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Crop Report*

MADERA COUNTY

1974

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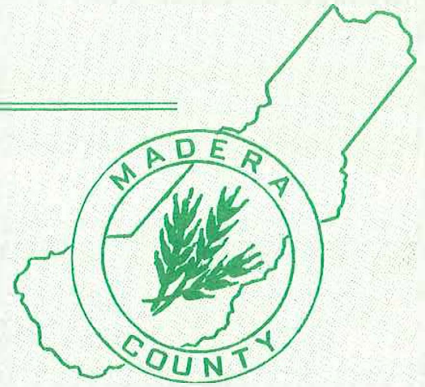
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Dr. Luther T. Wallace, Jr., Director  
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and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Madera

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1974 Madera County Agricultural Crop Report. I want to emphasize that the values contained in this report are gross values only and in no way reflect the net income to the grower.

The total gross value of \$183,581,000 shown in this report is again an all time high for Madera County, exceeding last year's record figure by over \$11,000,000.

The areas in which substantial gains were made were in the Field Crops, Apiary, Livestock and Poultry Products. All other categories showed some decline in total gross value, due mainly to reduced prices received for various commodities and in some cases reduction in planted acreage. However, these declines were more than offset by substantial increases in various commodity prices received by many of our field crops and livestock products.

I wish to thank the members of my staff who so ably assisted in the compilation of this report, and the many individuals, processors, producers and other agencies for their cooperation and information from which this report was compiled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James S. Davis", is written over the typed name.

James S. Davis  
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1973-1974

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley, Irrigated	1974	12,300	2.00	24,600	Ton	\$120.00	\$2,952,000
	1973	14,000	1.75	24,500	"	85.00	2,082,000
Barley, Dryland	1974	10,500	.65	6,800	"	120.00	816,000
	1973	7,500	.40	3,000	"	85.00	255,000
Beans, Dry	1974	4,400	.90	3,960	"	270.00	1,069,000
	1973	2,400	1.20	2,880	"	530.00	1,526,000
Corn, Field	1974	8,200	2.75	22,600	"	140.00	3,164,000
	1973	11,300	2.65	30,900	"	85.00	2,626,000
Corn, Silage	1974	4,500	20.50	92,200	"	17.00	1,567,000
	1973	5,400	20.00	108,000	"	11.00	1,188,000
Cotton, Lint	1974	53,000	791 <u>a/</u>	87,500	Bales	.495 <u>b/</u>	21,656,000
	1973	43,000	757 <u>a/</u>	68,000	"	.45 <u>b/</u>	15,300,000
Cotton, Seed	1974	xx	xx	37,200	Ton	165.00	6,138,000
	1973	xx	xx	29,300	"	120.00	3,516,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1974	50,700	6.40	324,000	"	63.00	20,412,000
	1973	52,000	6.10	317,000	"	45.00	14,265,000
Hay, Grain	1974	1,700	2.00	3,400	"	50.00	170,000
	1973	1,800	2.00	3,600	"	42.00	151,000
Oats	1974	400	1.00	400	"	125.00	50,000
	1973	800	.80	640	"	75.00	48,000
Pasture, Irr.	1974	41,000	xx	xx	Acre	50.00	2,050,000
	1973	44,000	xx	xx	"	50.00	2,200,000
Pasture, Other	1974	490,000	xx	xx	"	5.00	2,450,000
	1973	493,000	xx	xx	"	5.00	2,465,000
Rice	1974	700	3.00	2,100	Ton	240.00	504,000
	1973	600	2.30	1,380	"	230.00	317,000
Sorghum Grain	1974	2,400	2.30	5,520	"	130.00	718,000
	1973	2,500	2.50	6,250	"	100.00	625,000

a/Pounds  
b/Per Pound

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Safflower	1974	xx	xx	xx	Ton	\$ xx	\$ xx
	1973	250	1.30	320	"	200.00	64,000
Stubble	1974	9,500	xx	xx	Acre	2.00	19,000
	1973	10,000	xx	xx	"	2.00	20,000
Sugar Beets	1974	6,200	30.00	186,000	Ton	48.00	8,928,000
	1973	4,600	24.00	110,400	"	18.00	1,987,000
Wheat	1974	3,500	1.20	4,200	"	140.00	588,000
	1973	4,800	1.10	5,300	"	90.00	477,000
TOTAL	1974	699,000					\$73,251,000
	1973	697,950					\$49,112,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1974	200	500	100,000	Pound	.94	\$ 94,000
	1973	320	500	160,000	"	.90	96,000
Beans, Blackeye	1974	130	2,400	312,000	"	.14	44,000
	1973	270	2,800	756,000	"	.30	227,000
Barley	1974	170	3,700	629,000	"	.10	63,000
	1973	280	3,800	1,064,000	"	.05	53,000
Carrot	1974	60	500	30,000	"	2.00	60,000
	1973	190	500	95,000	"	1.60	152,000
Onion	1974	85	380	32,000	"	2.00	64,000
	1973	50	400	20,000	"	1.35	27,000
Other Seed	1974	40	xx	120,000	"	xx	22,000
	1973	95	xx	500,000	"	xx	55,000
Wheat	1974	xx	xx	xx	"	xx	xx
	1973	180	3,700	666,000	"	.06	40,000
TOTAL	1974	685					\$ 347,000
	1973	1,385					\$ 650,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almonds	1974	11,306	.74	8,370	Ton	\$ 910.00	\$ 7,617,000
	1973	9,872	.68	6,720	"	1,500.00	10,080,000
Apples	1974	52	1.25	65	"	120.00	8,000
	1973	52	2.50	130	"	110.00	14,000
Apricots	1974	67	2.50	170	"	200.00	34,000
	1973	67	4.00	270	"	130.00	35,000
Figs	1974	2,784	1.25	3,480	"	700.00	2,436,000
	1973	2,779	1.20	3,330	"	600.00	1,998,000
Grapes, Raisin Total	1974	28,318	9.85	279,000	"	xx	28,910,000
	1973	27,986	12.20	341,000	"	xx	35,207,000
*Dried	1974	xxx	xxx	24,000	"	640.00	15,360,000
	1973	xxx	xxx	23,000	"	725.00	16,675,000
Crushed	1974	xxx	xxx	176,000	"	75.00	13,200,000
	1973	xxx	xxx	235,000	"	78.00	18,330,000
Fresh Market	1974	xxx	xxx	1,000	"	350.00	350,000
	1973	xxx	xxx	650	"	310.00	202,000
Grapes, Wine Total	1974	11,158	9.60	107,000	"	112.00	11,984,000
	1973	8,532	11.20	96,000	"	130.00	12,480,000
Grapes, Table Total	1974	533	9.20	4,900	"	80.00	392,000
	1973	526	10.50	5,520	"	100.00	552,000
Nectarines	1974	188	9.00	1,690	"	240.00	406,000
	1973	185	8.00	1,480	"	250.00	370,000
Olives	1974	796	2.20	1,750	"	420.00	735,000
	1973	796	3.10	2,460	"	360.00	886,000
Oranges	1974	2,755	5.00	13,800	"	180.00	2,484,000
	1973	2,437	3.75	9,140	"	160.00	1,462,000
Peach, Cling	1974	303	9.00	2,700	"	135.00	365,000
	1973	310	8.40	2,600	"	90.00	234,000

\*Dried ton

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Peaches, Free Total	1974	1,017	10.50	10,700	Ton	\$ xx	\$ 2,248,000
	1973	1,066	9.50	10,100	"	xx	2,111,000
Fresh Market	1974	xx	xx	6,420	"	260.00	1,670,000
	1973	xx	xx	6,060	"	265.00	1,606,000
Processing	1974	xx	xx	4,280	"	135.00	578,000
	1973	xx	xx	4,040	"	125.00	505,000
Plums	1974	454	7.00	3,180	"	300.00	954,000
	1973	444	5.20	2,310	"	310.00	716,000
Walnuts	1974	1,038	.90	930	"	350.00	326,000
	1973	1,027	1.10	1,130	"	580.00	655,000
TOTAL	1974	60,769	xx	xx		xx	\$58,899,000
	1973	56,079	xx	xx		xx	\$66,800,000

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1974	700,000		Pound	\$ .42	\$ 294,000
	1973	624,000		"	.45	281,000
Beeswax	1974	11,700		"	1.10	13,000
	1973	12,000		"	.70	8,400
Pollination	1974	15,000		Colony	18.00	270,000
	1973	12,000		"	12.00	144,000
Nuclei	1974	1,600		Each	16.00	26,000
	1973	1,200		"	8.00	9,600
TOTAL	1974					\$ 603,000
	1973					\$ 443,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER UNIT	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Tomatoes, Total	1974	370	24.0	8,900	Ton	\$ 60.00	\$ 534,000
	1973	630	17.0	10,900	"	xx	659,000
Fresh Market	1974	xxx	xx	xx	"	xx	xxx
	1973	130	xx	1,040	"	300.00	312,000
Processing (From Market)	1974	xxx	xx	xx	"	xx	xxx
	1973	xxx	xx	900	"	35.00	32,000
Processing (Canning Var.)	1974	370	24.0	8,900	"	60.00	534,000
	1973	500	18.0	9,000	"	35.00	315,000
Vegetables Misc.	1974	180	xx	xx		xx	219,000
	1973	200	xx	xx		xx	140,000
Watermelons	1974	20	10.0	200	Ton	65.00	13,000
	1973	160	9.0	1,400	"	45.00	63,000
TOTAL	1974	570					\$ 766,000
	1973	990					\$ 862,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
* Nursery Stock	1974	180	2,290,000	Plant	xx	\$1,163,000
	1973	235	3,081,000	"	xx	\$1,982,000
TOTAL	1974					\$1,163,000
	1973					\$1,982,000

\*Grapevines, Citrus, Pistachios  
and Figs

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1974	88,000	xx	Head	\$ 240.00	\$ 21,120,000
	1973	83,700	xx	"	312.00	26,114,000
Hogs	1974	1,100	2,100	CWT.	31.00	65,000
	1973	2,000	3,800	"	38.00	144,000
Sheep & Lambs	1974	18,700	17,000	"	39.00	663,000
	1973	19,000	19,200	"	35.00	672,000
Broilers & Fryers	1974	755,000	2,870,000	Pound	.25	717,000
	1973	725,000	2,755,000	"	.248	690,000
Started Pullets	1974	248,000	xx	Each	2.00	496,000
	1973	305,000	xx	"	2.00	610,000
Other Chickens	1974	60,000	270,000	Pound	.07	19,000
	1973	80,000	380,000	"	.13	49,000
Turkeys	1974	1,574,000	31,480,000	"	.29	9,129,000
	1973	1,681,000	32,780,000	"	.358	11,736,000
TOTAL	1974					\$ 32,209,000
	1973					\$ 40,015,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk, Market	1974	1,769,000	CWT.	\$ 8.24	\$ 14,577,000
	*1973	1,585,000	"	6.15	9,748,000
Milk, Manufacturing	1974	75,100	"	6.68	502,000
	*1973	119,000	"	5.51	656,000
Wool	1974	210,000	Pound	.70	147,000
	1973	180,000	"	.80	144,000
Eggs, Chicken	1974	1,640,000	Dozen	.45	738,000
	1973	1,800,000	"	.51	918,000
Eggs, Turkey Hatching	1974	720,000	Each	.30	216,000
	1973	800,000	"	.35	280,000
TOTAL	1974				\$ 16,180,000
*Revised	*1973				\$ 11,746,000



AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT RECAPITULATION 1973-74

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
Apiary	1974		\$ 603,000
	1973		443,000
Field Crops	1974	699,000	73,251,000
	1973	697,950	49,112,000
Fruit & Nut Crops	1974	60,769	58,899,000
	1973	56,079	66,800,000
Livestock & Poultry	1974		32,209,000
	1973		40,015,000
Livestock & Poultry Products	1974		16,180,000
	*1973		11,746,000
Nursery Stock	1974	180	1,163,000
	1973	235	1,982,000
Seed Crops	1974	685	347,000
	1973	1,385	650,000
Vegetable Crops	1974	575	766,000
	1973	990	862,000
TOTAL	1974		\$ 183,418,000
*Revised	*1973		\$ 171,610,000

"MILLION DOLLAR CROPS"

<u>1974</u>		<u>1973</u>	
Grapes	\$41,292,000	Grapes	\$ 48,239,000
Cotton	27,794,000	Cattle & Calves	26,114,000
Cattle & Calves	21,120,000	Cotton	18,816,000
Alfalfa	20,412,000	Alfalfa	14,265,000
Milk	15,079,000	Poultry	13,085,000
Poultry	10,361,000	Milk	*10,404,000
Sugar Beets	8,928,000	Almonds	10,080,000
Almonds	7,617,000	Small Grains	2,962,000
Small Grains	5,124,000	Field Corn	2,626,000
Deciduous Fruit	3,964,000	Peaches	2,345,000
Field Corn	3,164,000	Pasture, Irrigated	2,200,000
Citrus	2,484,000	Figs	1,998,000
Figs	2,436,000	Sugar Beets	1,987,000
Pasture, Irrigated	2,050,000	Nursery Stock	1,982,000
Silage	1,567,000	Beans, Dry	1,526,000

\*Revised

TIMBER CUT IN SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST IN MADERA COUNTY 1973-74

Total MBF	1974	39,188
	1973	48,320

The amount of government timber cut in Madera County is included as an item of interest, as it contributes much to the economy of the county. Data on private land timber are not available.

JANUARY 1, INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK ESTIMATED IN NUMBER OF HEAD

	January 1, 1975	January 1, 1974
Cattle & Calves	144,000	141,000
Milk Cows & Heifers 2 years and over	13,200	12,800
Stock Sheep & Lambs	24,000	24,100
Hogs	900	1,100

COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURAL VALUES

1974.....	\$ 183,418,000
*1973.....	171,610,000
*1972.....	122,387,000
*1971.....	105,249,000
*1970.....	91,057,000
*1969.....	84,846,000
*1968.....	80,181,650
*1967.....	80,372,200
*1966.....	78,602,000
*1965.....	82,647,000
1964.....	81,326,000

\*Revised

PERMANENT CROP TOTAL ACREAGE RECORDS

MADERA COUNTY

CROP	1934	1944	1954	1964	1974		
					Bearing Acres	Non-Bearing	TOTAL ACRES
Almonds	253	458	487	3,018	11,306	5,339	16,645
Apples	85	70	71	103	52	42	94
Apricots	1,174	782	85	58	67	-	67
Avocados	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Cherries	-	-	-	23	18	-	18
Figs	1,279	1,256	1,929	2,758	2,784	606	3,390
Citrus:							
Grapefruit	-	-	-	-	-	31	31
Lemons	-	-	-	-	46	46	92
Oranges	-	-	-	1,081	2,755	680	3,435
Tangelos	-	-	-	-	43	254	297
Tangerines	-	-	-	120	37	5	42
TOTAL CITRUS	-	-	-	1,201	2,881	1,016	3,897
Grapes:							
Raisin	13,009	14,402	15,064	26,051	28,318	1,100	29,418
Table	890	573	432	437	533	50	583
Wine	3,390	3,182	3,341	5,864	11,158	12,854	24,012
TOTAL GRAPES	17,829	18,158	18,837	32,352	40,009	14,004	54,013
Kiwis	-	-	-	-	1	8	9
Nectarines	129	201	117	143	188	34	222
Olives	471	514	558	866	796	870	1,666
Pecans	-	-	-	11	14	36	50
Pears	14	-	-	6	1	-	1
Persimmons	-	-	-	1	3	-	3
Plums	297	319	276	452	454	100	554
Peaches:							
Clingstone	700	320	443	1,378	303	422	725
Freestone	1,425	1,027	1,076	1,630	1,017	226	1,243
TOTAL PEACHES	2,125	1,347	1,519	3,008	1,320	648	1,968
Pistachios	-	-	-	-	-	8,118	8,118
Pomegranates	-	-	-	4	3	-	3
Prunes	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walnuts, English	8	28	69	999	1,038	437	1,475