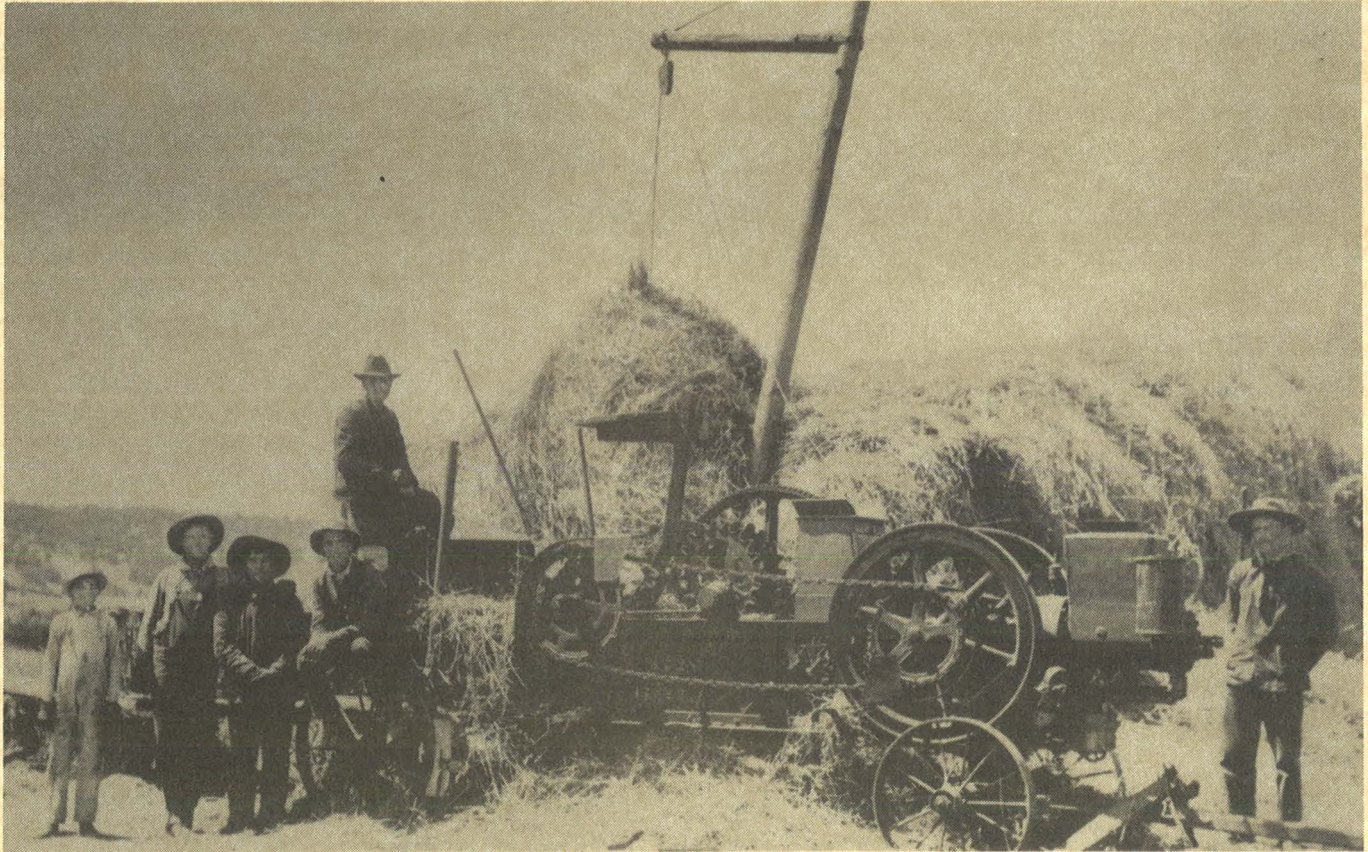


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June 8, 1999

William J. Lyons Jr., 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 1998 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 1998 was \$24,825,576. This represents an increase of 4.2 percent from the 1997 gross production values.

Significant commodity group changes when compared to 1997 values were: Fruit and Nut Crops decreased by 26.56 percent and Timber increased by 39.29 percent.

The value of the 1998 Wine Grape Production decreased by 24.57 percent due to El Nino weather pattern and was replaced by Timber as Amador County's leading commodity.

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 must also be extended to Carolyn Abright and Barry Clark as well as all department staff for their efforts in compiling and finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Boitano
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
GRAPES *	1998	2,672	2.9	7,749	\$910	\$7,051,590
	1997	2,487	4.2	10,445	\$895	\$9,348,276
WALNUTS	1998	577	0.14	81	\$880	\$71,280
	1997	629	0.52	327	\$1,060	\$346,620
MISC **	1998	60				\$88,000
	1997	60				\$123,800
TOTALS	1998	3,309				\$7,210,870
	1997	3,176				\$9,818,695

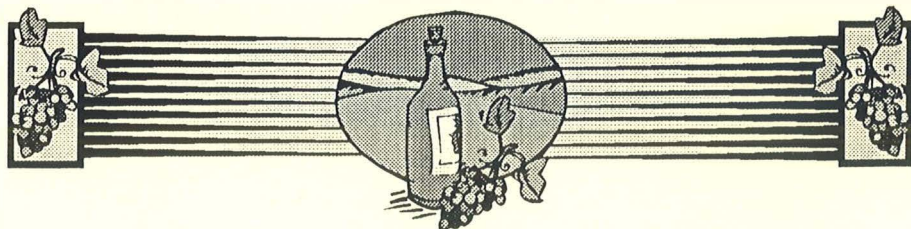
* Weighted Average Determination

** Boysenberries, Apples, Prunes, Kiwis

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
FRESH VEGETABLES *	1998	\$69,500
	1997	\$36,000
CHRISTMAS TREES	1998	\$53,750
	1997	\$50,000
NURSERY STOCK	1998	\$120,000
	1997	\$80,000
TOTALS	1998	\$243,250
	1997	\$166,000

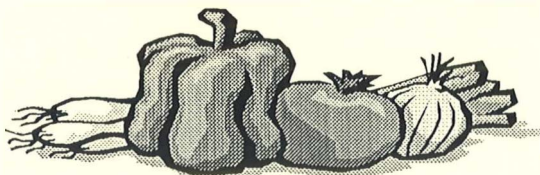
* Includes Farmers Market



FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	1998	434	6	2,604	\$120	\$312,480
	1997	280	6	1,680	\$125	\$210,000
HAY, GRAIN	1998	823	4	3,292	\$100	\$329,200
	1997	727	5	3,272	\$105	\$343,560
HAY, OTHER	1998	400	1	400	\$120	\$48,000
	1997	450	1	338	\$85	\$28,730
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1998	1,800			\$120	\$216,000
	1997	1,800			\$120	\$216,000
PASTURE & RANGE	1998	167,000			\$9	\$1,503,000
	1997	167,000			\$9	\$1,503,000
CORN	1998	447	5	2,235	\$120	\$268,200
	1997	527	5	2,635	\$120	\$316,200
SAFFLOWER	1998	264	1	290	\$300	\$87,000
	1997	255	1	357	\$300	\$107,100
SUDANGRASS	1998	138	5	690	\$95	\$65,550
	1997	164	5	738	\$110	\$81,180
MISC. CROPS*	1998	177				\$89,703
	1997	370				\$1,031,990
TOTALS	1998	171,306				\$2,919,133
	1997	171,573				\$3,837,760

* Sugar Beets, Wheat



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
CATTLE & CALVES	1998	12,000	78,000	\$55.00	\$4,290,000
	1997	11,500	75,000	\$48.80	\$3,660,000
HOGS & PIGS	1998	220	528	\$34.00	\$17,952
	1997	200	480	\$54.70	\$28,256
SHEEP & LAMBS	1998	1,100	1,320	\$70.00	\$92,400
	1997	1,000	1,100	\$75.84	\$83,424
GOATS (ANGORA)	1998	300	300	\$46.00	\$13,800
	1997	300	300	\$45.00	\$13,500
MISC.*	1998				\$278,371
	1997				\$235,600
TOTALS	1998	13,620			\$4,692,523
	1997	13,000			\$4,018,780

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR AND APIARY PRODUCTS	1998	\$37,800
	1997	\$35,845

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
1998	32,700 MBF	\$9,722,000
1997	20,064 MBF	\$5,902,553

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BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAMS

PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	PROGRAM
KLAMATH WEED HYPERICUM PERFORATUM	KLAMATH WEED BEETLE CHRYSOLINA GEMELLATA	COUNTY WIDE
ITALIAN THISTLE CARDUUS PYCNOCEPHALUS	SEEDHEAD WEEVIL RHINOCYLLUS CONICUS	COUNTY WIDE
PUNCTURE VINE TRIBULUS TERRESTRIS	STEM & SEED WEEVILS MICROLARINUS LAREYNII	COUNTY WIDE
ASH WHITE FLY SIPHONINUS PHILYREAE	ENCARSIA WASP ENCARSIA SP. NR. INARON	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	SEED WEEVIL BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	SEED WEEVIL EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	8 SITES
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	YELLOW STAR THISTLE GALL FLY UROPHORA SIRUNASEVA	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE CENTAUREA SOLSTITIALIS	YELLOW STAR THISTLE SEEDHEAD FLY CHAETORELLIA SUCCINEA	1 SITE

PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

PEST ERADICATION

SKELETON WEED CHONDRILLA JUNCEA	CHEMICAL	47 SITES
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PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	PREMISES INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	6	0
GYPSY MOTH	2	0
OTHER	7	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAPS	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	240
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	48
JAPANESE BEETLE	24
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	16
MELON FRUIT FLY	12

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	3
WINE GRAPES	4

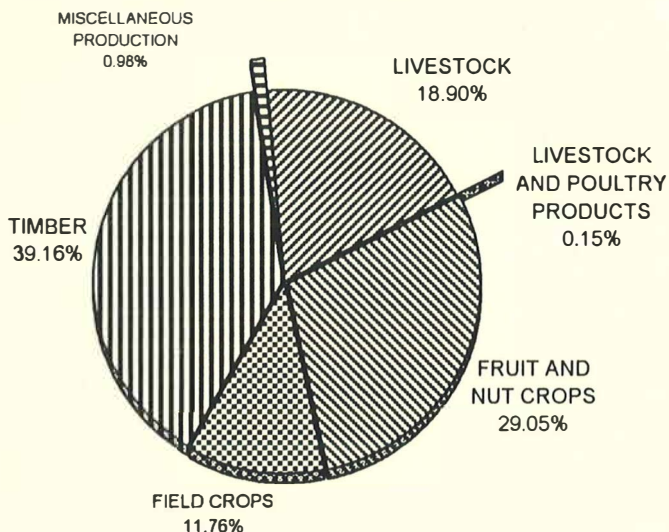
RECAPITULATION		
	1997	1998
TIMBER	\$5,902,553	\$9,722,000
LIVESTOCK	\$4,018,780	\$4,692,523
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$9,818,252	\$7,210,870
FIELD CROPS	\$3,837,760	\$2,919,133
MISCELLANEOUS	\$166,000	\$243,250
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$35,845	\$37,800
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,779,190	\$24,825,576

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			
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	\$23,779,190
1993	\$25,424,265	1998	\$24,825,576



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Ten Year Comparison

