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Agricultural Crop Report

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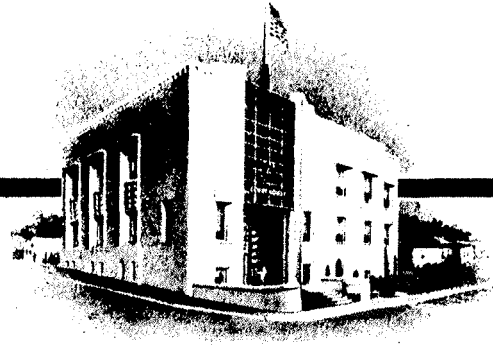


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To: L. T. Wallace, Director
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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1974 Agricultural Crop Report.

Amador County's total gross farm crop value for 1974 is \$5,187,800. This represents a reduction of over 26% from the all time high in 1973 of \$7,023,100. In the 1974 crop season there were considerable price differentials for many commodities, with livestock and wine grape prices showing the most dramatic change.

The values contained in this report are gross values and in no way reflect the net gain to the producer.

All three of the major fruit and nut crops in Amador County showed decreases both in price and yield for 1974. The decrease in yield was caused by spring weather conditions.

Livestock production figures showed beef cattle prices off 22%. Hog prices were also lower, but sheep and lamb prices reflected a slight increase. Overall livestock and poultry values were off almost \$1,500,000.

Most field crop prices were up considerably in 1974. Total gross values for field crops increased 18% over 1973.

I am grateful to all individuals and organizations who contributed information to this report.

Respectfully submitted

David A. Thompson, Jr.
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS . . .			Production Per			Value Per	
			Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit
Hay, Alfalfa	1974	948	4.10	3,886	ton	\$ 66.00	\$ 256,500
	1973	910	4.20	3,822	ton	60.00	229,300
Grain, Hay	1974	1,250	2.00	2,500	ton	50.00	125,000
	1973	1,300	2.05	2,665	ton	40.00	106,600
Hay, Other	1974	950	1.50	1,425	ton	35.00	49,900
	1973	900	1.40	1,260	ton	30.00	37,800
Pasture, Irrigated	1974	2,000			acre	60.00	120,000
	1973	2,000			acre	60.00	120,000
Pasture, Dry Seeded	1974	2,200			acre	35.00	77,000
	1973	2,200			acre	35.00	77,000
Range and Pasture	1974	194,400			acre	4.50	874,800
	1973	194,400			acre	4.00	777,600
Milo	1974	450	2.00	900	ton	125.00	112,500
	1973	340	2.10	714	ton	100.00	71,400
Miscellaneous Crops ⁽¹⁾	1974	1,079					621,400
	1973	1,214					477,400
TOTAL	1974						\$2,237,100
	1973						1,897,100

(1) Small grains, beans, seed crops, field corn, silage corn & sugar beets

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .			Bearing	Production Per		Value	
			Acres	Acre	Tons	Ton	Total
Grapes, Wine	1974	589	2.28	1,343	\$253.00	\$ 339,800	
	1973	584	4.40	2,570	390.00	1,002,300	
Prunes	1974	119	.80	96	450.00	43,200	
	1973	119	1.80	214	460.00	98,500	
Walnuts	1974	695	.42	292	400.00	116,800	
	1973	660	.51	337	560.00	188,700	
Miscellaneous*	1974	60				4,700	
	1973	60				5,500	
TOTAL	1974	1,463				504,500	
	1973	1,423				1,295,000	

* Apples, olives, pears and other nut crops

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE . . .

Vegetables, Fresh	1974	40 Acres	\$11,400
	1973	40 Acres	10,000
Christmas Trees and Nursery Stock	1974		79,000
	1973		85,000
TOTAL	1974		\$90,400
	1973		95,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

		No.	Weight	Value Per	
				Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves	1974	6,500	48,850 cwt.	\$ 36.00	\$1,756,800
	1973	9,100	66,800 cwt.	46.00	3,072,800
Horses	1974	250		200.00	50,000
	1973	300		250.00	75,000
Hogs and Pigs	1974	700	1,000 cwt.	34.00	34,000
	1973	1,100	1,700 cwt.	42.00	71,400
Sheep and Lambs	1974	1,100	1,000 cwt.	40.00	40,000
	1973	2,750	2,475 cwt.	35.00	86,600
Goats (Angora)	1974	720		29.00	20,900
	1973	1,000		17.00	17,000
Miscellaneous (1)	1974				253,000
	1973				191,600
TOTAL	1974				\$2,154,700
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(1) Includes milk cows, milk goats, poultry, rabbits, game birds, fish, and fur-bearing animals

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	<u>January 1, 1974</u>	<u>January 1, 1975</u>
Cattle and Calves (all)	12,900	15,700
Sheep and Lambs	1,100	1,000
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* Figures from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Wool, Mohair, Eggs, and	1974	\$201,100
Apiary Products	1973	191,600

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	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
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TOTAL FOR PAST TEN YEARS

1964	\$2,609,718	1968	\$5,516,410	1972*	\$5,116,400
1965	3,275,118	1969	6,033,480	1973	7,023,100
1966	3,913,750	1970	6,607,250	1974	5,187,800
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