

Agricultural Crop Report

Madera County

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Agricultural Commissioner

221 West Seventh Street
MADERA, CALIFORNIA

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This report is dedicated to the late

HOWARD THOMAS McLEAN

who passed away on August 15, 1964 at the age of 64. He was employed in this department for 29 years, and served as Madera County Agricultural Commissioner from 1949 until the time of his death.

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MADERA COUNTY
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Madera, California

March 12, 1965

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Madera County Board of Supervisors

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Gentlemen:

Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code requires that the Agricultural Commissioner compile a report of the acreage, production and value of the agricultural crops in his county. This is the thirty-sixth annual report published by the County of Madera.


Acreages of permanent crops are reported in actual bearing acres and other crops are in rounded harvested acres. The value figures presented in this report, represent gross values and do not reflect net income to the growers.

The grand total of \$ 81,326,000 is an increase of over 9 million dollars from the previous year, and it represents the highest gross farm production values in the history of Madera County.

The greatest increase in gross values was registered by Livestock and Poultry, up over 3 million dollars; it was followed by Fruit and Nut Crops and Field Crops, both were up over 2 million dollars. Vegetable Crops made a sizeable gain.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of the individuals and organizations, who cooperated so willingly with me and members of my staff, in contributing the necessary information to make the compilation of this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,


JAMES S. DAVIS
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALMONDS	1964	1,593	.95	1,510	Ton	\$570.00	\$ 861,000
	1963	1,183	.70	828	"	520.00	431,000
APPLES	1964	93	4.00	370	"	75.00	27,800
	1963	92	3.50	322	"	80.00	25,800
APRICOTS	1964	40	2.00	80	"	100.00	8,000
	1963	36	1.75	63	"	90.00	5,700
FIGS	1964	1,969	.80	1,580	"	250.00	395,000
	1963	1,772	.75	1,330	"	260.00	346,000
GRAPES, RAISIN TOTAL	1964	23,407	9.00	211,000	"	xxxxxx	12,093,000
	1963	23,031	10.00	230,000	"	xxxxxx	10,622,000
Dried*	1964	xxx	xxxx	25,900	"	240.00	6,216,000
	1963	xxx	xxxx	28,700	"	235.00	6,744,000
Crushed	1964	xxx	xxxx	102,000	"	50.00	5,100,000
	1963	xxx	xxxx	107,400	"	33.50	3,598,000
Fresh Market	1964	xxx	xxxx	3,700	"	210.00	777,000
	1963	xxx	xxxx	1,400	"	200.00	280,000
GRAPES, WINE TOTAL	1964	4,243	10.00	42,400	"	60.00	2,544,000
	1963	4,086	10.75	43,900	"	42.50	1,866,000
GRAPES, TABLE TOTAL	1964	424	8.00	3,390	"	45.00	153,000
	1963	431	9.50	4,095	"	37.50	153,600
NECTARINES	1964	123	8.50	1,050	"	80.00	84,000
	1963	128	7.00	896	"	90.00	80,600
OLIVES	1964	513	2.00	1,030	"	128.00	132,000
	1963	500	1.80	900	"	203.00	183,000
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	1964	1,049	7.00	7,340	"	60.00	440,000
	1963	829	6.90	5,720	"	60.00	343,000
PEACHES, FREESTONE TOTAL	1964	1,396	7.50	10,500	"	xxx	934,000
	1963	1,560	7.00	10,900	"	xxx	923,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
PEACHES, FREESTONE							
Fresh Market	1964	xxx	xxx	2,400	Ton	\$165.00	\$ 396,000
	1963	xxx	xxx	2,160	"	160.00	346,000
Processing	1964	xxx	xxx	7,170	"	65.00	466,000
	1963	xxx	xxx	7,340	"	65.00	477,000
Dried*	1964	xxx	xxx	150	"	480.00	72,000
	1963	xxx	xxx	200	"	500.00	100,000
PLUMS							
	1964	300	5.00	1,500	"	110.00	165,000
	1963	252	4.50	1,135	"	155.00	176,000
WALNUTS							
	1964	400	.65	260	"	460.00	120,000
	1963	243	.55	134	"	480.00	64,300
TOTAL	1964	35,550					\$17,957,000
	1963**	34,143					\$15,220,000

* Dried Tons

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APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
HONEY	1964	570,000	Pound	\$.12	\$ 68,400
	1963	960,000	"	.13	125,000
BEESWAX	1964	10,000	"	.42	4,200
	1963	15,000	"	.42	6,300
POLLINATION	1964	9,500	Colony	5.00	47,500
	1963	15,000	"	3.60	54,000
NUCLEI	1964	xxx	Each	xxx	xxx
	1963	500	"	5.50	2,750
TOTAL	1964				\$ 120,000
	1963				\$ 188,000

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
EARLEY	1964	63,000	.90	56,700	Ton	48.00	2,722,000
	1963	65,000	.86	55,900	"	46.00	2,571,000
BEANS, DRY EDIBLE	1964	1,600	1.30	2,080	"	130.00	270,000
	1963	800	1.10	880	"	180.00	158,000
CORN	1964	10,500	2.60	27,300	"	58.50	1,597,000
	1963	12,000	2.75	33,000	"	57.00	1,881,000
COTTON LINT	1964	44,330	874 <u>a/</u>	77,480	Bale	.355 <u>b/</u>	13,753,000
	1963	42,860	764 <u>a/</u>	68,240	"	.35 <u>b/</u>	11,942,000
COTTON SEED	1964	xxx	xxx	30,800	Ton	53.00	1,632,000
	1963	xxx	xxx	27,400	"	49.00	1,343,000
HAY Alfalfa	1964	47,700	6.25	298,000	"	24.00	7,152,000
	1963	41,100	6.75	277,400	"	25.00	6,935,000
Grain	1964	2,200	1.75	3,850	"	19.00	73,200
	1963	1,200	1.80	2,160	"	20.00	43,200
OATS	1964	1,500	.70	1,050	"	48.00	50,400
	1963	2,500	.70	1,750	"	48.00	84,000
PASTURE Irrigated	1964	46,000	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	45.00	2,070,000
	1963	46,400	xxxx	xxxx	"	40.00	1,856,000
Other	1964	460,000	xxxx	xxxx	"	2.50	1,150,000
	1963	462,000	xxxx	xxxx	"	2.00	924,000
RICE	1964	2,600	1.80	4,680	Ton	100.00	468,000
	1963	2,068	2.20	4,550	"	90.00	410,000
SAFFLOWER	1964	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	"	xxxx	xxxx
	1963	560	1.00	560	"	80.00	44,800
SILAGE, CORN	1964	4,100	16.50	67,650	"	5.50	372,000
	1963	4,000	16.00	64,000	"	6.00	384,000
SORGHUM GRAIN	1964	5,500	2.00	11,000	"	45.00	495,000
	1963	4,360	2.00	8,720	"	44.00	384,000
STUBBLE	1964	63,000	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	1.00	63,000
	1963	65,000	xxxx	xxxx	"	1.00	65,000

a/ Pounds
b/ Per pound

FIELD CROPS: ACRAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
SUGAR BEETS	1964	3,410	21.50	73,000	Ton	11.50	\$ 843,000
	1963	2,936	24.00	70,460	"	13.00	916,000
WHEAT	1964	6,610	.50	3,300	"	50.00	165,000
	1963	8,140	.40	3,256	"	63.00	205,000
TOTAL	1964	762,000					\$ 32,876,000
	1963	760,924					\$ 30,146,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
ALFALFA	1964	515	540	278,000	Pound	\$.34	\$ 94,500
	1963	200	400	80,000	"	.34	27,200
BEANS BLACK EYE	1964	400	2,500	1,000,000	"	.08	80,000
	1963	540	2,800	1,512,000	"	.11	166,000
CABBAGE	1964	50	1,000	50,000	"	.35	17,500
	1963	40	800	32,000	"	.40	12,800
CARROT	1964	400	500	200,000	"	.35	70,000
	1963	250	1,000	250,000	"	.40	100,000
CLOVER LADINO	1964	230	400	92,000	"	.50	46,000
	1963	175	400	70,000	"	.60	42,000
ONION	1964	30	800	24,000	"	.60	14,400
	1963	60	750	45,000	"	.70	31,500
OTHER SEED	1964	240	xxxx	400,000	"	xxxx	35,000
	1963	225	xxxx	336,000	"	xxxx	50,000
TOTAL	1964	1,870					\$ 357,000
	1963	1,490					\$ 430,000

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VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
MELONS	1964	xxx	xxx	xxx			
Cantaloupe	1963	180	140	25,200	Cwt.	\$ 4.00	\$ 101,000
Watermelon	1964	25	10	250	Ton	30.00	7,500
	1963	350	10	3,500	"	22.00	77,000
POTATOES	1964	2,100	250	525,000	Cwt.	3.95	2,074,000
	1963	1,960	248	486,000	"	2.45	1,191,000
SWEETPOTATO	1964	50	90	4,500	"	7.50	33,800
	1963	80	110	8,800	"	6.50	57,200
TOMATOES	1964	60	15	900	Ton	26.00	23,400
Processed	1963	110	8	880	"	26.00	22,900
Fresh	1964	xxx	xxx	xxx	Cwt.	xxx	xxx
	1963	xxx	40	4,400	"	6.75	29,700
VEGETABLES	1964	65	xxx	xxx		xxx	40,000
Misc.	1963	70	xxx	xxx		xxx	42,000
TOTAL	1964	2,300					\$ 2,179,000
	1963	2,750					\$ 1,521,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK						
Misc.	1964	25	128,500	Plant	xxx	\$ 321,000
	1963	50	250,000	"	xxx	305,000
TOTAL	1964	25				\$ 321,000
	1963	50				\$ 305,000

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE AND CALVES*	1964	87,800	xxx	Head	\$170.00	\$14,926,000
	1963	77,400	xxx	"	162.00	12,539,000
HOGS	1964	2,000	4,000	Cwt.	16.50	66,000
	1963	2,000	4,000	"	15.50	62,000
SHEEP AND LAMBS	1964	17,000	16,900	"	20.00	338,000
	1963	16,100	15,700	"	19.50	307,000
BROILERS AND FRYERS	1964	1,481,000	5,554,000	Pound	.14	778,000
	1963	1,092,000	4,040,000	"	.165	667,000
OTHER CHICKENS	1964	90,000	450,000	"	.06	27,000
	1963	90,000	450,000	"	.06	27,000
GEESE	1964	20,000	xxx	Each	2.00	40,000
	1963	25,000	xxx	"	2.00	50,000
TURKEYS	1964	1,272,000	24,127,000	Pound	.20	4,825,000
	1963	980,000	19,147,000	"	.217	4,155,000
TOTAL	1964					\$21,000,000
	1963					\$17,807,000

*Includes gain of feeders

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK, Market	1964	1,269,000	Cwt.	\$ 4.16	\$ 5,279,000
	1963**	1,204,000	"	4.13	4,973,000
MILK, Mfg.	1964	127,000	"	3.28	417,000
	1963**	219,000	"	3.16	692,000
WOOL	1964	170,000	Pound	.50	85,000
	1963	155,000	"	.50	82,500
EGGS, Chicken	1964	1,946,000	Dozen	.30	584,000
	1963	2,714,000	"	.31	841,000
EGGS, Turkey Hatching	1964	658,000	Each	.23	151,000
	1963	180,000	"	.25	45,000
TOTAL	1964				\$ 6,516,000
	1963**				\$ 6,634,000

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT-RECAPITULATION

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
APIARY	1964	xxx	\$ 120,000
	1963	xxx	188,000
FIELD CROPS	1964	762,000	32,876,000
	1963	760,924	30,146,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1964	35,550	17,957,000
	1963*	34,143	15,220,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1964	xxx	21,000,000
	1963	xxx	17,807,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	1964	xxx	6,516,000
	1963*	xxx	6,634,000
NURSERYSTOCK	1964	25	321,000
	1963	50	305,000
SEED CROPS	1964	1,870	357,000
	1963	1,490	430,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	1964	2,300	2,179,000
	1963	2,750	1,521,000
GRAND TOTAL	1964		\$ 81,326,000
	1963*		\$ 72,251,000

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COMPARISONS OF AGRICULTURAL VALUES

1962	- - - - -	\$ 73,148,200
1961	- - - - -	70,800,900
1960	- - - - -	70,183,449
1959	- - - - -	65,543,421
1958	- - - - -	66,428,505
1957	- - - - -	62,190,872
1956	- - - - -	60,109,729
1955	- - - - -	52,506,940
1954	- - - - -	55,684,845
1953	- - - - -	64,129,220
1952	- - - - -	61,635,755
1951	- - - - -	68,370,255
1950	- - - - -	56,941,000
1949	- - - - -	42,983,325
1948	- - - - -	51,430,054
1947	- - - - -	49,091,003
1946	- - - - -	49,765,535
1945	- - - - -	33,548,335
1944	- - - - -	32,924,990

TIMBER CUT IN MADERA COUNTY

VARIETY	YEAR	GOVERNMENT LAND	PRIVATE LAND	TOTAL M B M
PONDEROSA PINE	1964	12,237	xxx	12,237
	1963	20,678	xxx	20,678
SUGAR PINE	1964	8,008	xxx	8,008
	1963	7,135	xxx	7,135
RED & WHITE FIR	1964	27,856	xxx	27,856
	1963	20,316	xxx	20,316
INCENSE CEDAR	1964	1,682	xxx	1,682
	1963	1,033	xxx	1,033
LODGEPOLE PINE	1964	123	xxx	123
	1963	269	xxx	269
MISCELLANEOUS & SALVAGE	1964	3,173	5,647	8,820
	1963	3,685	2,000	5,685
TOTAL	1964	53,079	5,647	58,726
	1963	53,116	2,000	55,116

The gross value of timber is not included in our farm income; however, because it does represent an important segment of our economy and contributes a great deal to the economic growth of Madera County, it is included as an item of interest.

AGRICULTURAL FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGES FOR 1964

CROP	BEARING ACRES	NON-BEARING ACRES	TOTAL ACRES
Almonds	1,593	1,425	3,018
Apples	93	10	103
Apricots	40	18	58
Cherries	--	23	23
Figs	1,969	789	2,758
Grapes			
Raisin	23,407	2,644	26,051
Table	424	13	437
Wine	4,243	1,621	5,864
Nectarines	123	20	143
Olives	513	353	866
Oranges			
Navel	8	927	935
Valencia	--	146	146
Tangerine	--	120	120
Peaches			
Clingstone	1,049	329	1,378
Freestone	1,396	234	1,630
Pears	6	--	6
Pecans	--	11	11
Persimmons	1	--	1
Plums	300	152	452
Pomegranates	3	1	4
Walnuts	401	598	999
Black Walnuts	--	120	120
TOTAL	35,569	9,554	45,123