

El Dorado County  
*Department of Agriculture*



**1984**  
*Agricultural*  
**CROP REPORT**

**Department of Agriculture**

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95667

March 26, 1985

Director Clare Berryhill, California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and the  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
Robert E. Dorr, Chairman  
Patricia R. Lowe  
James R. Sweeney  
Joseph V. Flynn  
Thomas L. Stewart

Dear Director and Board Members:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1984 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value for 1984 is \$28,121,500 -- an increase of \$225,000. The increase is primarily attributed to the livestock and poultry industries. The County's apple industry was severely affected by weather and reflected a million dollar plus reduction in gross income. Growers are continuing to remove pear orchards and replacing them with other agricultural crops.

The County's wine, grape and fruit industries continue to expand. The countywide ranch marketing program achieved moderate success during 1984. Interest for this program is increasing throughout the western slope of the County. The Somerset and Georgetown areas are becoming more aggressive in developing ranch marketing programs similar to that in Apple Hill. The Agricultural Council of the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce is continuing to serve as the focal point for a countywide marketing program. It is anticipated that by the end of 1985 this program will have developed sufficient strength to proceed with its own Board of Directors.

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 - 1983 AND 1984

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Per Units</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<b>PEARS</b>								
<u>Bartlett</u>								
Fresh	1984				846 tons	414.87	351,000	
	1983				262 tons	320.56	84,000	
Cannery #1	1984				1,819 tons	175.00	318,300	
	1983				795 tons	132.91	105,700	
Juice	1984				1,508 tons	30.00	45,200	
	1983				2,164 tons	70.00	151,500	
Other	1983				861 tons	135.00	116,200	
Total Bartlett	1984	1,303	9	3.20	4,173 tons	206.62	714,500	
	1983*	1,303	9	3.13	4,082 tons	146.61	457,400	
<u>Bosc</u>								
	1984	114	3	2.19	250 tons	342.99	85,700	
	1983	114	3	2.14	244 tons	409.11	99,800	
Other	1984	8	3	5.00	40 tons	175.00	7,000	
	1983	6	2	6.33	48 tons	187.00	7,100	
Juice	1984				127 tons	30.00	3,900	
	1983				193 tons	70.00	13,500	
TOTAL PEARS	1984	1,425	12	3.22	4,590 tons	118.65	811,100	
	1983*	1,423	14	3.20	4,557 tons	189.22	577,800	
<b>APPLES</b>								
Fresh Market	1984				2,954 tons	420.00	1,240,700	
	1983				6,273 tons	350.00	2,195,600	
Cannery	1983				456 tons	150.00	68,400	
Cider	1984				1,266 tons	55.00	69,600	
	1983				4,677 tons	110.00	514,500	
TOTAL APPLES	1984	645	20	6.54	4,220 tons	237.50	1,310,300	
	1983	639	26	17.85	11,406 tons	203.33	2,778,500	

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		<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Per Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
CHERRIES	1984	30	17	1.9	57 tons	1,400.00	79,800
	1983	25	22	2.4	60 tons	1,350.00	81,000
PEACHES	1984	13	4	2.2	29 tons	416.00	12,100
	1983	13	4	2.0	26 tons	400.00	10,400
PLUMS	1984	110	16	4.7	517 tons	677.00	350,000
	1983	107	19	1.5	160 tons	576.00	92,200
GRAPES	1984	313	249	4.4	1,377 tons	415.60	572,300
	1983	253	309	4.7	1,189 tons	435.88	518,300
WALNUTS - ENGLISH & BLACK	1984	458	11	.29	132 tons	776.00	102,400
	1983	458	11	.20	94 tons	726.00	68,200
<b>TOTAL - FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</b>							
	1984	2,994	329		10,922 tons		3,238,000
	1983*	2,918	405		17,492 tons		4,126,400

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1983 AND 1984

	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Colonies</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Apiary Products	1984	7,080	481,400
(Includes honey, wax, package bees, pollination)	1983	4,784	349,200

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1983 AND 1984

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Total Live Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
CATTLE	1984	11,644	98,974	cwt	53.80	5,324,800
	1983	10,262	78,709	cwt	53.30	4,195,200
SHEEP	1984	340	425	cwt.	17.40	7,400
	1983	300	375	cwt.	17.90	6,700
LAMBS	1984	7,682	6,066	cwt.	59.70	362,100
	1983	6,640	5,037	cwt.	56.40	284,100

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - CONTINUED

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Total Live Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
HOGS-PIGS	1984	4,561	9,578	cwt	49.70	476,000
	1983	4,825	9,891	cwt	51.50	509,400
HORSES	1984	2,600		head	400.00	1,040,000
	1983	1,800		head	400.00	720,000
GOATS AND GOAT MILK	1984	1,770				509,000
	1983	1,720				501,000
POULTRY (TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE CHICKENS)	1984					373,400
	1983					401,300
TOTAL - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
	1984					8,092,700
	1983					6,617,700

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
MILK - MARKET	1984**	11,000	cwt	12.84	141,000
	1983*	9,990	cwt	13.03	130,000
WOOL	1984	16,621	lbs	.66	11,000
	1983	14,256	lbs	.65	9,300
TOTAL - LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS					
	1984**				152,000
	1983*				139,300

TOTAL - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	1984**				8,244,700
	1983*				6,757,000

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TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION BOARD FEET</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FORESTS	1984	139,270	M	11,432,000
	1983	144,800	M	12,371,800
WOOD SALES AND PERMITS ISSUED	1984			59,800
	1983			171,100
<b>TOTAL - TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS</b>				
	1984			11,491,800
	1983			12,542,900

MISCELLANEOUS: PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1983 AND 1984

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION AREA SALES</u>	<u>QUANTITY BY PRODUCERS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NURSERY STOCK	1984	32	9,000,000	M	150.00	1,350,000
	1983	32	8,570,000	M	119.00	1,019,800
WOODY DECIDUOUS & EVERGREEN ORNA- MENTALS (trees, shrubs, etc.)	1984	13				449,900
	1983	13				349,200
TOTAL-NURSERY	1984	45	9,000,000			1,799,900
	1983	45	8,570,000			1,369,000
<b>CHRISTMAS TREES</b>						
Wholesale	1984		21,100	each	10.79	227,700
	1983		25,600	each	11.10	284,200
Choose & Cut	1984		41,258	each	18.48	762,400
	1983		34,650	each	17.00	589,100
HAY - TAME (Oat, Barley)	1984	1,200	2,500	tons	80.00	200,000
	1983	1,200	2,400	tons	80.00	192,000
IRRIGATED PASTURE	1984	4,750		acre	82.00	389,500
	1983	4,750		acre	85.00	403,800
PASTURE & RANGE DRYLAND	1984	250,000		acre	5.00	1,250,000
	1983	250,000		acre	5.00	1,250,000
BERRIES - (Truck Gardens, Etc.)	1984	39		acre		36,100
	1983	36		acre		32,400
TOTAL- MISCELLANEOUS	1984					4,665,600
	1983					4,120,500

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FRUIT AND NUTS	1984	3,238,000
	1983*	4,126,400
APIARY PRODUCTS	1984	481,400
	1983	349,200
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1984	8,244,700
	1983*	6,757,000
TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS	1984	11,491,800
	1983	12,542,900
MISCELLANEOUS	1984	4,665,600
	1983	4,120,500
GRAND TOTAL	1984	28,121,500
	1983*	27,896,000

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