

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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OF  
MADERA

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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 seventeenth 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. 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.

While the total F.O.B. farm income for 1945 exceeds the previous all time high of 1944 by \$623,345.00 this does not indicate a corresponding increase in net income as operating costs also increased.

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

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Agricultural Commissioner

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1945

COMPILED BY GEO. A. POHL, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	395	53	760 tons	\$ 193,040
Apples	70		230 "	20,100
Apricots	735		*1,470 "	132,300
Figs	1,224	222	612 "	183,600
Grapes-raisin	13,806	990	*22,607 "	4,776,395
			6,464 "	387,840
Grapes-table	573		4,125 "	206,250
Grapes-wine	2,978	957	16,761 "	1,155,660
Nectarines	191	10	1,179 "	94,320
Olives	491	21	685 "	196,250
Peaches-clingstone	196	67	1,568 "	99,570
Peaches-freestone	1,012	33	3,521 "	311,360
			*629 "	292,620
Plums	218	104	1,242 "	173,880
Walnuts	13	15	8 "	4,680
				<u>\$8,227,865</u>

\*Dried

TRUCK CROPS

		Production	
Asparagus	630	47,120 crates	\$ 131,530
Beets-table	32	4,000 "	5,000
Cabbage	73	584 tons	17,520
Carrots	60	9,000 crates	20,250
Cauliflower	89	17,800 "	22,250
Corn-sweet	208	26,800 "	69,300
Cucumbers	53	336 tons	16,380
Lettuce	116	18,200 crates	29,250
Melons-other	97	13,625 "	24,250
Melons-water	135	1,400 tons	49,000
Onions	112	2,400 sacks	5,400
Peas	321	15,000 baskets	36,750
Spinach	220	7,280 crates	15,340
Tomatoes	912	61,790 lugs	183,130
		6,250 tons	156,250
Misc. Vegetables	77	-	30,800
Misc. Vege. Seed	129	96,500 lbs.	13,900
			<u>\$ 826,300</u>

FIELD CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F. O. B. Farm
Alfalfa	28,000	168,000 tons	\$ 3,528,000
Barley	79,000	43,450 "	1,955,250
Beans	2,550	33,300 sacks	205,050
Corn-Indian	500	5,000 tons	40,000
Corn-grain sorghum	2,500	2,887 "	150,120
Cotton	30,147	lint-32,038 bales	3,203,000
		seed-12,815 tons	692,010
Flax	1,894	530 "	73,070
Grain Hay	2,300	2,300 "	46,000
Oats	2,800	1,400 "	72,800
Potatoes	3,000	470,000 sacks	1,009,710
Potatoes-sweet	75	300 tons	30,000
Rice	40	64 "	4,740
Sunflowers	213	94 "	13,820
Wheat	29,390	13,225 "	700,930
Permanent Pasture	17,800	-	633,000
			<u>\$12,357,000</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Beef cattle & calves*	60,500 head	\$ 5,674,000
Hogs	21,260 "	797,250
Sheep: Lambs	35,320 "	406,980
Wool	285,600 lbs.	119,950
Dairy Products	783,415 cwt.	**3,148,500
Poultry: Eggs	600,000 doz.	264,000
Chickens & turkeys	370,605 birds	1,385,020
Fertilizer	15,000 tons	60,750
		<u>\$11,856,450</u>

\* Includes imported feeders & gain in value

\*\* Includes subsidy payment

MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery Stock	400,000 plants	\$ 26,700
Bees: Honey	65,320 pounds	7,840
Wax	2,245 "	
A.A.A. Payments	-	245,250
		<u>\$ 280,720</u>

SUMMARY

Total value of fruit & nut crops	\$ 8,227,865
Total value of truck crops	826,300
Total value of field crops	12,357,000
Total value of animal production	11,856,450
Total value of miscellaneous	280,720
	<u>\$33,548,335</u>

RECAPITULATION

CROP	AGRICULTURAL INCOME					
	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Fruit	\$1,665,825	\$3,191,825	\$3,795,820	\$7,216,000	\$9,037,365	\$8,227,865
Truck	188,280	283,060	467,045	1,037,100	865,105	826,300
Field	5,997,630	7,547,620	9,567,590	11,939,360	10,971,490	12,357,000
Animal Prod.*	3,887,475	5,086,160	8,557,290	9,955,082	11,847,920	11,856,450
Misc'l	994,246	971,638	520,080	606,410	203,110	280,720
	\$12,733,456	\$17,080,303	\$22,907,825	\$30,753,952	\$32,924,990	\$33,548,335

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