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STANISLAUS COUNTY RELEASES ANNUAL CROP REPORT

2021 Crop Values Released

Stanislaus County, CA – The Stanislaus County 2021 Crop Report details the farm gate value of various commodities produced throughout the County. It was released and formally presented to the County Board of Supervisors today, October 4, 2022. The report provides a statistical description of commodities including acres harvested and total production value; it is used by the United States Department of Agriculture as part of its data compilation for the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The report only represents the gross values of commodities and does not reflect production costs or profits.

Agricultural Commissioner Kamal Bagri announced that the gross value of agricultural production for 2021 was over \$3.5 billion, an increase of 2 percent from the 2020 value. Despite the second year of continued drought, pandemic, and shipping disruptions agricultural production remained resilient. Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, Terry Withrow, remarked “Agricultural production plays a key role in our everyday life. We need a system that is both resilient and sustainable for our farmers, ranchers, and consumers.”

This year’s theme highlighted the expanding role women play in local agriculture. Approximately 35% of local farms have a female principal producer. Local colleges are seeing increases in female applications, admissions, enrollment, and degrees earned in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Sciences; fields previously dominated by men. In Bagri’s County Board of Supervisors presentation, she commented, “There is something to be said about the value of visual representation-especially as fewer and fewer people originate from an agricultural background. We hope some of these women’s stories help inspire other women to join this all-important industry.”

Highlights from the 2021 crop year:

- Fruit and Nut Crops, our largest commodity, were valued at over \$1.3 billion.
- Record breaking cherry crop with high quality large yields coupled with high prices.
- Hay and Silage prices saw significant rise due to persistent drought affecting forage, bolstering the feed market.
- Ornamental Trees and Shrubs showed a 39% increase due to new construction and home sales.

The report is available immediately following the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office located at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B, Modesto. Current and past years’ reports are available on the Agricultural Commissioner’s website at

<http://www.stanag.org/crop-statistics.shtm>.



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