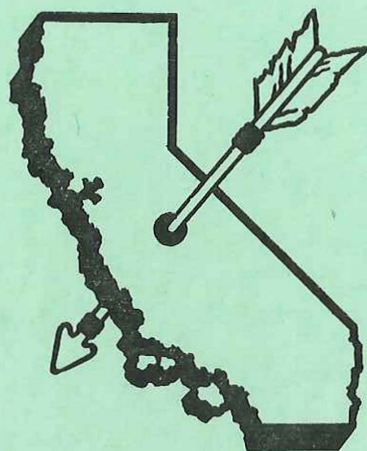


AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



MADERA

1953

MADERA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Madera County
Department of Agriculture

221 WEST 7TH STREET
MADERA, CALIFORNIA

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

To: Madera County Board of Supervisors
Carl W. McCollister, Chairman
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I respectfully submit herewith our twenty fifth annual report of the acreage, production and value of agricultural products in Madera County for the year 1953, as required in Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code.

Figures are F. O. B. returns to the grower and therefore do not represent the net income.

Cotton again leads in income, followed by beef cattle, alfalfa, grapes, milk, poultry, grain and permanent pasture.

The information for this report was gathered by contacting growers, handlers and others and to them we express our sincere appreciation.

Copies of this report are sent to State and County officials and to many others upon request.

Howard T. McLean
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT & NUT CROPS - 1953

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	423	66	179 tons	\$ 75,900
Apples	65	6	130 "	9,100
Apricots	105		630 "	56,700
Figs	1,150	710	636 "	146,570
Grapes-raisin	14,131	83	*17,974 "	2,381,940
			39,698 "	1,230,340
Grapes-table	444		3,996 "	119,880
Grapes-wine	3,351		26,808 "	871,260
Nectarines	77		462 "	73,920
Olives	583	40	700 "	144,200
Peaches-clingstone	295		2,950 "	162,250
Peaches-freestone	998	40	5,693 "	399,280
Plums	272		1,088 "	136,000
Walnuts	41		33 "	18,480
				<u>\$ 6,325,820</u>

*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Berries	35	4,500 crates	\$ 9,000
		90 tons	22,500
Cabbage	5	1,300 crates	1,700
Corn-sweet	249	22,150 "	51,760
		540 tons	18,900
Lettuce	10	2,500 crates	4,125
Melons	442	32,250 "	32,770
		2,920 tons	132,200
Onions	16	2,890 sacks	3,430
Tomatoes	89	13,500 lugs	26,985
		1,300 tons	29,510
Misc. Vegetables	38	--	12,000
			<u>\$ 344,880</u>

FIELD CROPS - 1953

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	45,048	315,340 tons	\$ 6,937,480
Barley	76,054	36,139 "	1,987,650
Beans	936	14,040 sacks	133,380
Beans-castor	108	162 tons	29,160
Beets-sugar	2,320	60,800 "	790,400
Corn-silage	4,574	68,610 "	480,270
Corn-grain sorg.	2,180	2,180 "	119,900
Cotton	70,807	lint-79,500 bales	12,322,500
		seed-31,800 tons	1,590,000
Grain Hay	2,000	3,000 "	60,000
Oats	2,073	1,327 "	79,620
Potatoes	1,752	475,564 sacks	467,160
Potatoes-sweet	98	11,760 baskets	41,160
Rice	5,154	132,020 sacks	726,110
Seed	558	9,055 "	74,810
Sunflower	322	291 tons	65,100
Wheat	13,658	4,902 "	367,650
Permanent Pasture	34,825	--	2,089,500
Stubble	91,785	--	91,790
			<u>\$28,453,640</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Registered beef cattle	433 head	\$ 142,475
Beef cattle & calves	53,396 "	9,379,450
Hogs	6,500 "	292,500
Sheep-lambs	22,700 "	448,700
wool	194,650 lbs.	107,060
Milk	1,050,000 cwt.	4,449,480
Poultry-eggs	986,120 doz.	493,060
chickens & turkeys	1,025,643 birds	3,517,970
Fertilizer	15,685 tons	65,010
		<u>\$18,895,705</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery stock	40	125,000 plants	\$ 6,500
Bees-honey		141,000 lbs	14,805
wax		2,800 lbs	1,120
pollination		2,250 hives	6,750
Agri. Cons. Ass'n payments			80,000
			<u>\$ 109,175</u>

SUMMARY OF INCOME FOR TWENTY FIVE 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

SUMMARY - 1953

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$ 6,325,820
Total value of truck crops	344,880
Total value of field crops	28,153,640
Total value of animal production	18,895,705
Total value of miscellaneous	109,175
	<u>\$54,129,220</u>

Classification of acreage

Fruit & Nut Crops	22,880 acres
Field, Vegetable & Nursery	347,850 "
Pasture, arable	176,470 "
Pasture, non-arable	284,160 "
National Forest & Park	511,360 "
Roads, Cities, Canals, etc.	32,000 "
	<u>1,374,720 acres</u>