

1988

**AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT
AMADOR COUNTY**



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In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present the 1988 Crop and Livestock Report of Agricultural Production in Amador County.

Agriculture continues to be the county's major producing industry with an estimated gross production value for 1988 of \$14,543,000. Most of the increase is attributed to an increased yield and higher prices for wine grapes and timber.

This report deals with the gross value of production and does not attempt to reflect net farm income nor cost of production and marketing.

Data used for the preparation of this report has been obtained from producers, processors, government agencies, and others, whose cooperation and assistance is sincerely appreciated. In addition, I would also like to extend my appreciation to the staff for the effort in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Thompson
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS. . .

	YEAR	NON-			TOT.	\$/		TOTAL
		BEARING ACRES	BEARING ACRES	PROD./ ACRE		UNIT	\$	
GRAPES, RED WINE	1988	1,184	58	3.66	4,333	\$ 677.00	\$ 2,933,400	
	1987	1,237	52	3.85	4,762	\$ 434.00	\$ 2,066,900	
GRAPES, WHITE WINE	1988	366	16	3.06	1,120	441.00	493,900	
	1987	413	18	3.22	1,330	355.00	472,100	
GRAPES, ALL WINE	1988	1,550	74	3.52	5,453	631.00	3,427,300	
	1987	1,650	70	3.71	6,118	415.00	2,539,000	
PRUNES	1988	62	0	2.40	149	720.00	107,100	
	1987	62	0	2.90	180	690.00	124,000	
WALNUTS	1988	589	4	.76	445	900.00	400,500	
	1987	667	3	.84	561	951.00	533,500	
MISCELLANEOUS*	1988	46	0				93,000	
	1987	50	0				114,000	
TOTAL FOR	1988	2,255	78				\$ 4,027,900	
TOTAL FOR	1987	2,367	143				\$ 3,310,500	

* Apples, olives, kiwis, and other nut crops

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE. . .

	YEAR	ACREAGE	\$ TOTAL
VEGETABLES, FRESH AND PROCESSING	1988	42	\$ 124,500
	1987	45	\$ 117,000
CHRISTMAS TREES	1988		11,500
	1987		15,000
TOTAL FOR	1988		\$ 136,000
TOTAL FOR	1987		\$ 132,000

FIELD CROPS. . .

	YEAR	PRODUCTION				\$/	
		ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	\$ TOTAL
HAY, ALFALFA	1988	193	4.05	782	TON	\$90.00	\$ 70,300
	1987	250	4.90	1,225	TON	\$75.00	\$ 91,900
HAY, GRAIN	1988	840	1.70	1,428	TON	55.00	78,500
	1987	1,017	1.90	1,932	TON	55.00	106,300
HAY, OTHER	1988	620	.75	465	TON	50.00	23,300
	1987	1,390	.80	1,112	TON	50.00	55,600
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1988	1,704				90.00	153,400
	1987	1,715				85.00	145,800
PASTURE, DRY SEEDED	1988	2,100				18.00	37,800
	1987	2,100				22.00	46,200
PASTURE AND RANGE	1988	190,000				5.00	950,000
	1987	194,000				5.00	930,000
BARLEY	1988	110	.96	106	TON	105.00	11,000
	1987	90	1.00	90	TON	85.00	7,650
CORN	1988	341	4.50	1,534	TON	115.00	176,500
	1987	190	4.60	874	TON	75.00	65,600
WHEAT	1988	170	.90	153	TON	120.00	18,400
	1987	380	.90	342	TON	80.00	27,400
MISCELLANEOUS CROPS*	1988	379					218,100
	1987	450					375,400
TOTAL FOR	1988	196,457					\$ 1,737,300
TOTAL FOR	1987	201,582					\$ 1,851,850

* Sugar beets, milo, kidney beans, and safflower

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS. . .

		HARVESTED BOARD FEET	\$ TOTAL
	1988	33,100,000	\$ 3,560,000
	1987	33,091,000	\$ 2,739,403

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY. . .

	YEAR	NUMBER		VALUE	
		OF HEAD	WEIGHT(CWT)	PER UNIT	\$ TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1988	11,700	76,050	\$ 61.80	\$ 4,699,900
	1987	10,400	97,200	\$ 56.30	\$ 5,472,400
HOGS AND PIGS	1988	360	576	47.00	27,100
	1987	500	900	58.20	52,500
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1988	1,800	2,070	70.30	145,500
	1987	2,000	2,200	74.00	162,800
GOATS (ANGORA)	1988	350		45.00	15,800
	1987	575		47.50	23,300
MISCELLANEOUS*	1988				97,500
	1987				128,000
TOTAL FOR	1988				\$ 4,985,800
TOTAL FOR	1987				\$ 5,839,000

* INCLUDES MILK COWS, MILK GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, GAMEBIRDS, FISH, AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS. . .

	YEAR	\$	TOTAL
WOOL, MOHAIR, EGGS	1988	\$	96,500
AND APIARY PRODUCT	1987	\$	103,000

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY*

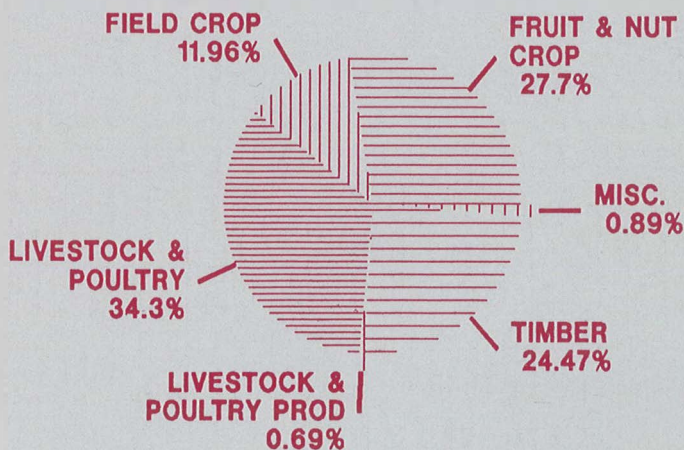
	1988	1989
CATTLE AND CALVES (ALL)	15,900	19,500
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1,500	1,200
HOGS AND PIGS	100	50

* FIGURES FROM CALIFORNIA CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTING SERVICE

RECAPITULATION

	1987	1988
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	3,310,500	4,027,900
FIELD CROPS	\$ 1,851,850	\$ 1,737,300
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	5,839,000	4,985,800
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	103,000	96,500
MISCELLANEOUS	132,000	136,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 11,236,350	\$ 10,983,500
TIMBER	\$ 2,739,400	\$ 3,560,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 13,975,750	\$ 14,543,000

1988 CROP BREAKDOWN



TOTAL FOR PAST TEN YEARS

1979	\$	8,150,300	1984	\$	9,539,820
1980	\$	8,137,220	1985	\$	10,130,400
1981	\$	9,171,500	1986	\$	12,774,200
1982	\$	9,196,100	1987	\$	13,975,750
1983	\$	9,830,860	1988	\$	14,543,000

FOOD SAFETY

This year will undoubtedly be remembered as the year in which food safety became a major concern of the public. Reports concerning Alar on apples and adulterated Chilean fruit served to heighten public awareness and concern over the safety of their fresh food supply. Ironically, at the very same time, the National Academy of Sciences released a 1400 page report strongly encouraging the public to double their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

California has long had the well deserved reputation of having the toughest regulations concerning food safety and pesticide usage in the world. California's strong pesticide regulatory program is administered jointly throughout the state by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the county Agricultural Commissioners. This program utilizes over 650,000 staff hours annually to make certain that pesticides are being used legally and safely. Food grown under California's tight regulatory program is safe.

This program is not only the toughest state program in existence but has restrictions on pesticides and their usage which exceed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards. While these restrictions substantially increase the cost of agricultural production for California producers over products grown in other states and countries, they provide top protection to farm workers, the environment and consumers of California products. California has long been on the leading edge in developing programs to regulate pesticides and quite often the E.P.A. adopts its pesticide programs based on California's leadership.

California's pesticide residue sampling for agricultural products is by far the most extensive program anywhere. The number of residue samples analyzed in this program not only exceeds the total number of samples of all other state programs combined but also exceeds the total number of samples analyzed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the entire nation. Because this program is cooperatively administered by a system of county and state regulatory agencies, it affords a timely response in sampling, analyzing and quarantining any product not meeting the high standards established to insure its safety.

While agricultural producers must bear the increased burden of trying to produce top quality products under increasingly tighter restrictions, California's leadership has determined that affording this level of protection is the cost of doing business in California.

Other states and countries would be well advised to afford their citizens and environments California's level of protection.