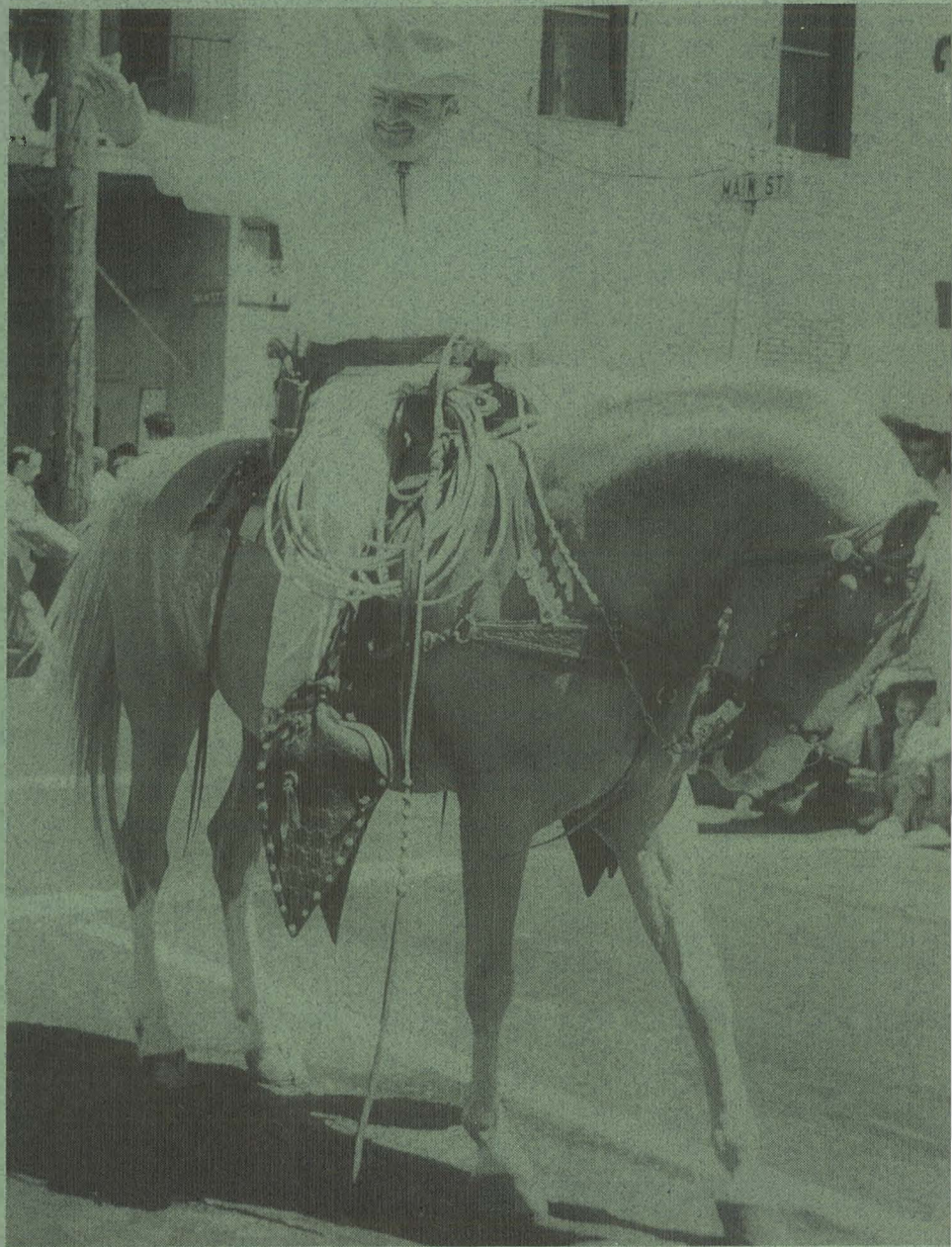


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Cover Photo: Supervisor John C. Begovich is a life-long resident of Amador County. He was born in the county seat of Jackson in 1916. Before being elected Supervisor, John served in the U.S. Army (1942-1945); was the Amador County Veterans Services Officer (1945), Judge of the Amador County Justice Court (1945-1960), State Senator (1960-1966); and U.S. Marshall (1966-1968).

In 1977 John was elected to the Board of Supervisors. He served as the First District Supervisor for five consecutive terms until his retirement this past December 1996.

Supervisor Begovich was a strong supporter of the Department of Agriculture and his many years of leadership to our county government will always be valued.



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 1996 Crop and Livestock Report of Agricultural Production and Report of Sustainable Agriculture in Amador County.

The gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in 1996 was \$29,260,315, representing an 18% increase when compared to the previous year and is an all time record high. This increase is due primarily to increased timber harvest and an increase in wine grape prices. Excluding timber, wine grapes for the second straight year was the leading crop valued at \$9,447,737.

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 most sincerest thanks and appreciation must also be extended to my staff for their efforts in finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott T. Paulsen", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott T. Paulsen
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HAR-VESTED ACRES	PROD./ACRE	TOT. TONS	\$/UNIT	\$ TOTAL
WINE GRAPES *	1996	2,358	4.60	10,847	871	9,447,737
	1995	2,287	5.25	12,007	716	8,597,012
PRUNES	1996	40	1.45	58	1000	58,000
	1995	34	1.3	44	1000	44,000
WALNUTS	1996	629	.45	283	1420	401,860
	1995	629	.27	170	1246	211,820
MISC.**	1996	18.5				122,150
	1995	39				153,960
TOTAL FOR	1996	3,046				10,029,747
	1995	2,989				9,006,792

* Weighted Average Determination

** Apples, Kiwis, Berries

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	YEAR	\$ TOTAL
VEGETABLES, FRESH AND PROCESSING	1996	675,437
	1995	468,700
CHRISTMAS TREES	1996	37,500
	1995	32,500
NURSERY STOCK	1996	10,000
	1995 NO RECORDS AVAILABLE	
TOTAL FOR	1996	722,937
	1995	501,200

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	ACREAGE	PROD./ ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	\$/ UNITS	\$ TOTAL
HAY, ALFALFA	1996	247	6.0	1,482	Ton	100	148,200
	1995	364	5.5	2,002	Ton	95	190,190
HAY, GRAIN	1996	320	4.0	1,280	Ton	85	108,800
	1995	510	4.0	2,040	Ton	80	163,200
HAY, OTHER	1996	450	.65	293	Ton	60	17,580
	1995	600	.70	420	Ton	60	25,200
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1996	1800			Acre	120	216,000
	1995	1800			Acre	120	216,000
PASTURE AND RANGE	1996	167,000			Acre	9	1,503,000
	1995	167,000			Acre	9	1,503,000
CORN	1996	430	4.5	1,935	Ton	120	232,200
	1995	310	5.0	1,550	Ton	115	178,250
BARLEY	1996	143	1.5	215	Ton	130	27,950
	1995	189	3.0	567	Ton	90	51,030
OATS	1996	122	1.2	146	Ton	155	22,630
	Oats included in miscellaneous in 1995						
Wheat	1996	176	2.5	440	Ton	120	52,800
	Wheat included in miscellaneous in 1995						
MISC. CROPS *	1996	279					538,230
	1995	439					587,089
TOTAL FOR	1996	170,967					2,867,390
	1995	171,212					2,913,959

* Safflower, Sudan, Seed Potatoes

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	\$ VALUE PER UNIT	\$ TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES	1996	11,500	69,000	42.40	2,925,600
	1995	11,000	66,000	47.00	3,102,000
HOGS AND PIGS	1996	150	345	52.10	17,975
	1995	100	230	40.00	9,200
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1996	850	850	89.40	75,990
	1995	800	800	79.20	63,360
GOATS (ANGORA)	1996	200		45.00	9,000
	1995	175		45.00	7,875
MISCELLANEOUS *	1996				208,000
	1995				168,000
TOTALS	1996	12,700			3,236,565
	1995	12,075			3,350,435

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	\$ TOTAL
WOOL, MOHAIR, AND APIARY PRODUCTS	1996	\$32,500
	1995	\$31,003

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	\$ TOTAL
1996	34,798 MBF	\$ 12,371,176
1995	22,402 MBF	\$ 8,787,413

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 LAREYNII	COUNTY WIDE
ASH WHITE FLY SIPHONINUS PHILLYREAE	ENCARSIA WASP ENCARSIA SP. NR. INARON	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	SEED WEEVILS BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	6 SITES 5 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	41 SITES 3 NEW SITES FOUND 44 TOTAL SITES
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PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	PREMISES INSPECTED	ITEMS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	5	229	0
GYPSY MOTH	1		0
KARNAL BUNT SURVEY	4		0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAPS	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	240
MEDFLY	55
JAPANESE BEETLE	24
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	10

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	3
WINE GRAPES	4

RECAPITULATION

	1995	1996
TIMBER	\$ 8,787,413	\$ 12,371,176
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$ 3,350,435	\$ 3,236,565
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 9,006,792	\$ 10,029,747
FIELD CROPS	\$ 3,157,059	\$ 2,867,390
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 501,200	\$ 722,937
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$ 31,003	\$ 32,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 24,833,902	29,260,315

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

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
1991	20,265,246	1996	29,260,315