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California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

# El Dorado County

1967-1977

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1967

# EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT - 1967

FROM THE ASHES OF PEAR  
DECLINE — A NEW PEAR  
INDUSTRY IS GROWING.....

El Dorado County's 6' 3" Farm  
Advisor, Richard Bethell, ad-  
mires a healthy young 6 year  
old Bartlett pear tree.



EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

E. P. Delfino, Commissioner

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1967 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The picture, on the cover of the report, adequately portrays the result of 7 years of combined effort by the El Dorado County Farm Advisor's Office, the El Dorado County Pear Industry, and that of this office. Dick Bethell, El Dorado County Farm Advisor, should be particularly complimented for his thoroughness and far-sightedness that made the development of these new pear rootstocks possible. These vigorous rootstocks are now available on a limited basis to El Dorado County pear growers.

The 1967 fresh fruit production, in El Dorado County, was severely affected by adverse weather during bloom. Most pear orchards continue to show improvement, and the possibility of complete orchard recovery is becoming more of a reality - especially now that suitable replant trees are becoming available.

The 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.

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*

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Agricultural Commissioner

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1966 and 1967.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
<u>Bartlett</u>	1967				325	Tons	300.00	97,500.
	1966				3,940	Tons	189.00	745,000.
Cannery No. 1	1967				6,910	Tons	180.00	1,244,000.
	1966				12,300	Tons	80.00	984,000.
Cannery No. 2	1967							
	1966				1,780	Tons	48.00	85,400.
Cull Grade	1967							
	1966				320	Tons	1.00	320.
Dry Yard	1967							
	1966				119	Tons	25.00	2,980.
TOTAL BARTLETTES	1967	2,014	205	3.59	7,235	Tons	185.41	1,341,500.
	1966	1,939	293	9.52	18,459	Tons	98.47	1,817,700.
Bosc Pears	1967	144	3	3.3	475	Tons	170.00	80,800.
	1966	151	3	8.1	1,220	Tons	194.00	237,000.
Other Pears	1967	26		.12	3	Tons	206.00	620.
	1966	25		7.	175	Tons	151.00	26,400.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1967	2,184	208	3.53	7,713	Tons	184.48	1,422,920.
	1966	2,115	296	9.39	19,854	Tons	104.82	2,081,100.
Apples Fresh Market	1967				3,240	Tons	172.00	557,000.
	1966				5,620	Tons	176.00	989,000.
Cannery	1967				1,060	Tons	70.00	74,200.
	1966				1,290	Tons	64.00	82,600.
Cider	1967				1,010	Tons	40.00	40,400.
	1966				684	Tons	40.00	27,400.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1967	523	72	10.2	5,310	Tons	126.48	671,600.
	1966	527	66	14.4	7,594	Tons	144.72	1,099,000.
CHERRIES	1967	78	15	.32	28	Tons	460.00	12,900.
	1966	77	16	3.1	239	Tons	430.00	103,000.
PEACHES	1967	26		4.5	117	Tons	260.00	30,400.
	1966	26		7.	182	Tons	200.00	36,400.
PLUMS	1967	44	7	.32	14	Tons	460.00	6,440.
	1966	20	31	1.5	30	Tons	453.00	13,600.
GRAPES	1967	11		3.55	39	Tons	60.30	2,350.
	1966	11		4.5	50	Tons	48.30	2,420.
WALNUTS, English	1967	263	97	.28	73	Tons	540.00	39,400.
	1966	223	123	.45	100	Tons	450.00	45,000.
WALNUTS, Black	1967				1,150	Sacks	1.25	1,440.
	1966				2,000	Sacks	1.00	2,000.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1967	3,129	399		13,352	Tons		2,187,450.
	1966	2,999	532		28,149	Tons		3,382,520.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1966-1967

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1967	10,800	75,600	cwt.	22.80	1,724,000.
	1966	10,400	72,800	cwt.	21.80	1,587,000.
DAIRY COWS	1967	54		head	175.00	9,450.
DAIRY CALVES	1967	324		head	25.00	8,100.
DAIRY BULLS	1967	4		head	300.00	1,200
SHEEP & LAMBS	1967	8,600	7,740	cwt.	22.10	171,000.
	1966	8,060	7,250	cwt.	23.80	173,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1967	958	1,920	cwt.	20.10	38,600.
	1966	812	1,620	cwt.	24.70	40,000.
HORSES	1967	300		head	175.00	52,500.
	1966	290		head	100.00	29,000.
GOATS	1967	375		head	10.00	3,750.
	1966	405		head	10.00	4,050.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1967	526,000	1,971,000	lbs.	.173	341,000.
	1966	423,000	1,480,000	lbs.	.179	265,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1967	55,800	223,000	lbs.	.060	13,400.
	1966	13,500	54,000	lbs.	.080	4,320.
TURKEYS	1967	77,700	1,546,000	lbs.	.201	311,000.
	1966	63,100	1,193,000	lbs.	.249	297,000.
<u>TOTAL</u> LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1967					2,674,000.
	1966					2,359,370.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1966 and 1967

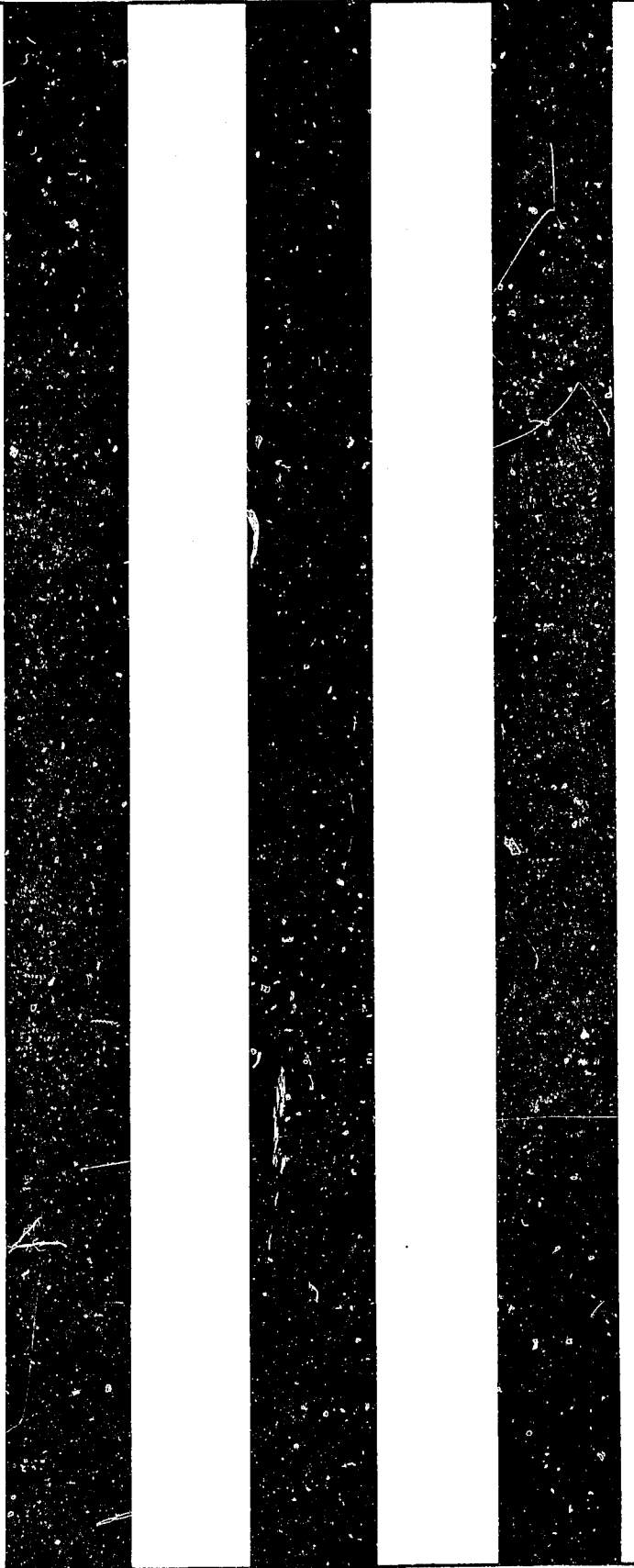
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1967	9,550	cwt.	5.51	52,600.
	1966*	10,100	cwt.	5.52	55,800.
WOOL	1967	55,400	lbs.	.51	28,300.
	1966	47,000	lbs.	.55	25,800.
MOHAIR	1967	3,100	lbs.	.54	1,670.
	1966	2,890	lbs.	.55	1,590.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1967	1,844,000	doz.	.301	555,000.
	1966	1,600,000	doz.	.38	608,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry Products	1967				637,570.
	1966				691,990.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1967				3,311,570.
	1966				3,091,360.
<u>*Revised</u>	1966 Milk Market	10,400 cwt.	@ 5.44	=	56,600.



Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1966-1967

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1967	25	4,127,000			138,000.
	1966	23	4,736,000			273,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1967	(Wholesale Cut)*	34,000	each	3.33	113,000.
	1967	(Choose & Cut)*	6,020	each	4.25	25,600.
HAY - TAME	1967	5,800	8,700	tons	24.00	209,000.
	1966	5,800	7,750	tons	23.20	180,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1967	5,220		acre	50.00	261,000.
	1966	5,170		acre	50.00	258,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1967	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1966	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1967	9		acre		15,300.
	1966	8		acre		13,300.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1967					1,511,900.
	1966					1,474,300.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUIT & NUTS	1967					2,187,450.
	1966					3,382,520.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1967					3,311,570.
	1966					3,091,360.
MISCELLANEOUS	1967					1,511,900.
	1966					1,474,300.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1967					7,010,920.
	1966					7,948,180.

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



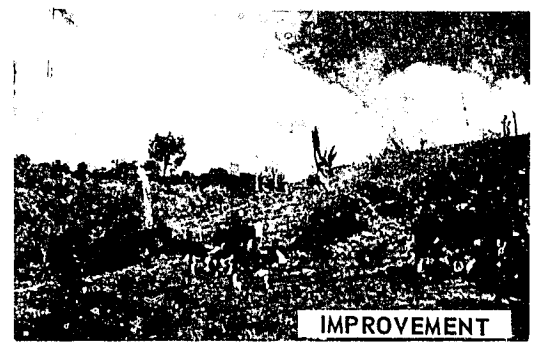
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IMPROVEMENT



PRODUCTION

The Bacchi Ranch practices complete land utilization — 30% increased grazing on cleared land — quail and deer population increased by brush piles and improved food supply

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1968 El Dorado County Crop Report.

El Dorado County Agriculture, in 1968, experienced its most successful and profitable year since the beginning of pear decline (1959). The pear and apple crop production was adequate in most cases and of excellent quality. Prices received by growers were good. Several orchards were severely affected by late frost and in these cases experienced a poor season.

It is heartening to note that the agricultural industry of this county has come back strongly, from the disaster of pear decline, to again take its rightful place in the county's economy. El Dorado County's agriculture has now retrenched after pear decline and is now exhibiting new vigor in production, packing and marketing. Some of the examples of this new strength are:

1. New vigorous decline resistant pear trees are now available to El Dorado County growers. (A six year effort was required to achieve this result).
2. Apple Hill promotion program continues to be successful. Results of this promotion have had a decided effect on the local economy.
3. The implementation of the California Land Conservation Act in El Dorado County will help stabilize the county's animal industry.
4. Late plum and cherry production offers new and profitable crops for El Dorado County agriculture.
5. Christmas tree plantations are producing high quality Christmas trees for both choose and cut and wholesale market outlets. This industry is growing rapidly 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.

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Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1967 and 1968.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1968				3,450	Tons	248.00	856,000.
	1967				325	Tons	300.00	97,500.
Cannery No. 1	1968				12,100	Tons	119.00	1,440,000.
	1967				6,910	Tons	180.00	1,244,000.
Cannery No. 2	1968				1,700	Tons	71.20	121,000.
	1967							
Cull Grade	1968							
	1967							
Dry Yard	1968							
	1967							
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTS</u>	1968	2,087	245	8.27	17,250	Tons	140.12	2,417,000.
	1967	2,014	205	3.59	7,235	Tons	185.41	1,341,500.
Bosc Pears	1968	108	1	12.2	1,320	Tons	276.00	364,000.
	1967	144	3	3.3	475	Tons	170.00	80,800.
Other Pears	1968	26		7.62	198	Tons	194.00	38,400.
	1967	26		.12	3	Tons	206.00	620.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1968	2,221	246	8.42	18,768	Tons	150.22	2,819,400.
	1967	2,184	208	3.53	7,713	Tons	184.48	1,422,920.
Apples Fresh Market	1968				4,380	Tons	212.00	929,000.
	1967				3,240	Tons	172.00	557,000.
Cannery	1968				2,090	Tons	76.40	160,000.
	1967				1,060	Tons	70.00	74,200.
Cider	1968				553	Tons	60.00	33,200.
	1967				1,010	Tons	40.00	40,400.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1968	493	76	14.25	7,023	Tons	159.79	1,122,200.
	1967	523	72	10.2	5,310	Tons	126.48	671,600.
CHERRIES	1968	66	14	2.2	145	Tons	466.00	67,600.
	1967	78	15	.32	28	Tons	460.00	12,900.
PEACHES	1968	11		3.91	43	Tons	300.00	12,900.
	1967	26		4.5	117	Tons	260.00	30,400.
PLUMS	1968	28	1	3.5	98	Tons	425.00	41,600.
	1967	44	7	.32	14	Tons	460.00	6,440.
GRAPES	1968	10	8	4.9	49	Tons	66.00	3,230.
	1967	11		3.55	39	Tons	60.30	2,350.
WALNUTS, English	1968	260	151	.32	83	Tons	660.00	54,800.
	1967	263	97	.28	73	Tons	540.00	39,400.
WALNUTS, Black	1968				1,130	Sacks	1.25	1,660.
	1967				1,150	Sacks	1.25	1,440.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1968	3,089	496		26,275	Tons		4,123,390.
	1967	3,129	399		13,352	Tons		2,187,450.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1967-1968

ITEM	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight		Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1968	11,100	73,600	cwt.	23.80	1,752,000.
	1967	10,800	75,600	cwt.	22.80	1,724,000.
DAIRY COWS	1968	57		head	175.00	9,980.
	1967	54		head	175.00	9,450.
DAIRY CALVES	1968	340		head	25.00	8,500.
	1967	324		head	25.00	8,100.
DAIRY HULKS	1968					
	1967	4		head	300.00	1,200.
SHEEP & LAMBS	1968	7,800	7,410	cwt.	21.40	159,000.
	1967	8,600	7,740	cwt.	22.10	171,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1968	1,040	1,890	cwt.	19.50	36,900.
	1967	958	1,920	cwt.	20.10	38,600.
HORSES	1968	355		head	155.00	55,000.
	1967	300		head	175.00	52,500.
GOATS	1968	400		head	12.00	4,800.
	1967	375		head	10.00	3,750.
BROTTLERS & FRYERS	1968	588,000	2,352,000	lbs.	.175	412,000.
	1967	526,000	1,971,000	lbs.	.173	341,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1968	46,100	138,000	lbs.	.070	9,660.
	1967	55,800	223,000	lbs.	.060	13,400.
TURKEYS	1968	53,400	855,000	lbs.	.235	201,000.
	1967	77,700	1,546,000	lbs.	.201	311,000.
TOTAL	1968					2,648,840.
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1967					2,674,000.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1967 and 1968

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1968	9,940	cwt.	5.64	56,100.
	1967**	9,510	cwt.	5.46	51,900.
WOOL	1968	52,000	lbs.	.50	26,000.
	1967	55,400	lbs.	.51	28,300.
WOOLATE	1968	2,400	lbs.	.42	1,010.
	1967	3,100	lbs.	.54	1,670.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1968	1,819,000	doz.	.31	564,000.
	1967	1,844,000	doz.	.501	555,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry Products	1968				647,110.
	1967**				636,870.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1968				3,295,950.
	1967**				3,310,870.

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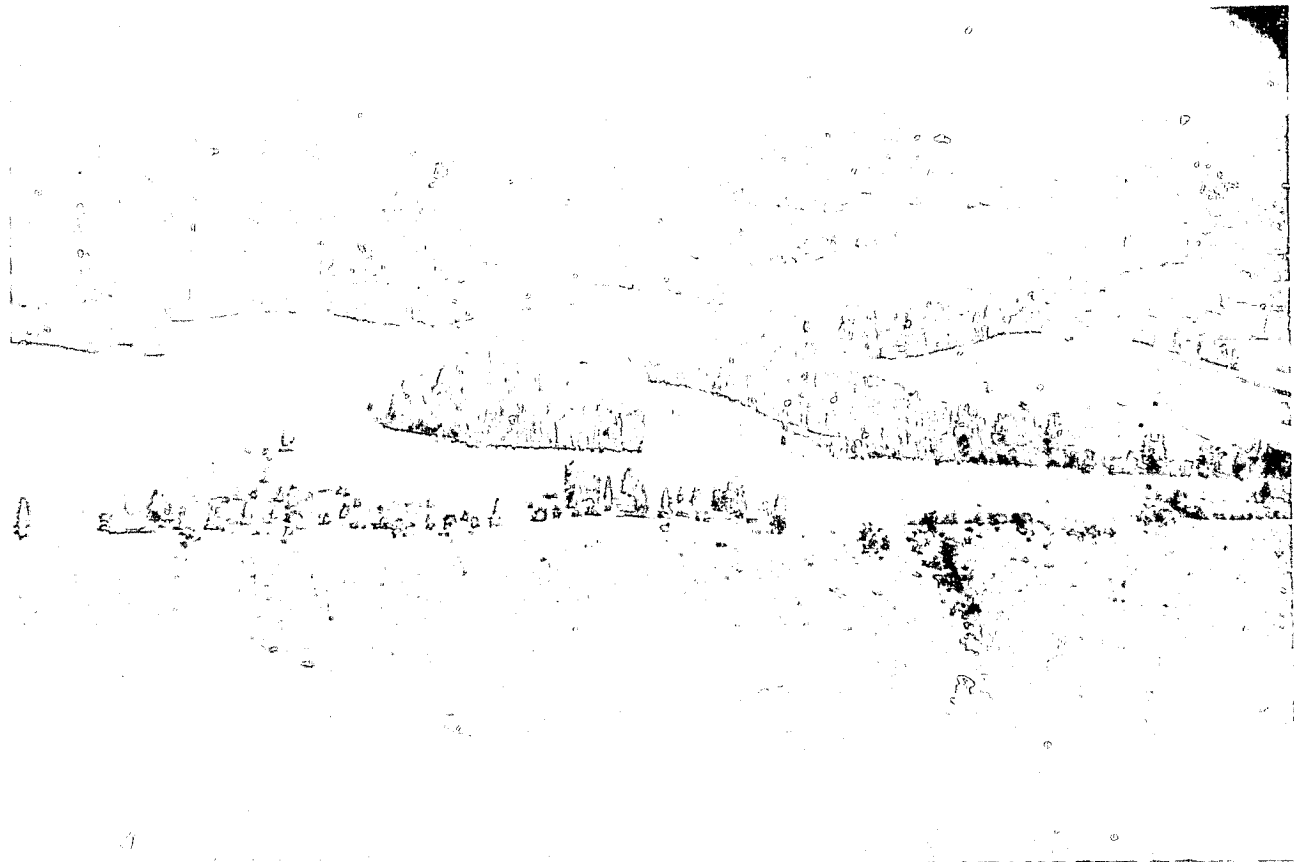


Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1967-1968

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1968	39	8,068,000			228,000.
	1967	25	4,127,000			138,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1968 (Wholesale Cut)*		33,000	each	3.60	121,000.
	1967 (Wholesale Cut)*		34,000	each	3.33	113,000
	1968 (Choose & Cut)*		6,570	each	5.25	34,500.
	1967 (Choose & Cut)*		6,000	each	4.25	25,600.
HAY - TAME	1968	5,600	8,400	tons	25.00	210,000.
	1967	5,800	8,700	tons	24.00	209,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1968	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
	1967	5,200		acre	50.00	261,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1968	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1967	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1968	9		acre		13,500.
	1967	9		acre		15,300.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1968					1,619,000.
	1967					1,511,900.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUIT & NUTS	1968					4,123,390.
	1967					2,187,450.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1968					3,295,950.
	1967**					3,310,870.
MISCELLANEOUS	1968					1,619,000.
	1967					1,511,900.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1968					9,038,240.
	1967**					7,010,220.

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

\*\* Revised.



# Exciting Prospects for Agriculture

*in Beautiful*

## EL DORADO COUNTY

PREPARED BY  
THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
IN COOPERATION WITH  
EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND  
THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE OF EL DORADO COUNTY



EL DORADO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is a prime industry in El Dorado County. It was established prior to the discovery of gold at Coloma in 1848. Through the years agriculture has served as the primary vehicle for the development of roads, irrigation and utilities in the county.

During the early 1960's pear decline and the beef industry's cost-price squeeze created a poor image for the future of agriculture in the county. Recent developments call for a far more optimistic outlook. Due to rapid population growth and urban encroachment in certain specialized crop areas of California, a demand is being created for new producing areas. **El Dorado County's location, topography and climate provide ideal sites for some of these high income crops.**

El Dorado County has a range in elevation from 400 to 10,000 feet. This obviously gives a considerable variety of climate. Below 1,000 feet the climate is very similar to the great valley floor. Above 4,000 feet, except for Christmas tree production, there is little agricultural potential.

## CLIMATE

Climate is the prime factor in determining whether a crop will be a success in a given area. For example, an early or late harvest date often brings a much better marketing price. Climate determines quality. It also influences a plant's ability to survive insect and disease attacks and produce full and regular crops. Many different climates are available in El Dorado County because of the wide variability in topography and elevation. **Some of these climates are relatively unique and are being recognized as distinctly desirable for specific crops.**

## LAND

Deep, well-drained soils are found in various locations within the county. Generally, these soil locations are on ridges or hillsides having excellent air drainage. Such relatively frost-free sites are ideal for the requirements of our tree fruit crops. Many such sites remain undeveloped.

## WATER

Present and future supplies of water are ample. Nearly all sources of irrigation water are from high mountain streams and lakes, which insures extremely high quality. The recent development of a seven-million dollar distribution system generally provides water in pipelines with adequate pressure for sprinkler irrigation. Such was not always the case. Until the development of Siy Park Reservoir in 1955 and Stumpy Meadows Reservoir in 1962, water supply was a severe limiting factor to the expansion of agriculture in the county.

## RECOMMENDED CROPS

Many crops may be grown in the many climates available in the county. For greatest economic success we suggest growing those crops which may be produced with a decided competitive advantage over other producing districts.

Tree crops are most heavily influenced by the climatic factors that provide competitive advantages. At the present time, market advantages can be demon-

strated for the following crops: pears, apples, late-season plums, cherries, dry-land walnuts, Christmas trees, varietal grapes and ranch marketed specialty crops. These crops and the reasons for their potentials are discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

## PEARS

El Dorado County has a nationwide reputation for consistently producing Bartlett pears of unsurpassed quality. This pear industry is the oldest and most stable on the West Coast. The "Placerville Bartlett," as it is known in the trade, is the best keeping fresh Bartlett produced. Since its inception in 1850, the El Dorado County pear industry has withstood inadequate water supply, pear blight, black end, economic chaos and is presently emerging from its most serious challenge — Pear Decline.

Two thousand, four hundred acres of the county's 4,000-acre pear industry have survived the ravages of Pear Decline. Production, which fell dramatically in the early 1960's has shown a sharp turn upward, as a result of a concerted program to combat the problem. **New decline resistant rootstocks have been established that are highly adapted to the district. They will have a dynamic influence on pear yield.** Test plantings have demonstrated that new orchards can be brought into paying production in five seasons — years ahead of orchards on standard rootstock.

Nearly all the pears grown in El Dorado County are located in the elevation zone from 1,500 to 3,500 feet. This places the district in the late-season California shipping market.

Very little late-district pear land of proven capability remains to be developed in California. El Dorado County still offers a number of choice sites at reasonable prices. A few of these sites are frost-free, offering a particularly fine competitive position for a pear orchard.



The results of a six-year-old rootstock trial for Bartlett pears dwarf Dick Bethell, El Dorado county's 6'3" farm advisor. Two outstanding decline-tolerant rootstocks promise to return El Dorado County to a position of prominence in the nation's pear industry.

## APPLES

The elevation zone from 2,500 to 4,000 feet provides a natural climate for the production of fine quality fall, dessert apples. The Golden Delicious variety probably reaches its zenith in edibility in this district. The El Dorado Golden is an especially firm and juicy apple with a balance of fruit acids and sugars that creates the ultimate in flavor. Excellent flavor and texture characteristics are also achieved in Red Delicious and Red Rome Beauty. The skin finish of our Golden is not as attractive as that produced in desert climates, however retailers find that they can get top prices for them. The red varieties have not always achieved full color development. New high colored sports of these varieties are going to eliminate color as a marketing problem.

One of the major competitive advantages of the district has actually proven to be a disadvantage. Closeness to the marketplace is normally viewed as favorable, but it has led growers to sell their own fruit in direct competition with their neighbors. Wholesale buyers have taken unmerciful advantages of these uncoordinated marketing efforts.

In an effort to circumvent the unfavorable, wholesale market environment, apple growers have embarked on a ranch marketing program. "Apple Hill" was the name selected by growers to identify this exceptional apple growing area. In the past four years considerable success has been realized with this selling method. Apple Hill has stimulated the enthusiasm of growers, visitors and the general community.

## PLUMS

Historically, late season plums have performed well at elevations from 1,000 to 2,500 feet. As former orchards succumbed to old age, growers replaced them with pears to simplify their farming operation. New plantings have been made recently. The first of these have started to produce and have brought excellent returns. Competitive advantages are outstanding quality and color, combined with a market timing which has experienced consistent strong demand.

## CHERRIES

The profit potential for cherries makes this fruit the most exciting crop prospect for El Dorado County. Cherries grown at elevations from 1,500 to 2,500 feet will ripen with the Santa Clara cherry district and harvest should be completed before the heavy volume of Oregon and Washington cherries flood the market. Agricultural authorities in Santa Clara County state that industrial development will completely consume this famous cherry district. The Sierra Foothills offer the most logical location remaining for the redevelopment of this lucrative mid-season cherry industry.

El Dorado County has a very old and small cherry district located at Cool. Most of these orchards are located at an elevation of around 1,500 feet and were dry land farmed for many years. Fruit quality on these old trees is outstanding, but their bearing capacity has been diminished by drought and age. New, high density plantings of virus free stock offer a possibility of unparalleled profit making. Orchard site selection will be critical to success. Frost-free locations on virgin soils with excellent drainage characteristics are required, and available.

Small plantings, five to ten acres in size, should make sound enterprises. Harvest labor should be readily available. Crews harvesting the 10,000-acre San Joaquin cherry crop would welcome a harvest stop in El Dorado County before moving to the Oregon harvest.

## DRYLAND WALNUTS

There are 346 acres of walnuts listed in the Agricultural Commissioner's crop report. Most of these are dry-farmed in the deep soils found in the southern part of the county. Production is moderate and cultural costs are extremely low, making an attractive profit possible on this arid land. The chief problem has been the length of time required to establish a producing orchard—12 to 15 years. New early producing varieties and vigorous rootstocks may reduce this time to seven years.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

"Choose and Cut" Christmas tree farms are experiencing a rapid growth in popularity. Residents of metropolitan areas are traveling great distances for the pleasures of a mountain outing where they can select their very own Christmas trees. Both managed natural forest stands and plantations have proven successful.

"Farming" of Christmas trees holds great promise for the wholesale market. At elevations below 4,000 feet, firmed trees could be harvested "fresh" on short notice for delivery to retail sellers as needed. Closeness to our markets gives us a superior position in El Dorado County for the merchandising of our Christmas trees. Numerous Christmas tree species are being grown in this natural environment. Plantation owners have found that our native species adapt extremely well to intensive farming practices. Outstanding quality and rapid growth are the rewards of farming. Douglas fir, knobcone pine and Sierra redwood can be harvested in four years. Beautiful six-foot white fir can be produced in six to seven seasons.

Production of 2,000 to 3,000 trees can be realized per acre. Current wholesale prices for good quality white fir is in excess of 50¢ a linear foot.



This picture exemplifies the obvious natural environment that is making Christmas tree farming the fastest growing industry in El Dorado County and El Dorado County the fastest growing Christmas tree industry in the State of California. Mel and Verda Irving developed their lucrative "choose and cut" farm on weekends prior to their retirement from city living.



That varietal wine grapes will grow well in El Dorado County has been ably demonstrated by George and Marian Ritchie. These grape-laden vines, planted as rooted cuttings, are only in their second leaf in the vineyard.

### WINE GRAPES

Production of premium quality wine grapes holds real promise for the future as demand continues to exceed production in the historic growing areas. Available grape land in these districts is rapidly vanishing. New growing areas are being sought. El Dorado County offers a variety of grape-growing regions, making it possible to grow all the premium varieties. Test plantings have been established to pinpoint the logical choice of varieties for our various growing districts. Confidence in the outcome has already prompted two wineries to establish in the county. This new industry will be developed without the built-in failures of older districts; such as virus diseases, nematodes and poor varieties.



"Apple Hill," a farming community in El Dorado County that has blended roadside marketing, beautiful scenery and recreation into a pleasing experience for any visitor—and a growing profit for the farmer.

### RANCH MARKETING

The recent revival of ranch marketing is creating an opportunity for the production of many special crops in El Dorado County. The "trapped" city dweller thrives on a leisurely trek to the country for the enjoyment of sunshine, open space and the opportunity to purchase high quality, ranch-fresh produce. The "Apple Hill" ranch marketing program and the "Choose and Cut" Christmas tree trade have already proven that the potential for this type of marketing is almost unlimited. Any mountain grown agricultural product excels in quality. In urbanized California, many persons have never been exposed to the rare treats that are available from tantalizing tree-ripened fruits, berries and vegetables. When this method of merchandising is pursued, it substantially increases the return to the farmer.

### ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Currently, livestock and poultry account for three-million dollars of the agricultural income in El Dorado County. Increases in land value have placed a squeeze on the livestock industry. However, the tenacity of this industry has been proven as animal numbers have remained virtually unchanged for the past ten years.

In recent years the poultry industry has gone through a revolutionary period, involving trends towards bigness and automation. Several El Dorado County producers have emerged from this period as successful large operators. Freedom from disease is the key advantage.

### CONCLUSION

There is excellent opportunity for expansion of successful agriculture in El Dorado County. The factors that have led to this favorable economic outlook are expected to become accentuated in the future. Agricultural leaders and capital are needed now to bring these opportunities into reality.

Persons desiring further information on any of the above-mentioned crops can contact the following organizations or individuals:

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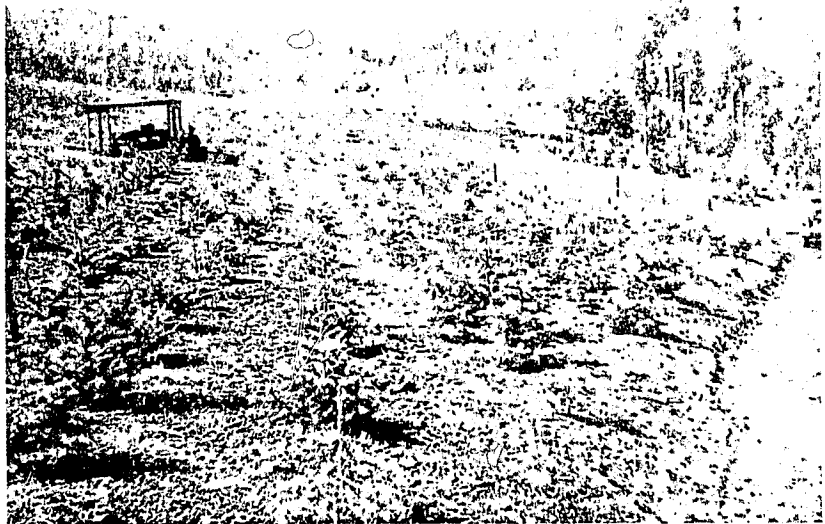
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1969

# EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT - 1969

CHRISTMAS TREE  
PLANTATION  
IN  
EL DORADO  
COUNTY



Pictures portray tree  
growth attained in two  
years in the same  
planting.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1969 El Dorado County Crop Report.

El Dorado County Agriculture, in 1969, again experienced a profitable year. The increases in gross value were experienced in livestock and poultry and in miscellaneous crops such as: nursery stock, Christmas trees, etc. Pear growers were plagued with small fruit and consequently received a smaller gross return than in 1968. Apple growers faced a very weak wholesale market and were forced to sell at lower value. The only bright spot in the county's apple industry is Apple Hill - which in 1969 was the difference between profit and loss for our growers.

Pear growers are again faced with the threat of renewed pear decline. The pear industry, in cooperation with the Farm Adviser's Office and the Office of the Agricultural Commissioner, have planned and are implementing a coordinated spray program - that, if successful, will counter this threat.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Agricultural Commissioner



Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1968 and 1969.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1969				4,640	Tons	211.00	979,000.
	1968				3,450	Tons	248.00	856,000.
Cannery No. 1	1969				10,600	Tons	91.20	967,000.
	1968				12,100	Tons	119.00	1,440,000.
Cannery No. 2	1969				1,130	Tons	53.00	59,900.
	1968				1,700	Tons	71.20	121,000.
Hail Grade	1969				816	Tons	74.50	60,800.
	1968							
<u>TOTAL BARTLETT</u>	1969	2,086	263	8.24	17,186	Tons	120.25	2,066,700.
	1968	2,087	245	8.27	17,250	Tons	140.12	2,417,000.
Bosc Pears	1969	108	1	9.35	1,010	Tons	222.00	224,000.
	1968	108	1	12.2	1,320	Tons	276.00	364,000.
Other Pears	1969	23		5.87	135	Tons	189.00	25,500.
	1968	26		7.62	198	Tons	194.00	38,400.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1969	2,217	264	8.27	18,331	Tons	126.35	2,316,200.
	1968	2,221	246	8.42	18,768	Tons	150.22	2,819,400.
Apples Fresh Market	1969				3,510	Tons	177.00	621,000.
	1968				4,380	Tons	212.00	929,000.
Cannery	1969				1,860	Tons	57.20	106,000.
	1968				2,090	Tons	76.40	160,000.
Cider	1969				1,100	Tons	37.80	41,600.
	1968				553	Tons	60.00	33,200.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1969	483	80	13.40	6,470	Tons	118.79	768,600.
	1968	493	76	14.25	7,023	Tons	159.79	1,122,200.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1968 and 1969.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		Per Acre	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1969	65	14	2.40	156	Tons	441.00	68,800.
	1968	66	14	2.2	145	Tons	466.00	67,600.
PEACHES	1969	10		4.20	42	Tons	240.00	10,100.
	1968	11		3.91	43	Tons	300.00	12,900.
PLUMS	1969	30	7	2.97	89	Tons	414.00	36,800.
	1968	28	1	3.5	98	Tons	425.00	41,600.
GRAPES	1969	10	8	5.50	55	Tons	83.70	4,600.
	1968	10	8	4.9	49	Tons	66.00	3,230.
WALNUTS (English)	1969	260	151	.50	130	Tons	600.00	78,000.
	1968	260	151	.32	83	Tons	660.00	54,000.
WALNUTS (Black)	1969				1,700	Sacks	1.75	2,980.
	1968				1,130	Sacks	1.25	1,660.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1969	3,075	524		25,358	Tons		3,286,080.
	1968	3,089	496		26,275	Tons		4,123,390.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1968-1969

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		Unit	<u>VALUE</u>	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight		Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1969	11,000	77,000	cwt.	27.50	2,118,000.
	1968	11,100	73,600	cwt.	23.80	1,752,000.
DAIRY COWS	1969	60		head	310.00	18,600.
	1968	57		head	175.00	9,980.
DAIRY CALVES	1969	98		head	23.50	2,300.
	1968	340		head	25.00	8,500.
DAIRY BULLS	1969	2		head	400.00	800.
	1968					
SHEEP	1969	1,100	1,430	cwt.	7.00	10,000.
LAMBS	1969	7,450	6,780	cwt.	27.00	183,000.
SHEEP & LAMBS	1968	7,800	7,410	cwt.	21.40	159,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1969	1,430	2,320	cwt.	24.50	56,800.
	1968	1,040	1,890	cwt.	19.50	36,900.
HORSES	1969	390		head	155.00	60,400.
	1968	355		head	155.00	55,000.
GOATS	1969	350		head	12.00	4,200.
	1968	400		head	12.00	4,800.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1969	594,000	2,377,000	lbs.	.20	475,000.
	1968	588,000	2,352,000	lbs.	.175	412,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1969	74,200	297,000	lbs.	.085	25,200.
	1968	46,100	138,000	lbs.	.070	9,660.
TURKEYS	1969	68,900	1,034,000	lbs.	.26	269,000.
	1968	53,400	855,000	lbs.	.235	201,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1969					3,223,300.
<u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1968					2,648,840.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1968 and 1969

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1969*	8,050	cwt.	6.05	48,700.
	1968**	10,100	cwt.	5.84	59,000.
WOOL	1969	57,600	lbs.	.45	25,900.
	1968	52,000	lbs.	.50	26,000.
MOHAIR	1969	1,540	lbs.	.24	370.
	1968	2,400	lbs.	.42	1,010.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1969	2,741,000	doz.	.385	1,055,000.
	1968	1,819,000	doz.	.31	564,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry Products	1969				1,129,970.
	1968**				650,010.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1969				4,353,270.
	1968**				3,298,850.

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary

Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1968-1969

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1969	30	11,103,000			305,000.
	1968	30	8,062,000			228,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1969	(Wholesale Cut)*	32,900	each	4.00	132,000.
	1968	(Wholesale Cut)*	33,600	each	3.60	121,000.
	1969	(Choose & Cut)*	11,100	each	5.40	59,900.
	1968	(Choose & Cut)*	6,570	each	5.25	34,500.
HAY - TAME	1969	5,600	10,400	tons	24.50	255,000.
	1968	5,600	8,400	tons	25.00	210,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1969	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
	1968	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1969	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1968	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1969	14		acre		21,000.
	1968	9		acre		13,500.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1969					1,784,900.
	1968					1,619,000.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1969					3,286,080.
	1968					4,123,390.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1969					4,353,270.
	1968**					3,298,850.
MISCELLANEOUS	1969					1,784,900.
	1968					1,619,000.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1969					9,424,250.
	1968**					9,041,240.

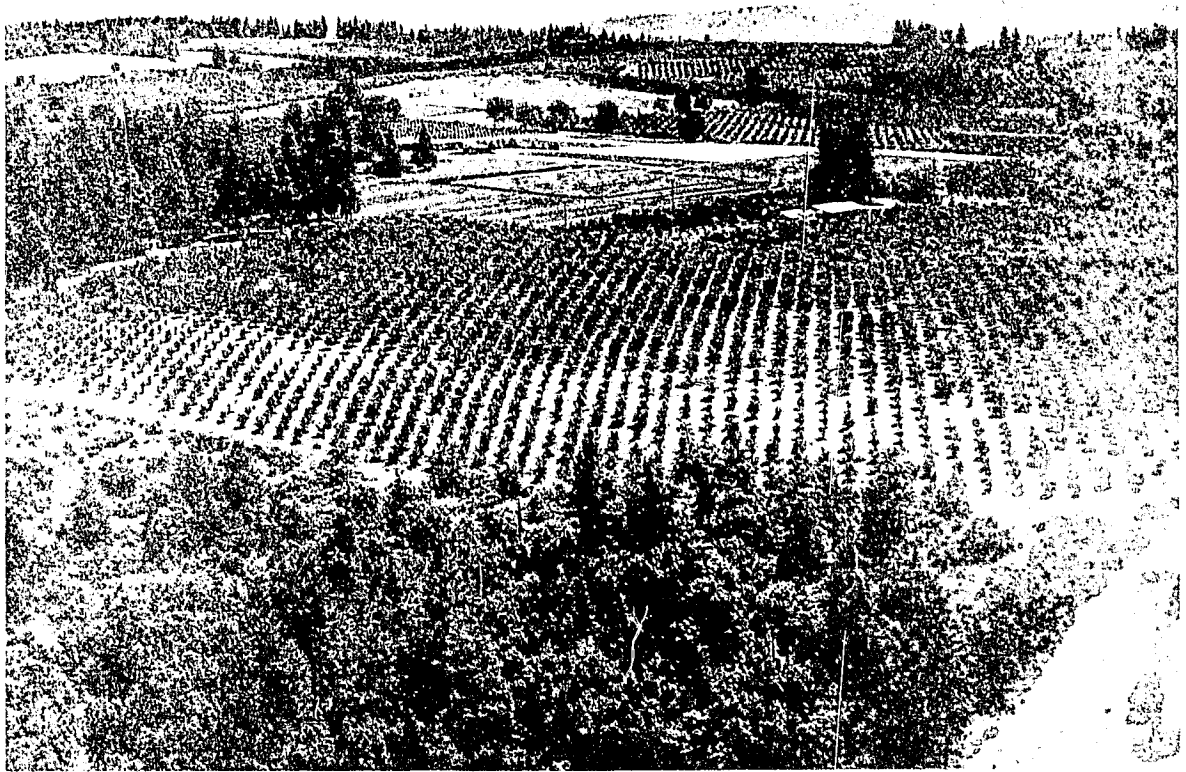
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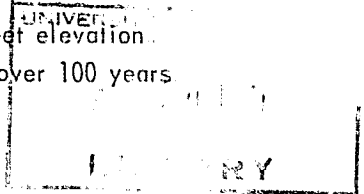


1970

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PEAR and APPLE ORCHARD growing at 2600 feet elevation.  
This area has been producing high quality fruit for over 100 years.



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1970 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Extreme cold weather in April 1970 caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received almost complete loss of their pear crop - and over 50% loss in their apple crop. The remainder of the county's fruit industry varied from 50% to 100% production. Consequently, some growers faced a complete crop loss while other growers had a profitable year.

The roadside marketing programs are continuing to grow in popularity and benefit to the county's economic welfare. As growers continue to succeed in this type of marketing - greater emphasis will be placed on this phase of our industry.

The threat of pear decline continues to plague our pear industry. Pear growers, in cooperation with the Farm Advisor's Office and the Office of Agricultural Commissioner, implemented a coordinated spray program during 1970. This program proved to be successful - and we will continue to perfect our technique on the control of this serious disease.

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.

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Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1970				2,089	Tons	301.00	628,800.
	1969				4,640	Tons	211.00	979,000.
Cannery No. 1	1970				7,358	Tons	126.30	929,300.
	1969				10,600	Tons	91.20	967,000.
Cannery No. 2	1970				619	Tons	69.50	43,000.
	1969				1,130	Tons	53.00	59,900.
Dry Yard Hail Grade	1970				114	Tons	40.00	4,560.
	1969				816	Tons	74.50	60,800.
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1970	2,152	178	4.73	10,180	Tons	157.73	1,605,600.
	1969	2,086	263	8.24	17,186	Tons	120.25	2,066,700.
Bosc Pears	1970	108	1	7.97	861	Tons	328.00	282,400.
	1969	108	1	9.35	1,010	Tons	222.00	224,000.
Other Pears	1970	27		4.63	125	Tons	229.00	28,600.
	1969	23		5.87	135	Tons	189.00	25,500.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1970	2,287	179	4.88	11,166	Tons	171.65	1,916,700.
	1969	2,217	264	8.27	18,331	Tons	126.35	2,316,200.
Apples Fresh Market	1970				2,149	Tons	200.00	429,800.
	1969				3,510	Tons	177.00	621,000.
Cannery	1970				1,217	Tons	52.50	63,900.
	1969				1,860	Tons	57.00	106,000.
Cider	1970				594	Tons	30.00	17,800.
	1969				1,100	Tons	37.80	41,500.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1970	509	54	7.78	3,960	Tons	129.17	511,500.
	1969	483	80	13.40	6,470	Tons	118.73	768,500.

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CHERRIES	1970	77	2	1.70	131	Tons	472.00	61,800.
	1969	65	14	2.40	156	Tons	441.00	68,800.
PEACHES	1970	10		4.1	41	Tons	260.00	10,600.
	1969	10		4.20	42	Tons	240.00	10,100.
PLUMS	1970	30	11	3.77	113	Tons	393.80	44,500.
	1969	30	7	2.97	89	Tons	414.00	36,800.
GRAPES	1970	10	11	5.80	58	Tons	136.40	7,900.
	1969	10	8	5.50	55	Tons	83.70	4,600.
WALNUTS (English)	1970	323	94	.40	129	Tons	480.00	61,900.
	1969	260	151	.50	130	Tons	600.00	78,000.
WALNUTS (Black)	1970				700	Sacks	1.43	1,000.
	1969				1,700	Sacks	1.75	2,980.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1970	3,246	351		15,598	Tons		2,615,900.
	1969	3,075	524		25,358	Tons		3,286,080.

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	1969	11,000	77,000	cwt.	27.50	2,118,000.
DAIRY COWS	1969	60		head	310.00	18,600.
DAIRY CALVES	1969	98		head	23.50	2,300.
DAIRY BULLS	1969	2		head	400.00	800.
SHEEP	1970	660	858	cwt.	7.00	6,000.
	1969	1,100	1,430	cwt.	7.00	10,000.
LAMBS	1970	3,300	3,300	cwt.	28.00	92,400.
	1969	7,450	6,780	cwt.	27.00	183,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1970	1,645	2,132	cwt.	24.00	51,200.
	1969	1,430	2,320	cwt.	24.50	56,800.
HORSES	1970	440		head	170.00	74,800.
	1969	390		head	155.00	60,400.
GOATS	1970	325		head	12.00	3,900.
	1969	350		head	12.00	4,200.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1970	659,500	2,743,500	lbs.	.18	493,800.
	1969	594,000	2,377,000	lbs.	.20	475,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1970	79,400	317,600	lbs.	.075	23,800.
	1969	74,200	297,000	lbs.	.085	25,200.
TURKEYS	1970	66,250	1,069,800	lbs.	.236	252,500.
	1969	68,900	1,034,000	lbs.	.26	269,000.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1970					3,201,500.
	1969					3,223,300.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1969 and 1970

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1970*	7,000	cwt.	5.75	40,200.
	1969**	7,690	cwt.	5.89	45,300.
WOOL	1970	26,500	lbs.	.36	9,550.
	1969	57,600	lbs.	.45	25,900.
MOHAIR	1970	1,400	lbs.	.30	420.
	1969	1,540	lbs.	.24	370.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1970	2,244,000	doz.	.39	875,200.
	1969	2,741,000	doz.	.385	1,055,000.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1970*				925,370.
	1969**				1,126,570.
 <u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1970*				4,126,870.
	1969**				4,348,170.

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Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1969-1970

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1970	26	6,058,700			151,500.
	1969	30	11,103,000			305,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1970 (Wholesale Cut)*		20,775	each	4.74	98,500.
	1969 (Wholesale Cut)*		32,900	each	4.00	132,000.
	1970 (Choose & Cut)*		12,973	each	5.80	75,250.
	1969 (Choose & Cut)*		11,100	each	5.40	59,900.
HAY - TAME	1970	5,500	14,670	tons	28.50	418,100.
	1969	5,600	10,400	tons	24.50	255,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1970	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
	1969	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1970	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1969	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1970	16		acre		24,000.
	1969	14		acre		21,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1970					1,779,350.
	1969					1,784,900.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1970					2,615,900.
	1969					3,286,080.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1970					4,126,870.
	1969**					4,348,170.
MISCELLANEOUS	1970					1,779,350.
	1969					1,784,900.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1970					8,522,120.
	1969**					9,419,150.

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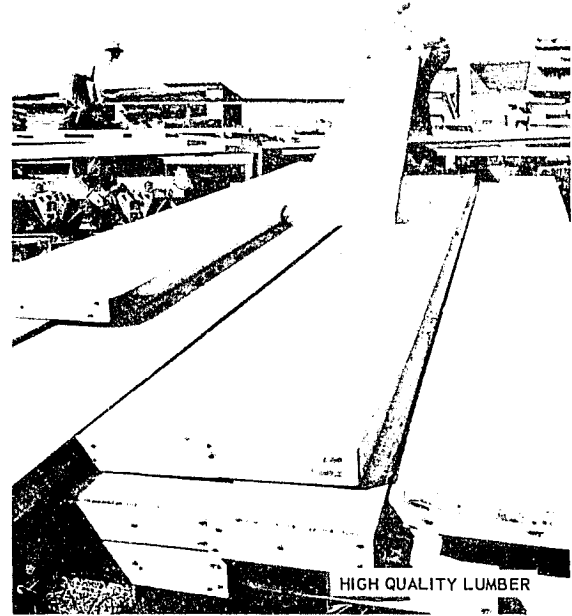
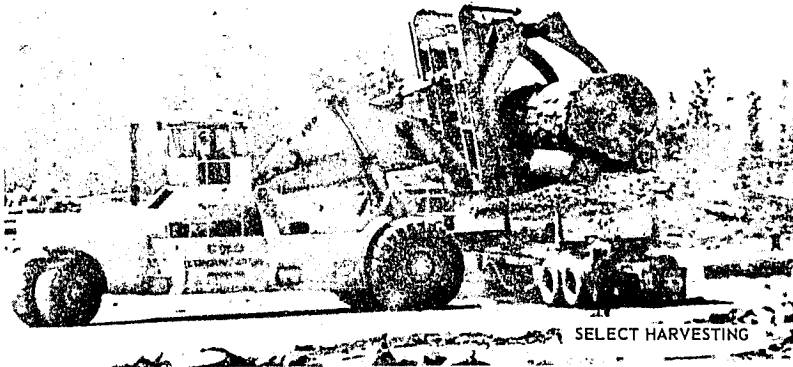
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# EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT

EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# 1971

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1971 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Extreme cold weather in April 1971 caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received almost complete loss of their pear crop - and over 75% loss in their apple crop. The remainder of the county's fruit industry varied from 50% to 100% production. Consequently, some growers faced a complete crop loss while other growers had a profitable year.

Intergraded pest control became a reality during 1971. Pear and apple growers, in cooperation with the Farm Advisor's Office and the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture, were able to implement a pest control program that utilized biological control as well as chemical control. This program achieved its goal of pest control at less cost to the growers and harm to the environment.

Roadside marketing of agricultural products continues to expand. It is noted that more and more people are becoming aware of our beautiful area and high quality products. This form of merchandising will continue to expand both in variety of products sold and in volume.

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,

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Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1970 and 1971.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1971			-	2,081	Tons	227.77	474,000.
	1970				2,089	Tons	301.00	628,800.
Cannery No. 1	1971				7,533	Tons	88.52	666,800.
	1970				7,358	Tons	126.30	929,300.
Cannery No. 2	1971				804	Tons	45.24	36,400.
	1970				619	Tons	69.50	43,000.
Dry Yard	1971				114	Tons	40.00	4,560.
	1970							
TOTAL BARTLETT	1971	2,174	152	4.79	10,418	Tons	113.00	1,177,200.
	1970	2,152	178	4.73	10,180	Tons	157.73	1,605,660.
Bosc Pears	1971	108	1	7.87	850	Tons	253.00	215,000.
	1970	108	1	7.97	861	Tons	328.00	282,400.
Other Pears	1971	27		2.74	74	Tons	209.46	15,500.
	1970	27		4.63	125	Tons	229.00	28,600.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1971	2,309	153	4.91	11,342	Tons	124.11	1,407,700.
	1970	2,287	179	4.88	11,166	Tons	171.65	1,916,700.
Apples Fresh Market	1971				881	Tons	180.00	158,600.
	1970				2,149	Tons	200.00	429,800.
Cannery	1971				452	Tons	65.00	29,400.
	1970				1,217	Tons	52.50	63,900.
Cider	1971				182	Tons	45.00	8,200.
	1970				594	Tons	30.00	17,800.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1971	523	52	2.9	1,515	Tons	129.50	196,200.
	1970	509	54	7.78	3,960	Tons	129.17	511,500.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1970 and 1971.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1971	77	16	1.40	108	Tons	425.00	45,900.
	1970	77	2	1.70	131	Tons	472.00	61,800.
PEACHES	1971	10		3.3	33	Tons	260.00	8,600.
	1970	10		4.1	41	Tons	260.00	10,600.
PLUMS	1971	31	18	2.9	90	Tons	460.75	41,500.
	1970	30	11	3.77	113	Tons	393.80	44,500.
GRAPES	1971	10	19	7.20	72	Tons	170.83	12,300.
	1970	10	11	5.80	58	Tons	136.40	7,900.
WALNUTS (English)	1971	357	71	.29	103	Tons	407.00	41,900.
	1970	323	94	.40	129	Tons	480.00	61,900.
WALNUTS (Black)	1971				600	Sacks	1.50	900.
	1970				700	Sacks	1.43	1,000.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1971	3,317	329		13,263	Tons		1,755,000.
	1970	3,246	351		15,598	Tons		2,615,900.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1970-1971

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1971	11,795	85,500	cwt.	29.50	2,522,250.
	1970	11,400	77,300	cwt.	28.50	2,203,100.
SHEEP	1971	540	648	cwt.	8.00	5,200.
	1970	660	858	cwt.	7.00	6,000.
LAMBS	1971	3,025	2,720	cwt.	28.50	77,500.
	1970	3,300	3,300	cwt.	28.00	92,400.
HOGS & PIGS	1971	1,265	1,900	cwt.	19.55	37,100.
	1970	1,645	2,132	cwt.	24.00	51,200.
HORSES	1971	700		head	220.00	154,000.
	1970	440		head	170.00	74,800.
GOATS	1971	300		head	14.00	4,200.
	1970	325		head	12.00	3,900.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1971	17,800	71,200	lbs.	.21	15,000.
	1970	659,500	2,743,500	lbs.	.18	493,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1971	111,600	446,400	lbs.	.04	17,800.
	1970	79,400	317,600	lbs.	.075	23,800.
TURKEYS	1971	199,700	2,379,250	lbs.	.235	559,100.
	1970	66,250	1,069,800	lbs.	.236	252,500.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971					3,392,200.
<u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1970					3,201,500.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1970 and 1971

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1971*	8,600	cwt.	5.49	47,200.
	1970**	7,210	cwt.	5.68	41,000.
WOOL	1971	28,700	lbs.	.20	5,750.
	1970	26,500	lbs.	.36	9,550.
MOHAIR	1971	1,200	lbs.	.24	300.
	1970	1,400	lbs.	.30	420.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1971	2,229,500	doz.	.31	691,100.
	1970	2,244,000	doz.	.39	875,200.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1971*				744,350.
	1970**				926,170.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1971*				4,136,550.
	1970**				4,127,670.

Apiary Products -- Production and Value -- 1971

	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year				Total
Honey	1971	71,700	lbs.	.18	12,900.
Pollination	1971	2,030	colonies	5.00	10,150.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>APIARY</u>	1971				23,050.

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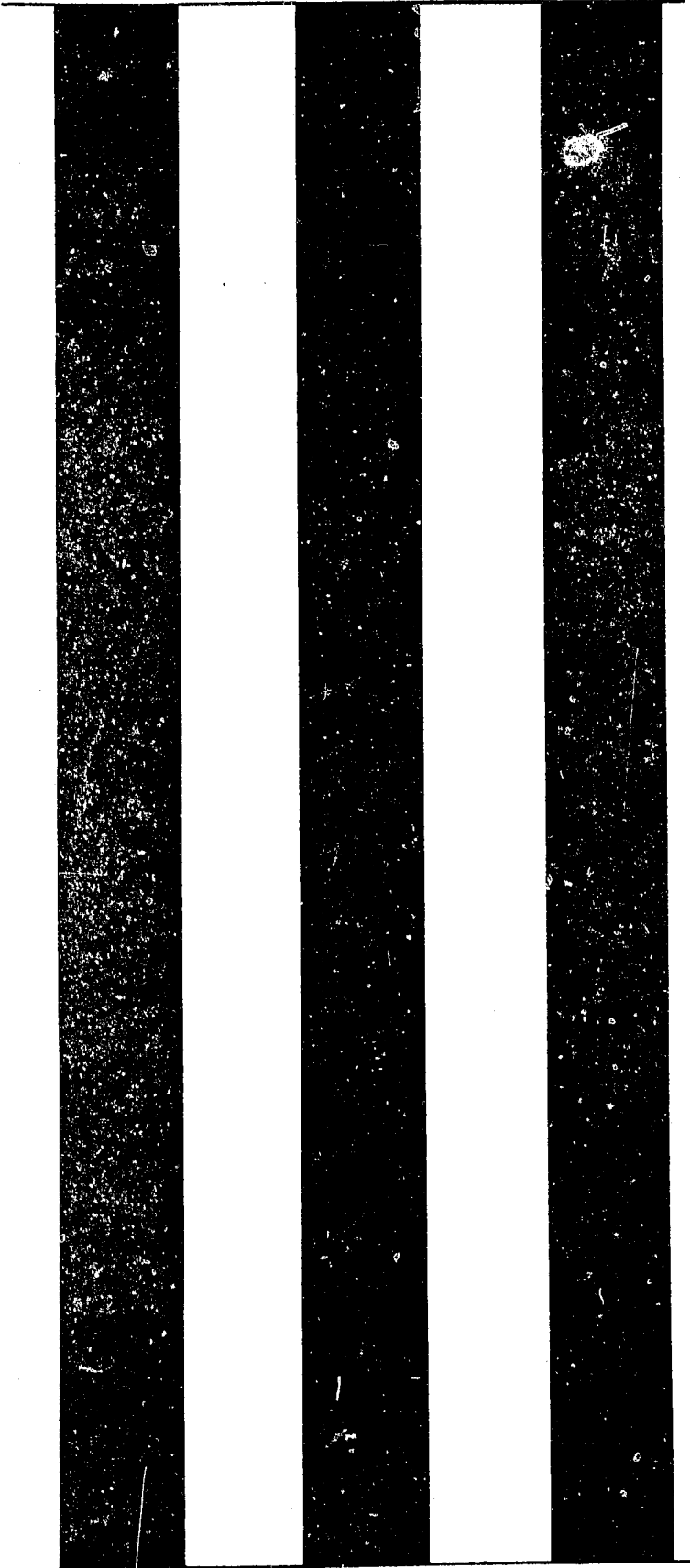
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ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
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NURSERY STOCK	1971	28	6,311,200			196,800.
	1970	26	6,058,700			151,500.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1971	(Wholesale Cut)*	24,270	each	4.75	115,300.
	1970	(Wholesale Cut)*	20,775	each	4.74	98,500.
	1971	(Choose & Cut)*	12,000	each	6.08	73,000.
	1970	(Choose & Cut)*	12,973	each	5.80	75,250.
HAY - TAME	1971	5,500	13,750	tons	31.00	426,200.
	1970	5,500	14,670	tons	28.50	418,100.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGAGED	1971	5,256		acre	54.50	286,500.
	1970	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1971	500,000		acre	1.75	875,000.
	1970	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1971	16		acre		24,000.
	1970	16		acre		24,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971					1,996,800.
	1970					1,779,350.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1971					1,755,000.
	1970					2,615,900.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1971					4,136,550.
	1970 **					4,127,670.
MISCELLANEOUS	1971					1,996,800.
	1970					1,779,350.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1971					23,050.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1971					7,911,400.
	1970**					8,522,920.

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# EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT 1972



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Extreme cold weather in April 1972 again caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The apple crop was not as severely damaged as it was in 1971; however, the damage was substantial. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received a complete loss of their pear crop and over 60% loss in their apple crop. The one factor that has played a vital part in holding this district together has been the Apple Hill roadside marketing program.

Farmer success with the integrated pest control program instituted in 1971 continues to improve. Most growers are now involved with this type of agricultural pest control. Integrated pest control is a program that utilizes biological control in conjunction with chemical control. This program, if managed correctly, controls crop damaging pests with less cost to the growers while being less disruptive to the environment.

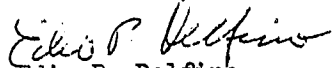
Growers are continuing to develop and expand speciality crops that are suited for the El Dorado area. Late season plums, cherries, and dry wine varietal grapes are the predominant leaders in this expansion.

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		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pears - Bartlett	1972				186	Tons	280.00	52,100.
Fresh	1971				2,081	Tons	227.77	474,000.
Cannery No. 1	1972				2,787	Tons	110.00	306,600.
	1971				7,533	Tons	88.52	666,800.
Cannery No. 2	1972				743	Tons	70.00	52,000.
	1971				804	Tons	45.24	36,400.
Hail Grade	1972				929	Tons	88.00	81,700.
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTTS</u>	1972	2,244	82	2.07	4,645	Tons	106.00	492,400.
	1971	2,174	152	4.79	10,418	Tons	113.00	1,177,200.
Bosc Pears	1972	108		4.32	467	Tons	261.00	121,900.
	1971	108	1	7.87	850	Tons	253.00	215,000.
Other Pears	1972	28		1.85	52	Tons	197.00	10,200.
	1971	27		2.74	74	Tons	209.46	15,500.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1972	2,380	82	2.17	5,164	Tons	120.93	624,500.
	1971	2,309	153	4.91	11,342	Tons	124.11	1,407,700.
Apples	1972				1,320	Tons	185.00	244,200.
Fresh Market	1971				881	Tons	180.00	158,600.
Cannery	1972				682	Tons	70.00	47,700.
	1971				452	Tons	65.00	29,400.
Cider	1972				273	Tons	66.00	18,000.
	1971				182	Tons	45.00	8,200.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1972	529	46	4.3	2,275	Tons	136.22	309,900.
	1971	523	52	2.9	1,515	Tons	129.50	196,200.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1971 and 1972.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1972	78	15	1.00	78	Tons	435.00	33,900.
	1971	77	16	1.40	108	Tons	425.00	45,900.
PEACHES	1972	10		3.	30	Tons	260.00	7,800.
	1971	10		3.3	33	Tons	260.00	8,600.
PLUMS	1972	31	18	2.26	70	Tons	935.71	65,500.
	1971	31	18	2.9	90	Tons	460.75	41,500.
GRAPES	1972	34		2.8	95	Tons	286.80	27,200.
	1971	10	19	7.20	72	Tons	170.83	12,300.
WALNUTS (English)	1972	357	71	.16	57	Tons	491.00	28,000.
	1971	357	71	.29	103	Tons	407.00	41,900.
WALNUTS (Black)	1972				400	Sacks	1.50	600.
	1971				600	Sacks	1.50	900.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1972	3,419	232		7,769	Tons		1,097,400.
	1971	3,317	329		13,263	Tons		1,755,000.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1971-1972

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1972	12,250	86,790	cwt.	36.80	3,194,000.
	1971	11,795	85,500	cwt.	29.50	2,522,250.
SHEEP	1972	300		head	18.00	5,400.
	1971	540	648	cwt.	8.00	5,200.
LAMBS	1972	2,300	2,185	cwt.	31.00	67,700.
	1971	3,025	2,720	cwt.	28.50	77,500.
HOGS & PIGS	1972	1,628	2,259	cwt.	30.50	69,000.
	1971	1,265	1,900	cwt.	19.55	37,100.
HORSES	1972	735		head	235.00	172,800.
	1971	700		head	220.00	154,000.
GOATS	1972	320		head	14.00	5,000.
	1971	300		head	14.00	4,200.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1972	37,000	111,000	lbs.	.18	20,000.
	1971	17,800	71,200	lbs.	.21	15,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1972	113,700		head	.24	27,300.
	1971	111,600	446,400	lbs.	.04	17,800.
TURKEYS	1972	132,500	2,040,500	lbs.	.242	493,800.
	1971	199,700	2,379,250	lbs.	.235	559,100.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1972					4,055,000.
	1971					3,392,200.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1971 and 1972

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1972*	8,760	cwt.	5.50	48,200.
	1971**	8,190	cwt.	5.56	45,500.
WOOL	1972	24,000	lbs.	.35	8,400.
	1971	28,700	lbs.	.20	5,750.
MOHAIR	1972	880	lbs.	.35	300.
	1971	1,200	lbs.	.24	300.
EGGS, Chicken Market (includes turkey eggs for hatching)	1972	2,461,220	doz.	.392	964,800.
	1971	2,229,500	doz.	.31	691,100.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry 1972 Products 1971*					1,021,700. 744,350.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry and Live- stock & Poultry Products	1972* 1971**				5,076,700. 4,134,850.

Apiary Products -- Production and Value -- 1971 & 1972

	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
					Total
Honey	1972	61,650	lbs.	.30	18,500.
	1971	71,700	lbs.	.18	12,900.
Pollination	1972	1,210	colonies	5.00	6,050.
	1971	2,030	colonies	5.00	10,150.
<u>TOTAL APIARY</u>	1972 1971				24,500. 23,050.

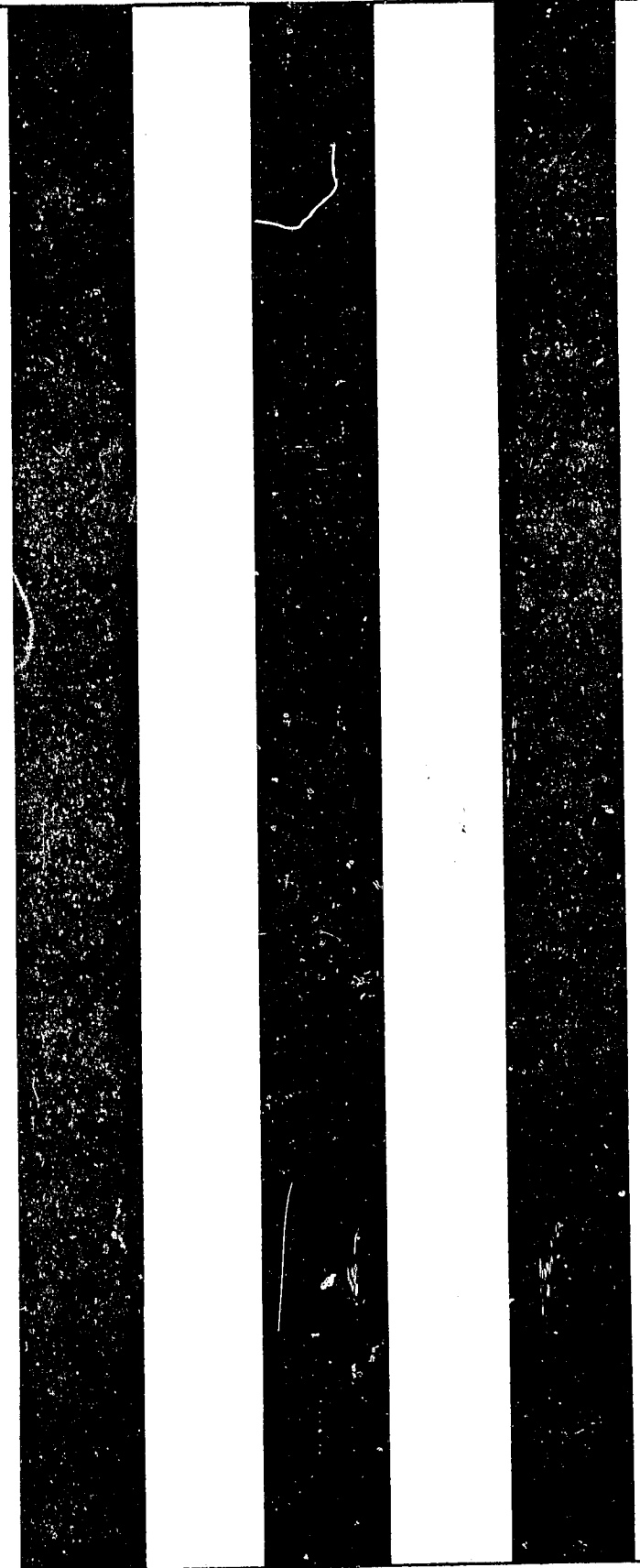
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ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1972	44	7,574,100			238,500.
	1971	28	6,311,200			196,800.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1972		25,200	each	5.00	126,000.
	1971		24,270	each	4.75	115,300.
	1972		14,524	each	6.10	88,600.
	1971		12,000	each	6.08	73,000.
HAY - TAME	1972	4,600	14,200	tons	34.00	482,800.
	1971	5,500	13,750	tons	31.00	426,200.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1972	5,297		acre	59.00	312,500.
	1971	5,256		acre	54.50	286,500.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1972	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
	1971	500,000		acre	1.75	875,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1972	14		acre		21,000.
	1971	16		acre		24,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972					2,144,400.
	1971					1,996,800.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1972					1,097,400.
	1971					1,755,000.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1972					5,076,700.
	1971**					4,134,850.
MISCELLANEOUS	1972					2,144,400.
	1971					1,996,800.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1972					24,500.
	1971					23,050.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1972					8,343,000.
	1971**					7,709,700.

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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1973 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Mild temperatures in March and April of 1973, coupled with moderate to good prices, have given El Dorado County the largest gross agricultural income in its history. The pear industry reflected the greatest gain from its production of 1972. The primary reason that this production is so dramatic is that 1972 had very poor production due to severe frosts. Roadside marketing continues to increase in popularity and is increasing in its importance in El Dorado County.

The integrated pest control procedure has now almost been adopted by 100% of the growers. This program, if managed correctly, controls crop damaging pests with less cost to the grower while being less disruptive to the environment.

The Land Conservation Act of 1965 has made it possible for farmers to remain in production and to be able to produce the food and fibre needed by this nation.

The grape industry has begun to grow on the western slope of El Dorado County. During 1973 new acreages of grapes have been planted and one winery constructed. It is anticipated that the grape industry, in conjunction with local wineries, will have an added benefit of increased tourism for the area.

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,



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Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1972 and 1973.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1973				3,160	Tons	267.83	846,350.
	1972				186	Tons	280.00	52,100.
Cannery No. 1	1973				9,904	Tons	115.13	1,140,250.
	1972				2,787	Tons	110.00	306,600.
Cannery No. 2	1973				2,006	Tons	72.24	144,900.
	1972				743	Tons	70.00	52,000.
Hail Grade	1973				154	Tons	92.00	14,150.
	1972				929	Tons	88.00	81,700.
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTS</u>	1973	2,203	48	6.91	15,224	Tons	140.93	2,145,650.
	1972	2,244	82	2.07	4,645	Tons	106.00	492,400.
Bosc Pears	1973	109		13.00	1,417	Tons	266.15	377,100.
	1972	108		4.32	467	Tons	261.00	121,900.
Other Pears	1973	27		7.00	189	Tons	220.00	41,600.
	1972	28		1.85	52	Tons	197.00	10,200.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1973	2,339	48	7.19	16,830	Tons	152.36	2,564,300.
	1972	2,380	82	2.17	5,164	Tons	120.93	624,500.
Apples Fresh Market	1973				4,249	Tons	225.00	956,000.
	1972				1,320	Tons	185.00	244,200.
Cannery	1973				2,162	Tons	109.00	235,600.
	1972				682	Tons	70.00	47,700.
Cider	1973				2,873	Tons	79.00	227,000.
	1972				273	Tons	66.00	18,000.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1973	529	46	17.55	9,284	Tons	152.80	1,418,600.
	1972	529	46	4.3	2,275	Tons	136.22	309,900.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1972 and 1973.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1973	78	15	1.8	140	Tons	540.00	75,600.
	1972	78	15	1.00	78	Tons	435.00	33,900.
PEACHES	1973	10		2.	20	Tons	300.00	6,000.
	1972	10		3.	30	Tons	260.00	7,800.
PLUMS	1973	37	12	3.94	146	Tons	698.76	102,000.
	1972	31	18	2.26	70	Tons	935.71	65,500.
GRAPES	1973	34	75	5.4	183	Tons	500.00	91,500.
	1972	34		2.8	95	Tons	286.80	27,200.
WALNUTS (English)	1973	386	42	.45	173	Tons	542.00	93,800.
	1972	357	71	.16	57	Tons	491.00	28,000.
WALNUTS (Black)	1973				1,207	Sacks	1.75	2,100.
	1972				400	Sacks	1.50	600.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1973	3,413	238		26,766	Tons		4,353,900.
	1972	3,419	232		7,769	Tons		1,097,400.

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972-1973

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1973	12,600	89,200	cwt.	46.00	4,103,200.
	1972	12,250	86,790	cwt.	36.80	3,194,000.
SHEEP	1973	450	540	cwt.	15.00	8,100.
	1972	300		head	18.00	5,400.
LAMBS	1973	1,900	1,615	cwt.	35.00	56,500.
	1972	2,300	2,185	cwt.	31.00	67,700.
HOGS & PIGS	1973	2,064	3,167	cwt.	43.78	138,650.
	1972	1,628	2,259	cwt.	30.50	69,000.
HORSES	1973	770		head	225.00	173,200.
	1972	735		head	235.00	172,800.
GOATS	1973	350		head	16.00	5,600.
	1972	320		head	14.00	5,000.
PULLETS BROILERS & FRYERS	1973	139,500		head	2.30	320,850.
	1972	37,000	111,000	lbs.	.18	20,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1973	7,500		head	.75	5,600.
	1972	113,700		head	.24	27,300.
TURKEYS	1973	62,200	1,162,000	lbs.	.347	403,200.
	1972	132,500	2,040,500	lbs.	.242	493,800.
<u>TOTAL LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1973					5,214,900.
	1972					4,055,000.

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1972 and 1973

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1973*	9,300	cwt.	6.50	60,500.
	1972**	8,900	cwt.	5.47	48,700.
WOOL	1973	25,065	lbs.	.55	13,800.
	1972	24,000	lbs.	.35	8,400.
MOHAIR	1973	1,050	lbs.	1.20	1,260.
	1972	880	lbs.	.35	300.
EGGS, Chicken Market (includes turkey eggs for hatching)	1973	1,537,700	doz.	.52	799,600.
	1972	2,461,220	doz.	.392	964,800.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1973*				875,200.
	1972**				1,022,200.

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Livestock & Poultry and Live- stock & Poultry Products	1973*				6,090,100.
	1972**				5,077,200.

Apiary Products - Production and Value - 1972-1973

Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		Total
Honey	1973	45,860	lbs.	.50	22,900.
	1972	61,650	lbs.	.30	18,500.
Pollination	1973	400	colonies	6.50	2,600.
	1972	1,210	colonies	5.00	6,050.
Beeswax	1973	300	lbs.	.80	240.
<u>TOTAL APIARY</u>	1973				25,700.
	1972				24,500.

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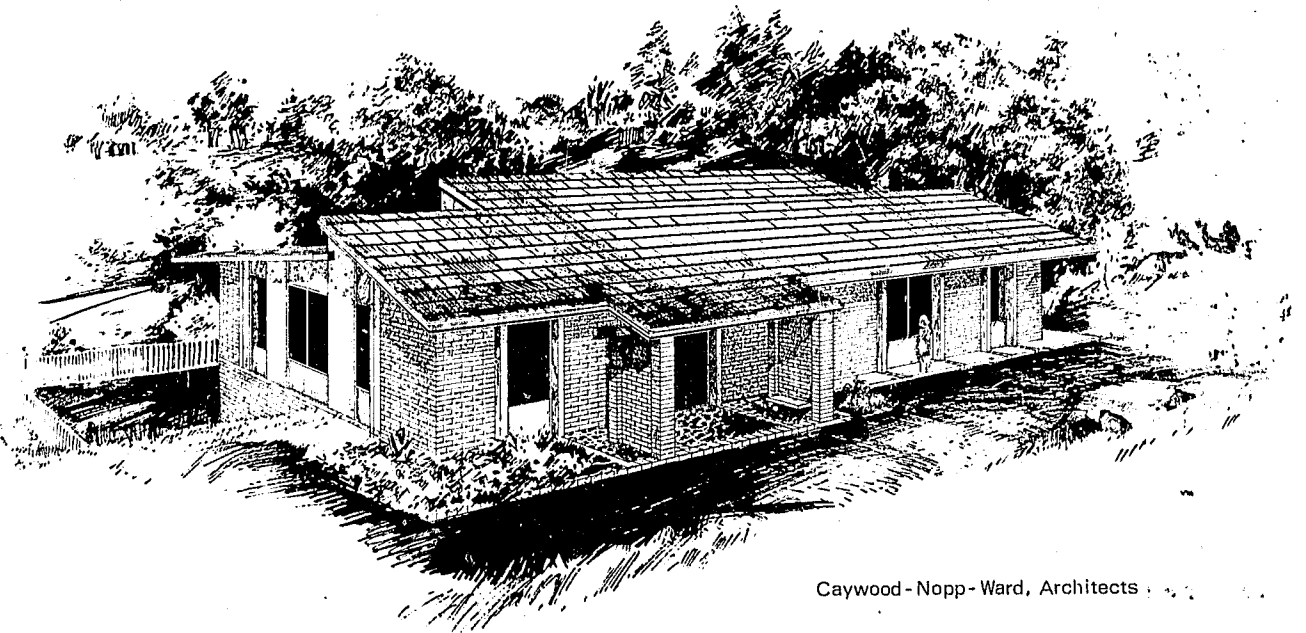
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1973	36	9,071,000			251,700.
	1972	44	7,574,100			238,500.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1973		20,700	each	5.41	112,000.
	1972 (Wholesale Cut)*		25,200	each	5.00	126,000.
	1973		16,937	each	6.90	116,900.
	1972 (Choose & Cut)*		14,524	each	6.10	88,600.
HAY - TAME	1973	4,100	12,500	tons	40.25	503,100.
	1972	4,600	14,200	tons	34.00	482,800.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1973	5,766		acre	59.00	340,200.
	1972	5,297		acre	59.00	312,500.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1973	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
	1972	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1973	18		acre		27,000.
	1972	14		acre		21,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973					2,225,900.
	1972					2,144,400.
 <u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1973					4,353,900.
	1972					1,097,400.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1973					6,090,100.
	1972**					5,077,200.
MISCELLANEOUS	1973					2,225,900.
	1972					2,144,400.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1973					25,700.
	1972					24,500.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1973*					12,695,600.
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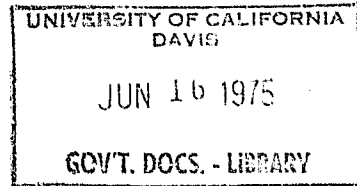
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Gentlemen:

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.

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

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		Bearing	Non	Per		Per		
		Acreage	Bearing	Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1974				1,821	Tons	332.00	604,600.
	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.
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTS</u>	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.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	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 Fresh Market	1974				2,458	Tons	250.00	614,500.
	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.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	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>		<u>TOTAL</u>
		Bearing	Non	Per	Per	Unit	Unit	
		Acreage	Bearing	Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Unit	
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.
ALMONDS	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>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	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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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 (Wholesale Cut)*		20,700	each	5.41	112,000.
	1974		17,775	each	7.05	125,300.
	1973 (Choose & Cut)*		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.
MILK 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.

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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.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Edio P. Delfino  
Agricultural Commissioner

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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

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
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	3,373	147		23,485 tons		3,412,050
	1974	3,260	450		16,720 tons		3,254,350

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

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

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION AREA ACRES</u>	<u>QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
					<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
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						2,703,600
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					10,961,950
	1974					10,723,250

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**Department of Agriculture**

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95667

April 5, 1977

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

and

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

William V. D. Johnson, Chairman  
W. P. "Dub" Walker  
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Lloyd Kutter  
Arlene Todd

Dear Director and Supervisors:

In accordance with provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1976 El Dorado County Crop Report.

The gross agricultural value has dropped approximately ~~\$500,000~~<sup>\$1,500,000</sup>; however, the pear and cattle industries have suffered severe losses due to poor prices and high costs -- high feed costs for livestock and poor prices and demands on Bartlett pears.

The County's ranch marketing program is continuing to spread with more growers becoming involved with the program. It is becoming more and more obvious that this method of selling agricultural crops out of necessity must be expanded and improved.

The integrated pest control program has proven beneficial to the growers by reducing control costs without sacrificing the quality of products produced. This program has proven that if managed correctly, it controls crop-damaging pests with less cost to the grower and less effect on the environment.

The continued interest of the community regarding the welfare of the agricultural and timber industries has had a positive effect on the attitude of the agriculturalists. The interest and support exhibited by the Board of Supervisors has been very beneficial to this vital industry.

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.

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
<u>PEARS</u>							
BARTLETT							
Fresh	1976				1,110 tons	155.26	172,300
	1975				3,337 tons	184.00	614,000
Cannery No. 1	1976				5,303 tons	105.00	556,800
	1975				9,189 tons	125.00	1,148,600
Cannery No. 2	1976				883 tons	67.36	59,500
	1975				989 tons	75.00	74,200
Hail Grade	1976				304 tons	85.00	25,800
	1974				2,652 tons	132.00	350,100
Dry Yard	1976				926 tons	10.00	9,300
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1976	2,224	80	3.83	8,526 tons	84.52	823,700
	1975	2,202	94	6.14	13,515 tons	135.92	1,837,000
BOSC	1976	108	15	4.49	485 tons	296.00	143,560
	1975	107	5	9.90	1,059 tons	225.00	238,300
OTHERS	1976	9		4.00	36 tons	160.00	5,800
	1975	14		5.70	80 tons	200.00	16,000
TOTAL PEARS	1976	2,341	95	3.86	9,047 tons	107.56	973,100
	1975	2,323	99	6.31	14,654 tons	142.71	2,091,300
<u>APPLES</u>							
Fresh Market	1976				4,340 tons	186.57	809,700
	1975				4,379 tons	202.00	884,560
C Grade Bins	1976				000 tons	.00	.000
	1975				247 tons	120.00	29,640
Cannery	1976				1,077 tons	103.00	110,930
	1975				1,652 tons	65.00	107,380
Cider	1976				2,620 tons	78.76	206,400
	1975				1,982 tons	45.00	89,200
TOTAL APPLES	1976	538	26	14.94	8,037 tons	140.23	1,127,000
	1975	533	31	15.50	8,260 tons	134.45	1,110,800

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	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
CHERRIES	1976	35	17	2.1	74 tons	600.00	44,400
	1975	35	17	1.9	66 tons	660.00	43,500
PEACHES	1976	9		3.2	29 tons	500.00	14,500
	1975	9		.0	0 tons	.00	.000
PLUMS	1976	45	35	7.3	328 tons	378.00	124,000
	1975	42	30	4.8	201 tons	260.00	52,250
GRAPES	1976	114	46	1.60	182 tons	204.00	37,100
	1975	35	121	3.37	118 tons	194.90	23,000
WALNUTS - ENGLISH	1976	402	24	.24	96 tons	540.00	51,800
	1975	396	31	.47	186 tons	480.00	89,300
WALNUTS - BLACK	1976				410 sacks	1.75	700
	1975				1,100 sacks	1.75	1,900
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1976	3,484	243		17,793 tons		2,372,600
	1975	3,373	147		23,485 tons		3,412,050

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1975 AND 1976

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1976	10,083	75,328	cwt.	33.90	2,553,600
	1975	11,870	102,082	cwt.	29.90	3,052,250
SHEEP	1976	189	237	cwt.	13.00	3,100
	1975	270	364	cwt.	11.00	4,000
LAMBS	1976	1,914	1,990	cwt.	60.00	119,400
	1975	2,280	2,210	cwt.	45.00	99,500
HOGS & PIGS	1976	2,407	3,928	cwt.	39.20	154,000
	1975	1,139	1,822	cwt.	60.00	120,250
HORSES	1976	1,600		head	225.00	360,000
	1975	920		head	275.00	253,000
GOATS & GOATS MILK	1976	0	0	0	0	221,250
	1975	400		head	37.50	482,000
PULLETS, BROILERS & FRYERS	1976	86,100		head	2.64	227,300
	1975	176,545		head	2.73	482,000
OTHER CHICKENS	1976	0	0		0	0
	1975	50,900		head	.30	15,300
TURKEYS (INCLUDES TURKEY EGGS FOR HATCHING)	1976	52,300				407,000
	1975	43,500	756,000	lbs.	.38	287,300
RABBITS, DUCKS & GEESE	1976	2,600			3.32	8,630
	1975	5,300		head	3.19	16,900
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1976					4,054,300
	1975					4,345,500

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1975 AND 1976

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - MARKET	1976*	9,500	cwt.	9.34	88,700
	1975**	9,500	cwt.	9.27	88,100
WOOL	1976	15,000	lbs	.615	9,200
	1975	15,500	lbs	.405	6,075
EGGS, CHICKEN - MARKET	1976				0
	1975	664,137	doz.	.58	385,200
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS					
	1976				97,900
	1975**				479,400
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	1976*				4,152,200
	1975 **				4,824,900

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1975 AND 1976

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
HONEY	1976	34,000	lbs	.55	18,700
	1975	26,100	lbs	.69	18,000
POLLINATION	1976	670	colonies	10.00	6,700
	1975	360	colonies	10.00	3,600
PACKAGE BEES	1976	200	packages	15.00	3,000
	1975				1,200
BEES WAX	1976	100	lbs	1.25	125
TOTAL APIARY					
	1976				28,500
	1975				22,800

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	YEAR	PRODUCTIONS AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					Per Unit	Total
NURSERY STOCK Propagative Materials	1976	54	8,206,600	M	59.10	485,100
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS, Trees, Shrubs, etc.	1976	7	96,700	ea.	.91	88,000
TOTAL NURSERY	1976	61	8,303,300			573,100
	1975	36	8,166,500			355,300
CHRISTMAS TREES Wholesale Cut	1976*		22,600	ea.	6.40	144,600
	1975*		17,680	ea.	6.25	110,500
Choose & Cut	1976		22,083	ea.	8.39	185,300
	1975* & ***		33,028	ea.	5.32	175,700
HAY - TAME	1976	4,000	10,000	tons	74.00	740,000
	1975	4,000	12,800	tons	60.00	768,000
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1976	5,300		acre	72.00	417,600
	1975	5,700		acre	68.00	390,300
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1976	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
	1975	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.	1976	33		acre		34,700
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The gross agricultural value has increased \$1,809,800; however, part of this increase is primarily due to the cattle ranchers being forced to liquidate part of their herds because of the severe drought that was experienced during the summers of 1976 and 1977.

Included with this report for the first time is the value of timber stumpage harvest from private and public lands in the County. The primary reason for the inclusion of timber products in this report is to present a more complete picture of the value of El Dorado County's production to the economy of this area.

The County's ranch-marketing program continues to expand with more county growers becoming involved with direct farm sales. The proximity of these farm sale areas in relation to the large population centers promises a bright future for the continual growth and health of this method of merchandising.

The pear industry experienced greater production than in 1976; however, the return for pears to the growers is low primarily due to costs of increased operation and static returns for the product. The increased interest by wineries in the use of pear juice has tended to strengthen and stabilize the market. If this interest continues, the pear industry will definitely benefit.

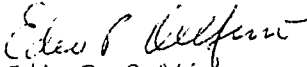
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BARTLETT								
Fresh	1977				1,495 tons	241.00	360,300	
	1976				1,110 tons	155.26	172,300	
Cannery No. 1	1977				6,168 tons	120.00	740,200	
	1976				5,303 tons	105.00	556,800	
Cannery No. 2	1977				488 tons	72.00	35,100	
	1976				883 tons	67.36	59,500	
Juice	1977				5,680 tons	65.27	370,700	
	1976				304 tons	85.00	25,800	
Dry Yard	1977				93 tons	72.00	6,700	
	1976				926 tons	10.00	9,300	
TOTAL BARTLETTS	1977	2,223	54	6.26	13,924 tons	108.66	1,513,000	
	1976	2,224	80	3.83	8,526 tons	84.52	823,700	
BOSC	1977	108	15	6.55	707 tons	246.00	173,900	
	1976	108	15	4.49	485 tons	296.00	143,560	
OTHERS	1977	9		4.88	44 tons	120.00	5,300	
	1976	9		4.00	36 tons	160.00	5,800	
TOTAL PEARS	1977	2,340	69	6.27	14,675 tons	115.31	1,692,200	
	1976	2,341	95	3.86	9,047 tons	107.56	973,100	
<u>APPLES</u>								
Fresh Market	1977				4,859 tons	200.00	971,800	
	1976				4,340 tons	186.57	809,700	
Cannery	1977				610 tons	120.00	73,200	
	1976				1,077 tons	103.00	110,930	
Cider	1977				2,778 tons	110.00	305,600	
	1976				2,620 tons	78.76	206,400	
TOTAL APPLES	1977	538	26	15.33	8,247 tons	163.77	1,350,600	
	1976	538	26	14.94	8,037 tons	140.23	1,127,000	

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Per Acre	Total Units	Per Unit	Total
CHERRIES	1977	47	5	1.3	59 tons	720.00	42,500
	1976	35	17	2.1	74 tons	600.00	44,400
PEACHES	1977	9	5	2.9	26 tons	340.00	8,800
	1976	9		3.2	29 tons	500.00	14,500
PLUMS	1977	45	36	6.2	279 tons	406.00	113,300
	1976	45	35	7.3	328 tons	378.00	124,000
GRAPES	1977	152	8	1.16	177 tons	461.00	81,600
	1976	114	46	1.60	182 tons	204.00	37,100
WALNUTS - ENGLISH	1977	417	19	.14	58 tons	620.00	36,000
	1976	402	24	.24	96 tons	540.00	51,800
WALNUTS - BLACK	1977				138 sacks	2.68	370
	1976				410 sacks	1.75	700
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1977	3,548	163		23,521 tons		3,325,400
	1976	3,484	243		17,793 tons		2,372,600

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1977	13,520	104,780	cwt.	36.20	3,793,000
	1976	10,083	75,328	cwt.	33.90	2,553,600
SHEEP	1977	375	469	cwt.	10.90	5,100
	1976	189	237	cwt.	13.00	3,100
LAMBS	1977	2,148	2,148	cwt.	50.50	108,500
	1976	1,914	1,990	cwt.	60.00	119,400
HOGS & PIGS	1977	2,347	5,300	cwt.	41.00	217,300
	1976	2,207	3,928	cwt.	39.20	154,000
HORSES	1977	1,750		head	275.00	481,300
	1976	1,600		head	225.00	360,000
GOATS & GOATS MILK	1977	800		head		246,000
	1976	0	0	0	0	221,250
PULLETS, BROILERS & FRYERS	1977	43,672		head	3.00	131,000
	1976	86,100		head	2.64	227,300
TURKEYS (INCLUDES TURKEY EGGS FOR HATCHING)	1977	48,900				477,600
	1976	52,300				407,000
RABBITS, DUCKS & GEESE	1977	2,219		head	3.03	6,230
	1976	2,600		head	3.32	8,630
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1977					5,466,500
	1976					4,054,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - MARKET	1977	10,000	cwt.	10.05	100,000
	1976	9,700	cwt.	9.40	91,200
WOOL	1977	9,375	lbs.	.563	5,300
	1976	15,000	lbs.	.615	9,200
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1977				105,000
	1976**				100,400
TOTAL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PROD- UCTS	1977*				5,571,800
	1976**				4,154,700

APIARY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
HONEY	1977	14,960	lbs.	.49	7,300
	1976	34,000	lbs.	.55	18,700
POLLINATION	1977	725	colonies	11.00	8,000
	1976	670	colonies	10.00	6,700
PACKAGE BEES	1977	610	packages	15.00	9,200
	1976	200	packages	15.00	3,000
BEES WAX	1977	300	lbs.	1.36	400
	1976	100	lbs.	1.25	125
TOTAL APIARY	1977				24,900
	1976				28,500

\*Preliminary  
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MISCELLANEOUS - PRODUCTION, AREA, SALES AND VALUE - 1976 AND 1977

	<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						
Propagative	1977	54	7,692,000	M	65.46	503,500
Materials	1976	54	8,206,600	M	59.10	485,100
WOODY DECIDUOUS, & EVERGREEN ORNAMENTALS, Trees, Shrubs, etc.						
	1977	7	92,000	ea.	.59	54,300
	1976	7	96,700	ea.	.91	88,000
TOTAL NURSERY						
	1977	61	7,784,000			557,800
	1976	61	8,303,300			573,100
CHRISTMAS TREES						
Wholesale Cut	1977*		21,500	ea.	6.45	138,700
	1976*		22,600	ea.	6.40	144,600
Choose & Cut	1977		23,660	ea.	9.70	229,500
	1976		22,085	ea.	8.39	185,300
HAY- TAME						
	1977	4,000	6,700	tons	74.00	495,800
	1976	4,000	10,000	tons	74.00	740,000
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED						
	1977	4,900		acre	72.00	352,800
	1976	5,800		acre	72.00	417,600
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND						
	1977	250,000		acre	2.50	625,000
	1976	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS, ETC.						
	1977	14		acre		14,700
	1976	33		acre		34,700
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS						
	1977					2,414,300
	1976					2,970,300

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

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Fruits and Nuts	1977	\$ 3,325,400
	1976	2,372,600
Animal Industry	1977	5,571,800
	1976*	4,154,700
Miscellaneous	1977	2,414,300
	1976	2,970,300
Apiary Products	1977	24,900
	1976	28,500
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TOTAL	1977	\$11,336,400
	1976*	9,526,600

NEW COMMODITY ADDITION TO OUR CROP REPORT FOR 1977  
TIMBER HARVESTED AND BY-PRODUCTS

Private and Public Forests - Estimated Value for Timber Harvested	\$24,000,000
Wood Sales & Permits Issued	57,800
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TOTAL	\$24,057,800
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GRAND TOTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	\$35,394,200

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