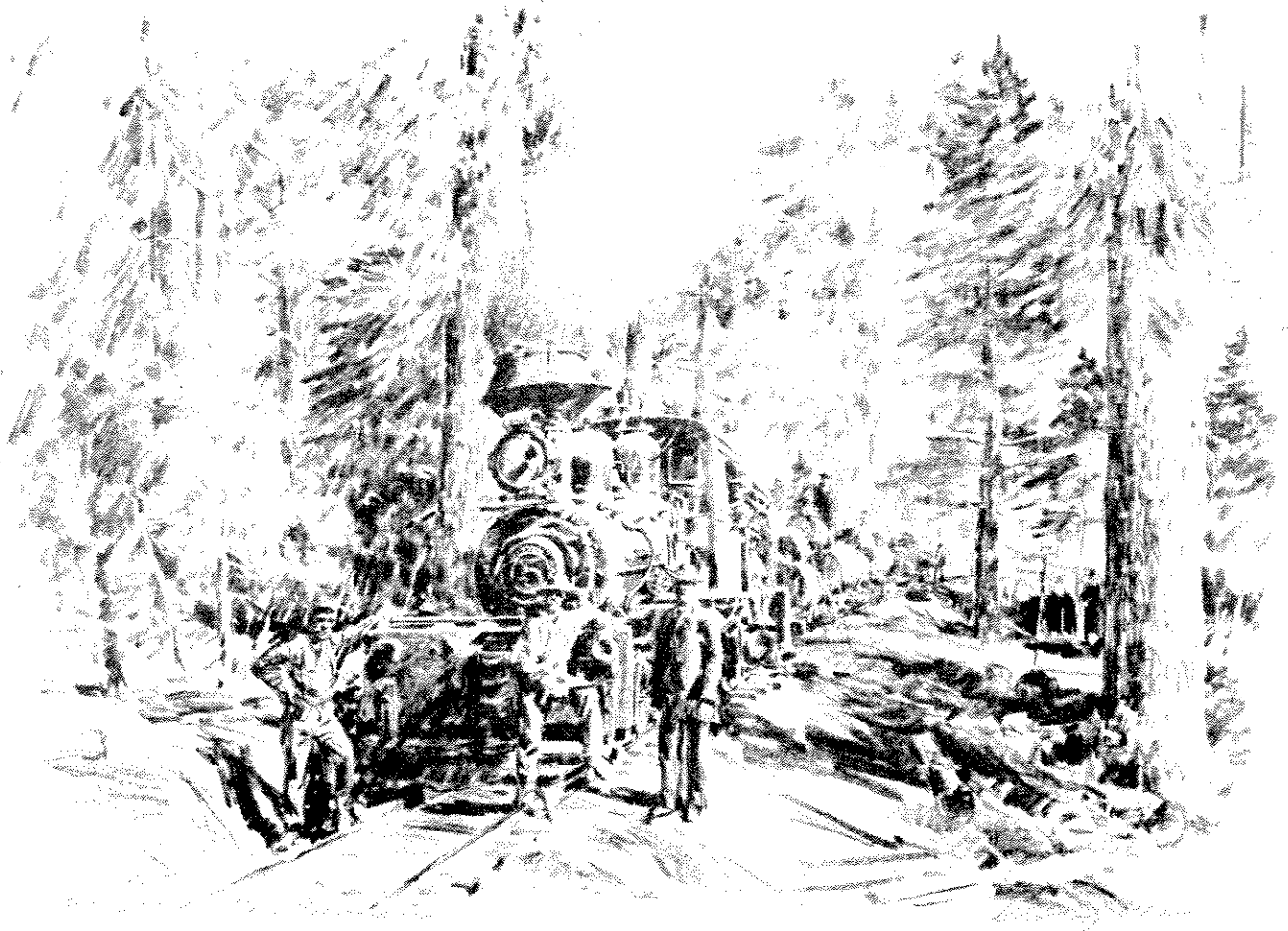


El Dorado County
Department of Agriculture



COMPLIMENTS OF FRIDAY HOUSE COLOMA, CA

1981
Agricultural
CROP REPORT

Department of Agriculture

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95667

March 25, 1982

Mr. Richard E. Rominger, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and the
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
W. P. "Dub" Walker, Chairman
Joseph V. Flynn
Thomas L. Stewart
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 1981 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value is approximately \$34 million, a decrease of \$14 million from the high gross income reported in 1979. The primary reason for this decrease is that the timber industry has elected not to harvest as much timber because of a depressed economy. Purchasers of national forest timber are allowed five years from time of purchase to harvest their timber.

The County's grape industry is expanding at an increasing rate. El Dorado County, and her sister Sierra foothill counties, are rapidly becoming known as premium wine grape growing areas. Eight wineries are presently in operation in the County -- an increase of three from that reported in 1980. These wineries and their tasting rooms are extremely complementary to the County's ranch marketing program, and are blending extremely well with other recreational and agricultural industries in the County.

Cherries and late season plums are beginning to attract more attention in El Dorado County. Both of these crops will be planted more extensively within the next five years. Specialty crops such as blueberries, boysenberries and peaches will be expanding on a limited basis in order for growers to extend their ranch marketing programs into the late spring and early summer season. Again, all of these crops will be complementary to the agricultural industries presently in the ranch marketing program.

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 - 1980 AND 1981

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
PEARS							
Bartlett							
Fresh	1981				1,915 tons	339.31	649,800
	1980				1,730 tons	357.00	617,600
Cannery No. 1	1981				3,718 tons	165.00	613,500
	1980				5,423 tons	165.00	894,800
Cannery No. 2	1981				146 tons	99.00	14,500
	1980				-0-	-0-	-0-
Juice	1981				3,806 tons	75.00	285,500
	1980				3,901 tons	74.45	290,400
Dry Yard	1981				-0-	-0-	-0-
	1980				302 tons	65.00	19,600
Total Bartletts	1981	1,451	11	6.61	9,585 tons	169.58	1,563,300
	1980	1,567	11	7.25	11,356 tons	165.36	1,822,400
Bosc	1981	103	14	3.33	343 tons	442.80	151,900
	1980	103	14	4.40	453 tons	447.00	202,500
Others	1981	10	2	4.00	40 tons	165.00	6,600
	1980	12	2	4.66	56 tons	170.00	9,500
Pear Juice	1981				236 tons	75.00	17,700
TOTAL PEARS	1981	1,564	27	4.65	10,204 tons	213.10	1,739,500
	1980	1,682	27	5.44	11,865 tons	260.79	2,034,400
APPLES							
Fresh Market	1981				5,233 tons	350.00	1,831,600
	1980				4,900 tons	350.00	1,715,000
Cannery	1981				400 tons	75.00	30,000
	1980				300 tons	90.00	27,000
Cider	1981				4,833 tons	40.00	193,300
	1980				4,491 tons	50.00	224,600
TOTAL APPLES	1981	546	79	19.17	10,466 tons	155.00	2,054,900
	1980	546	79	17.75	9,691 tons	163.33	1,966,600

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1980 AND 1981

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
CHERRIES	1981	18	29	2.1	38 tons	1,400.00	53,200
	1980	18	29	2.0	36 tons	1,100.00	39,600
PEACHES	1981	8	1	6.4	51 tons	460.00	23,500
	1980	8	1	2.1	17 tons	462.00	7,900
PLUMS	1981	73	15	6.5	475 tons	776.00	368,600
	1980	73	11	4.5	329 tons	852.00	280,300
GRAPES	1981	178	234	5.19	924 tons	510.25	471,500
	1980	178	83	4.05	721 tons	487.77	351,700
WALNUTS - ENGLISH AND BLACK	1981	454	15	.19	87 tons	1,024.00	89,100
	1980	454	15	.34	154 tons	1,026.00	158,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1981	2,841	400		22,245 tons		4,800,300
	1980	2,959	245		22,813 tons		4,838,500

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1980 AND 1981

	YEAR	NO. COLONIES	TOTAL VALUE
APIARY PRODUCTS (Includes honey, wax, package bees, pollination)	1981	4,467	223,400
	1980		40,400

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1980 AND 1981

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
LIVESTOCK - CATTLE & CALVES	1981	13,376	120,384	cwt.	63.60	7,656,400
	1980	11,288	103,962	cwt.	63.60	6,580,800
SHEEP	1981	320	400	cwt.	16.10	6,400
	1980	360	450	cwt.	16.00	7,200
LAMBS	1981	2,050	2,050	cwt.	63.00	129,200
	1980	2,275	2,275	cwt.	63.00	143,300

CONTINUED - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
HOGS AND PIGS	1981	3,993	7,986	cwt.	40.90	326,600
	1980	3,792	7,584	cwt.	40.90	310,200
HORSES	1981	1,750		head	450.00	787,500
	1980	1,750		head	450.00	787,500
GOATS AND GOAT'S MILK	1981	1,725				667,000
	1980	1,600				652,100
POULTRY - TURKEYS (Includes eggs for hatching) DUCKS, GEESE, CHICKENS	1981	67,590				1,238,300
	1980	63,700				1,022,300
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TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1981					10,811,400
	1980					9,503,400

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
MILK - MARKET	1981*	10,400	cwt.	13.38	140,000	
	1980	10,900	cwt.	12.62	138,000	
WOOL	1981	14,220	lbs.	.85	12,100	
	1980	15,350	lbs.	.713	10,900	
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TOTAL MILK AND WOOL	1981					152,100
	1980					148,900
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GRAND TOTAL LIVE- STOCK, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1981					10,963,500
	1980					9,652,300

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MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1980 AND 1981

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION AREA ACRES</u>	<u>QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
					<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NURSERY STOCK (Propagative materials)	1981	23	8,394,000	M	83.27	699,000
	1980	20	11,029,443	M	53.58	590,900
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS (Trees, Shrubs, Etc.)	1981	10	89,000	each	.93	82,800
	1980	11	107,045	each	1.91	204,400
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TOTAL NURSERY	1981	33	8,483,000			781,800
	1980	31	11,136,488			795,300
CHRISTMAS TREES						
Wholesale	1981		27,480	each	6.75	185,500
	1980		22,900	each	6.75	154,600
Choose & Cut	1981		21,075	each	15.00	316,100
	1980		28,050	each	15.00	420,800
HAY - TAME	1981	1,700	3,400	tons	86.00	292,400
	1980	2,000	4,500	tons	95.00	427,500
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1981	4,500		acre	75.00	337,500
	1980	4,500		acre	80.00	360,000
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1981	250,000		acre	4.00	1,000,000
	1980	250,000		acre	4.00	1,000,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.	1981	35		acre		63,000
	1980	33		acre		45,500
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TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1981					2,976,300
	1980					3,203,700

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1981	10,963,500
	1980	9,652,300
FRUITS AND NUTS	1981	4,800,300
	1980	4,838,500
MISCELLANEOUS	1981	2,976,300
	1980	3,203,700
APIARY PRODUCTS	1981	223,400
	1980	40,400
TOTAL	1981	18,963,500
	1980	17,734,900

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	1981	135,610	M	113.00	15,324,000
	1980	101,616	M	86.75	8,815,200
WOOD SALES AND PERMITS ISSUED	1981				149,000
	1980				146,300
TOTAL	1981				15,473,000
	1980				8,961,500
GRAND TOTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	1981				34,436,500
	1980				26,696,400