

**CALIFORNIA
FARMLAND CONVERSION
REPORT
1996 - 98**

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APPENDIX B

REGIONAL CONVERSION SUMMARY 1996-1998 and 1998 REGIONAL ACREAGE SUMMARY

TABLE B-1 REGIONAL CONVERSION SUMMARY 1996 to 1998

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Prime	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Other Land	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
Imperial	78	180	37	164	459	0	0	477	516	746	2,879	-2,890
Los Angeles	205	34	2,792	896	3,927	142	11,479	2,594	159	140	2,021	353
Orange	1,730	243	5,355	475	7,803	735	3,618	158	88	278	31	-2,036
Riverside	2,161	358	4,187	2,659	9,365	5,104	49,600	1,581	2,064	2,205	9,944	-11,023
San Bernardino	764	98	379	1,279	2,520	485	16,578	662	373	699	788	-1,314
San Diego	306	591	2,700	1,254	4,851	221	11,590	57	1,260	226	1,118	-924
Ventura	514	176	1,585	508	2,783	1,015	8,898	452	652	210	234	-30
Subtotals	5,758	1,680	17,035	7,235	31,708	7,702	101,763	5,981	5,112	4,504	17,015	-17,864

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Prime	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Other Land	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
Fresno	2,487	1,070	1,243	1,135	5,935	559	2,197	3,708	2,554	5,794	4,321	-7,410
Kern (NW,SE)	1,491	19	2,333	183	4,026	3,940	4,617	2,788	4,304	8,334	2,599	-5,351
Kings	556	1,413	481	149	2,599	246	247	3,278	5,131	3,897	7,584	-5,041
Madera	292	323	456	1,404	2,475	532	6,620	1,186	7,212	1,717	2,327	3,739
Merced	741	473	97	658	1,969	248	1,311	4,507	8,283	3,115	4,528	3,933
San Joaquin	1,528	775	570	344	3,217	6,600	9,467	3,607	6,698	4,477	4,903	-1,378
Stanislaus	1,648	243	504	131	2,526	1,351	2,686	2,611	1,792	4,875	1,606	-3,969
Tulare (central)	307	55	123	109	594	190	788	1,541	1,460	882	2,022	-265
Subtotals	9,050	4,371	5,807	4,113	23,341	13,666	27,933	23,226	37,434	33,091	29,890	-15,742

CENTRAL COAST

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Prime	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Other Land	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
Monterey	1,176	174	2,000	519	3,869	1,007	1,448	3,160	3,121	3,863	1,407	-339
San Benito	152	49	78	289	568	0	0	264	98	120	2,962	-2,921
San Luis Obispo	1	26	83	74	184	22	894	1,299	6,673	161	2,499	5,285
Santa Barbara	224	358	852	321	1,755	571	1,169	3,807	9,449	2,252	2,703	7,719
Subtotals	1,553	607	3,013	1,203	6,376	1,600	3,511	8,530	19,341	6,396	9,571	9,744

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Prime	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban to Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Other Land	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
Alameda	135	92	499	1,560	2,286	326	5,292	184	204	25	102	34
Contra Costa	259	111	168	832	1,370	2,123	6,462	0	176	204	2,855	-3,253
Marin	0	0	342	135	477	0	48	0	0	0	111	-111
Napa	84	22	129	113	348	0	295	664	1,832	369	248	1,773
San Mateo	0	0	681	0	681	0	666	116	235	8	6	337
Santa Clara	881	53	578	1,270	2,782	1,251	4,049	136	176	870	575	-2,067
Santa Cruz	39	0	794	49	882	59	122	46	220	77	22	128
Solano	169	0	474	1,481	2,124	447	6,101	522	1,041	766	1,083	-455
Sonoma	159	115	572	1,413	2,259	69	1,479	1,817	4,705	379	483	5,386
Subtotals	1,726	393	4,237	6,853	13,209	4,275	24,514	3,485	8,589	2,698	5,485	1,772

SIERRA FOOTHILL

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Prime, Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
								to Prime	to Statewide & Unique	to Other Land		
Amador	35	0	49	360	444	0	17	137	421	16	68	439
El Dorado	0	0	114	225	339	0	0	36	127	0	87	76
Mariposa	0	0	92	6	98	0	1,495	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	124	15	139	0	1,030	11	0	46	0	-35
Placer	1	45	429	2,180	2,655	0	4,988	253	321	269	1,301	-1,042
Subtotals	36	45	808	2,786	3,675	0	7,530	437	869	331	1,456	-562

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Prime, Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
								to Prime	to Statewide & Unique	to Other Land		
Glenn	35	8	0	13	56	943	3,215	810	1,252	1,201	5,128	-4,310
Sacramento	379	553	1,987	2,260	5,179	0	4,920	1,043	4,745	2,229	8,168	-5,541
Shasta	71	0	1,073	49	1,193	49	3,943	160	120	512	1,140	-1,443
Sutter	45	9	0	9	63	11	338	148	532	215	1,131	-720
Tehama	9	0	17	11	37	762	7,860	1,115	1,288	156	599	1,639
Yolo	736	8	0	402	1,146	737	2,693	1,334	794	4,827	4,845	-8,288
Yuba	0	0	28	43	71	0	0	386	368	275	2,070	-1,591
Subtotals	1,275	578	3,105	2,787	7,745	2,502	22,969	4,996	9,099	9,415	23,081	-20,254

NORTHWESTERN

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Prime, Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
								to Prime	to Statewide & Unique	to Other Land		
Lake	30	32	485	523	1,070	0	0	504	1,742	692	750	742
Subtotals	30	32	485	523	1,070	0	0	504	1,742	692	750	742

NORTHEASTERN

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:					Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Prime	Statewide & Unique	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Local	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Grazing, Local, Other Land & Urban	Prime, Statewide & Unique	Prime, Statewide & Unique to Local & Grazing	
								to Prime	to Statewide & Unique	to Other Land		
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,898	8	151	0	6	153
Sierra Valley	0	0	0	0	0	19	3,958	6,340	680	0	566	6,454
Siskiyou	21	23	0	43	87	0	130	1,060	3,966	194	921	3,867
Subtotals	21	23	0	43	87	19	14,986	7,408	4,797	194	1,493	10,474

GRAND TOTALS (7 REGIONS)	19,449	7,729	34,490	25,543	87,211	29,764	203,206	54,567	86,983	57,321	88,741	-31,690
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INTERIM COUNTIES

COUNTY	Shifts to Urban and Built-up Land from:				Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use		Shifts to Irrigated Farmland		Irrigated Farmland Downgrades		Net Effect on Irrigated Land
	Irrigated Farmland	Other Land & Water	Grazing & Non-Irrigated Agriculture	Total	Prime	Total	Grazing, Non-Irrigated Agriculture, Other Land & Urban	Grazing, Non-Irrigated Agriculture, Other Land & Urban	Irrigated Farmland to Other Land	Irrigated Farmland to Non-Irrigated Agriculture & Grazing	
							to Prime	to Statewide & Unique	to Other Land	to Non-Irrigated Agriculture & Grazing	
Butte	77	174	104	355	0	0	703	703	2,130	959	-2,463
Colusa	118	0	0	118	0	0	1,840	1,840	1,187	833	-298
Kern (NE, SW)	69	283	159	511	663	663	1,299	1,299	1,576	1,409	-1,755
Tulare (western)	1,698	408	9	2,115	1,877	1,877	5,368	5,368	6,520	1,417	-4,267
Subtotals	1,962	865	272	3,099	2,540	2,540	9,210	9,210	11,413	4,618	-8,783

TABLE B-2 1998 REGIONAL ACREAGE SUMMARY

REGION/ COUNTY	IRRIGATED FARMLAND CATEGORIES				NONIRRIGATED CATEGORIES			AGRICULTURAL LAND SUBTOTAL	URBAN & BUILT-UP LAND	OTHER LAND	WATER AREA	COUNTY AREA MAPPED	TOTAL COUNTY AREA
	PRIME	STATEWIDE	UNIQUE	IRRIGATED	LOCAL	NON- IRRIGATED	GRAZING LAND						
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA													
Imperial	199,707	319,372	592		35,218		0	554,889	23,952	448,743	985	1,028,569	2,868,426
Los Angeles	24,632	991	933		30,736		218,118	275,410	159,533	639,104	3,457	1,077,504	2,529,470
Orange	13,067	1,225	5,943		0		38,953	59,188	262,240	187,027	1,005	509,460	509,460
Riverside	168,756	55,838	41,320		241,490		135,520	642,924	231,983	1,001,540	58,168	1,934,615	4,673,095
San Bernardino	29,975	12,027	3,889		5,036		954,229	1,005,156	234,981	234,837	1,015	1,475,989	12,867,789
San Diego	10,660	13,617	67,535		105,001		142,335	339,148	311,491	1,504,625	11,429	2,166,693	2,712,200
Ventura	51,817	37,698	22,644		11,076		207,853	331,088	95,522	125,403	3,939	555,952	1,173,973
Subtotal	498,614	440,768	142,856	0	428,557	0	1,697,008	3,207,803	1,319,702	4,141,279	79,998	8,748,782	27,334,413
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY													
Fresno	367,190	141,050	95,217		32,644		319,814	955,915	93,313	70,075	3,891	1,123,194	3,850,509
Kern (NW,SE)	537,032	112,258	54,097		0		895,145	1,598,532	79,230	871,866	991	2,550,619	5,221,382
Kern (NE,SW)				295,972		6,389	872,449	1,174,810	21,549	1,465,536	8,868	2,670,763	5,221,382
Kings	142,528	429,172	24,496		6,512		244,174	846,882	28,244	15,594	66	890,786	890,786
Madera	102,125	85,397	160,891		30,576		399,229	778,218	22,242	54,667	5,918	861,045	1,377,535
Merced	289,057	160,066	96,593		47,929		580,934	1,174,579	30,559	39,304	16,978	1,261,420	1,261,420
San Joaquin	429,168	96,795	52,715		53,682		152,699	785,059	71,596	44,297	11,648	912,600	912,600
Stanislaus	166,560	27,398	48,995		37,653		116,644	397,250	50,481	24,970	5,541	478,242	970,169
Tulare (central)	84,979	28,467	7,228		70,730		445,133	636,537	11,929	152,357	4,629	805,452	3,099,276
Tulare (western)				645,450		8,145	10,318	663,913	36,596	79,906	0	780,415	3,099,276
Subtotal	2,118,639	1,080,603	540,232	941,422	279,726	14,534	4,036,539	9,011,695	445,739	2,818,572	58,530	12,334,536	25,904,335
CENTRAL COAST													
Monterey	170,766	38,713	15,239		0		1,076,031	1,300,749	50,031	764,102	6,245	2,121,127	2,121,127
San Benito	34,278	9,766	902		39,381		593,629	677,956	6,749	203,665	1,019	889,389	889,389
San Luis Obispo	39,892	13,912	30,096		273,888		661,921	1,019,709	37,183	234,890	10,389	1,302,171	2,124,207
Santa Barbara	72,115	6,764	29,327		26,199		589,640	724,045	59,532	251,973	4,264	1,039,814	1,633,590
Subtotal	317,051	69,155	75,564	0	339,468	0	2,921,221	3,722,459	153,495	1,454,630	21,917	5,352,501	6,768,313
SAN FRANCISCO BAY													
Alameda	7,560	1,358	1,599		0		248,354	258,871	139,998	73,940	52,528	525,337	525,337
Contra Costa	39,587	12,242	6,650		47,835		173,041	279,355	137,517	43,894	53,253	514,019	514,019
Marin	168	312	26		66,969		91,848	159,323	40,240	134,424	44,675	378,662	378,662
Napa	29,936	8,063	15,752		20,653		185,643	260,047	20,599	202,678	22,533	505,859	505,859
San Mateo	2,644	177	2,963		3,933		45,751	55,468	70,831	161,417	65,735	353,451	353,451
Santa Clara	32,009	4,901	1,413		8,687		390,677	437,687	179,481	209,600	8,457	835,225	835,225
Santa Cruz	17,179	3,057	4,393		869		16,718	42,216	28,588	214,548	357	285,709	285,709
Solano	150,356	11,086	13,970		0		199,271	374,683	53,130	102,374	52,182	582,369	582,369
Sonoma	35,687	16,778	25,037		92,867		438,636	609,005	66,178	333,663	17,214	1,026,060	1,026,060
Subtotal	315,126	57,974	71,803	0	241,813	0	1,789,939	2,476,655	736,562	1,476,538	316,936	5,006,691	5,006,691
SIERRA FOOTHILL													
Amador	3,765	1,739	2,773		2,957		191,370	202,604	7,312	85,136	5,323	300,375	387,825
El Dorado	1,200	1,043	4,620		81,283		185,283	273,429	25,690	230,404	6,880	536,403	1,144,923
Mariposa	29	98	131		0		408,330	408,588	2,226	71,585	6,047	488,446	935,597
Nevada	375	988	304		20,279		129,889	151,835	14,647	122,761	2,145	291,388	623,836
Placer	9,750	5,196	22,726		114,453		31,695	183,820	37,609	185,055	5,047	411,531	960,090
Subtotal	15,119	9,064	30,554	0	218,972	0	946,567	1,220,276	87,484	694,941	25,442	2,028,143	4,052,271

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	PRIME	STATEWIDE	UNIQUE	IRRIGATED	LOCAL	NON- IRRIGATED	GRAZING LAND						
SACRAMENTO VALLEY													
Butte				255,245		9,476	264,778	529,499	39,243	328,214	20,953	917,909	1,073,253
Colusa				329,049		11,496	234,874	575,419	4,293	87,002	1,904	668,618	740,393
Glenn	168,455	88,637	11,075		139,989		176,297	584,453	5,379	253,281	6,016	849,129	849,129
Sacramento	121,974	67,713	13,521		33,732		165,253	402,193	150,716	64,922	18,252	636,083	636,083
Shasta	20,207	4,581	358		10,173		409,838	445,157	31,196	538,824	6,053	1,021,230	2,465,173
Sutter	170,229	113,680	22,235		0		49,821	355,965	10,669	21,044	1,762	389,440	389,440
Tehama	77,603	19,436	19,492		129,700		706,332	952,563	10,792	870,007	6,133	1,839,495	1,892,900
Yolo	265,916	18,204	55,245		74,301		143,384	557,050	25,586	63,445	7,371	653,452	653,452
Yuba	45,784	11,042	36,930		0		143,223	236,979	11,179	157,477	6,192	411,827	411,827
Subtotal	870,168	323,293	158,856	584,294	387,895	20,972	2,293,800	4,639,278	289,053	2,384,216	74,636	7,387,183	9,111,650
NORTHEASTERN													
Modoc	73,218	47,677	8,252		100,333		601,255	830,735	3,467	17,166	56,298	907,666	2,689,681
Sierra Valley	9,692	4,671	2,644		91,832		80,706	189,545	745	7,406	75	197,771	5,301,385
Siskiyou	92,802	30,619	34,151		653,253		376,936	1,187,761	12,985	60,361	20,185	1,281,292	4,062,225
Subtotal	175,712	82,967	45,047	0	845,418	0	1,058,897	2,208,041	17,197	84,933	76,558	2,386,729	12,053,291
NORTHWESTERN													
Lake	16,719	1,408	9,214		18,952		243,172	289,465	13,453	501,272	46,793	850,983	850,983
Subtotal	16,719	1,408	9,214	0	18,952	0	243,172	289,465	13,453	501,272	46,793	850,983	850,983
TOTAL ALL REGIONS	4,327,148	2,065,232	1,074,126	1,525,716	2,760,801	35,506	14,987,143	26,775,672	3,062,685	13,556,381	700,810	44,095,548	91,081,947

APPENDIX C

FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE DEFINITIONS

Farmland of Local Importance is land of importance to the local economy, as defined by each county's local advisory committee and adopted by its Board of Supervisors. Farmland of Local Importance is either currently producing, or has the capability of production, but does not meet the criteria of Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, or Unique Farmland. Authority to adopt or to recommend changes to the category of Farmland of Local Importance rests with the Board of Supervisors in each county.

ALAMEDA

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Alameda County.

AMADOR

Land that is currently in agricultural production and that is providing an economic return equal to that from the prime soil types.

CONTRA COSTA

The lands within the Tassajara area, extending eastward to the county boundary and bordered on the north by the Black Hills, the Deer, Lone Tree and Briones Valleys, the Antioch area, and the Delta. These lands are typically used for livestock grazing. They are capable of producing dryland grain on a two year summer fallow or longer rotation with volunteer hay and pasture. The farmlands in this category are included in the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service's Land Capability Classes I, II, III, and IV, and lack some irrigation water.

EL DORADO

Lands that do not qualify for the Prime, Statewide, or Unique designation but are considered Existing Agricultural Lands, or Potential Agricultural Lands, in the Agricultural Land Element of the County General Plan. Timberlands are excluded.

FRESNO

All farmable lands within Fresno County that do not meet the definitions of Prime, Statewide, or Unique.

GLENN

Local Importance (L): All lands not qualifying for Prime, Statewide, or Unique that are cropped on a continuing or cyclic basis (irrigation is not a consideration). All cropable land within Glenn County water district boundaries not qualifying for Prime, Statewide, or Unique.

Local Potential (LP): All lands having Prime and Statewide soil mapping units which are not irrigated, regardless of cropping history or irrigation water availability.

IMPERIAL

Unirrigated and uncultivated lands with Prime and Statewide soils.

KERN

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Kern County.

KINGS

Land that supports the following commercial agricultural activities: dairies, confined livestock, and poultry operations.

LAKE

Lands which do not qualify as Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance or Unique Farmland, but are currently irrigated pasture or nonirrigated crops; and unirrigated land with soils qualifying for Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance. Areas of unirrigated Prime and Statewide Importance soils overlying ground water basins may have more potential for agricultural use. (This definition was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in May 1998).

LOS ANGELES

Producing lands that would meet the standard criteria for Prime or Statewide but are not irrigated.

MADERA

Lands that are presently under cultivation for small grain crops, but are not irrigated. Also lands that are currently irrigated pasture, but have the potential to be cultivated for row/field crop use.

MARIN

Land which is not irrigated, but is cultivated; or has the potential for cultivation.

MARIPOSA

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Mariposa County.

MERCED

Farmlands that have physical characteristics that would qualify for Prime or Statewide except for the lack of irrigation water. Also, farmlands that produce crops that are not listed under Unique but are important to the economy of the county or city.

MODOC

Irrigated and dry cropland classified as Class III and Class IV irrigated land if water is or becomes available.

MONTEREY

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Monterey County.

NAPA

These farmlands include areas of soils that meet all the characteristics of Prime Farmland or of additional Farmland of Statewide Importance with the exception of irrigation. These farmlands include dryland grains, haylands, and dryland pasture.

NEVADA

Farmlands that have physical characteristics that would qualify for Prime or Statewide except for the lack of irrigation water. Farmlands that produce crops that are not listed under Unique Lands but are important to the economy of the county are: Christmas trees, Sudan grass, Meadow hay, chestnuts, poultry houses and feedlots, improved dryland pasture (not rangeland), and irrigated pasture (it is under Statewide or Prime if soils are listed as such, otherwise as Local).

Also, lands that are legislated to be used only for agricultural (farmland) purposes, such as Williamson Act land in western Nevada County.

ORANGE

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Orange County.

PLACER

Farmlands not covered by the categories of Prime, Statewide, or Unique. They include lands zoned for agriculture by County Ordinance and the California Land Conservation Act as well as dry farmed lands, irrigated pasture lands, and other agricultural lands of significant economic importance to the County and include lands that have a potential for irrigation from Placer County water supplies.

RIVERSIDE

Soils that would be classified as Prime and Statewide but lack available irrigation water. Lands planted to dryland crops of barley, oats, and wheat.

Lands producing major crops for Riverside County but that are not listed as Unique crops. These crops are identified as returning one million or more dollars on the 1980 Riverside County Agriculture Crop Report. Crops identified are permanent pasture (irrigated), summer squash, okra, eggplant, radishes, and watermelons.

Dairylands, including corrals, pasture, milking facilities, hay and manure storage areas if accompanied with permanent pasture or hayland of 10 acres or more.

Lands identified by city or county ordinance as Agricultural Zones or Contracts, which includes Riverside City "Proposition R" lands. Lands planted to jojoba which are under cultivation and are of producing age.

SACRAMENTO

Lands which do not qualify as Prime, Statewide, or Unique designation but are currently irrigated crops or pasture or nonirrigated crops; lands that would be Prime or Statewide designation and have been improved for irrigation but are now idle; and lands which currently support confined livestock, poultry operations, and aquaculture.

SAN BENITO

Land cultivated as dry cropland. Usual crops are wheat, barley, oats, safflower, and grain hay. Also, orchards affected by boron within the area specified in County Resolution Number 84-3.

SAN BERNARDINO

Farmlands which include areas of soils that meet all the characteristics of Prime, Statewide, or Unique and which are not irrigated.

Farmlands not covered by above categories but are of high economic importance to the community. These farmlands include dryland grains of wheat, barley, oats, and dryland pasture.

SAN DIEGO

Land that meets all the characteristics of Prime and Statewide, with the exception of irrigation.

Farmlands not covered by the above categories but are of significant economic importance to the county. They have a history of good production for locally adapted crops. The soils are grouped in types that are suited for truck crops (such as tomatoes, strawberries, cucumbers, potatoes, celery, squash, romaine lettuce, and cauliflower) and soils suited for orchard crops (avocados and citrus).

SAN JOAQUIN

All farmable land within San Joaquin County not meeting the definitions of "Prime Farmland," "Farmland of Statewide Importance," and "Unique Farmland." This includes land that is or has been used for irrigated pasture, dryland farming, confined livestock or dairy facilities, aquaculture, poultry facilities, and dry grazing. It also includes soils previously designated by soil characteristics as "Prime Farmland," "Farmland of Statewide Importance," and "Unique Farmland" that has since become idle.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Local Importance (L): areas of soils that meet all the characteristics of Prime or Statewide, with the exception of irrigation. Additional farmlands include dryland field crops of wheat, barley, oats, and safflower.

Local Potential (LP): lands having the potential for farmland, which have Prime or Statewide characteristics and are not cultivated.

SAN MATEO

Lands other than Prime, Statewide, or Unique that produce the following crops: oats, Christmas trees, pumpkins, dryland pasture, other grains, and haylands. These lands are not irrigated.

SANTA BARBARA

All dryland farming areas and permanent pasture (if the soils were not eligible for either Prime or Statewide). Dryland farming includes various cereal grains (predominantly wheat, barley, and oats), sudan, and many varieties of beans. (Although beans can be high value crops the production areas are usually rotated with grain, hence the decision to include them under Local rather than Unique. Also, bean crop yields are highly influenced by climate, so there can be a wide variance in cash value.)

SANTA CLARA

Small orchards and vineyards primarily in the foothill areas. Also land cultivated as dry cropland for grains and hay.

SANTA CRUZ

Soils used for Christmas tree farms and nurseries, and that do not meet the definition for Prime, Statewide, or Unique.

SHASTA

Dryland grain producing lands. Also included are farmlands that are presently irrigated but do not meet the soil characteristics of Prime or Statewide. The majority of these farmlands are located within the Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District. These soils include Newton gravelly loam (8 to 15 percent slopes), Moda loam, seeped (0 to 3 percent slopes), Moda loam, shallow (0 to 5 percent slopes), and Hillgate loam.

SIERRA VALLEY

Plumas County: Lands designated as "agricultural preserve" in the 1984 Plumas County General Plan and rangelands with a carrying capacity of 8 acres/animal month, as well as irrigable lands.

Lassen and Sierra counties: Farmlands that include areas of soils that meet all the characteristics of Prime or Statewide and which are not irrigated. Also, all dry land wheat, barley, oats, hayland, and pasture.

SISKIYOU

Farmlands that include dryland or sub-irrigated hay and grain and improved pasture forage species; these dry farmed lands commonly have inclusions of uncultivated shallow, rocky, or steep soils; farmlands presently irrigated but which do not meet the soil characteristics of Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance; areas currently shown as Prime Agricultural Land in the

Siskiyou County General Plan; areas under contract as Agricultural Preserves in Siskiyou County (currently mapped only for the Scott-Shasta-Butte Valley and Tule Lake soil survey areas); other agricultural land of significant importance to the county (currently mapped only for the Scott-Shasta-Butte Valley and Tule Lake soil survey areas); areas previously designated by soil characteristics as Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, and Farmland of Local Importance that have since become idle; lands enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program. (This revised definition was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in May 1998).

SOLANO

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Solano County.

SONOMA

The hayland producing areas of the Santa Rosa Plains, Petaluma Valley, and Tubbs Island Naval Reservation. Additional areas also include those lands which are classified as having the capability for producing locally important crops such as grapes, corn, etc., but may not be planted at the present time.

Examples of these areas include the coastal lands from Fort Ross to Stewarts Point, areas surrounding Bloomfield, Two Rock, Chileno Valley, and areas of Sonoma Valley in the vicinity of Big Bend, Vineburg, and Schellville.

STANISLAUS

Farmlands growing dryland pasture, dryland small grains, and irrigated pasture.

SUTTER

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Sutter County.

TEHAMA

All lands which are not included in Prime, Statewide, or Unique and are cropped continuously or on a cyclic basis (irrigation is not a factor). Also, all lands included in the L category which have soil mapping units listed for Prime or Statewide and which are not irrigated.

TULARE

Lands that produce dryland grains (barley and wheat); lands that have physical characteristics that would qualify for "Prime" or "Statewide Important" farmlands except for the lack of irrigation water; and lands that currently support confined livestock, poultry, and/or aquaculture operations.

VENTURA

Soils that are listed as Prime or Statewide that are not irrigated, and soils growing dryland crops--beans, grain, dryland walnuts, or dryland apricots.

YOLO

Local Importance (L): cultivated farmland having soils which meet the criteria for Prime or Statewide, except that the land is not presently irrigated, and other nonirrigated farmland.

Local Potential (LP): Prime or Statewide soils which are presently not irrigated or cultivated.

YUBA

The Board of Supervisors determined that there will be no Farmland of Local Importance for Yuba County.

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