

COUNTY OF PLACER
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

130 Maple Street
Auburn, California

To: Honorable W. C. Jacobsen, Director
California Department of Agriculture

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Placer County

W. J. Waddle, Chairman
J. B. Paolini F. J. Paoli
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Gentlemen:


In accordance with the requirements of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I am submitting this report of the acreage, production, and values of Agricultural Crops produced in Placer County during the year of 1954.

Returns to growers for the year showed an increase of \$1,092,830 over 1953, due primarily to higher prices for plums and pears, our two principal orchard crops, and the greater production of rice, which shows a total acreage of 10,500, or 2,640 acres more than in 1953. Prices for other crops remained about the same, except the returns from livestock products which were considerably lower than in 1953.

This report has been compiled from packing house records, buyers' and sellers' receipts, our own inspection records, and other government agencies. Values shown are not net returns, but are based on the average seasonal price per unit the farmer received for his product at his ranch. They do not include costs of marketing, such as shock, packing, freight, brokerage, etc., which represent separate industries that are dependent on the farmers' ability to produce a profitable crop annually.

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

Respectfully submitted,



WM. H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

1954 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 | 273 | 28 | 55 Tons | \$ 24,475.00 |
| Apples | 92 | 7 | 4,000 Boxes | 8,000.00 |
| Apricots | 8 | 1 | 31,000 Lbs. | 3,720.00 |
| Cherries | 88 | 3 | | |
| Packed Fresh | | | 4,447 Boxes | 13,341.00 |
| Cannery | | | 112½ Tons | 31,500.00 |
| Wine Grapes | 1,100 | 15 | | |
| Packed Fresh | | | 1,212 Tons | 63,630.00 |
| Winery | | | 359 Tons | 11,669.00 |
| Nectarines | 3 | 0 | 1,100 Boxes | 1,100.00 |
| Olives | 254 | 17 | 109 Tons | 17,050.00 |
| Oranges | 30 | 0 | 6,500 Boxes | 16,250.00 |
| Peaches | 875 | 356 | | |
| Packed Fresh | | | 29,605 Boxes | 30,189.00 |
| Cannery | | | 2,089 Tons | 109,672.00 |
| Pears | 5,351 | 1,699 | | |
| Packed Fresh | | | | |
| Early Pears | | | 23,002 Boxes | 88,558.00 |
| Bartletts | | | 392,490 Boxes | 705,707.00 |
| Cannery | | | | |
| Bartletts | | | 18,733 Tons | 1,220,255.00 |
| Fall & Winter | | | 1,982 Tons | 118,755.00 |
| Persimmons | 99 | 4 | 31,815 Boxes | 69,761.00 |
| Plums | 6,650 | 1,638 | | |
| Packed Fresh | | | 928,004 Crates | 3,034,573.00 |
| Processed | | | 458½ Tons | 12,375.00 |
| Quinces | 9 | 0 | 80 Tons | 5,628.00 |
| Walnuts | 58 | 11 | 15 Tons | 6,300.00 |
| | | | | <u>\$5,592,508.00</u> |

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

| <u>KIND</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | | <u>VALUE</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| Dairy | | | |
| Cows | 1,500 | Head | \$ 225,000.00 |
| Milkfat Market | 551,000 | Lbs. | 688,750.00 |
| Milkfat Manufacturing | 511,000 | Lbs. | 412,377.00 |
| Beef Cattle | 10,000 | Head | 1,600,000.00 |
| Beef Calves | 11,000 | Head | 880,000.00 |
| Hogs | 7,000 | Head | 210,000.00 |
| Sheep | | | |
| Lambs | 40,000 | Head | 720,000.00 |
| Wool | 281,000 | Lbs. | 168,600.00 |
| Milk Goats & Kids | 1,800 | Head | 16,200.00 |
| Mohair | 2,000 | Lbs. | 1,500.00 |
| Rabbits | 30,000 | Fryers | 30,000.00 |
| Horses | 250 | Head | 10,000.00 |
| Poultry | | | |
| Meat | 1,046,857 | Lbs. | 219,840.00 |
| Eggs | 1,107,458 | Eggs | 387,610.00 |
| Turkeys | | | |
| Meat | 3,292,025 | Lbs. | 911,781.00 |
| Hatchery Eggs | 1,020,000 | Eggs | 285,600.00 |
| Poults | 197,000 | Birds | 137,900.00 |
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| | | | \$6,905,158.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| <u>CROP</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | | <u>VALUE</u> |
|---|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| Nursery Stock | | | |
| Fruit Trees | 696,800 | Trees | \$376,830.00 |
| Ornamentals | 22,000 | Plants | 11,000.00 |
| Bedding Plants | 4,500 | Flats | 6,225.00 |
| Grape Vines | 25,000 | Plants | 2,500.00 |
| Apiary | | | |
| Honey | 60,000 | Lbs. | 6,600.00 |
| Wax | 1,100 | Lbs. | 517.00 |
| Package Bees | 3,511 | Pkgs. | 12,288.00 |
| Queens | 2,200 | | 1,980.00 |
| Colonies for Pollination | 1,200 | | 3,600.00 |
| Miscellaneous Berries and Vegetables | 200 | Acres | 30,000.00 |
| Government Payments (PMA) | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 116,435.00 |
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| | | | \$567,975.00 |

FIELD CROPS

| <u>CROP</u> | <u>ACREAGE</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | <u>VALUE</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Wheat | 11,358 | 6,831 Tons | \$ 471,339.00 |
| Oats | 2,500 | 1,875 Tons | 84,375.00 |
| Barley | 1,600 | 1,200 Tons | 54,000.00 |
| Rice | 10,558 | 316,740 Sacks | 1,409,483.00 |
| Hops | 360 | 543,522 Lbs. | 233,714.00 |
| Range & Pasture Rental | 175,000 | | 350,000.00 |
| Stubble Rental | 6,000 | | 6,000.00 |
| Ladino Clover | 308 | 54,196 Lbs. | 28,694.00 |
| Milo | 300 | 420 Tons | <u>21,000.00</u> |
| | | | \$2,658,605.00 |

FORESTRY

| <u>KIND</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | <u>VALUE</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Lumber | 107,750,000 Board Feet | \$1,616,250.00 |
| Christmas Trees | 38,000 Trees | <u>57,000.00</u> |
| | | \$1,673,250.00 |

SUMMARY

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| FIELD CROPS - - - - - | \$2,658,605.00 |
| FORESTRY PRODUCTION - - - - - | 1,673,250.00 |
| FRUIT & NUT CROPS - - - - - | 5,592,508.00 |
| LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION - - - - - | 6,905,158.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS - - - - - | <u>567,975.00</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL - | \$17,397,496.00 |

GRAND TOTALS SINCE 1943

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1943 - \$13,761,065.76 | 1949 - \$11,334,332.30 |
| 1944 - 10,463,373.18 | 1950 - 14,943,138.94 |
| 1945 - 11,217,636.19 | 1951 - 19,708,308.00 |
| 1946 - 13,514,477.01 | 1952 - 20,425,483.00 |
| 1947 - 14,286,966.00 | 1953 - 16,304,666.00 |
| 1948 - 17,212,583.38 | 1954 - 17,397,496.00 |