

*Placer County*  
*Agricultural Crop Report*  
*1971*



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
JOHN H. WILSON , AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
356 ELM AVENUE    AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Jerry Fielder, Director  
California Department of Agriculture  
and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
William Briner, Chairman

Alex Ferreira            J. B. Paolini  
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Gentlemen:

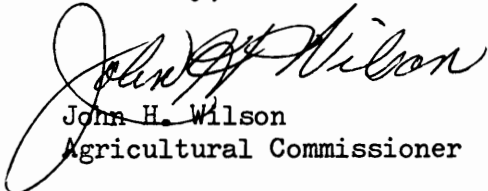
In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code I am submitting the 1971 Agricultural Crop Report for Placer County.

The agricultural income reached a new record high in Placer County of \$24,260,000 during 1971, exceeding the previous high year of 1969 by \$750,350. The figures shown in this report show gross returns to the agricultural industry, but do not necessarily reflect the net returns to the grower who is continually faced by higher production costs.

The beef cattle industry regained the number one position in gross value in the county during the past year due to some of the best prices paid for beef in many years. The beef industry was followed by the turkey industry and the plum industry in value. The plum crop was affected somewhat by late frosts as were many of the other fruits, however, better prices for plums resulted in an increase in their value over 1970.

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

Sincerely,



John H. Wilson  
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		PER TON	VALUE
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS		TOTAL
Almonds	1971	243	.22	53	532.00	28,200
	1970	243	.38	92	539.00	49,600
Apples	1971	40	3.85	70	154.00	10,800
	1970	40	4.25	170	153.00	26,000
Cherries	1971	22	6.27	138	322.00	44,400
	1970	22	3.45	75	405.00	30,800
Grapes	1971	383	1.69	647	180.00	116,000
	1970	383	1.23	471	154.00	72,500
Olives	1971	98	.327	32	521.00	16,700
	1970	98	.673	66	319.00	21,100
Oranges Mandarins	1971	30	2.47	74	273.00	20,200
	1970	30	5.03	151	218.00	32,900
Peaches	1971	475	1.39	660	120.00	79,200
	1970	475	2.84	1,349	93.00	125,000
Pears, Total Bartletts	1971	1,036	4.68	4,848	122.00	591,000
	1970	1,036	5.24	5,429	183.00	994,000
Pears, Other Varieties	1971	75	7.64	573	145.00	83,100
	1970	75	6.39	479	131.00	62,700
Persimmons	1971	43	4.07	175	324.00	56,700
	1970	43	5.67	244	275.00	67,100
Plums	1971	2,127	3.51	7,466	288.00	2,150,000
	1970	2,127	4.10	8,721	233.00	2,032,000
Walnuts	1971	115	.226	26	393.00	10,200
	1970	115	.365	42	411.00	17,300
Misc. Fruits	1971	82	xxx	xxx	xxx	59,800
	1970	79	xxx	xxx	xxx	65,600
Total	1971					3,266,300
	1970					3,596,600

**FIELD CROPS**

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1971	770	.62	477	Ton	53.00	25,300
	1970	455	.60	273	Ton	48.00	13,100
Hay, Alfalfa	1971	230	4.41	1,010	Ton	35.00	35,400
	1970	330	4.76	1,570	Ton	28.00	44,000
Hay, Oat	1971	3,630	1.59	5,772	Ton	28.00	162,000
	1970	1,590	1.41	2,240	Ton	26.00	58,200
Hay, Other	1971	682	1.42	968	Ton	26.00	25,200
	1970	1,500	2.00	3,000	Ton	23.00	69,000
Milo	1971	2,017	1.57	3,167	Ton	47.00	149,000
	1970	185	1.82	337	Ton	50.00	16,900
Oats	1971	6,060	.72	4,363	Ton	49.00	216,000
	1970	11,000	.59	6,490	Ton	48.00	312,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1971	24,900	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,743,000
	1970	23,900	xxx	xxx	Acre	70.00	1,673,000
Pasture, Other	1971	240,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,200,000
	1970	240,000	xxx	xxx	Acre	5.00	1,200,000
Rice	1971	4,398	2.63	11,567	Ton	100.00	1,567,000
	1970	4,050	2.79	11,300	Ton	99.00	1,119,000
Wheat	1971	6,200	.50	3,100	Ton	55.00	171,000
	1970	6,940	.63	4,370	Ton	43.00	188,000
Misc. Field Crops	1971	550	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	38,000
	1970	224	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	36,600
Total	1971						5,331,900
	1970						4,729,800

## SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Clover Seed Certified	1971	854	153	131,000	1b	.73	95,600
	1970	824	192	158,000	1b	.70	111,000
Other Seeds	1971	1,730	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	314,000
	1970	812	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	201,000
Total	1971						410,000
	1970						312,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1971	33,000	206,000	cwt	31.90	6,571,000
	1970	32,000	200,000	cwt	27.50	5,500,000
Sheep	1971	13,000	12,400	cwt	26.70	331,000
	1970	14,000	13,600	cwt	25.50	347,000
Swine	1971	2,900	5,370	cwt	18.50	99,000
	1970	2,800	5,180	cwt	20.10	104,000
Chicken All Classes	1971	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	146,000
	1970	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	214,000
Turkeys	1971	917,000	18,180,000	lb	.223	4,054,000
	1970	910,000	18,262,000	lb	.227	4,145,000
Other Livestock	1971	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	500,000
	1970	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	850,000
Total	1971					11,701,000
	1970					11,160,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Market	1971	50,700	cwt	6.58	334,000
	1970	89,100	cwt	6.41	571,000
Manufacturing	1971	34,800	cwt	4.35	151,000
	1970	30,900	cwt	4.14	128,000
Wool	1971	95,000	lb	.18	17,000
	1970	94,000	lb	.35	32,900
Eggs (Market)	1971	3,801,000	doz	.24	912,000
	1970	2,274,000	doz	.33	750,000
Turkey Hatching Eggs	1971	5,917,000	ea	.252	1,491,000
	1970	6,026,000	ea	.24	1,446,000
Total	1971				2,905,000
	1970				2,927,900

NURSERY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PER	VALUE
		AREA	SOLD BY		UNIT	TOTAL
		FIELD ACRES	PRODUCERS			
Nursery Stock	1971	250	xxx	xxx	xxx	601,000
General	1970	278	xxx	xxx	xxx	700,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		TOTAL			TOTAL
Honey	1971	32,100	lb	.29	9,300
	1970	52,000	lb	.13	6,760
Beeswax	1971	830	lb	.64	533
	1970	1,500	lb	.62	930
Package Bees	1971	11,000	lb	1.49	16,400
	1970	9,500	lb	1.18	11,200
Queen Bees	1971	6,000	ea	1.30	7,800
	1970	5,300	ea	1.27	6,730
Pollination	1971	1,890	ea	5.70	10,800
	1970	1,060	ea	5.85	6,200
Total	1971				44,800
	1970				31,820

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	1970	3,596,600
FIELD CROPS	1971	5,331,900
	1970	4,729,800
SEED CROPS	1971	410,000
	1970	312,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1971	11,701,000
	1970	11,160,000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1971	2,905,000
	1970	2,927,900
NURSERY PRODUCTS	1971	601,000
	1970	700,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	1971	44,800
	1970	31,820
GRAND TOTAL	1971	24,260,000
	1970	23,458,120

GRAND TOTALS SINCE 1961

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
1971	24,260,000



