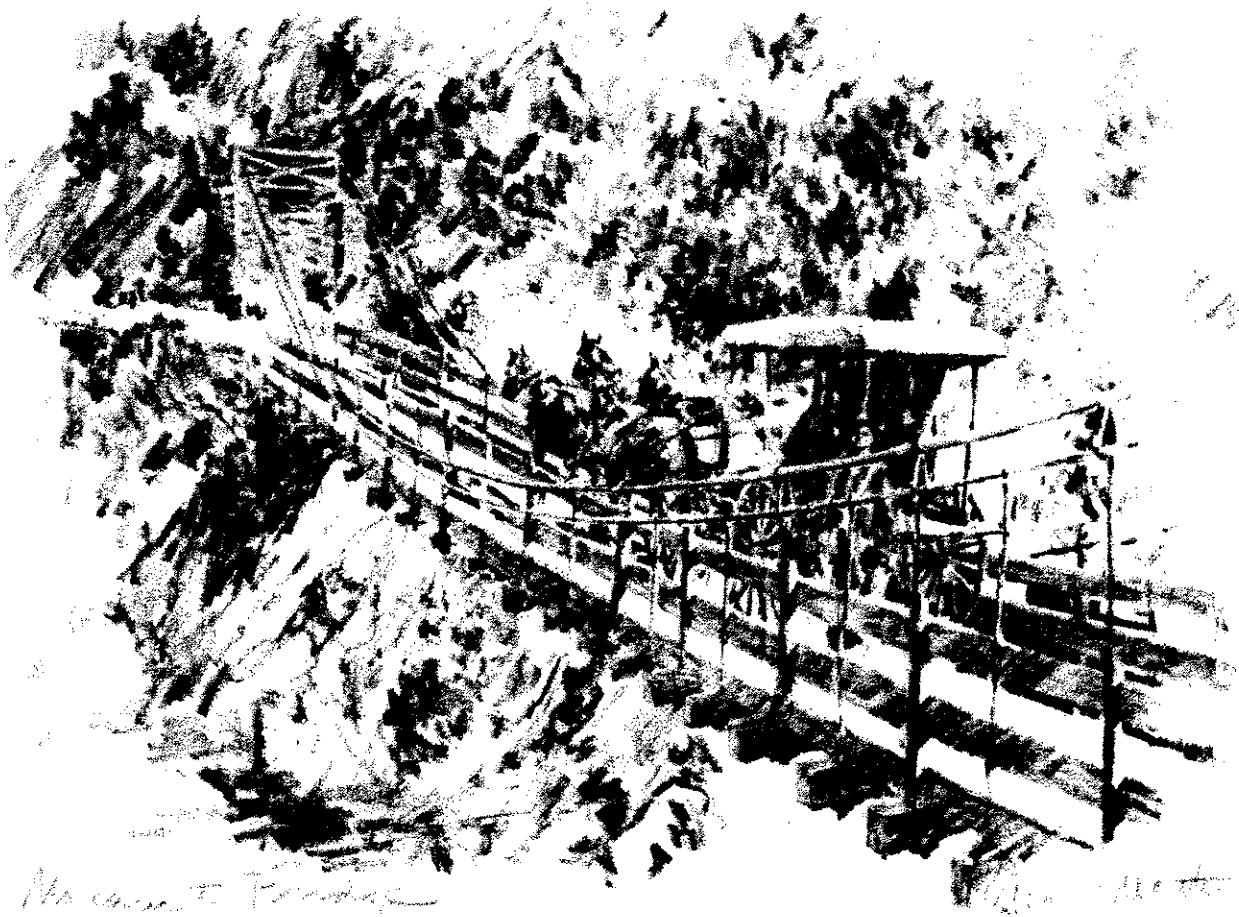


El Dorado County
Department of Agriculture



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1980
Agricultural
CROP REPORT

Department of Agriculture

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95667

March 16, 1981

Mr. Richard E. Rominger, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and the
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Joseph V. Flynn, Chairman
W. P. "Dub" Walker
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Patricia Lowe
Robert E. Dorr

Dear Director and Board Members:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1980 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value has decreased approximately \$21 million from the high gross income reported in 1979 of \$48½ million. The primary reason for this decrease is that the timber industry, because of a depressed economy, elected not to harvest as much timber. The Eldorado National Forest indicates that timber sales continue at a brisk rate with high prices being paid for the standing timber. Purchasers of national forest timber are allowed five years from time of purchase to when the timber must be harvested.

The County's grape industry continues to expand and has gained statewide recognition for high quality varietal grapes. Five wineries are presently in operation in the County with an additional three to be completed in 1981. This industry is blending well with other recreational and agricultural industries in the County.

With the addition of wineries selling fine varietal wines, the County's ranch marketing program continues to expand and attract recreational visitors to our area. The proximity of El Dorado County to large metropolitan areas promises a very bright future for this type of merchandising. The cherry and plum crops are expanding, but not as rapidly as vineyard plantings. With increased transportation costs, these two crops should have a competitive advantage with out-of-state products in our markets.

This report was compiled by Carl Locher, Jr., Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, El Dorado County Department of Agriculture. We would like to express our appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that contributed information to make this report possible.

Sincerely,


Edio P. Delfino
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1979 AND 1980

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
PEARS							
Bartlett							
Fresh	1980				1,730 tons	357.00	617,600
	1979				402 tons	408.00	164,000
Cannery No. 1	1980				5,423 tons	165.00	894,800
	1979				4,256 tons	164.28	699,200
Cannery No. 2	1980				-0-	-0-	-0-
	1979				1,140 tons	123.21	140,500
Juice	1980				3,901 tons	74.45	290,400
	1979				2,168 tons	98.56	213,700
Dry Yard	1980				302 tons	65.00	19,600
	1979				678 tons	124.00	84,100
Total Bartletts	1980	1,567	11	7.25	11,356 tons	165.36	1,822,400
	1979	1,563	15	5.35	8,644 tons	183.61	1,301,500
Bosc	1980	103	14	4.40	453 tons	447.00	202,500
	1979	101	16	4.25	429 tons	372.44	159,800
Others	1980	12	2	4.66	56 tons	170.00	9,500
	1979	12	2	4.25	51 tons	164.00	8,400
Total Pears	1980	1,682	27	5.44	11,865 tons	260.79	2,034,400
	1979	1,676	33	4.68	9,124 tons	240.02	1,469,700
APPLES							
Fresh Market	1980				4,900 tons	350.00	1,715,000
	1979				5,330 tons	350.00	1,865,500
Cannery	1980				300 tons	90.00	27,000
	1979				749 tons	155.00	116,100
Cider	1980				4,491 tons	50.00	224,600
	1979				3,272 tons	120.00	392,600
Total Apples	1980	546	79	17.75	9,691 tons	163.33	1,966,600
	1979	523	85	17.88	9,351 tons	208.33	2,374,200

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
CHERRIES	1980	18	29	2.0	36 tons	1100.00	39,600
	1979	18	9	2.3	41 tons	966.66	39,600
PEACHES	1980	8	1	2.1	17 tons	462.00	7,900
	1979	5	3	2.7	14 tons	450.00	6,300
PLUMS	1980	73	11	4.5	329 tons	852.00	280,300
	1979	65	19	4.0	260 tons	751.00	195,300
GRAPES	1980	178	83	4.05	721 tons	487.77	351,700
	1979	178	46	3.79	675 tons	502.33	339,100
WALNUTS - ENGLISH AND BLACK	1980	454	15	.34	154 tons	1026.00	158,000
	1979	449	20	.31	141 tons	940.00	132,500
<u>TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	1980	2,959	245		22,813 tons		4,838,500
	1979	2,914	215		19,606 tons		4,556,700

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1979 AND 1980

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
APIARY PRODUCTS	1980	40,400
(Includes honey, wax, package bees, pollination)	1979	27,500

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1979 AND 1980

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
LIVESTOCK CATTLE & CALVES	1980	11,288	103,962	cwt.	63.30	6,580,800
	1979	11,182	90,015	cwt.	65.80	5,923,000
SHEEP	1980	360	450	cwt.	16.10	7,200
	1979	300	375	cwt.	21.20	8,000
LAMBS	1980	2,275	2,275	cwt.	63.00	143,300
	1979	1,810	1,810	cwt.	66.20	119,800

CONTINUED - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total		Per Unit	Total
			Live Weights	Unit		
HOGS AND PIGS	1980	3,792	7,584	cwt.	40.90	310,200
	1979	3,216	6,432	cwt.	45.90	295,200
HORSES	1980	1,750		head	450.00	787,500
	1979	1,750		head	300.00	525,000
GOATS AND GOAT'S MILK	1980	1,600				652,100
	1979	1,500				460,500
POULTRY - TURKEYS (Includes Turkey Eggs for Hatching)	1980	63,700				1,022,300
DUCKS, GEESE, CHICKENS	1979	60,000				888,200
<u>TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	1980					9,503,400
	1979					8,228,200

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u>					
MILK - MARKET	1980*	10,900	cwt.	12.62	138,000
	1979**	10,990	cwt.	11.73	129,000
WOOL	1980	15,350	lbs.	.713	10,900
	1979	5,956	lbs.	.721	4,300
<u>TOTAL MILK & WOOL</u>	1980*				148,900
	1979**				133,300
<u>GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u>	1980				9,652,300
	1979**				8,361,500

* Preliminary

**Revised & Corrected

MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1979 AND 1980

	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK (Propagative Materials)	1980	20	11,029,443	M	53.58	590,900
	1979	33	7,455,000	M	69.86	520,800
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS (Trees, Shrubs, Etc.)	1980	11	107,045	each	1.91	204,400
	1979	9	128,969	each	1.91	246,300
<u>TOTAL NURSERY</u>	1980	31	11,136,488			795,300
	1979	42	7,583,969			767,100
CHRISTMAS TREES						
Wholesale	1980		22,900	each	6.75	154,600
	1979		26,400	each	6.75	178,200
Choose & Cut	1980		28,050	each	15.00	420,800
	1979		31,720	each	15.00	475,800
HAY - TAME	1980	2,000	4,500	tons	95.00	427,500
	1979	4,000	9,000	tons	90.00	810,000
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1980	4,500		acre	80.00	360,000
	1979	4,000		acre	80.00	320,000
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1980	250,000		acre	4.00	1,000,000
	1979	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.	1980	33		acre		45,500
	1979	26		acre		32,000
<u>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1980					3,203,700
	1979					3,458,100*

*correction

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1980	9,652,300
	1979	8,361,500*
FRUITS & NUTS	1980	4,838,500
	1979	4,556,700
MISCELLANEOUS	1980	3,203,700
	1979	3,458,100*
APIARY PRODUCTS	1980	40,400
	1979	27,500
TOTAL	1980	17,734,900
	1979	16,403,800

TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>Board Feet</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FORESTS	1980	101,616	M	86.75	8,815,200
	1979	278,826	M	112.00	31,228,500
WOOD SALES AND PERMITS ISSUED	1980				146,300
	1979				60,000
TOTAL	1980				8,961,500
	1979				31,288,500
GRAND TOTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	1980				26,696,400
	1979				47,692,300*

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