



AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

Madera County

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Mr. Jerry W. Fielder, Director
California Department of Agriculture

and

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Madera County

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the forty-first Annual Crop Report for Madera County as required by Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code.

The gross value of agricultural products was \$84,790,970, the highest on record and an increase of \$4,609,320, from the previous year. This increase is reflected principally in our fruit, nut, livestock and poultry production, where sizeable gains were made.

It must be emphasized that these figures show gross returns to the economy of the county, and in no way represent a measure of profit to the grower.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of my staff who assisted in the compilation of this report and to the many individuals, organizations and business firms who contributed much of the information used in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

James S. Davis

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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1963-1969

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley, Irrigated	1969	20,000	1.00	20,000	Ton	\$ 50.00	1,000,000
	1963	22,000	1.36	30,000	"	43.00	1,290,000
Barley, Dryland	1969	13,000	.40	7,200	"	50.00	360,000
	1963	24,000	.55	13,200	"	43.00	568,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1969	3,000	.75	2,250	"	190.00	428,000
	1963	3,600	.50	1,300	"	140.00	252,000
Corn, Field	1969	12,600	2.40	30,200	"	59.00	1,732,000
	1963	7,600	2.50	19,000	"	57.00	1,083,000
Corn, Silage	1969	4,000	13.00	72,000	"	6.50	468,000
	1963	3,900	13.50	72,200	"	6.00	433,000
Cotton, Lint	1969	43,100	722 _a /	65,000	bales	.22 _b /	7,150,000
	*1963	43,600	315 _a /	74,200	"	.22 _b /	8,162,000
Cotton Seed	1969	xx	xx	26,000	ton	48.00	1,248,000
	*1963	xx	xx	29,600	"	60.00	1,776,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1969	43,000	5.70	274,000	"	26.00	7,124,000
	1963	50,000	5.50	275,000	"	24.00	6,600,000
Hay, Grain	1969	1,500	1.20	1,800	"	23.00	41,400
	1963	2,000	1.40	2,800	"	22.00	61,600
Oats	1969	450	1.00	450	"	48.00	21,600
	1963	400	.70	280	"	45.00	12,600
Pasture, Irr.	1969	46,000	xx	xx	Acre	45.00	2,070,000
	1963	43,000	xx	xx	"	45.00	2,160,000
Pasture, Other	1969	490,000	xx	xx	"	4.25	2,032,000
	1963	430,000	xx	xx	"	4.00	1,920,000
Rice	1969	1,850	2.53	4,700	ton	98.00	461,000
	1963	1,620	2.50	4,050	"	95.00	385,000
Sorghum Grain	1969	6,300	1.25	8,500	"	45.00	382,000
	1963	5,300	1.07	9,900	"	43.00	426,000
Safflower	1969	115	.43	50	"	90.00	4,500
	1963	300	.43	130	"	95.00	12,400
Stubble	1969	30,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	30,000
	1963	36,000	xx	xx	"	1.00	36,000

*Revised
a/Pounds
b/Per Pound

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1966-1969

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Sugar Beets	1969	2,600	20.50	53,300	Ton	\$ 12.50	\$666,000
	1968	1,200	25.00	30,000	"	13.30	399,000
Wheat	1969	5,000	1.20	6,000	"	50.00	300,000
	1968	4,600	.75	3,450	"	44.00	152,000
TOTAL	1969	733,025					\$25,613,500
	*1968	734,120					25,723,600

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1966-1969

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1969	1,260	350	441,000	Pound	.39	\$ 172,000
	1968	380	480	182,000	"	.40	72,800
Beans, Blackeye	1969	150	1,500	225,000	"	.11	24,800
	1968	450	1,700	765,000	"	.03	61,200
Cabbage	1969	135	700	94,500	"	.50	47,200
	1968	115	500	53,000	"	.45	26,100
Garrot	1969	175	500	87,500	"	.50	43,800
	1968	165	300	49,500	"	.40	19,800
Clover, Ladino	1969	30	200	3,700	"	.75	6,520
	1968	320	250	80,000	"	.70	56,000
Onion	1969	280	350	98,000	"	.35	83,300
	1968	200	300	60,000	"	.80	48,000
Lettuce	1969	170	300	51,000	"	.60	30,600
	1968	20	500	10,000	"	.50	5,000
Other Seed	1969	100	xx	30,000	"	xx	24,000
	1968	200	xx	70,000	"	xx	50,000
TOTAL	1969	2,300					\$ 432,220
	1968	1,650					338,900

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1968-1969

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1969	3,697	.65	2,400	Ton.	\$580.00	1,392,000
	1968	2,550	.57	1,460	"	600.00	876,000
Apples	1969	52	4.00	210	"	65.00	13,600
	1968	52	5.00	260	"	30.00	20,800
Apricots	1969	54	4.50	240	"	100.00	24,000
	1968	54	5.00	270	"	105.00	28,400
Figs	1969	2,713	1.10	2,980	"	240.00	715,000
	1968	2,545	1.00	2,540	"	185.00	470,000
Grapes, Raisin Total	1969	27,458	11.00	302,000	"	xx	16,928,000
	1968	27,350	11.00	301,000	"	xx	15,592,000
*Dried	1969	xx	xx	35,000	"	260.00	9,100,000
	1968	xx	xx	38,000	"	270.00	10,260,000
Crushed	1969	xx	xx	160,000	"	47.50	7,600,000
	1968	xx	xx	126,000	"	40.00	5,040,000
Fresh Market	1969	xx	xx	1,200	"	190.00	228,000
	1968	xx	xx	1,500	"	195.00	292,000
Grapes, Wine Total	1969	6,823	10.00	68,200	"	58.00	3,956,000
	1968	6,575	9.00	59,200	"	50.00	2,960,000
Grapes, Table Total	1969	511	9.00	4,600	"	47.50	218,000
	1968	557	8.00	4,500	"	40.00	180,000
Nectarines	1969	141	8.00	1,130	"	145.00	164,000
	1968	141	7.00	990	"	137.00	136,000
Olives	1969	750	2.75	2,060	"	300.00	618,000
	1968	520	3.25	1,690	"	375.00	634,000
Oranges	1969	1,132	3.80	4,300	"	140.00	602,000
	1968	576	4.60	2,650	"	145.00	384,000
Peaches, Cling	1969	1,299	8.00	10,400	"	79.00	822,000
	1968	1,277	9.50	12,100	"	76.00	920,000

*Dried ton

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1968-1969

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches, Free	1969	1,037	3.00	9,730	Ton	xxx	\$ 1,035,000
	Total 1968	1,113	3.54	9,500	"	xxx	1,303,000
Fresh Market	1969	xx	xx	3,500	"	170.00	595,000
	1968	xx	xx	3,400	"	195.00	663,000
Processing	1969	xx	xx	6,230	"	70.00	440,000
	1968	xx	xx	6,100	"	105.00	640,000
Plums	1969	419	4.00	1,630	"	290.00	437,000
	1968	420	5.50	2,310	"	210.00	435,000
Walnuts	1969	793	.53	420	"	440.00	185,000
	1968	719	.50	360	"	580.00	209,000
TOTAL	1969	46,929	xx	xx		xxx	\$27,159,600
	1968	44,449	xx	xx		xxx	\$24,198,200

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1968-1969

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	VALUE	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1969	500,000	Pound	\$.12	\$ 60,000
	1968	250,000	"	.12	30,000
Beeswax	1969	10,000	"	.60	6,000
	1968	5,000	"	.67	3,350
Pollination	1969	12,000	Colony	5.50	66,000
	1968	16,000	"	4.75	76,000
Nuclei	1969	900	Each	5.50	4,950
	1968	1,000	"	5.00	5,000
TOTAL	1969	xxx			\$ 136,950
	1968	xxx			\$ 114,350

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1968-1969

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Potatoes	1969	2,000	237	474,000	Gwt.	\$ 2.40	\$ 1,138,000
	1968	2,700	260	702,000	"	2.70	1,395,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1969	15	95	1,420	"	7.50	10,600
	1968	30	92	2,760	"	8.70	24,000
Tomatoes	1969	900	18	16,200	ton	27.20	441,000
	1968	900	15	13,500	"	35.00	472,000
Vegetables, Misc.	1969	230	xx	xx		xx	92,000
	1968	350	xx	xx		xx	90,000
Watermelons	1969	50	8	400	ton	30.00	12,000
	1968	150	7	1,050	"	25.00	26,200
TOTAL	1969	3,195					\$ 1,693,600
	1968	4,130					2,507,200

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1968-1969

Crop	Year	Field Acres	Quantity	Unit	VALUE	
					Per Unit	Total
Nursery Stock	1969	130	1,443,000	Plant	xx	\$ 545,000
	1968	30	128,000	"	xx	271,000
TOTAL	1969	130	1,443,000	Plant	xx	\$ 545,000
	1968	30	128,000	"	xx	271,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1963-1969

Item	Year	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves*	1969	69,000	xx	Head	\$183.00	\$12,627,000
	1963	73,000	xx	"	173.00	12,629,000
Hogs	1969	1,300	1,300	Cwt.	23.50	42,300
	1963	1,300	2,400	"	20.00	43,300
Sheep & Lambs	1969	16,400	13,900	"	26.00	491,000
	1963	16,000	16,000	"	24.00	384,000
Broiler & Fryers	1969	2,644,000	10,047,000	Pound	.173	1,736,000
	1963	1,242,000	4,720,000	"	.172	812,000
Started Pullets	1969	226,000	xx	Each	1.50	339,000
	1963	266,000	xx	"	1.40	372,000
Other Chickens	1969	86,000	387,000	Pound	.09	34,300
	1963	87,000	391,000	"	.09	35,200
Turkeys	1969	1,222,500	24,450,000	"	.225	5,501,000
	1963	1,030,000	20,600,000	"	.210	4,326,000
TOTAL	1969					\$20,773,100
	1963					18,606,200

*Includes feeder gain.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1963-1969

Item	Year	Production	Unit	VALUE	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1969	1,454,000	Cwt.	\$4.34	\$7,037,000
	** 1963	1,511,000	"	4.64	7,011,000
Milk, Mfg.	1969	104,000	"	4.23	440,000
	** 1963	133,000	"	4.09	544,000
Wool	1969	160,000	Pound	.45	72,000
	1963	165,000	"	.45	74,200
Eggs, Chicken	1969	2,044,000	Dozen	.34	695,000
	1963	1,835,000	"	.273	501,000
Eggs, Turkey Hatching	1969	750,000	Each	.25	136,000
	1963	1,147,000	"	.25	287,000
TOTAL	1969				\$8,432,000
	**1963				8,417,200

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT-RECAPITULATION, 1968-1969

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Value
Apiary	1969		136,950
	1968		114,350
Field Crops	1969	733,025	25,618,500
	*1968	734,120	25,728,600
Fruit & Nut Crops	1969	46,929	27,159,600
	1968	44,449	24,198,200
Livestock & Poultry	1969		20,773,100
	1968		18,606,200
Livestock & Poultry Products	1969		8,432,000
	*1968		8,417,200
Nursery Stock	1969	130	545,000
	1968	30	271,000
Seed Crops	1969	2,300	432,220
	1968	1,850	338,900
Vegetable Crops	1969	3,200	1,693,600
	1968	4,130	2,507,200
TOTAL	1969		\$ 84,790,970
	*Revised *1968		80,181,650

"MILLION DOLLAR CROPS"

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Grapes	\$21,102,000
Cattle & Calves	12,627,000
Cotton	8,398,000
Milk	7,477,000
Alfalfa	7,124,000
Turkeys	5,501,000
Pasture	2,070,000
Peaches	1,857,000
Corn	1,782,000
Broilers & Fryers	1,738,000
Almonds	1,392,000
Barley	1,360,000
Potatoes	1,138,000

TIMBER CUT IN SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST IN MADERA COUNTY, 1969

Species	Total M. B. F.
Ponderosa & Jeffrey Pine	21,225
Sugar Pine	13,013
White and Red Fir	25,650
Incense Cedar	2,750
Lodgepole Pine	114
TOTAL	62,754

The amount of timber cut in Madera County is included as an item of interest, as it contributes much to the economy of the county.

JANUARY 1, INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK ESTIMATED IN NUMBER OF HEAD

	January 1, 1969-January 1, 1970	
Cattle and Calves	136,100	125,700
Milk Cows & Heifers 2 years +	16,000	16,700
Stock Sheep and Lambs	15,200	16,800
Hogs	1,900	1,500

*California Crop & Livestock Reporting Service

COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURAL VALUES

1969	\$84,790,970
*1968	80,181,650
*1967	80,372,200
*1966	78,602,000
*1965	82,647,000
1964	81,326,000
1963	72,251,000
1962	73,441,000
1961	70,800,900
1960	70,183,449

PERMANENT CROP ACREAGE RECORDS

CROP	1929	1939	1949	1959	1 9 6 9		
					Bearing Acres	Non Bearing	TOTAL ACRES
Almonds	295	419	576	1,710	3,697	5,523	9,220
Apples	96	71	70	132	52		52
Apricots	1,282	938	284	46	54	8	62
Cherries				18	18		18
Figs	1,692	1,237	1,597	2,264	2,713	152	2,865
Avocados						4	4
Grapes							
Raisin	14,034	14,191	15,375	22,275	27,458	622	28,080
Table	1,531	593	511	465	511		511
Wine	4,850	4,103	4,384	4,001	6,832	301	7,633
TOTAL	20,415	18,887	20,270	26,741	34,801	1,423	36,224
Citrus							
Lemons						52	52
Oranges		1	-	16	1,132	1,247	3,079
Tangelos					2	156	158
Tangerines					34	13	47
TOTAL		1		16	1,168	2,168	3,336
Nectarines	182	191	146	225	141	52	193
Olives	623	496	589	538	750	35	785
Peaches-Clings	1,134	307	202	1,164	1,299	412	1,711
Peaches-Free	1,753	909	1,307	1,839	1,037	187	1,274
TOTAL	2,887	1,216	1,509	3,003	2,336	599	2,985
Pears	18	3	3	15	1		1
Pecans				2	3	14	17
Persimmons				2		18	18
Pistachios						363	363
Plums	330	204	370	225	419	25	444
Pomegranates		3	2	2	2		2
Prunes	90	32	16				
Walnuts	10	18	74	749	793	279	1,072