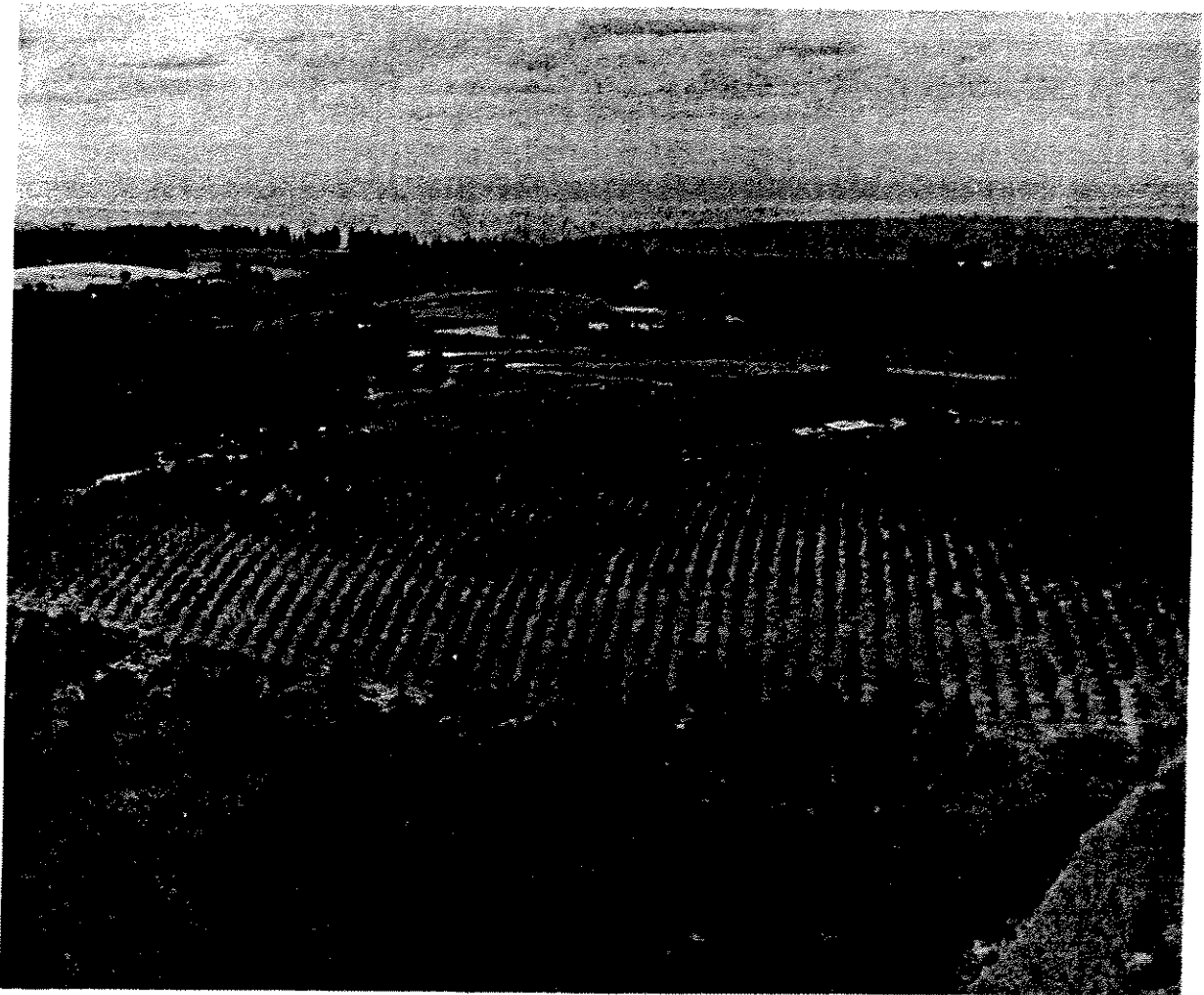


EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT - 1970



PEAR and APPLE ORCHARD growing at 2600 feet elevation.
This area has been producing high quality fruit for over 100 years.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1970 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Extreme cold weather in April 1970 caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received almost complete loss of their pear crop - and over 50% loss in their apple crop. The remainder of the county's fruit industry varied from 50% to 100% production. Consequently, some growers faced a complete crop loss while other growers had a profitable year.

The roadside marketing programs are continuing to grow in popularity and benefit to the county's economic welfare. As growers continue to succeed in this type of marketing - greater emphasis will be placed on this phase of our industry.

The threat of pear decline continues to plague our pear industry. Pear growers, in cooperation with the Farm Advisor's Office and the Office of Agricultural Commissioner, implemented a coordinated spray program during 1970. This program proved to be successful - and we will continue to perfect our technique on the control of this serious disease.

Please note that production returns stated in this report are F.O.B. the plant and do not reflect net returns or the profit realized by the grower.

This report was compiled by Merco Petach, Agricultural Inspector, with our Department. Mr. Petach has spent many tedious hours reviewing data so that this report would be accurate and meaningful.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that so willingly cooperated in the contribution of information necessary to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1969 and 1970.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		Per Acre	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1970				2,089	Tons	301.00	628,800.
	1969				4,640	Tons	211.00	979,000.
Cannery No. 1	1970				7,358	Tons	126.30	929,300.
	1969				10,600	Tons	91.20	967,000.
Cannery No. 2	1970				619	Tons	69.50	43,000.
	1969				1,130	Tons	53.00	59,900.
Dry Yard Hail Grade	1970				114	Tons	40.00	4,560.
	1969				816	Tons	74.50	60,800.
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1970	2,152	178	4.73	10,180	Tons	157.73	1,605,660.
	1969	2,086	263	8.24	17,186	Tons	120.25	2,066,700.
Bosc Pears	1970	108	1	7.97	861	Tons	328.00	282,400.
	1969	108	1	9.35	1,010	Tons	222.00	224,000.
Other Pears	1970	27		4.63	125	Tons	229.00	28,600.
	1969	23		5.87	135	Tons	189.00	25,500.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1970	2,287	179	4.88	11,166	Tons	171.65	1,916,700.
	1969	2,217	264	8.27	18,331	Tons	126.35	2,316,200.
Apples Fresh Market	1970				2,149	Tons	200.00	429,800.
	1969				3,510	Tons	177.00	621,000.
Cannery	1970				1,217	Tons	52.50	63,900.
	1969				1,860	Tons	57.20	106,000.
Cider	1970				594	Tons	30.00	17,800.
	1969				1,100	Tons	37.80	41,600.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1970	509	54	7.78	3,960	Tons	129.17	511,500.
	1969	483	80	13.40	6,470	Tons	118.79	768,600.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1969 and 1970.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1970	77	2	1.70	131	Tons	472.00	61,800.
	1969	65	14	2.40	156	Tons	441.00	68,800.
PEACHES	1970	10		4.1	41	Tons	260.00	10,600.
	1969	10		4.20	42	Tons	240.00	10,100.
PLIMS	1970	30	11	3.77	113	Tons	393.80	44,500.
	1969	30	7	2.97	89	Tons	414.00	36,800.
GRAPES	1970	10	11	5.80	58	Tons	136.40	7,900.
	1969	10	8	5.50	55	Tons	83.70	4,600.
WALNUTS (English)	1970	323	94	.40	129	Tons	480.00	61,900.
	1969	260	151	.50	130	Tons	600.00	78,000.
WALNUTS (Black)	1970				700	Sacks	1.43	1,000.
	1969				1,700	Sacks	1.75	2,980.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT & NUTS</u>	1970	3,246	351		15,598	Tons		2,615,900.
	1969	3,075	524		25,358	Tons		3,286,080.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1969-1970

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1970	11,400	77,300	cwt.	28.50	2,203,100.
	1969	11,000	77,000	cwt.	27.50	2,118,000.
DAIRY COWS	1969	60		head	310.00	18,600.
DAIRY CALVES	1969	98		head	23.50	2,300.
DAIRY BULLS	1969	2		head	400.00	800.
SHEEP	1970	660	858	cwt.	7.00	6,000.
	1969	1,100	1,430	cwt.	7.00	10,000.
LAMBS	1970	3,300	3,300	cwt.	28.00	92,400.
	1969	7,450	6,780	cwt.	27.00	183,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1970	1,645	2,132	cwt.	24.00	51,200.
	1969	1,430	2,320	cwt.	24.50	56,800.
HORSES	1970	440		head	170.00	74,800.
	1969	390		head	155.00	60,400.
GOATS	1970	325		head	12.00	3,900.
	1969	350		head	12.00	4,200.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1970	659,500	2,743,500	lbs.	.18	493,800.
	1969	594,000	2,377,000	lbs.	.20	475,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1970	79,400	317,600	lbs.	.075	23,800.
	1969	74,200	297,000	lbs.	.085	25,200.
TURKEYS	1970	66,250	1,069,800	lbs.	.236	252,500.
	1969	68,900	1,034,000	lbs.	.26	269,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1970					3,201,500.
<u>LIVESTOCK & POULTRY</u>	1969					3,223,300.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1969 and 1970

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1970*	7,000	cwt.	5.75	40,200.
	1969**	7,690	cwt.	5.89	45,300.
WOOL	1970	26,500	lbs.	.36	9,550.
	1969	57,600	lbs.	.45	25,900.
MOHAIR	1970	1,400	lbs.	.30	420.
	1969	1,540	lbs.	.24	370.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1970	2,244,000	doz.	.39	875,200.
	1969	2,741,000	doz.	.385	1,055,000.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1970*				925,370.
	1969**				1,126,570.
 <u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1970*				4,126,870.
	1969**				4,348,170.

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Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1969-1970

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1970	26	6,058,700			151,500.
	1969	30	11,103,000			305,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1970 (Wholesale Cut)*		20,775	each	4.74	98,500.
	1969 (Wholesale Cut)*		32,900	each	4.00	132,000.
	1970 (Choose & Cut)*		12,973	each	5.80	75,250.
	1969 (Choose & Cut)*		11,100	each	5.40	59,900.
HAY - TAME	1970	5,500	14,670	tons	28.50	418,100.
	1969	5,600	10,400	tons	24.50	255,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1970	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
	1969	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1970	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1969	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1970	16		acre		24,000.
	1969	14		acre		21,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1970					1,779,350.
	1969					1,784,900.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1970					2,615,900.
	1969					3,286,080.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1970					4,126,870.
	1969**					4,348,170.
MISCELLANEOUS	1970					1,779,350.
	1969					1,784,900.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1970					8,522,120.
	1969**					9,419,150.

* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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