

Agricultural Crop Report

Madera County
1958

Agricultural Commissioner
221 West Seventh Street
MADERA, CALIFORNIA

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MADERA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1958

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W. C. Jacobsen, Director
State Department of Agriculture
and
Madera County Board of Supervisors

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the thirtieth annual report of acreage, production and value of the agricultural products of Madera County for the year of 1958.

The value of agricultural products was the second highest in the history of Madera County.

Cotton, the leading crop in value, with favorable growing and harvesting weather, produced an average of 1.81 bales per acre, the highest average yield recorded for Madera County.

Grapes were second in value despite inclement weather at harvest time.

Beef, placed third, followed by milk fat, alfalfa, poultry, and grains. The value of corn and sorghum almost equaled the value of barley, wheat and oats.

The net gain in acreage of fruit and nut crops in 1958 was 2,689 acres. Non-bearing acreage was, grapes 3,275, peaches 1,173, almonds 1,049, walnuts 565 and figs 563.

We are dependent upon growers, packers, livestock producers and many others to reveal the information to our representatives, therefore, individual figures are held in strictest confidence, and we wish to express our appreciation to them for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard T. Mc Lean
Agricultural Commissioner

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F I E L D C R O P S

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
Alfalfa	34,517	224,360 tons	\$ 4,935,920
Barley	77,772	48,107 tons	2,020,494
Beans	1,592	22,288 sacks	156,016
Beans - Castor	290	232 tons	37,120
Beets - Sugar	3,314	66,280 tons	729,080
Corn - Silage	4,150	62,250 tons	342,375
Corn - White	6,023	14,034 tons	813,972
Corn - Yellow	14,054	32,745 tons	1,637,250
Corn - Grain Sorghum	5,105	9,700 tons	426,800
Cotton	40,851	Lint - 73,958 bales Seed - 29,583 tons	13,312,440 1,272,069
Grain Hay	1,450	2,175 tons	39,150
Oats	2,241	1,675 tons	67,000
Potatoes - White	2,103	340,950 sacks	652,810
Potatoes - Sweet	62	24,800 boxes	62,000
Rice	1,830	76,860 sacks	307,440
Seed	1,536	678 tons	189,500
Wheat	8,841	4,200 tons	260,400
Irrigated Pasture	43,140	---	1,509,900
Stubble	79,763	---	79,763
TOTAL			\$ 28,851,499

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F R U I T & N U T C R O P S

CROP	BEARING ACRES	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
Almonds	463	211 tons	\$ 160,360
Apples	126	378 tons	26,460
Apricots	39	40 tons	4,600
Figs	1,506	1,129 tons	226,070
Grapes -Raisin	15,895	Dried - 22,400 tons	7,840,000
		Fresh 46,160 tons	2,681,045
Grapes -Table	461	4,149 tons	165,960
Grapes -Wine	3,183	31,830 tons	1,591,500
Nectarines	75	525 tons	47,250
Olives	453	1,812 tons	170,955
Oranges	2	200 boxes	500
Peaches - Clingstone	392	2,352 tons	156,408
Peaches - Freestone	964	6,949 tons	514,800
Pears	15	45 tons	3,600
Plums	150	525 tons	73,500
Walnuts	69	60 tons	24,000
TOTAL			\$ 13,687,008

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TRUCK CROPS & ANIMAL PRODUCTION

CROPS	ACRES	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>			
<i>Potatoes</i> Berries	42	18,900 crates	\$ 33,075
Melons	178	1,620 tons	32,400
Misc. Vegetables	36	--	22,800
Tomatoes	284	Shipping - 33,500 lugs	79,750
		Cannery - 2,167 tons	<u>48,757</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 216,782

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Beef cattle and calves	58,983 head	\$ 12,140,859
Hogs	3,800 head	120,508
Sheep - lambs	24,650 head	494,875
Sheep - wool	268,000 pounds	103,760
Milk fat	4,917,000 pounds	4,972,030
Poultry - turkeys	1,024,620 birds	4,021,346
Poultry - chickens	592,000 birds	337,440
Poultry - eggs	1,264,000 dozen	505,600
Fertilizer	--	90,000
	TOTAL	\$ 22,786,418

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M I S C E L L A N E O U S

CROP	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE
Nursery stock	365,000 plants	\$ 25,675
Bees - Honey	550,000 pounds	52,250
Bees - Wax	9,000 pounds	3,780
Bees - Pollination	8,000 colonies	30,000
Agricultural Conservation payments		775,093
	TOTAL	\$ 886,798

LUMBER

Cedar - Incense	1,823,000 Board Feet
Fir - Red and White	17,998,000 Board Feet
Pine - Lodgepole	1,136,000 Board Feet
Pine - Ponderosa	13,554,000 Board Feet
Pine - Sugar	5,637,000 Board Feet
	<u>40,148,000 Board Feet</u>

S U M M A R Y

ANIMAL PRODUCTION	\$ 22,786,418
FIELD CROPS	28,851,499
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	13,687,008
TRUCK CROPS	216,782
MISCELLANEOUS	886,798
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 66,428,505

SUMMARY OF INCOME FOR FIFTEEN YEARS
AS REPORTED ANNUALLY

YEAR	FRUIT	TRUCK	FIELD	MISC.	ANIMAL	LUMBER	TOTAL
1944	\$ 9,037,365	\$ 865,105	\$ 10,971,490	\$ 203,110	\$ 11,847,490		\$ 32,924,990
1945	8,227,865	826,300	12,357,000	280,720	11,856,720		33,548,335
1946	12,323,855	858,210	20,885,590	241,770	14,368,540	1,087,470	49,765,535
1947	5,660,625	641,895	24,689,040	198,178	15,384,015	1,517,250	49,091,003
1948	5,297,680	808,680	24,946,860	93,109	13,909,860	1,373,750	51,430,054
1949	4,348,640	447,145	20,739,980	130,205	16,505,155	812,200	42,983,325
1950	8,864,545	351,580	27,884,150	147,145	17,814,500	1,879,080	56,941,000
1951	6,280,580	506,020	35,805,870	178,870	23,058,195	2,540,720	68,370,255
1952	5,593,730	216,575	34,472,590	156,915	20,232,105	963,840	61,635,755
1953	6,325,820	344,880	28,453,640	109,175	18,895,705		54,129,220
1954	7,375,080	397,510	29,384,535	144,490	18,383,230		55,634,845
1955	7,691,240	361,980	25,579,975	96,955	18,776,790		52,506,940
1956	10,088,722	278,261	27,784,096	209,013	21,054,132	695,505	60,109,729
1957	9,981,275	135,250	26,619,425	1,123,798	24,046,024	285,100	62,190,872
1958	13,687,008	216,782	28,851,499	886,798	22,786,418		66,428,505

MADERA COUNTY - 1958

ORCHARD and VINEYARD VARIETIES

Variety	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
<u>ALMONDS</u>			
Davey	-	240	240
Drake	45	-	45
I.X.L.	9	-	9
Jordanola	31	5	36
Texas-Mission	77	201	278
Ne Plus Ultra	15	-	15
Nonpareil	270	600	870
Peerless	12	1	13
Thompson	-	2	2
Others	4	-	4
TOTAL	463	1,049	1,512
<u>APPLES</u>			
Arkansas Black	6	-	6
Golden Delicious	48	-	48
Jonathan	6	-	6
Newtown Pippin	3	-	3
Red Delicious	39	4	43
Winter Banana	4	-	4
Others	20	2	22
TOTAL	126	6	132
<u>APRICOTS</u>			
Blenheim & Royal	6	-	6
Moorpark	1	-	1
Tilton	31	-	31
Others	1	-	1
TOTAL	39	-	39
<u>FIGS</u>			
Black-Mission	382	60	442
Calimyrna	620	257	877
Canadria	-	171	171
White Adriatic	498	75	573
Others	6	-	6
TOTAL	1,506	563	2,069

	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
<u>GRAPES, RAISIN</u>			
Muscat	579	164	743
Sultana	58	-	58
Thompson	15,085	3,362	18,447
Zante Currant	173	-	173
TOTAL	15,895	3,526	19,421

<u>GRAPES, TABLE</u>			
Cardinal	2	-	2
Cornichon	8	-	8
Emperor	3	-	3
Italia	18	-	18
Malaga	400	4	404
Ribier	30	-	30
TOTAL	461	4	465

<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>			
Alicante-Bouschet	316	4	320
Aleatico	2	-	2
Alvarelho	7	-	7
Barbera	4	-	4
Burger	20	-	20
Carignane	1,652	15	1,667
Feher Szagos	136	-	136
Golden Chasselas	1	-	1
Grenache	272	384	656
Malavoisie	12	-	12
Mataro	55	-	55
Mission	64	-	64
Palomino	478	22	500
Tinta Cao	8	-	8
Tinta Maderia	31	-	31
Touriga	12	-	12
Salvador	1	-	1
Zinfandel	112	20	132
TOTAL	3,183	445	3,628

<u>NECTARINES</u>			
Freedom	2	10	12
Grand Prize	-	10	10
John Rivers	7	13	20
Jordana	15	5	20
Late Le Grand	-	21	21

Variety	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
Nectarines cont.			
Le Grand	20	9	29
Panamint	1	-	1
Princess	-	13	13
Princess, Merrill	-	10	10
Quetta	15	18	33
Rose	-	3	3
Sun Grand	5	6	11
Sun Rise	-	14	14
Others	10	9	19
TOTAL	<u>75</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>216</u>

OLIVES

Manzanillo	280	36	316
Mission	98	-	98
Nevadillo	5	-	5
Sevillano	69	50	119
Others	1	-	1
TOTAL	<u>453</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>539</u>

ORANGES

Washington Navel	2	4	6
TOTAL	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

PEACHES, CLINGS

Carolyn	80	23	103
Cortez	52	34	86
Coy	2	-	2
Fortuna	49	30	79
Dix - 66	-	9	9
Dixon	-	25	25
Giblin	169	-	169
Halford	27	121	148
Howard	-	60	60
Peak	13	-	13
Vivian	-	20	20
Others	-	45	45
TOTAL	<u>392</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>759</u>

PEACHES, FREESTONE

Blazing Gold	5	3	8
Cardinal	-	15	15
Champion	10	-	10
Dixie Red	-	2	2
Early Elberta	26	-	26

Variety	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
Peaches, Freestone			
Elberta	157	51	208
Fay Elberta	-	67	67
Gold Dust	8	5	13
Gottwald	-	1	1
Hale	45	-	45
John Douglas	5	164	169
Joe # 3	-	32	32
Joe # 21	-	13	13
John G.	30	19	49
Kirkman Gems	550	114	664
Kirkman, Early	49	-	49
Kirkman, Late	20	68	88
Lovell	14	-	14
Merrill 49 'er	-	10	10
Merrill Beauty	8	-	8
Merrill Fiesta	-	33	33
Merrill Gem	5	-	5
Merrill Halloween	-	10	10
Merrill Pageant	-	13	13
Merrill Splendor	2	7	9
Muir	10	-	10
Nector	-	15	15
October Gem	10	23	33
Red Haven	-	60	60
Rio Oso Gem	4	73	77
Stevens	2	-	2
Others	4	8	12
TOTAL	964	806	1,770

PEARS

Bartlett	11	-	11
Winter Nellis	4	-	4
TOTAL	15	-	15

PERSIMMONS

Hachiya	-	2	2
TOTAL	-	2	2

PECAN NUTS

Mahan	-	1	1
Success	-	1	1
TOTAL	-	2	2

Variety	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total Acres
<u>POMEGRANATE</u>			
Wonderful	-	2	2
TOTAL	-	2	2
<u>PLUMS</u>			
Duarte	16	-	16
El Dorado	20	2	22
Kelsey	24	-	24
Laroda	-	3	3
Nubiana	5	17	22
Late Nubiana	-	3	3
Queen Ann	10	-	10
Red Roy	3	-	3
Santa Rosa	56	5	61
Late Santa Rosa	8	14	22
Standard	8	-	8
Others	-	10	10
TOTAL	150	54	204
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
Eureka	36	39	75
Franquette	10	12	22
Hartley	13	469	482
Mayette	2	-	2
Payne	2	28	30
Others	6	17	23
TOTAL	69	565	634

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New plantings in 1958	2,826 acres
Changed by resurvey, grafting, etc.	+79
Pulled in 1958	-216

Net gain 2,689 acres

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
TOTAL ACRES IN VINES	19,539	3,975	23,514
TOTAL ACRES IN TREES	4,254	3,647	7,901
GRAND TOTAL	23,793	7,622	31,415