

Placer County
Agricultural Crop Report
1970



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and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Gentlemen:

The Annual Placer County Crop Report is being submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

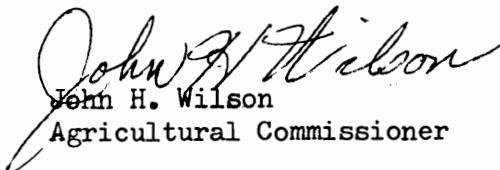
The agricultural income in 1970 was \$23,458,120, down \$51,530 from the 1969 income of \$23,509,650. It must be pointed out that these figures represent the gross returns to the economy of the county and do not reflect net returns to the growers. The grower is continually faced by a cost price squeeze with higher production costs and little, if any, increase in value for his farm product.

Weather played an important part in production during the past year. Nearly all fruit crops were affected to some extent by late frosts, with grapes being particularly hard hit. Excessive winter moisture and a dry spring caused a drop in cereal grain production from that of normal years.

A large increase in the turkey industry somewhat offset declines in other areas of production. The turkey industry which includes meat bird and hatchery egg production is now the leading agricultural industry in Placer County, followed by the beef cattle and the plum industries.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to those growers, packing house managers and others who assisted us in the preparation of this report.

Sincerely,


John H. Wilson
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL
Almonds	1970	243	.38	92	539.00	49,600
	1969	239	.19	45	543.00	24,400
Apples	1970	40	4.25	170	153.00	26,000
	1969	30	7.50	225	138.00	31,000
Cherries	1970	22	3.45	75	405.00	30,800
	1969	35	5.86	205	339.00	69,500
Grapes	1970	383	1.23	471	154.00	72,500
	1969	466	2.30	1,070	82.00	87,700
Olives	1970	98	.673	66	319.00	21,100
	1969	100	2.11	211	331.00	69,800
Oranges, Mandarin	1970	30	5.03	151	218.00	32,900
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Peaches	1970	475	2.84	1,349	93.00	125,000
	1969	665	7.04	4,680	82.00	384,000
Pears, Total Bartletts	1970	1,036	5.24	5,429	183.00	994,000
	1969	1,537	4.11	6,320	120.00	758,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1970	75	6.39	479	131.00	62,700
	1969	67	6.39	428	113.00	48,400
Persimmons	1970	43	5.67	244	275.00	67,100
	1969	49	4.88	239	224.00	53,500
Plums	1970	2,127	4.10	8,721	233.00	2,032,000
	1969	2,640	3.29	8,690	282.00	2,459,000
Walnuts	1970	115	.365	42	411.00	17,300
	1969	99	.354	35	435.00	15,200
Misc. Fruits	1970	79	xxx	xxx	xxx	65,600
	1969	114	xxx	xxx	xxx	101,000
Total	1970					3,596,600
	1969					4,101,500

FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1970	455	.60	273	Ton	48.00	13,100
	1969	Included with miscellaneous field crops					xxx
Hay							
Alfalfa	1970	330	4.76	1,570	Ton	28.00	44,000
	1969	650	5.00	3,250	Ton	28.00	91,000
Hay							
Oat	1970	1,590	1.41	2,240	Ton	26.00	58,200
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Hay							
Other	1970	1,500	2.00	3,000	Ton	23.00	69,000
	1969	2,500	2.50	6,250	Ton	23.00	144,000
Milo	1970	185	1.82	337	Ton	50.00	16,900
	1969	239	1.66	397	Ton	47.00	18,700
Oats	1970	11,000	.59	6,490	Ton	48.00	312,000
	1969	9,020	.68	6,130	Ton	56.00	343,000
Pasture							
Irrigated	1970	23,900	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,673,000
	1969	23,700	xxx	xxx	Acre	65.00	1,541,000
Pasture							
Other	1970	240,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,200,000
	1969	240,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,200,000
Rice	1970	4,050	2.79	11,300	Ton	99.00	1,119,000
	1969	5,580	2.69	15,000	Ton	103.00	1,545,000
Wheat	1970	6,940	.63	4,370	Ton	43.00	188,000
	1969	6,310	.64	4,040	Ton	48.00	194,000
Misc. Field & Seed Crops	1970	224	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	36,600
	1969	1,900	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	369,000
Total	1970						4,729,800
	1969						5,446,000

* 1970 figures show only Misc. Field Crops

SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Clover Seed Certified	1970	824	192	158,000	lb	.70	111,000
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Other Seeds	1970	812	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	201,000
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total	1970						312,000
	1969						xxx

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1970	32,000	200,000	cwt	27.50	5,500,000
	1969	33,000	198,000	cwt	28.50	5,683,000
Sheep	1970	14,000	13,600	cwt	25.50	347,000
	1969	15,000	14,400	cwt	26.50	382,000
Swine	1970	2,800	5,180	cwt	20.10	104,000
	1969	3,000	5,400	cwt	22.80	123,000
Chicken All Classes	1970	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	214,000
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	39,600
Turkeys	1970	910,000	18,262,000	lb	.227	4,145,000
	1969	746,000	15,215,000	lb	.225	3,423,000
Other Livestock	1970	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	850,000
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	800,000
Total	1970					11,160,000
	1969					10,450,600

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Market	1970	89,100	cwt	6.41	571,000
	1969	105,000	cwt	6.47	679,000
Manufacturing	1970	30,900	cwt	4.14	128,000
	1969	24,700	cwt	4.06	100,000
Wool	1970	94,000	lb	.35	32,900
	1969	95,000	lb	.43	40,800
Eggs (Market)	1970	2,274,000	doz	.33	750,000
	1969	2,281,000	doz	.33	753,000
Turkey Hatching Eggs	1970	6,026,000	ea	.24	1,446,000
	1969	4,989,000	ea	.25	1,247,000
Total	1970				2,927,900
	1969				2,819,800

NURSERY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	QUANTITY	VALUE		
		AREA FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Nursery Stock						
General	1970	278	xxx	xxx	xxx	700,000
	1969	276	xxx	xxx	xxx	649,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
		TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1970	52,000	1b	.13	6,760
	1969	62,000	1b	.11	6,820
Beeswax	1970	1,500	1b	.62	930
	1969	1,700	1b	.69	1,170
Package Bees	1970	9,500	1b	1.18	11,200
	1969	20,000	1b	1.25	25,000
Queen Bees	1970	5,300	ea	1.27	6,730
	1969	8,000	ea	1.22	9,760
Pollination	1970	1,060	ea	5.85	6,200
	1969	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total	1970				31,820
	1969				42,750

S U M M A R Y

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1970	\$ 3,596,600
	1969	4,101,500
FIELD CROPS	1970*	4,729,800
	1969	5,446,000
SEED CROPS	1970	312,000
	1969	xxx
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1970	11,160,000
	1969	10,450,600
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1970	2,927,900
	1969	2,819,800
NURSERY PRODUCTS	1970	700,000
	1969	649,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	1970	31,820
	1969	42,750
GRAND TOTAL	1970	23,458,120
	1969	23,509,650

*Seed Crops Listed Under Separate Category

GRAND TOTALS SINCE 1960

1960	\$ 21,343,345
1961	20,245,000
1962	19,403,000
1963	18,366,040
1964	18,195,450
1965	18,114,940
1966	22,295,480
1967	20,828,500
1968*	22,591,560
1969	23,509,650
1970	23,458,120

*Revised

