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I am pleased to submit the Agricultural Production Report for 1997, which provides information on acreages, yields, and value of Placer County agricultural products.

Rice was the major leading agricultural industry for Placer County, followed by the cattle and calves industry and the nursery industry.

This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income to the growers. Gross agricultural production in 1997 was \$49,640,700 an increase of \$1,753,700 from 1996. The timber industry brought in an additional \$16,381,000, for a total value of \$66,021,700. Also included is a report on the sustainable agricultural activities in the County.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the cooperation of all growers, organizations and individuals who provided the information necessary for this report, and to Douglas J. Mitani, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,


Griffith H. Yamamoto
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COMPARISON SUMMARY

INDUSTRY	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 5,082,700	\$ 5,405,800	\$ 5,154,700	\$ 5,149,400	\$ 5,735,200
Field Crops	\$18,217,000	\$19,192,000	\$18,965,000	\$21,076,000	\$18,836,000
Livestock/Poultry	\$12,682,000	\$11,062,000	\$11,982,000	\$13,933,000	\$19,818,000
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 2,994,000	\$ 2,459,200	\$ 3,084,500	\$ 3,077,200	\$ 2,674,800
Nursery Products	\$10,245,000	\$ 9,513,000	\$ 8,856,000	\$ 8,427,000	\$ 7,825,000
Apiary Products	\$ 420,000	\$ 255,000	\$ 241,000	\$ 382,300	\$ 512,350
Subtotals	\$49,640,700	\$47,887,000	\$48,283,200	\$52,044,900	\$55,401,350
Gross Timber Harvest	\$16,381,000	\$16,508,000	\$20,822,000	\$25,030,000	\$28,206,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$66,021,700	\$64,395,000	\$69,105,200	\$77,074,900	\$83,607,350

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 1997

1. Rice	\$11,985,000
2. Cattle & Calves	10,492,000
3. Nursery	10,245,000
4. Walnuts	2,231,000
5. Sheep	1,493,000

FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	1997	2,900	1.50	4,350	Ton	\$ 90.00	\$ 392,000
	1996	3,100	1.50	4,650	Ton	85.00	395,000
Hay, Other	1997	3,500	2.25	7,880	Ton	80.00	630,000
	1996	3,500	2.50	8,750	Ton	75.00	656,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1997	26,900			Acre	100.00	2,690,000
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Pasture, Other	1997	194,000			Acre	8.00	1,552,000
	1996	195,000			Acre	8.00	1,560,000
Rice	1997	17,900	3.94	70,500	Ton	170.00	11,985,000
	1996	16,800	3.76	63,200	Ton	205.00**	12,956,000
Wheat	1997		Under Miscellaneous Field Crops				
	1996	1,500	0.45	675	Ton	156.00	105,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1997						968,000
	1996						830,000
TOTAL	1997						\$18,217,000
TOTAL	1996						\$19,192,000

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa hay, clover seed, corn silage, oats, straw, sudan hay, sudan seed, and wheat.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1997	33,000	215,000	cwt.	48.80	\$10,492,000
	1996	32,500	212,000	cwt.	42.40	8,989,000
Sheep	1997	14,200	16,300	cwt.	91.60	1,493,000
	1996	14,200	16,300	cwt.	89.40	1,457,000
Swine	1997	1,300	2,860	cwt.	54.70	156,000
	1996	1,350	2,970	cwt.	52.00	154,000
Other Livestock*	1997					541,000
	1996					462,000
TOTAL	1997					\$12,682,000
TOTAL	1996					\$11,062,000

*Other Livestock includes chickens, game birds, goats, goat milk, manure, rabbits, turkeys, and worms.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wool	1997	57,800	lb.	\$0.85	\$ 49,000
	1996	57,800	lb.	\$0.80	46,200
Miscellaneous Livestock & Poultry Products	1997				2,945,000
	1996				2,413,000
TOTAL	1997				\$2,994,000
TOTAL	1996				\$2,459,200

*Miscellaneous Livestock & Poultry Products include chicken eggs, market milk and turkey eggs.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL
Apples	1997	76	4.51	343	\$ 741	\$ 254,000
	1996	76	4.67	355	794	282,000
Grapes	1997	80	2.88	230	406	93,400
	1996	80	3.20	256	400	102,000
Kiwi	1997	15	4.80	72	1,000	72,000
	1996	15	4.87	73	750	54,800
Oranges, Mandarins	1997	50	5.12	256	1,200	307,000
	1996	50	6.50	325	937	305,000
Peaches	1997	75	2.49	187	1,480	277,000
	1996	76	2.96	225	1,090	245,000
Pears, Bartlett	1997	40	1.73	69	693	47,800
	1996	40	2.65	106	600	63,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1997	Under Miscellaneous Fruit & Nut Crops				
	1996	55	.37	20	1,200	24,000
Persimmons	1997	14	3.43	48	1,240	59,500
	1996	14	5.79	81	1,330	108,000
Plums	1997	550	.39	215	800	172,000
	1996	575	.56	322	900	290,000
Walnuts	1997	1,091	1.55	1,690	1,320	2,231,000
	1996	1,091	1.27	1,390	1,460	2,029,000
Miscellaneous Fruits & Nuts*	1997					1,569,000
	1996					1,903,000
TOTAL	1997					\$5,082,700
TOTAL	1996					\$5,405,800

*Miscellaneous Fruit & Nut Crops include bushberries, cherries, navel oranges, nectarines, olives, pears (other varieties), pistachios, and prunes.

NURSERY PRODUCTS

YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Nursery Stock, General	
1997	\$10,245,000
1996	\$ 9,513,000

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST

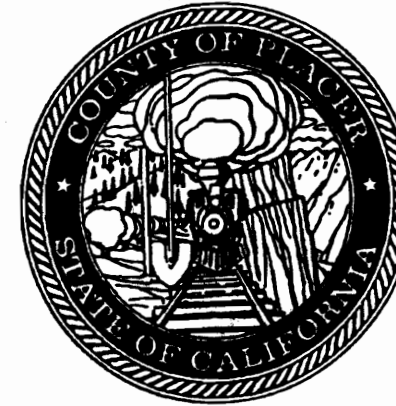
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	1997	51,211,000	bd. ft.	\$16,381,000
	1996	49,285,000	bd. ft.	\$16,508,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	
1997	\$420,000
1996	\$255,000

*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.

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BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Control Agent</u>	<u>Scope of Program</u>
Ash Whitefly	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Grapeleaf Skeletonizer	Parasitic Fly	9 sites
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	2 sites
Klamath Weed	Beetle	Numerous
Puncture Vine	Seed & Stem Weevil	Numerous
Skeleton Weed	Gall Mite	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Gallfly	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Hairy Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous

PEST EXCLUSION

Shipments Inspected for 1997

52,600 shipments inspected 200 shipments rejected

DETECTION TRAPPING

There were 5 different types of insect traps totaling 475 traps deployed within the County.

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Number of Farms</u>	<u>Estimated Acres</u>
Various	18	215

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