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## **Yolo County Releases 2011 Crop Report**

**(Woodland, CA)** – On Tuesday, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors received the 2011 Yolo County Agricultural Report – an annual report which summarizes the acreage, production and gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2011. The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities in 2011 was \$549,249,669 which represents an increase of 23.8% from the 2010 crop values.

"These production figures reflect an overall higher price per unit for commodities and increases in acreage," said Yolo County Agriculture Commissioner John Young. "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."

Rice, wine grapes, hay, and walnuts round out the top five, with the only change from 2010 the switch of walnuts to number five in gross value and organic production to number six. These changes reflect an increase in bearing acreage for walnut orchards, as well as a 28.7% price increase per unit from the previous year. Almonds, field corn, wheat and sunflower seed round out the top ten commodities for 2011.

For more information on the acreage, production and gross valuation of agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2011, visit: <a href="www.yolocounty.org">www.yolocounty.org</a> Departments > Agriculture and Weights & Measures) or contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department at (530) 666-8140.

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