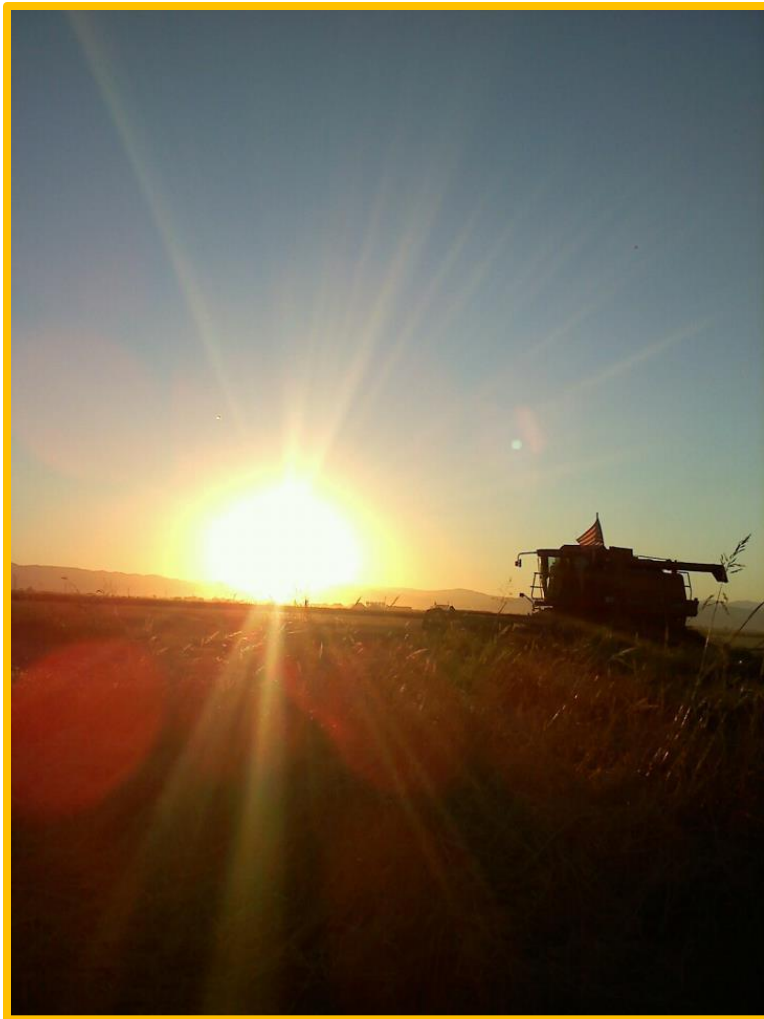


Colusa County
Department of Agriculture
2008 CROP REPORT



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TO: Mr. A. G. Kawamura, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and The Honorable Board of Supervisors, Colusa County

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279, of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2008 Colusa County Crop Report.

The agricultural economy in Colusa County continues to show strength. The 2008 crop year total county production value was \$662,644,000, which was another record high and far exceeds last year's value of \$484,525,000.

The county's largest crop, rice, had an increase in value from a 2007 value of \$188,027,000 to a total 2008 value of \$337,499,000. This was due to a slight increase in acres and production and a large increase in unit price from \$305 per ton to \$535 per ton. Almonds, second in county ranking, continue to increase with a 2008 value of \$132,225,000. This was a result of an increase in acreage and production, but a decrease in unit value. Processing tomatoes remained third in ranking with a slight decrease in value of \$43,993,000 compared to the 2007 value of \$45,634,000. This was a result of a decrease in acreage and a slight increase in production and unit value. Wheat moved from 6th to 5th ranking in the county with a value of \$17,646,000 compared to 2007 value of \$9,893,000. This was due to increases in acreage, production and unit value. Seed crop production increased from a total 2007 dollar value of \$30,783,000 to a 2008 value of \$47,193,000. Rice seed had the largest increase with a value of \$24,504,000 compared to \$12,325,000 due to increase in production and unit value.

I must stress that these figures show gross values only, and do not reflect a net return to the producer.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to this report. I also express appreciation to all of my staff, especially Jon Richter, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner and Jen Sciortino, Office Assistant I, who compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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COLUSA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL CROP REPORT 2008

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<u>APIARY</u> PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008 - 2007

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE TOTAL
HONEY ¹	2008	10,000	Lb.	\$1.50	\$15,000
	2007	12,000	Lb.	1.50	18,000
PACKAGE BEES ²	2008	5,500	Lb.	11.00	61,000
	2007	6,000	Lb.	10.00	60,000
POLLINATION ³	2008	65,000	Colony	110.00	7,150,000
	2007	62,000	Colony	98.50	6,107,000
QUEENS	2008	47,000	Each	15.00	705,000
	2007	39,000	Each	15.00	585,000
TOTAL	2008				\$7,931,000
	2007				6,770,000

- ¹ Honey produced by 16,400 colonies in 2008 and 17,100 colonies in 2007, owned by resident beekeepers.
- ² Includes bulk bees and nuclei.
- ³ Pollination colonies include all required to pollinate crops grown in Colusa County.

VEGETABLE CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008- 2007

CROPS	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
	YEAR	HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
TOMATOES-PROCESSING	2008	13,940	44.2	616,148	Ton	\$71.40	\$43,993,000
	2007	16,500	43.9	724,350	Ton	63.00	45,634,000
MISCELLANEOUS	2008 ¹	135	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,360,000
	2007 ²	110	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,323,000
TOTAL	2008	14,075					\$47,353,000
	2007	16,610					48,957,000

¹ Includes beans, bell pepper, bokchoy, cucumbers, eggplant, kohlrabi, lettuce, melons, mushrooms, okra, peas, pumpkins, radish, squash, sweet corn, swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips and watermelon.

² Includes beans, bell pepper, cucumbers, melons, mushrooms, okra, peas, pumpkins, radish, squash, sweet corn, swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips and watermelon.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008 - 2007

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
ALMONDS - MEATS	2008	35,260	1.25	44,075	Ton	\$3,000.00	\$132,225,000	
	2007	30,700	1.11	34,077	Ton	3,600.00	122,677,000	
ALMONDS - HULLS	2008	-----	-----	55,080	Ton	90.00	4,957,000	
	2007	-----	-----	42,600	Ton	90.00	3,834,000	
PRUNES	2008	1,250	1.00	1,250	Ton	1,464.00	1,830,000	
	2007	1,310	0.80	1,048	Ton	1,420.00	1,488,000	
WALNUTS - ENGLISH	2008	5,100	1.75	8,925	Ton	1,200.00	10,710,000	
	2007	4,760	1.60	7,616	Ton	2,100.00	15,994,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	2008 ¹	3,530	-----	-----	-----	-----	12,460,000	
	2007 ²	3,365	-----	-----	-----	-----	13,028,000	
TOTAL	2008	45,140					\$162,182,000	
	2007	40,135					157,021,000	

¹ Includes organic almonds, apples, apricots, asian pears, black walnuts, wine grapes, pluots, plums, mandarins and strawberries.

² Includes organic almonds, apples, apricots, asian pears, black walnuts, wine grapes, olives, nectarines, peaches, pecans, persimmons, pistachios and pomegranates.

FIELD CROPS

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008 - 2007

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
BARLEY	2008	710	1.30	923	Ton	\$200.00	\$185,000
	2007	620	1.50	930	Ton	160.00	149,000
BEANS - DRY	2008	4,390	0.90	3,951	Ton	1010.00	3,991,000
	2007	6,100	1.10	6,710	Ton	820.00	5,502,000
CORN - GRAIN	2008	2,750	6.10	16,775	Ton	170.00	2,852,000
	2007	6,420	6.00	38,520	Ton	160.00	6,163,000
COTTON - LINT	2008	0	0.00	0	500#	0.00	0
	2007	930	2.40	2,232	500#	370.00	826,000
COTTON - SEED	2008	-----	-----	-----	Ton	-----	-----
	2007	-----	-----	950	Ton	210.00	200,000
HAY - ALFALFA	2008	11,100	7.80	86,580	Ton	175.00	15,152,000
	2007	9,200	7.50	69,000	Ton	140.00	9,660,000
HAY - ALFALFA CUBE	2008	700	7.90	5,530	Ton	210.00	1,161,000
	2007	850	7.70	6,545	Ton	165.00	1,080,000
HAY - GRAIN ¹	2008	3,500	1.40	4,900	Ton	125.00	613,000
	2007	3,800	1.60	6,080	Ton	100.00	608,000
PASTURE - IRRIGATED	2008	1,000	-----	-----	Acre	160.00	160,000
	2007	950	-----	-----	Acre	150.00	142,500
PASTURE - DRYLAND	2008	190,000	-----	-----	Acre	10.00	1,900,000
	2007	190,000	-----	-----	Acre	10.00	1,900,000
PASTURE - STUBBLE ²	2008	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	-----
	2007	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	165,000
RICE ³	2008	150,200	4.20	630,840	Ton	535.00	337,499,000
	2007	148,550	4.15	616,483	Ton	305.00	188,027,000
SAFFLOWER	2008	7,750	1.00	7,750	Ton	490.00	3,798,000
	2007	7,650	1.10	8,415	Ton	360.00	3,029,000
WHEAT	2008	27,400	2.80	76,720	Ton	230.00	17,646,000
	2007	22,900	2.40	54,960	Ton	180.00	9,893,000
MISCELLANEOUS ⁴	2008	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	4,408,000
	2007	-----	-----	-----	---	-----	3,382,000
TOTAL	2008	399,500					\$389,365,000
	2007	397,040					230,726,500

¹ Includes wheat, barley, oat, sudangrass and volunteer grain hay.

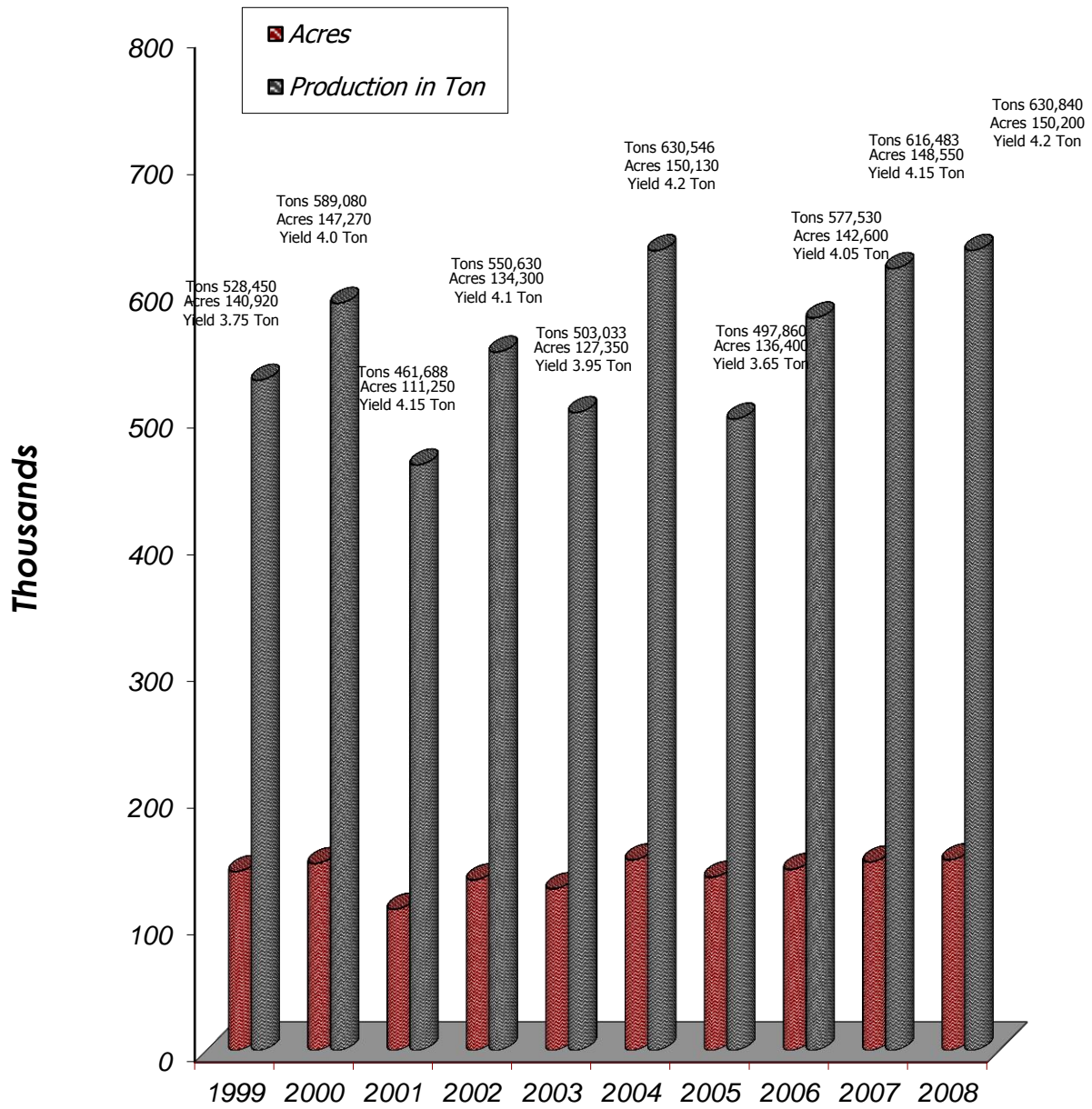
² Includes alfalfa, wheat and barley stubble.

³ Includes all Farm Service Agency payments to growers.

⁴ Includes beans, rice, wheat straw, cotton seed and lint, organic rice and sorghum grain.

RICE 1999-2008

Total Acres/Total Production



SEED CROPS
ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008 - 2007

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
BEANS	2008	550	1,800	990,000	Lb.	\$0.58	\$574,000
	2007	190	1,980	376,200	Lb.	0.48	181,000
RICE ¹	2008	8,580	8,400	72,072,000	Lb.	0.34	24,504,000
	2007	8,350	8,200	68,470,000	Lb.	0.18	12,325,000
SUNFLOWERS	2008	1,780	1,320	2,349,600	Lb.	1.12	2,632,000
	2007	1,790	1,610	2,881,900	Lb.	0.95	2,738,000
WHEAT	2008	730	4,800	3,504,000	Lb.	0.12	420,000
	2007	670	4,000	2,680,000	Lb.	0.10	268,000
MISCELLANEOUS	2008 ²	1,080	-----	-----	-----	-----	994,000
	2007 ³	490	-----	-----	-----	-----	181,000
TOTAL	2008	12,720					\$29,124,000
	2007	11,490					15,693,000

NON-CERTIFIED SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
CUCUMBERS	2008	1,930	270	521,100	Lb.	\$12.25	\$6,383,000
	2007	1,550	195	302,250	Lb.	8.25	2,494,000
MELONS	2008	340	580	197,200	Lb.	3.25	641,000
	2007	240	480	115,200	Lb.	2.15	248,000
ONIONS	2008	1,130	50	56,500	Lb.	22.00	1,243,000
	2007	890	305	271,450	Lb.	20.50	5,565,000
CARROTS	2008	360	105	37,800	Lb.	17.50	662,000
	2007	280	190	53,200	Lb.	16.50	878,000
PUMPKINS	2008	290	420	121,800	Lb.	6.50	792,000
	2007	90	350	31,500	Lb.	6.70	211,000
SQUASH	2008	890	405	360,450	Lb.	7.40	2,667,000
	2007	650	340	221,000	Lb.	6.80	1,503,000
WATERMELONS	2008	2,200	260	572,000	Lb.	5.25	3,003,000
	2007	1,550	325	503,750	Lb.	3.75	1,889,000
MISCELLANEOUS ⁴	2008	1,950	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,678,000
	2007	2,320	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,302,000
TOTAL	2008	9,090					\$18,069,000
	2007	7,570					15,090,000

¹ Includes all Farm Service Agency payments to growers.

² Asparagus, corn, cotton, safflower, teffgrass, watermelon.

³ Asparagus, cotton, safflower, watermelon.

⁴ Beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, burdock, cabbage, canola, cauliflower, chard, collards, gourds, herbs, kale, leeks, mustard, oats, organic carrots, herbs, flowers and spices, parsley, peas, sorghum, sudangrass, sunflowers, tomato, turnips, zinnia.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND VALUE 2008 - 2007

ITEMS	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVE WEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	2008	20,400	77,520	Cwt.	\$92.90	\$7,202,000
	2007	21,440	96,500	Cwt.	93.70	9,042,000
SHEEP AND LAMBS	2008	2,200	2,420	Cwt.	91.30	221,000
	2007	2,400	2,640	Cwt.	90.50	239,000
MISCELLANEOUS ¹	2008	-----	-----	----	-----	1,175,000
	2007	-----	-----	----	-----	962,000
TOTAL	2008					\$8,598,000
	2007					10,243,000

¹ Includes chickens, chukars, goats, hogs, pheasants and quail.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS 2008 - 2007

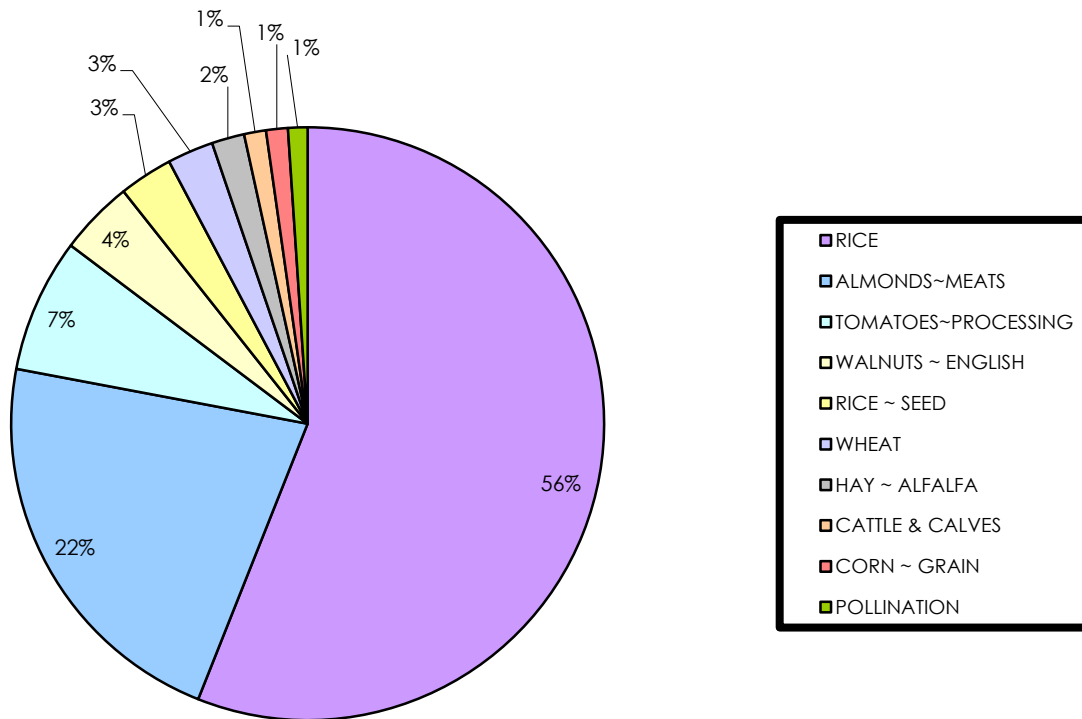
ITEMS	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MISCELLANEOUS ¹	2008	-----	-----	-----	\$22,000
	2007	-----	-----	-----	24,500
TOTAL	2008				\$22,000
	2007				24,500

¹ Includes wool.



TEN LEADING FARM COMMODITIES 2008 - 2007

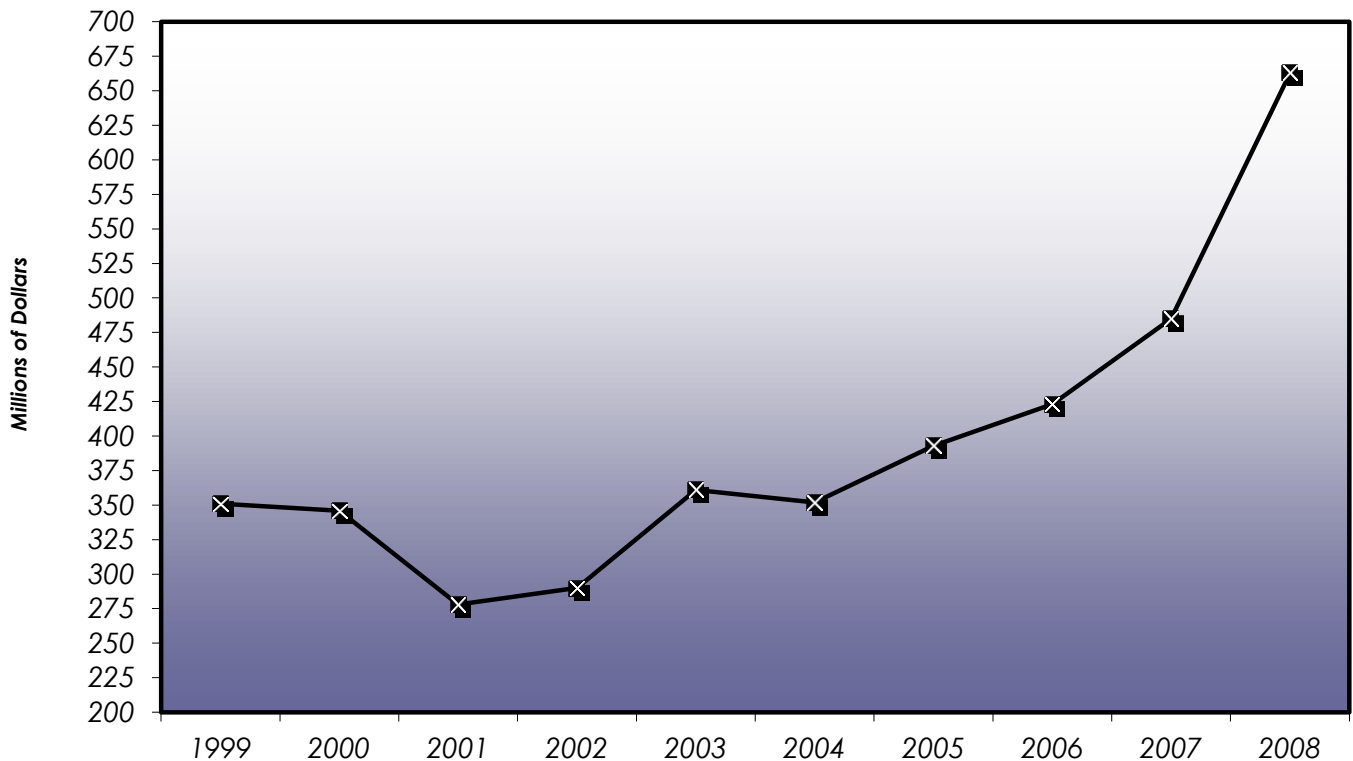
<u>CROP</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
RICE	\$337,499,000	1	1
ALMONDS ~ MEATS	132,225,000	2	2
TOMATOES ~ PROCESSING	43,993,000	3	3
RICE ~ SEED	24,504,000	4	5
WHEAT	17,646,000	5	6
HAY ~ ALFALFA	15,152,000	6	7
WALNUTS ~ ENGLISH	10,710,000	7	4
CATTLE & CALVES	7,202,000	8	8
POLLINATION	7,150,000	9	10
CUCUMBERS	6,383,000	10	16



TEN YEAR COMPARISON 2008 - 1999

2008	GRAND TOTAL	662,644,000
2007	GRAND TOTAL	484,525,000
2006	GRAND TOTAL	422,729,000
2005	GRAND TOTAL	392,677,000
2004	GRAND TOTAL	351,604,000
2003	GRAND TOTAL	361,573,000
2002	GRAND TOTAL	290,264,000
2001	GRAND TOTAL	277,826,000
2000	GRAND TOTAL	345,906,000
1999	GRAND TOTAL	351,278,000

TEN YEAR COMPARISON





Colusa County Commodities and Their Destinations

Colusa County exports these vegetable and flower seeds overseas:

Asparagus
Basil
Bean
Broccoli
Cabbage
Calendula
Cantaloupe
Carrot
Cauliflower
Chicory

Coriander
Corn
Cucumber
Dill
Gourd
Kale
Lettuce
Melon
Mustard
Onion

Parsley
Peas
Pepper
Pumpkin
Radish
Squash
Sunflower
Tomato
Turnip
Watermelon

Food crops that are exported overseas include:



Almonds
Plums
Rice
Beans
Prunes
Wild Rice



Importing countries that purchase commodities produced in Colusa County:

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Belgium
Belize
Brazil
Canada
Canary Islands
Chile
China
Colombia
Cyprus
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Egypt
Finland
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guam

Guatemala
Hong Kong
Iceland
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Indonesia
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Netherlands
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Norway
Pakistan

Panama
Papua New Guinea
People's Republic of China
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saipan
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tahiti
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United Kingdom
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