

# 2011 Amador County



## Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report

Mother Lode Harvest is a local foods and farm products association dedicated to connecting the people of Amador County and the foothills region to sustainable raised and produced goods, while supporting local farmers and agricultural producers. MLH started as a multi-farm CSA (community-supported agriculture) which represents a new advance in CSA programs offering greater variety to our customers. We are a not-for-profit membership association and are currently run entirely by volunteers.



May 31, 2012

Karen Ross, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
And  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Amador

In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to present the 2011 Amador County Report of Agriculture.

The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities produced in 2011 was \$29,777,623. This represents an increase of 25.52 % from the 2010 gross production values. The primary increases were livestock at 76.24% and timber at 29.36 %.

These production values only partially reflect the overall measure of the economic impact agriculture has on the local economy. Processing, transporting, marketing and other farm-related services significantly multiply the value agriculture has to Amador County.

It must be emphasized that this report deals with gross values of production only and does not attempt to reflect net farm income.

I would like to thank all the individuals, producers, processors, government agencies and others whose cooperation and assistance contributed in preparing this report. My sincerest thanks and appreciation must also be extended to the Amador County Department of Agriculture staff for their efforts in compiling and finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Boitano", written in a cursive style.

Michael E. Boitano  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2011	3477	2.92	10153	\$1,150	\$11,675,766
	2010	3429	2.92	10013	\$1,037	\$10,383,149
WALNUTS	2011	294.5	0.33	97	\$2,409	\$233,673
	2010	292	0.31	91	\$1,460	\$132,860
**MISC	2011	16.5				\$12,482
	2010	16.5				\$20,180
TOTALS	2011					\$11,921,921
	2010					\$10,536,189

\* Weighted Average Determination

\*\* Olive

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2011	282	6.2	1748	\$240	\$418,742
	2010	367	5.7	2092	\$125	\$261,500
*HAY, GRAIN	2011	1004				\$727,880
	2010	1034.72				\$397,201
**HAY, OTHER	2011	581				\$188,822
	2010	490				\$138,323
PASTURE IRRIGATED	2011	2200			\$70	\$154,000
	2010	1700			\$50	\$85,000
PASTURE & RANGE	2011	156801			\$22	\$3,449,622
	2010	156801			\$18	\$2,822,418
***MISC. CROPS	2011	350				\$384,478
	2010	267				\$229,373
TOTALS	2011					\$5,323,544
	2010					\$3,933,815

\* Wheat For/Fod, Oats For/Fod

\*\*Dry Land Hay, Ryegrass For/Fod,

\*\*\* Sudan Grass, Corn For/Fod

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2011	8800	8800	\$980	\$8,624,000
	2010	12900	83850	\$78	\$6,540,300
**HOGS & PIGS	2011	90	216	\$160	\$14,400
	2010	150	360	\$55	\$19,764
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2011	1800	2160	\$66	\$118,800
	2010	1800	2160	\$76	\$163,728
**MEAT GOATS (Breeding)	2011	300	450	\$400	\$120,000
	2010	200	300	\$300	\$60,000
MEAT GOATS	2011	950	950	\$275	\$261,250
	2010	900	900	\$275	\$247,500
^*MISC.	2011				\$587,306
	2010				\$486,895
TOTALS	2011				\$9,725,756
	2010				\$7,518,187

\* Milk Goats, Rabbits, Game Birds, Fish, Poultry

\*\* 2011 Sold by the head

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR	2011	\$62,664
AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2010	\$38,965

MISCELLANEOUS

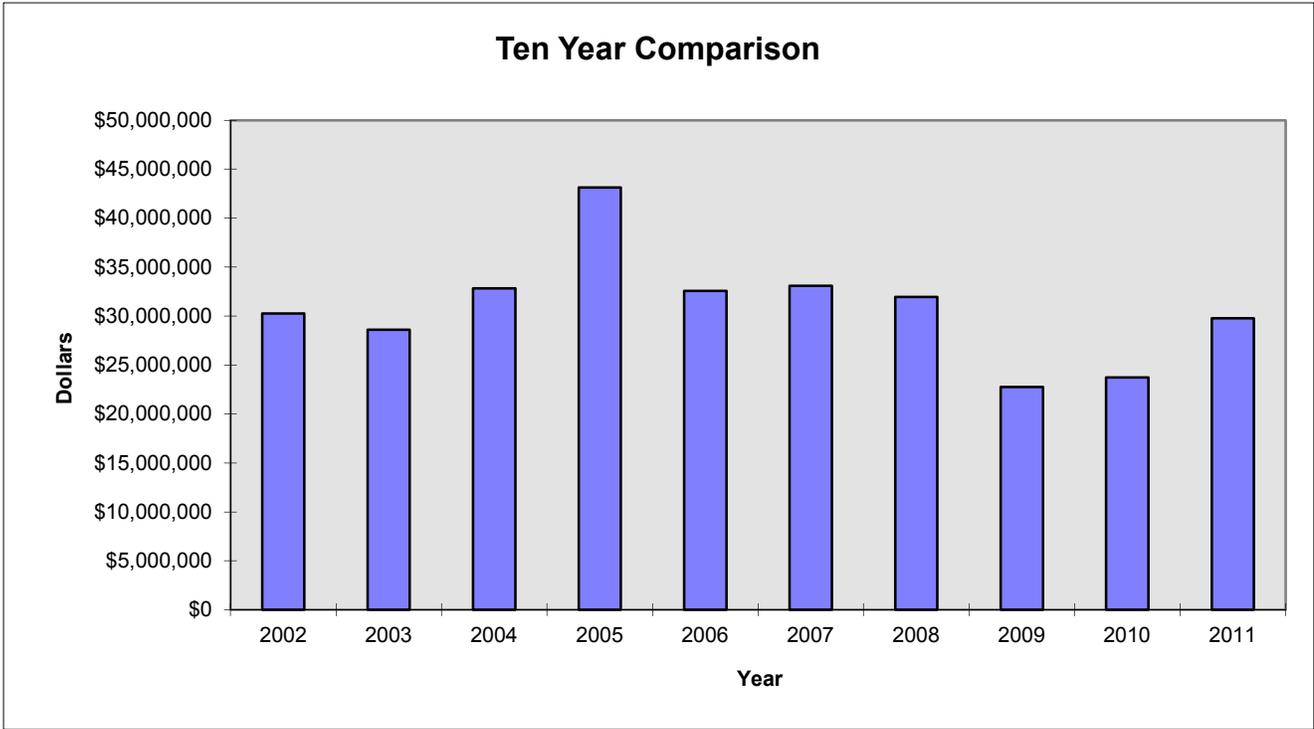
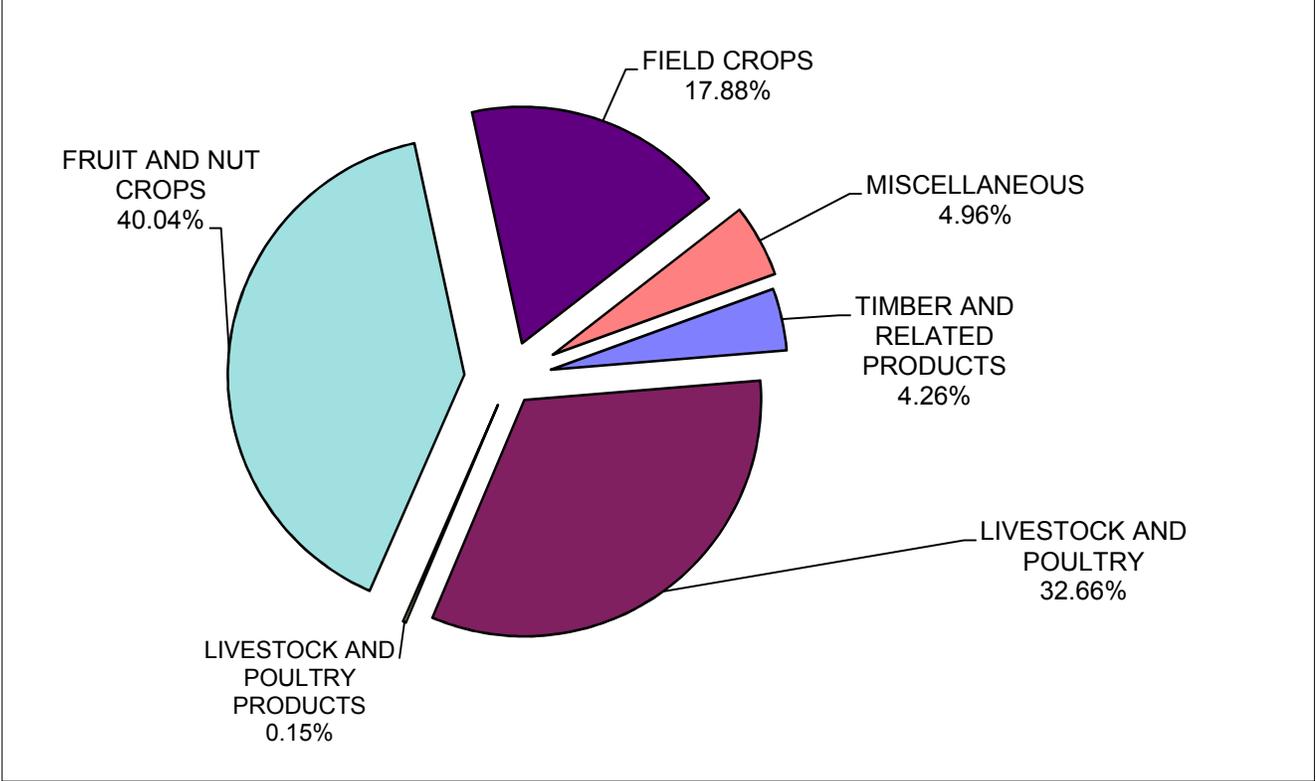
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*~FRESH VEGETABLES	2011	\$1,262,352
	2010	\$728,112
NURSERY STOCK	2011	\$214,136
	2010	\$248,665
TOTALS	2011	\$1,476,488
	2010	\$976,777

\* Farmers Market, Melons, Pumpkins, Tomatoes, Cucumbers,

~ Farmers Market increase reported by market manager

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2011	9,979 MBF	\$1,267,250
2010	7,718 MBF	\$719,056



RECAPITULATION		
	2010	2011
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	\$719,056	\$1,267,250
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$7,518,187	\$9,725,756
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$10,536,189	\$11,921,921
FIELD CROPS	\$3,933,815	\$5,323,544
MISCELLANEOUS	\$976,777	\$1,476,488
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$38,965	\$62,664
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,722,989	\$29,777,623

STATISTICS		
TOTAL LAND AREA	363500	acres
WILLIAMSON ACT LAND	93966	acres
EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST	78079	acres
BLM LAND	9191	acres
TIMBER PRESERVE LAND	28021	acres
PASTURE AND RANGELAND	156801	acres
LAND IN FARMS	218000	acres
FARMS IN COUNTY	376	

TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS				
2002	\$30,267,289	2007	\$33,075,168	
2003	\$28,597,349	2008	\$31,953,169	
2004	\$32,840,674	2009	\$22,755,641	
2005	\$43,127,023	2010	\$23,722,989	
2006	\$32,557,563	2011	\$29,777,623	

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

### BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAMS

PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	PROGRAM
KLAMATH WEED	KLAMATH WEED BEETLE	COUNTY WIDE
ITALIAN THISTLE	SEEDHEAD WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
PUNCTURE VINE	STEM & SEED WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
ASH WHITE FLY	ENCARSIA WASP	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARThISTLE	BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARThISTLE	EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARThISTLE	LARINUS CURTUS WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARThISTLE	YELLOW STARThISTLE GALL FLY	COUNTY WIDE

### PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

#### PEST ERADICATION

PEST	METHOD	SITES
RUSSIAN KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	9 SITES
SPOTTED KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	2 SITES
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	CHEMICAL / HAND PULLED	9 SITES
OBLONG SPURGE	CHEMICAL	2 SITES

#### PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	29	0
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	72	0

#### PEST DETECTION

#### INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAP	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	150
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	27
JAPANESE BEETLE	25
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	11
LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH	32
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	31
EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH	98

#### CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

NUMBER OF MARKETS	NUMBER OF VENDERS
4	30

#### ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	7
WINE GRAPES	3