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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1975 Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern.

The estimated value of direct farm marketings in 1975 was \$744,307,575, an increase of better than 5.3% over 1974. This figure represents a gross FOB value, which includes preparation and production costs and <u>does not</u> represent net income to the farmer. Total harvested acreage was 926,349 up from 879,413 in 1974, an increase of 46,936 acres.

Cotton continued to dominate Kern County's agriculture. The total value including seed, is estimated at \$196,985,000, a decrease of \$8,280,000 as compared to 1974; however, acreage was down by 49,000 or 15.6%. Yield was estimated at 1,170 pounds per acre at an average price of 53¢ per pound.

Grapes were in second place with bearing acreage up by 25.9% with a gross dollar value of \$84,627,000. The depressed prices of wine grapes caused an overall decrease in value of 3.4%.

Potatoes were down by better than \$10,000,000 or approximately 12.5%. Prices were generally higher, but reduced acreage caused the gross value to drop from 1974.

Cattle and calves showed an increase over 1974, up by 37.7%. Prices per cwt. were on the average \$3.00 higher and 240,000 head were marketed as compared to 190,000 during the previous year.

Bearing acreage of almonds increased by better than 24%, but a drop in price of approximately \$300 per ton caused a decrease in gross value of 28%.

Dollar value of citrus was up by approximately 18%. Bearing acreage increased by 23.7% up to 20,812 acres.

Agriculture continues as the dominant industry in Kern County. Using the formula of 5 to 1, that is for every dollar derived from direct farm marketings, at least another five dollars is generated in related agri-business industries. The impact on the economy of Kern County from agricultural production is in the area of \$4,466,000,000.

The cooperation of those firms and individuals who contributed information which made this report possible is sincerely appreciated by the staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's office, and especially by those who were directly responsible for compiling this report.

Sincerely,

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James W. Stockton Agricultural Commissioner

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PISTACHIOS

"An up and Coming Crop in Kern County"

The front cover of Kern County's Annual Crop Report features the pistachio nut, <u>Pistacia</u> vera L., a native of Asia that was introduced into California about 80 years ago. Until the last decade little interest was shown in its commercial possibilities. Current interest in the pistachio as a commercial crop has been increased by the satisfactory growth and nut production of experimental plantings at Chico, California.

The potential of the pistachio as a commercial crop in Kern County may be illustrated by the following facts:

At the present time, we have 19 acres of pistachios classified as bearing and 13,431 acres that are classified as immature and not bearing. A tree is considered mature at about eight years of age and should produce about 300 pounds of nuts in shell per acre.

Most of our pistachios at present are supplied by foreign production. During the year 1974, imports into the United States from foreign countries were as follows:

> Iran 22,346,529 lbs. in shell at \$1.04 Turkey 2,691,815 lbs. in shell at .932 China 4,500 lbs. nut meats at 2.67

When these figures are compiled, the total exceeds \$25,761,000.

Locally grown nuts appear generally superior to the imported product and a ready market is available for all immediately anticipated production.

Note: Sources for figures on imports were the U. S. Department of Commerce and the American Institute of Food Distributors, Inc.

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YEAR	BEARING	NON- BEARING	TOTAL
1975	29,187	23,020	52,207
1974	23,469	22,394	45,863
1975	1,104	387	1,491
1974	743	718	1,461
1975	81	130	211
1974	81	125	206
1975	93	20	113
1974	93	20	113
1975	27		27
1974	27		27
1975			2,670
1974	1	2,669	2,670
1975	3	2,178	2,181
1974		2,795	2,798
1975	63,835	17,022	80,857
1974	50,704	31,326	82,030
1975	21,604	2,340	23,944
1974	21,968	2,685	24,653
1975	9,500	2,347	11,847
1974	10,584	2,384	12,968
1975	32,731	12,335	45,066
1974	18,152	26,257	44,409
1975	19	40	59
1974	19	29	48
1975	1,324	3,238	4,562
1974	992	3,561	4,553
1975		1	1
1974		1	1
1975	667	798	1,465
1974	407	840	1,247
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PERMANENT ACREAGE - 1975

CROP	YEAR	BEARING	NON- BEARING	TOTAL
Olives	1975	210	6,295	6,505
	1974	210	6,295	6,505
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Oranges, All	1975	18,578	3,936	22,514
	1974	16,212	6,245	22,457
Navel	1975	14,333	3,446	17,779
	1974	12,243	5,476	17,719
Valencia	1975	4,245	490	4,735
	1974	3,969	769	4,738
Tangerines & Tangelos	1975	907	252	1,159
	1974	601	609	1,210
Peaches	1975	2,665	863	3,528
	1974	2,643	929	3,572
Pears	1975	395	10	405
	1974	395	10	405
Pecans	1975	2		2
	1974	2		2
Persimmons	1975	14	23	37
	1974	28	27	55
Pistachios	1975	19	13,431	13,450
	1974	19	13,412	13,431
Plums	1975	1,650	826	2,476
	1974	2,051	674	2,725
Pomegranates	1975	105		105
9	1974	105		1.05
Prunes	1975	304	92	396
	1974		396	396
Walnuts	1975	262	722	984
	1974	251	733	984
TOTALS	1975	121,528	75,877	197,405
	1974	99,056	93,808	192,864

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VALUE

Cotton and Cottonseed	\$196,985,000
Grapes	84,627,000
Potatoes	65,602,000
Cattle and Calves	56,862,000
Alfalfa Hay	56,511,000
Milk, Market and Manufacturing	31,672,200
Citrus	25,966,000
Almonds, Including Almond Hulls	20,956,000
Nursery Products	21,959,000
Sugar Beets	20,952,000
Wheat	20,540,000
Tomatoes, Fresh Market and Processing	20,115,000
Onions, Fresh Market and Processing	17,936,000
Carrots	14,400,000
Barley	8,262,000
Cantaloupes	7,482,000
Sorghum Grain	7,476,000
Lettuce	7,074,000
Sheep and Lambs	6,388,000
Apples	4,686,000
Silage	3,960,000
Turkeys	3,459,000
Rice	2,520,000
Range	2,475,000
Pasture, Irrigated	2,250,000
Nectarines	2,125,000
Hay, Other	1,949,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1,911,000
Olives	1,908,000
Watermelons	1,870,000
Snap Beans, Fresh Market and Processing	1,752,000
Eggs, Chicken	1,696,000
Seed Crops	1,634,575
Garlic	1,438,000
Pasture, Other	1,200,000
Grain Hay	1,068,000
Melons, Other	1,038,000
Peppers	1,012,000
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FIELD CROPS - 1975

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL
Barley	1975 1974	45,000 45,000	1.80 1.50	81,000 67,500	Ton Ton	\$102 5 105	\$ 8,262,000 7,087,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1975 1974	3,500 10,500	1.40 1.00	4,900 10,500	Ton Ton	390 304	1,911,000 3,192,000
Corn, Field	1975 1974*	885	4.00	3,540	Ton	130 	460,000
Cotton Lint	1975 1974	265,000 314,000	a/1170 a/1040	b/646,000 b/680,300	Bale Bale	c/.53 c/.48	164,342,000 156,741,000
Cotton Seed	1975 1974			275,000 299,000	Ton Ton	115 157	31,625,000 46,943,000
Cotton Seed, Planting	1975 1974			6,740 8,320	Ton Ton	151 190	1,018,000 1,581,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1975 1974	115,000 115,000	7.80 8.00	897,000 920,000	Ton Ton	63 61	56,511,000 56,120,000
Grain	1975 1974	5,000 6,500	3.50 3.25	17,500 21,100	Ton Ton	61 60	1,068,000 1,266,000
Other	1975 1974	4,200 4,000	8.00 10.00	$33,600 \\ 40,000$	Ton Ton	58 55	1,949,000 2,200,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1975 1974	18,000 22,500			Acre Acre	125 125	2,250,000 2,812,000
Other	1975 1974	80,000 75,000			Acre Acre	15 15	1,200,000 1,125,000
Range	1975 1974	2,475,000 2,497,000			Acre Acre	1 1	2,475,000 2,497,000
Rice	1975 1974	12,000 6,300	1.50 1.50	18,000 9,450	Ton Ton	140 240	2,520,000 2,268,000
Safflower	1975 1974*	4,000	1.20	4,800	Ton	200	960,000
Silage	1975 1974	22,000 19,000	18.00 17.00	396,000 323,000	Ton Ton	10 11.50	3,960,000 3,714,000

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Sorghum Grain	1975	35,000	2.25	78,700	Ton	95.00	\$ 7,476,000
	1974	20,000	2.10	42,000	Ton	115.00	4,830,000
Sugar Beets	1975	27,700	28.00	776,000	Ton	27.00	20,952,000
	1974**	11,800	26.70	315,000	Ton	43.55	13,718,000
Wheat	1975	75,000	2.10	158,000	Ton	130.00	20,540,000
	1974	45,000.	2.00	90,000	Ton	150.00	13,500,000
Miscellaneous	1975						41,000
	1974						169,000
TOTALS	1975	712,285					\$329,520,000
	1974	694,600					\$319,763,000
Range	1975	2,475,000					
	1974	2,497,000					

a/Pounds Lint Per Acre b/480 Pounds Net Weight Bale c/Price Per Pound

* Included in Miscellaneous ** Revised

Average Monet	ary Return	for	each	Harvested	Acre:	1975 -	\$459.15
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1974	-	\$456.76
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CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Alfalfa	1975	1,339		191,000	lb.		\$ 145,000
	*1974						
Grain: Barley, Oats							
Rye and Wheat	1975	3,271		9,360,000	lb.		1,022,000
	1974	2,086		6,352,953	16.		408,800
Cowpeas	1975	340		655,000	1b.		282,000
	1974	213		537,000	lb.		215,000
Vegetable	1975	658		657,000	lb.		161,000
	1974	167		300,500	lb.		51,975
Miscellaneous	1975	70		2,900	lb.		1,675
	1974	540		232,000	lb.		133,500
Screenings	1975			460	Ton	49.70	22,900
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TOTALS	1975	5,678			Ton		\$1,634,575
	1974	3,006					\$ 832,075

* Included in Miscellaneous

Average Monetary Return per Acre:

1975	\$287.85
1974	\$276.80

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1975

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Beans, Snap	1975	520	4.50	2,340	Ton	521.00	\$ 1,219,000
	1974	810	5.10	4,130	Ton	384.00	1,586,000
Beans, Snap	1975	1,940	2.56	4,970	Ton	169.00	840,000
Processing	1974	1,620	1.44	2,330	Ton	175.00	408,000
Cabbage	1975 * 1974	280	9.94	2,800	Ton	89.00	249,000
Carrots	1975	11,000	17.45	192,000	Ton	75.00	14,400,000
	1974	9,500	16.60	158,000	Ton	83.00	13,114,000
Corn, Sweet	1975	475	6.00	2,850	Ton	209.00	596,000
	1974	375	3.80 -	1,425	Ton	185.00	264,000
Garlic	1975	1,600	5.60	8,960	Ton	160.50	1,438,000
	1974	1,325	5.25	6,960	Ton	178.50	1,242,000
Lettuce	1975	3,900	13.80	53,800	Ton	131.50	7,075,000
	1974**	4,550	13.25	60,000	Ton	135.00	8,100,000
Cantaloupes	1975	3,000	13.50	40,500	Ton	184.75	7,482,000
	1974	2,400	11.75	28,200	Ton	215.00	6,063,000
Melons, Other	1975	683	9.15	6,250	Ton	166.00	1,038,000
	1974	555	10.09	5,600	Ton	188.00	1,053,000
Watermelons	1975	1,775	18.50	33,000	Ton	57.00	1,881,000
	1974	1,300	18.00	23,400	Ton	102.00	2,387,000
Onions, Dry	1975	1,800	25.50	46,000	Ton	215.00	9,890,000
	1974	1,100	26.00	28,600	Ton	96.10	2,748,000
Onions,	1975	7,600	17.90	136,000	Ton	59.50	8,092,000
Dehydrator	1974	6,350	17.00	108,000	Ton	46.50	5,022,000
Peppers	1975	450	6.00	2,700	Ton	375.00	1,012,000
	1974	525	7.40	3,900	Ton	229.00	893,000

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
POTATOES, TOTAL	1975	29,750	18.21	542,000	Ton	109.45	\$ 59,527,000
ter in in	1974	36,200	18.50	670,000	Ton	111.97	75,023,000
Late Spring,							
TOTAL	1975	27,200	18.82	512,000	Ton	108.95	55,785,000
	1974	34,000	18.94	644,000	Ton	111.58	71,860,000
Fresh Market	1975			390,000	Ton	126.50	49,335,000
	1974			500,000	Ton	131.00	65,500,000
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Processed	1975			77,000	Ton	75.00	5,775,000
	1974			82,000	Ton	70,00	5,740,000
Culls	1975			45,000	Ton	15.00	675,000
	1974			62,000	Ton	10.00	620,000
Winter, TOTAL	1975	2,550	11.84	30,200	Ton	123.91	3,742,000
winter, 101AL	1974	2,200	11.95	26,300	Ton	120.27	3,163,000
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Fresh Market	1975			26,600	Ton	139.00	3,697,000
	1974			23,200	Ton	135.00	3,132,000
Culls	1975			3,600	Ton	12.50	45,000
	1974			3,100	Ton	10.00	31,000
Pumpkins and							
Squash	1975	370	15.00	5,550	Ton	126.00	699,000
	1974	290	11.00	3,190	Ton	122.00	389,000
Tomatoes,							
Fresh Market	1975	975	6.51	6,350	Ton	391.00	2,483,000
	1,974	700	6.30	4,400	Ton	260.00	1,144,000
Tomatoes,							
non Processing	1975	16,500	18.41	304,000	Ton	58.00	17,632,000
000.853.13	1974	8,050	18.60	149,700	Ton	56.80	8,503,000
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Miscellaneous	1975*	2,900		16,000	Ton		2,628,000
abon be the	<u>1974</u> *	4,500			Ton		3,800,000
TOTAL	1975	85,238					\$137,932,000
	1974**	80,430					\$131,988,000
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* Includes Asparagus, Beans (Pintos and Kidneys), Broccoli (Fresh and Proc.), Cabbage, Cauliflower, Cucumbers (Proc.), Leaf Lettuce, Melons (Proc.), Peas (Fresh Market), Peppers (Proc.), Potatoes (Fall Proc.), Miscellaneous (Proc.).
** Revised

Monetary Return Per Harvested Acre: 1975 - \$1,618.20

1974 - \$1,641.03

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - 1975

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almonds	1975*	29,187	.47	13,700	Ton	1,300.00	\$17,810,000
	1974*	23,469	.66	15,500	Ton	1,600.00	24,800,000
Almond Hulls	1975 1974**			52,000 	Ton	60.50	3,146,000
Apples	1975	1,104	11.50	12,700	Ton	369.00	4,686,000
	1974	743	9.30	6,900	Ton	202.00	1,394,000
Avocados	1975	93	.70	65	Ton	729.00	47,400
	1974	93	.47	44	Ton	692.00	30,400
CITRUS, ALL	1975	20,812	7.55	157,250	Ton	165.12	25,966,000
	1974	16,813	7.23	121,570	Ton	180.91	21,994,000
Grapefruit	1975* 1974**	3		2,970	Ton	146.90	436,000
Lemons	1975 1974**	1,324	6.40	8,500	Ton	331.50	2,818,000
Oranges, Navels	1975	14,333	6.40	91,700	Ton	186.70	17,120,000
	1974	12,243	6.25	77,000	Ton	216.00	16,632,000
Oranges, Valencias	1975	4,245	6.50	27,600	Ton	146.70	4,049,000
	1974	3,969	6.10	24,000	Ton	187.50	4,500,000
Tangerines and	1975	907	4.94	4,480	Ton	221.75	993,000
Tangelos	1974	601	3.44	2,070	Ton	220.00	455,000
Processed	1975 1974			22,000 18,500	Ton	25.00 22.00	435,000 550,000 407,000
GRAPES, TOTAL	1975 1974	63,835 50,704	7.67 8.43	489,800 427,500	Ton Ton	172.78	84,627,000 87,673,000
Raisin Varieties	1975	21,604	9.53	205,800	Ton	239.56	49,301,000
	1974	21,968	10.58	232,500	Ton	236.41	54,967,000
Fresh Market	1975 1974			64,800 65,000	Ton Ton	550.00 575.00	35,640,000 37,375,000
Raisins, Dry Weight	1975*** 1974***			11,300 7,500	Ton Ton	540.00 640.00	6,102,000 4,800,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - 1975

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Processed	1975 1974		21.0	16,700 17,000	Ton Ton	117.00 130.00	\$ 1,954,000 2,210,000
Crushed	1975 1974			113,000 143,000	Ton Ton	49.60 74.00	5,605,000 10,582,000
Table Varieties	1975 1974	9,500 10,584	8.84 8.88	84,000 94,000	Ton Ton	271.26 245.86	22,786,000 23,111,000
Fresh Market	1975 1974			38,000 43,000	Ton Ton	550.00 458.00	20,900,000 19,694,000
Crushed	1975 1974			46,000 51,000	Ton Ton	41.00 67.00	1,886,000 3,417,000
Wine Varieties Crushed	1975 1974	32,731 18,152	6.10 5.56	200,000 101,000	Ton Ton	62.70 95.00	12,540,000 9,595,000
Nectarines	1975 1974	667 407	6.80 4.80	4,560 1,950	Ton Ton	466.00 402.00	2,125,000 783,000
Olives	1975* 1974	210 210	2.00	5,870 420	Ton Ton	325.00 412.00	1,908,000 173,000
PEACHES, ALL	1975 1974	2,665 2,643	5.55 6.30	14,780 16,650	Ton Ton	315.85 272.20	4,668,000 4,532,000
Fresh Market	1975 1974			7,500 8,450	Ton Ton	511.50 442.50	3,836,000 3,739,000
Processed	1975 1974			7,280 8,200	Ton Ton	114.25 96.70	832,000 793,000
PEARS, ALL	1975 1974	395 395	2.95 4.58	1,165 1,810	Ton Ton	345.90 367.95	403,000 666,000
Fresh Market	1975 1974			835 1,180	Ton Ton	433.50 476.00	362,000 562,000
Processed	1975 1974			330 630	Ton Ton	125.00 165.00	41,000 104,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - 1975

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Plums	1975 1974	1,650 2,051	3.60 4.15	5,940 8,530	Ton Ton	713.70 641.00	\$ 4,239,000 5,468,000
Pomegranates	1975 1974	105 105	5.10 5.30	535 555	Ton Ton	298.00 312.00	159,000 173,000
Walnuts	1975 1974****	262	5.04	1,320	Ton	450.00	594,000
Miscellaneous	1975**** <u>1974</u> ****	543 1,423		4,000 8,300	Ton Ton		969,000 2,796,000
TOTALS	1975 <u>1974</u>	121,528 					\$151,347,400 \$ <u>150,482,400</u>

* Includes production from young orchards officially classified as non-bearing. Almond production stated in terms of nut meat equivalents.

** Included in miscellaneous.

*** Total Production includes raisins on a fresh equivalent basis.

Dry Ratio: 1975 - 4.40 to 1 1974 - 4.32 to 1

****Includes apples (proc.), apricots, cherries, figs, kiwi, pecans, persimmons, pistachios and prunes.

Monetary Return per Harvested Acre: 1975 - \$1,245.37 1974 - \$1,519.00

NURSERY CROPS - 1975

	CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
*	Grapevines	1975			1,145,000	Plant	.40	\$ 458,000
5		1974	757	(16,390,000	Plant	.239	3,917,000
	Trees and Shrubs	1975	1.57		911,000	Plant	1.23	1,120,000
		1974	111		1,139,000	Plant	1.20	1,367,000
	Rose Plants	1975	1,235	()	19,868,000	Plant	.785	15,596,000
		1974	1,290		21,581,000	Plant	.677	14,610,000
**	Plants, Propagative	1975	228					4,785,000
1	Material and Cut	1974	1.63					799,000
	Flowers							
	TOTALS	1975	1,620					\$21,959,000
		1974	2,321					\$20,693,000

* Small Acreage Included with Greenhouse Production.

** Total Value Includes Greenhouse Production.

APIARY PRODUCTS - 1975

PRODUCT	YEAR	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Honey	1975 1974	816,000 319,000	1b. 1b.	.385 .48	\$314,100 153,000
Beeswax	1975 1974	13,600 5,300	lb. 1b.	1.20 1.05	16,300 5,600
Pollination	1975 <u>1974</u>	17,000 16,000	Colony Colony	16.00	272,000 288,000
TOTALS	1975 1974				\$602,400 \$ <u>446,600</u>