.53	\$46,640
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS				1978	\$133,725
				1977	\$46,640

INYO COUNTY TOTALS

	1977	1978
Livestock	\$2,056,300	\$3,820,453
Livestock Products	\$ 7,936	\$ 8,608
Field Crops	\$1,462,452	\$1,179,420
Fruit Production	\$ 18,900	\$ 6,000
Apiary	\$ 46,640	\$ 133,725
TOTALS	\$3,592,228	\$5,148,206

MONO COUNTY
LIVESTOCK

ITEM	PRODUCTION		(cwt.) LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
	YEAR	NUMBER HEAD			PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves						
Calves-Steers	1978	5,104	25,520	cwt.	\$71.00	\$1,811,920
Heifers	1978	4,433	19,949	cwt.	\$66.00	\$1,316,634
Cows	1978	1,134	11,340	cwt.	\$40.00	\$453,600
Bulls	1978	209	2,822	cwt.	\$45.00	\$126,990
All Cattle & Calves (adj)	1977	10,246	56,545	cwt.	\$36.00	\$2,032,092
Feeders	1978	1,500	X	cwt.	\$67.00	\$301,500
(Gain)	1977	200	X	cwt.	\$37.00	\$25,900
Sheep & Lambs	1978	20,000	18,000	cwt.	\$60.00	\$1,080,000
	1977	20,000	18,000	cwt.	\$48.00	\$864,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK				1978	\$5,090,644	
				1977	\$2,921,992	

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Manufacturing	1978	-----	---	-----	-----
	1977	3,968	Lbs.	\$4.50	\$17,856
Wool	1978	1,600	cwt.	\$73.00	\$116,800
	1977	1,600	cwt.	\$66.00	\$105,600
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION				1978	\$116,800
				1977	\$123,456

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

	For Period Ending January 1, 1978-January 1, 1979	
Cattle & Calves	20,000	24,900
Cows & Heifers that have calved	8,000	10,700
Sheep & Lambs	20,000(adj)	20,000

MONO COUNTY FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1978	6,423	5	32,115	Ton	\$55.00	\$1,766,325
Hay	1977	5,080	5.5	27,940	Ton	\$63.00	\$1,760,220
Misc.	1978	550	2.50	1,375	Ton	\$50.00	\$68,750
Hay	1977	830	2.50	2,075	Ton	\$55.00	\$114,125
Irrigated	1978	9392	X	X	Acre	\$10.66	\$100,119
Pasture	1977	9000	X	X	Acre	\$7.20	\$64,800
Dry	1978	36,000	X	X	Acre	\$.28	\$10,080
Grazing	1977	36,000	X	X	Acre	\$.81	\$29,160
TOTAL FIELD CROPS					1978	\$1,945,274	
					1977	\$1,968,305	

MONO COUNTY TOTALS

Livestock	1977 \$2,921,992	1978 \$5,090,644
Livestock Products	\$ 123,456	\$ 116,800
Field Crops	<u>\$1,968,305</u>	<u>\$1,945,274</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$5,013,753</u>	<u>\$7,152,718</u>