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San Joaquin County Releases 90th Annual Crop Report 2023 Crop Report Highlights Agricultural Jobs "Beyond the Tractor"

Stockton, CA – The San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner formally presented the 2023 Annual Agricultural Crop Report to the County Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024 for approval. The data will be used by the United States Department of Agriculture as part of its annual compilation of detailed agricultural data for every county in America.

Agricultural Commissioner, Kamal Bagri, announced that the gross value of agricultural production for 2023 was more than \$3.22 billion, a slight decrease of about \$24,000,000 from the 2022 value. Milk was San Joaquin County's leading commodity with a total of \$621,400,000. Grapes were the second highest with a total of \$393,887,000. Almonds came in third with a total of \$343,553,000.

"San Joaquin County is home to 2,948 farms and supports a total of over 34,000 jobs related to agriculture, just under 10% of all jobs in our County," said Kamal Bagri, San Joaquin County's Agricultural Commissioner. "We generate over \$3 billion annually from agriculture and once you add in all the agriculture-adjacent industries such as food manufacturing and wineries, the number shoots up to over \$4 billion annually. We are seventh in California and the U.S. for gross value of crop production. These numbers have remained strong for the agriculture industry even through times of economic struggle, attesting to the reliability of the agriculture industry as the foundational economic driver of our County."

Top 10 Commodities from the 2023 Crop Year:

- Milk: \$621,400,000
- Grapes: \$393,887,000
- Almonds: \$343,553,000
- Cherries: \$273,374,000
- Eggs and Poultry Products: \$238,924,000
- Walnuts: \$149,326,000
- Tomatoes: \$147,369,000
- Cattle: \$145,596,000
- Blueberries: \$81,178,000
- Silage and Other Field Crops: \$77,970,000

Supervisor Miguel Villapudua, Chair of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors added, "San Joaquin County is one of the most agriculturally rich regions in California and one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. We export to more than 90 countries and our economic output is nearly \$8 billion.

This thriving industry is fueled by thousands of people and jobs that make it an economic powerhouse globally. This year's theme, 'Beyond the Tractor', highlights the number of jobs and industries that are stimulated by the agriculture industry. I look forward to this report every year as it provides insight into why agriculture is such a driving force of San Joaquin County."

To access the 2023 Crop Report, and past years reports, click here.