

# **AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT**



**1955**

**MADERA COUNTY**

Madera County  
Department of Agriculture  
221 WEST 7TH STREET  
Madera, California

To: W.C. Jacobson, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

To: Madera County Board of Supervisors  
Virgil Gordon, Chairman  
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Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California requires the Agricultural Commissioner shall compile reports of the condition, acreage, production, and value of the Agricultural products of his County, and that the Commissioner may publish such reports and shall transmit a copy thereof to the Director.

In accordance herewith I respectfully submit our 1955 report, which is the twenty seventh report to be compiled by this office.

Since we are dependent on growers, packers, livestock producers and many others to reveal the information to our representatives, individual figures are held in strictest confidence.

Howard T McLean  
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS -- 1955

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	47,968	311,790 tons	\$ 7,794,750
Barley	80,150	52,685 "	2,265,455
Beans	946	13,244 sacks	79,470
Beans- castor	86	86 tons	13,760
Beets-sugar	1,676	41,900 "	505,310
Corn-field	11,767	17,650 "	953,100
Corn-silage	5,257	78,855 "	492,845
Corn-grain sorghum	2,908	2,908 "	130,860
Cotton	46,920	lint-52,700 bales	9,088,800
		seed-21,080 tons	990,760
Grain hay	1,500	2,500 "	47,250
Oats	1,405	1,161 "	99,660
Potatoes	2,172	484,000 sacks	636,850
Potatoes-sweet	214	42,800 baskets	85,600
Rice	3,614	100,862 sacks	453,880
Seed	545	276 tons	63,300
Wheat	10,773	4,040 "	274,720
Permanent pasture	43,498	--	1,522,430
Stubble	81,176	--	81,175
			<u>\$25,579,975</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Registered beef cattle	165 head	\$ 49,665
Beef cattle and calves	69,699 "	8,801,700
Hogs	6,000 "	180,000
Sheep-lambs	21,900 "	385,800
wool	181,900 lbs	100,045
Milk & milk products	5,356,260 "	4,970,610
Poultry-turkeys	624,400 birds	3,339,670
chickens	697,040 "	459,530
eggs	1,369,800 dozens	433,220
Fertilizer	13,000 tons	56,550
		<u>\$18,776,790</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery stock	114,800 plants	\$ 8,610
Bees-honey	446,400 lbs.	53,570
beeswax	8,200 lbs	4,265
pollination	4,600 hives	14,000
Agri Conservation payments		16,510
		<u>\$ 96,955</u>

FRUIT & NUT CROPS --- 1955

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	446	126	329 tons	\$ 263,200
Apples	71		140 "	7,280
Apricots	85		298 "	20,860
Figs	1,345	565	678 "	154,380
Grapes-raisin	14,197	1,627	*20,484 "	3,496,200
			45,064 "	1,275,200
Grapes-table	424		4,134 "	124,020
Grapes-wine	3,300	71	32,175 "	1,045,690
Nectarines	81	66	525 "	66,000
Olives	548		1,096 "	264,240
Peaches-clingstone	283	230	2,434 "	205,670
Peaches-freestone	865	406	6,325 "	550,700
Plums	276		1,660 "	199,200
Walnuts	41	53	31 "	18,600
				<u>\$ 7,691,240</u>

\*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Berries	9	6,400 crates	\$ 12,800
Carrots	100	1,400 tons	50,025
Corn-sweet	160	35,200 crates	66,880
Melons	369	3,690 tons	83,025
Onions	47	9,400 50# sacks	3,760
Tomatoes	499	1,800 lugs	1,800
		6,023 tons	135,520
Misc. Vegetables	20	--	8,170
			<u>\$ 361,980</u>

SUMMARY OF INCOME FOR TWENTY SEVEN YEARS  
AS REPORTED

Year	Fruit	Truck	Field	Misc.	Animal	Lumber	Total
1929	\$3,393,400	\$45,300	\$4,884,100	\$	\$	\$	\$8,322,800
1930	2,470,540	31,700	3,199,900				5,702,140
1931	1,751,130	28,800	2,004,500				3,784,430
1932	1,386,100	27,500	1,436,100				2,849,700
1933	2,036,875	30,300	2,297,350				4,364,525
1934	1,975,240	65,220	3,212,090	13,250			5,265,800
1935	2,083,340	86,870	2,910,350	73,500			5,154,060
1936	2,328,165	134,338	5,391,230	144,000			7,997,733
1937	2,786,900	164,520	6,823,720	70,000			9,845,140
1938	1,745,830	198,725	4,668,690	719,800			7,333,045
1939	1,795,200	263,135	5,043,615	723,450			7,825,450
1940	1,665,825	188,280	5,997,630	994,246	3,887,475		12,733,456
1941	3,191,825	283,060	7,547,620	971,638	5,086,160		17,080,303
1942	3,795,820	467,045	9,567,590	520,080	8,557,290		22,907,825
1943	7,216,000	1037,100	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	344,880	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

SUMMARY - 1955

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$ 7,691,240
Total value of truck crops	361,980
Total value of field crops	25,579,975
Total value of animal production	18,776,790
Total value of miscellaneous	96,955
	<u>\$52,506,940</u>

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Classification of Acreage

Fruit & Nut crops	25,117	acres
Field, Vegetable & Nursery	342,886	"
Pasture, arable	171,652	"
Pasture, non-arable	284,160	"
National forest	511,360	"
Roads, cities, canals, non-agricultural, etc	39,545	"
	<u>1,374,720</u>	"