

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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COUNTY
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 sixteenth 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 representative, 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 permanent pasture or 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 1944 exceeds the previous all time high of 1943 by \$2,171,038.00 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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ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1944

COMPILED BY GEO. A. POHL, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Non-bear Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Almonds	590	68	164 tons	\$ 123,000
Apples	70		230 "	17,250
Apricots	782		*1,017 "	549,180
Figs	1,236	20	618 "	146,775
Grapes-table	573		4,125 "	453,750
Grapes-raisin	13,692	710	*22,402 "	**4,283,140
			6,464 "	323,200
Grapes	2,979	203	18,768 "	2,064,480
Nectarines	191	10	1,179 "	47,160
Olives	493	21	840 "	159,600
Peaches-clingstone	253	67	2,024 "	125,930
Peaches-freestone	986	41	3,600 "	271,610
			*648 "	294,720
Plums	228	91	1,163 "	174,450
Walnuts	13	15	6 "	3,120
				<u>\$9,037,365</u>

* Dried

** Includes Incentive payment

TRUCK CROPS

PRODUCTION

Asparagus	915	46,120 crates	\$ 118,830
Beets-table	31	6,200 "	15,500
Cabbage	133	1,064 tons	42,560
Carrots	143	21,450 crates	47,025
Cauliflower	70	24,500 "	24,500
Corn-sweet	452	51,840 "	103,680
Lettuce	75	21,000 "	35,700
Melons-other	227	24,425 "	43,700
Melons-water	115	805 tons	24,150
Onions	122	12,200 sacks	12,200
Peas	249	11,205 crates	23,530
Spinach	69	10,350 "	20,700
Tomatoes	765	45,047 lugs	126,900
		4,420 tons	120,710
Misc. Vegetables	112	-	44,800
Misc. Vege. Seed	493	118,519 pounds	60,620
			<u>\$ 865,105</u>

FIELD CROPS

	Bearing Acreage	Production	Total Value F.O.B. Farm
Alfalfa	27,000	162,000 tons	\$3,564,000
Barley	80,000	40,000 "	1,880,000
Beans	3,500	25,000 bags	156,880
Corn-Indian	400	4,000 tons	20,000
Corn-grain sorghum	5,500	4,813 "	192,520
Cotton	57,000	lint-33,440 bales seed-13,276 tons	3,009,600 622,200
Flax	2,000	1,000 "	115,000
Grain Hay	1,250	1,250 "	27,500
Oats	4,900	2,450 "	122,500
Potatoes	3,000	271,423 sacks	521,650
Potatoes-sweet	350	1,400 tons	112,000
Wheat	28,395	12,068 "	627,540
Permanent Pasture	15,300	--	--
			<u>\$10,971,490</u>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

	Amount Sold	
Beef cattle & calves*	65,105 head	\$6,558,200
Hogs	23,625 "	885,940
Sheep: Lambs	39,400 "	428,040
Wool	304,000 lbs	127,680
Dairy Products (milk & cream)	662,000 cwt.	**2,562,980
Poultry: Eggs	900,000 doz.	351,000
Chickens & turkeys	270,950 birds	1,070,780
Fertilizer	17,800 tons	62,300
		<u>\$11,847,920</u>

* Includes imported feeders & gain in value

**Includes subsidy payment

MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery Stock	325,000 plants	\$ 20,200
Bees	141,000 lbs.honey	16,920
	4,795 lbs wax	1,990
U.S. Agricultural Parity Payment		164,000
		<u>\$ 203,110</u>

SUMMARY

Total value of fruit and nut crops	\$ 9,037,365
Total value of truck crops	865,105
Total value of field crops	10,971,490
Total value of animal production	11,847,920
Total value of miscellaneous	203,110
	<u>\$32,924,990</u>

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

CROP	AGRICULTURAL INCOME					
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Fruit	\$1,795,200	\$1,665,825	\$3,191,825	\$3,795,820	\$7,216,000	\$9,037,365
Truck	263,185	188,280	283,060	467,045	1,037,100	865,105
Field	5,043,615	5,997,630	7,547,620	9,567,590	11,939,360	10,971,490
Animal Production*	---	3,887,475	5,086,160	8,557,290	9,955,082	11,847,920
Misc ¹	723,450	994,246	971,638	520,080	606,410	203,110
TOTALS	\$7,825,450	\$12,733,456	\$17,080,303	\$22,907,825	\$30,755,952	\$32,924,990

*Animal production includes beef cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, milk & butter fat, poultry, eggs, chickens, turkeys and fertilizer; no record of valuation was made in 1939.