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# Contra Costa County



Edward P. Meyer Agricultural Commissioner Director of Weights and Measures

To: A. G. KAWAMURA, SECRETARY

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

and

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I am pleased to submit the 2003 Annual Crop and Livestock Report for Contra Costa County in accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report includes information on Organic Farming and Biological Control Activities in our county.

The total gross value of agricultural crops and products in 2003 was \$108,567,500, up \$8,413,400 dollars from 2002. Cattle production increased as the average price in 2003 improved dramatically. The miscellaneous vegetable category also went up due to increased production of specialty crops such as lettuce, potatoes, and asparagus.

Many categories had losses resulting from market competition and low prices. Contra Costa County's last dairy closed in the middle of 2003, leading to a large drop in the miscellaneous livestock product category. Apple values went down as many orchards were removed or not harvested. Cut flower values dropped as growers went out of business or reduced their operations. Low prices for sudan and safflower led to fewer acres being planted. In 2003, there were severe losses to wheat harvested both as hay and grain due to the disease wheat stripe rust. However, there was no significant difference from the previous year's values in those commodities due to weather related losses during the 2002 harvest.

Weather conditions in 2003 contributed to changes in several crop categories. Plentiful rain in winter and spring improved the value of rangeland. However, late spring rains hurt yields of crops such as peaches, apricots, and fresh market tomatoes. Extreme heat contributed to reduced pistachio yields.

Several crop categories exceeded \$1 million in value. These categories in decreasing order include bedding plants, cattle and calves, sweet corn, grapes, miscellaneous vegetables, miscellaneous livestock products, rangeland pasture, tomatoes, herbaceous perennials, miscellaneous nursery, alfalfa, indoor decoratives, field corn, apples, cherries, beans, vegetable plants, and walnuts.

It should be emphasized the values stated in this report are gross receipts and do not include the cost of production, transportation, or marketing of the products.

I wish to thank the many individuals and organizations who supplied us with the information to complete this report. Their cooperation is truly appreciated. I also would like to thank Nancy Niemeyer and the rest of my staff for their diligent work in obtaining, compiling, and coordinating their efforts to put together our annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Meyer

Agricultural Commissioner

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On the Cover: The Concord Certified Farmers Market

# FIELD CROPS



			PRODU	JCTION	And the second s		VALUE
CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL \$
Field Corn	2003	4,780	3.94	18,900	Ton	90.30	1,707,000
	2002	5,230	3.97	20,800	Ton	87.40	1,816,000
Hay Alfalfa	2003	3,950	5.60	22,100	Ton	94.10	2,080,000
	2002	3,610	5.36	19,300	Ton	105.00	2,036,000
Grain	2003	1,940	2.26	4,390	Ton	84.50	371,000
	2002	2,170	2.29	4,990	Ton	64.40	321,000
Pasture	2003	6,110		Grazed	Acre	150.00	917,000
Irrigated	2002	5,550		Grazed	Acre	155.00	860,000
Pasture Rangeland	2003 2002	252,000 258,000			Acre Acre	17.00 14.90	4,284,000 3,844,000
Safflower	2003	287	1.18	340	Ton	244.00	83,000
	2002	478	1.15	549	Ton	211.00	116,000
Wheat	2003	1,690	1.93	3,270	Ton	111.00	363,000
	2002	1,430	2.11	3,010	Ton	108.00	325,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2003 2002	3,220 3,150					577,000 777,000
Total	2003 2002	273,977 279,618					\$10,382,000 \$10,095,000

<sup>\*</sup>Barley, Forage Hay, Hay (Wild), Rye, Silage, Straw, Sudan Grass

# **VEGETABLE & SEED CROPS**



			PRODU	JCTION			VALUE
CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL \$
Beans	2003	303	4.09	1,240	Ton	1,030.00	1,278,000
	2002	283	3.42	965	Ton	1,020.00	986,000
Onions	2003	9	6.98	64	Ton	451.00	28,900
	2002	11	12.60	140	Ton	436.00	61,100
Squash	2003	30	6.49	193	Ton	567.00	109,000
	2002	21	4.38	91	Ton	627.00	57,000
Sweet Corn	2003	3,030	10.40	31,400	Ton	301.00	9,451,000
	2002	2,940	9.68	28,500	Ton	338.00	9,617,000
Tomatoes Total	2003 2002	1,299 1,089		50,500 42,740	Ton Ton		3,822,000 3,264,000
Fresh	2003	119	10.90	1,300	Ton	1,040.00	1,352,000
	2002	65	16.10	1,040	Ton	1,170.00	1,222,000
Processing	2003	1,180	41.70	49,200	Ton	50.20	2,470,000
	2002	1,024	40.70	41,700	Ton	49.00	2,042,000
Miscellaneous Vegetable and Seed Crops*	2003 2002	1,710 1,520					6,253,000 3,738,000
Total	2003 2002	6,381 5,864					\$20,941,900 \$17,723,100

<sup>\*</sup> Asparagus, Artichokes, Beets, Cabbage, Cardoon, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Garlic, Ginseng, Lettuce, Okra, Greens, Herbs, Melons, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins.

### FRUIT & NUT CROPS







			PROD	JCTION		•	VALUE
CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	2003 2002	330 582	12.40 9.25	4,070 5,380	Ton Ton	336.00 444.00	1,368,000 2,390,000
Apricots	2002	002	3.20	0,000	1011	444.00	2,030,000
Total	2003	550	4.42	2,430	Ton		960,000
	2002	559	4.91	2,750	Ton		1,166,000
Fresh	2003			373	Ton	917.00	342,000
	2002			647	Ton	828.00	536,000
Processing	2003			2,060	Ton	300.00	618,000
	2002			2,100	Ton	300.00	630,000
Cherries	2003	282	1.94	548	Ton	2,460.00	1,348,000
	2002	284	1.30	369	Ton	2,860.00	1,054,000
Grapes	2003	2,030	3.96	8,030	Ton	814.00	6,536,000
	2002	1,960	3.97	7,790	Ton	848.00	6,609,000
Nectarines	2003	33	2.59	85	Ton	1,410.00	120,000
	2002	33	2.33	77	Ton	2,350.00	182,000
Peaches	2003	165	4.01	661	Ton	1,010.00	668,000
	2002	149	4.49	667	Ton	1,580.00	1,057,000
Pears	2003	79	12.30	968	Ton	202.00	196,000
	2002	53	18.20	968	Ton	203.00	197,000
Plums	2003	25	2.34	59	Ton	1,270.00	74,900
	2002	18	2.45	46	Ton	1,400.00	64,300
Walnuts	2003	848	1.39	1,180	Ton	942.00	1,112,000
Adia a a lla a a a a a	2002	856	1.21	1,040	Ton	1,040.00	1,083,000
Miscellaneous Fruit & Nut	2003	158					643,000
Crops*	2002	137					748,000
Total	2003	4,500					\$13,025,900
	2002	4,631					\$14,550,300

<sup>\*</sup>Almonds, Asian Pears, Berries, Citrus, Figs, Olives, Pecans, Persimmons, Pistachios, Pluots, Prunes, Pomegranates, Quinces, Strawberries and other Miscellaneous Tree Crops.

### **NURSERY PRODUCTS**

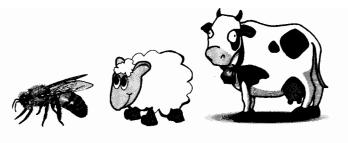


		PRODUC	PRODUCTION AREA*				
CROP	YEAR	HOUSE SQ. FT.	FIELD ACRES	TOTAL \$			
Nursery Stock							
Bedding	2003	6,105,000	315.00	25,493,000			
Plants	2002	5,030,000	315.00	26,111,000			
Herbaceous	2003	668,000	16.10	2,715,000			
Perennials	2002	668,000	17.10	2,967,000			
Indoor	2003	555,000	0.2	1,802,000			
Decoratives	2002	760,000		1,296,000			
Vegetable	2003	100,000	11.30	1,236,000			
Plants	2002	100,000	11.30	2,227,000			
Cut Flowers**	2003	58,400	6.00	124,000			
	2002	278,000	0.50	463,000			
Miscellaneous	2003	18,000	30.90	2,316,000			
Nursery Crops***	2002	18,000	15.60	2,321,000			
Total	2003	7,504,400	380	33,686,000			
	2002	6,854,000	360	35,385,000			

<sup>\*</sup>Gross Area

<sup>\*\*</sup>Alstromeria, Carnations, Gerbera, Lilies, Roses, Misc. Flowers

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Christmas Trees, Potted Flowers & Vegetables, Ground Covers, Propagative Materials, Hanging Baskets Ornamental Trees & Shrubs, Fruit Trees.



### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

		PRO	PRODUCTION		\	VALUE		
ITEM	YEAR	NO.OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL \$		
Cattle & Calves	2003 2002	51,300 44,500	340,000 320,000	cwt.	74.70 59.70	25,400,000 15,109,000		
Miscellaneous Livestock & Poultry*	2003 2002					500,000 494,000		
Total	2003 2002					\$25,900,000 \$15,603,000		

# LIVESTOCK, APIARY & POULTRY PRODUCTS

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ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	I UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL \$
Honey	2003 2002	48,000 37,000	lbs. lbs.	4.00 3.56	192,000 131,000
Beeswax	2003 2002	200 200	lbs.	3.50 3.50	700 700
Pollination	2003 2002	600 600	colonies colonies	50.00 45.00	30,000 27,000
Miscellaneous Livestock & Poultry Products**	2003 2002				4,409,000 6,639,000
Total	2003 2002				\$4,631,700 \$6,797,700

<sup>\*</sup>Chickens, Ducks, Emus, Fish, Goats, Hogs, Llamas, Ostriches, Pigs, Rabbits, Sheep and Turkeys.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Milk, Wool, Eggs.

# **RECAPITULATION**







<u>G</u>	<b>RANKING</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Nursery Products	33.7	35.4	1	1
Livestock & Poultry	25.9	15.6	2	2
Vegetable & Seed Crops	20.9	17.7	3	3
Fruit & Nut Crops	13.0	14.6	4	4
Field Crops	10.4	10.1	5	5
Livestock Products	4.6	6.8	6	6

	GROS	S VALUE	<u>CHANGE</u>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<u>2003</u>	2002	
Field Crops	10,382,000	10,095,000	287,000
Vegetable & Seed Crops	20,941,900	17,723,100	3,218,800
Fruit & Nut Crops	13,025,900	14,550,300	-1,524,400
Nursery Crops	33,686,000	35,385,000	-1,699,000
Livestock & Poultry	25,900,000	15,603,000	10,297,000
Livestock, Apiary & Poultry Products	4,631,700	6,797,700	-2,166,000
Total	\$108,567,500	\$100,154,100	8,413,40
Total Acres in County		482,000	
Population in County *		1,033,800	
Land in Farms - Acres'	**	147,859	
Harvested Cropland - A	Acres**	28,391	

<sup>\*</sup>July 2003 \*\*1997 census

ORG FARI					eks/Onions		:: Beans/Peas	SS			တ္		Greens	Melons/Cucumber	səde	Tomatoes/Eggplant/Pepper	es, Leafy	es, Root
	Apples	Apricots	Cherries	Corn	Garlic/Le	Herbs	Legumes:	Nectarines	Peaches	Pears	Pistachios	Plums	Salad Gr	Squash/Melon	Table Grapes	Tomatoe	Vegetables	Vegetables
No. of Farms	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Estimated Acres	2.0	2.0	7.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	8.0	24.0	6.0	36.8	1.0	0.9	0.2	2.0	0.3	1.3	0.1

# MILLION DOLLAR CROPS



GRO	ION DOLLARS	RAN	KING	
CROP	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Bedding Plants	25.5	\$26.1	1	1
Cattle & Calves	25.4	15.1	2	2
Sweet Corn	9.5	9.6	3	3
Grapes	6.5	6.6	4	5
Miscellaneous Vegetables	6.3	3.7	5	7
Misc. Livestock Products	4.6	6.6	6	4
Rangeland Pasture	4.3	3.8	7	6
Tomatoes, all	3.8	3.3	8	8
Herbaceous Perennials	2.7	3.0	9	9
Miscellaneous Nursery	2.3	2.3	10	11
Hay - Alfalfa	2.1	2.0	11	13
Indoor Decoratives	1.8	1.3	13	15
Field Corn	1.7	1.8	12	14
Apples	1.4	2.4	14	10
Cherries	1.3	1.1	15	19
Beans	1.3		16	
Vegetable Plants	1.2	2.2	17	12
Walnuts	1.1	1.1	18	17

# ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORTING



COUNTY BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Agent/Mechanism</u>	Scope of Program
Yellow Starthistle Centaurea solstitialis	Hairy weevil Eustenopus villosus	Ongoing
	YST flower weevil Larinus curtus	Ongoing



# **PEST EXCLUSION 2003**

SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	Rejections	Total Inspected
Household GoodS	12	130
Mail/UPS/FEDEX	414	44,862 profiled 11,876 inspected
Truck	4	161
A & Q Rated Pests Intercepted Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (B rated)	112	5,384
Rejections from Fed-Ex & UPS Inspections		
Burrowing Nematode	15	
Caribbean Fruit Fly	9	
Cedar-Apple Rust	12	
Cereal Leaf Beetle	1	
Cherry Fruit Fly	2	
Citrus Pests	11	
Citrus Canker	1	
Mexfly/CA and Mexfly/TX	2	
Colorado Potato Beetle	2	
Cotton Pests	1 2	
European Corn Borer Fire Ant	1	
Hydrilla	1	
Japanese Beetle	14	
Live Pests		
Ants - Hawaii	26	
Scale - Hawaii	3	
Mealybug - Hawaii	8	
Aphid - Hawaii	9	
Other Live Pests - Hawaii	21	
Live Pests from other states	8	
Nut Tree Pests	1	
Ozonium Root Rot	3	
Peach Mosaic	1	
Pine Shoot Beetle	1	
Plum Curculio	5	
Sugarcane Root Borer	1	
Walnut and Pecan Pests	1	
Rejections from Truck Inspections		
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Egg masses	1	
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Adults Trapped	2	
Apple Maggot, Weeds, Scales (B rated)	17	
Rejections from Household Goods Inspections		
Gypsy Moth, Tussock Moth	5	
Japanese Beetle	2	
Eastern Tent Caterpillar	3	

#### **Direct Marketing**

It's hard to beat the taste of tree ripened fruit, picked just hours before being eaten. You don't have to grow up on a farm or be a gourmet cook to know there is a world of difference between fresh fruits and vegetables that are harvested with an emphasis on ripeness and full flavor rather than an emphasis on a longer shelf life for shipping. However, there are many who have yet to discover that the wonderful and healthy flavors of farm fresh produce are readily available to them at reasonable prices.

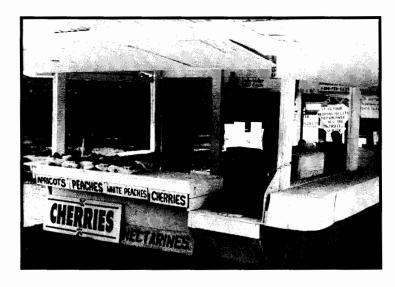
Luckily for Contra Costa and Bay Area residents, our county offers a wide range of Certified Farmers' Markets, grower's roadside stands, and U-Pick farms. These locations provide a great opportunity for consumers to reconnect to the seasons by meeting the growers while getting the freshest, California-grown produce available. There are so many types of produce to taste and try: new and old-fashioned varieties of fruit, specialty crops, ethnic vegetables, organic produce, and fresh herbs.

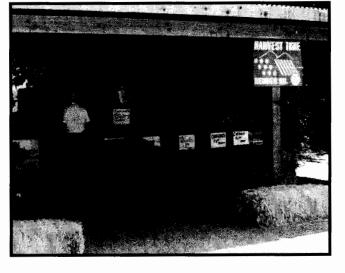
Certified Farmers' Markets and grower's roadside stands help to reestablish the links between growers and consumers and provide consumers with an opportunity to learn how their food supply is produced. Consumers can get recommendations on which varieties are best for baking, canning, or for eating fresh. They can often get information on how the produce is grown, ways to prepare the food, and other nutritional information. Along the way, the consumer gains a better understanding of the challenges faced by growers in producing the food we eat and often take for granted.

Included in this year's crop report is a listing of East Contra Costa County growers who offer fruit stands and U-Pick operations as part of the "Harvest Time in Brentwood" marketing group. These growers attract families from all over the Bay Area who have already discovered the outstanding quality and wide variety of crops available in our county.

Also included in this crop report is a listing of Certified Farmers' Markets that operate in Contra Costa County. In 1977, California direct marketing regulations were created to allow growers to sell their agricultural products, exempt from packing, sizing, and labeling requirements, at locations other than their roadside stands. These locations are called Certified Farmers' Markets. The intent of the direct marketing regulations was to allow California growers to sell their agricultural products directly to consumers while maintaining enough regulatory control to ensure consumers receive quality products in an honest and fair transaction. The produce sold at these locations must be sold by the grower and must meet the same health and quality standards that apply to roadside locations.

Both grower's stands and Certified Farmers' Markets represent examples of direct marketing by growers to consumers. This allows growers an alternative to large volume distribution marketing, with the ability to sell small amounts of produce as well as varieties that are too tender for large commercial production. Direct marketing eliminates the middleman, providing cost savings to consumers and higher profits to growers. Growers can market their produce without the added expense of shipping containers or commercial packaging.





**U-Pick** operation

Grower's Fruit Stand

#### **Harvest Time**

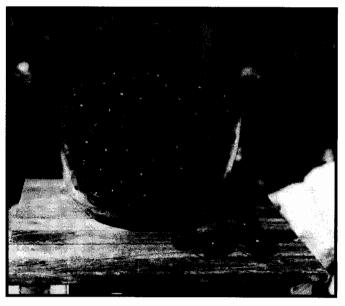
The Harvest Time members operate farms and ranches in eastern Contra Costa County that offers you the freshest, ripest, and tastiest produce found anywhere. Their produce is available as either U-Picked or Picked and provides a unique opportunity to see where the produce you see in the stores originates and take home some of the best produce available. Harvest Time began in 1976 with ten members and has since grown to over 32 members. For more information on Harvest Time, visit <a href="www.harvest4u.com">www.harvest4u.com</a>, pick up a brochure from one of the member's locations, or send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to: Harvest Time, P.O. Box 810, Brentwood, CA 94513.

- Pomeroy Farm: Picked & U-Pick cherries starting mid May to mid June. Picked & U-Pick nectarines, peaches and apricots mid May through June. Walnuts & walnut meats available.
- 2. Dwelley Farms: Picked apples, berries, cherries, apricots, plums, pluots, peaches, nectarines, squash, onions, beans, corn, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, peppers, eggplant, melons, etc. Open daily in season.
- 3. Lopez Ranch: Picked and U-Pick cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, and apples. Open daily in season.
- 4. Salvador's Cherry Farm: U-Pick cherries starting mid May. Open Friday Monday.
- 5. Maggiore Cherry Ranch: Picked & U-Pick cherries. Open daily in season.
- 7. Tachella Family Farms: Picked & U-Pick apricots, black-eyed peas, and okra. Picked apples, artichokes, asparagus, beans, beets, cherries, citrus, corn, cucumbers, figs, garlic, grapes, honey, melons, nectarines, onions, peaches, pears, peas, persimmons, pistachios, pomegranates, plums, pluots, potatoes, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes. Open daily except Mondays.
- 8. Arata Farms Produce: Picked peaches, fruits, and vegetables.
- 9. DC's Extraordinary Cherries: U-Pick cherries. Open daily in season.
- 10. Dell's Retail Nursery: perennials, shrubs, trees, etc. Open daily.

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers can be used to find the ranch location on the harvest time map at the end of this report

- 11. Nunn Better Farms: U-Pick cherries on Sellers Ave. 3.5 miles north of Hwy 4. Picked corn and apples. Picked produce sold by the box only. Call for availability.
- 12. Canciamilla Ranch: Picked & U-Pick peaches, nectarines, and plums. Open daily.
- 13. Brentwood Olive Oil Company: various olive oil related products Saturdays and Sundays.
- 14. T.K.'s Best Produce: Picked corn, tomatoes, peppers, melons, squash, pluots, onions, cucumbers, green beans, grapes, strawberries, cherries, apricots, peaches, plums, and nectarines. Open daily in season.
- 15. Bacchini's Fruit Tree: Picked and U-Pick cherries, apricots, plums, and pluots. Open daily in season.
- 16. Moffatt Ranch: Picked and U-Pick peaches and nectarines. Bring containers. Open daily in season.
- 16. Papini Farms: Picked and U-Pick cherries, peaches, apricots, nectarines, plums. Open daily in season.
- 19. Peter Wolfe: Picked apricots, peaches, plums, and wine grapes. Open daily.
- 20. The Gerrys' Fruit Bowl: Picked and U-Pick peaches, plums, nectarines, apples, and Asian pears. Open daily.
- 21. The Farmer's Daughter Produce: Picked and U-Pick cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, and plums. Picked corn and other produce.
- 22. The Gerrys' White Peaches: U-Pick peaches and nectarines. Open daily in season.
- 23. Wolfe Ranch Cherries: Picked and U-Pick cherries, peaches, loquats, nectarines, and apricots.
- 24. Tidrick Ranch: Picked and U-Pick cherries. Open daily in season.
- 25. Sharp Ranch U-Pick Cherries: U-pick cherries. Open Friday through Sunday in season.
- 26. Seko Ranch Cherries: Picked and U-Pick cherries. Open daily in season.
- 27. McKinney Farms: Picked and U-Pick peaches, apricots, and nectarines. Picked melons and other produce. Open daily in season.
- 28. Shelly's Garden: Picked herbs, etc.
- 29. Lewis Family Farms: Picked tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers, apricots, plums, peaches, persimmons, pomegranates, figs, etc. Open daily in season.
- 30. Gursky Ranch Country Store: U-pick walnuts. Various dried fruits and nuts. Open daily in season.

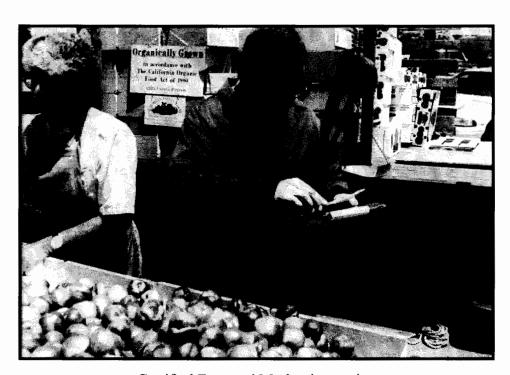




U-Pick peaches

**U-Pick** cherries

- 31. Spinola Farm & Nursery: potted nursery stock.
- 32. Delta Diablo Vineyard: U-Pick grapes.
- 33. Smith Family Farm: Picked and U-Pick tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, beans. Picked herbs, eggplant, peaches, nectarines, apricots, corn, cherries, melons, onions, apples, and flowers. U-Pick boysenberries.
- 34. Pease Ranch: Picked and U-Pick cherries and berries. Open daily in season.
- 38. Fred's Cherries Brentwood Garden Ranch: U-Pick cherries.



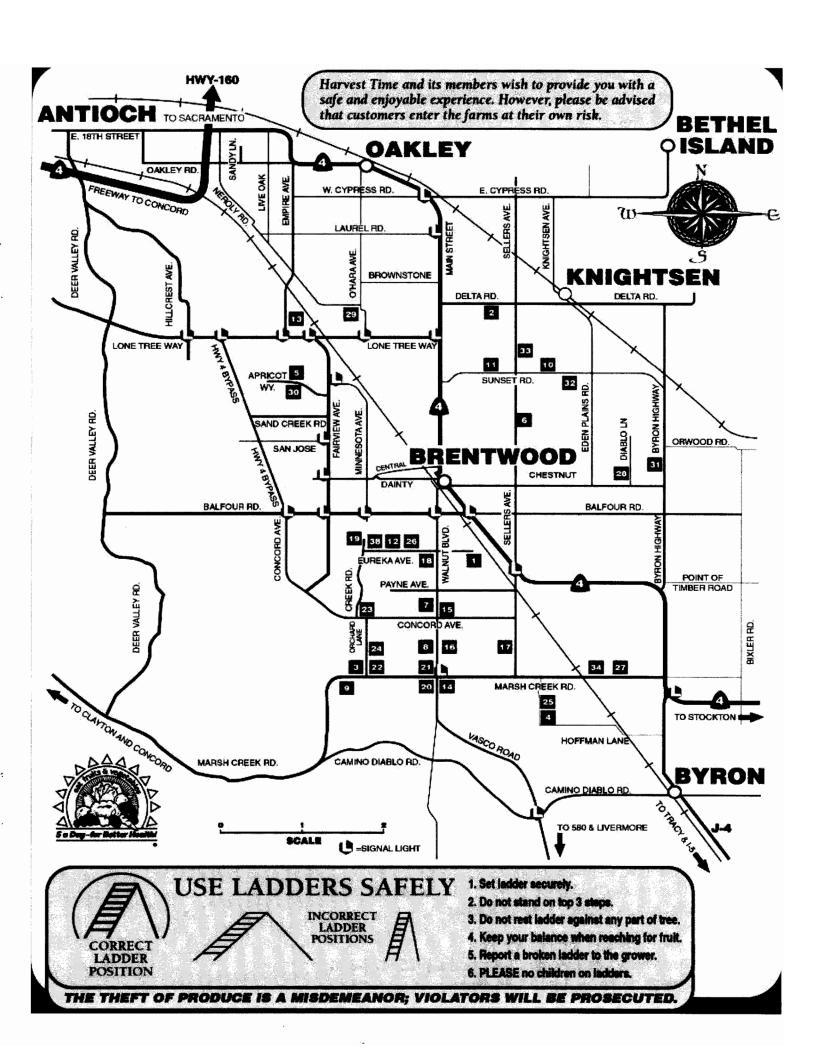
Certified Farmers' Market inspection



Certified Farmers' Market stand



A produce stand



#### Contra Costa County Certified Farmers' Markets

There are approximately 368 Certified Farmers' Markets and approximately 2,900 certified producers in California. Of these markets, 51% are year-round markets and the balance is seasonal. In a typical year, the majority of the seasonal markets operate from April through October of each year. Contra Costa County currently has eleven Certified Farmers' Markets listed below.

Concord Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Todos Santos Park, Willow Pass and Grant. Telephone: (925) 825-9090 Hours: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. all year: Thursdays 4 – 8 p.m., June – November

Danville Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Hartz between Diablo and Prospect. Telephone: (925) 825-9090

Hours: Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. all year

El Cerrito Certified Farmers' Market

Location: 307 El Cerrito Plaza. Telephone: (510) 528-7992

Hours: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. all year

Martinez Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Court between Escobar and Main. Telephone: (925) 426-5420

Hours: Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., May – November

Martinez Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Main between Castro and Ferry. Telephone: (925) 431-8361

Hours: Sundays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., May - October

Orinda Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Orinda at Camino Pablo. Telephone: (925) 431-8361

Hours: Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., June - November

Pinole Certified Farmers' Market

Location: City Hall parking lot between Plum and Prune. Telephone: (925) 825-9090

Hours: Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., May – November

Pleasant Hill Certified Farmers' Market

Location: 100 Gregory Ln. Telephone: (925) 431-8361 Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., May – November

Richmond Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Civic Center Drive, front of library. Telephone: (510) 758-3011

Hours: Fridays, 12 – 6 p.m., May – November

Rossmoor Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Rossmoor Clubhouse parking lot. Telephone: (925) 689-4141

Hours: Fridays, 12 – 6 p.m., May – October

Walnut Creek Certified Farmers' Market

Location: Broadway and Lincoln. Telephone: (925) 431-8361

Hours: Sundays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. all year