



# Amador County

2020 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report

October 1, 2021

Karen Ross, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Amador

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present Amador County's Annual Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for 2020. The report represents estimated acreage, yield and gross value of agricultural products in Amador County.

The total gross production value for all agricultural commodities produced in 2020 was \$38,363,267. This is a 9.7% decrease from the previous year's production value of \$42,482,433. The decrease was primarily due to Wine Grapes having a loss in production causing them to drop 24%.

The figures contained in this report represent gross values of agricultural commodities and do not reflect production costs or net returns to growers. 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.

I wish to express my appreciation to the agricultural producers, organizations and public agencies that have cooperated in providing data for this report. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to my staff, especially Casey Wright, who compiled and formatted this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Mayberry  
Agricultural Commissioner

*This year's cover photo is of Hops being grown by the 16 Quartz Hop Farm in Plymouth.*

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## Fruit & Nut Crops

\*Weighted Average Determination, \*\*Olive Oil, Strawberries, Kiwis, Hops

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2020	5357	2.31	12,375	\$1,321	\$16,347,375
	2019	4883	3.54	17,286	\$1,251	\$21,624,786
WALNUTS	2020	212	1.00	212	\$1,600	\$339,200
	2019	218	1.75	382	\$1,480	\$565,360
**MISC	2020	196.5				\$660,882
	2019	10.0				\$115,118
TOTALS	2020					\$17,347,457
	2019					\$22,305,264

## Timber & Related Products

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET (Thousand Board Feet)	TOTAL VALUE
2020	19,718	\$3,102,503
2019	2,414	\$322,658

# Field Crops

\*Wheat For/Fod, Oats For/Fod, \*\*2020 Included in MISC. \*\*\*Corn For/Fod, Forage Hay/SLGE, Sudan Grass

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY,	2020	719	7	5,034	\$250	\$1,258,425
ALFALFA	2019	1,195	7	7,768	\$220	\$1,708,850
*HAY,	2020	884				\$402,321
GRAIN	2019	1,832				\$487,025
**HAY,	2020	-				-
OTHER	2019	303				\$78,670
PASTURE	2020	2,350			\$100	\$235,000
IRRIGATED	2019	2,350			\$100	\$235,000
PASTURE	2020	156,801			\$20	\$3,136,020
& RANGE	2019	156,801			\$25	\$3,920,025
***MISC.	2020	303				\$393,435
CROPS	2019	107				\$15,604
TOTALS	2020					\$5,425,201
	2019					\$6,445,174



# Miscellaneous

\*Farmers Markets, Pumpkins

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*FRESH VEGETABLES	2020	\$213,320
	2019	\$160,000
NURSERY STOCK	2020	\$202,342
	2019	\$205,887
TOTALS	2020	\$415,661
	2019	\$365,887

# Livestock & Poultry

\*Milk Goats, Rabbits, Poultry \*\*Sold by the head \*\*\*Includes Meat Goats

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ HEAD	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2020	15100	98150	\$721	\$10,882,872
	2019	15100	98150	\$780	\$11,778,000
**HOGS & PIGS	2020	100	24000	\$233	\$23,300
	2019	100	24000	\$130	\$13,000
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2020	2250	2700	\$164	\$369,000
	2019	2250	2700	\$205	\$461,250
*** GOATS	2020	800		\$400	\$320,000
	2019	800		\$400	\$320,000
*MISC.	2020				\$372,020
	2019				\$427,850
TOTALS	2020				\$11,967,192
	2019				\$13,000,100

## Livestock & Apiary Products

\*includes Wool, Honey & Beeswax

YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
2020	\$105,250
2019	\$43,350



# Sustainable Agricultural Report

## Oblong Spurge Weed Program



In 2020, the Amador Agricultural Department teamed up with UC Cooperative Extension to control the noxious weed Oblong Spurge (*Euphorbia oblongata*). While this weed might be pretty, it also has a milky sap that is toxic and can irritate the skin, eyes and digestive tracts of humans, as well as, animals. The control of Oblong Spurge project will span over a few years and consists of mapping: out the spurge populations, contacting affected landowners to acquire permission to apply, and then treating each population. In our county this weed is primarily found near the Mokelumne watershed. We are working to control as much of its population as we can in order to stop the spread to recreation areas and farmland.

## Pest Exclusion & Pest Detection

These programs provide a line of defense for production agriculture in Amador County against invasive pests. This is done through inspections of plant material either entering or exiting the county, as well as, deploying specific pest traps throughout Amador County.

In 2020, our department inspected 39 Glassy Winged Sharpshooter shipments, 25 truck shipments and 3 seed shipments. One Phytosanitary inspection was completed. Three Gypsy Moth inspections were conducted as well, which consist of inspecting outdoor equipment that has entered the county from areas that have a known population.

A total of 308 traps were deployed for early detection of invasive insects including Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Melon Fruit Fly, Light Brown Apple Moth, Glassy Winged Sharpshooter, Japanese Beetle, Gypsy Moth and European Grapevine Moth. These traps get serviced every two weeks throughout each season for a cumulative total of 3,186 services.

## Direct Marketing & Organic Production

Certified Farmers markets are venues that provides a place for Certified Producers. Both are regulated by the county and the state to ensure that consumers are getting fresh produce grown and cultivated by the seller themselves. Amador County had two certified farmers' markets in 2020 with 17 certified producers. We also had 8 registered organic producers in 2020 with a total of 181.1 production acres.

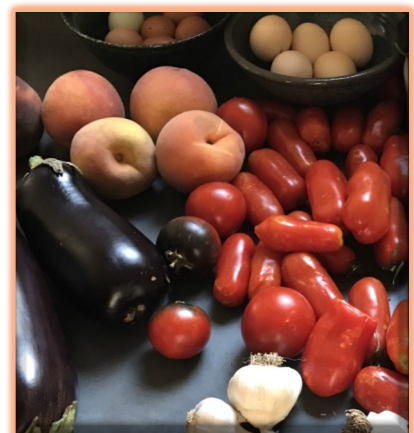
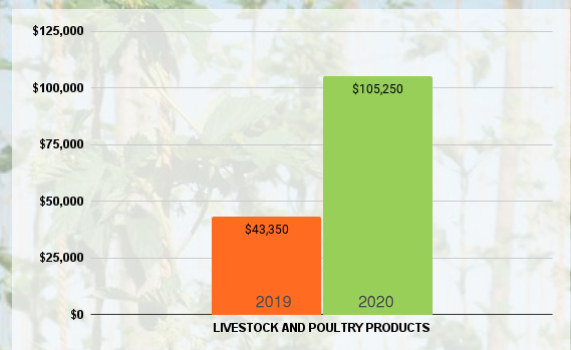
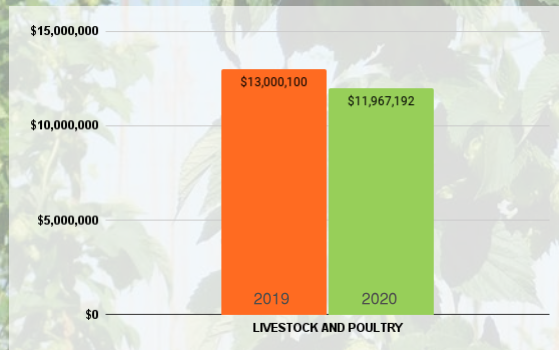
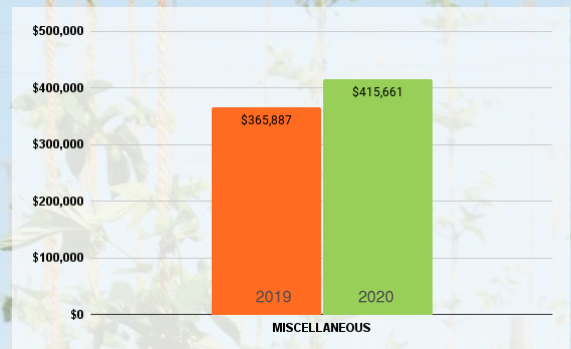
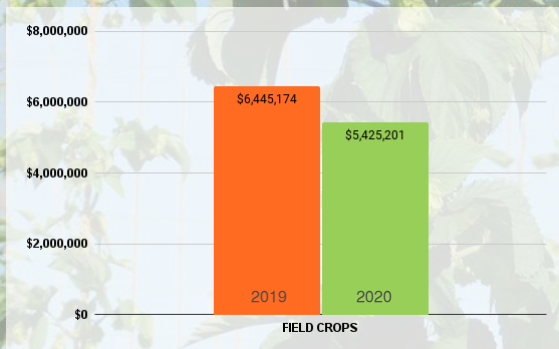
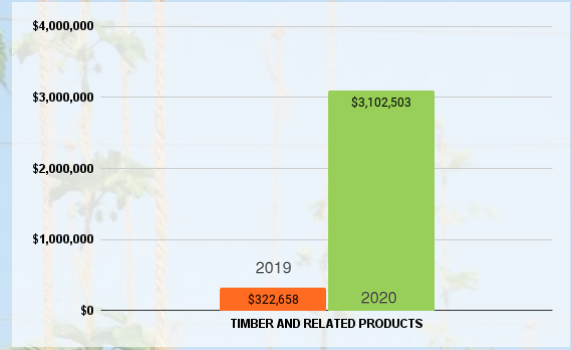


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### Total Recapitulation

**2019 - \$42,482,433**

**2020 - \$38,363,267**