

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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GEO. A. POHL
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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For

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

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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 eighteenth 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 F.C.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.

While the total F.O.B. farm income for 1946 exceeds the previous all time high of 1945 by \$16,217,200 this does not indicate a corresponding increase in net income as operating costs also increased.

The large increase in totals for 1946 while reflecting the inflation values, is due to a substantial increase in developed land which is due for the most part to a subdivision of past large land holdings and a greater increase in smaller operations.

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

Respectfully submitted

Geo. A. Pohl

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Agricultural commissioner

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1946

Compiled by GEO. A. POHL, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	387	123	333 tons	\$ 166,500
Apples	70		230 "	15,640
Apricots	695	2	1,500 "	127,500
			*778 "	404,560
Figs	1,216	202	1,216 "	486,400
Grapes-raisin	15,956	1302	*11,431 "	3,570,300
			53,072 "	3,820,520
Grapes-table	559		4,472 "	357,760
Grapes-wine	3,037	1785	19,130 "	2,104,630
Nectarines	179	10	1,183 "	147,880
Olives	491	93	982 "	343,700
Peaches-clingstone	149	74	1,132 "	67,920
Peaches-freestone	895	158	*442 "	141,440
			4,557 "	410,580
Plums	227	134	1,225 "	153,125
Walnuts	15	15	9 "	5,400
				<u>\$12,323,855</u>

*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Asparagus	715	54,210 crates	\$ 175,950
Cabbage	61	9,150 "	16,930
Carrots	33	2,310 "	6,600
Cauliflower	88	14,080 "	17,600
Corn-sweet	263	38,620 "	72,035
Lettuce	148	20,490 "	32,784
Melons-other	250	21,800 "	34,900
Melons-water	183	1,480 tons	45,900
Onions	41	5,515 sacks	10,765
Spinach	159	30,174 crates	26,770
Tomatoes	842	8,370 tons	259,470
		68,168 lugs	138,506
Misc. Vegetables	50	--	20,000
			<u>\$ 858,210</u>

FIELD CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	32,200	225,400 tons	\$ 5,860,400
Barley	81,063	60,797 "	3,647,820
Beans	3,388	34,880 sacks	540,140
Beets-sugar	95	1,663 tons	24,950
Corn	730	grain-460 "	27,600
		silage-5,000 "	40,000
Corn-grain sorghum	4,126	4,126 "	226,930
Cotton	31,596	lint-35,107 bales	5,617,120
		seed-14,042 tons	1,334,000
Grain Hay	2,500	2,500 "	60,000
Oats	2,588	1,553 "	93,180
Potatoes	2,996	27,053 "	1,036,000
Potatoes-sweet	100	400 "	56,000
Rice	1,290	2,870 "	168,300
Sunflowers	50	38 "	5,320
Wheat	29,816	16,399 "	1,147,930
Permanent pasture	20,000	--	1,000,000
			<u>\$20,885,690</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Beef cattle & calves*	56,213 head	**\$ 5,701,670
Hogs	20,197 "	945,220
Sheep-Lambs	31,417 "	**591,170
Wool	257,040 lbs.	110,530
Milk	1,247,154 cwt.	**5,273,030
Poultry-Eggs	450,000 doz.	207,000
Chickens & turkeys	352,620 birds	1,490,780
Fertilizer	11,975 tons	49,140
		<u>\$14,368,540</u>

*Includes imported feeders & gain in value

** Includes subsidy payment

LUMBER

Mill-run rough, green	24,166,000 Bd.ft.	\$ 1,087,470
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MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery Stock	1,004,130 plants	\$ 69,590
Bees-Honey	65 tons	28,600
Wax	2,306 lbs.	1,080
A.A.A. Payments	--	142,500
		<u>\$ 241,770</u>

SUMMARY - 1946

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$12,323,855
Total value of truck crops	858,210
Total value of field crops	20,885,690
Total value of animal production	14,368,540
Total value of lumber	1,087,470
Total value of miscellaneous	241,770
	<u>\$49,765,535</u>

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

CROP	AGRICULTURAL INCOME			
	1942	1943	1944	1945
Fruit	\$3,795,820	\$7,216,000	\$9,037,365	\$8,227,865
Truck	467,045	1,037,100	865,105	826,300
Field	9,567,590	11,939,360	10,971,490	12,357,000
Animal Prod*	8,557,290	9,955,082	11,847,920	11,856,450
Misc'l	520,080	606,410	203,110	280,720
	<u>\$22,907,825</u>	<u>\$30,753,952</u>	<u>\$32,924,990</u>	<u>\$33,548,335</u>

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

Classification of Acreage

Fruit & Nut Crops	25,784 acres
Field, Vegetable & Nursery	316,216 "
Pasture, Arable	206,340 "
Pasture, Non-arable	284,160 "
National Forest & Park	511,360 "
Roads, etc	<u>30,860</u> "
	<u>1,374,720</u>