

# 2016

## Amador County



Early 1930's



2016

## Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report



2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the Mother Lode Land Trust.

The Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT) started life as the Amador Land Trust and then over time added Alpine, El Dorado, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties to ensure that the spectacular natural lands found in these counties had a champion for their protection. It is the only local land trust serving the central Sierra Nevada and represents the communities that it serves.

The Mother Lode region is known for its diverse landscape of working ranches, rolling hills, oak woodlands, rivers, lakes, high sierra peaks, wide open spaces, and a rich and growing economy based on wine and tourism. Its natural beauty and resources can be threatened by “parcelization”– the almost invisible process of fragmenting larger swaths of land into smaller, less productive ones. Much of this is due to more and more people wanting to relocate to this region and enjoy its clean air, blue skies, light traffic, and natural beauty. But the smaller pieces do not add up into the former whole, for in fragmenting land forests are destroyed, large ranches are carved into smaller ones, and what were once undisturbed vistas, are now dotted with homes and housing developments.

In an effort to maintain the rural heritage of the region, the MLLT accepts conservation easements; owns and manages lands with significant agricultural, natural, and historic values; provides technical assistance to landowners on preservation techniques, and promotes public awareness of the importance of preserving lands. It also seeks to provide public recreation when possible.

Its land protection work is accomplished through holding conservation easements on lands that have significant conservation value. Easements compensate landowners for not developing their lands and help them keep the land private and family owned. MLLT holds 23 conservation easements on more than 5,000 acres preserving agricultural, historical, natural, and recreational lands. MLLT also owns and manages three preserves: the C&C Ranch in Jackson, Long Gulch Ranch in Groveland, and Deer Creek Hills near Rancho Murieta.

To learn more or to become involved with the Mother Lode Land Trust, please visit the MLLT website at [www.motherlodelandtrust.org](http://www.motherlodelandtrust.org) or stop by the historic, pink Chichizola Store, featured in cover photos, located at 1324 Jackson Gate Road, Jackson, CA 95642.

Cover photo on the top left is courtesy of the Amador County Archives.



September 12, 2017

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

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present Amador County's Annual Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for 2016. The report represents estimated acreage, yield and gross value of agricultural products in Amador County.

The total gross production value for all agricultural commodities produced in 2016 was \$37,474,110. This is a 4.57% increase from last year's production value of \$35,836,904. The primary increases were wine grapes at 23.18% and timber at 27.88%.

The figures contained in this report represent gross values of agricultural commodities and do not reflect production costs or net returns to growers. 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.

I wish to express my appreciation to the agricultural producers, organizations, and public agencies that have cooperated in providing data for this report. I would also like to express sincere thanks to my staff, especially Barry Clark who compiled the report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Mayberry", is written over a horizontal line.

Eric Mayberry  
Agricultural Commissioner

# **AMADOR COUNTY**

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**FRUIT AND NUT CROPS**

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2016	4260	3.17	13504	\$1,335	\$18,027,840
	2015	4533	2.5	11333	\$1,291	\$14,630,903
WALNUTS	2016	152	0.54	82	\$2,370	\$194,340
	2015	148	0.57	84	\$2,116	\$177,744
**MISC	2016	152				\$498,297
	2015	126				\$304,307
TOTALS	2016					\$18,720,477
	2015					\$15,112,954

\* Weighted Average Determination

\*\* Olive Oil, Kiwis, Pomegranates

**FIELD CROPS**

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2016	633	5.99	3792	\$150	\$568,751
	2015	614	6.6	4052	\$207	\$838,036
*HAY, GRAIN	2016	1232				\$519,701
	2015	1135				\$574,986
**HAY, OTHER	2016	549.54				\$152,446
	2015	396.3				\$97,553
PASTURE IRRIGATED	2016	2050			\$100	\$205,000
	2015	2050			\$95	\$194,750
PASTURE & RANGE	2016	156801			\$30	\$4,704,030
	2015	156801			\$35	\$5,488,035
***MISC. CROPS	2016	353				\$217,033
	2015	353				\$231,393
TOTALS	2016					\$6,366,961
	2015					\$7,424,754

\* 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/ HEAD	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2016	12500	81250	\$841	\$10,512,500
	2015	12800	83200	\$894	\$11,443,200
**HOGS & PIGS	2016	50	120	\$135	\$6,750
	2015	25	60	\$141	\$3,534
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2016	2400	2880	\$195	\$468,000
	2015	2400	2880	\$189	\$453,600
~**MEAT GOATS (Breeding)	2016				
	2015	350	875	\$550	\$192,500
MEAT GOATS	2016	1100	1100	\$225	\$247,500
	2015	950	0	\$200	\$190,000
*MISC.	2016				\$369,924
	2015				\$365,924
TOTALS	2016				\$11,604,674
	2015				\$12,648,758

\* Milk Goats, Rabbits, Game Birds, Poultry

\*\* Sold by the head

~ For 2016 included with "MEAT GOATS"

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR	2016	\$54,023
AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2015	\$65,513

MISCELLANEOUS

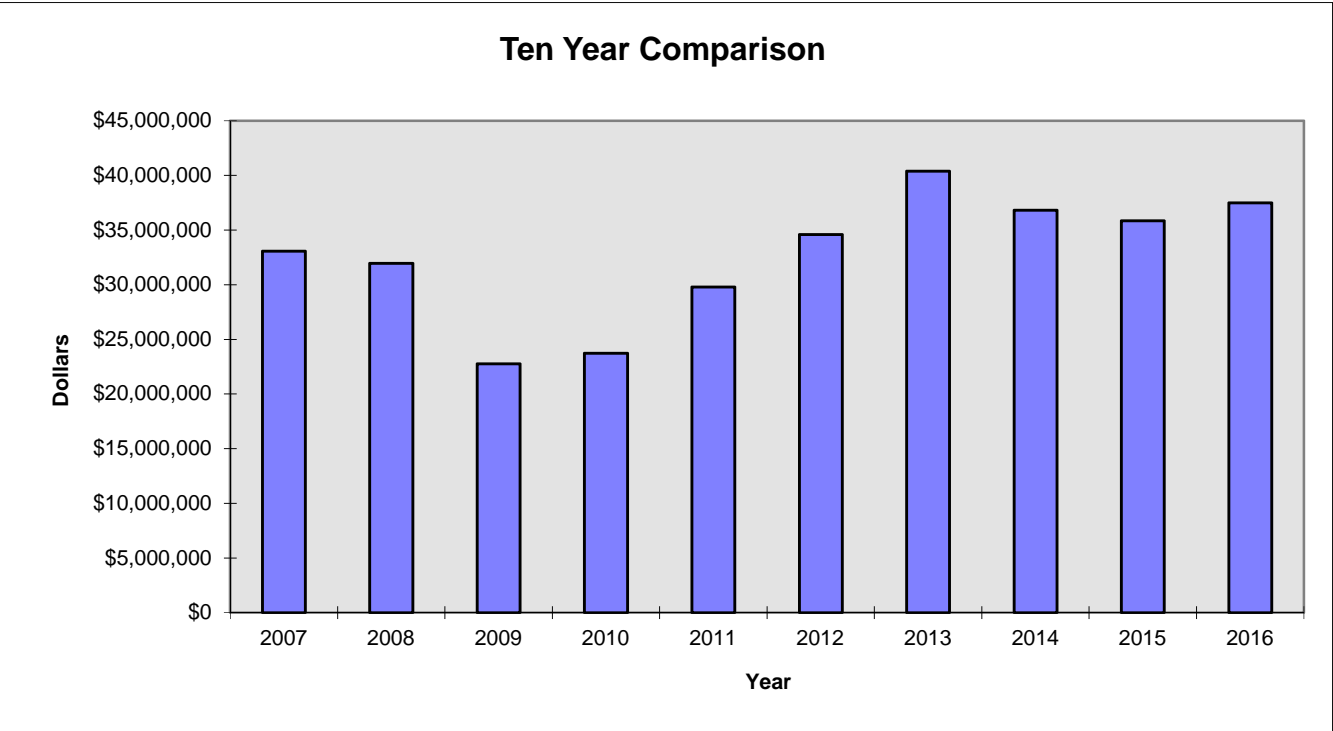
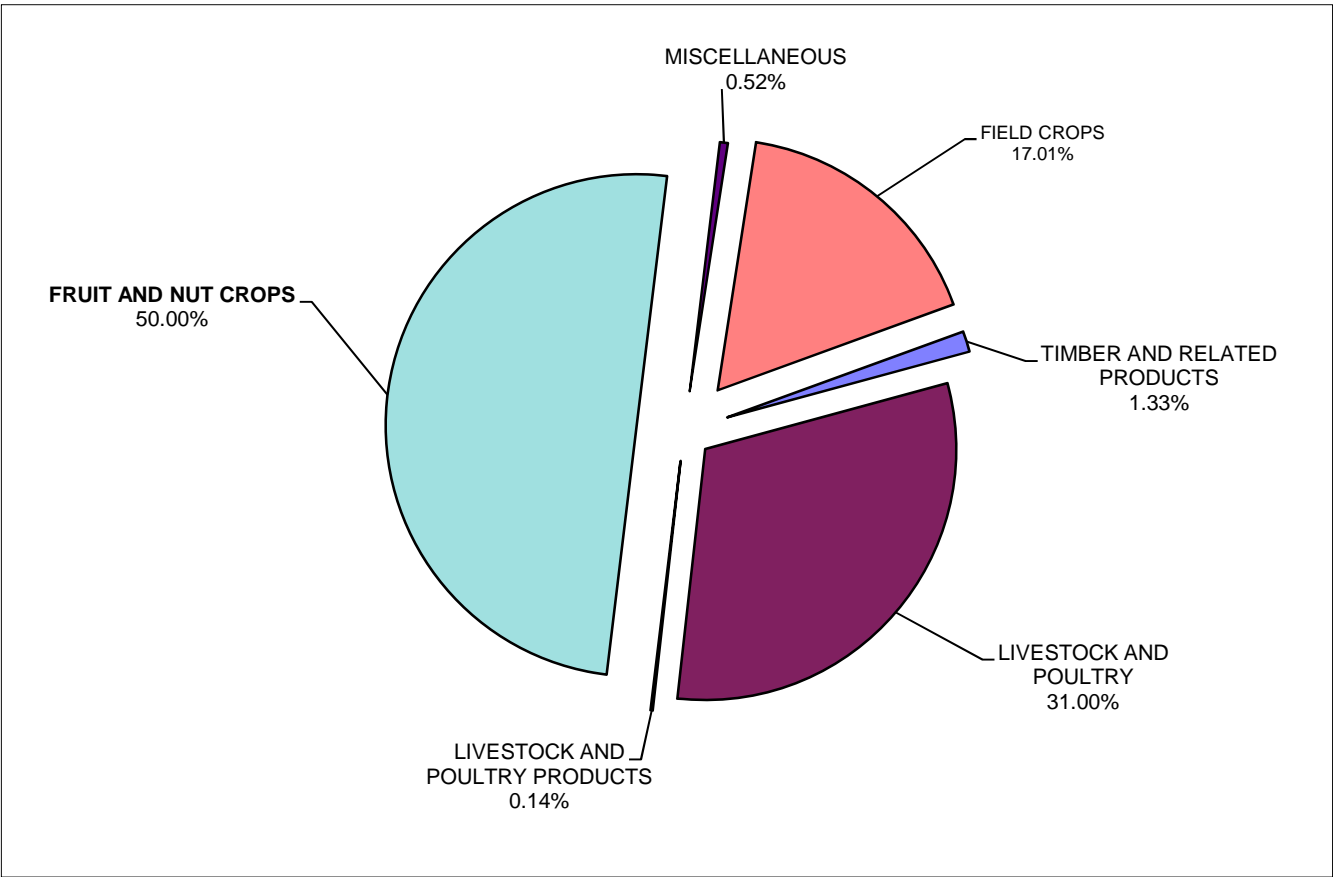
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*FRESH VEGETABLES	2016	\$36,775
	2015	\$56,000
NURSERY STOCK	2016	\$192,070
	2015	\$138,600
TOTALS	2016	\$228,845
	2015	\$194,600

\* Farmers Market & Pumpkins

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2016	1,753 MBF	\$499,130
2015	1,753 MBF	\$390,325

MBF = Million Board Feet





**RECAPITULATION**

	2015	2016
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	\$390,325	\$499,130
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$12,648,758	\$11,604,674
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$15,112,954	\$18,720,477
FIELD CROPS	\$7,424,754	\$6,366,961
MISCELLANEOUS	\$194,600	\$228,845
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$65,513	\$54,023
GRAND TOTAL	\$35,836,904	\$37,474,110

**STATISTICS**

TOTAL LAND AREA	363500	acres
WILLIAMSON ACT LAND	93113	acres
EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST	78079	acres
BLM LAND	8572	acres
TIMBER PRESERVE LAND	28021	acres
PASTURE AND RANGELAND	156801	acres
LAND IN FARMS	*155187	acres
FARMS IN COUNTY	*461	

\* 2012 Census of Agriculture - County Data

**TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS**

2007	#REF!	2012	\$29,777,623
2008	\$33,075,168	2013	\$34,584,662
2009	\$31,953,169	2014	\$40,393,020
2010	\$22,755,641	2015	\$35,836,904
2011	\$23,722,989	2016	\$37,474,110

## 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 STARHISTLE	BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	LARINUS CURTUS WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	YELLOW STARHISTLE GALL FLY	COUNTY WIDE

### PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

#### PEST ERADICATION

PEST	METHOD	SITES
RUSSIAN KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	1 SITE
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	HAND PULLED	3 SITES

#### PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	22	0
GYPSY MOTH	1	0
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	64	0

### PEST DETECTION

#### INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAP	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	150
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	16
JAPANESE BEETLE	25
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	11
LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH	16
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	31
EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH	58

### CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

NUMBER OF MARKETS	NUMBER OF VENDORS
4	19

### ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	3
WINE GRAPES	3