

EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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1975 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

"Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. When tilling begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization."

Daniel Webster



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1975 El Dorado County Crop Report. The gross agricultural values have remained approximately the same as calendar year 1974. Total production of all crops was higher; however, lower prices received by growers offset the production gain.

Integrated pest control continues to expand in popularity with County growers. This program, if managed correctly, controls crop-damaging pests with less cost to the grower and less effect on the environment.

Ranch marketing of the County's agriculturally-produced products continues to expand and grow in popularity. This method of marketing has been very beneficial to our agricultural industry, plus the added benefit to the community from its recreational aspects.

The interest of the community on the welfare of the agricultural and timber industries have had a positive effect on the attitudes of agriculturists. I wish to commend the Board of Supervisors for their interest and support on behalf of these industries.

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

This report was compiled by Merco Petach, Agricultural Biologist, with this department. Mr. Petach spent many tedious hours collecting and reviewing data so this report would be accurate and meaningful.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that contributed the information necessary to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 AND 1975

| | YEAR | ACREAGE | | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | |
|-----------------|------|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | | Bearing | Non-Bearing | Per Acre | Total Units | Per Unit | Total |
| <u>PEARS</u> | | | | | | | |
| BARTLETT | | | | | | | |
| Fresh | 1975 | | | | 3,337 tons | 184.00 | 614,000 |
| | 1974 | | | | 1,821 tons | 332.00 | 604,600 |
| Cannery No. 1 | 1975 | | | | 9,189 tons | 125.00 | 1,148,600 |
| | 1974 | | | | 6,327 tons | 165.00 | 1,043,900 |
| Cannery No. 2 | 1975 | | | | 989 tons | 75.00 | 74,200 |
| | 1974 | | | | 720 tons | 99.00 | 71,300 |
| Hail Grade | 1974 | | | | 2,652 tons | 132.00 | 350,100 |
| TOTAL BARTLETTS | 1975 | 2,202 | 94 | 6.14 | 13,515 tons | 135.92 | 1,837,000 |
| | 1974 | 2,117 | 179 | 5.44 | 11,520 tons | 179.68 | 2,070,000 |
| BOSC | 1975 | 107 | 5 | 9.90 | 1,059 tons | 225.00 | 238,300 |
| | 1974 | 107 | 5 | 6.79 | 727 tons | 275.65 | 200,400 |
| OTHERS | 1975 | 14 | | 5.70 | 80 tons | 200.00 | 16,000 |
| | 1974 | 32 | | 2.44 | 78 tons | 187.17 | 14,600 |
| TOTAL PEARS | 1975 | 2,323 | 99 | 6.31 | 14,654 tons | 142.71 | 2,091,300 |
| | 1974 | 2,256 | 184 | 5.46 | 12,325 tons | 185.39 | 2,285,000 |
| <u>APPLES</u> | | | | | | | |
| Fresh Market | 1975 | | | | 4,379 tons | 202.00 | 884,560 |
| | 1974 | | | | 2,458 tons | 250.00 | 614,500 |
| C Grade (Bins) | 1975 | | | | 247 tons | 120.00 | 29,640 |
| Cannery | 1975 | | | | 1,652 tons | 65.00 | 107,380 |
| | 1974 | | | | 650 tons | 117.00 | 76,000 |
| Cider | 1975 | | | | 1,982 tons | 45.00 | 89,200 |
| | 1974 | | | | 900 tons | 80.00 | 72,000 |
| TOTAL APPLES | 1975 | 533 | 31 | 15.5 | 8,260 tons | 134.45 | 1,110,800 |
| | 1974 | 514 | 50 | 7.79 | 4,008 tons | 190.24 | 762,500 |

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| | YEAR | ACREAGE | | PRODUCTION | | VALUE | |
|---------------------------|------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|
| | | Bearing | Non-Bearing | Per Acre | Total Units | Per Unit | Total |
| CHERRIES | 1975 | 35 | 17 | 1.9 | 66 tons | 660.00 | 43,500 |
| | 1974 | 35 | 17 | 1.7 | 59 tons | 700.00 | 41,300 |
| PEACHES | 1975 | 9 | | 0 | | | |
| | 1974 | 9 | | 1.8 | 16 tons | 280.00 | 5,000 |
| PLUMS | 1975 | 42 | 30 | 4.8 | 201 tons | 260.00 | 52,250 |
| | 1974 | 37 | 30 | 3.08 | 114 tons | 579.28 | 66,050 |
| GRAPES | 1975 | 35 | 121 | 3.37 | 118 tons | 194.90 | 23,000 |
| | 1974 | 32 | 121 | 1.5 | 48 tons | 412.50 | 19,800 |
| WALNUTS - ENGLISH | 1975 | 396 | 31 | .47 | 186 tons | 480.00 | 89,300 |
| | 1974 | 377 | 48 | .39 | 150 tons | 490.00 | 73,500 |
| WALNUTS - BLACK | 1975 | | | | 1,100 sacks | 1.75 | 1,900 |
| | 1974 | | | | 674 sacks | 1.75 | 1,200 |
| TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS | 1975 | <u>3,373</u> | <u>147</u> | | <u>23,485 tons</u> | | <u>3,412,050</u> |
| | 1974 | <u>3,260</u> | <u>450</u> | | <u>16,720 tons</u> | | <u>3,254,350</u> |

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 AND 1975

| | YEAR | PRODUCTION | | | VALUE | |
|---------------------------------|------|------------|-------------------|------|----------|-----------|
| | | No. Head | Total Live Weight | Unit | Per Unit | Total |
| CATTLE & CALVES | 1975 | 11,870 | 102,082 | cwt. | 29.90 | 3,052,250 |
| | 1974 | 11,750 | 84,600 | cwt. | 36.60 | 3,096,400 |
| SHEEP | 1975 | 270 | 364 | cwt. | 11.00 | 4,000 |
| | 1974 | 310 | 390 | cwt. | 12.00 | 4,700 |
| LAMBS | 1975 | 2,280 | 2,210 | cwt. | 45.00 | 99,500 |
| | 1974 | 2,115 | 1,800 | cwt. | 40.00 | 72,000 |
| HOGS & PIGS | 1975 | 1,139 | 1,822 | cwt. | 60.00 | 120,250 |
| | 1974 | 1,254 | 1,848 | cwt. | 40.53 | 74,900 |
| HORSES | 1975 | 920 | | head | 275.00 | 253,000 |
| | 1974 | 850 | | head | 250.00 | 212,500 |
| MILK GOATS | 1975 | 400 | | head | 37.50 | 15,000 |
| PULLETS, BROILERS AND FRYERS | 1975 | 176,545 | | head | 2.73 | 482,000 |
| | 1974 | 67,500 | | head | 2.40 | 162,000 |
| OTHER CHICKENS | 1975 | 50,900 | | head | .30 | 15,300 |
| | 1974 | 9,800 | | head | .25 | 2,450 |
| TURKEYS | 1975 | 43,500 | 756,000 | lbs. | .38 | 287,300 |
| | 1974 | 36,900 | 970,660 | lbs. | .3564 | 346,000 |
| RABBITS & DUCKS | 1975 | 5,300 | | head | 3.19 | 16,900 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY | 1975 | | | | | 4,345,500 |
| | 1974 | | | | | 3,970,950 |

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 AND 1975

| | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | | <u>VALUE</u> | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | <u>Weight</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Per Unit</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| MILK - MARKET | 1975 | 9,400 | cwt. | 9.22 | 86,700 |
| | 1974 | 9,800 | cwt. | 8.49 | 83,200 |
| WOOL | 1975 | 15,500 | lbs. | .405 | 6,075 |
| | 1974 | 17,250 | lbs. | .49 | 8,450 |
| MOHAIR | 1974 | 1,050 | lbs. | 1.20 | 1,260 |
| EGGS, CHICKEN - MARKET (Includes turkey eggs for hatching) | 1975 | 664,137 | doz. | .58 | 385,200 |
| | 1974 | 924,000 | doz. | .55 | 508,200 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS | 1975* | | | | 478,000 |
| | 1974** | | | | 599,850 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS | 1975* | | | | 4,823,500 |
| | 1974** | | | | 4,570,800 |

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1974 AND 1975

| | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>PRODUCTION</u> | | <u>VALUE</u> | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | <u>Weight</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Per Unit</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| HONEY | 1975 | 26,100 | lbs. | .69 | 18,000 |
| | 1974 | 19,200 | lbs. | .65 | 12,500 |
| POLLINATION | 1975 | 360 | colonies | 10.00 | 3,600 |
| | 1974 | 350 | colonies | 10.00 | 3,500 |
| PACKAGE BEES | 1975 | | | | 1,200 |
| TOTAL APIARY | 1975 | | | | 22,800 |
| | 1974 | | | | 16,000 |

*Preliminary
**Revised

MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1974 AND 1975

| | YEAR | PRODUCTION AREA ACRES | QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS | UNIT | VALUE | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------|----------|-------------------|
| | | | | | Per Unit | Total |
| NURSERY STOCK | 1975 | 36 | 8,166,500 | | | 355,300 |
| | 1974 | 36 | 7,373,500 | | | 292,500 |
| CHRISTMAS TREES Wholesale Cut | 1975* | | 17,680 | ea. | 6.25 | 110,500 |
| | 1974* | | 43,660 | ea. | 5.50 | 240,100 |
| Choose & Cut | 1975* & *** | | 33,028 | ea. | 5.32 | 175,700 |
| | 1974* | | 17,775 | ea. | 7.05 | 125,300 |
| HAY - TAME | 1975 | 4,000 | 12,800 | tons | 60.00 | 768,000 |
| | 1974 | 4,000 | 13,750 | tons | 63.00 | 866,200 |
| PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED | 1975 | 5,700 | | acre | 68.00 | 390,300 |
| | 1974 | 5,700 | | acre | 79.00 | 450,300 |
| PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND | 1975 | 250,000 | | acre | 3.50 | 875,000 |
| | 1974 | 250,000 | | acre | 3.50 | 875,000 |
| BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC. | 1975 | 24 | | acre | | 28,800 |
| | 1974 | 29 | | acre | | 32,700 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | <u>2,703,600</u> |
| TOTALS FOR ALL CATEGORIES | | | | | | |
| FRUITS & NUTS | 1975 | | | | | 3,412,050 |
| | 1974 | | | | | 3,254,350 |
| ANIMAL INDUSTRY | 1975* | | | | | 4,823,500 |
| | 1974** | | | | | 4,570,800 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 1975 | | | | | 2,703,600 |
| | 1974 | | | | | 2,882,100 |
| APIARY PRODUCTS | 1975 | | | | | 22,800 |
| | 1974 | | | | | 16,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1975 | | | | | <u>10,961,950</u> |
| | 1974 | | | | | <u>10,723,250</u> |

* Does not include Christmas trees cut on government land.

** Revised

*** Lower per unit value due to liquidation of one large grower.