

TO:

**A.G. Kawamura, Secretary**  
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TO:

**Honorable Board of Supervisors**  
**Rocky Rockholm District 1**  
**Robert Weygandt District 2**  
**Jim Holmes District 3**  
**Kirk Uhler District 4**  
**Bruce Kranz District 5**

I am pleased to submit the 2006 Agricultural Crop Production Report for Placer County in compliance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. Also included is the Sustainable Agriculture Report in accordance with Section 2272 of the Code.

The 2005 total gross value was \$73,852,300. The total gross value for 2006 is \$64,297,934 representing a decrease of \$9,554,366. This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income producers receive.

Nursery products continued to lead Placer County's agricultural industry in 2006 with a gross value of \$13,579,420. Following nursery products in total value were Timber products emerging in second place at \$11,583,044 which is similar in value to 2005, but reflects lower timber prices even though production was higher. Cattle and Calf production dropped to third place at \$9,146,634 due to an overall decrease in herd size brought about by a shortage of available grazing land. Rice production dropped all the way to fourth place in value at \$9,006,000, as a result of delayed planting due to a wet spring that decreased production. In addition, the number of acres planted with rice continued to decline as a result of development pressures. High prices, and a healthy crop, allowed walnuts to become the fifth-ranked crop in Placer County at \$3,036,009 in gross value.

The Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's Office expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of all the growers, organizations and individuals who provided the information necessary for this report, and to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Joshua Huntsinger, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Agricultural Commissioner/  
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	2006	47.0	2.00	101	Ton	\$ 1,150	\$ 91,180
	2005	61.0	2.20	132	Ton	\$ 2,000	\$ 264,000
Grapes, Wine	2006	189.0	2.60	485	Ton	\$ 974	\$ 472,609
	2005	230.0	2.20	515	Ton	\$ 782	\$ 402,700
Prune	2006	303	3.15	953	Ton	1200	\$1,164,670
	2005*	Inc. in Misc.					
Oranges, Mandarins	2006	150.0	3.00	613	Ton	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,050,670
	2005	160.0	2.00	360	Ton	\$ 2,200	\$ 792,000
Peaches	2006	81.0	1.50	100	Ton	\$ 1,633	\$ 138,781
	2005	106.0	1.60	117	Ton	\$ 1,800	\$ 300,600
Pears, All	2006	43.0	3.7	97	Ton	\$ 1,550	\$ 137,636
	2005	46.0	1.30	62	Ton	\$ 1,100	\$ 68,200
Plums	2006	57	1.00	54	Ton	\$ 980	\$ 48,314
	2005	144.0	1.00	150	Ton	\$ 1,348	\$ 202,200
Strawberries	2006	35.0	2035.00	74,450	Flat	\$ 14	\$ 1,047,600
	2005	40.0	1270.00	50,800	Flat	\$ 13	\$ 660,400
Walnuts	2006	1797	1.7	2,261	Ton	\$ 1300	\$3,036,009
	2005*	Inc. in Misc.					
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2006						\$ 283,222
	2005						\$5,068,600
TOTAL	2006						\$7,470,691
TOTAL	2005						\$7,758,700



APIARY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	2006	\$507,550
	2005	\$118,000

\*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.

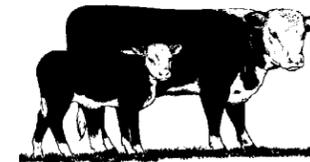
VEGETABLE CROPS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	2006	\$401,103
	2005	\$500,000

\*Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops include melons, peppers, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes (fresh).

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST				NURSERY PRODUCTS			
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE	ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	2006	49,281,000	bd. Ft	\$11,583,044	Nursery Stock	2006	\$13,579,420
Timber	2005	46,025,000	bd. ft	\$11,514,000	Nursery Stock	2005	\$13,998,300

FIELD CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	2006	400	2.23	1,420	Ton	\$ 95	\$ 134,900
	2005	2,290	2.10	4,809	Ton	\$ 66	\$ 317,400
Pasture, Irrigated	2006	18,000			Acre	\$ 132	\$ 2,376,000
	2005	18,000			Acre	\$ 125	\$ 2,250,000
Pasture, Other	2006	130,000			Acre	\$ 15	\$ 1,950,000
	2005	130,000			Acre	\$ 14	\$ 1,820,000
Rice	2006	9,500	3.95	37,525	Ton	\$ 240	\$ 9,006,000
	2005	14,500	3.50	50,315	Ton	\$ 235	\$ 11,824,000
Wheat	2006	1,437	1.20	1,724	Ton	\$ 115	\$ 198,260
	2005	428	1.30	574	Ton	\$ 118	\$ 67,700
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2006						\$ 989,740
	2005						\$ 887,700
TOTAL	2006						\$ 14,654,900
TOTAL	2005						\$ 17,166,800

\*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, barley, corn for fodder, oats for grain, sorghum for fodder, sudan seed and a sudangrass.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	2006	16,000	93,333	cwt.	\$98.00	\$ 9,146,634
	2005	21,000	122,500	cwt.	\$ 108.00	\$ 13,230,000
Sheep	2006	5,000	6,000	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 537,000
	2005	5,000	6,000	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 537,000
Other Livestock*	2006					\$ 3,417,592
	2005					\$ 6,629,500
TOTAL	2006					\$ 13,101,226
TOTAL	2005					\$ 20,396,500

\*Other Livestock includes chickens, fish, pheasants, turkeys, and swine.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	2006	\$ 3,000,000
	2005	\$ 2,400,000

\*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products include milk, turkey eggs and wool.

COMPARISON SUMMARY					
INDUSTRY	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 7,470,691	\$ 7,758,700	\$ 5,832,500	\$ 5,979,500	\$ 6,934,500
Field Crops	\$ 14,654,900	\$ 17,166,800	\$ 19,749,400	\$ 22,244,400	\$ 21,485,700
Vegetable Crops	\$ 401,103	\$ 500,000	\$ 502,300	\$ 564,100	\$ 292,500
Livestock/Poultry	\$ 13,101,226	\$ 20,396,500	\$ 18,534,500	\$ 17,802,900	\$ 19,849,900
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,437,700	\$ 5,631,800	\$ 2,763,100
Nursery Products	\$ 13,579,420	\$ 13,998,300	\$13,227,200	\$14,046,000	\$ 15,080,000
Apiary Products	\$ 507,550	\$ 118,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Subtotals	<u>\$ 52,714,890</u>	<u>\$62,338,300</u>	<u>\$60,433,600</u>	<u>\$66,418,700</u>	<u>\$ 66,555,700</u>
Gross Timber Harvest	\$ 11,583,044	\$11,514,000	\$ 10,213,000	\$ 6,763,700	\$ 9,722,900
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 64,297,934	\$ 73,852,300	\$ 70,646,600	\$ 73,182,400	\$ 76,278,600

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2006	
CROP	TOTAL VALUE
1. Nursery Products	\$13,579,420
2. Timber Production	\$11,583,044
3. Cattle and Calves	\$ 9,146,634
4. Rice	\$ 9,006,000
5. Walnuts	\$ 3,036,009

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BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES		
<u>PEST</u>	<u>CONTROL AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Citrus Red Scale	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous
Klamathweed	Hypericum Beetle	Numerous
Puncturevine	Seed and Stem Weevil	Numerous
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Skeletonweed	Gall Mite	Numerous
Skeletonweed	Rust	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Flower Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Hairy Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Bud Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Rust	Three Release Sites
Yellow Starthistle	False Peacock Fly	Numerous

PEST EXCLUSION		
SHIPMENT INSPECTIONS		
<u>SHIPMENTS PROFILED</u>	<u>PEST INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>SHIPMENTS REJECTED</u>
41,350*	12**	17

\* Includes inspection of incoming shipments which may harbor prohibited insects, weeds, plant diseases, amphibians, etc. and inspection of plant and outdoor-related items for new residents moving from areas known to be infested with Gypsy Moth or Japanese Beetle.

\*\*Includes insects, weeds, and diseases.

DETECTION TRAPPING	
<u>PEST</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRAPS DEPLOYED</u>
Gypsy Moth	224
Japanese Beetle	105
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	150
Melon Fruit Fly	48
Oriental Fruit Fly	48
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	650

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS		
<u>CROPS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF FARMS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Various	23	3,597

**CERTIFIED PRODUCERS**  
Placer County issued 56 Certified Producer's Certificates

At a time when everyone is facing staggering fuel costs, there is all the more reason to buy locally grown produce and support local farmers and ranchers. Local produce can be picked when it is ripe and ready to eat, travels less distance to the market, arrives fresher and tastes better. Buying locally grown produce and meat products gives people an opportunity to know the farmer or rancher that has produced the food and to understand what it takes to bring these products directly to the customer. Customer support of the local food system helps sustain the rural community where agricultural production occurs and maintains the rural quality of life that benefits everyone. Make it a point this year to know where your food comes from and buy local, in-season produce.

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