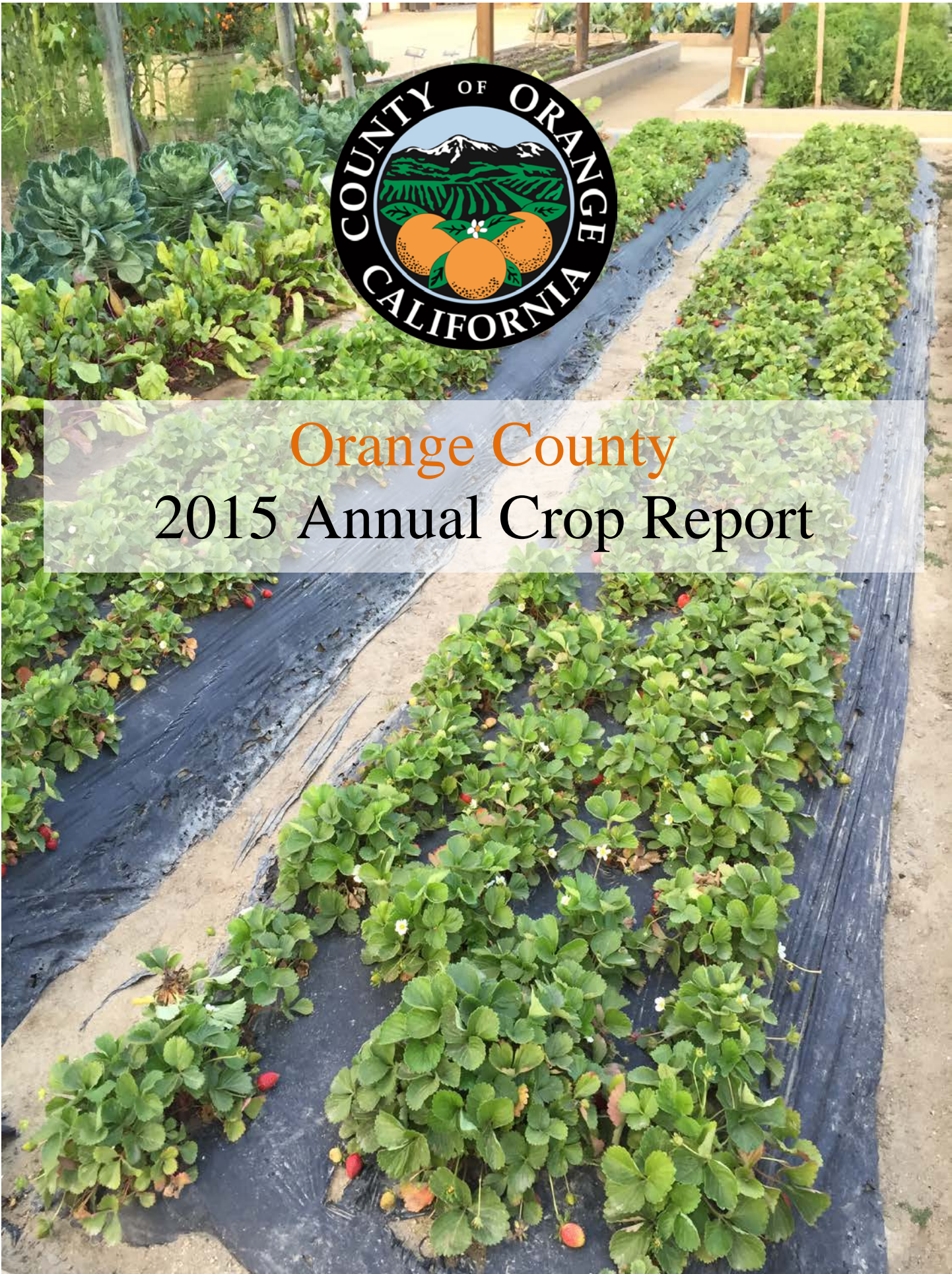




Orange County
2015 Annual Crop Report



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The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2015 calendar year was \$125,476,000 representing a 5 percent decrease compared to the 2014 overall income. Agricultural production values are based upon the free-on-board (F.O.B.) packed price at the first point of delivery, and include cost of production, harvesting, and preparation for market. Gross values, therefore, do not reflect net returns to the producer. Federal incentive, conservation and other support payments are excluded from this report.

In compliance with the California Food and Agricultural Code Section 2279, the Agricultural Commissioner compiles Orange County agricultural production information and then forwards this data to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The following are highlights of the 2015 Orange County Crop Report:

1. All agricultural sectors continued to be challenged by the California drought.
2. The value of Orange County vegetable and field crops saw an increase despite challenges.
3. Decreases in overall value were seen in nursery, tree fruit, berry and animal industries.
4. Nursery products continued to top Orange County's agricultural production, contributing 51 percent of the overall agricultural value.

Confidentiality of Crop Production and Plant Production Data

Basic crop and plant production data are collected from many sources, and may include grower surveys; regulatory and inspection data; shipment data; industry assessments; etc. Farmers and growers provide crop information to the Agricultural Commissioner on a voluntary basis. These business and financial records are confidential under State and Federal statutes. Several examples include:

1. Plant production data and similar information and market or crop reports which are obtained in confidence from any person [Government Code Sections 6254(e) and 6255].
2. Lists of persons reporting and reports made by farmers, stockmen, processors, dealers, handlers, and others to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or National Agricultural Statistics Service. [18 United States Code 1902, 7 United States Code 2276 and 2204g, and Government Code Section 6254(e)].
3. Individual reports of handlers of farm products required to be filed with the California Department of Food and Agriculture [Food and Agricultural Code Sections 58775 and 58781, and Government Code Section 6254(k)].

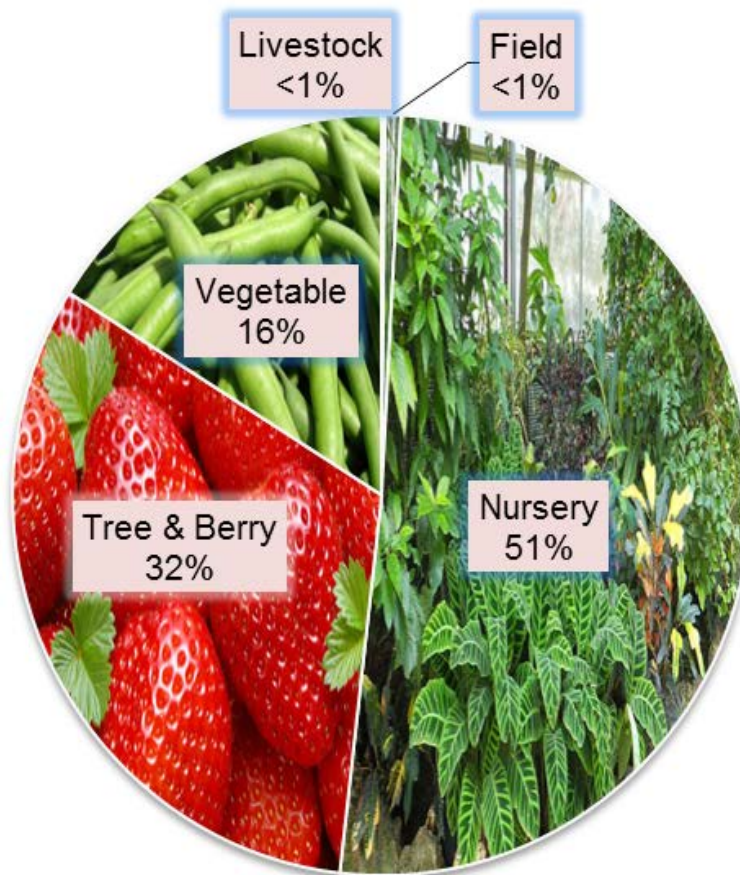
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CROP	2014	2015	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Animal Industry/Livestock	\$195,000	\$184,000	-6%
Field	\$551,000	\$874,000	59%
Nursery	\$67,242,000	\$63,961,000	-5%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	\$45,473,000	\$40,268,000	-11%
Vegetables	\$18,792,000	\$20,189,000	7%
Total	\$132,253,000	\$125,476,000	-5%

2015 CROPS BY PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL VALUE



NURSERY STOCK

Nursery stock ranked first for Orange County commodities again this year. 2015 saw a 5% decrease in gross returns from 2014. The 2015 nursery stock income was \$63,961,000, down from \$67,242,000 in 2014. Shipments out of state continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Ornamentals	11,345,000	\$53,312,000
Flat Stock (flats), Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	176,000	\$6,931,000
Potted Plants	282,000	\$3,718,000
Total	11,803,000	\$63,961,000

*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas trees



VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Broccoli	3	9	\$21,000
Cauliflower	3	7	\$15,000
Cucumber	45	643	\$1,201,000
Onion, dry	3	5	\$12,000
Tomato	10	152	\$234,000
Watermelon	2	21	\$21,000
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	1,091	18,063	\$18,685,000
Total	1,157	18,900	\$20,189,000

*Per the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Disclosure Rules: Where there are less than three producers of one product or where one producer is responsible for 60 percent or more of the product entering the marketplace, the product total must be combined with other products to avoid disclosure of the business affairs of the firms involved.



TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS	ACREAGE BEARING	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Valencia Oranges	65	600	\$114,000
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,654	14,000	\$14,172,000
Strawberries	545	13,000	\$25,982,000
Total	2,264	27,600	\$40,268,000

*Includes: avocados, lemons, miscellaneous orchard crops, and miscellaneous berry crops

FIELD CROPS

FIELD CROPS & PASTURE	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Total	17,000	273	\$874,000

Includes: barley grain, lima beans, garbanzo beans, pasture rental, and barley forage

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Cattle	12	\$46,000
Swine	94	\$63,000
Poultry	44	\$11,000
Miscellaneous Livestock*	172	\$64,000
Total	322	\$184,000

*Includes: goats, sheep, and rabbits