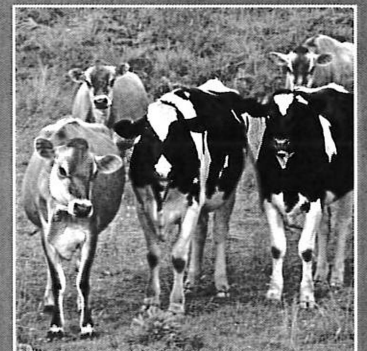


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## Foreword

**T**he 2015 Crop Year Statistics tell of triumphs and challenges for California agriculture set against a backdrop of a fourth consecutive year of drought. Farm cash receipts decreased for the year as did the state's agricultural exports.

Cash receipts totaled \$47.07 billion and exports totaled \$20.69 billion. While these figures are lower than for 2014, California still leads the nation in agricultural production and exports. In fact, if some of our leading counties were states, they would rank near the middle nationally for production value!



We all depend on California agriculture for high quality food, fuel and fiber. Our farmers and ranchers produce over 400 commodities. Our agricultural community continues to answer this demand, in part, by being among the vanguard in scientific advances. By managing inputs with ever increasing precision as well as mitigating risks and challenges, California's agricultural community continues to produce high quality products for consumers here, across the nation and increasingly, around the world.

Farmers and ranchers contribute immeasurably to our quality of life in California. They provide healthful choices for consumers, innovative advances in environmental stewardship, and positive economic impacts necessary for healthy urban and rural communities. By these measures our farmers and ranchers are modern day heroes.

Yes, the ongoing drought and shifting market conditions made 2015 a challenging year for California agriculture. But the numbers are part of a bigger picture of growth for the agricultural sector in the long run—which is positive news for our resilient state and nation, and our trading partners.

To the many who have made this report possible, thank you, and I look forward to partnering with you this coming year.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross, Secretary  
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