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I am pleased to submit the [2003](#) 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 [2002](#) total gross value was \$76,278,600. The total gross value for [2003](#) is \$73,182,400, representing a decrease of \$3,096,200. This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income growers receive.

Rice was the leading industry in [2003](#) with a gross value of \$15,732,500. This is an increase of \$348,700 in gross value over [2002](#), which was due to higher prices per ton, which more than offset lower yields caused by late planting due to unseasonable rain. Following rice in total value were nursery products at \$14,046,000; cattle and calf operations at \$11,407,500; timber production at \$6,763,700; and irrigated pasture at \$2,400,000.

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 Jeffrey C. Pylman, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Turner
Agricultural Commissioner

COMPARISON SUMMARY

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$5,979,500	\$6,934,500	\$4,718,700	\$2,855,300	\$3,689,023
Field Crops	\$22,244,400	\$21,485,700	\$19,538,600	\$20,594,300	\$20,462,580
Vegetable Crops	\$564,100	\$292,500	\$281,100		
Livestock/Poultry	\$17,802,900	\$19,849,900	\$21,832,770	\$22,293,900	\$19,822,138
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$5,631,800	\$2,763,100	\$2,031,000	\$1,582,700	\$1,788,938
Nursery Products	\$14,046,000	\$15,080,000	\$12,853,600	\$11,505,400	\$12,090,437
Apiary Products	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$350,900	\$443,100	\$512,359
Subtotals	<u>\$66,418,700</u>	<u>\$66,555,700</u>	<u>\$61,606,670</u>	<u>\$59,274,700</u>	<u>\$58,365,475</u>
Gross Timber Harvest	\$6,763,700	\$9,722,900	\$13,430,300	\$9,658,800	\$11,829,946
GRAND TOTALS	\$73,182,400	\$76,278,600	\$75,036,970	\$68,933,500	\$70,195,421

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2003

<u>CROP</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
1. Rice	\$15,732,500
2. Nursery Products	\$14,046,000
3. Cattle and Calf Operations	\$11,407,500
4. Timber Production	\$6,763,700
5. Irrigated Pasture	\$2,400,000

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Timber	2003	35,075,000	bd. ft.	\$6,763,700
	2002	49,927,000	bd. ft.	\$9,722,900

NURSERY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Nursery Stock,	2003	\$14,046,000
General	2002	\$15,080,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
			<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Apples	2003	57.2	3.20	183	Ton	\$866	\$158,500
	2002	63.0	5.00	315	Ton	\$391	\$123,200
Grapes, Wine	2003	200.0	1.76	352	Ton	\$1,036	\$364,700
	2002	130.0	3.00	390	Ton	\$1,070	\$417,300
Kiwi	2003	Under Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops					
	2002	20.5	4.00	83	Ton	\$1,503	\$124,300
Nectarine	2003	18.0	3.00	54	Ton	\$1,020	\$55,100
	2002	Not Applicable					
Oranges, Mandarins	2003	148.0	5.00	740	Ton	\$1,790	\$1,324,600
	2002	127.0	5.00	635	Ton	\$2,867	\$1,820,500
Peaches	2003	99.5	2.75	274	Ton	\$1,085	\$296,900
	2002	104.0	2.00	208	Ton	\$3,000	\$624,000
Pears, All	2003	46.6	2.00	93	Ton	\$950	\$88,500
Pears, Bartlett	2002	38.0	3.00	114	Ton	\$190	\$21,700
Persimmon	2003	14.0	5.10	71	Ton	\$1,668	\$119,100
	2002	Under Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops					
Plums	2003	154.0	3.10	477	Ton	\$1,070	\$510,800
	2002	151.0	3.00	453	Ton	\$1,200	\$543,600
Strawberries	2003	40.7	300.00	12,210	Flat	\$12	\$146,500
	2002	30.0	900.00	27,000	Flat	\$12	\$324,000
Walnuts	2003	1069.0	1.65	1,764	Ton	\$1,012	\$1,785,000
	2002	Under Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops					
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2003						\$1,129,800
	2002						\$2,935,900
TOTAL	2003						\$5,979,500
TOTAL	2002						\$6,934,500

*Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops include apricots, bushberries, cherries, citrus (other), grapes (table), kiwi, pecans, pistachios, prunes, and raspberries.

APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Apiary Products*	2003	\$150,000
	2002	\$150,000

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

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	2003	\$564,100
	2002	\$292,500

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

FIELD CROPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>				<u>VALUE</u>		
		<u>HARVESTED</u> <u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PER</u> <u>ACRE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER</u> <u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Hay, Grain	2003	860	3.20	2,752	Ton	\$92.00	\$253,200	
	2002	1,200	2.50	3,000	Ton	\$80.00	\$240,000	
Oats for Grain	2003	1,077	4.00	4,308	Ton	\$104.00	\$448,000	
	2002	Under Miscellaneous Field Crops						
Pasture, Irrigated	2003	20,000			Acre	\$120.00	\$2,400,000	
	2002	24,000			Acre	\$120.00	\$2,880,000	
Pasture, Other	2003	135,000			Acre	\$13.00	\$1,755,000	
	2002	165,000			Acre	\$13.00	\$2,145,000	
Rice	2003	14,500	3.50	50,750	Ton	\$310.00	\$15,732,500	
	2002	15,500	4.00	61,535	Ton	\$250.00	\$15,383,800	
Sudan Grass	2003	44	5.50	242	Ton	\$75.00	\$18,200	
	2002	Under Miscellaneous Field Crops						
Wheat	2003	1,776	2.60	4,618	Ton	\$224.00	\$1,034,300	
	2002	Under Miscellaneous Field Crops						
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2003							\$603,200
	2002							\$836,900
TOTAL	2003							\$22,244,400
TOTAL	2002							\$21,485,700

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, barley, clover seed, corn for silage, and sudan grass seed.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>NO. OF HEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT</u>		<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cattle and Calves	2003	22,500	130,000	cwt.	\$87.75	\$11,407,500
	2002	31,500	180,000	cwt.	\$67.50	\$12,150,000
Chickens	2003	Under Miscellaneous Livestock				
	2002	2,700,000		Head	\$2.41	\$6,507,000
Sheep	2003	5,000	5,700	cwt.	\$87.50	\$498,800
	2002	7,000	8,000	cwt.	\$80.00	\$640,000
Swine	2003	750	1,350	cwt.	\$36.00	\$48,600
	2002	1,000	1,800	cwt.	\$45.00	\$81,000
Other Livestock*	2003					\$5,848,000
	2002					\$471,900
TOTAL	2003					\$17,802,900
TOTAL	2002					\$19,849,900

*Other Livestock includes chickens, fish, game birds, rabbits, turkeys, and worms.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Miscellaneous Livestock	2003	\$5,631,800
and Poultry Products*	2002	\$2,763,100

*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products include chicken eggs, market milk and turkey eggs.

2003 ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES		
<u>PEST</u>	<u>CONTROL AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Ash Whitefly	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Grapeleaf Skeletonizer	Parasitic Fly	Numerous
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous
Klamathweed	Hypericum Beetle	Numerous
Puncturevine	Seed and Stem Weevil	Numerous
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid	Parasitic Wasp	Two Release Sites
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	One Release Site
Yellow Starthistle	False Peacock Fly	Numerous

PEST EXCLUSION		
SHIPMENT INSPECTIONS		
<u>SHIPMENTS PROFILED</u>	<u>PEST INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>SHIPMENTS REJECTED</u>
39,971*	21**	149
<p>* 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.</p> <p>**Includes insects, weeds, and diseases.</p>		

DETECTION TRAPPING	
<u>PEST</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRAPS DEPLOYED</u>
Gypsy Moth	201
Japanese Beetle	110
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	150
Melon Fruit Fly	47
Oriental Fruit Fly	48
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	497

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS		
<u>CROPS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF FARMS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Various	19	1,799

CERTIFIED PRODUCERS
Placer County issued 41 Certified Producer's Certificates

Placer County's agricultural land base supports the "quality of life" that is so often cited as the reason people like living here. Without the working open space that production agriculture provides, there would be even more paved-over land mass which contributes to higher local temperatures, increased water runoff rather than natural soil absorption, greater traffic congestion, and increased vehicle emissions and air pollution. The agricultural land base is a resource that is just as important to protect as clean air and water. When agricultural land is converted to non-agricultural uses, it is gone forever as a resource and as Will Rogers stated so well, "Land...They ain't makin' it anymore."

As the face of Placer County agriculture continues to change, farmers and ranchers are also changing the way they do business. There are more small farms and ranches that have identified "niche markets" for their products and are focusing on consistent quality and greater variety. Farmers and ranchers are also exploring the benefits of non-commodity agricultural practices like ag. tourism and opening their operations to people who want to have an "on farm" experience with their family. We have U-cut Christmas tree farms, pumpkin patches where children can select their own pumpkins to take home, on-farm purchasing of fresh fruit and vegetables, and seasonal corn mazes. Go out for a country drive and enjoy the beauty of Placer County's rural landscape, and stop at a local farm for produce and a chat with the farmer family that grew it