

El Dorado County
Department of Agriculture



1977
Agricultural
CROP REPORT

Department of Agriculture

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95667

April 18, 1978

Mr. Richard E. Rominger, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture

and

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Thomas L. Stewart, Chairman
Arliene Todd
William V. D. Johnson
W. P. "Dub" Walker
Lloyd Kutter

Dear Madam and Gentlemen:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1977 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value has increased \$1,809,800; however, part of this increase is primarily due to the cattle ranchers being forced to liquidate part of their herds because of the severe drought that was experienced during the summers of 1976 and 1977.

Included with this report for the first time is the value of timber stumpage harvest from private and public lands in the County. The primary reason for the inclusion of timber products in this report is to present a more complete picture of the value of El Dorado County's production to the economy of this area.

The County's ranch-marketing program continues to expand with more county growers becoming involved with direct farm sales. The proximity of these farm sale areas in relation to the large population centers promises a bright future for the continual growth and health of this method of merchandising.

The pear industry experienced greater production than in 1976; however, the return for pears to the growers is low primarily due to costs of increased operation and static returns for the product. The increased interest by wineries in the use of pear juice has tended to strengthen and stabilize the market. If this interest continues, the pear industry will definitely benefit.

The interest and support exhibited by the Board of Supervisors in the agricultural and timber industries has had a positive effect on the attitude of most agriculturalists.

The monetary values recorded in this report are FOB the plant and do not reflect net returns or proceeds realized by the grower.

This report was compiled by Carl Locher, Jr., Deputy Agricultural Commissioner with the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture. Mr. Locher spent many hours collecting and reviewing data so this report would be accurate and meaningful.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that contributed information to make this report possible.

Sincerely,


Edio P. Delfino
Agricultural Commissioner

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
<u>PEARS</u>							
BARTLETT							
Fresh	1977				1,495 tons	241.00	360,300
	1976				1,110 tons	155.26	172,300
Cannery No. 1	1977				6,168 tons	120.00	740,200
	1976				5,303 tons	105.00	556,800
Cannery No. 2	1977				488 tons	72.00	35,100
	1976				883 tons	67.36	59,500
Juice	1977				5,680 tons	65.27	370,700
	1976				304 tons	85.00	25,800
Dry Yard	1977				93 tons	72.00	6,700
	1976				926 tons	10.00	9,300
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1977	2,223	54	6.26	13,924 tons	108.66	1,513,000
	1976	2,224	80	3.83	8,526 tons	84.52	823,700
BOSC	1977	108	15	6.55	707 tons	246.00	173,900
	1976	108	15	4.49	485 tons	296.00	143,560
OTHERS	1977	9		4.88	44 tons	120.00	5,300
	1976	9		4.00	36 tons	160.00	5,800
TOTAL PEARS	1977	2,340	69	6.27	14,675 tons	115.31	1,692,200
	1976	2,341	95	3.86	9,047 tons	107.56	973,100
<u>APPLES</u>							
Fresh Market	1977				4,859 tons	200.00	971,800
	1976				4,340 tons	186.57	809,700
Cannery	1977				610 tons	120.00	73,200
	1976				1,077 tons	103.00	110,930
Cider	1977				2,778 tons	110.00	305,600
	1976				2,620 tons	78.76	206,400
TOTAL APPLES	1977	538	26	15.33	8,247 tons	163.77	1,350,600
	1976	538	26	14.94	8,037 tons	140.23	1,127,000

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
CHERRIES	1977	47	5	1.3	59 tons	720.00	42,500
	1976	35	17	2.1	74 tons	600.00	44,400
PEACHES	1977	9	5	2.9	26 tons	340.00	8,800
	1976	9		3.2	29 tons	500.00	14,500
PLUMS	1977	45	36	6.2	279 tons	406.00	113,300
	1976	45	35	7.3	328 tons	378.00	124,000
GRAPES	1977	152	8	1.16	177 tons	461.00	81,600
	1976	114	46	1.60	182 tons	204.00	37,100
WALNUTS - ENGLISH	1977	417	19	.14	58 tons	620.00	36,000
	1976	402	24	.24	96 tons	540.00	51,800
WALNUTS - BLACK	1977				138 sacks	2.68	370
	1976				410 sacks	1.75	700
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1977	3,548	163		23,521 tons		3,325,400
	1976	3,484	243		17,793 tons		2,372,600

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1977	13,520	104,780	cwt.	36.20	3,793,000
	1976	10,083	75,328	cwt.	33.90	2,553,600
SHEEP	1977	375	469	cwt.	10.90	5,100
	1976	189	237	cwt.	13.00	3,100
LAMBS	1977	2,148	2,148	cwt.	50.50	108,500
	1976	1,914	1,990	cwt.	60.00	119,400
HOGS & PIGS	1977	2,347	5,300	cwt.	41.00	217,300
	1976	2,207	3,928	cwt.	39.20	154,000
HORSES	1977	1,750		head	275.00	481,300
	1976	1,600		head	225.00	360,000
GOATS & GOATS MILK	1977	800		head		246,000
	1976	0	0	0	0	221,250
PULLETS, BROILERS & FRYERS	1977	43,672		head	3.00	131,000
	1976	86,100		head	2.64	227,300
TURKEYS (INCLUDES TURKEY EGGS FOR HATCHING)	1977	48,900				477,600
	1976	52,300				407,000
RABBITS, DUCKS & GEESE	1977	2,219		head	3.03	6,230
	1976	2,600		head	3.32	8,630
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1977					5,466,500
	1976					4,054,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - MARKET	1977	10,000	cwt.	10.05	100,000
	1976	9,700	cwt.	9.40	91,200
WOOL	1977	9,375	lbs.	.563	5,300
	1976	15,000	lbs.	.615	9,200
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1977				105,000
	1976**				100,400
TOTAL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PROD- UCTS	1977*				5,571,800
	1976**				4,154,700

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
HONEY	1977	14,960	lbs.	.49	7,300
	1976	34,000	lbs.	.55	18,700
POLLINATION	1977	725	colonies	11.00	8,000
	1976	670	colonies	10.00	6,700
PACKAGE BEES	1977	610	packages	15.00	9,200
	1976	200	packages	15.00	3,000
BEES WAX	1977	300	lbs.	1.36	400
	1976	100	lbs.	1.25	125
TOTAL APIARY	1977				24,900
	1976				28,500

*Preliminary
**Revised

MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTIONS AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					Per Unit	Total
NURSERY STOCK						
Propagative	1977	54	7,692,000	M	65.46	503,500
Materials	1976	54	8,206,600	M	59.10	485,100
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS, Trees, Shrubs, etc.						
	1977	7	92,000	ea.	.59	54,300
	1976	7	96,700	ea.	.91	88,000
TOTAL NURSERY						
	1977	61	7,784,000			557,800
	1976	61	8,303,300			573,100
CHRISTMAS TREES						
Wholesale Cut	1977*		21,500	ea.	6.45	138,700
	1976*		22,600	ea.	6.40	144,600
Choose & Cut	1977		23,660	ea.	9.70	229,500
	1976		22,085	ea.	8.39	185,300
HAY- TAME						
	1977	4,000	6,700	tons	74.00	495,800
	1976	4,000	10,000	tons	74.00	740,000
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED						
	1977	4,900		acre	72.00	352,800
	1976	5,800		acre	72.00	417,600
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND						
	1977	250,000		acre	2.50	625,000
	1976	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.						
	1977	14		acre		14,700
	1976	33		acre		34,700
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS						
	1977					2,414,300
	1976					2,970,300

*Does not include Christmas trees cut on government land.

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Fruits and Nuts	1977	\$ 3,325,400
	1976	2,372,600
Animal Industry	1977	5,571,800
	1976*	4,154,700
Miscellaneous	1977	2,414,300
	1976	2,970,300
Apiary Products	1977	24,900
	1976	28,500
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TOTAL	1977	\$11,336,400
	1976*	9,526,600

NEW COMMODITY ADDITION TO OUR CROP REPORT FOR 1977
TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS

Private and Public Forests - Estimated Value for Timber Harvested	\$24,000,000
Wood Sales & Permits Issued	57,800
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TOTAL	\$24,057,800
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GRAND TOTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	\$35,394,200

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