

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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**COUNTY
OF
MADERA**

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1949

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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:

As required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code, I present herewith our twenty-first annual crop report of the acreage, production and value of agriculture in Madera County for the year 1949.

The figures are f.o.b. returns to the grower. With the cost of production constantly on the increase, the actual return to the farmer in most instances continues to decrease.

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

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	310	203	191 tons	\$ 76,400
Apples	62	9	155 "	4,185
Apricots	100	16	*100 "	28,000
Figs	707	760	528 "	151,195
Grapes-raisin	14,018	671	*19,194 "	2,445,290
			24,212 "	561,670
Grapes-table	498	7	3,984 "	99,600
Grapes-wine	3,590	374	21,540 "	560,040
Nectarines	77		309 "	20,270
Olives	510	150	600 "	120,000
Peaches-Clingstone	118	186	818 "	32,720
Peaches-Freestone	485	572	3,372 "	170,960
Plums	225	79	1,102 "	70,220
Walnuts	40	8	24 "	8,090
				<u>\$4,348,640</u>

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TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Asparagus	334	30,746	crates \$ 93,430
Berries	88	13,600	" 24,800
		250	tons 39,000
Broccoli	40	4,200	crates 15,540
Cabbage	20	7,000	" 13,010
Carrots	5	1,575	" 4,615
Corn-sweet	366	66,050	" 121,690
Lettuce	82	24,600	" 33,700
Melons-other	70	8,200	" 16,240
Melons-water	75	525	tons 13,130
Spinach	5	1,750	crates 3,240
Tomatoes	280	23,040	lugs 55,850
Misc. Vegetables	43	--	12,900
			<u>\$ 447,145</u>

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FIELD CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	27,799	166,794 tons	\$ 3,502,675
Barley	90,560	45,496 "	2,018,830
Beans	500	5,000 sacks	40,000
Beets-sugar	375	8,550 tons	88,065
Corn	2,600	grain- 300 "	18,000
		silage-28,800 "	230,400
Corn-grain sorghum	400	400 "	23,360
Cotton	74,041	lint-76,733 bales	11,126,290
		seed-30,693 tons	1,396,530
Grain Hay	3,000	3,000 "	67,500
Oats	3,000	1,500 "	85,500
Potatoes	2,295	542,312 sacks	906,615
Rice	1,391	52,858 "	185,000
Stubble	106,000	--	26,600
Wheat	12,440	3,110 tons	240,715
Permanent Pasture	19,600	--	784,000
			<u>\$20,739,980</u>

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ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount sold	
Registered beef cattle	540 head	\$ 269,290
Beef cattle & calves	62,291 "	7,330,425
Hogs	12,000 "	480,000
Sheep-lambs	26,026 "	552,630
-wool	163,648 lbs.	75,245
Milk	1,129,580 cwt.	3,991,945
Poultry-eggs	443,750 doz.	199,770
-chickens & turkeys	533,150 birds	3,487,050
Fertilizer	34,100 tons	118,800
		<u>\$16,505,155</u>

LUMBER

Mill-run rough, green	16,154 M bd.ft	\$ 812,200
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MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery stock	142,595 plants	\$ 10,650
Bees-honey	219,000 lbs.	18,250
-wax	3,500 "	1,155
-bees	45 pkgs.	200
Agri. Conserv. Ass'n Payments		99,950
		<u>\$ 130,205</u>

SUMMARY - 1949

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$ 4,348,640
Total value of truck crops	447,145
Total value of field crops	20,739,980
Total value of animal production	16,505,155
Total value of lumber	812,200
Total value of miscellaneous	130,205
	<u>\$42,983,325</u>

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

CROP	AGRICULTURAL INCOME			
	1945	1946	1947	1948
Fruit	\$ 8,227,865	\$12,323,855	\$ 5,660,625	\$ 5,297,680
Truck	826,300	858,210	641,895	808,925
Field	12,357,000	20,885,690	24,689,040	24,946,860
Animal Prod*	11,856,450	14,368,540	16,384,015	18,909,730
Lumber	--	1,087,470	1,517,250	1,373,750
Misc'l	230,720	241,770	198,178	93,109
	<u>\$33,548,335</u>	<u>\$49,765,535</u>	<u>\$49,091,003</u>	<u>\$51,430,054</u>

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

Classification of Acreage

Fruit & Nut Crops	23,775 acres	23,775
Field, Vegetable & Nursery	334,686 "	
Pasture, Arable	189,739 "	
Pasture, Non-arable	284,160 "	
National Forest & Park	511,360 "	
Roads, Cities, Canals, etc.	<u>31,000 "</u>	
	1,374,720 acres	