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Yolo County Releases 2012 Crop Report

(Woodland, CA) – Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors received the 2012 Yolo County Agricultural Report – an annual report which summarizes the acreage, production and gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2012. The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities in 2012 was \$645,766,504; an all-time high and an increase of 17.5% from 2011.

"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."

Processing tomatoes remain Yolo County's leading commodity with a gross value of \$111,566,739, up from \$106,792,881 in 2011. Although harvested acres were fewer than in 2011, the commodity increased in value due to a slightly increased price for the 2012 cropping season.

Wine grapes, rice, alfalfa hay and walnuts remain in the top five commodities according to gross value, with wine grapes moving to the number two position ahead of rice. Almonds edged into sixth position in gross value ahead of organic production. Nevertheless, the gross value of organic production increased by nearly 33% to just over \$40,000,000 for 2012. Field corn, sunflower seed and wheat round out the top ten commodities for 2012.

For more information on the acreage, production and gross valuation of agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2012, visit: <u>www.yolocounty.org</u> > Departments > Agriculture and Weights & Measures) or contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department at (530) 666-8140.

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