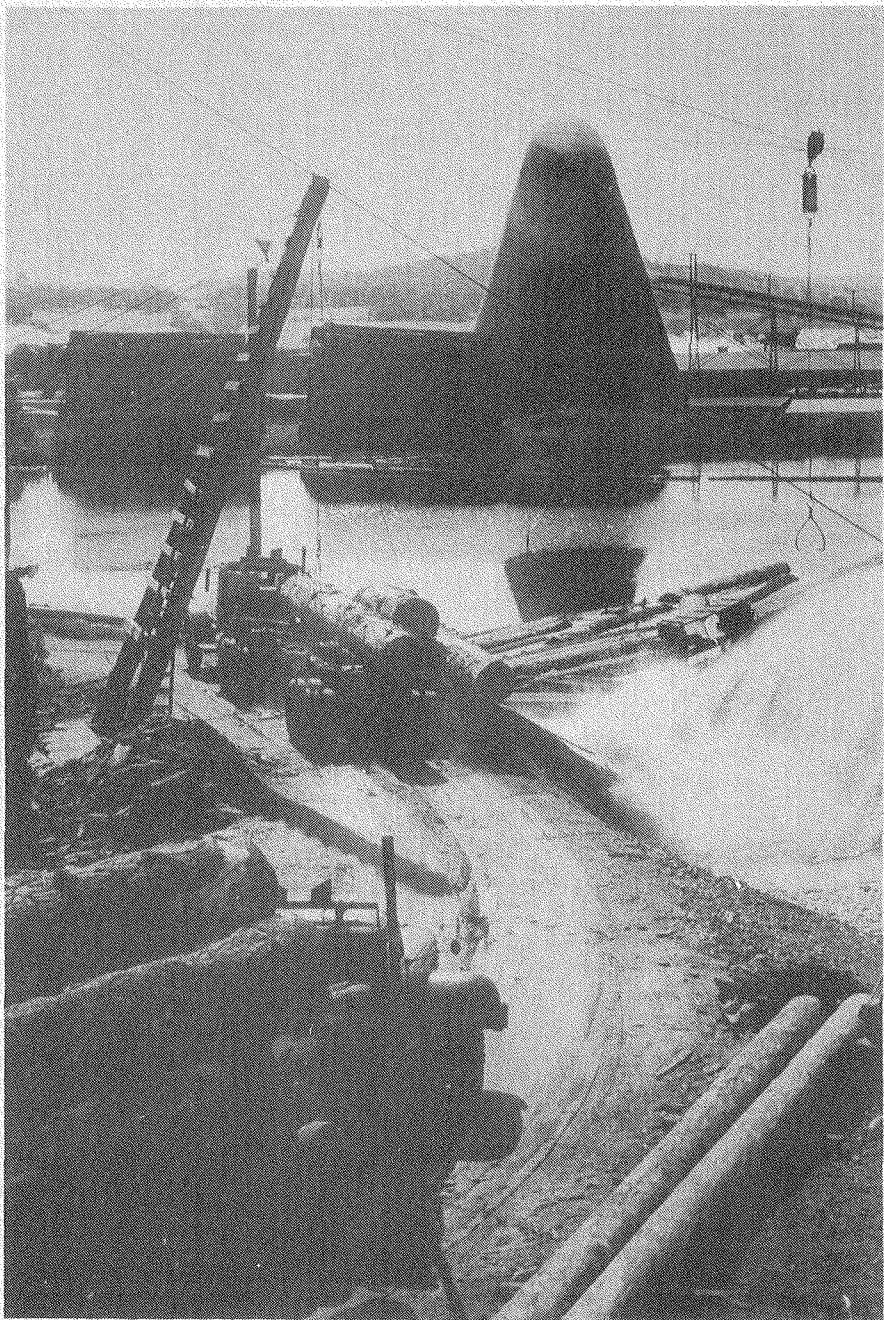


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Cover photo depicts the log holding pond at the lumber mill in Martell in the mid 1950's, owned then by Winton Lumber Company. The mill changed owners several times before finally being closed in April of 1997. Picture provided by the Amador County Chamber of Commerce.

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May 1, 1998

Ann M. Veneman, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Amador

In accordance with Section 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to present the 1997 Crop and Livestock Report of Agricultural Production and Report of Sustainable Agriculture in Amador County.

The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities produced in 1997 was \$23,779,628. This represents a decrease of 18.7% from the 1996 gross production values. This overall decrease is due to a 52% drop in timber production.

Wine grape acreage and price continued to rise, keeping it the number one crop in Amador County valued at \$9,348,275.

Other significant commodity group changes when compared to 1996 values were: Field Crops up 33.8%; Livestock up 24.2%; and Miscellaneous down 77%.

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 the individuals, producers, processors, government agencies and others whose cooperation and assistance contributed in preparing this report. My sincerest thanks and appreciation most also be extended to Mike Boitano, as well as, all the department staff for their efforts in compiling and finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott T. Paulsen", written over a horizontal line.

Scott T. Paulsen
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION / ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PRICE / TON	TOTAL
WINE GRAPES *	1997	2,487	4.2	10,445	895	\$9,348,275
	1996	2,358	4.6	10,847	871	\$9,447,737
WALNUTS	1997	629	0.52	327	1060	\$346,620
	1996	629	0.45	283	1420	\$401,860
MISCELLANEOUS **	1997	60				\$123,800
	1996	60				\$180,150
TOTALS	1997	3,176				\$9,818,695
	1996	3,047				\$10,029,747

* Weighted Average Determination

** Apples, Kiwis, Berries, Prunes

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	YEAR	TOTAL
FRESH VEGETABLES *	1997	\$36,000
	1996	\$875,437
CHRISTMAS TREES	1997	\$50,000
	1996	\$37,500
NURSERY STOCK	1997	\$80,000
	1996	\$10,000
TOTALS	1997	\$166,000
	1996	\$722,937

* No carrots produced in Amador County in 1997

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL PRICE
HAY, ALFALFA	1997	280	6	1,680	\$125	\$210,000
	1996	247	6	1,482	\$100	\$148,200
HAY, GRAIN	1997	727	4.5	3,272	\$105	\$343,560
	1996	320	4	1,280	\$85	\$108,800
HAY, OTHER	1997	450	0.75	338	\$85	\$28,730
	1996	450	0.65	293	\$60	\$17,580
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1997	1800			\$120	\$216,000
	1996	1800			\$120	\$216,000
PASTURE & RANGE	1997	167,000			\$9	\$1,503,000
	1996	167,000			\$9	\$1,503,000
CORN	1997	527	5	2,635	\$120	\$316,200
	1996	430	4.5	1,935	\$120	\$232,200
SAFFLOWER	1997	255	1.4	357	\$300	\$107,100
	1996	SAFFLOWER INCLUDED IN MISCELLANEOUS IN 1996				
SUDANGRASS	1997	164	4.5	738	\$110	\$81,180
	1996	SUDANGRASS INCLUDED IN MISCELLANEOUS IN 1996				
WHEAT	1997	75	2.7	203	\$130	\$26,390
	1996	176	2.5	440	\$120	\$52,800
MISC. CROPS *	1997	295				\$1,005,600
	1996	279				\$538,230
TOTALS	1997	171,573				\$3,837,760
	1996	170,702				\$2,816,810

* Sugar Beets, Seed Potatoes, Oats, and Barley

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	DOLLAR VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE
CATTLE & CALVES	1997	11,500	75,000	\$48.80	\$3,660,000
	1996	11,500	69,000	\$42.40	\$2,925,600
HOGS & PIGS	1997	200	480	\$54.70	\$26,256
	1996	150	345	\$52.10	\$17,975
SHEEP & LAMBS	1997	1000	1100	\$75.84	\$83,424
	1996	850	850	\$89.40	\$75,990
GOATS (ANGORA)	1997	300		\$45.00	\$13,500
	1996	200		\$45.00	\$9,000
MISCELLANEOUS*	1997				\$235,600
	1996				\$208,000
TOTALS	1997	13,000			\$4,018,780
	1996	12,700			\$3,236,565

* Includes milk goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, game birds, fish, and worms

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTALS
WOOL, MOHAIR AND APIARY PRODUCTS	1997	\$35,845
	1996	\$32,500

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
1997	20,064 MBF	\$5,902,553
1996	34,798 MBF	\$12,371,176

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 PHILYREAE	ENCARSIA WASP ENCARSIA SP. NR. INARON	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	SEED WEEVILS BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	COUNTY WIDE 5 SITES
YELLOW STARHISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	YELLOW STARHISTLE GALL FLY UROPHORA SIRUNASEVA	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITISLIS	YELLOW STARHISTLE SEEDHEAD FLY CHAETORELLIA SUCCINEA	1 SITE

PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

PEST ERADICATION		
SKELETON WEED CHONDRILLA JUNCEA	CHEMICAL	44 SITES 4 NEW SITES 48 TOTAL SITES
PEST EXCLUSION		
TYPE	PREMISES INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	12	0
GYPSY MOTH	2	0
OTHER	1	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM	
TYPE OF TRAPS	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	240
MEDFLY	48
JAPANESE BEETLE	24
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	16
MELON FRUIT FLY	12

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	2
WINE GRAPES	4

RECAPITULATION

	1996	1997
TIMBER	\$12,371,176	\$5,902,553
LIVESTOCK	\$3,236,565	\$4,018,780
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$10,029,747	\$9,818,695
FIELD CROPS	\$2,816,810	\$3,837,760
MISCELLANEOUS	\$722,937	\$166,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$32,500	\$35,845
GRAND TOTAL	\$29,209,735	\$23,779,633

STATISTICS

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

TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

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	\$29,209,735
1992	\$24,533,341	1997	\$23,779,628

1997 CROP BREAKDOWN

