

**California Department of Conservation  
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program**

**2000 FIELD REPORT**

**COUNTY:** Sacramento

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**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

*source: NASA-Ames Research Center*

*date: Sept. 8, 1999*

*scale: 1 : 130,000*

*film type: CIR Transparencies*

*coverage gaps: none. Also used 2000 SPOT data for some urban boundaries.*

**WRITTEN OR ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:** *Please list which local governments, interest groups, or individuals submitted comments on the 1998 maps. Also list all phone and in-person contacts made while conducting the 2000 update.*

➤ *local review comments: none*

*cities:*

*county:*

*others:*

➤ *personal contacts: none*

➤ *websites:*

County of Sacramento: [www.co.sacramento.ca.us](http://www.co.sacramento.ca.us)

City of Sacramento: [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org)

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: [www.sacdelta.com](http://www.sacdelta.com)

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency: [www.safca.com](http://www.safca.com)

**1998-2000 CHANGES\*:** *Please summarize the most common changes to the maps. List representative locations (quads) of each type of change encountered. Make sure to list and describe particularly large, unusual or notable changes and give estimates of the acreage involved.*

➤ P, S, U → D

There were 26 conversions of agricultural land to urban land this update with the majority of the changes occurring in the Natomas and Elk Grove areas. In the Natomas area urbanization was primarily in the form of new housing near Arco Arena. Some of the new developments in the Natomas area include Natomas Park (≈700 acres), Tuscano Apartments (≈50 acres), Gateway West (≈150 acres), Riverbend (≈100 acres), and

Riverwalk (≈100 acres) housing communities. Also the Two Rivers Elementary School (≈30 acres) was added.

In the City of Elk Grove urbanization occurred primarily to the north of the city with new homes and commercial properties being the dominant forms. Some of the new housing developments include East Park (≈80 acres), Clarke Farms (≈50 acres), Silver Meadows (≈50 acres), Silver Legends (≈50 acres), and the Citrus Grove Apartments (≈50 acres). The Elk Grove Automall (≈55 acres) was added along with a new Walgreens (≈25 acres). Bradshaw Christian Elementary School (≈15 acres) was also noted.

Throughout the rest of the county urbanization was scarce. The Seventh Day Adventist Church (≈10 acres) was noted in Orangevale. In the City of Galt the River Park housing community (≈35 acres), Galt Community Park (≈20 acres), and the St. Christopher Parish (≈15 acres) were added.

➤ L, G, X → D

There were 145 conversions of local, grazing, or other land to urban land this update. The majority of these changes occurred in the Natomas area, the City of Folsom, and the City of Elk Grove. In the Natomas area urbanization was primarily in the form of new housing and commercial properties. Some of the new developments in Natomas are the Natomas Crossing (≈200 acres), Sundance Lake (≈50 acres), Bella Vista (≈50 acres), and Rivergate (≈50 acres) housing communities. The Crown Corporate Center (≈45 acres), P.S. Business Park (≈50 acres), Homestead Suites Hotel (≈20 acres), and Hilton hotel (≈10 acres) were also added.

In the City of Folsom new housing communities and commercial properties were the primary additions. Some of the new housing developments include Empire Ranch (≈240 acres), Belsera (≈150 acres), Willow Springs (≈140 acres), Broadstone (≈125 acres), Renaissance Foothills (≈80 acres), The Parkway (≈70 acres), Fairmont and Legends Apartments (≈50 acres), Gold Oaks Apartments (≈50 acres), Iron Point Apartments (≈50 acres), and the Village at Blue Ravine Apartments (≈30 acres). Commercial properties added this update include the Broadstone Plaza Shopping Center (≈50 acres), Parkshore Plaza business park (≈50 acres), Folsom Automall expansion (≈35 acres), and Century Theaters (≈10 acres). Also the Folsom State Prison was expanded, adding approximately 35 acres in new buildings.

In the City of Elk Grove urbanization primarily took the form of new housing. Some of the new housing communities include Silver Springs (≈235 acres), Tributary Pointe (≈200 acres), Lakeside (≈90 acres), Streamside (≈75 acres), Sutter Glen (≈75 acres), Laguna West (≈70 acres), and Boulder Glen (≈60 acres). Winco Foods (≈25 acres) and Rite Aid (≈15 acres) were also added.

Throughout the rest of the county urbanization was less intense. Kelly Moore Paints (≈5 acres) and A-1 Budget Storage (≈15 acres) were noted in Rio Linda. In North Highlands Winco Foods and Osh Hardware (≈30 acres) and the Woodcreek Crossing (≈40 acres) housing community were added. The City of Citrus Heights experienced growth in the form of the Creekside (≈35 acres) and Village Oaks (≈25 acres) housing developments. The Orangevale Community Center (≈15 acres), Westin Estates (≈20 acres), and Ottoman Elementary School (≈10 acres) were constructed in Orangevale. In the City of Sacramento the Sacramento Recycling Transfer Station (≈40 acres), Waste

Management Elder Creek Recovery Center (≈30 acres), SMUD Apprentice Lineman School and solar panels (≈15 acres), and the California Concrete Crushing and Recycling Center (≈10 acres) were added as well as the Rainbow Springs (≈30 acres) housing community. Other changes of note were the Gold Station (≈45 acres) housing community and Northern California Tracon building (≈25 acres) in Rancho Cordova, KMS Business Park (≈40 acres) in Galt, and a new post office and fire station (≈10 acres) in the town of Herald.

➤ P, S, U → L, G

There were 115 conversions of prime, statewide, and unique farmland to farmland of local importance or grazing land this update. The majority (107) of these changes were due to agricultural land being fallow for three or more update cycles resulting in approximately 9,950 acres of change. These changes occurred throughout the county, however large changes of 150 acres or greater were observed on the Rio Linda (1), Sacramento East (1), Florin (1), Elk Grove (4), Bruceville (1), Galt (2), Clay (1), Antioch North (2), and Jersey Island (2) quads. Over 2,500 acres of change occurred on Sherman Island (Antioch North quad), which is in the process of being purchased by DWR for wildlife habitat. Dairies were responsible for three of the conversions. All of these feedlots were small (20 acres or less) and occurred in the southeastern part of the county. Two of the conversions were fish farm expansions that were approximately 20 acres each. The remainder of the changes were due to soil boundary adjustments.

➤ P, S, U → X

There were only a few (13) conversions of agricultural land to other land this update. The majority of these changes were due to unique soils that were fallow for three or more updates in parcels less than 40 acres. Some of the changes were agricultural staging areas (areas with agricultural buildings, equipment, and gravel parking lots) that were fairly small (20 acres or less). Two changes of note were a new water ski lake (≈15 acres) on the Clarksburg quad and an area of ranchettes (≈55 acres) on the Clay quad.

➤ L, G, X → P, S, U

There were 35 conversions of local, grazing, or other land to agricultural land this update. These changes were primarily in the southeastern portion of the county and accounted for approximately 2,940 acres of change. The most notable changes include a parcel (≈110 acres) of new grape vines on the Carbondale quad, a parcel (≈430 acres) of grape vines on the Bruceville quad, a parcel (≈210 acres) of new corn on the Galt quad, two new parcels (≈150 and 350 acres) of corn and a parcel (≈130 acres) of new grape vines on the Clay quad, and two parcels (≈85 and 640 acres) of new grape vines on the Goose Creek quad. Two nurseries were added, the Folsom Lake Nursery (≈15 acres) on the Folsom quad and the Capital Nursery (≈20 acres) on the Florin quad. Both of these nurseries were growing potted plants.

➤ **UNUSUAL:** *Category changes, complications with the Farmland of Local Importance definition, or any other special circumstances in 2000.*

L,G→X: There were 12 conversions of local or grazing land to other land scattered throughout the county. These changes were primarily due to the addition of ranchettes and isolated polygons less than 10 acres. One notable change was a new gravel pit operation (≈70 acres) on the Buffalo Creek quad.

D→X: On the Galt quad a water ski lake was redesignated as other land for consistency.

G→L: There were two instances of grazing land being converted to farmland of local importance due to new irrigated pasture on unique soils.

U,S,P→P,S,U: Agriculture was shifted between prime, statewide, and unique primarily due to soil boundary adjustments and isolated polygons of 10 acres or less.

**PROBLEM AREAS:** *What locations and map categories need careful checking in 2002? Why?*

Watch for continued urbanization in Natomas, Folsom, and Elk Grove. Many sites are currently being graded for development in those areas.

In the southeastern part of the county some agricultural land is being shifted from irrigated pasture to cash crops such as corn or grape vines. Carefully check areas of farmland of local importance as it may need to be shifted to unique farmland.

**OUT OF DATE BASE MAPS:** *Please list any base maps used for update or publication of this county which are woefully out of date due to extensive new development, road construction, etc.*

**LABOR ESTIMATE:** *Please estimate the amount of time spent on the following tasks.*

*photo interpretation, start date: August 3, 2001*

*photo interpretation, number of days: 6*

*ground truthing dates: August 21-24, 2001*

*# days for map compilation and clean up: 10*

\* **Note:** P = Prime Farmland; S = Farmland of Statewide Importance; U = Unique Farmland; L = Farmland of Local Importance; G = Grazing Land; D = Urban and Built-up Land; X = Other Land; W = Water Areas; I = Irrigated Farmland; N = Nonirrigated Farmland

*Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:*

[www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp)