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**PALO VERDE VALLEY
ACREAGE AND AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT
2002**

Riverside County had a gross valuation of \$1,063,478,300

Riverside County's agricultural production is derived from four districts - Riverside/Corona, San Jacinto/Temecula Valley, Coachella Valley, and Palo Verde Valley.

Below is a table comparing the value of the agricultural crops in each of the districts for the last three years.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Riverside/Corona	\$ 31,203,800	\$ 49,707,800	\$ 84,200,000
San Jacinto/Temecula	102,293,100	138,802,600	145,426,200
Coachella Valley	324,729,300	450,695,100	425,631,400
Palo Verde Valley	93,876,000	99,073,100	93,716,800

It must be emphasized that this report reflects a gross return and in no way represents a measure of profit to the producers.

If you have any questions regarding this report, or desire the Annual Riverside County Agricultural Production Report, please call or write your local Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**JOHN SNYDER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER**

CITRUS CROPS

	Acreage	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Lemons	1,429	1,277	434	554,218	38 lbs.	10.93	6,057,600
By-products			86	109,822	"	0.45	49,400
Oranges-Valencia	1,085	1,085	43	46,655	37.5 lbs.	8.40	391,900
By-products			339	367,815	"	0.84	309,000
Tangelos	70	0	-	-	30 lbs.	-	-
By-products			-	-	"	-	-
Tangerines	20	0	-	-	25 lbs.	-	-
By-products			-	-	"	-	-
TOTAL	2,604	2,362					\$ 6,807,900

TREE AND VINE CROPS

	Planted Acreage	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Miscellaneous*	299	299	119	35,581	24 lbs.	11.37	\$ 404,200
TOTAL	299	299					\$ 404,200

*Includes Dates, Jojoba, and Peaches.

VEGETABLE, MELON, AND MISCELLANEOUS CROPS
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	Total Harvested Acreage	Production			Value		
		Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Broccoli	1,061	483.0	512,463	23 lbs.	7.77	\$ 3,981,800	
Lettuce -							
Head	1,176	442.0	519,792	50 lbs.	7.56	3,929,600	
Shredding	1,176	7.7	9,055	1,000 lbs.	88.00	796,800	
Melons -							
Cantaloupe	2,607	420.0	1,094,940	40 lbs.	5.17	5,671,800	
Honeydew	1,235	660.0	815,100	29 lbs.	4.72	3,847,300	
Misc. Melons	1,098	313.0	343,674	33 lbs.	6.50	2,233,900	
Watermelon	185	7.6	1,406	tons	165.00	232,000	
Peppers, Chili	70	1,980.0	138,600	10 lbs.	1.50	207,900	
Squash, Summer	155	571.0	88,505	28 lbs.	4.35	385,000	
Miscellaneous*	835	713.0	595,355	28 lbs.	3.48	2,071,800	
TOTAL	9,598					\$ 23,357,900	

*Includes Beans-Green, Cabbage, Corn-Sweet, Eggplant, Garlic, Lettuce-Loose Leaf & Romaine, Okra, Onion-Dry, and Oriental Vegetables.

FIELD AND SEED CROPS

	Total Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
		Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cotton						
Short Staple	9,091	3.24	29,455	500 lbs	300.00	\$ 8,836,500
Seed		1.22	11,091	tons	130.00	1,441,800
Grain						
Barley	166	3.00	498	"	105.00	52,300
Milo Maize	332	2.00	664	"	101.00	67,100
Wheat	5,727	3.00	17,181	"	135.00	2,319,400
Hay						
Alfalfa	55,726	8.80	490,389	"	91.00	44,625,400
Bermuda Grass	1,481	6.60	9,775	"	80.00	782,000
Kleingrass	2,421	9.00	21,789	"	86.00	1,873,900
Oats	249	3.80	946	"	80.00	75,700
Sudan	1,347	4.60	6,196	"	81.00	501,900
Straw-Other	567	1.50	851	"	30.00	25,500
Miscellaneous*	515	2.40	1,236	"	244.26	301,900
Pasture, Irrigated	11,000		11,000	acres	110.00	1,210,000
Silage, Corn	476	10.00	4,760	tons	54.00	257,000
Seed						
Bermuda	1,029	503	517,587	lbs.	1.50	776,400
TOTAL	90,127					\$ 63,146,800

*Includes Hay-Timothy Grass & Ryegrass, Peanuts-Seed & Straw, and Seed-Onion.

SUMMARY

	Harvested Acreage	Valuation
Citrus Crops	2,362	\$ 6,807,900
Tree & Vine Crops	299	404,200
Vegetable, Melon & Misc. Crops	9,598	23,357,900
Field & Seed Crops	90,127	63,146,800
TOTAL	102,386	\$ 93,716,800