

**1963**  
**AMADOR COUNTY**

**ANNUAL CROP  
AND  
LIVESTOCK REPORT**

**Agricultural Commissioner**

**P. O. BOX 74**

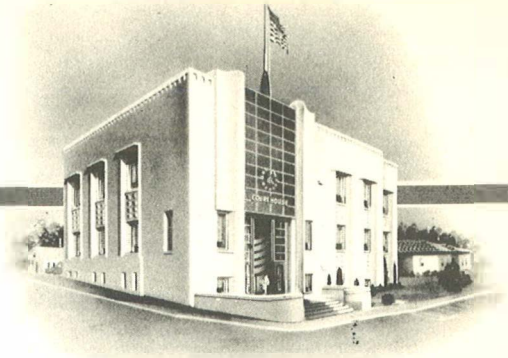
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# AMADOR COUNTY

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April 16, 1964

Mr. Charles Paul, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Amador County

Thomas E. Powelson, Chairman  
Evelyn Garbarini H. Tilden Richards  
Myron D. Questo Harold E. Colburn

Gentlemen:

This is the 1963 Agricultural Crop Report submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code.

The figures shown in this report represent gross value of production and do not intend to reflect net income to the grower.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, operators, and especially to the members of my staff for their help in compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard D. Henderson*

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AMADOR COUNTY  
GENERAL INFORMATION

Amador County is located on the eastern slope of the Sacramento Valley in the Sierra Nevada foothills. It ranges from an elevation of 200 feet at Ione to 8500 feet at the Kit Carson Pass on Highway 88. Its rolling hills are primarily used for the production of lumber and cattle. Shenandoah Valley produces much of the sheep, grapes and wine, fruit and nut crops, and some field crops. The balance of the field crops and nearly all of the milk are produced in the Ione and Jackson Valley areas. Amador County is also the center of the Angora goat raising industry. From these goats come the mohair.

Amador County abounds with recreational facilities. Pardee Reservoir Recreation Area is located near Ione. Also located in the southwest portion of the county is the Camanche Dam Recreational Area, a three county facility. To be completed in 1965, the thirty-three million dollar 155 foot high earth-filled dam will be one of California's finest recreation areas with swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, camp facilities, et cetera. There are also Bear River and Silver Lake, both on Highway 88, for the camper, boater and fisherman. The hunting and fishing in the back country are excellent. For the winter sport enthusiast, Amador County rates high in the California picture.

The livelihood of the county from the standpoint of employment is derived from the following classifications of work: public work (Federal, State and County), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, mining and small businesses. In addition, there are the famed clay, silica sand and lignite deposits located in the Ione area. There are only two lignite deposits bearing Montan Wax in the world, the Ione plant and a plant in East Germany.

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Land Area	380,000 acres
Cultivated Crops	6,379 acres
Range Land	165,000 acres
Private Forests	124,283 acres
Federal Land	77,170 acres
Farms	263

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves (all)	1963	114,760	89,500	Cwt.	21.39	\$1,921,000
	1962	9,420	55,200	Cwt.	21.81	1,204,000
Calves	1963	7,760	49,600	Cwt.	24.35	1,208,000
	1962	5,890	29,300	Cwt.	25.22	739,000
Others	1963	7,000	39,900	Cwt.	17.70	713,000
	1962	3,530	25,900	Cwt.	17.95	465,000
Chickens (all)	1963	143,000	5,104	Cwt.	14.51	74,080
	1962	172,200	6,673	Cwt.	15.75	105,000
Broilers & Fryers	1963	109,000	3,674	Cwt.	17.82	65,500
	1962	154,000	5,820	Cwt.	17.18	100,000
Other Chickens	1963	34,000	1,430	Cwt.	6.00	8,580
	1962	18,200	853	Cwt.	6.00	5,120
Hogs & Pigs	1963	960	1,488	Cwt.	17.40	25,900
	1962	1,000	1,470	Cwt.	18.50	27,200
Sheep & Lambs	1963	4,335	4,250	Cwt.	14.30	60,800
	1962	4,560	4,510	Cwt.	14.00	63,100
Goats	1963	1,042		Head	9.00	9,380
	1962	1,000		Head	9.00	9,000
Misc.	1963					5,000
	1962					6,000
TOTAL VALUE	1963					\$2,096,160
	1962					\$1,414,300

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Cow (All)	1963	33,760	Cwt.	4.40	\$ 148,500
	1962	27,300	Cwt.	4.54	123,980
Market	1963	24,900	Cwt.	4.82	120,000
	* 1962	24,100	Cwt.	4.76	114,000
Manufac- turing	1963	8,860	Cwt.	3.22	28,500
	1962	3,200	Cwt.	3.12	9,980
Eggs, chicken	1963	595,200	Doz.	.315	187,500
	1962	595,000	Doz.	.30	179,000
Mohair	1963	5,680	Lbs.	.754	4,300
	1962	7,500	Lbs.	.595	4,460
Wool	1963	32,100	Lbs.	.546	16,200
	1962	33,900	Lbs.	.51	17,300
Total Value	1963				\$356,500
*Revised	* 1962				326,760

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreeage	Production		Value	
			per acre	total tons	per ton	Total
Apples	1963	35	2.10	74	\$125	\$ 9,250
	1962	34	1.03	35	120	4,200
Grapes, wine	1963	594	3.22	1913	105	200,865
	1962	574	1.69	970	105	102,000
Olives	1963	11	.60	6.6	80	528
	1962	11	1.05	11.5	75	863
Prunes	1963	105	1.22	128.1	280	35,868
	1962	105	.11	11.6	210	2,440
Walnuts	1963	225	.314	70.7	450	31,815
	1962	225	.084	19	440	8,360
Misc.	1963	22				4,000
	1962	18				1,000
Totals	1963	992				\$282,326
	1962	967				\$118,863

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1963	689	.88	605	Ton	43.00	26,000
	1962	621	1.15	714	Ton	43.00	30,700
Hay (all)	1963	3,450	2.09	7,170	Ton	20.93	150,000
	1962	3,272	2.17	7,120	Ton	20.87	148,600
Alfalfa	1963	335	3.4	1,125	Ton	25.50	28,700
	1962	320	3.4	1,090	Ton	22.00	24,000
Grain	1963	2,020	2.0	4,080	Ton	21.00	85,700
	1962	2,000	2.3	4,600	Ton	21.50	98,900
Other	1963	1,095	1.82	1,970	Ton	19.50	36,100
	1962	952	1.5	1,430	Ton	18.00	25,700
Pasture Irrigated	1963	1,149			Acre	48.00	55,100
	1962	890			Acre	48.00	40,700
Range & Pasture (dry)	1963	165,000			Acre	2.25	371,000
	1962	165,000			Acre	1.91	315,000
Corn Silage	1963	107	10.8	1,155	Ton	7.00	8,090
	1962	73	13.	950	Ton	7.00	6,050
Sorghum (Grain)	1963	75	.25	38	Ton	40.00	1,520
	1962	90	.9	81	Ton	40.00	3,240
Wheat	1963	67	.92	62	Ton	65.00	4,030
	1962	83	1.07	89	Ton	65.00	5,790
Oats	1963	65	1.00	65	Ton	47.00	3,060
	1962	165	1.11	183	Ton	44.00	8,050
Misc. Crops	1963						72,800
	1962						38,100
TOTALS	1963						692,100
	1962						595,730

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MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Honey	1963		6,200	lbs.	.14	\$ 888
	1962		4,500	lbs.	.11	495
Vegetables (Fresh)	1963	35	192	tons		14,800
	1962	35	171	tons		13,200
TOTAL	1963					\$15,688
	1962					\$13,695

RECAPITULATION

Field Crops	174,052 Acres	\$ 692,100
Fruit & Nut Crops	992 Acres	282,326
Livestock & Poultry		2,096,160
Livestock & Poultry Products		356,500
Miscellaneous		15,688
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 3,427,744

TOTALS FOR PAST TEN YEARS

1954	\$2,355,499
1955	2,342,185
1956	2,077,141
1957	2,119,784
1958	2,548,917
1959	2,675,125
1960	2,509,120
1961	2,416,870
1962	2,469,348
1963	3,427,744



JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

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(In Number of Head)

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Item	January 1, 1963	January 1, 1964
Cattle & Calves (All)	13,000 (revised)	13,700
Cows, Milk (2 years)	500	<sup>500</sup> <del>5,000</del>
Sheep & Lambs	4,700	4,300
Hogs & Pigs	1,000	900

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\*Source - California Crop & Livestock  
Reporting Service