

Placer County
Agricultural Crop Report
1960



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Charles Paul, Director
State Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Placer

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I am submitting the annual crop report for Placer County, showing the acreage, production, and gross values received during 1960.

Although our county's total agricultural income for the year appears to be one of the best, the values shown by no means reflect the net returns to the farmer as his maintenance and operating costs such as labor, chemical materials, brokerage, taxes, etc., have not been deducted.

Growing conditions for some crops were not good, and in addition, our pear growers faced a very dark future due to the new disease called Pear Decline. An orchard to orchard survey of the county for this disease showed that 1,500 acres were out of production and will be either pulled out or abandoned. An estimated additional 850 acres will be taken out of production by 1962 unless the cause of the disease, and a remedy is found.

Individual reports are strictly confidential with this office and only the county totals are shown. I want to express my appreciation to the many growers, packing house managers, and others for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1959-1960

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per unit	Total
Barley	1960	532	.74	395	ton	\$40.00	\$ 15,800.
	1959	440	.86	378	ton	44.00	16,632.
Hay							
Alfalfa	1960	1,000	5.4	5,400	ton	25.00	135,000.
	1959	1,000	5.5	5,500	ton	26.00	143,000.
Other than alfalfa	1960	3,870	5.15	19,960	ton	18.94	378,000.
	1959	1,110	7	7,770	ton	24.50	190,365.
Oats	1960	5,926	.73	3,880	ton	49.00	190,120.
	1959	5,700	.50	2,850	ton	48.00	136,800.
Pasture							
Irrigated	1960	19,150	XXX	XXX	acre	55.00	1,053,250.
	1959	18,500	XXX	XXX	acre	80.00	1,480,000.
Other	1960	175,000	XXX	XXX	acre	3.50	612,500.
	1959	175,000	XXX	XXX	acre	2.00	350,000.
Rice	1960	4,223	2.25	9,502	ton	82.00	779,164.
	1959	4,223	2	8,446	ton	75.00	633,450.
Wheat	1960	7,698	.80	4,058	ton	62.00	251,596.
	1959	12,395	.45	5,577	ton	63.00	351,351.
Misc. field crops	1960	451	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	125,840.
	1959	No figures available					
Total	1960						\$3,541,270.
	1959						3,301,598.

SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1959-1960

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per unit	Total
Ladino Clover	1960	430	231	100,000	lbs.	.62	\$ 62,000.
	1959	220	405	89,100	lbs.	.38	33,858.
Misc. seed crops	1960	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	35,960.
	1959	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	35,032.
Total	1960						\$ 97,960.
	1959						68,890.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1959-1960

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per unit	Value
		No. of head	Total Liveweight			Total
Cattle & Calves	1960	24,750	180,500	cwt.	19.00	\$3,515,250.
	1959	26,690	194,837	cwt.	21.00	4,091,577.
Feeders	1960	6,500	32,500	cwt.	26.00	845,000.
	1959	No figures available				
Sheep	1960	39,425	35,482	cwt.	16.25	576,582.
	1959	51,538	41,230	cwt.	17.43	718,638.
Swine	1960	1,100	2,145	cwt.	16.50	35,392.
	1959	1,125	2,137	cwt.	16.20	34,619.
Chicken Fryers	1960	632,000	2,528,000	lb.	.19	480,320.
	1959	XXX	1,442,500	lb.	.20	288,500.
Other	1960	66,000	XXX	ea.	.35	23,100.
	1959	No figures available				
Turkeys	1960	180,400	3,608,000	lb.	.24	865,920.
	1959	252,137	4,240,248	lb.	.22	932,854.
Turkey Poults	1960	391,000	XXX	ea.	.57	222,870.
	1959	312,061	XXX	ea.	.51	159,151.
Total	1960					\$6,564,434.
	1959					5,092,378.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1959-1960

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per unit	Value
					Total
Milk Market	1960	184,992	cwt.	5.61	\$1,038,000.
	1959	188,670	cwt.	5.55	1,047,118.
Manufacturing	1960	58,503	cwt.	3.40	199,000.
	1959	55,320	cwt.	3.41	188,641.
Wool	1960	225,450	lb.	.46	103,707.
	1959	235,125	lb.	.45	105,806.
Eggs Chicken(market)	1960	1,510,000	doz.	.29	437,900.
	1959	No figures available			
Hatching(chicken and turkey)	1960	3,968,076	ea.	.08	308,703.
	1959	4,745,757	ea.	.17	806,778.
Total	1960				\$2,087,310.
	1959				2,148,343.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE 1959-1960

Item	Year	Production area Field acres	Quantity sold by producers	Unit	Per unit	Value	
							Total
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1960	60	1,100,036	plant	.60		\$660,021.
	1959	60	1,149,122	plant	.60		689,473.
Grape Vines	1960	2	15,000	plant	.20		3,000.
	1959	2	20,000	plant	.20		4,000.
Rose plants	1960	2	30,000	plant	.50		15,000.
	1959	2	10,000	plant	.60		6,000.
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1960	10	45,000	plant	.37		16,650.
	1959	10	108,500	plant	.46		49,910.
Bedding plants	1960		15,000	flat	2.00		30,000.
	1959		12,000	flat	2.00		27,000.
Propagative materials	1960		300,000	plant	.03		9,000.
	1959		250,000	plant	.02		5,000.
Total	1960						\$733,671.
	1959						781,383.

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1959-1960

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Per unit	Value	
						Total
Honey	1960	210,960	lb.	.12		\$ 25,305.
	1959	85,000	lb.	.10		8,500.
Beeswax	1960	14,500	lb.	.60		8,700.
	1959	13,000	lb.	.65		8,450.
Package bees	1960	32,500	lb.	1.50		48,750.
	1959	35,000	lb.	1.50		52,500.
Queen bees	1960	20,000	ea.	1.00		20,000.
	1959	18,500	ea.	1.00		18,500.
Pollination	1960	1,200	colony			3,600.
	1959	1,170	colony			3,510.
Total	1960					\$106,355.
	1959					91,460.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1960	\$ 8,212,345.00
	1959	6,778,391.00
FIELD CROPS	1960	3,541,270.00
	1959	3,301,598.00
SEED CROPS	1960	97,960.00
	1959	68,890.00
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1960	6,564,434.00
	1959	5,092,378.00
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1960	2,087,310.00
	1959	2,148,343.00
NURSERY PRODUCTS	1960	733,671.00
	1959	781,383.00
APIARY PRODUCTS	1960	106,355.00
	1959	91,460.00
GRAND TOTAL	1960	\$21,343,345.00
	1959	18,262,443.00

