

El Dorado County  
**Department of Agriculture**



*Sutter's Mill, Coloma*

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COMPLIMENTS OF FRIDAY HOUSE, COLOMA CA

**1978**  
**Agricultural**  
**CROP REPORT**

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Mr. Richard E. Rominger, Director  
California Department of Food and Agriculture

and

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

W. P. "Dub" Walker, Chairman  
Thomas L. Stewart  
William V. D. Johnson  
Arliene Todd  
Joseph Flynn

Dear Madam and Gentlemen:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1978 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value has increased approximately \$4 million. The increase is primarily due to better prices of raw agricultural products plus an increase in production. The County's grape industry is rapidly developing and gaining statewide recognition for the fine quality varietal grapes produced.

Timber stumpage value is again included in this report. The value shown in this report is from timber harvest on both private and public lands in the County. The reason timber products are shown in this report is to present a more complete picture of the contribution the County's agricultural industry makes to the general economy of the County.

The County's ranch marketing program continues to expand and draws many thousands of visitors to the County. The proximity of El Dorado County to large metropolitan areas promises a very bright future of this type of merchandising. Particularly now with the increase in fuel costs many people will be forced to make one or two day trips in lieu of a long vacation in a distant area.

This report was compiled by Carl Locher, Jr., Deputy Agricultural Commissioner with the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture. Mr. Locher spent many 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 information to make this report possible.

Sincerely,

  
Edio P. Delfino  
Agricultural Commissioner

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1977 and 1978

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
<u>PEARS</u>							
BARTLETT							
Fresh	1978				1,530 tons	455.00	696,200
	1977				1,495 tons	241.00	360,300
Cannery No. 1	1978				4,290 tons	182.00	780,800
	1977				6,168 tons	120.00	740,200
Cannery No. 2	1978				2,235 tons	137.00	306,200
	1977				488 tons	72.00	35,100
Juice	1978				1,515 tons	124.99	189,400
	1977				5,680 tons	65.27	370,700
Dry Yard	1978				400 tons	136.00	54,400
	1977				93 tons	72.00	6,700
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1978	1,983	33	5.03	9,970 tons	206.99	2,027,000
	1977	2,223	54	6.26	13,924 tons	108.66	1,513,000
BOSC	1978	108	15	5.25	567 tons	318.75	180,700
	1977	108	15	6.55	707 tons	246.00	173,900
OTHERS	1978	9		4.33	39 tons	187.00	7,300
	1977	9		4.88	44 tons	120.00	5,300
TOTAL PEARS	1978	2,100	48	4.87	10,576 tons	237.58	2,215,000
	1977	2,340	69	6.27	14,675 tons	115.31	1,692,200
<u>APPLES</u>							
Fresh Market	1978				5,490 tons	300.00	1,647,700
	1977				4,859 tons	200.00	971,800
Cannery	1978				714 tons	152.00	180,500
	1977				610 tons	120.00	73,200

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per-Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
Cider	1978				3,140 tons	120.00	376,800
	1977				2,778 tons	110.00	305,600
TOTAL APPLES	1978	542	22	17.24	9,344 tons	190.66	2,133,000
	1977	538	26	15.33	8,247 tons	163.77	1,350,600
CHERRIES	1978	48	4	2.0	96 tons	1,084.00	104,100
	1977	47	5	1.3	59 tons	720.00	42,500
PEACHES	1978	9	5	3.9	35 tons	454.00	15,900
	1977	9	5	2.9	26 tons	340.00	8,800
PLUMS	1978	59	12	6.6	389 tons	580.00	225,600
	1977	45	36	6.2	279 tons	406.00	113,300
GRAPES	1978	155	5	2.54	394 tons	434.00	171,000
	1977	152	8	1.16	177 tons	461.00	81,600
WALNUTS ENGLISH & BLACK	1978	410	17	.22	90 tons	1,200.00	108,000
	1977	417	19	.14	58 tons	620.00	36,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1978	3,323	113		20,924 tons		4,972,600
	1977	3,548	163		23,521 tons		3,325,400

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1978 and 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1978	10,860	86,860	cwt.	48.90	4,248,400
	1977	13,520	104,780	cwt.	36.20	3,793,000
SHEEP	1978	320	400	cwt.	16.60	6,600
	1977	375	469	cwt.	10.90	5,100
LAMBS	1978	2,363	2,363	cwt.	60.70	143,400
	1977	2,148	2,148	cwt.	50.50	108,500
HOGS & PIGS	1978	2,682	5,364	cwt.	48.30	259,100
	1977	2,347	5,300	cwt.	41.00	217,300
HORSES	1978	1,750		head	275.00	481,300
	1977	1,750		head	275.00	481,300
GOATS & GOATS MILK	1978	920				282,900
	1977	800				246,000
PULLETS, BROILERS & FRYERS	1978	⊕		⊕	⊕	⊕
	1977	43,672		head	3.00	131,000
TURKEYS (INCLUDES TURKEY EGGS FOR HATCHING)	1978	58,800				613,700
	1977	48,900				477,600
RABBITS, DUCKS & GEESE	1978	2,758		head	3.47	9,600
	1977	2,219		head	3.03	6,230
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1978					6,045,000
	1977					5,466,500

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1977 and 1978

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
MILK - MARKET	1978	9,200	cwt.	10.362	95,000
	1977**	9,500	cwt.	10.045	95,400
WOOL	1978	5,110	lbs.	.665	3,400
	1977	9,375	lbs.	.563	5,300
TOTAL MILK & WOOL	1978*				98,400
	1977**				107,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1978*				6,143,400
	1977**				5,567,200

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1977 and 1978

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
HONEY	1978	36,000	lbs.	.51	18,400
	1977	14,960	lbs.	.49	7,300
POLLINATION	1978	360	colonies	11.00	4,000
	1977	725	colonies	11.00	8,000
PACKAGE BEES	1978	0	0	0	0
	1977	610	packages	15.00	9,200
BEES WAX	1978	1,575	lbs.	1.98	3,100
	1977	300	lbs.	1.36	400
TOTAL APIARY	1978				25,500
	1977				24,900

\*Preliminary

\*\*Revised

MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, ATEA, SALES AND VALUE - 1977 and 1978

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTIONS AREA ACRES</u>	<u>QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
					<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
NURSERY STOCK	1978	54	8,038,000	M	63.46	512,400
Propagative	1977	54	7,692,000	M	65.46	503,500
Materials						
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS, Trees, Shrubs, etc.	1978	7	110,230	ea.	1.55	170,800
	1977	7	92,000	ea.	.59	54,300
TOTAL NURSERY	1978	61	8,148,230			683,200
	1977	61	7,784,000			557,800
CHRISTMAS TREES	1978		30,000	ea.	6.45	195,400
Wholesale	1977*		21,500	ea.	6.45	138,700
Choose & Cut	1978		33,415	ea.	10.81	361,200
	1977		23,660	ea.	9.70	229,500
HAY- TAME	1978	4,000	9,000	tons	77.00	693,000
	1977	4,000	6,700	tons	74.00	495,800
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1978	6,000		acre	75.60	453,600
	1977	4,900		acre	72.00	352,800
PASTUE & RANGE DRY LAND	1978	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
	1977	250,000		acre	2.50	625,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.	1978	26		acre		24,100
	1977	14		acre		14,700
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1978					3,968,700
	1977					2,414,300

\*Does not include Christmas trees cut on government land.



TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Fruits and Nuts	1978	4,972,600
	1977	3,325,400
Animal Industry	1978	6,143,400
	1977	5,571,800
Miscellaneous	1978	3,968,700
	1977	2,414,300
Apiary Products	1978	25,500
	1977	24,900
TOTAL	1978	15,110,200
	1977*	11,331,800

TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY - PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Board		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Unit</u>		
Private and Public Forests	1978	250,000	M	105.00	\$ 26,250,000
	1977				24,000,000
Wood Sales & Permits Issued	1978				61,000
	1977				57,800
TOTAL	1978				26,311,000
	1977				24,057,000
GRAND TOTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	1978				41,421,200
	1977*				35,389,600

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