

COUNTY OF PLACER
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

130 Maple Street
Auburn, California

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Placer County

and

Honorable W. C. Jacobsen, Acting Director
State of California Department of Agriculture

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I am submitting this 1953 Annual Crop Report, covering the acreage, production and values of crops produced in Placer County.

The 1953 farm income was down more than four million dollars from 1952, due primarily to a poor year for the production of quality fruits, caused by early frost damage to pears, followed by serious hail injury, and then considerable sunburn damage to plums later in the summer. Cattle prices were noticeably lower, while most other commodities had generally leveled off. Our rice acreage shows the following increase: 1952 - 4,000 acres; 1953 - 7,860 acres.

The farm values shown in this report are based on the average seasonal prices per unit, for each commodity, received by the farmer after costs such as packing, shock, freight, brokerage, etc., have been deducted. If these additional costs had been added, the income to Placer County derived from agriculture would have been hundreds of thousands of dollars greater.

I wish to thank all those who cooperated by making records and information available for this report.

Respectfully submitted,



WM. H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

1953 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

COUNTY OF PLACER

WM. H. WILSON, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

130 Maple Street - Auburn, California

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE F.O.B. FARM
	BEARING	NON-BEARING		
Almonds	272	29	58 Tons	\$ 26,274.00
Apples	90	9	3,800 Boxes	7,600.00
Apricots	8	1	32,500 Lbs.	3,900.00
Cherries	87	4		
Packed Fresh			4,341 Boxes	15,520.00
Cannery			67½ Tons	13,880.00
Wine Grapes	1,073	38		
Packed Fresh			1,408 Tons	70,400.00
Winery			581 Tons	16,268.00
Nectarines	3	0	1,450 Boxes	1,450.00
Olives	254	17		
Packed Fresh			285 Tons	47,025.00
For Oil			150 Tons	3,750.00
Oranges	30	0	6,000 Boxes	12,000.00
Peaches	857	346		
Packed Fresh			63,147 Boxes	57,463.00
Cannery			3,667 Tons	185,183.00
Pears	5,249	1,768		
Packed Fresh				
Early Pears			21,000 Boxes	43,050.00
Bartletts			368,412 Boxes	839,938.00
Cannery				
Bartletts				
Prorate Grade			4,924 Tons	349,604.00
Hail Grade			2,773 Tons	152,515.00
No. 3 Grade			6,766 Tons	270,640.00
Winter			2,162 Tons	113,910.00
Persimmons	99	4	26,109 Boxes	61,878.00
Plums	6,498	1,575		
Packed Fresh			1,315,652 Crates	2,947,060.00
Processed			333 Tons	15,601.00
Quinces	9	0	48 Tons	1,920.00
Walnuts	58	10	25 Tons	11,000.00
				<u>\$5,267,829.00</u>

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>KIND</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>
Dairy			
Cows	1,800	Head	\$ 360,000.00
Milkfat Market	526,000	Lbs.	731,140.00
Milkfat Manufacturing	484,000	Lbs.	479,160.00
Beef Cattle	8,000	Head	1,200,000.00
Beef Calves	10,000	Head	700,000.00
Registered Livestock			105,000.00
Hogs	9,000	Head	270,000.00
Sheep			
Lambs	42,000	Head	840,000.00
Wool	295,000	Lbs.	177,000.00
Milk Goats and Kids	1,600	Head	12,000.00
Rabbits	25,000	Fryers	25,000.00
Horses	260	Head	10,400.00
Poultry			
Meat	951,689	Lbs.	266,473.00
Eggs	1,006,780	Dozen	513,458.00
Turkeys			
Meat	3,135,310	Lbs.	1,254,124.00
Hatchery Eggs	985,272	Eggs	295,582.00
Poults	113,717	Birds	86,288.00
			<u>\$7,325,625.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>
Nursery Stock			
Fruit Trees	517,563	Trees	243,255.00
Ornamentals	20,697	Plants	10,555.00
Bedding Plants	3,600	Flats	5,904.00
Grape vines	30,485	Plants	2,439.00
Apiary			
Honey	61,000	Lbs.	6,710.00
Wax	2,150	Lbs.	852.00
Package Bees	4,200	Pkgs.	13,650.00
Queens	2,800		2,520.00
Colonies for Pollination	2,500		3,750.00
Miscellaneous Berries and Vegetables	175	Acres	26,250.00
Government Payments (PMA)			<u>105,789.00</u>
			<u>\$421,674.00</u>

FIELD CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Wheat	13,000	6,275 Tons	\$ 458,075.00
Oats	3,600	1,296 Tons	77,760.00
Barley	1,600	1,200 Tons	63,600.00
Rice	7,860	219,080 Sacks	1,095,400.00
Hops	360	537,120 Lbs.	214,848.00
Range & Pasture Rental	200,000		400,000.00
Stubble Rental	7,000		7,000.00
Rose Clover	330	66,252 Lbs.	16,563.00
Sudan	100	110,000 Lbs.	5,500.00
Ladino Clover	506	105,426 Lbs.	31,628.00
Safflower	12	180 Sacks	864.00
Milo	149	186 Tons	9,300.00
			<u>\$2,380,538.00</u>

FORESTRY

<u>KIND</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Lumber	54,000,000 Board Feet	\$864,000.00
Christmas Trees	30,000 Trees	<u>45,000.00</u>
		\$909,000.00

SUMMARY

FIELD CROPS - - - - -	\$ 2,380,538.00
FORESTRY PRODUCTION - - - - -	909,000.00
FRUIT & NUT CROPS - - - - -	5,267,829.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION - - - - -	7,325,625.00
MISCELLANEOUS - - - - -	<u>421,674.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL - -	\$16,304,666.00

GRAND TOTALS SINCE 1943

1943 - \$13,761,065.76	1948 - \$17,212,583.38
1944 - 10,463,373.18	1949 - 11,334,332.30
1945 - 11,217,636.19	1950 - 14,943,138.94
1946 - 13,514,477.01	1951 - 19,708,308.00
1947 - 14,286,966.00	1952 - 20,425,483.00
1953 - \$16,304,666.00	