

AMADOR COUNTY

2023 Agricultural & Livestock Report





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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 2023. 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 2023 was \$35,701,766. This is a 7.01% decrease from the previous year's production value of \$38,203,048. The decrease was primarily due to a 14.22% drop in cattle production.

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 this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Mayberry".

Eric Mayberry
Agricultural Commissioner

Amador County

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FRUIT & NUT CROPS

** Weighted Average Determination ** Olive Oil, Strawberry, Hops*

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / TON	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2023	3,143	2.66	8,363	\$1,708	\$14,286,716
	2022	3,002	3.15	9,458	\$1,395	\$13,193,472
WALNUTS	2023	227	2.25	510	\$920	\$469,269
	2022	233	0.51	119	\$880	\$104,436
**MISC	2023	167				\$221,391
	2022	153				\$334,609
TOTALS	2023					\$14,977,377
	2022					\$13,632,517





	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2023	857	5.5	4,715	\$337	\$1,587,434
	2022	855	5.5	4,701	\$400	\$1,880,560
*HAY, GRAIN	2023	1,089				\$148,488
	2022	1,486				\$950,151
~PASTURE IRRIGATED	2023	2,350			\$120	\$282,000
	2022	2,350			\$120	\$282,000
~PASTURE & RANGE	2023	156,801			\$20	\$3,136,020
	2022	156,801			\$20	\$3,136,020
**MISC. CROPS	2023	489				\$295,245
	2022	1,081				\$666,118
TOTALS	2023					\$5,449,186
	2022					\$6,914,849

**Wheat For/Fod, Oats For/Fod **Corn Forage/Fodder, Forage Hay/SLQE ~ Calculations done by the acre*

FIELD CROPS



MISCELLANEOUS

** Farmers Market, Pumpkins*

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*FRESH VEGETABLES	2023	\$108,900
	2022	\$92,700
NURSERY STOCK	2023	\$168,321
	2022	\$208,933
TOTALS	2023	\$277,221
	2022	\$301,633

TIMBER PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2023	0	\$0
2022	1,025	\$39,606

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

** Rabbits & Poultry ** Sold by the head ~ Includes Meat & Milk Goats*

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ HEAD	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2023	12,900	83,850	\$1,060	\$13,667,550
	2022	15,200	98,800	\$1,027	\$15,610,400
**HOGS & PIGS	2023	95		\$207	\$19,618
	2022	90		\$261	\$23,490
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2023	2,200		\$350	\$770,000
	2022	2,175		\$330	\$717,750
~ GOATS	2023				\$106,088
	2022				\$468,750
*MISC.	2023				\$392,900
	2022				\$442,000
TOTALS	2023				\$14,956,155
	2022				\$17,262,390



PRODUCTS

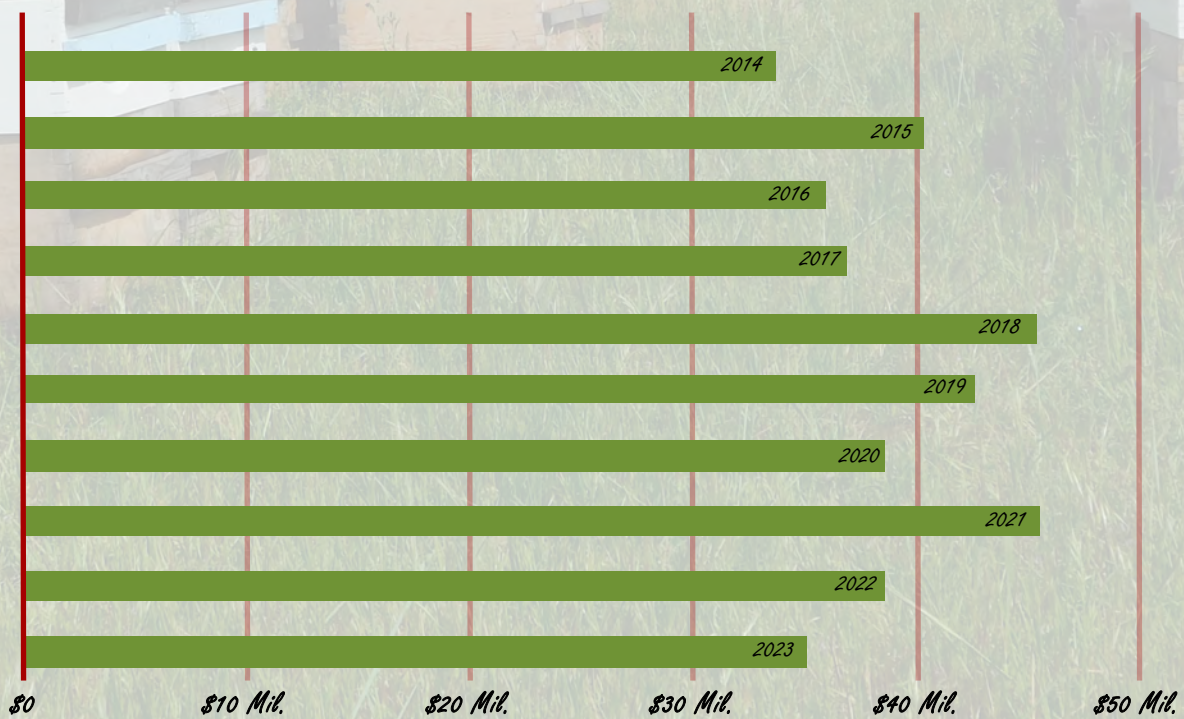
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2023	\$41,828
	2022	\$52,053

RECAPITULATION

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Value</i>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	2023	\$14,977,377
	2022	\$13,632,517
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	2023	\$14,956,155
	2022	\$17,262,390
FIELD CROPS	2023	\$5,449,186
	2022	\$6,914,849
MISCELLANEOUS	2023	\$277,221
	2022	\$301,633
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	2023	\$41,828
	2022	\$52,053
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2023	\$0
	2022	\$39,606
GRAND TOTAL	2023	\$35,701,766
	2022	\$38,203,048

10 YEAR COMPARISON

2014	\$34,584,662
2015	\$40,393,020
2016	\$36,811,041
2017	\$37,474,860
2018	\$45,238,622
2019	\$42,482,433
2020	\$38,363,267
2021	\$45,354,851
2022	\$38,203,048
2023	\$35,701,766



Pest Exclusion is a program designed to prevent invasive pests from entering and creating a population in Amador County. Our department is responsible for conducting inspections on shipments from southern California, out of state and sometimes other countries. These inspections are done at various nurseries or anywhere a shipment of concern is delivered to.

In 2023, our department inspected 99 Glassy Winged Sharpshooter shipments, 10 truck shipments, 1 spongy moth inspection and 1 seed shipment.

Direct Marketing Certified Farmers markets are venues that provides a place for Certified Producers to sell their commodities. 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 one certified farmers' market in 2023 with 17 certified producers.

Pest Detection provides a first line of defense for production agriculture against invasive pests by deploying specific traps throughout Amador County. This ensures we have early detection before an infestation occurs.

A total of 269 traps were deployed for early detection of invasive insects including Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Melon Fruit Fly, Glassy Winged Sharpshooter, Japanese Beetle, Spongy Moth and European Grapevine Moth. These traps get serviced every two weeks throughout each season for a cumulative total of 2,191 servicing's.

Organic Production "Certified organic foods are grown and processed according to federal guidelines addressing, among many factors, soil quality, animal raising practices, pest and weed control, and use of additives. Produce can be called organic if it's certified to have been grown on soil that had no prohibited substances applied for three years prior to harvest. Prohibited substances include most synthetic fertilizers and pesticides." -United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Our department is responsible for making sure these practices are followed by all local farms brandishing the Certified Organic mark. It is also our responsibility to conduct any enforcement or registration activities.

In 2023 Amador county had 7 registered organic producers with a total of 129.74 production acres.

Invasive Weeds Program in 2023, our department contin-

ued working to control the noxious weed Tree of Heaven (*Allanthus altissima*) our staff worked to identify the largest target areas and with the permission of the land owners for each location we were able to control some of the species. This will be a multi-year project in trying to manage this invasive species. This invasive weed is important due to it being a primary host for Spotted Lantern Fly (*Lycorma delicatula*). In 2023 we also continued management work on the population of the noxious weed Oblong Spurge (*Euphorbia oblongata*).

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

MEASURING (METERS)

ELECTRIC SUB	104
FABRIC	11
LIQUEFIED PE- TROLEUM GAS	32
RETAIL MOTOR FUEL	401
RETAIL WATER	8
VAPOR SUB.	43
WATER SUB.	30
<i>PETROLEUM</i>	22



WEIGHING (SCALES)

COMPUTING	127
COUNTER	16
DORMANT / PORTABLE	51
HOPPER / TANK	4
HANGING	4
LIVESTOCK	14
MONORAIL	1
RAILWAY	1
VEHICLE	22

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

This is a state mandated program to ensure a fair marketplace for both buyers and sellers. This is achieved through annual inspections of any equipment used to weigh, measure or count commodities sold, which are considered commercial devices. Once a commercial device has been inspected and found to meet standards, inspectors will place a seal (sticker) with the year of compliance on it. If the device is found to not meet standards a tag is placed on it and it is required to be repaired before it can be re-inspected and sealed for the year.

Shown above are the different types of commercial devices inspected as well as how many were sealed by the Amador County Department of Weights and Measures in 2023.



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