



# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

**Madera County**

**1968**

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MADERA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

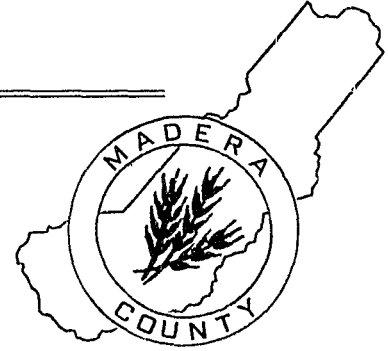
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Gentlemen:

Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code requires that the Agricultural Commissioner compile reports of the condition, acreage, production, and value of the agricultural products of his county. I hereby submit the fortieth annual crop report of Madera County.

Abnormal weather conditions during the Spring growing and the Fall harvest seasons had an adverse effect upon many of our crops. Crop yields in several commodities were reduced and several crops suffered quality losses due to the prolonged wet weather conditions that occurred during the Fall harvest season.

The greatest loss in gross values occurred in field crops, while despite the heavy losses suffered by individual grape growers from a killing frost that occurred during the Spring, fruit and nut crops accounted for our greatest gain.

Values used in this report are gross returns and in no way represent a measure of profit to the producer.

Sincere thanks is expressed to the members of my staff who assisted with the compilation of this report and to the many individuals, organizations and business firms, who contributed information used in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

*James S. Davis*  
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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1967-68

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley, Irrigated	1968	22,000	1.35	30,000	ton	43.00	1,290,000
	1967	22,000	1.50	33,000	"	46.00	1,518,000
Barley, Dryland	1968	24,000	.55	13,200	"	43.00	568,000
	1967	30,000	.25	7,500	"	46.00	345,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1968	3,500	.50	1,800	"	140.00	252,000
	1967	3,200	1.00	3,200	"	240.00	768,000
Corn, Field	1968	7,500	2.50	19,000	"	57.00	1,083,000
	1967	14,000	2.00	28,000	"	50.00	1,400,000
Corn, Silage	1968	3,000	13.50	72,200	"	6.00	433,000
	1967	4,000	13.00	72,000	"	7.00	504,000
Cotton, Lint	1968	43,500	771 <u>a/</u>	70,200	bales	.22 <u>b/</u>	7,722,000
	*1967	35,300	733 <u>a/</u>	57,700	"	.40 <u>b/</u>	11,540,000
Cotton Seed	1968			29,400	ton	60.00	1,754,000
	*1967			24,700	"	63.00	1,556,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1968	50,000	5.50	275,000	"	24.00	6,600,000
	1967	48,000	5.00	283,000	"	23.00	7,324,000
Hay, Grain	1968	2,000	1.40	2,800	"	22.00	61,600
	1967	3,200	1.50	4,800	"	24.00	115,200
Oats	1968	400	.70	280	"	45.00	12,600
	1967	600	.80	480	"	50.00	24,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1968	48,000			Acre	45.00	2,160,000
	1967	46,000			"	45.00	2,070,000
Pasture, Other	1968	480,000			"	4.00	1,920,000
	1967	475,000			"	3.00	1,425,000
Rice	1968	1,620	2.50	4,050	ton	35.00	385,000
	1967	1,160	2.24	2,600	"	96.00	250,000
Sorghum Grain	1968	5,300	1.87	9,900	"	43.00	426,000
	1967	12,000	2.00	24,000	"	42.00	1,008,000
Safflower	1968	300	.43	130	"	95.00	12,400
	1967	540	.74	400	"	85.00	34,000
Stubble	1968	39,000			Acre	1.00	36,000
	1967	39,000			"	1.00	39,000

\* Revised  
a/Pounds  
b/Per Pound

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1967-68

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Sugar Beets	1968	1,200	25.00	30,000	ton	\$13.30	\$ 399,000
	1967	900	20.00	18,000	"	13.00	257,000
Wheat	1968	4,600	.75	3,450	"	44.00	152,000
	1967	3,000	.35	2,400	"	46.00	110,000
TOTAL	1968	734,120					\$25,275,600
* Revised	* 1967	741,890					30,887,000

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1967-68

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa	1968	380	480	182,000	Pound	\$ .40	\$ 72,800
	1967	300	460	138,000	"	.50	50,000
Beans, Blackeye	1968	450	1,700	755,000	"	.08	61,200
	1967	360	2,000	720,000	"	.14	101,000
Cabbage	1968	115	500	58,000	"	.45	23,100
	1967	260	500	156,000	"	.45	70,200
Carrot	1968	165	300	49,500	"	.40	19,800
	1967	440	500	220,000	"	.55	121,000
Clover, Ladino	1968	320	250	80,000	"	.70	56,000
	1967	290	380	110,000	"	.70	77,000
Onion	1968	200	300	60,000	"	.80	48,000
	1967	260	500	156,000	"	.85	133,000
Lettuce	1968	20	500	10,000	"	.50	5,000
	1967	xx					xx
Other Seed	1968	200	xx	70,000	"	xx	50,000
	1967	170	xx	68,000	"	xx	48,000
TOTAL	1968	1,850					\$ 338,900
	1967	2,000					610,200

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1967-68

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1968	2,550	.57	1,450	ton	600.00	876,000
	1967	2,084	.80	1,670	"	550.00	918,000
Apples	1968	52	5.00	260	"	80.00	20,800
	1967	52	4.04	210	"	70.00	14,700
Apricots	1968	54	5.00	270	"	105.00	28,400
	1967	54	3.52	190	"	100.00	19,000
Figs	1968	2,545	1.00	2,540	"	185.00	470,000
	1967	2,515	.55	1,630	"	130.00	293,000
Grapes, Raisin Total	1968	27,350	11.00	301,000	"	xx	15,592,000
	1967	26,822	7.31	204,000	"	xx	11,590,000
*Dried	1968	xx	xx	38,000	"	270.00	10,260,000
	1967	xx	xx	22,000	"	305.00	6,710,000
Crushed	1968	xx	xx	126,000	"	40.00	5,040,000
	1967	xx	xx	112,000	"	40.00	4,480,000
Fresh Market	1968	xx	xx	1,500	"	195.00	292,000
	1967	xx	xx	2,000	"	200.00	400,000
Grapes, Wine Total	1968	6,575	9.00	59,200	"	50.00	2,960,000
	1967	5,905	9.00	53,100	"	50.00	2,655,000
Grapes, Table Total	1968	557	8.00	4,500	"	40.00	180,000
	1967	489	8.00	3,910	"	40.00	156,000
Nectarines	1968	141	7.00	990	"	137.00	136,000
	1967	141	6.52	920	"	140.00	129,000
Olives	1968	520	3.25	1,690	"	375.00	634,000
	1967	424	.50	210	"	400.00	84,000
Oranges	1968	576	4.60	2,650	"	145.00	384,000
	1967	276	4.00	1,100	"	170.00	187,000
Peaches, Clings	1968	1,277	9.50	12,100	"	76.00	920,000
	1967	1,277	5.00	6,380	"	83.00	530,000

\*Dried ton

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1967-68

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches, Freestone	1968	1,113	8.54	9,500	ton	\$ xx	\$ 1,303,000
Total	1967	1,242	7.49	9,300	"	xx	1,300,000
Fresh Market	1968	xx	xx	3,400	"	195.00	663,000
	1967	xx	xx	3,700	"	200.00	740,000
Processing	1968	xx	xx	6,100	"	105.00	640,000
	1967	xx	xx	5,600	"	100.00	560,000
Plums	1968	420	5.50	2,310	"	210.00	485,000
	1967	418	3.50	1,460	"	200.00	292,000
Walnuts	1968	719	.50	350	"	530.00	209,000
	1967	637	.40	250	"	560.00	140,000
TOTAL	1968	44,449	xx	xx		xx	\$24,198,200
	1967	42,336	xx	xx		xx	18,307,700

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1967-68

Item	Year	Production	Total	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Honey	1968	250,000		Pound	\$ .12	\$ 30,000
	1967	450,000		"	.115	51,800
Beexwax	1968	5,000		"	.67	3,350
	1967	8,000		"	.60	4,800
Pollination	1968	16,000		Colony	4.75	76,000
	1967	13,000		"	4.50	81,000
Nuclei	1968	1,000		Each	5.00	5,000
	1967	500		"	4.75	2,380
TOTAL	1968		xx		xx	\$ 114,350
	1967		xx		xx	133,980

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1967-68

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Potatoes	1968	2,700	260	702,000	Cwt.	\$ 2.70	\$1,895,000
	1967	2,300	252	580,000	"	2.50	1,450,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1968	30	92	2,760	"	9.70	24,000
	1967	30	90	2,700	"	9.00	24,300
Tomatoes	1968	900	15	13,500	ton	35.00	472,000
	1967	630	15	9,450	"	38.00	359,000
Vegetables, Misc.	1968	350	xx	xx		xx	90,000
	1967	370	xx	xx		xx	95,000
Watermelons	1968	150	7	1,050	"	25.00	26,200
	1967	110	8	880	"	27.50	24,200
TOTAL	1968	4,130					\$2,507,200
	1967	3,440					1,952,500

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1967-68

Crop	Year	Field Acres	Quantity	Unit	VALUE	
					Per Unit	Total
Nursery Stock, Miscellaneous	1968	30	128,000	Plant	xx	\$ 271,000
	1967	33	144,000	"	xx	340,000
TOTAL	1968	30	128,000			\$ 271,000
	1967	33	144,000			340,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1967-68

Item	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			Total
Cattle & Calves *	1963	73,000	xx	Head	\$173.00	\$12,629,000
	1967	75,000	xx	"	155.00	12,375,000
Hogs	1963	1,300	2,400	Cwt.	20.00	48,000
	1967	1,500	3,000	"	20.50	61,500
Sheep & Lambs	1963	13,000	13,000	"	24.00	384,000
	1967	16,000	16,000	"	22.50	360,000
Broilers & Fryers	1963	1,242,000	4,720,000	Pound	.172	812,000
	1967	1,331,000	7,530,000	"	.173	1,303,000
Started Pullets	1963	266,000	xx	Each	1.40	372,000
	1967	220,000	xx	"	1.30	286,000
Other Chickens	1963	37,000	391,000	Pound	.09	35,200
	1967	55,000	243,000	"	.04	9,920
Turkeys	1963	1,330,000	20,600,000	"	.21	4,326,000
	1967	1,336,000	23,269,000	"	.201	5,682,000
TOTAL	1963					\$13,603,200
	1967					20,077,420

\*Includes feeder gain.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1967-68

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
					Total
Milk, Market	1963	1,513,000	Cwt.	4.67	\$7,066,000
	1967**	1,440,000	"	4.54	6,573,000
Milk, Mfg.	1963	133,000	"	4.03	555,000
	1967**	141,000	"	3.93	554,000
Wool	1963	165,000	Pound	.45	74,200
	1967	130,000	"	.44	70,400
Eggs, Chicken	1963	1,335,000	Dozen	.273	501,000
	1967	2,030,000	"	.275	572,000
Eggs, Turkey Hatching	1963	1,147,000	Each	.25	287,000
	1967	1,140,000	"	.24	274,000
TOTAL	1963				\$8,433,200
**Revised	1967**				3,043,400



AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT-RECAPITULATION, 1967-68

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	VALUE
Apiary	1968		\$ 114,350
	1967		139,980
Field Crops	1968	734,120	25,276,600
	*1967	742,000	30,887,000
Fruit & Nut Crops	1968	44,449	24,198,200
	1967	42,336	13,307,700
Livestock & Poultry	1968		13,606,200
	1967		20,077,420
Livestock & Poultry Products	1968		8,433,200
	*1967		3,048,400
Nursery Stock	1968	30	271,000
	1967	33	340,000
Seed Crops	1968	1,850	338,000
	1967	2,080	610,200
Vegetable Crops	1968	4,130	2,507,200
	1967	3,440	1,952,500
TOTAL	1968		\$ 79,795,650
*Revised	*1967		30,372,200

"MILLION DOLLAR CROPS"

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Grapes - - - - -	\$ 10,732,000
Cattle & Calves - - - - -	12,629,000
Cotton - - - - -	9,436,000
Milk - - - - -	7,621,000
Alfalfa - - - - -	6,600,000
Turkeys - - - - -	4,326,000
Peaches - - - - -	2,223,000
Pasture - - - - -	2,160,000
Potatoes - - - - -	1,395,000
Barley - - - - -	1,857,000
Corn - - - - -	1,083,000

TIMBER CUT IN SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST IN MADERA COUNTY, 1968

Species	Total M. B. F.
Ponderosa & Jeffrey pine	17,606
Sugar pine	12,052
White and red fir	16,319
Incense cedar	2,440
Lodgepole pine	677
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,094</b>

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, 1963	January 1, 1969
Cattle and Calves	140,000	138,700
Milk Cows and Heifers 2 Years +	16,400	16,000
Stock Sheep and Lambs	15,000	15,200
Hogs	1,700	1,300

\*California Crop & Livestock  
Reporting Service

COMPARISON OF AGRICULTURAL VALUES

1968	\$79,725,650
*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	70,133,449
1959	65,543,421

MADERA COUNTY FRUIT, NUT AND VINE ACREAGE, 1968

CROP	BEARING	NON-BEARING	TOTAL
CITRUS			
Lemons	--	45	45
Navels	460	1,939	2,399
Valencias	71	399	470
Satsuma Mandarins	7	9	16
Tangerines, Others	27	4	31
Tangelos	2	16	18
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ALL	567	2,412	2,979
FRUIT & NUTS			
Almonds	2,550	5,898	8,448
Apples	52	--	52
Apricots	54	8	62
Avocados	--	4	4
Cherries	18	-	18
Figs	2,545	378	2,923
Nectarines	141	52	193
Olives	520	265	785
Peaches, Clingstone	1,277	434	1,711
Peaches, Freestone	1,113	149	1,262
Pears	1	--	1
Pecans	3	13	16
Plums	420	23	443
Persimmons	--	18	18
Pistachio Nuts	--	160	160
Pomegranates	2	--	2
Walnuts	719	318	1,037
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ALL	9,415	7,720	17,135
GRAPES			
Raisins	27,350	577	27,927
Table	557	1	558
Wine	6,575	733	7,313
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ALL	34,482	1,316	35,798