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**1977
ANNUAL
CROP & LIVESTOCK
REPORT**

INYO-MONO COUNTIES
DEPARTMENT
OF
AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF:
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April 6, 1978

To: Richard E. Rominger, Director
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And The Honorable

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Enclosed is the 1977 Agricultural Crop Report for Inyo and Mono Counties, as required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

The gross agricultural production for both counties dropped approximately \$1,500,000.

Cattlemen suffered the greatest losses. 1977 will be remembered as a disastrous year for agriculture due primarily to the prolonged drought combined with depressed prices. Throughout the year prices for cattle and calves were below costs of production.

Alfalfa, the major field crop for both counties, brought good returns early in the year but by the end of the year prices received were below production costs. Total acreage and yield increased slightly for both counties.

It is important to remember that values shown in this report are gross returns only and do not reflect net income or losses.

This year a written questionnaire was mailed to all producers with a tremendous response. A sincere thank you goes to all who responded and others who provided information necessary for the compilation of this report.

P. Dean Smith, the Inyo-Mono County Farm Advisor, is due a special word of appreciation for his assistance.

A word of optimism:

The drought is over, with above average rain and snowfall, and if the market improves 1978 could be a much better year.

Respectively Submitted,

Edmond W. Hale
Agricultural Commissioner

INYO COUNTY

LIVESTOCK

PRODUCTION		VALUE				
Item	Year	Number Head	Liveweight (cwt)	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves						
Calves-Steers	1977	4,136	20,680	cwt.	\$41.00	\$847,880
Heifers	1977	3,715	16,717	cwt.	\$36.00	\$601,812
Cows	1977	1,110	11,100	cwt.	\$24.50	\$271,950
Bulls	1977	208	2,808	cwt.	\$35.00	\$ 98,280
All Cattle & Calves (Adj.)	1976	14,500	81,381	cwt.	\$30.00	\$2,441,430
Feeders	1977	1,425	x	cwt.	\$37.00	\$184,538
(Gain)	1976	2,558	x	cwt.	\$37.00	\$277,870
Sheep & Lambs	1977	1,200	1,080	cwt.	\$48.00	\$ 51,840
	1976	1,200	1,080	cwt.	\$43.00	\$ 46,440
TOTAL LIVESTOCK				1977	\$2,056,300	
				1976	\$2,678,738	

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Milk, Manufacturing	1977	400 cwt.	cwt.	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,600
	1976	-----	cwt.	-----	-----
Wool	1977	96	cwt.	\$ 66.00	\$ 6,336
	1976	96	cwt.	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,840
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS				1977	\$7,936
				1976	\$3,840

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

	For Period Ending	
	January 1, 1977	January 1, 1978
Cattle & Calves	24,800	23,000
Cows & Heifers that have calved	14,000	11,000
Sheep & Lambs	1,000	1,200

INYO COUNTY FIELD CROPS

PRODUCTION				VALUE			
Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Total Tons	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1977	3,304	6.0	19,824	ton	63.00	1,248,912
Hay	1976	3,154	5.25	16,559	ton	76.50	1,226,764
Irrigated Pasture	1977	10,050	x	x	acre	7.20	72,360
Pasture	1976	9,075	x	x	acre	5.87	53,270
Dry Grazing	1977	181,000	x	x	acre	.78	141,180
	1976	179,966	x	x	acre	.66	118,778
				TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1977	\$1,462,452	
					1976	\$1,438,812	

FRUIT PRODUCTION

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Total Tons	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Misc. Fruit	1977	28	2.5	70	ton	270.00	18,900
	1976	28	1.93	54	ton	262.00	14,148
				TOTAL FRUIT PRODUCTION	1977	\$18,900	
					1976	\$14,148	

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Honey	1977	88,000	lbs.	.53	46,640
	1976	80,150	lbs.	.40	32,060
				TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS	1977 \$46,640
					1976 \$32,060

INYO COUNTY TOTALS

	1976	1977
Livestock	\$2,678,738	\$2,056,300
Livestock Products	\$ 3,840	\$ 7,936
Field Crops	\$1,438,812	\$1,462,452
Fruit Production	\$ 14,148	\$ 18,900
Apiary	\$ 32,060	\$ 46,640
TOTALS	\$4,167,598	\$3,592,228

MONO COUNTY

LIVESTOCK

PRODUCTION		VALUE				
Item	Year	Number Head	Liveweight (cwt.)	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves						
Calves-Steers	1977	5,081	25,405	cwt.	\$41.00	\$1,041,605
Heifers	1977	3,855	17,347	cwt.	\$36.00	\$ 624,492
Cows	1977	1,112	11,120	cwt.	\$24.50	\$ 272,440
Bulls	1977	198	2,673	cwt.	\$35.00	\$ 93,555
All Cattle & Calves(adj)	1976	15,563	72,426	cwt.	\$30.00	\$2,172,780
Feeders	1977	200	x	cwt.	\$37.00	\$ 25,900
(Gain)	1976	-----	-----	cwt.	-----	-----
Sheep & Lambs	1977	20,000	18,000	cwt.	\$48.00	\$ 864,000
	1976	36,500	32,850	cwt.	\$43.00	\$1,412,550
TOTAL LIVESTOCK 1977				\$2,921,992		
(adjusted) 1976				\$3,777,646		

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Milk Manufactur- ing	1977	3,968	lbs.	\$ 4.50	\$ 17,856
	1976	-----	lbs.	-----	-----
Wool	1977	1,600	cwt.	\$66.00	\$ 105,600
	1976	4,000	cwt.	\$69.00	\$ 276,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS 1977				\$123,456	
1976				\$276,000	

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

	For Period Ending	
	January 1, 1977	January 1, 1978
Cattle & Calves	23,700	20,000
Cows & Heifers that have calved	6,200	8,000
Sheep & Lambs	4,300	5,000

MONO COUNTY

FIELD CROPS

PRODUCTION			VALUE				
Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Total Tons	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1977	5,080	5.5	27,940	ton	\$63.00	\$1,760,220
Hay	1976	4,606	5.25	24,182	ton	\$76.50	\$1,849,923
Misc.Hay	1977	830	2.50	2,075	ton	\$55.00	\$ 114,125
	1976	300	2.25	675	ton	\$55.00	\$ 45,900
Irrigated	1977	9,000	x	x	acre	\$ 7.20	\$ 64,800
Pasture	1976	7,184	x	x	acre	\$ 5.90	\$ 42,386
Dry	1977	36,000	x	x	acre	\$.81	\$ 29,160
Grazing	1976	31,096	x	x	acre	\$.81	\$ 25,188

				TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1977	\$1,968,305	
					1976	\$1,963,397	

MONO COUNTY TOTALS

	1976	1977
Livestock	\$3,777,646	\$2,921,992
Livestock Products	\$ 276,000	\$ 123,456
Field Crops	\$1,963,397	\$1,968,305
TOTALS	<u>\$6,017,043</u>	<u>\$5,013,753</u>