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# 1974 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1974 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Lower animal prices and cold weather during the spring of 1974 reduced the gross value of this County's agricultural industry by approximately \$2,000,000.00. Over half of this loss was experienced by cattlemen - primarily due to low cattle prices.

Grower success with the integrated pest control program continues to improve. This program, if managed correctly, controls crop damaging pests with less cost to the grower.

Ranch marketing of agricultural products continues to expand within the county. This method of marketing has been the salvation of many small orchards. Ranch marketing also benefits many local businesses that cater to tourism.

The varietal wine grape industry continues to expand. A winery has been constructed in the Apple Hill area and is selling exceptionally fine wine produced from grapes grown in the county.

Please note that production returns stated in this report are F.O.B. the plant and do not reflect net returns or the profit realized by the grower.

This report was compiled by Merco Petach, Agricultural Inspector, with our Department. Mr. Petach has spent many tedious hours reviewing data so that this report would be accurate and meaningful.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that so willingly cooperated in the contribution of information necessary to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Edio P. Delfino  
Agricultural Commissioner

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1973 and 1974.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		Per Acre	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett	1974				1,821	Tons	332.00	604,600.
Fresh	1973				3,160	Tons	267.83	846,350.
Cannery No. 1	1974				6,327	Tons	165.00	1,043,900.
	1973				9,904	Tons	115.13	1,140,250.
Cannery No. 2	1974				720	Tons	99.00	71,300.
	1973				2,006	Tons	72.24	144,900.
Hail Grade	1974				2,652	Tons	132.00	350,100.
	1973				154	Tons	92.00	14,150.
<b>TOTAL BARTLETTS</b>	1974	2,117	179	5.44	11,520	Tons	179.68	2,070,000.
	1973	2,203	48	6.91	15,224	Tons	140.93	2,145,650.
Bosc Pears	1974	107	5	6.79	727	Tons	275.65	200,400.
	1973	109		13.00	1,417	Tons	266.15	377,100.
Other Pears	1974	32		2.44	78	Tons	187.17	14,600.
	1973	27		7.00	189	Tons	220.00	41,600.
<b>TOTAL PEARS</b>	1974	2,256	184	5.46	12,325	Tons	185.39	2,285,000.
	1973	2,339	48	7.19	16,830	Tons	152.36	2,564,300.
Apples	1974				2,458	Tons	250.00	614,500.
Fresh Market	1973				4,249	Tons	225.00	956,000.
Cannery	1974				650	Tons	117.00	76,000.
	1973				2,162	Tons	109.00	235,600.
Cider	1974				900	Tons	80.00	72,000.
	1973				2,873	Tons	79.00	227,000.
<b>TOTAL APPLES</b>	1974	514	50	7.79	4,008	Tons	190.24	762,500.
	1973	529	46	17.55	9,284	Tons	152.80	1,418,600.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1973 and 1974.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		Bearing	Non	Per		Per		
		Acreage	Bearing	Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1974	35	17	1.7	59	Tons	700.00	41,300.
	1973	78	15	1.8	140	Tons	540.00	75,600.
PEACHES	1974	9		1.8	16	Tons	280.00	5,000.
	1973	10		2.	20	Tons	300.00	6,000.
PLUMS	1974	37	30	3.08	114	Tons	579.28	66,050.
	1973	37	12	3.94	146	Tons	698.76	102,000.
GRAPES	1974	32	121	1.5	48	Tons	412.50	19,800.
	1973	34	75	5.4	183	Tons	500.00	91,500.
WALNUTS (English)	1974	377	48	.39	150	Tons	490.00	73,500.
	1973	386	42	.45	173	Tons	542.00	93,800.
WALNUTS (Black)	1974				674	Sacks	1.75	1,200.
	1973				1,207	Sacks	1.75	2,100.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1974	3,260	450		16,720	Tons		3,254,350.
	1973	3,413	238		26,766	Tons		4,353,900.

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973-1974

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1974	11,750	84,600	cwt.	36.60	3,096,400.
	1973	12,600	89,200	cwt.	46.00	4,103,200.
SHEEP	1974	310	390	cwt.	12.00	4,700.
	1973	450	540	cwt.	15.00	8,100.
LAMBS	1974	2,115	1,800	cwt.	40.00	72,000.
	1973	1,900	1,615	cwt.	35.00	56,500.
HOGS & PIGS	1974	1,254	1,848	cwt.	40.53	74,900.
	1973	2,064	3,167	cwt.	43.78	138,650.
HORSES	1974	850		head	250.00	212,500.
	1973	770		head	225.00	173,200.
GOATS	1974					
	1973	350		head	16.00	5,600.
PULLETS BROILERS & FRYERS	1974	67,500		head	2.40	162,000.
	1973	139,500		head	2.30	320,850.
OTHER CHICKENS	1974	9,800		head	.25	2,450.
	1973	7,500		head	.75	5,600.
TURKEYS	1974	36,900	970,660	lbs.	.3564	346,000.
	1973	62,200	1,162,000	lbs.	.347	403,200.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1974					3,970,950.
	1973					5,214,900.

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1973 and 1974

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1974*	9,600	cwt.	8.19	78,600.
	1973**	10,300	cwt.	6.48	66,700.
WOOL	1974	17,250	lbs.	.49	8,450.
	1973	25,065	lbs.	.55	13,800.
MOHAIR	1974				
	1975	1,050	lbs.	1.20	1,260.
EGGS, Chicken Market (includes turkey eggs for hatching)	1974	924,000	doz.	.55	508,200.
	1973	1,537,700	doz.	.52	799,600.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1974*				595,250.
	1973**				881,360.

<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Live- stock & Poultry Products	1974*				4,566,200.
	1973**				6,096,260.

Apiary Products - Production and Value - 1973-1974

	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
					Total
Honey	1974	19,200	lbs.	.65	12,500.
	1973	45,860	lbs.	.50	22,900.
Pollination	1974	350	colonies	10.00	3,500.
	1973	400	colonies	6.50	2,600.
Beeswax	1974				
	1973	300	lbs.	.80	240.
<u>TOTAL APIARY</u>	1974				16,000.
	1973				25,700.

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MISCELLANEOUS -- PRODUCTION-AREA-SALES & VALUE 1973-1974

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1974	36	7,373,500			292,500.
	1973	36	9,071,000			251,700.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1974		43,660	each	5.50	240,100.
	1973		20,700	each	5.41	112,000.
	1974		17,775	each	7.05	125,300.
	1973		16,937	each	6.90	116,900.
HAY - TAME	1974	4,000	13,750	tons	63.00	866,200.
	1973	4,100	12,500	tons	40.25	503,100.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1974	5,700		acre	79.00	450,300.
	1973	5,766		acre	59.00	340,200.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1974	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
	1973	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1974	29		acre		32,700.
	1973	18		acre		27,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1974					2,882,100.
	1973					2,225,900.
 <u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1974					3,254,350.
	1973					4,353,900.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1974					4,566,200.
	1973**					6,096,260.
MISCELLANEOUS	1974					2,882,100.
	1973					2,225,900.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1974					16,000.
	1973					25,700.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1974					10,718,650.
	1973**					12,701,760.

\* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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