

MADERA COUNTY 2018

About the Cover:

Conner Hiatt, a senior at Liberty High School and a member of the Madera-Liberty FFA Chapter, last fall earned the opportunity to compete at the FFA National Convention in Indiana. His road to Indiana started with an application at the sectional level in February 2018 under one of 47 proficiency categories, his being Specialty Animal Production. Agricultural proficiency awards recognize FFA students who have, through a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), developed and grow a project they can apply towards a future career in agriculture. His proficiency project was a bee project. He started his project in 2016 when he purchased his first hive and continued to grow his business until he had eight hives. He won the East Fresno-Madera Section, which consisted of FFA chapters in Madera and Fresno counties east of State Route 99. Winning regionals was his next step, regionals covers Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern, and Inyo counties. At California State FFA Convention he was interviewed by a panel regarding his application. He became the California State FFA winner in April.

He subsequently applied to compete at the FFA National Convention. Conner was one of four winners from California that qualified to go to Nationals. His competitors were college students from Ohio, Georgia, and Minnesota. Upon arriving he was interviewed about his project by a panel. He did not win Nationals, however, it was a great experience for him to compete at that level. He was accompanied to Indiana by his two FFA advisors, Anne Deniz and Katie Mellott, plus his parents, Jerry and Marsha Hiatt.

In addition to FFA, Conner is involved in a swine project every year in high school for the Chowchilla Fair. He is also a three sport varsity athlete. He plays football as a wide receiver, outside linebacker and on special teams. He has also been on the varsity wrestling team since his freshman year. Last year, his team won League, he took second at valley and qualified to compete at Masters. Conner also runs the 100 & 200-meter dash on his track team, where he ran his teams fastest 200 this past year. In 2017 he earned his Eagle Scout award. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and hunting. He also has a dirt bike he rides every chance he gets.

His future plans are to attend college where he will pursue an agricultural-based degree. After graduating he will consider joining in his family's beekeeping business or possibly ventured out on his own. Conner appreciates all the support he has received with his projects. Lastly, he wants to extend a special thank you to the companies, Fresno Madera Farm Credit, Golden Valley Ag Foundation, Madera County Ag Boosters, and Wonderful Ag, who supported his trip to Nationals.





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It is my pleasure to present the 2018 Madera County Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report. This annual statistical report is compiled in accordance with Sections 2271 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, and contains data on the acreage, yield, and values of Madera County Agricultural commodities. The values in this report are gross values, and do not represent net income or loss to producers.

For 2018, the gross value of all production was \$2,058,474,000; this is an increase of \$85,025,000 (4.31%) compared to 2017 production. This is a sign of market prices continuing to stabilize in the past three years. Madera County is ranked 11th among the fifty-eight California counties in total agricultural production.

Crop values can vary from year to year due to the variables of production, market and weather conditions. Almonds (nut meats & hulls) retained the number 1 rank of the ten leading crops for the ninth year in a row, with a value of \$730,662,000, a slight 1% increase from 2017. Increases were seen in almond bearing acreage and price per ton, but the yield was slightly down. Grapes moved up to take the number two spot, reflecting price per ton increases. Pistachios, which had a yield "on" year in 2018, took the number three rank. Milk fell to fourth, mainly due to a decrease in price. Pollination moved up to fill in the fifth spot.

I wish to extend my appreciation to our Madera County farmers, ranchers, agricultural industries and agencies. Without their efforts and contributions of information, this report would not be possible. Additionally, I would like to express my thanks to my staff that contributed to compiling and preparing this report, and especially to Senior Agricultural and Standards Inspector Cha Vang and his dedication to producing the annual report.

To view the 2018 Madera County Agricultural and Livestock Report, and previous reports going back to the 1920's, please visit our website online at https://www.maderacounty.com/government/agricultural-commissioner-weights-and-measures/annual-crop-reports

Respectfully submitted,

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Active Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters of Madera County as of May 24, 2018

- 1. Chowchilla (Chowchilla High School)
- 2. Madera (Madera South High School)
- 3. Madera Liberty (Liberty High School)
- 4. O'Neals Minarets (Minarets High School)
- 5. Oakhurst Yosemite (Yosemite High School)

TEN LEADING CROPS

MADERA COUNTY 2018

	2018	2018	2017
Commodity	Rank	Dollar Value	Rank
Almonds, Nuts & Hulls	1	\$730,662,000	1
Grapes	2	\$307,655,000	3
Pistachios	3	\$296,602,000	4
Milk	4	\$279,799,000	2
Pollination	5	\$56,160,000	6
Cattle & Calves	6	\$51,204,000	5
Tomatoes, Fresh & Process	7	\$31,709,000	9
Replacement Heifers	8	\$28,560,000	7
Nursery Stock	9	\$27,969,000	8
Poultry	10	\$26,504,000	10

Madera County's Million Dollar Crops: 1968 and 2018

Year: 1968						
Grapes	\$18,732,000					
Cattle & Calves	12,629,000					
Cotton	9,486,000					
Milk	7,621,000					
Alfalfa	6,600,000					
Turkeys	4,326,000					
Peaches	2,223,000					
Pasture	2,160,000					
Potatoes	1,895,000					
Barley	1,857,000					
Corn	1,083,000					



Year: 2018					
Almonds, Nuts & Hulls	\$730,662,000				
Grapes	307,655,000				
Pistachios	296,602,000				
Milk	279,800,000				
Pollination	56,160,000				
Cattle & Calves	51,204,000				
Tomatoes, Fresh & Process	31,709,000				
Replacement Heifers	29,560,000				
Nursery Stock	27,969,000				
Poultry	26,504,000				
Figs	18,477,000				
Alfalfa	17,752,000				
Wheat, Silage & Grain	11,885,000				
Rangeland	9,675,000				
Plums, Dried	7,311,000				
Peaches	7,048,000				
Walnuts	5,808,000				
Cherries	3,094,000				
Olives, Fresh & Oil	2,043,000				
Oat Hay	1,979,000				
Cotton	1,746,000				

FIELD CROPS

PRODUCTION

VALUE

		Harvested	Per			Per	
ltem	Year	Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total
Alfalfa							
Нау	2018	10,200	7.12	72,624	Ton	\$214.00	\$15,542,000
	2017	11,700	7.18	84,006	Ton	186.00	15,625,000
Silage ^a	2018			28,701	Ton	77.00	2,210,000
	2017			11,600	Ton	45.00	522,000
Total	2018	10,200					17,752,000
	2017	11,700					16,147,000
Corn							
Silage	2018	17,200	27.37	470,764	Ton	47.00	22,126,000
	2017	18,400	28.13	517,592	Ton	41.00	21,221,000
Cotton							
Lint	2018	950	1,285 ^b	2,543	Bale ^c	1.22 ^d	1,489,000
	2017	860	1,496	2,680	Bale	1.03	1,325,000
Seed	2018			1,018	Ton	252.00	257,000
	2017			1,072	Ton	285.00	306,000
Total	2018	950					1,746,000
	2017	860					1,631,000
Oat							
Hay	2018	4,000	2.98	11,920	Ton	166.00	1,979,000
	2017	2,000	3.91	7,820	Ton	110.00	860,000
Pasture							
Irrigated	2018	810			Acre	150.00	122,000
	2017	1,300			Acre	150.00	195,000
Rangeland	2018	387,000			Acre	25.00	9,675,000
	2017	387,000			Acre	21.00	8,127,000

a/ Alfalfa acreage yields both hay and silage

b/ Pounds

c/ Bale: 480 pounds

d/ Price per pound

FIELD CROPS

PRODUCTION VALUE Harvested Per Per Item Year Acreage Acre Total Unit Unit Total Wheat Grain 2,000 2.99 Ton \$256.00 \$1,531,000 2018 5,980 2017 3,600 2.84 10,224 Ton \$197.00 2,014,000 2018 22,900 14.13 232,577 Ton 32.00 10,354,000 Silage 2017 20,600 15.18 312,708 Ton 30.00 9,381,000 Total 2018 24,900 11,885,000 2017 11,395,000 24,200 Winter Forage 2018 1,200 11.02 13,224 Ton 35.00 463,000 2017 1,700 10.96 18,632 Ton 31.00 578,000 **Miscellaneous**^e 2018 5,500 3,897,000 2017 5,900 4,981,000 \$69,645,000 TOTAL 2018 451,760 2017 453,360 65,573,000

e/ Includes grain corn, ryegrass hay & silage, sorghum/milo, sorghum/milo silage, seed crops, sudangrass hay & silage, wheat hay, field and stubble straw.

VEGETABLE CROPS

		PR	ΓΙΟΝ	VALUE			
ltem	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Tomatoes							
Fresh	2018	800	20.00	16,000	Ton	\$469.00	\$7,504,000
	2017	700	20.34	14,238	Ton	466.00	6,635,000
Processed	2018	5,800	57.63	334,254	Ton	72.00	24,066,000
	2017	5,900	52.73	311,107	Ton	72.00	22,400,000
Total	2018	6,600					31,570,000
	2017	6,600					29,035,000
Miscellaneous ^a	2018	2,200					9,569,000
	2017	4,100					19,287,000
TOTAL	2018	8,800					\$41,139,000
	2017	10,700					48,322,000

a/ Includes carrots, all cabbage, garlic, herbs, melons, onions, all peppers, potatoes, all squash and miscellaneous truck crops

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION				VALUE		
ltem	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Almonds ^a	2018	142,000	1.03	146,260 ^ь	Ton	\$4,831.00	\$706,582,000	
	2017	135,000	1.11	149,850	Ton	4,695.00	703,546,000	
Almond Hulls	2018			286,670	Ton	84.00	24,080,000	
	2017			293,706	Ton	68.00	19,972,000	
Cherries	2018	400	1.36	544	Ton	5,687.00	3,094,000	
	2017	590	3.42	2,018	Ton	4,320.00	8,718,000	
Figs, Fresh & Dried	2018	5,400	1.51	8,154	Ton	2,266.00	18,477,000	
	2017	5,400	1.48	7,992	Ton	2,064.00	16,495,000	
Grapes								
Raisin Varieties								
Crushed	2018	2,800	9.23	25,844	Ton	326.00	8,425,000	
	2017	3,800	7.96	30,248	Ton	242.00	7,320,000	
Dried	2018	20,200	2.76	55,752	Ton	2,030.00	113,177,000	
	2017	18,000	2.96	53,280	Ton	1,761.00	93,826,000	
Fresh	2018	800	8.18	6,544	Ton	1,583.00	10,359,000	
	2017	730	6.92	5,052	Ton	1,481.00	7,482,000	
Table Varieties	2018	2,600	10.87	28,262	Ton	1,782.00	50,363,000	
	2017	3,400	9.45	32,130	Ton	1,996.00	64,131,000	
Wine Varieties ^c								
Red	2018	22,000	10.15	223,300	Ton	330.00	73,689,000	
Varieties	2017	22,500	10.02	225,450	Ton	308.00	69,439,000	
White	2018	12,800	12.89	164,992	Ton	313.00	51,642,000	
Varieties	2017	14,300	11.68	167,024	Ton	298.00	49,773,000	
Total Grapes	2018	61,200					307,655,000	
	2017	62,730					291,971,000	
Olives, Fresh & Oil	2018	780	2.50	1,950	Ton	1,049.00	2,046,000	
	2017	820	3.12	2,558	Ton	1,009.00	2,581,000	

a/ Meat basis

b/ Reflects total production, including imperfect stock; price weighted accordingly

c/ Includes table grape crushed

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

		PI	ION	VALUE			
ltem	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Oranges	2018	2,800	15.51	43,428	Ton	\$533.00	\$23,147,000
	2017	3,000	15.37	46,110	Ton	460.00	21,211,000
Peaches							
Cling	2018	330	14.62	4,825	Ton	500.00	2,413,000
	2017	260	18.00	4,680	Ton	450.00	2,106,000
Freestone	2018	380	20.06	7,623	Ton	608.00	4,635,000
	2017	490	21.81	10,687	Ton	427.00	4,563,000
Total	2018	710					7,048,000
	2017	750					6,669,000
Pistachios	2018	36,400	1.74	63,336 ^b	Ton	4,683.00	296,602,000
	2017	34,500	1.28	44,160	Ton	4,399.00	194,260,000
Plums, Dried	2018	940	3.41	3,205	Ton	2,281.00	7,311,000
	2017	1,100	2.61	2,871	Ton	2,067.00	5,934,000
Walnuts	2018	2,400	1.59	3,816	Ton	1,522.00	5,808,000
	2017	2,100	1.33	2,793	Ton	2,500.00	6,983,000
Miscellaneous							
Fruits & Nuts ^d	2018	7,800					59,364,000
	2017	7,000					53,998,000
Orchard	2018			6,000	Cord ^e		1,110,000
Firewood	2017			5,500	Cord		1,045,000
TOTAL	2018	260,830					\$1,462,324,000
	2017	252,990					1,333,383,000

d/ Includes apples, apricots, berries, grapes for canning, grapefruit, kiwifruit, nectarines, pears, pecans, persimmons, plums, pomegranates, tangelos, tangerines, almond and walnut shells

e/ Cord: 128 Cubic feet





Photos credit: Chowchilla FFA

APIARY PRODUCTS

		PRODUC	TION	VALUE		
ltem	Year	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Apiary Products						
Beeswax	2018	13,885	Pound	\$3.20	\$44,000	
	2017	54,000	Pound	3.00	162,000	
Honey	2018	294,330	Pound	2.55	751,000	
	2017	568,246	Pound	2.09	1,188,000	
Pollination	2018	288,000	Colony	195.00	56,160,000	
	2017	281,000	Colony	195.00	54,795,000	
TOTAL	2018				\$56,955,000	
	2017				56,145,000	

FOREST PRODUCTS

		PRODUC	ΤΙΟΝ	VALUE	
ltem	Year	Production	Unit	Total	
Timber	2018	10,400	MBF ^a	\$1,519,000	
	2017	3,100	MBF	382,000	
Firewood ^b	2018	20,700	Cord ^c	906,000	
	2017	8,200	Cord	772,000	
TOTAL	2018			\$2,425,000	
	2017			1,154,000	

a/ MBF: Thousand board feet

b/ Includes: Christmas trees, greenery, pinecones and saw logs

c/ Cord: 128 Cubic feet

NURSERY PRODUCTS

		PRODUCT	ION	VALUE
ltem	Year	Field Acres	House Sq. Foot	Total
Nursery Stock ^a	2018	310	282,000	\$27,969,000
	2017	350	271,000	29,382,000

a/ Includes grapevines, fruit trees, nut trees and ornamentals

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

PRODUCTION

VALUE

					Per	
ltem	Year	Head	Liveweight	Unit	Unit	Total
Cattles and Calves ^a	2018	66,900	502,000	CWT⁵	\$102.00	\$51,204,000
	2017	79,400	596,000	CWT	106.00	63,176,000
Replacement Heifers ^c	2018	23,800			1,200.00	28,560,000
	2017	28,400			1,250.00	35,500,000
Poultry	2018	5,391,000				26,504,000
	2017	3,261,000				24,259,000
TOTAL	2018					\$106,268,000
	2017					122,935,000

a/ Range and dairy cattle sold for beef

b/ Hundredweight: 100 pounds

c/ Milk cows

		LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS						
		PRODUCTION VALUE						
ltem	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total			
Milk Market ^a	2018 2017	18,262,228 18,521,180	CWT CWT	\$15.29 16.47	\$279,229,000 305,045,000			
Milk Manufacturing ^a	2018	39,741	СМТ	14.22	570,000			

	2017	64,182	CWT	18.25	1,183,000
Other Products ^b	2018				11,950,000
	2017				10,327,000
TOTAL	2018				\$291,749,000
	2017				316,555,000

a/ Madera County has 35 dairies, with 68,000 lactating cows

b/ Includes: aquaculture, market eggs, hogs, manure, sheep, lambs and wool

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT SUMMARY 2018

		Harvested	
ltem	Year	Acres	Total Value
Apiary	2018		\$56,955,000
	2017		56,145,000
Field Crops	2018	453,360	69,645,000
	2017	453,360	65,573,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	2018	260,830	1,462,321,000
	2017	252,990	1,333,383,000
Forest Products	2018		2,425,000
	2017		1,154,000
Livestock and Poultry	2018		106,268,000
	2017		122,935,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	2018		291,749,000
	2017		316,555,000
Nursery Products	2018	310	27,969,000
	2017	350	29,382,000
Vegetable Crops	2018	8,800	41,139,000
5 1	2017	10,700	48,322,000
TOTAL	2018		\$2,058,474,000
	2017		1,973,449,000

MADERA COUNTY <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

	County Established	March 11, 1893
	County Seat	Madera (city)
	Population ^a	157,672
Tota	al County Acreage	1,366,925
	2018 Harvested Acreage	721,700
	Field Crop Acreage	64,760
	Fruit and Nut Acreage	260,830
	Nursery Acreage	310
	Rangeland Acreage	387,000
	Vegetable Acreage	8,800
		0,000
	Forest Acreage	414,300
	U. S. Parkland Acreage	83,000
	č	
Bor	dering Counties	
	Merced County	Northwest
	Mariposa County	North
	Mono County	East
	Fresno County	South and West
Ran	king of Madera County Among Counties of California	
	Population ^a	32
	Total Acreage	24
	Total Agricultural Production ^b	11
	Commodity, by Value	
	Figs	1
	Grapes, Raisin Variety	3
	Pistachios	4
	Almonds	4
	Grapes, Table Variety	5
	Cattles & Calves	7
	Corn, Silage	7
	Milk, Market	8
	Grapes, Wine Variety	9
Ran	king of Madera County Among Counties of the United States	
	Total Agricultural Production ^c	18
a/	US Bureau of Census, 2018 Estimate	
b/	County Agricultural Commissioner's Data, 2017	
c/	USDA Ag Census, 2017	
	Madera County Crop Reports from 1921 and 1929 to 2017 are	e available at:
https	://www.maderacounty.com/government/agricultural-commissione	r-weights-and-measures

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Pest Prevention

Pest prevention programs are mandated by the California Food and Agricultural Code to prevent the introduction and spread of pests in California. Pest prevention involves three strata: pest exclusion, pest detection and integrated pest management.

The **Pest Exclusion Program** prevents the introduction of injurious pests that are not of common occurrence in the county.

Over 210 beehive shipments received from Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA) infested states, with over 86,000 beehives, were inspected for RIFA.

During 2018, eight (8) nursery locations were inspected to ensure pest cleanliness.

Countries receiving agricultural commodities require certification that the commodities are free from potentially injurious pests. Over 4,600 phytosanitary inspections were performed on Madera County commodities, which were exported to 76 countries.

The State of California's **Pest Detection Program** utilizes insect traps and surveys for the detection of foreign pests which may have eluded exclusion efforts. The trapping program targeted multiple pests, including the following:

Asian Citrus Psyllid (<i>Diaphorina citri</i> Kuwayam	a) Caribbean Fruit Fly <i>(Anastrepha suspenss)</i>
European Corn Borer <i>(Ostrinia nubilalus)</i>	Gypsy Moth <i>(Lymentria dispar)</i>
Japanese Beetle <i>(Popillia japonica)</i>	Light Brown Apple Moth (Epiphyas postvittana)
Mediterranean Fruit Fly <i>(Ceratitis capitata)</i>	Melon Fruit Fly (Dacus cucurbitae)
Mexican Fruit Fly (Anastrepha ludens)	Oriental Fruit Fly (Bactrocera dorsalis)

The **Integrated Pest Control Program** strives to eradicate infestations of new pests before they become widespread. Pink Bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*) a non-established and economically significant pest of cotton, is controlled by post-season plowdown of cotton plants. Pink Bollworm was controlled by post-season plowdown of 950 acres of cotton plantings.



Photos credit: O'Neals-Minarets FFA





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Pest Management

The **Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Program** serves to detect and control the vector of Pierce's Disease, a potentially catastrophic disease of vineyards. This program involved the placement of more than 870 traps in both urban and agricultural sites followed by over 11,200 subsequent trap servicings. In addition, incoming shipments of host material and susceptible county plantings were inspected.

Multiple Glassy-winged Sharpshooters were found in Madera County in 2018, which lead to additional placement of delimitation traps followed by subsequent trap servicings and treatments.

Additionally, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) released four parasitic wasps (*Cosmocomoidae morganii, C. morrilli, C. Ashmeadi* and *Ufens spp.*) in 2018 to aid in the control of the Glassy-winged Sharpshooters. Over one thousand (1,000) parasitoids were released in the Wildwood and Rolling Hills areas.

Organic Farming

Sixty-three (63) organic producers and 11 handlers/processors were registered in Madera County in 2018. Utilizing organic principles defined in the California Organic Products Act of 2003, these farms produce a wide array of fruits, nuts, vegetables, livestock, and livestock products. The value of organic production in Madera County in 2018 was **\$53,524,000**.



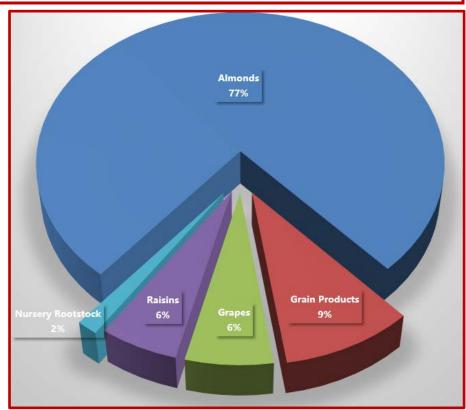


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5 Leading Commodities Exported & 10 Leading Export Countries

Commodity	# of shipments
Almonds	3513
Grain Products	434
Grapes	288
Raisins	258
Nursery Rootstock	70

Export Country	# of Exports
India	1048
Spain	586
Australia	379
Germany	325
Hong Kong	298
Korea, Republic of	193
Italy	178
Viet Nam	178
Netherlands	169
Philippines	154



	76 countries received Madera County commodities in 2018										
0	Afghanistan	0	Estonia	0	Latvia	0	Saudi Arabia				
0	Algeria	0	Finland	0	Lebanon	0	Serbia				
0	Argentina	0	France	0	Lithuania	0	Singapore				
0	Australia	0	Georgia	0	Macedonia, Former	0	South Africa				
0	Bahrain	0	Germany		Yugoslav Republic of	0	Spain				
0	Belgium	0	Greece	0	Malaysia	0	Sri Lanka				
0	Brazil	0	Guatemala	0	Mauritius	0	Sweden				
0	Bulgaria	0	Hong Kong	0	Mexico	0	Switzerland				
0	Canada	0	Hungary	0	Morocco	0	Taiwan				
0	Chile	0	India	0	Myanmar	0	Thailand				
0	China	0	Indonesia	0	Netherlands	0	Tunisia				
0	Colombia	0	Iraq	0	New Zealand	0	Turkey				
0	Costa Rica	0	Ireland	0	Norway	0	Ukraine				
0	Croatia	0	Israel	0	Oman	0	United Arab Emirates				
0	Cyprus	0	Italy	0	Pakistan	0	United Kingdom				
0	Czech Republic	0	Japan	0	Peru	0	Uzbekistan				
0	Denmark	0	Jordan	0	Philippines	0	Viet Nam				
0	Dominican Republic	0	Kazakhstan	0	Poland						
0	Egypt	0	Korea, Republic of	0	Portugal						
0	El Salvador	0	Kuwait	0	Qatar						

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YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ост	NOV	ERA, CAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	ΜΑΥ	JUNE	TOTAL
1969-70	0.07	0.00	0.13	0.52	1.01	1.45	3.42	0.84	2.09	0.21	0.00	0.19	9.93
1970-71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	1.97	2.85	0.45	0.22	1.01	0.83	1.77	0.00	9.34
1971-72	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.58	1.72	0.19	0.70	0.00	0.56	0.03	0.05	3.89
1972-73	0.02	0.00	0.14	0.49	4.07	1.40	2.23	3.71	2.98	0.39	0.00	0.02	15.45
1973-74	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	1.15	2.36	2.26	0.42	2.32	0.72	0.00	0.00	10.78
1974-75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.52	1.54	0.43	1.56	2.17	1.81	0.00	0.00	9.13
1975-76	0.00	0.15	0.19	1.26	0.34	0.10	0.10	3.64	0.64	1.60	0.00	0.00	8.02
1976-77	0.05	0.27	0.94	0.66	0.87	1.18	0.60	0.22	1.05	0.00	0.77	0.00	6.61
1977-78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58	2.36	3.14	4.27	5.04	2.90	0.00	0.00	18.29
1978-79	0.02	0.00	1.61	0.03	3.04	0.54	3.97	3.18	2.14	0.11	0.12	0.00	14.76
1979-80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66	1.00	1.50	3.61	3.81	1.50	0.63	0.25	0.00	12.96
1980-81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.26	0.58	2.74	0.76	3.42	1.03	0.00	0.00	8.91
1981-82	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.36	1.99	0.81	1.97	1.42	3.44	2.94	0.00	0.20	14.13
1982-83	0.00	0.00	0.84	1.29	3.16	1.78	4.97	3.40	5.12	1.90	0.83	0.00	23.29
1983-84	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.66	2.58	2.45	0.35	1.48	0.59	0.18	0.00	0.00	8.51
1984-85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	2.37	2.12	0.59	0.71	1.65	0.52	0.00	0.34	9.17
1985-86	0.00	0.12	0.11	0.54	2.76	1.03	1.37	5.22	3.16	0.51	0.15	0.00	14.97
1986-87	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.97	1.60	2.26	2.91	0.36	0.03	0.02	8.58
1987-88	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.96	0.48	1.52	0.90	0.50	0.59	2.03	0.29	0.03	8.30
1988-89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.42	2.04	0.40	1.20	2.13	0.17	0.11	0.00	7.47
1989-90	0.00	0.03	0.94	0.55	0.54	0.00	2.32	1.38	0.71	1.41	2.36	0.00	10.24
1990-91	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.53	0.64	0.15	1.25	7.11	0.17	0.05	0.01	9.98
1991-92	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.87	0.23	1.08	1.43	2.88	2.13	0.02	0.00	0.00	8.66
1992-93	0.09	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.04	3.08	5.16	2.69	2.92	0.32	0.71	0.43	16.77
1993-94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.77	1.39	1.85	1.77	0.43	1.89	2.61	0.00	10.77
1994-95	0.00	0.00	0.13	1.41	1.61	1.36	5.18	0.71	4.82	1.21	0.79	0.48	17.70
1995-96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.42	2.62	3.98	2.34	0.84	0.52	0.32	13.04
1996-97	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.83	2.55	5.02	5.05	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.64
1997-98	0.00	0.01	0.13	0.00	2.55	1.65	4.22	5.69	4.26	2.03	1.38	0.74	22.66
1998-99	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.19	0.34	0.95	2.18	1.67	0.63	1.62	0.06	0.05	8.57
1999-00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.08	3.59	6.13	1.35	1.26	0.16	0.46	13.64
2000-01	0.00	0.00	0.27	2.82	0.07	0.13	2.33	1.98	1.71	1.08	0.00	0.00	10.39
2001-02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.51	1.89	2.42	1.40	0.34	1.14	0.23	0.33	0.22	8.52
2002-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.80	2.85	0.51	1.51	0.64	1.74	0.87	0.00	10.92
2003-04	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.34	2.88	0.95	2.20	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.99
2004-05	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.89	1.07	3.67	2.10	3.04	2.59	0.60	3.32	0.00	20.28
2005-06	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	2.49	3.10	0.65	3.80	2.55	0.00	0.00	12.64
2006-07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.56	1.40	0.65	1.86	0.57	0.35	0.05	0.00	5.84
2007-08	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.32	0.09	2.13	2.78	2.21	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00	7.94
2008-09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.19	1.27	1.95	3.24	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.48
2009-10	0.00	0.00	0.06	1.14	0.17	2.69	2.48	2.77	2.04	2.69	0.22	0.00	14.26
2010-11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	2.31	5.40	1.88	1.50	4.17	0.24	0.45	1.41	17.57
2011-12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.89	0.08	0.89	0.46	2.92	2.61	0.00	0.12	8.69
2012-13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.84	3.42	1.33	0.74	0.12	0.98	0.06	0.00	8.56
2013-14	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.25	0.23	0.32	2.16	0.48	1.11	0.00	0.00	4.64
2014-15	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	1.06	2.41	0.00	0.66	0.01	0.94	0.45	0.00	5.57
2015-16	0.02	0.00	0.14	0.29	1.81	2.24	4.14	0.46	3.84	3.14	0.01	0.02	16.11
2016-17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.77	1.42	2.22	4.98	3.88	0.60	0.45	0.12	0.00	14.44
2017-18	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.07	0.10	0.09	1.14	0.21	4.75	0.71	0.00	0.00	7.17
2018-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.12	0.87	1.77	2.81	2.08	0.19	1.58	0.00	11.42
Average	0.01	0.01	0.15	0.62	1.20	1.74	2.07	2.01	2.07	1.00	0.41	0.10	11.39

Madera-Liberty FFA began in the spring of 2006 and was officially chartered with the CA FFA Association in 2007. We have grown to a 3 teacher department as well as incorporating members at the middle school level at Ranchos Middle School along with our Liberty High School students.

We currently offer courses in agriscience including Introduction to Agriculture, The Biology of Sustainable Agriculture, Chemistry and Agriscience, and Advanced Interdisciplinary Systems of Agriscience with the 3 high school courses being University of California (UC) A-G approved and the advanced course being designated as Honors. Our Agriculture Mechanics pathway includes Ag Mechanics 1, 2, and Small Engines. Our third current pathway area is Floral Design in which we have a beginning and advanced course - both being UC approved courses.

Within FFA we have students that participate in an array of activities and leadership events. We have students that have served above the chapter level in leadership positions. Our students compete in a variety of public speaking Leadership Development Events. We have Career Development Event teams in the areas of Livestock Evaluation, Veterinary Science, Small Engines, Citrus Judging, and Vine Pruning.

Our students also have an array of Supervised Agriculture Experience projects. These projects include livestock animals that go to our county and district fairs of rabbits, poultry, dairy and meat goats, lambs, hogs, steers, and horses. We have students that also have livestock breeding projects that produce animals for themselves and their fellow FFA members. We have students with a variety of other projects including bees and honey, food processing, development, marketing and sales, commercial fishing, taxidermy services, vineyards, almonds, aquaculture, field work, landscaping, floriculture, and ag mechanics. There is almost an unlimited array of options for students to find an area of interest to gain experiences in.

Our district is also in the process of developing a school farm and agriculture complex. These facilities will include mechanics and fabrication shops, science classrooms, animal science classroom, horticulture and floral design classrooms, food science classroom, green houses, shade house, and livestock facilities. We are very excited for the additional opportunities that these facilities will provide for our students.

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