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TO:

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I am pleased to submit the 1999 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.

This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income growers receive. A \$7.7 million reduction in timber sales in 1999 was significantly offset by a nearly \$10 million increase in other agricultural industries, for a total value of \$70,195,421 in 1999, a \$2 million overall increase from 1998.

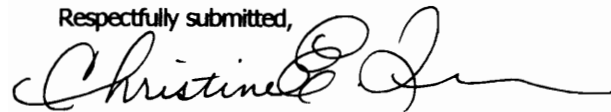
The growing demand for chicken helped fuel a large increase in the number of chickens raised in Placer County. There were 2.7 million birds sold in 1999 compared to 1 million in 1998. After applying a price adjustment to the total value of 1998 chicken sales, there was a total value increase of over \$3 million in 1999.

Rice was the leading industry in 1999 with a gross value of \$14,335,262. This is an increase of \$2.7 million in gross value over 1998. Some of that increase is because the loan and premium over loan values have been added to the price per ton rice growers received, which was not included in the past. This raised the per ton value by \$90.00.

Following rice in total value were cattle and calf operations at \$12,669,700; nursery products with \$12,090,437; chickens with a gross value of \$5,943,700; and walnuts valued at \$1,528,958.

The Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's Office expresses its sincere appreciation for the cooperation of all the growers, organizations and individuals who provided the information necessary for this report, and to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Kenneth L. Stark, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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**COMPARISON SUMMARY**

INDUSTRY	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$3,689,023	\$2,915,800	\$5,082,700	\$5,405,800	\$5,154,700
Field Crops	\$20,462,580	\$17,792,000	\$18,217,000	\$19,192,000	\$18,965,000
Livestock/Poultry	\$19,822,138	\$14,531,490	\$12,682,000	\$11,062,000	\$11,982,000
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$1,788,938	\$1,983,000	\$2,994,000	\$2,459,200	\$3,084,500
Nursery Products	\$12,090,437	\$10,797,000	\$10,245,000	\$9,513,000	\$8,856,000
Apiary Products	\$512,359	\$545,000	\$420,000	\$255,000	\$241,000
Subtotals	\$58,365,475	\$48,564,290	\$49,640,700	\$47,887,000	\$48,283,200
Gross Timber Harvest	\$11,829,946	\$19,628,000	\$16,381,000	\$16,508,000	\$20,822,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$70,195,421	\$68,192,290	\$66,021,700	\$64,395,000	\$69,105,200

**GROSS TIMBER HARVEST**

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	1999	41,997,000	bd. ft.	\$11,829,946
	1998	65,320,000	bd. ft.	\$19,628,000

**NURSERY PRODUCTS**

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Nursery Stock,	1999	\$12,090,437
General	1998	\$10,797,000

**FRUIT AND NUT CROPS**

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL
Apples	1999	62	5.35	332	\$640	\$212,480
	1998	80	3.85	308	\$677	\$209,000
Grapes	1999	76	1.34	102	\$625	\$63,750
	1998	83	2.45	203	\$670	\$136,000
Kiwi	1999	21	6.36	134	\$764	\$102,376
	1998	15	6.87	103	\$672	\$69,200
Oranges, Mandarins	1999	93	1.60	148	\$1,623	\$240,204
	1998	55	4.33	238	\$955	\$227,000
Peaches	1999	107	1.60	171	\$1,174	\$200,754
	1998	75	2.76	207	\$1,120	\$232,000
Pears, Bartlett	1999	37	2.40	89	\$435	\$38,715
	1998	40	2.45	98	\$435	\$42,600
Persimmons	1999	14	3.00	42	\$1,422	\$59,724
	1998	14	0.64	9	\$1,652	\$15,000
Pistachios	1999	76	1.30	99	\$2,806	\$277,794
	1998				Under Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts	
Plums	1999	200	0.34	68	\$1,179	\$80,172
	1998	505	0.21	106	\$1,185	\$126,000
Prunes	1999	334	1.64	550.0	\$885	\$486,750
	1998				Under Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts	
Walnuts	1999	1,091	1.50	1,637	\$934	\$1,528,958
	1998	1,091	1.11	1,210	\$1,090	\$1,319,000
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	1999					\$397,346
	1998					\$540,000
TOTAL	1999					\$3,689,023
TOTAL	1998					\$2,915,800

\*Miscellaneous Fruits and Nut Crops include bushberries, cherries, nectarines, olives, pears (other varieties) and strawberries.

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS**

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wool	1999	40,460	lb.	0.30	\$12,138
	1998	57,800	lb.	0.45	\$26,000
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	1999				\$1,776,800
	1998				\$1,957,000
TOTAL	1999				\$1,788,938
TOTAL	1998				\$1,983,000

\*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products include chicken eggs and market milk.

**FIELD CROPS**

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	1999	2,380	1.85	4,403	Ton	\$86.25	\$379,758
	1998	2,800	1.75	4,900	Ton	\$85.00	\$417,000
Hay, Other	1999	2,800	2.40	6,720	Ton	\$80.00	\$537,600
	1998	3,300	2.50	8,250	Ton	\$75.00	\$619,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1999	26,300			Acre	\$107.00	\$2,814,100
	1998	26,600			Acre	\$105.00	\$2,793,000
Pasture, Other	1999	181,000			Acre	\$8.25	\$1,493,250
	1998	193,000			Acre	\$8.00	\$1,544,000
Rice	1999	15,793	3.10	48,959	Ton	\$292.80	\$14,335,262
	1998	15,300	3.50	53,600	Ton	\$217.00	\$11,631,000
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	1999						\$902,610
	1998						\$788,000
TOTAL	1999						\$20,462,580
TOTAL	1998						\$17,792,000

\*Miscellaneous Field Crops include clover seed, corn and rye silage, corn for grain, oats for grain, safflower, sudan seed, sunflower seed, and wheat.

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	1999	31,500	189,100	cwt.	\$67.00	\$12,669,700
	1998	32,000	209,000	cwt.	\$47.80	\$9,990,000
Chickens	1999	2,708,400		Head	\$2.19	\$5,943,700
	1998	1,007,100		Head	\$2.90	\$2,920,590
Sheep	1999	10,000	11,300	cwt.	\$74.64	\$821,040
	1998	14,200	16,300	cwt.	\$74.80	\$1,219,000
Swine	1999	1,300	2,340	cwt.	\$37.38	\$87,469
	1998	1,300	2,860	cwt.	\$34.00	\$97,200
Other Livestock*	1999					\$300,229
	1998					\$304,700
TOTAL	1999					\$19,822,138
TOTAL	1998					\$14,531,490

\*Other Livestock includes game birds, goats, goat milk, rabbits, turkeys, and worms.

**APIARY PRODUCTS**

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	1999	\$512,359
	1998	\$545,000

\*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.

## ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT

### BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Control Agent</u>	<u>Scope of Program</u>
Ash Whitefly	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Grapeleaf Skeletonizer	Parasitic Fly	Numerous
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous
Klamath Weed	Beetle	Numerous
Puncture Vine	Seed and Stem Weevil	Numerous
Skeleton Weed	Gall Mite	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Gallfly	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Hairy Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Star Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous

### PEST EXCLUSION

#### Shipments Inspected for 1999

Shipments Profiled: 22,044

Shipments Rejected: 254

### DETECTION TRAPPING

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Number of Traps Deployed</u>
Gypsy Moth	131
Japanese Beetle	63
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	148
Melon Fruit Fly	23
Oriental Fruit Fly	25

### REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Number of Farms</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Various	23	806

### CERTIFIED PRODUCERS

Placer County issued 43 Certified Producer's Certificates in 1999.

The last year of the 20th century saw the formation of the Nevada/Placer Weed Management Area (NPWMA), which is an organization involving 24 government and private agencies that pool their resources for the prevention of noxious weeds and/or their spread in Placer and Nevada counties.

As part of the steering committee, the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has worked with the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner, California Department of Food and Agriculture, National Forest Service, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish the direction this organization will proceed. The primary goals are education, prevention, and control of invasive weeds that cause the greatest concern for all county residents.



# PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT 1999

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### TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 1999

<u>CROP</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
1. Rice	\$14,335,262
2. Cattle & Calf Operations	\$12,669,700
3. Nursery Products	\$12,090,437
4. Chickens	\$5,943,700
5. Walnuts	\$1,528,958