

TO:

Karen Ross, Secretary
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TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Robert Weygandt District 2
Jim Holmes District 3
Kirk Uhler District 4
Jennifer Montgomery District 5

I am pleased to submit the 2015 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.

Placer County's total gross value of agricultural crops and products for 2015 was **\$64,314,000**. This represents a decrease of \$22,150,000, or 25.6% below 2014's value of \$86,464,000. The majority of this decline is due to continued severe drought coupled with lower commodity prices. This report reflects the gross value of agricultural crops and products and not the net income producers receive.

Rice remained Placer County's top grossing crop in 2015 with a value of \$15,638,000. Cattle and Calves were second in total value at \$12,600,000 followed by Nursery Stock with total value of \$8,208,000. Timber ranked as Placer County's fourth most valuable crop with a gross value of \$5,721,000. Walnuts rounded out the top five crops with a total value of \$5,155,000.

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, as well as UCCE Farm Advisor Roger Ingram and to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Ed King, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua P. Huntsinger
 Agricultural Commissioner/
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

COMPARISON SUMMARY

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 9,047,000	\$ 10,250,000	\$ 10,811,000	\$ 7,738,000	\$ 6,168,167
Field Crops	\$ 22,385,000	\$ 30,883,000	\$ 30,407,000	\$ 30,700,000	\$ 24,575,064
Vegetable Crops	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,000,000
Livestock/Poultry	\$ 15,177,000	\$ 22,182,000	\$ 20,397,000	\$ 21,520,000	\$ 20,087,757
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 1,716,000	\$ 1,783,000	\$ 1,430,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,600,000
Nursery Products	\$ 8,208,000	\$ 7,311,000	\$ 8,854,000	\$ 7,178,000	\$ 8,667,785
Apiary Products	\$ 113,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,120
Subtotals	<u>\$ 58,396,000</u>	<u>\$ 74,209,000</u>	<u>\$ 73,455,000</u>	<u>\$ 69,746,000</u>	<u>\$ 62,148,893</u>
Gross Timber Harvest/Christmas Trees	\$ 5,918,000	\$ 12,255,000	\$ 9,170,000	\$ 3,451,000	\$ 5,409,338
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 64,314,000	\$ 86,464,000	\$ 82,625,000	\$ 73,197,000	\$ 67,558,231

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2015

<u>CROP</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
1. Rice	\$ 15,638,000
2. Cattle and Calves	\$ 12,600,000
3. Nursery Stock	\$ 8,208,000
4. Timber	\$ 5,721,000
5. Walnuts	\$ 5,155,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
		<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Apples	2015	39	2.30	63	Ton	\$ 1,910	\$ 119,000
	2014	49	2.90	139	Ton	\$ 1,035	\$ 144,000
Grapes, Wine	2015	215	2.60	350	Ton	\$ 1,300	\$ 521,000
	2014	212	3.00	545	Ton	\$ 1,400	\$ 758,000
Oranges, Mandarins	2015	202	3.85	721	Ton	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,604,000
	2014	202	4.20	867	Ton	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,849,000
Peaches	2015	96	1.30	116	Ton	\$ 2,220	\$ 252,000
	2014	96	2.90	262	Ton	\$ 2,180	\$ 565,000
Pears	2015	6	2.40	16	Ton	\$ 2,200	\$ 34,000
	2014	16	1.64	17	Ton	\$ 2,460	\$ 38,000
Plums	2015	80	1.25	100	Ton	\$ 2,260	\$ 227,000
	2014	48	0.80	34	Ton	\$ 1,560	\$ 53,000
Strawberries	2015	23	485	9,100	Flat	\$ 20	\$ 182,000
	2014	24	1,000	24,000	Flat	\$ 18	\$ 432,000
Walnuts	2015	1,466	1.70	2,530	Ton	\$ 2,050	\$ 5,155,000
	2014	919	1.90	1,740	Ton	\$ 3,310	\$ 5,758,000
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2015						\$ 953,000
	2014						\$ 653,000
TOTAL	2015						\$ 9,047,000
TOTAL	2014						\$ 10,250,000

*Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops include apricots, berries, cherries, kiwi, nectarines, persimmons, olives, chestnuts, pecans, and pistachios.

APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Apiary Products*	2015	\$ 113,000
	2014	\$ 50,000

*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*	2015	\$ 1,750,000
	2014	\$ 1,750,000

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

NURSERY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Nursery Stock	2015	\$ 8,208,000
Nursery Stock	2014	\$ 7,311,000

FIELD CROPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
		<u>HARVESTED ACREAGE</u>	<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hay, Grain	2015	1,175	2.40	2,820	Ton	\$ 140	\$ 390,000
	2014	1,785	2.00	3,540	Ton	\$ 212	\$ 709,000
Pasture, Irrigated	2015	18,000			Acre	\$ 150	\$ 2,700,000
	2014	18,000			Acre	\$ 150	\$ 2,700,000
Pasture, Other	2015	130,000			Acre	\$ 20	\$ 2,600,000
	2014	130,000			Acre	\$ 20	\$ 2,600,000
Rice	2015	9,755	4.40	42,990	Ton	\$ 350	\$ 15,638,000
	2014	13,615	4.20	57,000	Ton	\$ 420	\$ 23,891,000
Wheat	2015	515	2.74	1,410	Ton	\$ 185	\$ 261,000
	2014	450	2.55	1,035	Ton	\$ 230	\$ 238,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2015	1,096					\$ 796,000
	2014	766					\$ 745,000
TOTAL	2015						\$ 22,385,000
TOTAL	2014						\$ 30,883,000

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, corn for fodder, and oats.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		<u>NO. OF HEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cattle and Calves	2015	12,000	84,000	cwt	\$ 150.00	\$ 12,600,000
	2014	11,900	83,300	cwt	\$ 180.00	\$ 14,994,000
Sheep	2015	9,000	9,900	cwt	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,386,000
	2014	9,000	9,900	cwt	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,089,000
Other Livestock*	2015					\$ 1,191,000
	2014					\$ 6,099,000
TOTAL	2015					\$ 15,177,000
TOTAL	2014					\$ 22,182,000

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	2015	\$ 1,716,000
	2014	\$ 1,783,000

*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products includes milk, eggs, and wool.

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST AND CHRISTMAS TREES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Timber	2015	47,930,000	bd. ft.	\$ 5,721,000
	2014	74,601,000	bd. ft.	\$ 12,145,000
Christmas Trees	2015			\$ 197,000
	2014			\$ 172,000

2015 ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT

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>
31,952*	2**	22

* 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 "A" and "Q" rated insects, weeds, and diseases.

DETECTION TRAPPING

<u>PEST</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRAPS DEPLOYED</u>
Gypsy Moth	256
Light Brown Apple Moth	159
Japanese Beetle	56
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	159
Melon Fruit Fly	45
Oriental Fruit Fly	47
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	350
Asian Citrus Psyllid	262

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS

<u>CROPS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF FARMS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Various	31	6,270

CERTIFIED PRODUCERS

Placer County issued 49 Certified Producer's Certificates

Ever thought about eating local? 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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AGRICULTURAL
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