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Yolo County Releases 2006 Crop Report

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Board of Supervisors today received the 2006 Yolo County Agricultural Report – an annual report which summarizes the acreage, production and gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2006. Processing tomatoes remained the county’s leading commodity at a value of \$77,096,786. The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities in 2006 was \$370,185,973, up 11% from 2005.

“As part of the county’s new Yolo Food and Ag Marketing Program you’ll see some enhancements to this year’s Agricultural Report,” notes Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner Rick Landon. “For example, we have added the Yolo County winners of the 2006 National Ag Week Art Contest, separated out statistics for wine grapes into white and black varieties and provided information on Yolo County certified farmers markets, community supported agriculture (CSAs), winery tasting rooms and a few fun facts.”

Within the report Agricultural Commissioner Landon notes that processing tomatoes remain the county’s leading commodity, increasing 13% to \$77,096,786. The increase was primarily due to a 20% increase in price as acreage was actually down. An increase of over 13,000 acres raised alfalfa hay to the number two spot with a value of \$39,368,257, despite a \$14 per ton decrease in price. Wine grapes dropped to the number three spot with a value of \$38,047,281 as a result of poor yields. Almonds remained in the number four position at \$28,884,000, down as an increase in acreage was offset by a 27% drop in price from previous record levels. Seed crops continue to be a bright spot, up to the number five spot with a value of \$28,767,033, driven by an increase of 2,298 acres.

Less acreage and lower yields caused rice to fall to the number six spot with a value of \$28,917,812. Walnuts dropped to number seven with a value of \$18,547,412 as poor weather resulted in significant yield decreases. Organic production continued its upward march in the number eight spot with a value of \$14,472,739, up 4%. Cattle and calves in the number ninth position were down 7% with a value of \$11,556,000 and nursery stock moved into the tenth spot with a value of \$8,132,784.

For more information on the acreage, production and gross valuation of agricultural commodities producing in Yolo County in 2006, see www.yolocounty.org/org/AG/ or contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department at (530) 666-8154.

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