

Agricultural Crop Report

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W. C. Jacobsen, Director
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In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the twenty-ninth annual report of acreage, production and value of the agricultural products of Madera County for the year 1957.

Cotton again leads seven commodities in value, each having a gross income in excess of four and a half million dollars. A reduction of about eight thousand acres, under last years planting, produced the highest yield per acre in history. Favorable harvesting weather made good grades possible on almost the entire crop.

Beef, always a leader in Madera County Agricultural income, placed second.

Despite a reduction in yield, increased prices placed grapes third.

Increased production in milkfat, placed it fourth in value.

Greater production, despite lower prices, gave poultry fifth place.

Alfalfa, plagued by aphid and reduced acreage, was sixth in value.

Grains were seventh in value. An increase in acreage of corn and grain sorghum nearly equaled the value of barley, oats and wheat.

The trend toward the planting of more fruit and nut crops is indicated by the non-bearing acreage of 2961 acres of grapes, 959 peaches, 852 figs, 617 almonds and 346 walnuts.

We are dependent upon growers, packers, livestock producers and many others to reveal the information to our representatives, therefore, individual figures are held in strictest confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard T. McLean

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FRUIT and NUT CROPS

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
Almonds	463	278 tons	\$ 166,800
Apples	125	250 tons	25,000
Apricots	46	80 tons	14,720
Figs	1,211	908 tons	154,530
Grapes - raisin	15,268	* 18,188 tons	4,740,920
		41,961 tons	2,144,610
Grapes - table	441	3,528 tons	176,400
Grapes - wine	3,175	28,575 tons	1,571,625
Nectarines	62	37 tons	37,200
Olives	446	780 tons	180,645
Peaches-clingstone	392	3,090 tons	193,125
Peaches-freestone	815	7,126 tons	484,200
Plums	128	640 tons	64,000
Walnuts	69	55 tons	27,500
		TOTAL	\$ 9,981,275

* Dried

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FIELD CROPS

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
Alfalfa	35,254	211,524 tons	\$ 4,653,528
Barley	81,699	49,426 tons	2,075,892
Beans	1,288	15,456 sacks	92,736
Beans-Castor	305	299 tons	36,640
Beets-Sugar	2,254	56,350 tons	676,200
Corn-Field	15,641	39,103 tons	1,876,944
Corn-Silage	4,200	63,000 tons	346,500
Corn-Grain Sorghum	4,829	9,658 tons	405,636
Cotton	39,931	Lint- 63,595 bales Seed 25,438 tons	11,765,075 1,373,652
Grain-Hay	1,300	1,950 tons	39,000
Oats	2,500	1,875 tons	78,750
Potatoes	1,650	437,425 sacks	802,158
Potatoes-Sweet	137	34,250 baskets	89,050
Rice	1,110	58,830 sacks	255,910
Seed	1,719	866 tons	286,814
Wheat	5,593	2,516 tons	188,700
Irrigated Pasture	42,684	---	1,493,940
Stubble	82,300	---	82,300
TOTAL			\$ 26,619,425

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TRUCK CROPS and ANIMAL PRODUCTION

<u>CROPS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>			
Berries	34	17,000 crates	\$ 34,000
Corn-sweet	70	14,000 crates	30,800
Melons	30	525 tons	26,000
Tomatoes	25	20,000 lugs	22,000
Misc. Vegetables	38	---	22,450
		TOTAL	<u>135,250</u>
<u>ANIMAL PRODUCTION</u>			
Beef cattle and calves		63,808 head	\$12,088,813
Hogs		5,000 head	167,500
Sheep - lambs		23,100 head	424,115
wool		180,000 pounds	97,200
Milk fat		5,786,234 pounds	6,148,090
Poultry - turkeys		1,012,162 birds	4,348,202
- chickens		453,211 birds	249,964
- eggs		1,003,000 dozen	421,260
Fertilizer		74,076 tons	100,880
		TOTAL	<u>\$ 24,046,024</u>

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MISCELLANEOUS - LUMBER

CROP	PRODUCTION	TOTAL FARM VALUE
Nursery stock	89,500 plants	\$ 7,375
Bees - Honey	250,000 pounds	27,500
Eeswax	5,000 pounds	2,600
Pollination	7,450 colonies	29,625
Agricultural Conservation payments		1,056,698
	TOTAL	\$ 1,123,798

LUMBER

Stumpage	28,510,000 board feet	\$ 285,100
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SUMMARY - 1957

Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 9,981,275
Field Crops	26,619,425
Animal Production	24,046,024
Truck Crops	135,250
Lumber	285,100
Miscellaneous	1,123,798
	TOTAL \$ 62,190,872

<u>GRAPES, RAISIN</u>	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
Muscat	582	103	685
Sultana	58	-	58
Thompson	14,456	2,532	16,988
Zante C.	<u>172</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>173</u>
TOTAL	15,268	2,636	17,904

GRAPES, TABLE

Cardinal	2	-	2
Cornichon	8	-	8
Emperor	3	-	3
Italia	4	14	18
Malaga	400	4	404
Ribier	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30</u>
TOTAL	441	24	465

GRAPES, WINE

Alicante B.	333	6	339
Aleatico	2	-	2
Alvarelho	7	-	7
Barbera	4	-	4
Burger	20	-	20
Carignane	1,644	73	1,717
Feher Szagos	136	-	136
Golden C.	1	-	1
Grenache	265	179	444
Malavoisie	12	-	12
Mataro	55	-	55
Mission	64	-	64
Palomino	467	23	490
Tinta Cao	8	-	8
Tinta Maderia	31	-	31
Touriga	12	-	12
Salvador	1	-	1
Zinfandel	<u>112</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>132</u>
TOTAL	3,175	301	3,476

NECTARINES

Freedom	-	10	10
Grand Prize	-	10	10
John Rivers	11	13	24
Jordana	15	5	20
Late Le Grand	-	21	21
Le Grand	20	9	29
Panamint	1	-	1
Princess	-	13	13
Merrill- Princess	-	10	10

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	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
<u>ALMONDS</u>			
Davey	-	148	148
Drake	45	-	45
I.X.L.	9	-	9
Jordanola	31	2	33
Texas-Mission	77	148	235
Ne Plus Ultra	15	-	15
Nonpareil	270	318	588
Fearless	12	1	13
Others	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	463	617	1,080
<u>APPLES</u>			
Arkansas Blacks	5	-	5
Golden Delicious	48	-	48
Red Delicious	39	4	43
Pippin	3	-	3
Jonathan	6	-	6
Winter Banana	4	-	4
Others	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	125	5	130
<u>APRICOTS</u>			
Blenheim & Royal	11	-	11
Moorpark	1	-	1
Tilton	33	-	33
Others	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	46	-	46
<u>FIGS</u>			
Black-Mission	382	30	412
Calimyrna	440	430	870
Canadria	-	143	143
White Adriatic	383	249	632
Others	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	1,211	852	2,063

	Bearing Acres	Non-Bearing Acres	Total Acres
Nectarines conc.			
Quetta	15	21	36
Rose	-	3	3
Sun Grand	-	11	11
Sun Rise	-	14	14
Others	-	19	19
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TOTAL	62	159	221

OLIVES

Manzanillo	280	36	316
Mission	99	-	99
Nevadillo	5	-	5
Queens	1	-	1
Sevillano	60	58	118
Others	1	-	1
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TOTAL	446	94	540

PEACHES, Clings

Carolyn	80	4	84
Cortez	52	-	52
Coy	2	-	2
Fortuna	49	-	49
Dix-66	-	9	9
Giblin	169	-	169
Halford	27	65	92
Howard	-	40	40
Peak	13	-	13
Others	-	45	45
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TOTAL	392	163	555

PEACHES, FREESTONES

Blazing Gold	5	3	8
Cardinal	-	13	13
Champion	-	10	10
Dixie Red	-	2	2
Early Elberta	23	3	26
Elberta	150	61	211
Fay Elberta	-	17	17
Gold Dust	-	13	13
Gottwald	-	1	1
Hale	40	5	45
October Gems	-	27	27
John Douglas	-	134	134
Joe # 3	-	15	15
John G.	-	30	30

PEACHES, FR. CONC.	Bearing Acres	Non-Bearing Acres	Total Acres
Kirkman Gems	550	114	664
Early Kirkman	-	49	49
Late Kirkman	-	88	88
Lovell	19	-	19
Merrill 49'er	-	10	10
Merrill Beauty	8	-	8
Merrill Fiesta	-	8	8
Merrill Gem	-	5	5
Merrill Halloween	-	10	10
Merrill Pageant	-	13	13
Merrill Splendor	-	9	9
Muir	10	-	10
Nector	-	15	15
Red Haven	-	60	60
Rio Oso Gem	4	73	77
Stevens	2	-	2
Others	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	815	796	1,611

PLUMS

Duarte	16	-	16
El Dorado	20	2	22
Kelsey	24	-	24
Laroda	-	3	3
Nubiana	-	15	15
Late Nubiana	-	3	3
Queen Ann	-	10	10
Red Roy	-	3	3
Santa Rosa	52	9	61
Late Santa Rosa	3	14	22
Standard	8	-	8
Others	-	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	128	54	182

WALNUTS

Eureka	36	15	51
Franquette	10	5	15
Hartley	13	301	314
Mayette	2	-	2
Payne	2	8	10
Others	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>
TOTAL	69	346	415

SUMMARY OF INCOME FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

AS REPORTED

YEAR	FRUIT	TRUCK	FIELD	MISC.	ANIMAL	LUMBER	TOTAL
1943	\$ 7,216,000	\$ 1,037,000	\$ 11,939,360	\$ 606,410	\$ 9,955,082	\$	\$ 30,753,952
1944	9,037,365	865,105	10,971,490	203,110	11,847,490		32,924,990
1945	8,227,865	826,300	12,357,000	280,720	11,856,720		33,548,335
1946	12,323,855	858,210	20,885,690	241,770	14,368,540	1,087,470	49,765,535
1947	5,660,625	641,895	24,689,040	198,178	16,384,015	1,517,250	49,091,003
1948	5,297,680	808,680	24,946,860	93,109	18,909,860	1,373,750	51,430,054
1949	4,348,640	447,145	20,739,980	130,205	16,505,155	812,200	42,983,325
1950	8,864,545	351,580	27,884,150	147,145	17,814,500	1,879,080	56,941,000
1951	6,280,580	506,020	35,805,870	178,870	23,058,195	2,540,720	68,370,255
1952	5,593,730	216,575	34,472,590	156,915	20,232,105	963,840	61,635,755
1953	6,325,820	314,880	28,453,640	109,175	18,895,705		54,129,220
1954	7,375,080	397,510	29,384,535	144,490	18,383,230		55,684,845
1955	7,691,240	361,980	25,579,975	96,955	18,776,790		52,506,940
1956	10,088,722	278,261	27,784,096	209,013	21,054,132	695,505	60,109,729
1957	9,981,275	135,250	26,619,425	1,123,798	24,046,024	285,100	62,190,872