

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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OF
MADERA

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1947

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MADERA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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GEO. A. POHL
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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

For
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

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Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code states: "The Commissioner shall compile reports of conditions, acreage, production and value of the agricultural products in his county. The Commissioner may publish such reports, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the Director".

This is the nineteenth consecutive report to be assembled by this office. Since we are dependent upon the cooperation of growers, packers and others to reveal correct figures to our representatives, individual items are held in strictest confidence. We believe that composite figures are thus reasonably accurate, although some may be slightly below the total P.O.B. sums, due to our inability to find all sources.

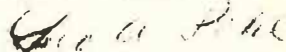
The income is generally based on the average price received by the farmers before packing and yields and production are calculated on an average basis.

These figures do not include values for native grasses or stubble. Such values, in a measure are reported in our animal production, but a substantial amount is consumed by animals marketed in other counties for which this county receives no credit.

The following report reflects the constant increase in new developments which offsets the demoralized values of some of our commodities.

Credit is due to members of my staff, the Agricultural Conservation Association office, the farmers and many others who have cooperated to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted



Geo. A. Pohl
Agricultural Commissioner

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1947

Compiled by GEO. A. POHL, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	369	150	287 tons	\$ 186,550
Apples	70		175 "	8,750
Apricots	488	3	*526 "	123,880
Figs	1,216	202	1,216 "	148,980
Grapes-raisin	14,386	1579	*23,150 "	3,025,250
			9,440 "	336,375
Grapes-table	557	1	4,450 "	133,500
Grapes-wine	3,283	1908	22,980 "	919,200
Nectarines	140	10	872 "	65,400
Clives	502	93	600 "	93,000
Peaches-clingstone	123	40	1,610 "	81,305
Peaches-freestone	780	604	*380 "	68,400
			4,337 "	358,255
Plums	240	159	1,440 "	108,000
Walnuts	15	15	9 "	3,780
				<u>\$5,660,625</u>

*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Asparagus	930	51,400 crates	\$ 128,500
Berries	85	415 tons	58,100
Cabbage	45	6,750 crates	12,490
Cauliflower	50	8,000 "	10,000
Corn-sweet	240	40,600 "	95,200
Lettuce	95	14,250 "	28,500
Melons-other	113	565 tons	16,950
Melons-water	112	784 "	19,600
Spinach	105	975 "	24,375
Tomatoes	780	6,350 "	184,150
		19,204 lugs	43,780
Misc. Vegetables	81	--	20,250
			<u>\$ 641,895</u>

FIELD CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	51,800	222,600 tons	\$6,010,200
Barley	79,000	52,500 "	3,412,500
Beans	2,364	21,273 sacks	319,420
Beets-sugar	82	1,435 tons	20,090
Corn	600	grain-200 "	20,000
		silage-5,000 "	40,000
Corn-grain sorghum	2,475	3,094 "	247,500
Cotton	43,120	53,897 bales lint	8,623,520
		21,558 tons seed	2,155,800
Grain Hay	2,500	2,500 "	50,000
Oats	2,500	1,500 "	97,500
Potatoes	2,388	548,622 sacks	1,480,240
Potatoes-sweet	69	12,250 crates	42,880
Rice	1,280	48,980 sacks	269,390
Wheat	25,000	11,250 tons	900,000
Permanent Pasture	20,000	--	1,000,000
			<u>\$24,689,040</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Beef cattle & calves*	71,670 head	\$8,437,730
Hogs	15,150 "	984,750
Sheep-lambs	29,725 "	446,420
wool	182,175 lbs.	78,335
Milk	1,272,097 cwt.	4,916,530
Poultry-eggs	450,000 doz.	225,000
-chickens & turkeys	310,000 birds	1,245,650
Fertilizer	16,100 tons	49,600
		<u>\$16,384,015</u>

* Includes imported feeders & gain in value

LUMBER

Mill-run rough, green	30,345,000 bd.ft	\$1,517,250
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MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery stock	70	182,960 plants	\$ 31,740
Bees-Honey		48 tons	17,280
Wax		2,100 lbs	880
Agri. Conserv. Ass'n Payments			148,278
			<u>\$ 198,178</u>

SUMMARY - 1947

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$ 5,660,625
Total value of truck crops	641,895
Total value of field crops	24,689,040
Total value of animal production	16,384,015
Total value of lumber	1,517,250
Total value of miscellaneous	198,178
	<u>\$49,091,003</u>

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

CROP	AGRICULTURAL INCOME			
	1943	1944	1945	1946
Fruit	\$7,216,000	\$9,037,365	\$8,227,865	\$12,323,855
Truck	1,037,100	865,105	826,300	858,210
Field	11,939,560	10,971,490	12,557,000	20,885,690
Animal Prod*	9,955,082	11,847,920	11,856,450	14,368,540
Lumber	--	--	--	1,087,470
Misc'l	606,410	203,110	280,720	241,770
	<u>\$50,755,952</u>	<u>\$52,924,990</u>	<u>\$55,548,335</u>	<u>\$49,765,535</u>

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

Classification of Acreage

Fruit & Nut Crops	26,936 acres
Field, Vegetable & Nursery	317,624 "
Pasture, Arable	203,780 "
Pasture, Non-arable	284,160 "
National Forest & Park	311,360 "
Roads, etc.	50,860 "
	<u>1,574,720 acres</u>