

APPENDIX B

**TABLE A-17
MERCED COUNTY
2004-2006 Land Use Conversion**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
Division of Land Resource Protection

Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program

**PART I
County Summary and Change by Land Use Category**

LAND USE CATEGORY	TOTAL ACREAGE INVENTORIED		2004-06 ACREAGE CHANGES			
	2004	2006	ACRES LOST	ACRES GAINED	TOTAL ACREAGE CHANGED	NET ACREAGE CHANGED
			(-)	(+)		
Prime Farmland	276,575	272,096	5,634	1,155	6,789	-4,479
Farmland of Statewide Importance	155,856	153,249	3,551	944	4,495	-2,607
Unique Farmland	103,133	104,419	4,038	5,324	9,362	1,286
Farmland of Local Importance	53,762	59,851	4,259	10,348	14,607	6,089
IMPORTANT FARMLAND SUBTOTAL	589,326	589,615	17,482	17,771	35,253	289
Grazing Land	573,629	569,828	4,413	612	5,025	-3,801
AGRICULTURAL LAND SUBTOTAL	1,162,955	1,159,443	21,895	18,383	40,278	-3,512
Urban and Built-up Land	34,944	36,767	136	1,959	2,095	1,823
Other Land	46,548	48,348	868	2,668	3,536	1,800
Water Area (3)	16,970	16,859	111	0	111	-111
TOTAL AREA INVENTORIED	1,261,417	1,261,417	23,010	23,010	46,020	0

**PART II
Land Committed to Nonagricultural Use**

LAND USE CATEGORY	TOTAL ACREAGE 2006
Prime Farmland	75
Farmland of Statewide Importance	41
Unique Farmland	57
Farmland of Local Importance	538
IMPORTANT FARMLAND SUBTOTAL	711
Grazing Land	0
AGRICULTURAL LAND SUBTOTAL	711
Urban and Built-up Land	0
Other Land	30
Water Area	0
TOTAL ACREAGE REPORTED	741

PART III Land Use Conversion from 2004 to 2006

LAND USE CATEGORY	Prime Farmland	Farmland of Statewide Importance	Unique Farmland	Farmland of Local Importance	Subtotal Important Farmland	Grazing Land	Total Agricultural Land	Urban and Built-up Land	Other Land	Water Area	Total Converted To Another Use
Prime Farmland (1) to:	--	4	7	3,974	3,985	132	4,117	709	808	0	5,634
Farmland of Statewide Importance (1) to:	7	--	3	2,494	2,504	60	2,564	353	634	0	3,551
Unique Farmland (1) to:	14	6	--	3,341	3,361	164	3,525	116	397	0	4,038
Farmland of Local Importance (2) to:	408	407	2,642	--	3,457	71	3,528	336	395	0	4,259
IMPORTANT FARMLAND SUBTOTAL	429	417	2,652	9,809	13,307	427	13,734	1,514	2,234	0	17,482
Grazing Land (2) to:	593	398	2,460	370	3,821	--	3,821	200	392	0	4,413
AGRICULTURAL LAND SUBTOTAL	1,022	815	5,112	10,179	17,128	427	17,555	1,714	2,626	0	21,895
Urban and Built-up Land to:	22	12	6	13	53	41	94	--	42	0	136
Other Land to:	111	117	206	156	590	33	623	245	--	0	868
Water Area to:	0	0	0	0	0	111	111	0	0	--	111
TOTAL ACREAGE CONVERTED to:	1,155	944	5,324	10,348	17,771	612	18,383	1,959	2,668	0	23,010

(1) Conversion to Farmland of Local Importance is primarily due to land left idle or used for dryland grain production for three or more update cycles.

(2) Conversion to Unique Farmland primarily due to the delineation of new orchards. The largest additions were in the eastern foothills of the county.

(3) Conversion from Water to Grazing due to two water bodies on the Delta Ranch and Los Banos quads that had been dry for multiple updates.

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