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## Yolo County Releases 2009 Crop Report

(Woodland, CA) – Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors received the 2009 Yolo County Agricultural Report – an annual report which summarizes the acreage, production and gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2009. Processing tomatoes remained the county’s leading commodity at a value of \$127,751,504, an increase of 21%. The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities in 2009 was \$462,132,949, which represents a decrease of \$39,607,466 from the 2008 values, a reduction of approximately 7.9%.

“Many crops experienced lower farmgate values due mostly to lower price points in a slow economy,” said Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner John Young. “These production figures only partially reflect the overall measure of the economic impact agriculture has on Yolo County’s economy. Field labor, processing, transporting, marketing and other farm-related services significantly multiply the value agriculture has to our county. When the multiplier effect of related industries is considered, agriculture contributes well over \$1.5 billion to the economy of Yolo County.”

Within the report Agricultural Commissioner Young notes that the increase in processing tomatoes was primarily due to an increase in price, yield and acreage. Wine grapes shot up to the number 2 spot with a value of \$56,432,575, a 34% increase due to increased price, yield and acreage. Rice (\$53,479,094), seed crops (\$33,424,720), alfalfa hay (\$29,979,014), almonds (\$24,987,486), organic production (\$22,824,388), walnuts (\$19,158,440), cattle and calves (\$12,827,640) and wheat (\$11,680,137) rounded out the top ten crops for 2009.

“I hope our residents and visitors to Yolo County will take the time to peruse the Ag Crop Report because it contains so much more than just crop statistics,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Helen Thomson. “In it you will also find listings of Farmers’ Markets, Community Supported Agriculture (veggie boxes) and winery tasting rooms.”

For more information on the acreage, production and gross valuation of agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2009, visit [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) (go to Government > Agriculture & Cooperative Extension > Agriculture and Weights & Measures) or contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department at (530) 666-8140.

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