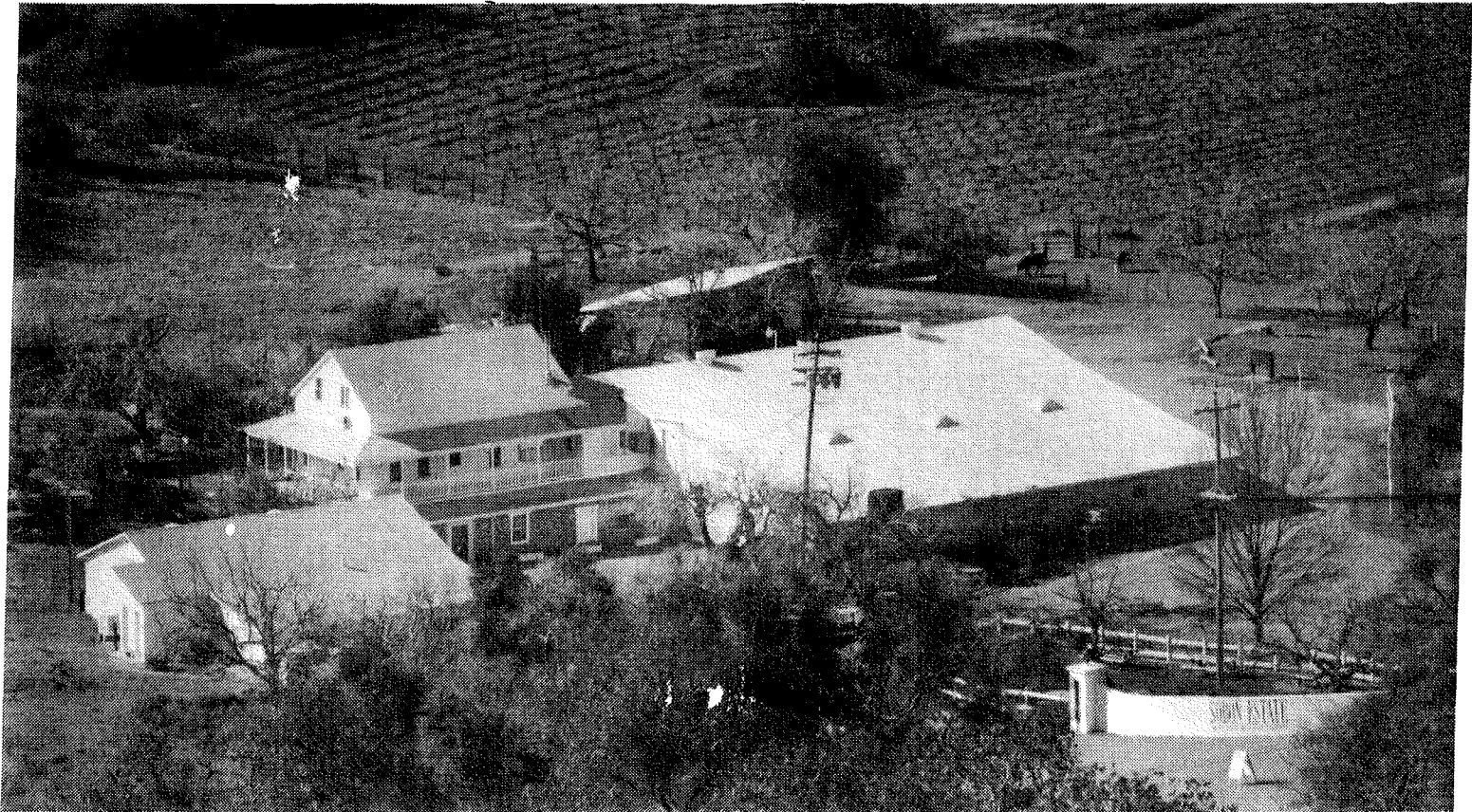


AMADOR COUNTY

1995 Report of Agriculture





The cover photograph depicts the historic D'Agostini Winery in the Shenandoah Valley of Amador County. The D'Agostini Winery, the third oldest in California, is recognized by historians as California Registered Landmark Number 762. The vineyard was established in 1852 with Zinfandel vines and its first crush took place in 1856. Cover photograph courtesy of Sobon Estate.

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April 30, 1996

Ann M. Veneman, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Amador County

In accordance with Section 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present the 1995 Crop and Livestock Report of Agricultural Production and Report of Sustainable Agriculture in Amador County.

The gross valuation of all agricultural products was \$24,833,902, basically unchanged from the previous year.

The gross valuation remained stable due only to an all time high in wine grape valuation of \$8,597,012, up \$4,113,422, an increase of 92% from 1994. This increase offset a 29% decrease in timber, down \$3,598,087 from 1994 and a 25% decrease in cattle and calves, down \$1,030,800 from 1994.

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 value of production only and does not attempt to reflect net farm income.

I would like to thank all of the individuals, producers, processors, government agencies, and others whose cooperation and assistance contributed in the preparation of this report. My sincerest thanks and appreciation must also be extended to my staff and the U.C. Cooperative Extension for their efforts in finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Paulsen
Agricultural Commissioner

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HAR-VESTED ACRES	PROD./ACRE	TOT. TONS	\$/UNIT	\$ TOTAL
WINE GRAPES *	1995	2,287	5.25	12,007	716	8,597,012
	1994	2,212	3.28	7,255	618	4,483,590
PRUNES	1995	34	1.3	44	1000	44,000
	1994	34	2.00	68	950	64,600
WALNUTS	1995	629	.27	170	1246	211,820
	1994	602	.75	452	1000	452,000
MISC.**	1995	39				153,960
	1994	34				172,000
TOTAL FOR	1995	2,989				9,006,792
	1994	2,882				5,172,190

* Weighted Average Determination

** Apples, Kiwis, Berries, Asian Pears and Pistachio



MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	YEAR	\$ TOTAL
VEGETABLES, FRESH AND PROCESSING	1995	468,700
	1994	144,000
CHRISTMAS TREES	1995	32,500
	1994	30,000
TOTAL FOR	1995	501,200
	1994	174,000



FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	ACREAGE	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	\$/ UNITS	\$ TOTAL
HAY, ALFALFA	1995	364	5.5	2,002	Ton	95	190,190
	1994	318	6.0	1,908	Ton	100	190,800
HAY, GRAIN	1995	510	4.0	2,040	Ton	80	163,200
	1994	666	3.75	2,498	Ton	80	199,840
HAY, OTHER	1995	600	.70	420	Ton	60	25,200
	1994	600	.65	390	Ton	55	21,450
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1995	1800			Acre	120	216,000
	1994	1800			Acre	120	216,000
PASTURE AND RANGE	1995	167,000			Acre	9	1,503,000
	1994	167,000			Acre	9	1,503,000
CORN	1995	310	5.0	1,550	Ton	115	178,250
	1994	578	5.6	3,237	Ton	105	339,885
SUGARBEETS	1995	286	25	7,150	Ton	34	243,100
	Sugarbeets included in miscellaneous in 1994						
BARLEY	1995	189	3.0	567	Ton	90	51,030
	Barley included in miscellaneous in 1994						
MISC. CROPS *	1995	439					587,089
	1994	305					180,835
TOTAL FOR	1995	171,498					3,157,059
	1994	171,267					2,651,810

* Safflower, Sudan, Seed Potatoes



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	\$ VALUE PER UNIT	\$ TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1995	11,000	66,000	47.00	3,102,000
	1994	12,000	72,000	57.40	4,132,800
HOGS AND PIGS	1995	100	230	40.00	9,200
	1994	100	230	46.70	10,741
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1995	800	800	79.20	63,360
	1994	900	900	65.60	59,040
GOATS (ANGORA)	1995	175		45.00	7,875
	1994	200		45.00	9,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1995				168,000
	1994				142,500
TOTAL FOR	1995	12,075			3,350,435
	1994	13,200			4,354,081

* Includes milk cows, milk goats, poultry, rabbits, game birds, and fish

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	YEAR	\$ TOTAL
WOOL, MOHAIR, AND APIARY PRODUCTS	1995	\$31,003
	1994	\$30,500



TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	\$ TOTAL
1995	22,402 MBF	\$ 8,787,413
1994	26,232 MBF	\$ 12,385,500

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAMS

PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	PROGRAM
KLAMATH WEED HYPERICUM PERFORATUM	KLAMATH WEED BEETLE CHRYSOLINA GEMELLATA	COUNTY WIDE
ITALIAN THISTLE CARDUUS PYCHOCEPHALUS	SEEDHEAD WEEVIL RHINOCYLLUS CONICUS	COUNTY WIDE
PUNCTURE VINE TRIBULUS TERRESTRIS	STEM-SEED WEEVILS MICROLARINUS LYPRIFORMIS MICROLARINUS LAREYNI	COUNTY WIDE
ASH WHITE FLY SIPHONINUS PHILLYREAE	ENCARSIA WASP ENCARSIA SP. NR. INARON	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	SEED WEEVILS BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS LARINUS CURTUS EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	4 SITES 1 SITE 3 SITES
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	YELLOW STAR THISTLE GALL FLY UROPHORA SIRUNASEVA	COUNTY WIDE

PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

PEST ERADICATION

SKELETON WEED CHONDRILLA JUNCEA	CHEMICAL	37 SITES 4 NEW SITES FOUND 41 TOTAL SITES
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PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	8	1
GYPSY MOTH	3	0
POST OFFICE	6	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAPS	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	250
MEDFLY	50
JAPANESE BEETLE	24
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	10
MELON FRUIT FLY	10

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	5
WINE GRAPES	4

RECAPITULATION

	1994	1995
TIMBER	\$ 12,385,500	\$ 8,787,413
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$ 4,354,081	\$ 3,350,435
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 5,172,190	\$ 9,006,792
FIELD CROPS	\$ 2,770,530	\$ 3,157,059
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 174,000	\$ 501,200
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$ 30,500	\$ 31,003
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 24,666,601	\$ 24,833,902

STATISTICS

TOTAL LAND AREA	363,500 ACRES
WILLIAMSON ACT LAND	93,000 ACRES
EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST	78,079 ACRES
BLM LAND	9,191 ACRES
TIMBER PRESERVE LAND	27,485 ACRES
PASTURE AND RANGELAND	167,000 ACRES
LAND IN FARMS	218,000 ACRES
FARMS IN COUNTY	371

TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

1986	12,774,200	1991	20,265,246
1987	13,975,750	1992	24,533,341
1988	14,543,000	1993	25,424,265
1989	25,583,500	1994	24,886,801
1990	24,997,329	1995	24,833,902

Amador County Winegrape Statistics: A Historical Perspective

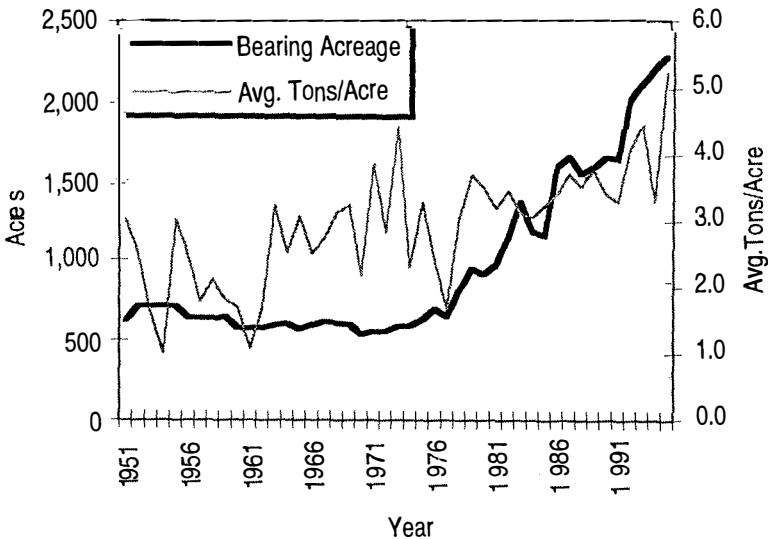
Donna Hirschfelt, Farm Advisor

Winegrapes have played a significant role in Amador County agriculture for over a century. During 1995 records were broken for grape acreage, yields, price and value to the county. All of these values have been on the increase since the late 1970s. It is interesting to obtain a historical perspective by reviewing data from Agriculture Reports dating back to 1951.

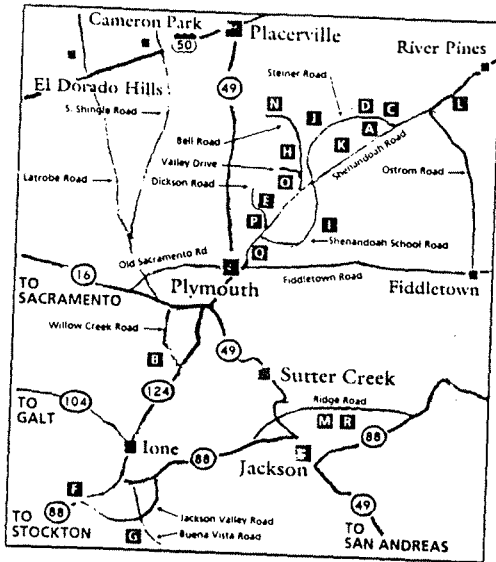
Acreage remained fairly constant from 1951 to 1977. Acreage began to steadily increase in 1977. A drop in acreage in 1984 and 1985 was followed by a surge in 1986. The greatest increases have been since 1992.

The most interesting information is presented in the tonnage statistics. Average yield has consistently risen. There are still seasonal fluctuations, but devastating crop losses have not occurred since 1977. These data demonstrate the significant contribution of drip irrigation and frost protection to Amador County agriculture. Improved disease management and cultural practices also contribute to yield increases.

Amador County Winegrape Acreage and Yield 1951-1995



AMADOR COUNTY WINE COUNTRY



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The land.
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13675 Mt. Echo Dr • Lone, CA 95640
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C. CHARLES SPINETTA WINERY

12557 Steiner Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-5384

D. DEAVER VINEYARDS

12445 Steiner Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-5512

E. DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE/EASTON

P.O. Box 41 • Fiddletown, CA 95629
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Hwy. 88 at Jackson Valley Rd. • Lone, CA 95640
209/274-223

G. JACKSON VALLEY VINEYARDS

4851 Buena Vista Rd. • Lone, CA 95640
209/274-4721

H. KARLY

11076 Bell Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95640
209/245-3922

I. MONTEVINA WINES

20680 Shenandoah School Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6942

J. RENWOOD

12225 Steiner Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6013

J. SANTINO WINERY

12225 Steiner Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6779

K. SHENANDOAH VINEYARDS

12300 Steiner Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-4455

L. SOBON ESTATE

14430 Shenandoah Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6554

M. STONERIDGE WINERY

13862 Ridge Rd. • Sutter Creek, CA 95669
209/245-6554

N. STORY WINERY

10525 Bell Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6208

O. TKC VINEYARDS

11001 Valley Dr • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6428 • 916/933-3088

P. VINO NOCETO

10901 Shenandoah Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
209/245-6556

Q. YOUNGS VINEYARDS

14430 Shenandoah Rd. • Plymouth, CA 95669
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R. SUTTER RIDGE VINEYARDS

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