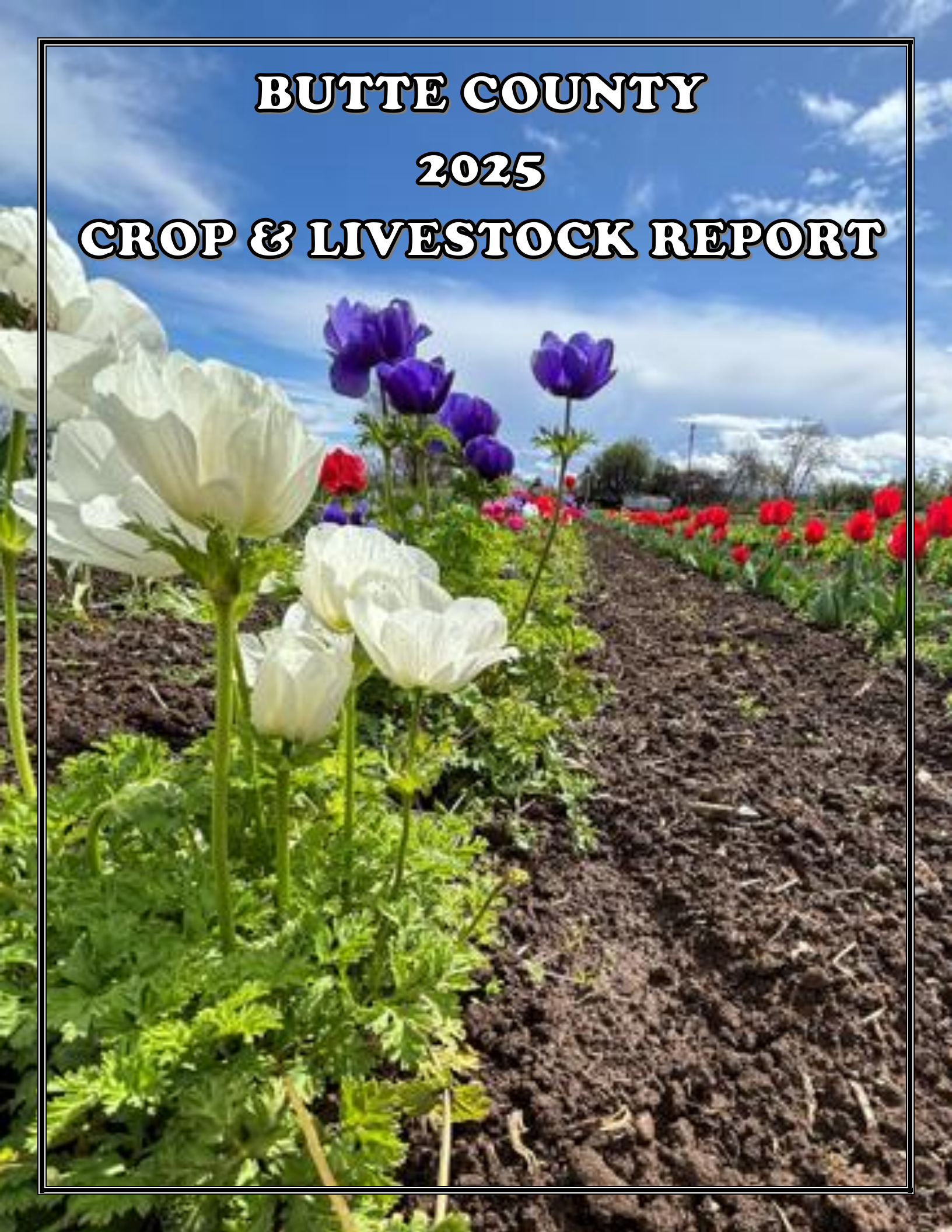
BUTTE COUNTY

2025

CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT



Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's Mission Statement

Protect and perpetuate agriculture
by ensuring a safe and healthy agriculture product.
Promote and provide confidence of buyers and sellers
by ensuring fairness in local, national and international trade.
Protect and promote the wellbeing of all our customers and
our community through the fair,
equitable application of agricultural and weights and measures standards,
emphasizing education and cooperation,
including the use of technology to enhance customer service.

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

In accordance with provisions of the California Food and Agriculture Code section 2279, I am submitting the 86th annual crop report that shows the agricultural production and agricultural value in Butte County for the 2025 calendar year. Our department has been providing annual crop reports since 1939.

This report is a summary estimate of the acreage, production and gross value of Butte County agricultural products. The values presented in this report are gross values only, and do not reflect net farm income or costs of production and marketing.

The estimated gross value of agricultural production in Butte County for 2025 totaled **$702,732,779.** This is a $113,667,151 increase over the 2024 gross value total of $589,065,628. Butte County's 10-year average is $650,632,030.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the many producers, processors and agencies, both private and governmental, who assist with this report by providing us with specific information pertaining to their business. I would also like to thank the staff of the Butte County Agriculture Department for compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Million Dollar Ag Commodities

Walnuts	$177,972,300
Rice	$164,073,545
Almonds	$144,686,500
Prunes	$34,671,000
Cattle & Calves	$21,375,000
Field Crops, Misc.	$18,275,500
Nursery Stock	$15,240,000
Rice Seed	$14,316,120
Apiary, Pollination	$13,711,200
Kiwifruit	$11,980,500
Peaches	$11,466,000
Pistachios	$6,651,000
Pasture, Other	$5,700,000
Harvested Timber	$5,397,862
Fruit & Nut, Misc.	$5,392,500
Apiary, Other Products	$3,622,114
Almond Hulls	$2,825,000
Beans, Dry Edible	$2,815,000
Pasture, Irrigated	$2,750,000
Milk, Market & Manufacturing	$1,460,000
Olive Oil	$1,172,150
Livestock, Misc.	$1,150,000
Vegetables	$1,104,500

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF CROP VALUES

CROP	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
APIARY PRODUCTS	$18,803,800	$19,162,927	$19,632,615	$17,353,153	$17,333,314
FIELD CROPS	$169,093,593	$341,048,690	$182,249,368	$145,650,790	$194,407,645
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	$311,256,304	$234,700,517	$256,966,873	$342,964,465	$397,764,450
LIVESTOCK	$14,488,800	$13,683,000	$15,247,500	$15,570,000	$23,025,000
NURSERY STOCK	$17,154,292	$18,012,006	$18,954,250	$18,220,106	$15,240,000
SEED CROPS	$20,092,754	$23,214,456	$32,893,368	$16,745,051	$15,063,360
VEGETABLE CROPS	$1,378,777	$1,286,858	$1,415,543	$1,273,988	$1,104,500
ORGANIC CROPS	$33,926,412	$37,217,787	$44,506,984	$29,043,801	$33,396,648
CROP TOTALS	$586,194,732	$688,326,241	$571,866,501	$586,821,354	$697,334,917
TIMBER	$23,760,571	$4,483,162	$1,986,801	$2,244,274	$5,397,862
GRAND TOTAL	**$609,955,303**	**$692,809,403**	**$573,853,302**	**$589,065,628**	**$702,732,779**

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PLANT CROP ACRES

CROP	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
FIELD CROPS	293,139	291,529	291,142	277,064	304,098
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	102,007	100,743	101,479	105,261	105,077
SEED CROPS	7,338	7,025	7,005	6,383	6,820
VEGETABLE CROPS	481	843	435	625	535
GRAND TOTAL	**402,965**	**400,410**	**400,061**	**389,333**	**416,530**

2025 FRUIT & NUT CROPS ACREAGE STATISTICS

ORCHARD CROPS	BEARING	NON-BEARING	TOTAL
ALMONDS	34,278	3,829	38,107
APPLES	14	0	14
APRICOTS	5	0	5
CHESTNUTS	157	15	172
GRAPES (WINE)	165	0	165
KIWIFRUIT	489	7	496
MANDARINS	67	0	67
OLIVES (OIL)	431	0	431
ORANGES	75	0	75
PEACHES	1,365	58	1,423
PECANS	197	0	197
PERSIMMONS	133	10	143
PISTACHIOS	937	286	1,223
PRUNES	6,350	984	7,334
WALNUTS, ENGLISH	51,363	3,862	55,225
TOTAL	**96,026**	**9,051**	**105,077**

Data from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service and other sources.

2025 FRUIT & NUT CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing (ac)	Yield (tons)	Yield (tons) / Bearing (ac)	Value ($) / 1 (ton)	Total ($)
ALMONDS	**2025**	**34,278**	**30,850**	**0.9**	**$4,690**	**$144,686,500**
	2024	34,920	31,428	0.9	$3,900	$122,569,200
HULLS	**2025**	**--**	**56,500**	**--**	**$50**	**$2,825,000**
	2024	--	58,990	--	$48	$2,831,520
CITRUS	**2025**	**125**	**625**	**5.0**	**$1,516**	**$947,500**
	2024	125	500	4.0	$1,430	$715,000
KIWIFRUIT	**2025**	**489**	**3,423**	**7.0**	**$3,500**	**$11,980,500**
	2024	489	3,325	6.8	$3,140	$10,440,500
OLIVES (OIL)	**2025**	**431**	**1,379**	**3.2**	**$850**	**$1,172,150**
	2024	431	1,379	3.2	$750	$1,034,250
PEACHES	**2025**	**1,365**	**19,110**	**14**	**$600**	**$11,466,000**
	2024	1,139	15,946	14	$630	$10,045,980
PISTACHIOS	**2025**	**985**	**1,478**	**1.5**	**$4,500**	**$6,651,000**
	2024	1,093	1,366	1.25	$3,700	$5,054,200
PRUNES	**2025**	**6,350**	**16,510**	**2.6**	**$2,100**	**$34,671,000**
	2024	6,543	16,358	2.5	$2,200	$35,987,600
WALNUTS	**2025**	**51,363**	**107,862**	**2.1**	**$1,650**	**$177,972,300**
	2024	51,390	87,363	1.7	$1,720	$150,264,360
MISC. *	**2025**	**674**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**$5,392,500**
	2024	585	--	--	--	$4,021,855
TOTAL	**2025**	**96,060**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**$397,764,450**
	2024	96,715	--	--	--	$342,964,465

**Misc. may include apples, apricots, cherry, chestnut, fig, nectarine, pear, asian pear, pecan, pomegranate, raisins, table grapes, plums, table olives, persimmons, etc.*

2025 FIELD CROP ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing (ac)	Yield (tons)	Yield (tons) / Bearing (ac)	Value ($) / 1 (ton)	Total
BEANS, DRY EDIBLE	**2025**	**512**	**1,126**	**2.2**	**$2,500**	**$2,815,000**
	2024	624	1,248	2.0	$1,900	$2,371,200
ALFALFA	**2025**	**496**	**3,968**	**8.0**	**$200**	**$793,600**
	2024	290	1,450	5.0	$200	$290,000
RICE	**2025**	**98,336**	**462,179**	**4.7**	**$355**	**$164,073,545**
	2024	71,388	342,662	4.8	$345	$118,218,390
MISC. *	**2025**	**3,754**	--	--	--	**$18,275,500**
	2024	3,762	--	--	--	$17,931,200
Crop	**Year**	**Acres**			**Value ($) / 1 Acre**	**Total**
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	**2025**	**11,000**	--	--	**$250**	**$2,750,000**
	2024	11,000	--	--	$190	$2,090,000
PASTURE, OTHER	**2025**	**190,000**	--	--	**$30**	**$5,700,000**
	2024	190,000	--	--	$25	$4,750,000
TOTAL	**2025**	**304,098**	--	--	--	**$194,407,645**
	2024	277,064	--	--	--	$145,650,790

** Misc. may include barley, corn, forage hay, hops, oat, ryegrass, sorghum milo, vetch, wheat, tomato processing, industrial hemp, etc.*

2025 REGISTERED ORGANIC STATISTICS

6,002 Acres ● 60 Producers ● 19 Handlers ● 4 Processors

Total Value $33,396,648

May include alfalfa, almonds, apples, berries, cherries, cut flowers, grapes, herbs, kiwifruit, livestock, dairy, mandarins, nursery stock, olives, peaches, persimmons, prunes, rice, safflower, tomatoes, vegetables, vetch, walnuts and wild rice.

2025 VEGETABLE VALUE

2025 Total Value - $1,104,500

2024 Total Value - $1,273,988

**Vegetable value may reflect commodities such as asparagus, broccoli, corn, cucumbers, melons, onions, squash, tomatoes, strawberries, etc.*

2025 NURSERY ACREAGE & VALUE

2025 Total Acres – 254 - $15,240,000

2024 Total Acres – 273 - $18,220,106

**Nursery data may include broad leaved evergreens, coniferous evergreens, deciduous fruit and nut trees, shade trees, shrubs, kiwi vines, herbaceous perennials, indoor decorative plants, bulbs, rhizomes, bedding plants, and specimen trees.*

2025 TIMBER PRODUCTION & VALUE

	YEAR	PRODUCTION (BFT)*	VALUE
HARVESTED TIMBER**	**2025**	**50,549**	**$5,397,862**
	2024	27,817	$2,244,274
OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS	**2025**		**$0**
	2024		$0
TOTAL	**2025**		**$5,397,862**
	2024		$2,244,274

Board feet are the quantity of timber cut and scaled.
****Timber production and value data are provided by State Board of Equalization, Timber Tax Division.***

2025 LIVESTOCK

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT (CWT)	VALUE/CWT	TOTAL
CATTLE & CALVES	**2025**	**14,000**	**85,500**	**$250.00**	**$21,375,000**
	2024	13,800	73,000	$190.00	$13,870,000
SHEEP	**2025**	**2,500**	**2,000**	**$250.00**	**$500,000**
	2024	2,500	2,000	$225.00	$450,000
MISC.*	**2025**	--	--	--	**$1,150,000**
	2024	--	--	--	$1,250,000
TOTAL	**2025**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**$23,025,000**
	2024	--	--	--	$15,570,000

**Misc. may include hogs, poultry, goats, etc.*

2025 LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL
MILK, MARKET & MANUFACTURING	**2025**	**$1,460,000**
	2024	$1,258,414

2025 APIARY PRODUCTS, PRODUCTION & VALUE

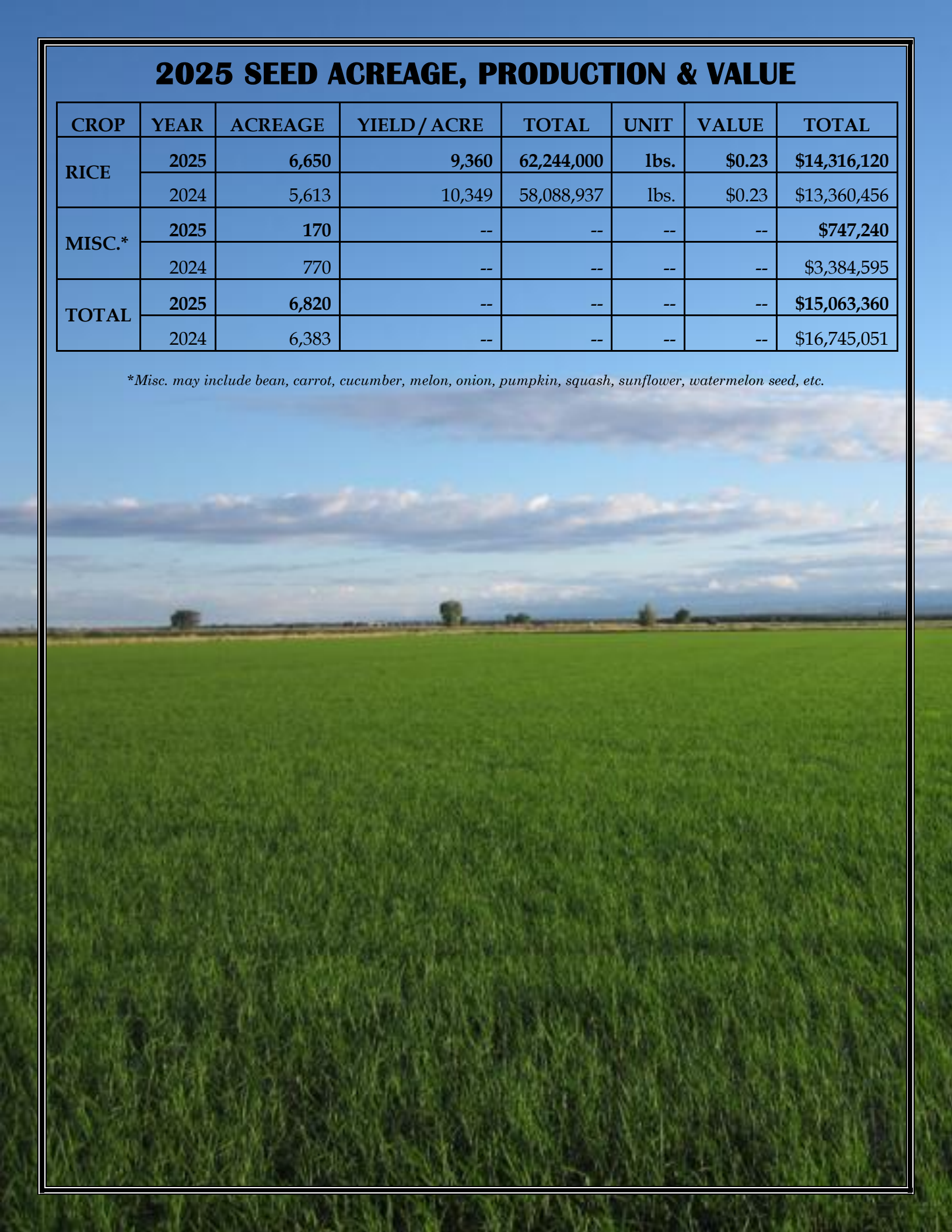
	YEAR	TOTAL
POLLINATION	**2025**	**$13,711,200**
	2024	$13,968,000
OTHER APIARY PRODUCTS*	**2025**	**$3,622,114**
	2024	$3,385,153
TOTAL	**2025**	**$17,333,314**
	2024	$17,353,153

**Other apiary products may include queens, combs, wax, etc.*

2025 SEED ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	YIELD / ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
RICE	**2025**	**6,650**	**9,360**	**62,244,000**	**lbs.**	**$0.23**	**$14,316,120**
	2024	5,613	10,349	58,088,937	lbs.	$0.23	$13,360,456
MISC.*	**2025**	**170**	--	--	--	--	**$747,240**
	2024	770	--	--	--	--	$3,384,595
TOTAL	**2025**	**6,820**	--	--	--	--	**$15,063,360**
	2024	6,383	--	--	--	--	$16,745,051

**Misc. may include bean, carrot, cucumber, melon, onion, pumpkin, squash, sunflower, watermelon seed, etc.*



2025 PHYTOSANITARY EXPORTS

In 2025, a total of 2,441 phytosanitary certificates were issued and exported to 66 countries and 12 states within the United States. Shipments included a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, beans, lumber and plants. Rice, walnuts and almonds are the top three exported commodities. In addition, approximately 170 seed field acres were inspected and certified during the 2025 season.

Albania	**Algeria**	**Argentina**
Australia	**Austria**	**Belarus**
Brazil	**Canada**	**Chile**
China	**Colombia**	**Costa Rica**
Czech Republic	**Denmark**	**Dominican Republic**
Ecuador	**Egypt**	**Estonia**
France	**French Polynesia**	**Germany**
Greece	**Guatemala**	**Hong Kong**
India	**Indonesia**	**Iraq**
Ireland	**Israel**	**Italy**
Japan	**Jordan**	**Kuwait**
Latvia	**Lebanon**	**Libya**
Lithuania	**Luxembourg**	**Malaysia**
Mexico	**Mongolia**	**Morocco**
Nepal	**Netherlands**	**New Zealand**
Pakistan	**Panama**	**Peru**
Poland	**Qatar**	**Saudi Arabia**
Serbia	**Singapore**	**South Africa**
Spain	**Sweden**	**Switzerland**
Taiwan	**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**	**Republic of Korea**
Republic of Turkiye	**Ukraine**	**United Arab Emirates**
United Kingdom	**Uzbekistan**	**Viet Nam**

2025 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

This report summarizes the varied activities and methods used to prevent and control the spread of exotic pests in Butte County. The Pest Exclusion, Detection, Management, and Eradication programs serve to protect the County from infestation of introduced pests. Through monitoring and quick response to small infestations, damaging pest populations can be controlled before they require a large-scale response.

PEST DETECTION

A total of 980 traps were placed throughout the County to detect the presence of pests.

Pest	No. of Traps
Mediterranean, Oriental & Melon Fruit Fly	226
Japanese Beetle	76
Spongy Moth	205
Glassy-winged Sharpshooter	241
Asian Citrus Psyllid	110
European Grapevine Moth	25
Khapra Beetle	97

Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS)

PEST EXCLUSION

Approximately 525 shipments were inspected for live exotic pests. With the assistance from the California Detector Dog Teams, the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's office has also enhanced the inspection and detection of pests entering California through parcel facilities. These well-trained dogs alert their handler to unmarked agricultural materials which allows staff further inspection of what could have been harmful to the agricultural industry.

GWSS Egg Mass

PEST MANAGEMENT

Several noxious weed species were monitored throughout various locations within the Butte County. In 2025, three broom species, winged water primrose and red sesbania were specifically managed by Ag Department staff.

Weed Control Projects	**Control Activities**
Spanish Broom (Spartium junceum)	Herbicide/Manual
French Broom (Genista monspeessulana)	Herbicide/Manual
Scotch Broom (Cytisus scoparius)	Herbicide/Manual
Winged Water Primrose (Ludwigia decurrens)	Manual Removal
Red Sesbania (Sesbania punicea)	Manual Removal

Weights & Measures Division
Making Sure You're Properly Charged

The Butte County Division of Weights and Measures regulates electric vehicle (EV) charging stations much like traditional gasoline pumps, ensuring that drivers receive the exact amount of electricity they pay for. Charging stations are tested every two years to verify that they accurately measure and record the electrical energy delivered to customers.

Sealed Butte County EV Charging Station

Inspectors also verify that each station:

- Displays the correct unit price and total transaction cost.
- Generates a customer receipt.
- Use equipment and software that does not facilitate fraud.
- Operate as intended and comply with all identification requirements.
- Meets the requirements for timing devices if fees are based on charging time or vehicle parking.

2025 Inspection Results

In 2025, the Butte County Division of Weights and Measures inspected 62 EV charging stations at 16 locations.

- 37 AC chargers inspected: 27 passed inspection and 10 failed.
- 25 DC fast chargers inspected: 16 passed inspection and 9 failed.

Understanding AC and DC Charging

Electric vehicle batteries store and use direct current (DC) electricity. When using an alternating current (AC) charger, the electricity must first be converted to DC by the vehicle's onboard charger before it can be stored in the battery.

DC fast chargers perform this conversion within the charging station itself. The station converts utility-supplied AC power into high-voltage DC power, which bypasses the vehicle's onboard charger and is delivered directly to the battery. This allows for significantly faster charging. 1[i]

How Charging Stations Are Tested

Testing follows the same procedure that a customer experiences when charging a vehicle. The inspection begins by initiating a charging session using the standard charging connector and communication protocol between the charging station and a vehicle. The charging session is then activated using a mobile app, an RFID card, or, where available, a contactless credit card payment.

Instead of using an actual electric vehicle, inspectors may use an EV emulator. An EV emulator simulates the behavior of a vehicle during charging. Rather than storing the electrical energy in batteries, the emulator safely dissipates the energy as heat through a controlled electronic resistive load. 2[ii]

Weights & Measures Inspector Samuel Stocks tests an EV charging station.

The charging session continues until the delivered energy exceeds the minimum measured quantity (MMQ) required for testing. Inspectors then compare the amount of energy measured by the charging station with the amount measured by a highly accurate testing instrument known as an EV test standard.

The EV test standard uses laboratory-grade measurement equipment to verify the station's accuracy. It precisely measures the amount of electricity delivered by both AC and DC charging stations and compares it with the amount recorded and billed by the station to ensure customers are charged accurately. 3[iii]

To maintain confidence in these measurements, the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Measurement Standards routinely tests and calibrates EV test standards, ensuring they continue to provide accurate measurements and prevent false readings.

Weights & Measures Inspector Ryan Valdez tests an EV charging station.

[i] Driivz Website
[ii] Tesco EV Charging Station Accuracy Testing Website
[iii] Tesco EV Charging Station Accuracy Testing Website