

Placer County
Agricultural Crop Report
1972



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JOHN H. WILSON, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

354 ELM AVENUE, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA

Mr. C.B. Christensen, Director
California Department of Agriculture
and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Robert Mahan, Chairman

Alex Ferreira Jim Henry

Michael Lee Ray Thompson

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code
I am submitting the 1972 Agricultural Crop Report for Placer County.

The agricultural income reached a record high in 1972 of \$25,105,550,
exceeding the previous record year of 1971 by \$1,255,550. Higher
livestock and grain prices together with above average grain yields
played a major part in the increase over 1971.

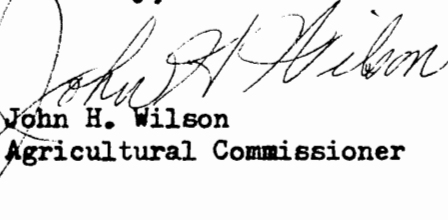
The fruit industry suffered a substantial drop in production over
last year due to severe spring frosts, with some growers virtually
losing their entire crop. However, the total fruit industry value
did not drop substantially from last year due to higher prices on
the major crops.

The beef industry continues to be the leading industry in the county,
followed by the turkey industry, the plum industry, and the rice
industry.

It should be kept in mind that the figures in this report show gross
returns to the economy of the county, but do not necessarily reflect
the net return to the grower who is continually faced with the
high cost/price squeeze.

The assistance of those growers, packing house managers and others
who helped my staff in the preparation of this report is greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely,



John H. Wilson
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL
Almonds	1972	243	.34	83	638.00	53,000
	1971	243	.22	53	532.00	28,200
Apples	1972	40	.63	25	159.00	3,980
	1971	40	3.85	70	154.00	10,800
Cherries	1972	22	3.41	75	472.00	35,400
	1971	22	6.27	138	322.00	44,400
Grapes	1972	383	.92	352	278.00	97,900
	1971	383	1.69	647	180.00	116,000
Olives	1972	98	.133	13	505.00	6,570
	1971	98	.327	32	521.00	16,700
Oranges Mandarins	1972	50	2.64	132	253.00	33,400
	1971	30	2.47	74	273.00	20,200
Peaches	1972	475	1.21	575	107.00	61,500
	1971	475	1.39	660	120.00	79,200
Pears, Total Bartletts	1972	1036	3.14	3,253	199.00	647,000
	1971	1036	4.68	4,848	122.00	591,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1972	75	2.37	187	302.00	56,500
	1971	75	7.64	573	145.00	83,100
Persimmons	1972	43	3.58	154	288.00	44,400
	1971	43	4.07	175	324.00	56,700
Plums	1972	2127	2.40	5,105	358.00	1,828,000
	1971	2127	3.51	7,466	288.00	2,150,000
Walnuts	1972	278	.281	78	572.00	44,600
	1971	115	.226	26	393.00	10,200
Misc. Fruits	1972	103	xxx	xxx	xxx	42,300
	1971	82	xxx	xxx	xxx	59,800
Total	1972					2,954,550
	1971					3,266,300

FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED	PER	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		ACREAGE	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1972	290	.79	229	Ton	58.00	13,300
	1971	770	.62	477	Ton	53.00	25,300
Hay, Alfalfa	1972	189	5.93	1,121	Ton	33.00	37,000
	1971	230	4.41	1,010	Ton	35.00	35,400
Hay, Oat	1972	2,744	1.98	5,433	Ton	30.00	163,000
	1971	3,630	1.59	5,772	Ton	28.00	162,000
Hay, Other	1972	597	2.08	1,242	Ton	28.00	34,800
	1971	682	1.42	968	Ton	26.00	25,200
Milo	1972	842	2.08	1,752	Ton	56.00	98,100
	1971	2,017	1.57	3,167	Ton	47.00	149,000
Oats	1972	8,107	.91	7,377	Ton	71.00	524,000
	1971	6,060	.72	4,363	Ton	49.00	216,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1972	26,100	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,853,000
	1971	24,900	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,743,000
Pasture, Other	1972	238,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,190,000
	1971	240,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,200,000
Rice	1972	4,944	2.83	14,000	Ton	108.00	1,512,000
	1971*	4,398	2.63	11,567	Ton	100.00	1,157,000
Wheat	1972	8,290	.94	7,790	Ton	54.00	421,000
	1971	6,200	.50	3,100	Ton	55.00	171,000
Misc. Field Crops	1972	975	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	177,000
	1971	550	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	38,000
* Revised							
Total	1972						6,023,200
	1971						4,921,900

SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Clover Seed	1972	754	178	134,000	lb	.70	93,800
Certified	1971	854	153	131,000	lb	.73	95,600
Other Seeds	1972	646	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	163,000
	1971	1,730	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	314,000
Total	1972						256,800
	1971						410,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT			TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1972	34,000	213,000	cwt	35.10	7,476,000
	1971	33,000	206,000	cwt	31.90	6,571,000
Sheep	1972	12,600	12,000	cwt	29.70	356,000
	1971	13,000	12,400	cwt	26.70	331,000
Swine	1972	2,500	4,630	cwt	26.20	121,000
	1971	2,900	5,370	cwt	18.50	99,000
Chicken	1972	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	228,000
	1971	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	146,000
Turkeys	1972	864,000	16,806,000	lb	.216	3,630,000
	1971	917,000	18,180,000	lb	.223	4,054,000
Other Livestock	1972	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	300,000
	1971	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	500,000
Total	1972					12,111,000
	1971					11,701,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
					TOTAL
Milk	1972	45,000	cwt	6.69	301,000
	Market	1971	50,700	cwt	6.58
Manufacturing	1972	30,800	cwt	4.52	139,000
	1971	34,800	cwt	4.35	151,000
Wool	1972	90,000	lb	.35	31,500
	1971	95,000	lb	.18	17,000
Eggs (Market)	1972	3,243,000	doz	.271	879,000
	1971	3,801,000	doz	.24	912,000
Turkey Hatching	1972	6,273,000	ea	.248	1,556,000
	1971	5,917,000	ea	.252	1,491,000
Total	1972				2,907,000
	1971				2,905,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PER	VALUE
		AREA	SOLD BY		UNIT	TOTAL
		FIELD ACRES	PRODUCERS			
Nursery Stock	1972	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	677,000
General	1971	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	601,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		TOTAL			TOTAL
Honey	1972	59,100	lb	.29	17,100
	1971	32,100	lb	.29	9,300
Beeswax	1972	15,300	lb	.56	8,570
	1971	830	lb	.64	533
Package Bees	1972	51,000	lb	1.55	79,100
	1971	11,000	lb	1.49	16,400
Queen Bees	1972	24,600	ea	1.62	39,900
	1971	6,000	ea	1.30	7,800
Pollination	1972	7,770	ea	4.00	31,100
	1971	1,890	ea	5.70	10,800
Total	1972				176,000
	1971				44,800

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NURSERY PRODUCTS	1972	677,000
	1971	601,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	1972	176,000
	1971	44,800
GRAND TOTAL	1972	25,105,550
	1971*	23,850,000

*Revised

GRAND TOTALS SINCE 1962

1962	\$ 19,403,000
1963	18,366,040
1964	18,195,450
1965	18,114,940
1966	22,295,480
1967	20,828,500
1968	22,591,560
1969	23,509,650
1970	23,458,120
1971*	23,850,000
1972	25,105,550

*Revised

