

# El Dorado County *Department of Agriculture*



Picking Fruit,  
El Dorado County, Cal.

EARLY 1920's

# 1987 *Agricultural CROP REPORT*

**Department of Agriculture**

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Director Jack C. Parnell, California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and the  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Director and Board Members:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California  
Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1987 El Dorado County Crop  
Report.

The gross agricultural value for 1987 is \$35,318,300 -- a decrease of  
approximately \$1,000,000. The decrease is a result of lower gross  
income for cattlemen and a reduced timber harvest on both private and  
government timberlands. The fruit industry reflected a \$1,000,000  
increase primarily because of a large apple crop and expanding dry  
varietal wine grapes and cherry industries. The pear industry continues  
to decrease in acreage and production. 1987 was the first year that  
some plum and pear growers experienced RED INK. "Red ink" is a term  
used when a grower's crop is packed and shipped and returns less money  
than the costs incurred in the packing and shipping of that product. In  
other words, the grower receives a bill for his crop instead of a check.

The County's roadside marketing program continues to expand throughout  
the County. A few roadside marketing operations are now opening in June  
with cherries and closing in March with stored apples. The wine  
industry in El Dorado County now boasts of 14 wineries, most of which  
are open weekends throughout the year. El Dorado County's ranch  
marketing program, coupled with the recreational industry, is continuing  
to expand its contribution to the County's economic base. Interest in  
the ranch marketing program continues to increase throughout the western  
slope of the County.

The monetary values recorded in this report are F.O.B. the plant and do  
not reflect net returns or profits realized by the grower.

This report was compiled by Carl Locher, Jr., Deputy Agricultural  
Commissioner, El Dorado County Department of Agriculture. We would like  
to express our 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 - 1986 AND 1987

PEARS	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Per Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Bartlett</u>							
Fresh	1987				729 tons	304.41	221,900
	1986				443 tons	582.49	258,000
Cannery	1987				2,344 tons	180.00	421,900
	1986				1,728 tons	177.00	305,900
Juice	1987				1,843 tons	83.00	153,000
	1986				1,069 tons	80.00	85,500
Other	1987				91 tons	83.00	7,600
	1986				876 tons	177.00	155,100
Total	1987	900	4	5.56	5,007 tons	160.66	804,400
Bartlett	1986	1,020	4	4.04	4,116 tons	195.46	804,500
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Fresh	1987	75	0	3.16	237 tons	192.00	45,500
	1986	80	0	2.50	90 tons	564.80	50,800
Juice	1987				107 tons	83.00	8,900
	1986				110 tons	80.00	8,800
TOTAL	1987	975	4	5.49	5,351 tons	160.49	858,800
PEARS	1986	1,100	7	3.92	4,316 tons	200.21	864,100
APPLES							
Fresh	1987				6,020 tons	500.00	3,010,000
	1986				5,320 tons	500.00	2,660,000
Cannery & Apple Hill Products	1987				7,200 tons	130.00	936,000
	1986				-0- tons	135.00	-0-
Cider	1987				3,205 tons	60.00	192,300
	1986				2,280 tons	140.00	319,200
TOTAL	1987	722	15	22.75	16,425 tons	251.95	4,138,300
APPLES	1986	717	20	10.60	7,600 tons	392.00	2,979,200

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Per Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
CHERRIES	1987	44	27	1.8	79 tons	1,485.00	117,300
	1986	37	22	1.6	59 tons	1,800.00	106,200
PEACHES	1987	21	4	5.5	115 tons	583.00	67,000
	1986	17	8	6.0	102 tons	800.00	81,600
PLUMS	1987	116	23	2.4	278 tons	497.00	138,200
	1986	116	23	3.0	348 tons	760.00	264,500
GRAPES	1987	530	112	3.7	1,961 tons	438.00	858,900
	1986	516	126	3.3	1,703 tons	355.50	605,400
WALNUTS - ENGLISH & BLACK	1987	408	6	.29	117 tons	886.40	103,700
	1986	448	6	.37	165 tons	1,134.00	187,100
TOTAL - FRUIT AND NUT CROPS							
	1987	2,816	191		24,326 tons		6,282,200
	1986	2,951	212		14,293 tons		5,088,100

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1986 AND 1987

	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Colonies</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Apiary Products (Includes honey, wax, package bees, pollination)	1987	5,800	380,200
	1986	6,300	466,200

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1986 AND 1987

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Total Live Weight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
CATTLE	1987	8,097	64,776	cwt	56.30	3,646,900
	1986	10,906	87,357	cwt	46.70	4,079,600
SHEEP	1987	300	375	cwt	25.10	9,400
	1986	300	375	cwt	23.20	8,700
LAMBS	1987	5,940	4,637	cwt	74.90	347,300
	1986	6,760	5,450	cwt	68.60	373,900

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - CONTINUED

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Total		Unit	Per Unit	Total
		No. Head	Live Weight			
HOGS-PIGS	1987	2,790	5,859	cwt	58.00	339,800
	1986	3,269	6,864	cwt	52.20	358,300
HORSES	1987	2,100		head	400.00	840,000
	1986	2,500		head	425.00	1,062,500
GOATS, POULTRY (TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, CHICKENS & HATCHING EGGS	1987					1,544,400
	1986					1,432,100
TOTAL - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
	1987					6,727,800
	1986					7,315,100

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - MARKET	1987**	8,433	cwt	11.41	96,200
	1986	10,120	cwt	11.72	118,600
WOOL	1987	29,700	lbs	.55	16,300
	1986	43,066	lbs	.60	25,800
TOTAL - LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS					
	1987**				112,500
	1986				144,400
TOTAL - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS					
	1987**				6,840,300
	1986				7,459,500

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TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION BOARD FEET</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FORESTS	1987	198,190	M	17,000,500
	1986	260,000	M	19,000,000
WOOD SALES AND PERMITS	1987			120,400
	1986			103,800
TOTAL - TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS				
	1987			17,120,900
	1986			19,103,000

MISCELLANEOUS: PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1986 AND 1987

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>QUANTITY</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>AREA</u>	<u>SALES</u>	<u>BY PRODUCERS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NURSERY STOCK	1987		44	8,773,770	M	129.20	1,133,500
	1986		34	8,809,100	M	117.00	1,034,400
WOODY DECIDUOUS AND EVERGREEN ORNA- MENTALS (trees, shrubs, etc.)	1987		11				465,400
	1986		10				471,500
TOTAL-NURSERY	1987		55	8,773,770			1,598,900
	1986		44	8,809,100			1,505,900
CHRISTMAS TREES Wholesale	1987			9,000	each	12.00	108,000
	1986			12,000	each	12.00	144,000
Choose & Cut	1987			47,600	each	21.00	999,600
	1986			45,120	each	20.40	920,400
HAY - TAME	1987		650	975	tons	72.00	70,200
	1986		1,300	1,950	tons	70.00	136,500
IRRIGATED PASTURE	1987	4,000			acre	95.00	380,000
	1986	4,600			acre	95.00	437,000
PASTURE & RANGE DRYLAND	1987	245,000			acre	6.00	1,470,000
	1986	250,000			acre	6.00	1,500,000
TRUCK GARDENS, KIWIS, PUMPKINS, PERSIMMONS, ETC.	1987		52		acre		68,000
	1986		47		acre		37,600
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	1987						4,694,700
	1986						4,681,400

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FRUIT AND NUTS	1987	6,282,200
	1986	5,088,100
APIARY PRODUCTS	1987	380,200
	1986	466,200
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1987	6,840,300
	1986	7,459,500
TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS	1987	17,120,900
	1986	19,103,000
MISCELLANEOUS	1987	4,694,700
	1986	4,681,400
GRAND TOTAL	1987	35,318,300
	1986	36,798,200