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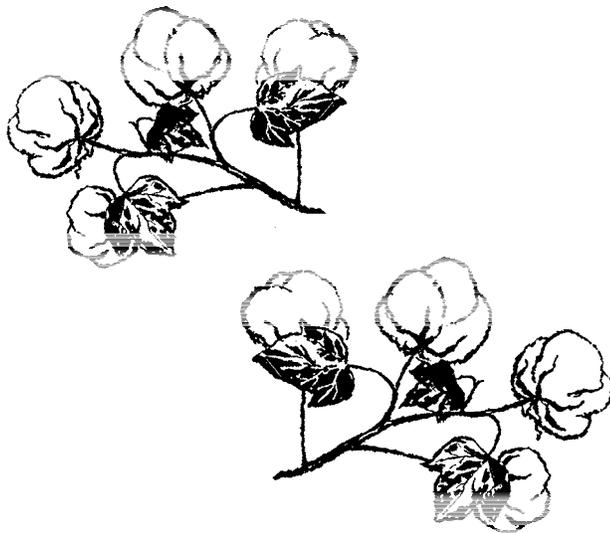
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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUE

The estimated value of California's 2000 field crop production, at \$2.84 billion, was 6 percent above the \$2.69 billion value of 1999. Production of the major field crops in California during 2000 totaled 27.5 million tons, down 5 percent from the 28.8 million tons produced in 1999. The 4.35 million acres harvested in 2000 were up 1 percent from the 4.31 million acres harvested in 1999. Corn for grain, Upland cotton, and cottonseed increased in total value for 2000.



CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUES BY COMMODITY

Crop and Year ^{a/}	Acres Harvested 1,000	Yield Per Acre	Production 1,000	Unit	Average	Value of
					Price ^{b/} Dollars	Production \$1,000
Corn 98	245.0	4.48	1,097.6	Tons	95.00	104,272
For 99	185.0	4.76	880.6	Tons	89.29	78,625
Grain 00	235.0	4.76	1,118.6	Tons	91.07	101,873
Corn 98	350.0	25.00	8,750.0	Tons	---	---
For 99	335.0	26.00	8,710.0	Tons	---	---
Silage 00	300.0	26.00	7,800.0	Tons	---	---
Oats 98	30.0	1.20	36.0	Tons	85.00	3,060
For 99	25.0	1.36	34.0	Tons	93.75	3,188
Grain 00	25.0	1.20	30.0	Tons	103.13	3,094
Barley 98	125.0	1.44	180.0	Tons	97.08	17,475
For 99	100.0	1.54	153.6	Tons	97.50	14,976
Grain 00	85.0	1.63	138.7	Tons	97.92	13,583
Winter 98	380.0	1.80	684.0	Tons	98.67	67,488
Wheat 99	370.0	2.34	865.8	Tons	91.67	79,365
For Grain 00	350.0	2.10	735.0	Tons	88.33	64,925
Durum 98	175.0	2.70	472.5	Tons	127.67	60,323
Wheat 99	85.0	3.15	267.8	Tons	123.33	33,023
For Grain 00	97.0	3.00	291.0	Tons	110.00	32,010
Rice 98	458.0	68.50	31,386.0	Cwt.	9.19	288,437
99	505.0	72.70	36,690.0	Cwt.	6.97	255,729
00	548.0	79.50	43,585.0	Cwt.	5.30	231,001
Cotton, 98	620.0	887.00	1,146.0	Bales	67.80	372,954
Upland 99	605.0	1,254.00	1,580.0	Bales	56.20	426,221
Lint ^{c/} 00	770.0	1,371.00	2,200.0	Bales	69.40	732,864
Cotton, 98	180.0	941.00	352.8	Bales	92.30	156,305
American 99	239.0	1,210.00	602.7	Bales	85.10	246,191
Pima ^{d/} 00	144.0	1,167.00	350.0	Bales	97.50	163,800
Cottonseed 98	---	---	544.0	Tons	177.00	96,288
99	---	---	799.0	Tons	137.00	109,463
00	---	---	926.0	Tons	140.00	129,640
Hay, 98	1,630.0	5.25	8,554.0	Tons	96.00	789,572
All ^{d/} 99	1,580.0	5.56	8,782.0	Tons	89.00	767,325
00	1,530.0	5.60	8,568.0	Tons	86.00	730,422
Hay, 98	1,050.0	6.60	6,930.0	Tons	98.00	679,140
Alfalfa 99	1,050.0	6.90	7,245.0	Tons	90.00	652,050
00	1,020.0	7.00	7,140.0	Tons	87.00	621,180
Hay, 98	580.0	2.80	1,624.0	Tons	68.00	110,432
All Other 99	530.0	2.90	1,537.0	Tons	75.00	115,275
00	510.0	2.80	1,428.0	Tons	76.50	109,242
Beans, 98	105.0	14.80	1,554.0	Cwt.	36.10	56,099
Dry Edible 99	132.0	18.60	2,455.0	Cwt.	27.00	66,285
e/ 00	112.0	18.80	2,100.0	Cwt.	27.00	56,700
Sugar 98	99.0	27.50	2,723.0	Tons	39.80	108,375
Beets 99	108.0	32.00	3,456.0	Tons	36.80	127,181
f/ 00	93.5	32.50	3,039.0	Tons	g/	g/

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- ^{a/} Data for 2000 is preliminary.
^{b/} Marketing year average prices. Does not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments.
^{c/} Cotton yield in pounds; production in 480-pound net weight bales; lint price on hundredweight basis. The 2000 price is the average to January 1, 2001.
^{d/} Estimated marketings of alfalfa and other hay are used as weights to calculate all hay price.
^{e/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed.
^{f/} Relates to year of intended harvest except for overwintered spring planted beets.
^{g/} Not available.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - JANUARY 2001

Prices received by California farmers at mid-January were above December for barley, dry edible beans, all hay, and alfalfa hay. All potatoes, winter potatoes, fall potatoes, hay other than alfalfa, and cottonseed were below the previous month. Mid-January prices for wheat and Upland cotton lint were not published to avoid possible disclosure. Prices were above a year earlier for barley, winter potatoes, all types of hay, and cottonseed. Dry edible beans, all potatoes, and fall potatoes were below January 2000's level.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN TWO POINTS

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in January was 96 based on 1990-92=100, down two points (2 percent) from the December Index. Lower prices for eggs, cotton, hogs, and soybeans were partially offset by higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and strawberries. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell often effects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed were partially offset by higher marketings of cattle, corn, and soybeans.

Compared with January 2000, the All Farm Products Index was five points (5.5 percent) higher. Price increases from January 2000 for cattle, milk, cotton, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for oranges, apples, potatoes, and lettuce.

The January All Crops Index, at 93, was down 3.1 percent from December, but 4.5 percent above January 2000. From December, index decreases for cotton, oil-bearing crops, and feed grains and hay more than offset index increases for commercial vegetables, tobacco, and fruit and nuts.

The January Food Grains Index, at 94, was unchanged from the previous month, but 10.6 percent above January 2000. The January all wheat price, at \$4.80 per cwt., was up two cents from December and 62 cents above January 2000.

The January Feed Grains & Hay Index was 89, down 1.1 percent from last month, but 6 percent above January 2000. The corn price, at \$3.50 per cwt., was down two cents from December, but up nine cents from January 2000. The all hay price, at \$84.90 per ton, was 20 cents below December, but \$12.00 above last January. Grain sorghum, at \$3.53 per cwt., was down one cent from December, but 67 cents above January of last year.

The January Cotton Index, at 89, was down 7.2 percent from December, but 25 percent above January 2000. The January price, at 53.8 cents per pound, was down 4.2 cents from the previous month, but up 10.7 cents from last January.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		January 2000	December 2000	Jan. 15, 2001	January 2000	December 2000	Jan. 15, 2001
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.41	3.52	3.50
Wheat 2/	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.18	4.78	4.80
Oats 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.75	3.56	3.66
Barley 2/	Cwt.	4.69	4.88	5.10	4.25	4.56	4.35
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	2.86	3.54	3.53
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	6.02	5.60	5.69
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	27.10	26.60	26.90	15.80	14.40	14.70
All Potatoes 4/	Cwt.	14.70	11.80	8.65	5.91	4.61	4.53
Winter	Cwt.	20.90	21.60	21.50	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	6.70	5.50	5.45	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled	Ton	75.00	95.00	98.00	72.90	85.10	84.90
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Ton	81.00	97.00	101.00	76.00	91.00	91.30
Other Hay, Baled	Ton	44.00	73.00	71.00	66.10	70.40	69.50
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lb.	3/	0.694	3/	0.431	0.580	0.538
Cottonseed	Ton	116.00	138.00	136.00	100.00	110.00	109.00

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure.

4/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Jan. 2000	Dec. 2000	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2000	Dec. 2000	Jan. 2001
Prices Received - Unadjusted						
All Farm Products	576	624 1/	613	91	98	96
All Crops	437	472 1/	460	89	96	93
Food Grains	270	299 1/	298	85	94 1/	94
Feed Grains and Hay	302	324 1/	317	84	90 1/	89
Cotton	364	490 1/	455	71	96 1/	89
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	491	397	393	97	78	78
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates 2/	1,568	1,621 1/	1,628	118	122 1/	122
Parity Ratio 3/	37	38 1/	38	77	80 1/	79

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

3/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

FEBRUARY 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

Fall potato stocks in California as of February 1, 2001 totaled 1.70 million cwt., down 23 percent from last year. February 1 stocks accounted for 45 percent of production, compared with 55 percent a year ago. Disappearance from month to month includes shrinkage, waste, and other losses.

The 15 major potato states held a record-high 235 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, 2001, up 13 percent from last year and 4 percent above the record set in February 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the 2000 fall storage states' production, up 2 percent from a year ago. This year's storage held more reds, but fewer round whites than a year earlier. Disappearance, at a record-high 227 million cwt., is up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent above the record set during the 1996 season. Potatoes used for processing to February 1 were a record-high 113 million cwt., up 4 percent from last year and less than 1 percent above 1996's season-record for comparable states.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 was a record-high 227 million cwt. This disappearance was up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent above the record set during the 1996 season. January disappearance of 37.9 million cwt. was also a record high for the month. Shrink and loss to this point in the season was 27.9 million cwt., up 21 percent from last year and 23 percent above two years ago. This disappearance and loss includes potatoes diverted and destroyed by growers under a cooperative program to reduce surpluses.

Processing of 2000 crop potatoes totaled a record-high 113 million cwt. to February 1, up 4 percent from 1999 and less than 1 percent above 1996's season-record for comparable states. In January, processors used 17.5 million cwt. of potatoes, up 10 percent from a year ago for comparable states. Revisions in processing data places December usage at 16.5 million cwt. instead of the 18.5 million previously reported.

Eastern states stored 13.2 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago, but 2 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 4 percent and New York's stocks were off 28 percent from last year. Pennsylvania's storage was down 5 percent from a year ago.

Central states accounted for 48.0 million cwt. of potato stocks this February 1, 12 percent above 2000 and slightly above 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 55 percent and Nebraska's were up 29 percent. Stocks in North Dakota were up 21 percent and Ohio was up 50 percent from last year. Wisconsin's and Michigan's potato stocks were each down 10 percent from a year ago.

Western states held 174 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2001, up 16 percent from last year and 17 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 34 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 13 percent, and Oregon's were up 10 percent. Colorado was equal to last year and Montana was up 5 percent. California's potato stocks were down 23 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS BY STATE

State	Crop of 1999			Crop of 2000		
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2000	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2001	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	4,005	2,200	55	3,741	1,700	45
Colorado	25,762	15,100	59	27,972	15,100	54
Idaho	133,330	76,500	57	152,320	86,500	57
Maine	17,813	11,300	63	17,920	10,900	61
Michigan	14,963	5,800	39	14,963	5,200	35
Minnesota	18,020	7,500	42	21,240	11,600	55
Montana	3,325	3,000	90	3,503	3,150	90
Nebraska	8,904	3,250	37	10,127	4,200	41
New York	6,758	1,800	27	5,964	1,300	22
North Dakota	26,400	11,000	42	26,950	13,300	49
Ohio	987	100	10	1,134	150	13
Oregon	28,020	18,600	66	30,683	20,500	67
Pennsylvania	3,080	1,000	32	3,510	950	27
Washington	95,200	35,000	37	108,000	47,000	44
Wisconsin	34,000	15,000	44	33,800	13,500	40
15-STATE TOTAL	420,567	207,150	49	461,827	235,050	51