

TO:
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TO:
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Terry Cook, Chairman
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In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food & Agriculture Code, I hereby submit the 1979 Crop Report for Placer County.

Agricultural production in Placer County reached a record high in 1979 with a gross figure of \$47,911,160. The 1979 figure exceeds the 1978 figure of \$39,498,750 by \$8,412,410. Increased prices in nearly all agricultural commodities, together with a substantial increase in rice production, accounted for this increase.

The beef cattle industry regained the leadership in agricultural production and is followed closely by the turkey industry and the rice industry.

It must be pointed out that the figures in this report show gross returns and do not in any way reflect net returns to the growers. Spiraling costs of fuel, power, fertilizer, and machinery, to name a few, negate the return to the grower.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the agricultural industry who gave assistance in preparing this report and those members of my staff who compiled the report.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. WILSON
Agricultural Commissioner

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COMPARISON SUMMARY

	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 4,528,400	\$ 3,931,100	\$ 2,785,600	\$ 4,466,800	\$ 2,843,340
Field Crops	14,214,800	9,770,700	8,254,000	9,572,900	11,784,000
Livestock & Poultry	21,568,000	19,862,000	13,872,200	12,328,600	13,719,000
Livestock & Poultry Products	5,132,400	4,566,280	4,318,600	3,898,300*	3,177,200
Nursery Products	2,098,000	985,000	998,000	1,781,000	1,824,000
Apiary Products	369,560	383,670	291,540	248,150	238,216
GRAND TOTALS	\$47,911,160	\$39,498,750	\$30,519,940	\$32,295,750*	\$33,585,756

*revised

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			
Cattle & Calves	1979	31,900	185,000	cwt.	\$65.00	\$12,025,000
	1978	31,500	182,700	cwt.	58.00	10,597,000
Sheep	1979	7,000	6,680	cwt.	66.00	441,000
	1978	6,600	6,300	cwt.	55.00	347,000
Swine	1979	1,200	2,400	cwt.	46.00	110,000
	1978	900	1,800	cwt.	45.00	81,000
Chickens, All Classes	1979	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	30,000
	1978	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	27,000
Turkeys	1979	1,119,000	22,400,000	lb.	.38	8,512,000
	1978	950,000	19,000,000	lb.	.44	8,360,000
Other Livestock*	1979	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	475,000
	1978	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	450,000
TOTAL	1979					\$21,568,000
	1978					\$19,862,000

*Other Livestock includes horses, pheasants, rabbits, catfish, worms, goats, and goat milk.

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Hay, Alfalfa	1979	715	5.00	3,575	Ton	\$ 80.00	\$ 286,000
	1978	782	5.75	4,497	Ton	59.00	265,000
Hay, Grain	1979	6,300	1.75	11,000	Ton	65.00	715,000
	1978	6,500	1.95	12,675	Ton	37.50	475,300
Hay, Sudan Grass	1979	455	3.67	1,670	Ton	56.00	93,500
	1978	255	3.85	981	Ton	27.00	26,500
Hay, Other	1979	2,000	1.50	2,500	Ton	55.00	138,000
	1978	1,900	1.55	2,945	Ton	27.50	81,000
Oats	1979	3,500	.54	1,890	Ton	111.00	210,000
	1978	6,500	.75	4,875	Ton	105.00	512,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1979	26,800	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	85.00	2,278,000
	1978	26,300	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	85.00	2,236,000
Pasture, Other	1979	220,000	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	3.50	770,000
	1978	225,000	xxxx	xxxx	Acre	3.50	788,000
Rice	1979	16,100	2.95	47,500	Ton	180.00	8,550,000
	1978	10,100	2.68	27,068	Ton	150.00	4,060,000
Straw, All	1979	2,300	1.00	2,300	Ton	25.00	57,500
	1978	2,200	1.25	2,750	Ton	20.00	55,000
Wheat	1979	9,100	.61	5,550	Ton	120.00	666,000
	1978	8,600	.75	6,450	Ton	102.00	658,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1979	1,500	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	450,800
	1978	2,170	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	415,000
TOTAL	1979						\$14,214,800
	1978						9,770,700

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include barley, certified clover seed, corn, corn silage, melons, milo, oat silage, red kidney beans, sudan seed, and vetch seed.

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Area Field Acres	Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Nursery Stock, General	1979	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	\$2,098,000
	1978	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	\$ 985,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1979	18,600	cwt.	\$11.27	\$ 210,000
	1978	14,800	cwt.	10.055	149,000
Wool	1979	51,000	lb.	.89	45,400
	1978	49,000	lb.	.72	35,280
Egg (Market)	1979	3,874,000	doz.	.53	2,053,000
	1978	3,050,000	doz.	.65	1,983,000
Turkey Hatching Eggs	1979	6,009,000	ea.	.47	2,824,000
	1978	6,150,000	ea.	.29	2,399,000
TOTAL	1979				\$5,132,400
	1978				\$4,566,280

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Production		Value	
				Total Tons	Per Ton	Total	Total
Almonds (Meats)	1979	200	.18	36	\$3,000.00	\$ 108,000	
	1978	200	.15	30	925.00	27,700	
Apples	1979	49	8.00	392	272.00	107,000	
	1978	50	6.30	315	265.00	83,500	
Cherries	1979	17	1.06	18	1,156.00	20,800	
	1978	20	2.50	50	980.00	49,000	
Grapes	1979	226	2.43	550	225.00	124,000	
	1978	296	2.25	666	195.00	129,000	
Kiwi	1979	16	2.69	43	2,500.00	108,000	
	1978					Under Miscellaneous Fruit Crops	
Oranges, Mandarins	1979	30	4.00	120	460.00	55,200	
	1978	30	5.25	157	340.00	52,000	
Peaches	1979	142	3.38	480	380.00	182,000	
	1978	142	5.10	724	155.00	112,000	
Pears, Bartletts	1979	620	4.60	2,852	192.00	548,000	
	1978	646	3.37	2,177	195.00	425,000	
Pears, Other Varieties	1979	15	3.33	50	387.00	19,400	
	1978	15	5.15	77	355.00	27,300	
Persimmons	1979	25	8.64	216	738.00	159,000	
	1978	25	8.25	206	425.00	87,600	
Plums	1979	1,134	3.68	4,173	522.00	2,178,000	
	1978	1,228	4.07	4,998	425.00	2,124,000	
Walnuts	1979	602	1.06	641	895.00	574,000	
	1978	602	1.38	833	725.00	604,000	
Miscellaneous Fruits*	1979	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	345,000	
	1978	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	210,000	
TOTAL	1979					\$4,528,400	
	1978					\$3,931,100	

*Miscellaneous Fruit Crops include apricots, berries, nectarines, olives, oranges, pistachio nuts, prunes, quince, tangerines, and tomatoes.

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Honey	1979	49,500	lb.	\$.49	\$ 24,300
	1978	31,200	lb.	.47	14,700
Beeswax	1979	700	lb.	1.80	1,260
	1978	610	lb.	1.75	1,070
Package Bees	1979	37,800	lb.	4.20	159,000
	1978	37,000	lb.	6.00	222,000
Queen Bees	1979	15,000	ea.	4.85	72,800
	1978	22,500	ea.	4.75	106,900
Pollination	1979	8,500	ea.	13.20	112,200
	1978	3,900	ea.	10.00	39,000
TOTAL	1979				\$369,560
	1978				\$383,670



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