

# **AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT**

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**COUNTY  
OF  
MADERA**

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**1950**

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**MADERA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
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To-

The Director State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith our twenty second annual crop report of the acreage, production and value of agricultural products in Madera County for the year 1950 as required in Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code.

The figures are F.O.B. returns to the grower. With the cost of production constantly on the increase the actual return to the grower in most instances continues to decrease.

Copies of this report are sent to State and County officials and to many others as requests are made.

I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation that has been given by my staff and all individuals and organizations that have been contacted for compilation of this report.

HOWARD T. McLEAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

Madera County - 1950

|                        | Bearing<br>Acres | Non-bearing<br>Acres | Total<br>Acres |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Almonds</b>         |                  |                      |                |
| Drake                  | 61               |                      | 61             |
| I.X.L.                 | 21               |                      | 21             |
| Jordonola              | 2                | 30                   | 32             |
| Mission                | 53               | 46                   | 99             |
| NePlus                 | 21               | 3                    | 24             |
| Non Pariel             | 161              | 112                  | 273            |
| Peerless               | 5                | 3                    | 8              |
|                        | <u>324</u>       | <u>194</u>           | <u>518</u>     |
| <b>Apples</b>          |                  |                      |                |
| Delicious              | 41               | 9                    | 50             |
| Other                  | 21               |                      | 21             |
|                        | <u>62</u>        | <u>9</u>             | <u>71</u>      |
| <b>Apricots</b>        |                  |                      |                |
| Blenheim & Royal       | 46               | 10                   | 56             |
| Tiltos                 | 85               |                      | 85             |
|                        | <u>131</u>       | <u>10</u>            | <u>141</u>     |
| <b>Figs</b>            |                  |                      |                |
| Mission                | 2                | 400                  | 402            |
| Calimyrna              | 525              |                      | 525            |
| Kadotas                | 19               |                      | 19             |
| White Adriatics        | 159              | 360                  | 519            |
|                        | <u>705</u>       | <u>760</u>           | <u>1465</u>    |
| <b>Grapes - Raisin</b> |                  |                      |                |
| Muscats                | 783              | 31                   | 814            |
| Sultanas               | 94               |                      | 94             |
| Thompsons              | 13,336           | 234                  | 13,570         |
| Zante Currants         | 217              |                      | 217            |
| Other                  |                  | 18                   | 18             |
|                        | <u>14,430</u>    | <u>283</u>           | <u>14,713</u>  |
| <b>Grapes - Table</b>  |                  |                      |                |
| Emperors               | 3                |                      | 3              |
| Malagas                | 465              |                      | 465            |
| Ribiers                | 22               |                      | 22             |
| Other                  | 13               |                      | 13             |
|                        | <u>503</u>       |                      | <u>503</u>     |
| <b>Grapes - Wine</b>   |                  |                      |                |
| Alicante Bouschet      | 369              |                      | 369            |
| Burger                 | 20               |                      | 20             |
| Carignanes             | 1,849            | 29                   | 1,878          |
| Feher Szagos           | 206              |                      | 206            |
| Grenache               | 273              | 9                    | 282            |
| Malvoisie              | 18               |                      | 18             |
| Mataro                 | 77               |                      | 77             |
| Mission                | 132              |                      | 132            |
| Palomino               | 495              |                      | 495            |
| Zinfandels             | 344              |                      | 344            |
| Other dark             | 92               |                      | 92             |
|                        | <u>3,875</u>     | <u>38</u>            | <u>3,913</u>   |

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

|                    | Bearing<br>Acreage | Non-bear<br>Acreage | <sup>363</sup><br>Production | Total Value<br>F.O.B Farm |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Almonds            | 324                | 194                 | 54 tons                      | \$ 39,220                 |
| Apples             | 62                 | 9                   | 124 "                        | 7,140                     |
| Apricots           | 131                | 10                  | 200 "                        | 14,000                    |
| Figs               | 705                | 760                 | 531 "                        | 245,930                   |
| Grapes-raisin      | 14,430             | 283                 | *15,705 "                    | 3,958,600                 |
|                    |                    |                     | 36,017 "                     | 2,083,340                 |
| Grapes-table       | 503                |                     | 4,527 "                      | 226,350                   |
| Grapes-wine        | 3,875              | 38                  | 23,250 "                     | 1,395,000                 |
| Nectarines         | 78                 |                     | 357 "                        | 42,840                    |
| Olives             | 494                | 150                 | 371 "                        | 85,215                    |
| Peaches-clingstone | 115                | 186                 | 755 "                        | 45,330                    |
| Peaches-freestone  | 637                | 484                 | 3,271 "                      | 546,310                   |
| Plums              | 275                | 29                  | 1,168 "                      | 163,520                   |
| Prunes             |                    | 8                   |                              | --                        |
| Walnuts            | 47                 | 2                   | 24                           | 11,750                    |
|                    |                    |                     |                              | <u>\$8,864,545</u>        |

\*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

|                  |     | Production    |                   |
|------------------|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| Asparagus        | 57  | 71 tons       | \$ 15,670         |
| Berries          | 58  | 24,260 crates | 62,370            |
|                  |     | 115 tons      | 16,800            |
| Cabbage          | 2   | 300 crates    | 390               |
| Corn-sweet       | 270 | 43,200 "      | 96,000            |
| Lettuce          | 7   | 665 "         | 2,100             |
| Melons-other     | 262 | 32,340 "      | 96,120            |
| Melons-water     | 109 | 754 tons      | 20,250            |
| Tomatoes         | 94  | 5,484 lugs    | 19,965            |
|                  |     | 620 tons      | 14,260            |
| Squash           | 12  | 14 "          | 2,560             |
| Misc. Vegetables | 68  | --            | 5,095             |
|                  |     |               | <u>\$ 351,580</u> |

|                                       | Bearing<br>Acres | Non-bearing<br>Acres | Total<br>Acres |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Nectarines</b>                     |                  |                      |                |
| John Rivers                           | 52               |                      | 52             |
| Quetta                                | 12               |                      | 12             |
| Collins                               | 14               |                      | 14             |
|                                       | <u>78</u>        |                      | <u>78</u>      |
| <b>Olives</b>                         |                  |                      |                |
| Manzanillo                            | 317              | 45                   | 362            |
| Mission                               | 171              | 1                    | 172            |
| Sevillano, Nev.,<br>Queen & Seedlings | 6                | 104                  | 110            |
|                                       | <u>494</u>       | <u>150</u>           | <u>644</u>     |
| <b>Peaches-Clingstone</b>             |                  |                      |                |
| Carolyn                               | 8                | 36                   | 44             |
| Fortuna                               |                  | 12                   | 12             |
| Giblin                                | 25               | 138                  | 163            |
| Halford                               | 27               |                      | 27             |
| Libbee                                | 8                |                      | 8              |
| Palora                                | 2                |                      | 2              |
| Peaks                                 | 33               |                      | 33             |
| Other                                 | 12               |                      | 12             |
|                                       | <u>115</u>       | <u>186</u>           | <u>301</u>     |
| <b>Peaches-Freestone</b>              |                  |                      |                |
| Elbertas-Early                        | 1                | 15                   | 16             |
| Elbertas                              | 253              | 7                    | 260            |
| J. H. Hale                            | 106              |                      | 106            |
| Lovells                               | 24               |                      | 24             |
| Muir                                  | 14               | 7                    | 21             |
| Rio Oso Gems                          | 8                | 20                   | 28             |
| Kirkman Gems                          | 222              | 427                  | 649            |
| Other                                 | 9                | 8                    | 17             |
|                                       | <u>637</u>       | <u>484</u>           | <u>1,121</u>   |
| <b>Plums</b>                          |                  |                      |                |
| Duartes                               | 42               |                      | 42             |
| Kelsey                                | 7                |                      | 7              |
| Santa Rosa                            | 201              | 21                   | 222            |
| Tragedy                               |                  | 8                    | 8              |
| Wickson                               | 3                |                      | 3              |
| El Dorado                             | 22               |                      | 22             |
|                                       | <u>275</u>       | <u>29</u>            | <u>304</u>     |
| <b>Prunes</b>                         |                  |                      |                |
| French                                |                  | 8                    | 8              |
| <b>Walnuts</b>                        |                  |                      |                |
| Eureka                                | 26               |                      | 26             |
| Franquette                            | 11               | 1                    | 12             |
| Payne                                 | 4                | 1                    | 5              |
| Misc                                  | 6                |                      | 6              |
|                                       | <u>47</u>        | <u>2</u>             | <u>49</u>      |

FIELD CROPS

|                    | Bearing<br>Acreage | Production               | Total Value<br>F.O.B. Farm |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alfalfa            | 33,799             | 219,694 tons             | \$ 4,393,880               |
| Barley             | 84,000             | 58,400 "                 | 3,504,000                  |
| Beans              | 1,800              | 14,400 sacks             | 151,200                    |
| Beets-sugar        | 2,472              | 38,136 tons              | 476,700                    |
| Corn               | 7,447              | grain-- 2,000 "          | 104,000                    |
|                    |                    | silage-- 43,576 "        | 435,760                    |
| Corn-grain sorghum | 6,900              | 6,210 "                  | 310,500                    |
| Cotton             | 42,300             | lint- 63,000 bales       | 12,600,000                 |
|                    |                    | seed- 25,200 tons        | 2,646,000                  |
| Grain Hay          | 3,450              | 5,175 "                  | 98,330                     |
| Oats               | 4,000              | 3,000 "                  | 165,000                    |
| Potatoes           | 2,550              | 627,327 sacks            | 897,360                    |
| Potatoes-sweet     | 200                | 1,925 tons               | 192,500                    |
| Rice               | 1,165              | 38,445 sacks             | 169,160                    |
| Safflower          | 3,000              | 300 tons                 | 36,000                     |
| Seed               | 513                | 450 "                    | 39,110                     |
| Stubble            | 105,550            | --                       | 26,400                     |
| Wheat              | 17,550             | 8,775 tons <i>70 ton</i> | 614,250                    |
| Permanent Pasture  | 25,600             | --                       | 1,024,000                  |
|                    |                    |                          | <u>\$27,884,150</u>        |

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

|                        | Amount Sold    |                     |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Registered beef cattle | 369 head       | \$ 199,655          |
| Beef cattle & calves   | 61,820 "       | 9,817,760           |
| Hogs                   | 12,000 "       | 436,800             |
| Sheep-lambs            | 24,500 "       | 655,750             |
| wool                   | 140,975 lbs.   | 119,830             |
| Milk                   | 1,180,413 cwt. | 4,037,100           |
| Poultry-eggs           | 481,300 doz.   | 205,495             |
| -chickens & turkeys    | 616,765 birds  | 2,281,860           |
| Fertilizer             | 17,000 tons    | 60,250              |
|                        |                | <u>\$17,814,500</u> |

LUMBER

|                       |                 |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Mill-run rough, green | 31,318 M bd.ft. | \$ 1,879,080 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|

MISCELLANEOUS

|                               |    |                |                |
|-------------------------------|----|----------------|----------------|
| Nursery stock                 | 10 | 186,235 plants | \$ 13,875      |
| Bees-honey                    |    | 210,000 lbs.   | 18,900         |
| wax                           |    | 3,700 "        | 1,480          |
| pollination                   |    | 798 colonies   | 2,890          |
| Agri. Conserv. Ass'n Payments |    |                | <u>110,000</u> |
|                               |    |                | \$ 147,145     |

SUMMARY - 1950

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total value of fruit & nut crops | \$ 8,864,545 |
| Total value of truck crops       | 351,580      |
| Total value of field crops       | 27,884,150   |
| Total value of animal production | 17,814,500   |
| Total value of lumber            | 1,879,080    |
| Total value of miscellaneous     | 147,145      |
|                                  | \$56,941,000 |

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

| CROP         | AGRICULTURAL INCOME |              |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 1946                | 1947         | 1948         | 1949         |
| Fruit        | \$12,323,855        | \$ 5,660,625 | \$ 5,297,680 | \$ 4,348,640 |
| Truck        | 858,210             | 641,895      | 808,925      | 447,145      |
| Field        | 20,885,690          | 24,689,040   | 24,946,860   | 20,739,980   |
| Animal Prod* | 14,368,540          | 16,384,015   | 18,909,730   | 16,505,155   |
| Lumber       | 1,087,470           | 1,517,250    | 1,373,750    | 812,200      |
| Misc'l       | 241,770             | 198,178      | 93,109       | 130,205      |
|              | \$49,765,535        | \$49,091,003 | \$51,430,054 | \$42,983,325 |

\*Animal production includes cattle, calves, hogs, sheep dairy products, poultry, eggs and fertilizer.

Classification of Acreage

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Fruit & Nut Crops          | 23,829 acres    |
| Field, Vegetable & Nursery | 337,695 "       |
| Pasture, Arable            | 186,676 "       |
| Pasture, Non-arable        | 284,160 "       |
| National Forest & Park     | 511,360 "       |
| Roads, Cities, Canals etc. | 31,000 "        |
|                            | 1,374,720 acres |