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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

In accordance with the requirements of section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, this report provides the estimated production, acreage and gross value of the agricultural industry in San Bernardino County for the year 2001. Despite a reduction in overall acreage and dairy production, the total value of production rose over \$84 million dollars to \$704,152,900. This total is the second highest total recorded for the County after the record of \$722, 257,700 in 1999. While agriculture is present in nearly all areas, the majority by value is located predominantly in the southwest corner of the County. The industry is also concentrated in 10 commodities, which comprise 91.4% of all production value.

The dairy industry continues to dominate the agricultural industry of the County with milk production and related animal production contributing to over 75% of the total value of agriculture. A reduction in the number of dairies and cows from the development occurring in the former Chino Valley Agricultural Preserve, led to a decrease of 7% in total milk production. A substantially higher price received for milk, which increased the total dollars by 12.6%, or \$49,521,000, offset this decrease in production. Development also contributed to the decrease in fruit tree acreage.

Information in this report was gathered from a variety of sources including marketing boards, packing houses, other governmental agencies and, most importantly, by individual contact with the producers of the County by my staff. Without their efforts, this report would not be as complete and detailed for local production, especially for the many specialty crops and products reported.

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