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Crop Statistics & Annual Report



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I respectfully submit the 2007 report of acreage, yield, and value of agricultural production for San Diego County. This report also contains the annual report of the many diverse programs within the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures that support the County's focus on children, the environment, and safe and livable communities.

Despite a year that started with record breaking freezing temperatures and ended with devastating fires, San Diego farmers once again showed their fortitude by producing the most bountiful agricultural year on record. The total value of San Diego County agriculture increased 5% over 2006 for a final dollar value of \$1,536,429,974. This is mainly due to an increased value for nursery stock as well as higher values for avocados and citrus. All reported figures represent Freight on Board (F.O.B.) values for products. These are not net values and do not reflect cost of production. Total values do not add precisely due to rounding. Gross value of farm products does not reflect the total value to the economy.

San Diego County's unique topography creates a wide variety of microclimates resulting in nearly 30 different types of vegetation communities. This diversity allows for San Diego to grow over 200 different agricultural commodities - from strawberries and tomatoes along the coast, to apples in the mountain areas, to palm trees in the desert. The success of the San Diego County diverse agricultural industry is reflected in the 45 crops with a value of over \$1 million.

I would like to express my thanks to the many farmers, ranchers, nurserymen and women who provide the information vital to this report. In addition, I would like to thank industry groups for their support in the compilation of statistics. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the dedicated Agriculture, Weights and Measures staff (listed on the inside back cover) who continually strive to provide our customers with superior service.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Atkins

Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures



Summary of Major Crops

TOTAL VALUE \$1,536,429,974

Change in Value from 2006 \$74,764,713

PERCENT CHANGE +5.1%

TOTAL ACREAGE 308,991

CHANGE IN ACREAGE FROM 2006 6,305

Percent Change -2.0%

HIGHEST VALUE PER ACRE INDOOR FLOWERING

DOLLAR VALUE PER ACRE \$539.029

CROP WITH THE LOWEST VALUE PER ACRE OAT GRAIN

DOLLAR VALUE PER ACRE \$14

Overview of Changes

& FOLIAGE PLANTS

Indoor Flowering and Foliage Plants remains the number one crop in San Diego County with an increase in value (4%) to \$322,339,342. This year, however, it is only slightly higher than Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, which had a significant increase (12%) to \$321,830,298. Overall acreage for nurseries and cut flowers decreased slightly while the total value increased (9%). In 2007, the total value for all nursery products (including cut flowers and foliage) topped the one billion dollar mark for a grand total of \$1,042,461,078.

Fruit and Nut Crops increased in both acreage (12%) and total value (5%). Avocados remain the largest fruit crop, although the value once again decreased (-7%). The freeze in January and fires in October combined to reduce avocado yields significantly. Citrus climbed (75%) in value across the board. This increase may be partially attributed to improved data gathering due to coordination with the local University of California Cooperative Extension / San Diego Farm Advisor office.

Vegetables and Vine Fruits decreased (-8%) in value this past year, while the acreage increased slightly (2%). The biggest decrease (57%) was in mushrooms which declined more than 13 million dollars.

Livestock and Poultry increased (27%) as a result of the increase in the price of cattle. Ratites and ratite products decreased (-60% for both). However, due to the increase in the price of milk and eggs, Livestock and Poultry Products overall increased in value (48%).

What Makes San Diego County Agriculture Unique?

- San Diego County is the most southwestern county in the United States with a geographic area of 4,200 square miles, approximately the size of Connecticut, and a population of 3.1 million.
- The U.S. Weather Bureau describes the San Diego climate as the most nearly perfect in America, characterized as Mediterranean, with warm winters and cool summers.
- San Diego County's varied topography creates a wide fluctuation of microclimates resulting
 in nearly 30 different types of vegetation communities. This diversity allows for San Diego to
 grow over 200 different agricultural commodities from strawberries and tomatoes along the
 coast, to apples in the mountain areas, to palm trees in the desert.
- San Diego County has the sixth highest urban population among counties in the United States, but the County also has the 12th largest agricultural economy.
- Agriculture in San Diego County covers 308,991 acres and ranks 5th as a component of San Diego County's economy.
- San Diego County has 5,255 farms, the second highest number of farms of all counties in the United States.
- 63% of San Diego County farms are 1-9 acres. Median size farm in San Diego is 5 acres.
- In San Diego 92% of the farms are family owned. 77% of the farmers live on their land.
 Native Americans operate 19% of the farmland in San Diego County.
- The high cost of water and land make farming in San Diego County expensive and encourages growers to raise products with a high dollar value per acre.
- San Diego County ranks number one in both California and the nation in the production value of nursery, floriculture, and avocados.
- Statewide, San Diego County is in the top five in the production of oranges, chickens, fresh market tomatoes, eggs, mushrooms, grapefruit, tangerines, and honey.
- San Diego County produces the most dollar value per acre (\$4,973/A) of any county in California.
- San Diego County has the largest community of organic growers in the state and nation, with 292 farmers growing more than 150 crops!

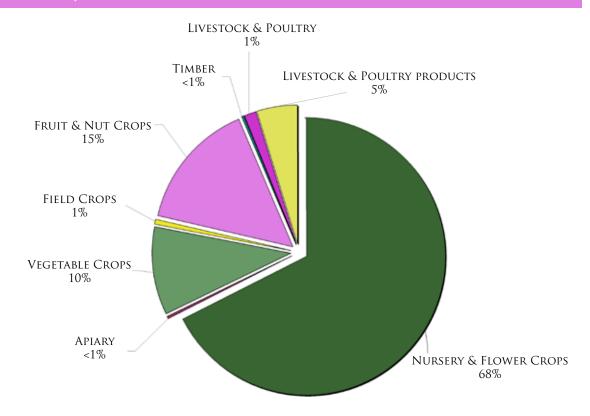




Summary of Major Crops

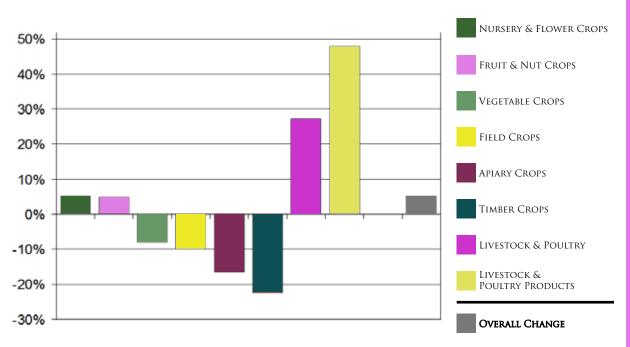
Two Year Compariso)N 20	007	2006		
	ACRES	Value	ACRES	Value	
Nursery & Flower Crops	9,836	\$1,042,461,078	9,872	\$991,254,764	
Fruit & Nut Crops	46,180	\$231,160,982	44,028	\$220,325,305	
Vegetable Crops	6,888	\$159,549,612	6,777	\$173,506,449	
FIELD CROPS	246,087	\$5,299,084	254,619	\$5,882,609	
APIARY		\$3,423,868		\$4,100,209	
Timber		\$749,310		\$965,000	
Livestock & Poultry		\$20,461,957		\$16,087,533	
Livestock & Poultry Products		\$73,324,083		\$49,543,392	
TOTALS	308,991	\$1,536,429,974	315,296	\$1,461,665,261	

2007 MAJOR CROP CATEGORIES



Summary of Major Crops

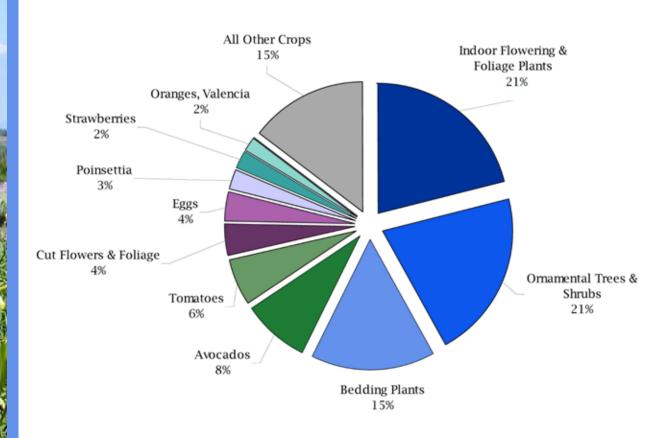
PERCENT CHANGE IN MAJOR CROPS - 2006 TO 2007



TEN YEAR COMPARISO	ON !	2007	1997		
	ACRES	Value	ACRES	Value	
Nursery & Flower Crops	9,836	\$1,042,461,078	8,295	\$704,988,190	
Fruit & Nut Crops	46,180	\$231,160,982	42,384	\$215,090,527	
Vegetable Crops	6,888	\$159,549,612	13,227	\$112,364,649	
FIELD CROPS	246,087	\$5,299,084	107,011	\$5,650,940	
APIARY		\$3,423,868		\$1,153,787	
Timber		\$749,310		\$629,850	
Livestock & Poultry		\$20,461,957		\$14,082,554	
Livestock & Poultry Products		\$73,324,083		\$85,395,203	
TOTALS	308,991	\$1,536,429,974	170,917	\$1,139,355,700	

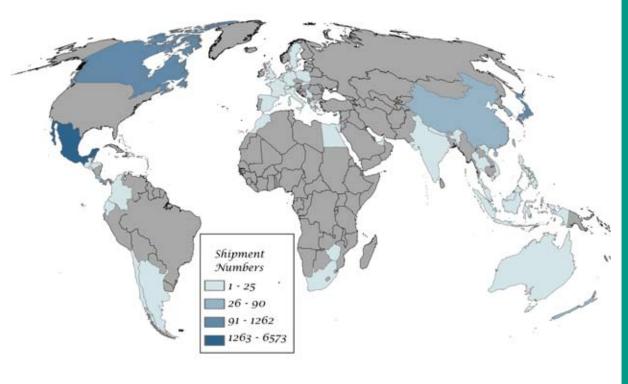


Top Ten Crops



Ten year Compariso	on 2007	1997
Indoor Flowering & Foliage Plants	\$322,339,342	\$287,568,250
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$321,830,298	\$117,235,546
Bedding Plants	\$237,048,120	\$131,282,000
Avocados	\$127,099,496	\$121,917,547
Tomatoes	\$88,061,693	\$30,236,341
Cut Flowers & Foliage	\$60,204,650	\$75,789,723
EGGS	\$56,338,333	\$65,430,713
Poinsettia	\$38,794,400	\$10,598,542
Strawberries	\$31,310,503	\$9,337,488
Oranges, Valencia	\$26,891,110	\$26,724,555

Our Trading Partners



55 Countries - 9220 Shipments

Argentina	4	Guadeloupe	1	PHILLIPPINES	3
Australia	18	GUAM	3	Poland	2
Bahamas	14	Guatemala	25	Puerto Rico	90
Barbados	2	Honduras	2	Sao Tome & Principe	1
Belgium	1	India	3	Serbia & Montenegro	1
Bermuda	46	Indonesia	2	SINGAPORE	17
Canada	1262	ISRAEL	14	Slovakia	1
CHILE	3	ITALY	9	SOUTH AFRICA	12
CHINA	76	JAMAICA	11	Spain	2
COLOMBIA	9	Japan	695	Sweden	1
Costa Rica	43	Korea, Republic of	42	Switzerland	3
Denmark	4	MALAYSIA	4	Taiwan	34
Dominican Republic	11	MEXICO	6573	Thailand	12
ECUADOR	2	MOROCCO	1	Trinidad and Tobago	8
EGYPT	5	Nepal	2	United Arab Emirates	2
El Salvador	1	Netherlands	11	United Kingdom	24
France	4	New Zealand	63	Vietnam	12
Germany	20	N. Mariana Islands	5	Zimbawe	1
Greece	3				





Nursery & Flower Crops 2006 & 2007 Nursery Crops

	YEAR	ACRES	TOTAL
Bedding Plants, Color	2007	920	\$237,048,120
	2006	885	\$216,042,250
Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, Roots, Tubers	2007	165	\$3,617,295
	2006	128	\$2,368,990
	2225	247	#45 400 000
Cacti & Succulents	2007	216	\$17,489,088
	2006	205	\$19,721,615
Citrus, Avocado, & Subtropical	2007	235	\$13,120,990
FRUIT TREES	2006	186	\$8,355,120
Herbaceous Perennials	2007	330	\$19,414,890
	2006	300	\$20,962,560
Indoor Flowering & Foliage Plants	2007	598	\$322,339,342
	2006	500	\$311,560,400
	2005	2.500	#224 020 200
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	2007	3,502	\$321,830,298
	2006	3,490	\$288,020,450
Poinsettia	2007	142	\$38,794,400
TOMOLITER	2006	142	\$39,092,884
	2000	112	\$37,67 <u>2,</u> 661
Turf & Cut Christmas Trees	2007	591	\$8,602,005
	2006	667	\$11,851,300
Total Nursery Products	2007	6,699	\$982,256,428
	2006	6,503	\$917,975,569

Nursery & Flower Crops 2006 & 2007 Cut Flower & Foliage Crops

	Year	ACRES	TOTAL
CARNATIONS	2007	18	\$756,450
	2006	18	\$740,700
LEPTOSPERMUM	2007	332	\$1,801,764
	2006	310	\$1,554,650
PROTEAS	2007	500	\$3,466,140
	2006	475	\$3,233,010
ROSES	2007	16	\$2,195,680
	2006	16	\$2,097,460
WAX FLOWERS	2007	705	\$4,722,090
	2006	670	\$6,239,800
OTHER CUT FLOWERS	2007	856	\$33,676,752
	2006	1,200	\$49,257,000
FOLIAGE	2007	710	\$13,585,774
	2006	680	\$10,156,575
TOTAL FLOWER PRODUCTS	2007	3,137	\$60,204,650
	2006	3,369	\$73,279,195

TOTAL NURSERY & CUT FLOWER	2007	9,836	\$1,042,461,078
PRODUCTS	2006	9,872	\$991,254,764



Fruit & Nut Crops 2006 & 2007

	YEAR	ACRES Harvested	TONS/ ACRE	Tons Total	US \$/ Ton	TOTAL
APPLES	2007	442	1.1	486	723	\$351,523
	2006	434	1.7	738	489	\$360,784
Total Avocados	2007	26,064		67,002		\$127,099,496
	2006	26,012		121,150		\$137,305,800
HASS	2007	24,208	2.7	65,362	1,910	\$124,840,656
	2006	24,149	4.7	113,500	1,164	\$132,114,000
Lamb-Hass	2007	995	1.0	995	1,812	\$1,802,940
	2006	998	4.3	4,250	892	\$3,791,000
Other	2007	861	0.8	646	706	\$455,900
	2006	865	3.9	3,400	412	\$1,400,800
BERRIES, MISC.	2007	127	9.4	1,194	4,350	\$5,193,030
	2006	121	9.8	1,186	4,200	\$4,980,360
Total Citrus	2007	14,464		192,069		\$60,450,517
	2006	12,526		169,857		\$34,501,544
Total Grapefruit	2007	2,145	17.4	37,323		\$6,535,386
	2006	1,819	16.8	30,559		\$3,748,407
Fresh Market	2007	2,145	13.2	28,314	206	\$5,832,684
	2006	1,819	12.9	23,465	141	\$3,308,579
Byproduct	2007		4.2	9,009	78	\$702,702
	2006		3.9	7,094	62	\$439,828
Kumquats	2007	224	3.0	672	1,764	\$1,185,408
	2006	196	2.5	490	1,533	\$751,170
Total Lemons	2007	3,743	12.8	47,910		\$17,852,613
	2006	3,207	15.6	50,193		\$10,577,360
Fresh Market	2007	3,743	8.6	32,190	496	\$15,966,141
	2006	3,207	10.1	32,391	265	\$8,583,536
Byproduct	2007		4.2	15,721	120	\$1,886,472
	2006		5.6	17,802	112	\$1,993,824
Total Limes	2007	351	10.8	3,791		\$1,079,430
	2006	304	9.1	2,766		\$597,956
Fresh Market	2007	351	6.9	2,422	405	\$980,870
	2006	304	5.8	1,763	305	\$537,776
Byproduct	2007		3.9	1,369	72	\$98,561
	2006		3.3	1,003	60	\$60,180

Fruit & Nut Crops 2006 & 2007

	YEAR	ACRES HARVESTED	Tons/ Acre	Tons Total	US \$/ Ton	TOTAL
Total Oranges, Navel	2007	1,420	10.6	15,052		\$3,721,820
	2006	1,073	9.7	10,409		\$2,620,882
Fresh Market	2007	1,420	7.1	10,082	310	\$3,125,420
	2006	1,073	6.6	7,082	317	\$2,244,931
Byproduct	2007		3.5	4,970	120	\$596,400
	2006		3.1	3,327	113	\$375,951
Total Oranges, Valencia	2007	5,632	15.4	86,733		\$26,891,110
	2006	5,237	11.9	62,320		\$13,453,864
Fresh Market	2007	5,632	11.3	63,642	379	\$24,120,166
	2006	5,237	7.2	37,706	285	\$10,746,324
Byproduct	2007		4.1	23,091	120	\$2,770,944
	2006		4.7	24,614	110	\$2,707,540
TOTAL TANGERINES, TANGELOS	2007	949	14.3	13,571		\$3,184,749
	2006	690	16.3	11,237		\$2,751,905
Fresh Market	2007	949	10.7	10,154	281	\$2,853,358
	2006	690	12.0	8,280	302	\$2,500,560
Byproduct	2007		3.6	3,416	97	\$331,391
	2006		4.3	2,957	85	\$251,345
Grapes, Wine	2007	328	1.9	623	995	\$620,084
	2006	309	2.1	649	798	\$517,822
MACADAMIA NUTS	2007	61	0.9	55	3,458	\$189,844
	2006	128	1.5	192	1,783	\$342,336
MISC FRUIT & NUTS*	2007	538				\$4,298,620
	2006	566				\$4,250,471
Persimmons	2007	420	6.1	2,562	643	\$1,647,366
	2006	383	5.9	2,260	560	\$1,265,432
TOTAL STRAWBERRIES	2007	863	34.7	29,946		\$31,310,503
	2006	874	29.5	25,783		\$36,800,756
Fresh Market	2007	863	20.2	17,433	1,430	\$24,928,618
	2006	874	18.4	16,082	2,000	\$32,163,200
Processing	2007		14.5	12,514	510	\$6,381,885
	2006		11.1	9,702	478	\$4,637,556
TOTAL FRUIT & NUTS	2007	43,307				\$231,160,982
	2006	41,353				\$220,325,305

^{*} Includes Apricots, Cherimoyas, Guavas, Peaches, Pears, Walnuts and others.



Vegetable Crops

	YEAR	ACRES Harvested	Tons/ Acre	Tons Total	US \$/ Ton	TOTAL
Beans, Snap	2007	296	7.2	2,131	1,404	\$2,992,205
	2006	524	5.8	3,039	1,372	\$4,169,782
Bunch Veg.*	2007	583				\$4,908,568
	2006	465				\$3,385,600
Corn, Sweet	2007	176	7.8	1,373	656	\$900,557
	2006	256	7.5	1,920	505	\$969,600
Cucumbers	2007	347	16.8	5,830	780	\$4,547,088
	2006	386	17.0	6,562	650	\$4,265,300
HERBS	2007	359	18.2	6,534	2,602	\$17,000,948
	2006	466	18.3	8,528	2,578	\$21,984,668
LETTUCE	2007	590	10.8	6,372	600	\$3,823,200
	2006	433	12.9	5,586	575	\$3,211,778
Melons	2007	144	4.5	648	430	\$278,640
	2006	108	4.7	508	324	\$164,462
Mushrooms	2007	19	170.0	3,230	3,155	\$10,190,650
	2006	22	262.0	5,764	4,096	\$23,609,344
Oriental Veg.**	2007	61				\$585,710
	2006	94				\$467,293
PEPPERS	2007	154	18.2	2,803	688	\$1,928,326
	2006	248	17.9	4,439	630	\$2,796,696
POTATOES	2007	603	16.5	9,950	200	\$1,989,900
	2006	523	20.1	10,512	146	\$1,534,796
Squash	2007	355	10.8	3,834	652	\$2,499,768
	2006	215	10.3	2,215	472	\$1,045,244
Tomatoes	2007	2,313	48.5	112,181	785	\$88,061,693
	2006	2,318	42.6	98,747	895	\$88,378,386
MISC VEG.***	2007	888				\$19,842,360
	2006	719				\$17,523,500
TOTAL VEGETABLES	2007	6,888				\$159,549,612
	2006	6,777				\$173,506,449

Collards, Green Onions, Mustard & Turnip Greens, Parsley, Radishes, and Spinach

^{**} BAMBOO SHOOTS, BOK CHOY, CHINESE GREENS, DAIKON, GAI CHOY, GAI LON AND SNAP PEAS CAULIFLOWER, CELERY, CHAYOTE, PUMPKINS, SWEET POTATOS, TOMATILLOS, AND OTHERS

Field & Specialty Crops

	YEAR	ACRES Harvested	TONS/ ACRE	Tons Total	US \$/ Ton	TOTAL
Barley, Grain	2007	900	1.2	1,080	148.00	\$159,840
	2006	1,800	0.9	1,620	138.00	\$223,560
GREENCHOP	2007	85	21.5	1,828	27.20	\$49,708
	2006	101	20.8	2,101	27.16	\$57,058
Hay, Oat	2007	1,000	1.2	1,200	71.00	\$85,200
	2006	2,000	1.1	2,200	68.00	\$149,600
Oat, Grain	2007	275	0.1	28	140.00	\$3,850
	2006	395	0.2	59	101.00	\$5,984
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	2007	1,905			1,880.00	\$3,581,400
	2006	2,198			1,862.00	\$4,092,676
Range	2007	241,882			5.80	\$1,402,916
	2006	248,072			5.37	\$1,332,147
SILAGE	2007	40	14.7	588	27.50	\$16,170
	2006	53	15.0	795	27.15	\$21,584
TOTAL FIELD CROPS	2007	246,087				\$5,299,084
	2006	254,619				\$5,882,609
Honey	2007					\$2,206,236
	2006					\$2,372,297
BEES WAX	2007					\$54,222
	2006					\$58,937
BEES & QUEENS	2007					\$166,889
	2006					\$179,450
POLLEN	2007					\$84,971
	2006					\$90,400
POLLINATION	2007					\$911,550
	2006					\$1,399,125
TOTAL APIARY	2007					\$3,423,868
	2006					\$4,100,209
TIMBER	2007					\$170,000
	2006					\$190,000
FIREWOOD	2007					\$579,310
	2006					\$775,000
TOTAL TIMBER PRODUCTS	2007					\$749,310
	2006					\$965,000





Lívestock & Poultry 2006 & 2007

	YEAR	Number of Head		US \$/ CWT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	2007	21,000	157,500	\$125.00	\$19,687,500
	2006	22,000	165,000	\$92.00	\$15,180,000
Hogs and Pigs	2007	1,300	3,250	\$48.80	\$158,600
	2006	1,230	3,075	\$47.90	\$147,293
CHICKENS	2007	557,500	22,300	\$20.00	\$446,000
	2006	774,703	27,889	\$15.00	\$418,335
RATITE TOTAL	2007				\$118,000
	2006				\$293,500
CHICKS	2007	550		\$110.00	\$60,500
	2006	900		\$90.00	\$81,000
Меат	2007	10,000	lbs	\$5.75	\$57,500
	2006	50,000	lbs	\$4.25	\$212,500
Lambs and Sheep	2007	573	573	\$90.50	\$51,857
	2006	550	550	\$84.00	\$46,200
TOTAL INTERTOCK C DOLLERY	2007	500 022			¢20.461.057
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	2007	580,923			\$20,461,957
	2006	**799,383			\$16,087,533

Lívestock & Poultry Products 2006 & 2007

	YEAR	Number	TOTAL CWT	US \$/ Unit	TOTAL
Milk, Market	2007		840,718	\$18.67	\$15,699,000
	2006		849,014	\$11.70	\$9,933,464
Eggs, Chicken Market	2007	64,020,833 dz		\$0.88	\$56,338,333
	2006	67,400,792 dz		\$0.54	\$36,396,428
Ratite Products Total	2007				\$1,286,750
	2006				\$3,213,500
HIDES	2007	50		\$135.00	\$6,750
	2006	100		\$135.00	\$13,500
OIL	2007	1,000 GAL		\$1,280.00	\$1,280,000
	2006	2,500 GAL		\$1,280.00	\$3,200,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	2007				\$73,324,083
Products	2006				\$49,543,392

^{*} CWT = A UNIT OF WEIGHT MEASUREMENT CREATE BY U.S. MERCHANTS IN THE LATE 1800'S. A HUNDREDTH WEIGHT IS EQUAL TO 100 POUNDS ** 2006 VALUE WAS REVISED TO REFLECT ACCURATE COUNT.

2007 - A Year of Challenge

We San Diegans are accustomed to near perfect weather and a climate considered optimal for growing a variety of crops. However, idyllic calm gave way to crisis not once, but twice in 2007 as first a freeze and then a firestorm left scars on the agricultural landscape of San Diego County.

In January 2007, normally temperate San Diego temperatures dropped so low that new records were set throughout the county. Temperatures remained below freezing for days, dropping at one point to a frigid 16° F. On January 18, County Agricultural Commissioner Bob Atkins sent a request to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for a state of emergency proclamation. This proclamation started the process to provide financial assistance to affected eligible growers in the county. On January 19, the Governor responded by issuing a state of emergency proclamation for many California counties including San Diego.

Freeze Damage Starting January 13, 2007			
Commodity	Acres Damaged	Estimated Dollar Loss	
Avocado	26,327	\$37,742,387	
Grapefruit	2,405	\$1,570,249	
Guava	210	\$1,376,250	
Herbs	317	\$5,023,498	
Lemon	3,400	\$6,328,080	
Limes	425	\$316,158	
Nursery-Cut	3,640	\$9,941,175	
Nursery-Outdoor	4,322	\$44,096,370	
Orange	6,649	\$3,690,131	
Strawberries	679	\$4,660,263	
Total		\$114,744,561	

The next step in the process of providing the opportunity

for financial assistance to affected growers was to assess the amount of agricultural damage. This proved to be a daunting task given the varied topography, wide variety of crops grown, and the number of small farms in San Diego County. After talking to local farmers and packers, the Agricultural Commissioner estimated a collective crop loss value of over \$114 million for the county. In March, due to the significant amount of loss, President Bush, as well as the Secretary of Agriculture, declared the freeze a disaster thereby opening the way federal assistance.

Unfortunately for San Diego County farmers, another catastrophic event occurred in 2007. In October, several wildfires burned uncontrolled through San Diego County. Three of the fires greatly affected agriculture: The Witch Creek, the Rice Canyon and the Poomacha Fires roared through agricultural areas of north San Diego County. Unfortunately for some growers, trees recovering from the frost damage were hit again by the devastating fires. Once again, San Diego County was declared a disaster area. The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures organized Fire Assessment Teams to inspect the agriculture on every road in the burned areas and compile damage assessment figures. Although the long term effects of the fires may not be apparent for several

> growing seasons, agricultural losses were estimated at \$55 million dollars.

Fire Damage Sta	age Starting October 21, 2007 Acres Estimated	
Commodity	Acres Damaged	Estimated Dollar Loss

Commodity	Acres Damaged	Estimated Dollar Loss
Avocado	1722	\$24,121,347
Fruit (Misc)	18	\$70,370
Grapefruit	70	\$307,002
Guavas	20	\$281,678
Nursery-Xmas Tree	9	\$92,184
Nursery-Indoor	5	\$2,149,890
Nursery-Outdoor	185	\$7,258,291
Nursery-Cut Flowers	429	\$9,756,058
Lemon	140	\$1,600,118
Orange	49	\$191,117
Persimmon	13	\$149,385
Vegetables (Misc)	43	\$32,347
Poultry/Eggs		\$1,150,500
Rangeland	6190	\$37,140
Noncrop Losses		\$8,508,250
Total		\$55,705,676

Other activities undertaken during by this department during the firestorms included the County Veterinarian dispensing critical information on livestock disposal and the care and feeding of livestock. In support of the County's efforts to provide assistance to the residents affected by the fires, personnel staffed an informational desk at each of the County's Local Assistance Centers. At these centers, personnel collected agricultural damage information, provided erosion control advice, disseminated informational brochures from state and federal agricultural agencies, and generally assisted growers. To address potential erosion control concerns during subsequent winter rains, AWM packaged 20 tons of a seed mixture designed for homeowners that would rapidly germinate and become established in the fire damaged landscapes around residences.

Today, many growers continue to recover from the freeze and/or the fires. In spite of these dramatic obstacles, local farmers show themselves to be resilient. Congratulations to San Diego Farmers for producing the largest San Diego County crop value on record.



Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture promotes the economic viability of agriculture while preserving natural resources and the environment. Pest prevention activities are essential to inhibiting the spread of exotic pests and ensuring a sustainable agricultural industry in California. Organic farming practices also aid in creating sustainable agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures administers programs for the detection, control and eradication of exotic insect pests, plant diseases, and invasive weeds, as well as for the enforcement of quarantines to exclude such pests.

Invasive Weed Control Activities

Weed	Rating	Removal Methods	Scope of Treatment
Spotted Knapweed Centaurea biebersteinii	А	Herbicides Hand Removal	2 Sites, 10.3 Acres
Purple Loosestrife Lythrum salicaria	В	Herbicides Hand Removal	2 Sites, 0.3 Acres
Perrenial Pepperweed Lepidium latifolium	В	Herbicides Hand Removal	10 Sites, 43.9 Acres
Tamarisk <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	В	Herbicides	1 Site, 22 Acres
Cape Ivy <i>Delairea odorata</i>	С	Herbicides	1 Site, 0.3 Acres
Yellow Starthistle Centaurea solstitialis	С	Herbicides Hand Removal	6 Sites, 12.9 Acres

Organic Farming

San Diego County is at the forefront of organic farming with 292 registered organic producers. In 2007, San Diego organic growers produced over 150 different crops, from the usual such as oranges and avocados to the unusual such as jujubes.

The USDA's National Organic Standards Board defines "organic agriculture" as "an ecological production management system that promotes and enhances biodiversity, biological cycles and soil biological activity. It is based on minimal use of off-farm inputs and on management practices that restore, maintain and enhance ecological harmony."

San Diego County's Top Ten Organically Produced Crops

_	CROP	ACRES	_	Crop	ACRES
1	Oranges	1189	6	CHARD	133
2	Avocados	1180	7	CUCUMBERS	66
3	Lemons	675	8	RADICCHIO	62
4	Grapefruit	405	9	Beans	59
5	TANGELOS/TANGERINES	256	10	Persimmons	55

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High-Risk Pest Exclusion Inspections

Shipments of plants and produce enter our county by the dozens every day. Whether they arrive by air, sea or land, each shipment must be inspected for destructive pests and diseases before it may be sold to our residents.

> **AIR FREIGHT INSPECTIONS:** 418

> **SEA FREIGHT INSPECTIONS:** 398

> 2742 TRUCK FREIGHT INSPECTIONS:

> TOTAL INCOMING INSPECTIONS: 3558

Saignatifia Nama	Carrage are Mare a	Pest	#
Scientific Name	Common Name	Rating	Finds
Anastrepha ludens	Mexican Fruit Fly	А	5
Aulacaspis yasumatsui	Cycad Aulacaspis Scale	Α	10
Bactrocera oleae	Olive Fruit Fly	Α	2
Ceroplastes rusci	Fig Wax Scale	Α	2
Diaprepes abbreviatus	Diaprepes Root Weevil	Α	*4
Pinnaspis strachani	Lesser Snow Scale	Α	10
Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli	Magnolia White Scale	Α	191
Pseudaulacaspis pentagona	White Peach Scale	Α	3
Rotylenchulus reniformis	Reniform Nematode	Α	2
Solenopsis invicta	Red Imported Fire Ant	Α	1
Stomacoccis platani	Sycamore Scale	Α	1
Various Snails	Multiple Species	Α	6
Abgrallaspis diaspidiotus	Armored Scale	Q	2
Aleurodicus dispersus	Spiraling White Fly	Q	1
Carausius morosus	Indian Walking Stick	Q	2
Chrysophtharta m-fuscum	Eucalyptus Leaf Beetle	Q	6
Diploptera punctata	Pacific Beetle Cockroach	Q	1
Disclisioprocta stellata	Bougainvillea Looper	Q	1
Euphyllura olivina	Olive Psyllid	Q	5
Geococcus coffeae	Soil Mealybug	Q	12
Halyomorpha halys	Brown Marmorated Stink Bug	Q	1
Klambothrips myopori	Myoporum Thrips	Q	26
Lepidoptera pyralidae	Indian Meal Moth	Q	2
Palmicultor lumpurensis	Bamboo Mealybug	Q	1
Puccinia horiana	Chrysanthemum White Rust	Q	2
Ripersiella hibisci	Root Meaybug	Q	7
Uromyces transversalis	Gladiolus Rust	Q	37
Veronicella sp.	Veronicella Slug	Q	2
Zachyrsia provisoria	Cuban Land Snail	Q	9
Various Insects	Multiple Species	Q	10

In 2007, 60 square miles of San Diego County were under quarantine for Diaprepes root weevil. This number reflects specimens FOUND ON INCOMING SHIPMENTS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIMENS DISCOVERED IN QUARANTINE AREAS.





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Pest Detection is a critical component of the statewide pest prevention network, providing an early warning system designed to detect the introduction and prevent the establishment of harmful insect pests such as fruit flies, Japanese beetle, and Gypsy moth. Highlights for 2007:

- Five Mexican fruit flies detected two weeks after Firestorm 2007.
- 245,000 trap inspections conducted.

Pesticide Regulation is responsible for the implementation of state and federal pesticide laws and regulations. Inspections, investigations, and permits ensure pesticides are used in a responsible manner that protects the environment, the public and the employees of businesses that handle pesticides. Highlights for 2007:

- Posted a synopsis of the new Respiratory Protection Regulation requirements on our website along with a template that meets the requirements of the written program.
- Conducted the first of a series of outreach presentations to urban property managers, focusing
 on the requirement to provide information to tenants about impending pesticide applications.
- Reduced the number of days between violation occurrence and mailing notices of proposed action to an average 45 to 55 days, down from 180 days in FY 05/06.
- Presented six Fieldworker Training sessions in Spanish at various locations throughout the county to help growers ensure worker safety.

Agricultural Water Quality carries out the requirements of the County's Stormwater Permit, issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and provides hazardous materials information for first responders and citizens. Education, outreach, inspections and investigations are aimed at reducing contaminants in local waterways. Inspections focus on "high priority commercial facilities," including nurseries, greenhouses, agricultural and structural pest control businesses, and equestrian facilities. Highlights for 2007:

- Represented the department on three advisory committees: the Ag Waiver Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Santa Margarita Watershed Grant Technical Advisory Committee, and the Rainbow Creek Nutrient Reduction Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- Developed a new agricultural facilities inspection form, condensing three forms into one and making it more relevant and easier to understand.
- Presented agricultural stormwater compliance information at ten venues.

Integrated Pest Control performs eradication and control of invasive weeds such as spotted knapweed, tamarisk, and perennial pepperweed. Other activities include rodent bait production and weed control on roadsides, airports, flood control channels, sewage treatment plants and inactive landfills. Highlights for 2007:

- 3,208 acres of weed control performed on County roadsides and airports.
- 151 County-operated facilities recieved structural pest control.
- 20,979 pounds of rodent bait manufactured.

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 $Civil\ Actions$ serves as an advocate at hearings for violations found by inspectors in all programs. 508 Cases were completed in 2007 in the following categories:

Certified Farmers' Market Actions: 7

Standards Enforcement Actions: 286

• Agricultural Pesticides Actions: 151

Structural Pesticides Actions: 62

Quarantine Actions: 2

Plant Health and Pest Prevention program encompasses five service areas, aimed at preventing new pests from entering the County.

<u>Nursery/Seed</u> Program performs annual inspections of nurseries throughout the county and ensures proper licensing. These local inspections assist the horticultural industry with early detection of pests and disease, while protecting the local environment.

<u>Pierce's Disease Control</u> Program protects California's second largest crop, grapes, from the glassy-winged sharp shooter, the insect responsible for transmitting Pierce's Disease.

<u>Sudden Oak Death</u> Program works in a cooperative effort with state and federal officials to detect Phytophthora ramorum, a pest that causes death in oaks and more than 200 other plants.

<u>Agricultural Export</u> Services ensures San Diego's outgoing agricultural products meet the plant cleanliness requirements of the importing country, state or county.

<u>High Risk Pest Exclusion</u> Program inspects shipments of produce and plants coming into San Diego County from other countries and states. Shipments are considered "high risk" when originating in areas infested with actionable pests. Highlights for these programs for 2007:

- 8,771 acres of nursery stock inspected at 926 production facilities.
- 28 new nurseries licensed.
- 1,385 outgoing plant shipments certified as free of Glassy-winged sharpshooter.
- 3,401 shipments of incoming plant material inspected & 66 exotic noxious pests intercepted.
- 18,798 shipments of agricultural commodities certified for export to 59 countries & 22 states.
- 308 nurseries comprising 5,066 acres inspected for Sudden Oak Death, one positive find requiring 65 trace forwards.

Standards Enforcement conducts consumer protection regulatory work by checking weighing and measuring devices, price verification of scanners, certified farmers' markets, organic farming, and fruit, vegetable and shell egg quality. Highlights for 2007:

- Over 35,000 weighing and measuring devices (scales, gas pumps, utility sub-meters, taximeters, etc.)
 inspected, providing assurance of accuracy to both purchasers and sellers in transactions based upon weight, measure, or count. 91% of commercial scales and meters inspected were in compliance.
- 25 active farmers' markets in San Diego County and 149 local growers certified.
- 292 growers registered as organic in San Diego County, the largest community of organic growers in the country.
- 212 wholesale and production egg facilities inspected for quality.
- 442 consumer complaints about commercial meters, petroleum and price overcharges investigated.





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Environmental Services prepares crop statistics, documents agricultural losses and provides agricultural information to land use projects involving agricultural lands. Special projects include community outreach and media relations.

The County Veterinarian operates the only County-run animal disease diagnostic laboratory in the State, as well as the Entomology and Plant Pathology laboratories. Their services are critical for rapid insect and plant disease identification and minimizing new pest infestations. The San Diego Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) examines specimens from domestic animals and wildlife for pathogens affecting animals and diseases transmissible to humans, including rabies, plague, West Nile Virus, Newcastle disease, E. coli, and Avian Influenza. Highlights for 2007:

- 3,686 necropsies and other tests were performed, comprising 1,032 domestic dogs, 490 domestic cats, 1,193 birds, 72 livestock, 40 equines, 519 wildlife, 32 fish/reptiles/amphibians, 176 tick group tests and 836 rabies tests.
- The Plant Pathology lab processed 9,807 samples. Significant finds included chrysanthemum white rust, gladiolus rust, and burrowing nematode.
- The Entomology Lab processed 4,435 samples and handled 492 bee calls. Significant finds included olive psyllid, red imported fire ant, magnolia white scale, fig wax scale, bamboo mealybug, and Diaprepes root weevil.

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Program	Servíces	Number
Agricultural Water Quality	Stormwater; agricultural hazardous material storage	(858) 694-8980
Entomology	Insect identification; apiary registration; pest surveys	(858)694-3076
Environmental Services	Crop statistics; land use issues; public information	(858)694-2775
Integrated Pest Control	Invasive weed control; rodent bait production; Integrated Pest Management	(858)694-4209
Plant Health & Pest Prevention	Licenses to sell nursery products, flowers & foliage; Phytosanitary certificates; quarantine compliance certificates; incoming shipments; nursery inspections; glassy-winged sharpshooter; sudden oak death	(760)752-4700
	Inspection Request Line	(760)752-4713
Pest Detection	Exotic insect trapping/eradication	(858)694-4209
Pest Detection		(800)300-TRAP
Pesticide Regulation	Voluntary compliance inspections; registration; operator identification numbers; pesticide use reporting; restricted materials permits; employee pesticide training requirements; pesticide complaints	(858)694-2753
Plant Pathology	Plant disease diagnostic services; plant disease surveys	(858)694-2753
Standards Enforcement	Certified farmers' markets; certified producer certificates; organic handler/ producer; egg producer/handler; scanner registration; commercial weighing & measuring devices; device serviceperson; weighmaster	(858)694-2778
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