

**TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
AGRICULTURAL CROPS**



●
**COUNTY
OF
MADERA**

●
1948

●
**MADERA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

T0-

A.A. Brock, Director, State Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors, Madera County

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1948

Submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the State
Agricultural Code.

Compiled by Madera County Department of Agriculture
through the cooperation of many individuals and agencies
to whom we extend our appreciation and thanks for their
cooperation.

The total agricultural income was \$2,339,051 more than
the 1947 income. This was more than accounted for in the
higher prices for beef cattle. 67,539 head had a value of
\$10,067,480 compared to a value of \$8,437,730 for 71,670
head in 1947. Registered beef cattle a growing industry
in the County added \$224,890 to the income for 507 head
sold.

Niels Overgaard, Acting Agricultural Commissioner

Margaretta E. Moore
Office Clerk

Howard T. McLean
Senior Inspector

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

| | Bearing Acreage | Non-bear Acreage | Production | Total Value F.O.B. Farm |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Almonds | 376 | 204 | 188 tons | \$ 114,680 |
| Apples | 70 | | 175 " | 8,750 |
| Apricots | 394 | 6 | *394 " | 118,200 |
| Figs | 897 | 700 | 672 " | 143,380 |
| Grapes-raisin | 14,443 | 1,215 | *23,394 " | 2,825,100 |
| | | | 7,880 " | 264,200 |
| Grapes-table | 554 | 1 | 4,432 " | 132,960 |
| Grapes-wine | 3,435 | 1,229 | 24,045 " | 841,575 |
| Nectarines | 146 | | 910 " | 68,250 |
| Olives | 496 | 93 | 800 " | 104,500 |
| Peaches-Clingstone | 120 | 40 | 1,450 " | 92,075 |
| Peaches-Freestone | 561 | 813 | 4,231 " | 336,450 |
| Plums | 284 | 92 | 1,704 " | 238,560 |
| Walnuts | 30 | | 18 " | 9,000 |
| | | | | <u>\$5,297,680</u> |

*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

| | | Production | |
|------------------|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| Asparagus | 768 | 45,114 crates | \$ 128,360 |
| Berries | 87 | 4,000 " | 10,000 |
| | | 1,337 tons | 97,720 |
| Cabbage | 47 | 14,100 crates | 21,150 |
| Cauliflower | 40 | 14,000 " | 21,000 |
| Corn-sweet | 232 | 39,800 " | 94,800 |
| Lettuce | 47 | 14,800 " | 17,025 |
| Melons-other | 43 | 258 " | 12,900 |
| Melons-water | 95 | 760 tons | 17,580 |
| Spinach | 25 | 200 " | 5,000 |
| Tomatoes | 290 | 132,886 lugs | 322,190 |
| | | 1,860 tons | 46,500 |
| Misc. Vegetables | 25 | -- | 14,700 |
| | | | <u>\$ 808,925</u> |

FIELD CROPS

| | Bearing Acreage | Production | Total Value F.O.B. Farm |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Alfalfa | 26,800 | 187,600 tons | \$ 4,877,600 |
| Barley | 88,000 | 82,400 " | 4,284,800 |
| Beans | 1,850 | 18,500 sacks | 83,250 |
| Beets-sugar | 142 | 1,988 tons | 23,860 |
| Corn | 800 | grain- 300 " | 18,000 |
| | | silage- 6,000 " | 48,000 |
| Corn-grain sorghum | 2,200 | 2,750 " | 154,000 |
| Cotton | 68,825 | lint-67,137 bales | 10,070,550 |
| | | seed-26,870 tons | 1,988,380 |
| Grain Hay | 2,500 | 2,500 " | 62,500 |
| Oats | 1,600 | 1,080 " | 62,640 |
| Potatoes | 3,198 | 645,332 sacks | 1,487,910 |
| Potatoes-sweet | 30 | 3,750 crates | 13,130 |
| Rice | 1,440 | 54,720 sacks | 246,240 |
| Wheat | 12,000 | 7,200 tons | 576,000 |
| Permanent Pasture | 19,000 | -- | 950,000 |
| | | | <u>\$24,946,860</u> |

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

| | Amount Sold | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Registered Beef Cattle | 507 head | \$ 224,890 |
| Beef cattle & calves | 67,539 " | 10,067,480 |
| Hogs | 12,000 " | 624,000 |
| Sheep-lambs | 29,250 " | 529,000 |
| -wool | 181,760 lbs. | 76,340 |
| Milk | 1,068,561 cwt. | 4,834,170 |
| Poultry-eggs | 450,000 doz. | 216,000 |
| -chickens & turkeys | 371,300 birds | 2,272,850 |
| Fertilizer | 20,000 tons | 65,000 |
| | | <u>\$18,909,730</u> |

LUMBER

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Mill-run rough, green | 27,475 M bd.ft. | \$ 1,373,750 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----------------|------------------|
| Nursery stock | 35 | 403,000 plants | \$ 16,575 |
| Bees-honey | | 286,260 lbs. | 25,765 |
| -wax | | 4,200 " | 1,805 |
| Agri, Conv. Ass'n Payments | | | 48,964 |
| | | | <u>\$ 93,109</u> |

SUMMARY - 1948

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total value of fruit & nut crops | \$ 5,297,680 |
| Total value of truck crops | 808,925 |
| Total value of field crops | 24,946,860 |
| Total value of animal production | 18,909,730 |
| Total value of lumber | 1,373,750 |
| Total value of miscellaneous | 93,109 |
| | <hr/> \$51,430,054 |

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

| CROP | AGRICULTURAL INCOME | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 |
| Fruit | \$9,037,365 | \$8,227,865 | \$12,323,855 | \$5,660,625 |
| Truck | 865,105 | 826,300 | 858,210 | 641,895 |
| Field | 10,971,490 | 12,357,000 | 20,885,690 | 24,689,040 |
| Animal Prod* | 11,847,920 | 11,856,450 | 14,368,540 | 16,384,015 |
| Lumber | -- | -- | 1,087,470 | 1,517,250 |
| Misc'l | 203,110 | 280,720 | 241,770 | 198,178 |
| | <hr/> \$32,924,990 | \$33,548,335 | \$49,765,535 | \$49,091,003 |

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

Classification of Acreage

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fruit & Nut Crops | 26,199 acres |
| Field, Vegetable & Nursery | 325,361 " |
| Pasture, Arable | 196,640 " |
| Pasture, Non-arable | 284,160 " |
| National Forest & Park | 511,360 " |
| Roads, Cities, Canals, etc | 31,000 " |
| | <hr/> 1,374,720 acres |