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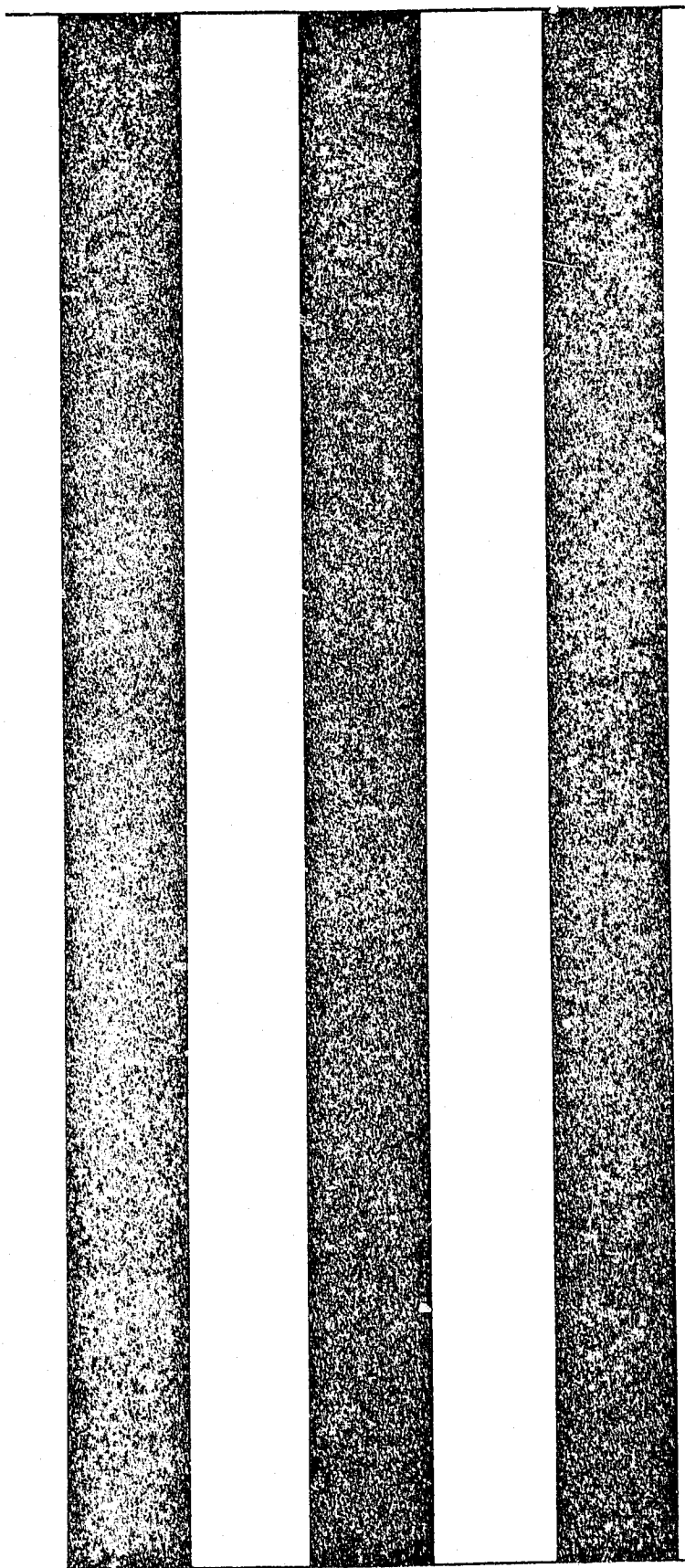
# Amador County

1948-1962

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1948

AMADOR COUNTY

1948 - 1981  
(1949 NOT AVAILABLE)

STATISTICS ON THE ANNUAL WEALTH DERIVED FROM AGRICULTURE BY AMADOR  
 COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, DURING THE YEAR 1948

S U M M A R Y320 RANCHES

Fruit and nuts .....	\$	156,817.00
Truck field and hay crops .....		102,250.00
Poultry .....		124,600.00
Honey products .....		1,600.00
Livestock .....		1,369,500.00
Dairy products .....		165,000.00
Agricultural Conservation		
association payments .....		19,931.00
Range and pasture grass .....		240,000.00
200 family orchards .....		25,000.00
Total .....	\$	2,274,698.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPSLIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Bearing Acres	Value	Heads	Value
Apples 59	\$17,700.00	Hogs 1,100	\$65,000.00
Almonds 49	4,110.00	Beef cattle 8,000	1,200,000.00
Apricots 3	700.00	Sheep 4,000	80,000.00
Cherries 4	600.00	Kids-Goats 900	4,500.00
Chestnuts 3	200.00	Wool-Mohair 42,000 lbs.	20,000.00
Grapes 773	64,575.00		\$ 1,369,500.00
Olive 5	560.00		
Peaches 24	1,925.00		
Pears 42	14,280.00		
Plum 2	400.00		
Pistachio 200	20,205.00		
Walnuts 284	23,562.00		
Total	\$156,817.00		

POULTRY

Eggs )	
Turkeys )	\$ 124,600.00
Chickens )	

TRUCK, FIELD AND HAY CROPS

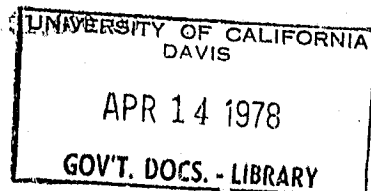
Bearing Acres	Value
Truck and field crops 200	\$ 40,000.00
Grain: wheat, oats barley 900	55,000.00
Hay crops 600	27,250.00
Total 1,700	\$ 102,250.00

## AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

AMADOR COUNTY AND RANCHES, 1948, 000.00

HONEY PRODUCTS, \$165,000.00

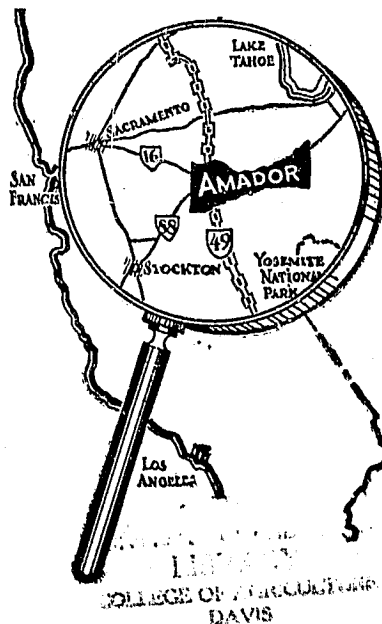
20 RANCHES...



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1950

**1950**  
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**CROP REPORT**



**Amador County**  
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EARNING

FARM VALUE

**POULTRY PRODUCTS:**

FARM VALUE

APPLES	32	3,200'	BOXES	\$ 8,000
ALMONDS	43	43	TONS	5,200
GRAPES	621	1,242	TONS	74,520
PEACHES	32	32	TONS	2,560
PRUNES	131	40	TONS	(REV) 5,600
WALNUTS	241	120	TONS	43,790
MISCELLANEOUS	19	12	T	2,475
	<u>1,119</u>			<u>3146,145</u>

### VEGETABLE CROPS:

TOMATOES (CANNING)	35	525	TONS	\$ 15,750
MISCELLANEOUS	40			9,410
	<u>75</u>			<u>\$ 25,160</u>

Field Crops:

HAY	3,000	4,500 TONS	\$ 50,000
WHEAT	200	2,000 CWT.	7,000
BAPLEY	400	6,000 CWT.	15,000
CATS	300	5	10,500
	<u>3,900</u>		<u>\$ 122,500</u>

TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY	294,105
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APPLICANT'S RE:

* HONEY	\$8,900 LBS.	\$ 7,290
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\* THIS INCLUDES GAIN MADE BY COLONIES OF BEES FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY.

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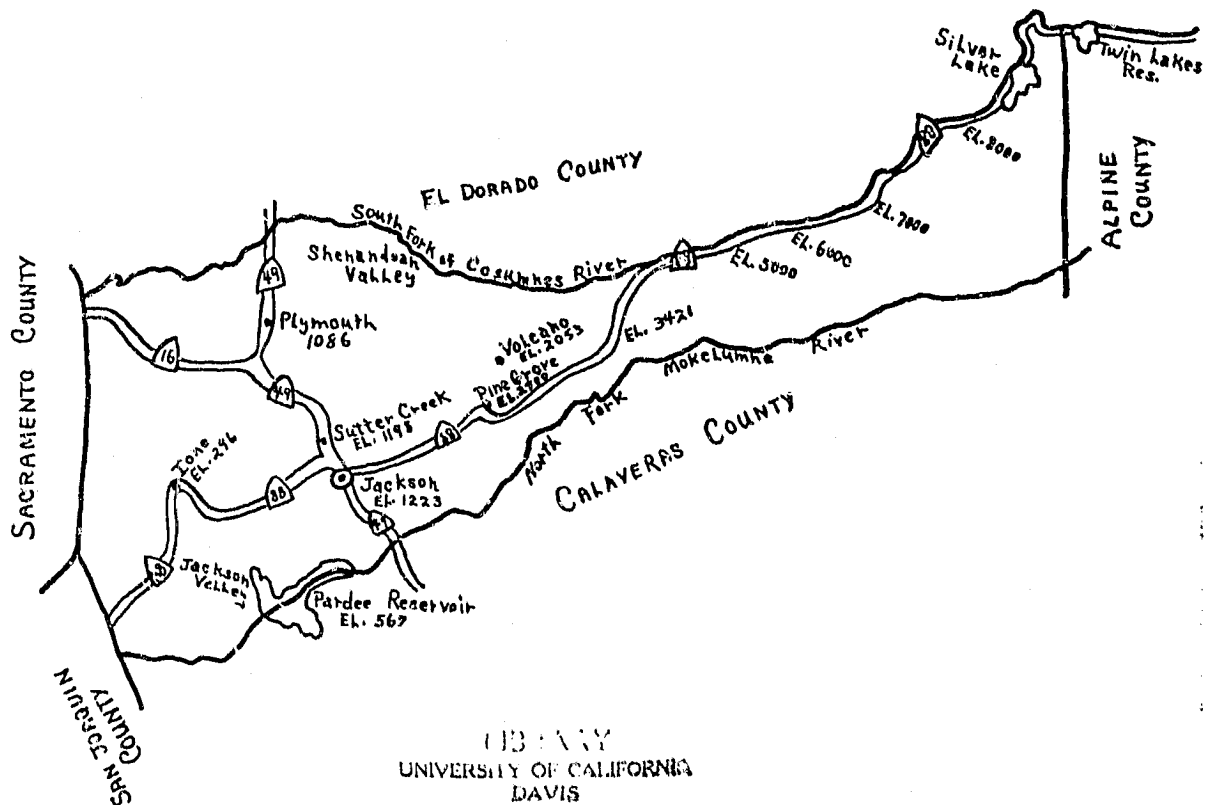


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AMADOR COUNTY

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



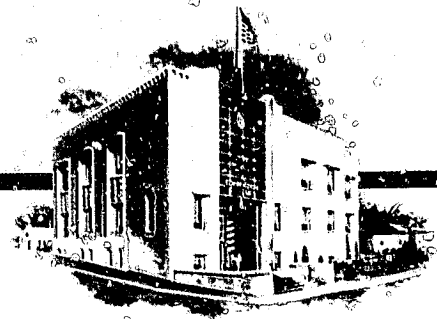
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JACKSON, CALIFORNIA



TO: A. A. BROCK, STATE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE HONORABLE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF AMADOR COUNTY

GENTLEMEN:

THE ENCLOSED REPORT IS A COMPILATION OF THE ACREAGES, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF  
THE AGRICULTURAL WEALTH OF AMADOR COUNTY FOR 1951 AS REQUIRED BY THE AGRICULTURAL  
CODE.

THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS EXPRESSED AS FARM VALUE. THIS VALUE IS  
THE GROSS RETURN TO THE PRODUCER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AFTER DEDUCTING THE  
COSTS OF MARKETING SUCH AS: FREIGHT, CONTAINERS, COMMISSIONS, PACKING, ETC., BUT  
DOES INCLUDE THE COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND DOES NOT REPRESENT NET PROFIT TO THE  
FARMER.

THE VALUE OF THE 1951 CROPS WAS OVER \$1,000,000 GREATER THAN THE 1950 VALUE.  
THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT PRIMARILY BY THE RECORD HIGH PRICES RECEIVED FOR LIVESTOCK,  
WOOL AND BUTTERFAT, COUPLED WITH A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MEAT BIRD PRODUCTION. THE  
INCOME FROM PLANT INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSTANT HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR A FROST  
DURING THE FULL BLOSSOM OF APPLES WHICH RESULTED IN A TOTAL CROP LOSS OF APPROX-  
IMATELY \$15,000.

THE FARMER RECEIVED ONLY A SMALL PART OF THIS ADDITIONAL FARM INCOME AS "NET  
PROFIT" AS MOST OF THIS ADDITIONAL INCOME WAS OFFSET BY SPIRALING COSTS OF PRO-  
DUCTION.

AMADOR COUNTY IS LOCATED ON THE EASTERN SLOPE OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY AND  
RANGES FROM AN ELEVATION OF 200 FEET AT IONE TO 8500 FEET AT CARSON PASS. ITS  
ROLLING HILLS ARE PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO BEEF CATTLE PRODUCTION AND ITS VALLEYS PRO-  
DUCE GRAINS, POULTRY, MILK, AND HORTICULTURAL CROPS. THE PRESENT AGRICULTURAL  
TREND IS TOWARDS LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION; HOWEVER, MOST OF THE RANCHES ARE CARRYING  
ALL THE CATTLE THAT THE RANGES WILL SUPPORT. THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASE IN PRO-  
DUCTION DUE TO THE RECLAMATION OF FERTILE BRUSHLAND AND SEEDING IT TO GRASSES.  
ANY LARGE INCREASES IN LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL CROP PRODUCTION WILL COME ABOUT  
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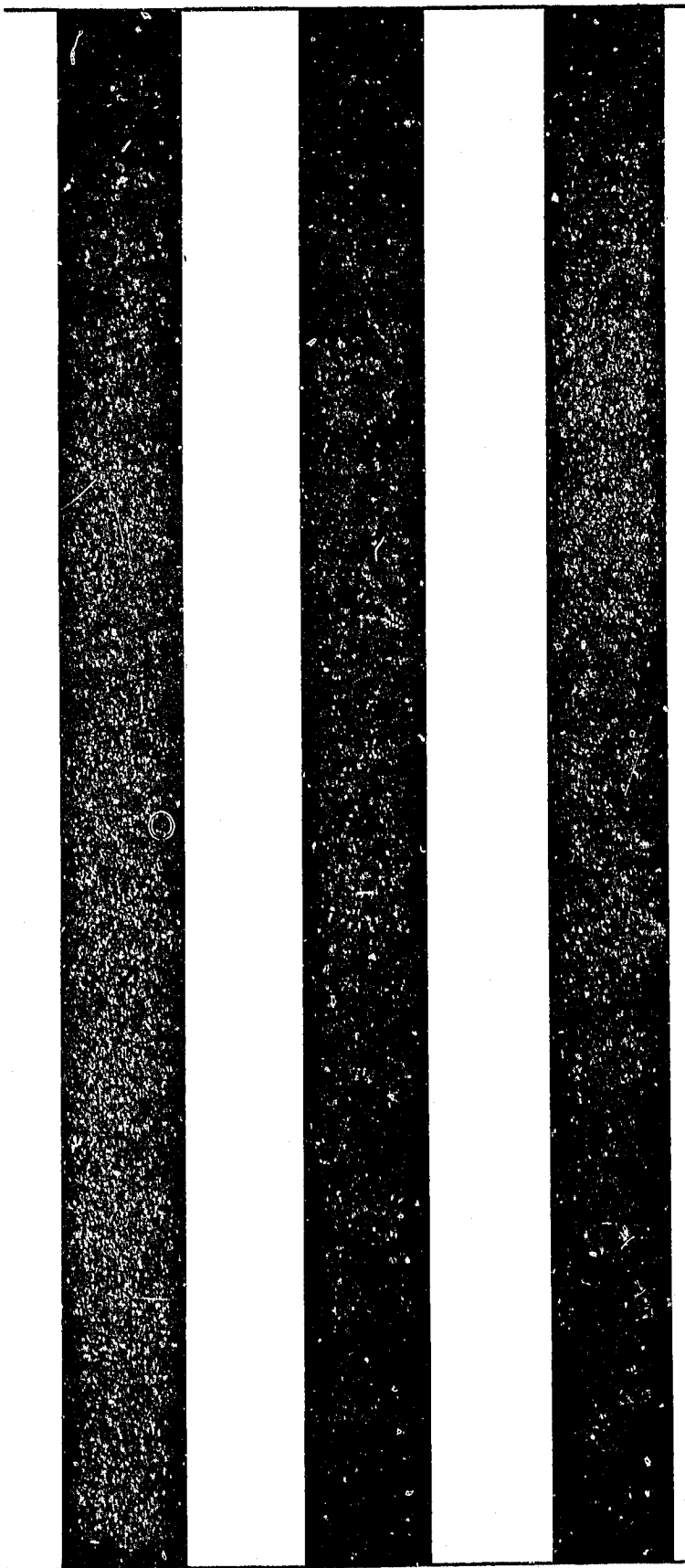
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1951

FRUIT & NUT CROPS		BEARING ACRES	YIELD	FARM VALUE	POULTRY PRODUCTS		FARM VALUE
APPLES	32	100 BXS.	\$	.00.00	EGGS	318,000 DZ.	\$ 159,000
ALMONDS	43	12 TONS	5,280.00		MEAT BIRDS	19,500 BIRDS	20,500
GRAPES	621	1,863 TONS	81,120.00		TURKEYS	10,500 BIRDS	89,250
PEACHES	32	32 TONS	1,360.00		MISC. RABBITS, SQUABS, ETC.		2,000
PRUNES	131	27 TONS	(DRY) 5,400.00				\$ 270,750
WALNUTS	241	120 TONS	57,600.00				
MISCELLANEOUS	19	20 TONS	3,960.00				
	1,119		\$154,720.00				
VEGETABLE CROPS					DAIRY PRODUCTS		
MISCELLANEOUS	40		10,000.00		MILK FAT	162,500 LBS	\$ 188,416
FIELD CROPS							
HAY	3,300	3,300 TONS	82,500.00		HOGS	1,000 HEAD	\$ 4,000
WHEAT	175	1,750 CWT	5,950.00		BEEF CATTLE	10,500 HEAD	2,834,000
OATS	300	3,800 CWT	7,200.00		SHEEP	5,600 HEAD	152,900
BARLEY	380	2,400 CWT	11,400.00		KID GOATS	1,000 HEAD	8,000
*PASTURE	4,155		\$107,050.00		WOOL	54,680 LBS.	60,610
					DAIRY CATTLE & VEALERS	530 HEAD	50,000
					FEEDERS	2,500 HEAD	120,000
							\$ 3,229,910
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY			\$271,770.00		TOTAL ANIMAL INDUSTRY		3,689,076
					TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY		271,770
					GRAND TOTAL		\$ 3,960,846

\*PASTURE SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK INCOME.

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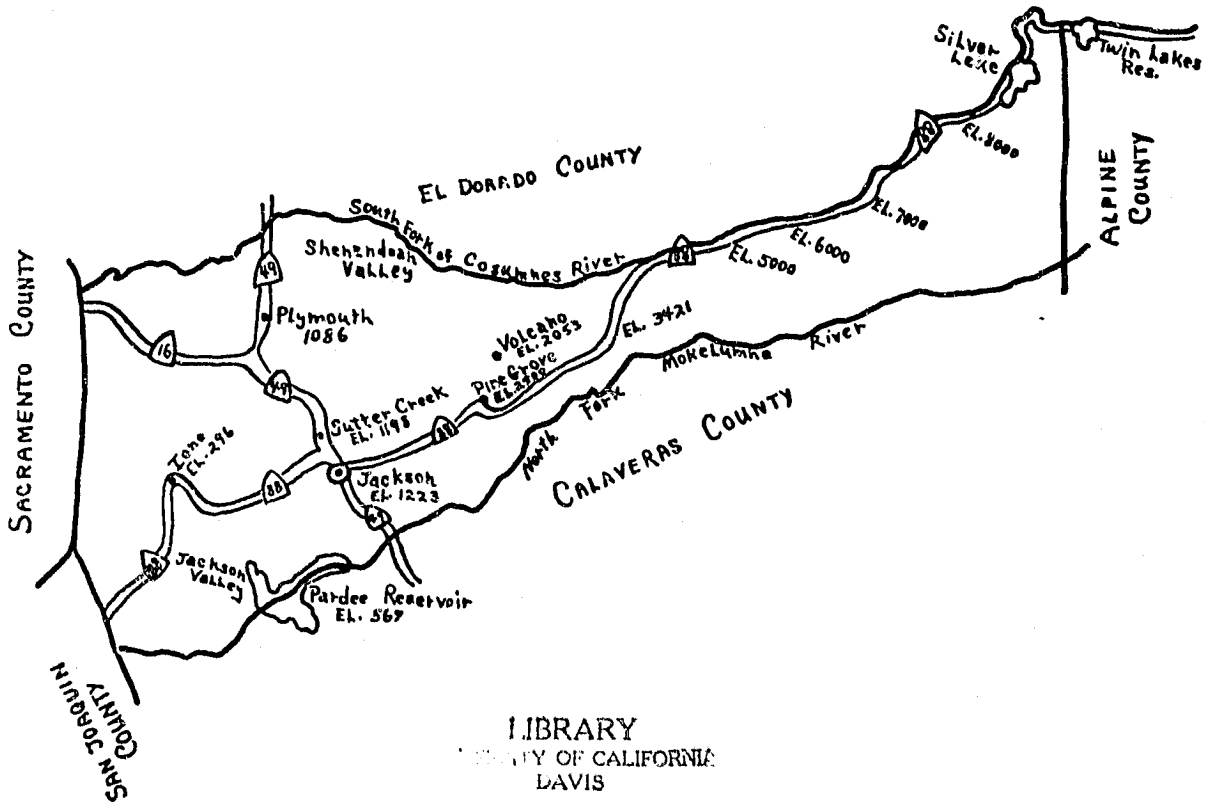
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AMADOR COUNTY

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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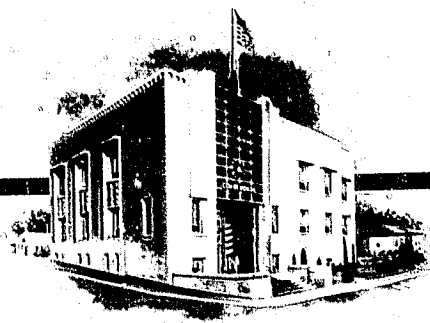
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I WISH TO THANK THE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO COOPERATED IN MAKING THIS REPORT POSSIBLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Raymond Rebuffo*  
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#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

LAND AREA (ACRES) —	380,160	PASTURELAND —	265,901 ACRES
ACRES IN FARMS —	294,402	CULTIVATED CROPS —	2,020 ACRES
FARMS —	372	COMMERCIAL FOREST —	127,000 ACRES

#### INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER —	\$15,000,000	AGRICULTURE —	\$ 2,700,000
LUMBERING —	\$ 9,000,000	MINING —	\$ 1,500,000




ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1952

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>FRUIT &amp; NUT CROPS</u>				
APPLES	38	76 TONS	\$100.00	\$ 7,600
ALMONDS	11	5.5 TONS	440.00	2,420
GRAPES (WINE)	712	1,780 TONS	54.00	96,120
PEACHES	30	30 TONS	100.00	3,000
PRUNES (DRY)	122	73 TONS	240.00	17,520
WALNUTS	223	74 TONS	440.00	32,560
MISC.	15	11 TONS	-	2,650
	<u>1,151</u>			<u>\$161,870</u>
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
MISC.	40	-	-	\$ 8,460
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
WHEAT	405	8,100 CWT.	\$ 3.60	\$ 29,160
BARLEY	145	1,710 CWT.	3.75	6,525
OATS	75	1,500 CWT.	3.50	5,250
RIE DAN SEED *	85	1,870 CWT.	7.00	13,090
RAY	3,450	3,450 TONS	-	** FED ON RANCHES
OATS	34	680 CWT.	-	" " "
BARLEY	125	1,500 CWT.	-	" " "
PASTURE **	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,319</u>			<u>\$ 54,025</u>
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY				\$224,355

\* LOW PRICE DUE TO LOW SEED GERMINATION

\*\* SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK VALUE

PRODUCT	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
	<u>APIARY</u>		
HONEY	54,000 LBS.	\$ .10	\$ 5,400
	<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>		
MILK FAT	52,013 LBS. GRADE A	\$ 1.44	\$ 74,898
	104,026 LBS. GRADE B	1.15	119,630
	156,039 LBS.		\$ 194,528
	<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>		
EGGS	10,500 CASES	\$ 15.00	\$ 157,500
MEAT BIRDS & HENS	8,010 BIRDS	1.00	8,010
TURKEYS	6,500 BIRDS	6.25	40,625
			\$ 206,135
	<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u>		
HOGS	785 HEAD	\$ 34.00	\$ 26,690
FEEDER PIGS	800 HEAD	10.00	8,000
BEEF CALVES	5,300 HEAD	120.00	636,000
VEALERS & CALVES (DAIRY)	350 HEAD	50.00	17,500
STEERS	3,645 HEAD	270.00	984,150
BEEF & DAIRY COWS	1,741 HEAD	176.00	306,416
FEEDER CATTLE *	3,200 HEAD	56.00	179,200
LAMBS	6,000 HEAD	19.20	115,200
SHEEP (OLD)	500 HEAD	8.00	4,000
WOOL & MOHAIR	54,120 LBS.	.62	33,554
KID GOATS	900 HEAD	8.00	7,200
			\$2,317,910
* GAIN WHILE IN COUNTY			
TOTAL ANIMAL INDUSTRY			\$2,723,973
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY			224,355
GRAND TOTAL			\$2,948,328

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*Crop Report - 1953*

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LUMBERING - - - - - 8,500,000	MINING - - - - - 1,500,000

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AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1953

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APPLES	38	15 TONS	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,800.00
ALMONDS	11	4 TONS	420.00	1,680.00
GRAPES (WINE)	712	1139 TONS	56.00	63,784.00
PEACHES	30	CROP FROSTED OUT		
PRUNES (DRY)	122	12 TONS (DRY)	240.00	2,880.00
WALNUTS	223	58 TONS	420.00	24,360.00
MISC.	<u>15</u>	9 TONS	- - -	<u>2,700.00</u>
	1,151			97,204.00
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
MISC.	38			\$ 8,600.00
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
WHEAT	326	5,868 CWT.	3.50	\$ 20,538
BARLEY	275	4,125 CWT.	2.70	11,137
OATS	105	1,470 CWT.	3.00	4,410
HAY	3,600	3,600 TONS		* FED ON RANCHES
OATS	115	1,610 CWT.		N N N
BARLEY	140	2,100 CWT.		N N N
*PASTURE	<u>265,000</u>			
	269,561			<u>\$ 36,085.00</u>

\* SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK INCOME.

PRODUCT	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
HONEY	<u>APIARY</u> 50,000 LBS.	\$ .11	\$ 5,500
MILK FAT	<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u> 79,000 LBS. GRADE A 97,656 LBS. GRADE B	1.36 1.00	107,440 97,656 <hr/> 205,096
EGGS MEAT BIRDS & HENS TURKEYS	<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u> 355,000 DOZENS 14,110 BIRDS 2,500 BIRDS	.50 1.00 7.00	177,500 14,110 17,500 <hr/> 209,110
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GRAND TOTAL		1,987,049.00	

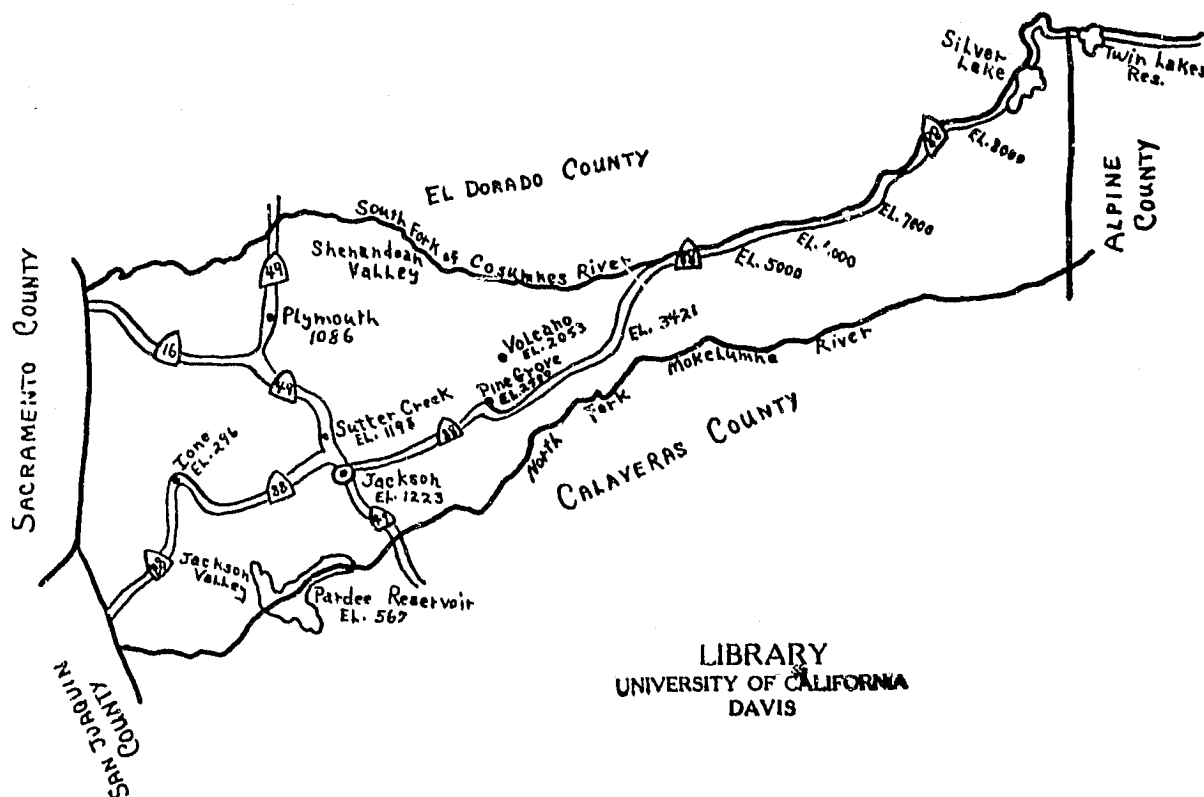


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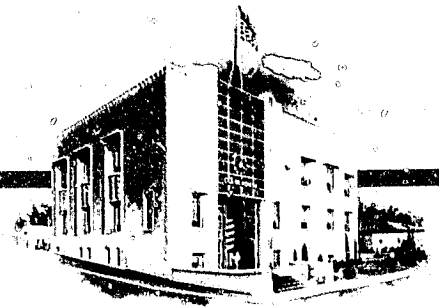


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LUMBERING	- - - - -	6,375,000	MINING	- - - -	473,000

## HIGHLIGHT OF FUNCTIONS PERFORMED DURING 1954

STANDARDIZATION: 4550 PACKAGES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WERE INSPECTED AND NEARLY ALL WERE FOUND TO COMPLY TO PACKING, LABELING, AND QUALITY STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. TWO PRODUCE PEDDLERS WERE REPRIMANDED FOR SELLING SUB-STANDARD FRUIT. 710 DOZENS OF EGGS WERE INSPECTED IN RETAIL STORES FOR QUALITY AND SIZE REQUIREMENTS. 20 DOZEN OF THESE EGGS WERE REJECTED FOR BEING MIS-LABELED. BALANCE OF EGGS WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

PLANT QUARANTINE: 4,788 PLANTS COMPRISING 188 SHIPMENTS FROM OUT OF STATE AND 6,517 PLANTS COMPRISING 77 SHIPMENTS FROM WITHIN THE STATE WERE INSPECTED AS TO PEST CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED BY QUARANTINE LAWS OF THIS STATE. ALL SHIPMENTS WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH PLANT QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS.

RODENT CONTROL: 484 POUNDS OF GROUND SQUIRREL POISONED GRAIN AND 592 POUNDS OF WARFARIN RAT BAIT WERE MIXED, PACKAGED AND DISTRIBUTED. GROUND SQUIRRELS AND RATS DO ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURAL CROPS AS WELL AS HARBOR DISEASES THAT CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO ANIMALS AND HUMANS.

GRASSHOPPER CONTROL: THE GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS HEAVY; HOWEVER, PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ABLE TO HOLD DAMAGE IN YARDS, VINEYARDS, ETC. TO A MINIMUM. DURING THE YEAR THIS OFFICE HAD 1,250 CALLS FOR AND DISTRIBUTED 64,113 POUNDS OF POISONED BAIT FOR GRASSHOPPER CONTROL.

PEST SURVEY AND PEST CONTROL: 200 CALLS WERE MADE RELATIVE TO SURVEYING FOR AND GIVING CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS ON INSECT PESTS, PLANT DISEASES, WEEDS, BRUSH, POISON OAK, SCOTCH BROOM, RODENTS, HOUSEHOLD PESTS, ETC.

SCOTCH BROOM CONTROL: 36.5 ACRES OF SCOTCH BROOM AND ITS RELATED SPECIES WERE CONTROLLED ON 222 PROPERTIES. THE CONTROL PROGRAM CONSISTED OF THE REMOVAL OF OLD PLANTS, THE CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF SEEDLINGS AND SURVEY FOR NEW INFESTATIONS. INACCESSIBLE AREAS WERE SURVEYED BY AIR.

BRUSH CONTROL: 358 MILES OF COUNTY AND STATE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS WERE SPRAYED FOR BRUSH CONTROL. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN INAUGURATED BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER TO CHEMICALLY CONTROL BRUSH THAN TO CUT IT OUT BY HAND AS HAD BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST.

WEED CONTROL: 351 MILES OF COUNTY AND STATE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS WERE SPRAYED FOR THE CONTROL OF KLAMATH WEED, PUNCTURE VINE, COCKLE BUR, SAND BUR AND YELLOW STAR THISTLE. KLAMATH WEED BEETLES ARE NOW WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND TO DATE HAVE ELIMINATED OVER 50% OF KLAMATH WEED. THE CHEMICAL CONTROL OF THIS WEED WOULD HAVE COST WELL OVER \$100,000 OVER A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR YEARS. BEETLES WERE IMPORTED AND RE-DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR \$1,000 OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

IN MOST SMALL COUNTIES, THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER IS ALSO THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WORK IS PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING ALL WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT FOR ACCURACY, AND TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW PERTAINING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. ACCURATE EQUIPMENT IS A PROTECTION TO THE BUYER AS WELL AS TO THE SELLER AS EITHER PARTY COULD GAIN OR LOSE IN A TRANSACTION INVOLVING INCORRECT WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT.

THE FOLLOWING EXPERIENCES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE COURSE OF WORK ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT IS IN ERROR. ONE GASOLINE STATION OPERATOR WAS GIVING AWAY \$200.00 WORTH OF GASOLINE PER YEAR. A BUTCHER WAS GIVING AWAY AS MUCH AS \$15.00 WORTH OF MEAT PER DAY BY USING A SCALE THAT WAS IN ERROR. THREE CATTLE SCALES WERE FOUND TO WEIGH INCORRECT. TWO SCALES WERE IN FAVOR OF THE BUYER AND ONE IN FAVOR OF THE SELLER. A STORE WAS BEING SHORTED ON THE WEIGHT OF MERCHANDISE PURCHASED. THE SELLER'S WAREHOUSE WAS CHECKED AND NO PACKAGES WERE FOUND TO BE SHORT WEIGHT. FURTHER CHECKING REVEALED THAT MERCHANDISE WAS BEING STOLEN IN TRANSIT.

ALTHOUGH WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES MAY BE CORRECT, THIS DOES NOT ALWAYS GUARANTEE THAT THE BUYER OR THE SELLER IS RECEIVING CORRECT WEIGHT OR MEASURE BECAUSE THERE ARE A MINORITY IN SOCIETY WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNFAIR PRACTICES TO MAKE A GAIN.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING 1954.

TOTAL CALLS - - 183

	<u>TOTAL TESTED</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>CORRECT AFTER ADJUSTED</u>	<u>OUT OF ORDER</u>
COUNTER SCALES	22	20	2	
SPRING SCALES	26	26		
COMPUTING SCALES	67	55	10	2
PLATFORM SCALES	88	78	7	3
LIVESTOCK SCALES	18	13	2	3
VEHICLE SCALES	1	1		
MEAT BEAMS	7	7		
WEIGHTS	236	230	5	1
GASOLINE TRUCK METERS	2		2	
RETAIL PUMP METERS	117	81	34	2

## CROP SUMMARY

### \* (PLANT INDUSTRY)

APPLES: GOOD CROP SET. APPLE SCAB AND CODLING MOTH WERE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHERE A GOOD PEST CONTROL PROGRAM WAS NOT CARRIED OUT. FRUIT SIZE WAS SMALL DUE TO NO EARLY FALL RAINS THAT GENERALLY HELP IN SIZING LATE MATURING VARIETIES. PRICES WERE GOOD AND ALL OF PRODUCTION WAS SOLD LOCALLY.

ALMONDS: A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE CROP WAS KNOCKED OUT BY FROST DURING BLOSSOM TIME.

WINE GRAPES: THIS CROP CONSTITUTES THE LARGEST ACREAGE OF DECIDUOUS CROPS. PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT HALF A CROP DUE TO VINES PRODUCING BUT FEW BLOSSOMS. THIS CONDITION WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A LARGE CROP IN 1953 PLUS A DRY YEAR WHICH RESULTED IN FALL CONDITIONS OF 1953 UNFAVORABLE TO FRUIT BUD FORMATION. ALL GRAPES ARE SOLD TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES FOR HOME WINE MAKING AS THESE GRAPES HAVE EXCELLENT DRY WINE MAKING QUALITIES AND RETURN PREMIUM PRICES. TWO SPOTTED PACIFIC MITE WAS TROUBLESOME IN SOME AREAS.

PEACHES: CROP WAS SPOTTED DUE TO FROST DAMAGE DURING BLOSSOM TIME IN SOME AREAS.

PRUNES: GROWING CONDITIONS WERE FAVORABLE AND A GOOD CROP WAS HARVESTED. FRUIT SIZE WAS GOOD AND SUGAR CONTENT HIGH. PRICE SAME AS FOR 1953.

WALNUTS: PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT NORMAL. WALNUT BLIGHT CAUSED A LOSS OF ABOUT 10% OF THE CROP. A FEW FILBERT WORMS WERE FOUND IN BLIGHTED NUTS. APHIDS WERE KEPT UNDER CONTROL BY SEVERAL SPECIES OF LADYBIRD BEETLES. CROP QUALITY IN MOST CASES WAS GOOD AND PRICE WAS DOWN SLIGHTLY.

VEGETABLES: COUNTY NOT ADAPTED TO VEGETABLE PRODUCTION. LIMITED TO SMALL ACREAGES OF DIVERSIFIED CROPS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. GRASSHOPPERS WERE THE MOST SERIOUS PEST OF VEGETABLE CROPS.

FIELD CROPS: BARLEY AND OAT PRODUCTION WAS DOWN. WHEAT WAS NORMAL. WHEAT PRICE WAS SAME AS FOR 1953 AND BARLEY AND OATS PRICES WERE DOWN. A LARGE PORTION OF FIELD CROP PRODUCTION IS SOLD WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR LIVESTOCK FEED.

\* FOR THE EXCEPTION OF VEGETABLES, ALL OTHER CROPS ARE GROWN UNDER NON-IRRIGATED PRODUCTION.

## CROP SUMMARY

### ( ANIMAL INDUSTRY )

AMADOR COUNTY IS PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO RAISING LIVESTOCK. CONSEQUENTLY, BETTER THAN 90% OF THE AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS DERIVED FROM THIS TYPE OF FARMING.

APIARY: THE COUNTY IS NOT ADAPTED TO RAISING BEES COMMERCIALY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SPRING AND SUMMER HONEY-FLOW. MOST OF THE INCOME FROM HONEY IS FROM TRANSIENT BEEKEEPERS WHO MOVE BEES INTO THE COUNTY FOR THIS FIVE TO SIX MONTH PERIOD.

DAIRYING: IT IS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT FOR DAIRYMEN TO MAKE ENDS MEET AS PRICES RECEIVED FOR MILK HAVE BEEN STEADILY DECREASING. PRODUCTION WAS SLIGHTLY DOWN DUE TO SOME GRADE B PRODUCERS REDUCING HERD SIZES.

POULTRY: FARMERS PRODUCING TURKEYS, MEAT BIRDS AND EGGS HAD A HARRAWING EXPERIENCE DURING 1954 AS PRICES WERE DEFINITELY DOWN. SOME PRODUCERS LOST MONEY AND OTHERS JUST BROKE EVEN. THERE WAS A LARGE INCREASE IN MEAT BIRD PRODUCTION AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EGG PRODUCTION DURING 1954, DUE TO FAVORABLE PRICES RECEIVED IN 1953.

HOGS: AS THE PRICE OF FAT HOGS DROPPED, SOME GROWERS TURNED TO RAISING FEEDER PIGS. FEEDER PIGS WERE IN STEADY DEMAND AT A GOOD PRICE.

SHEEP: THIS PHASE OF AGRICULTURE WAS STEADY WITH SHEEPMEN RECEIVING WOOL PRICES COMPARABLE TO 1953 AND SLIGHTLY LOWER RETURNS FOR LAMBS.

BEEF CATTLE: THIS IS THE LARGEST FARMING ENTERPRISE IN THE COUNTY AND WAS THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN FARMING AS FARMERS RECEIVED SLIGHTLY HIGHER PRICES THAN IN 1953. AT PRESENT THERE IS VERY LITTLE INCREASE, IF ANY, IN BEEF CATTLE PRODUCTION.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS ARE WORKING OUT PRACTICES TO RECLAIM BRUSHLAND BY BURNING BRUSH AND SEEDING THE BURNED OVER AREA WITH PASTURE GRASS MIXES BY AIRPLANE. ORIGINAL GRASS-LAND IS BEING IMPROVED TO PRODUCE MORE FEED BY FERTILIZING, USING BETTER PASTURE GRASSES, WEED AND BRUSH CONTROL, AND BY USING OVERALL GOOD RANGE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE FALL OF 1954 WERE ADVERSE TO STARTING AN EARLY GROWTH OF GRASS ON THE RANGE. LATE RAIN, FOLLOWED BY COLD, RESULTED IN NO GRASS GROWTH AND FARMERS HAD TO START FEEDING HAY EARLY. AN EXTREMELY COLD WINTER REQUIRED THE CONTINUED FEEDING OF LIVESTOCK UNTIL APRIL 1, 1955, WHICH RESULTED IN HIGH HAY PRICES AND A COSTLY OPERATION TO THE FARMERS.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
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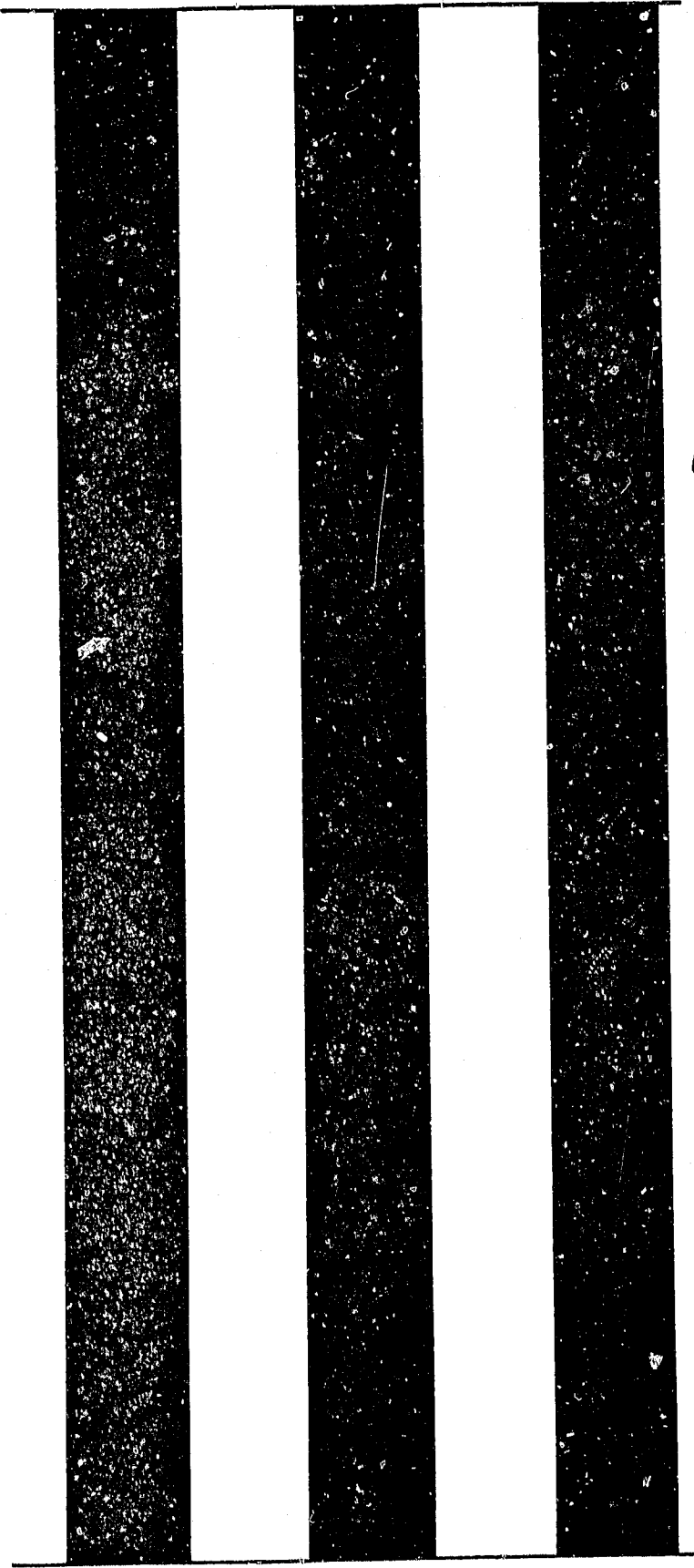
CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>FRUIT &amp; NUT CROPS</u>				
APPLES	38	38 TONS	\$ 120.00	\$ 4,560.00
ALMONDS	11	1.5 TONS	420.00	630.00
GRAPES (WINE)	712	712 TONS	60.00	42,720.00
PEACHES	30	15 TONS	100.00	1,500.00
PRUNES (DRY)	122	49 TONS	240.00	11,760.00
WALNUTS	223	56 TONS	400.00	22,400.00
MISC.	<u>17</u>	12 TONS	- - -	<u>2,900.00</u>
	1,153			\$ 86,470.00
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MISC.	46			12,800.00
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
WHEAT	380	7,220 CWT.	\$ 3.60	25,992.00
BARLEY	519	7,785 CWT.	2.25	17,516.00
OATS	149	1,490 CWT.	2.50	3,725.00
SUDAN SEED	59	1,121 CWT.	11.00	12,331.00
OATS	115	1,150 CWT.		* FED ON RANCHES
BARLEY	119	1,785 CWT.		" " "
HAY (OAT, ETC.)	3,500	3,500 TONS		" " "
* IRRIGATED PASTURE	200			
* RANGE PASTURE	<u>265.000</u>			
	270,041			\$ 59,564.00

\* SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK INCOME



PRODUCT	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>APIARY</u>			
HONEY *	45,000 LBS.	\$ .11	\$ 4,950.00
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MILK FAT	75,000 LBS. GRADE A	1.09	81,750.00
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<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>			
EGGS	393,000 DOZENS	.42	165,060.00
FRYERS	120,000 BIRDS	.78	93,600.00
HENS (CULL OUTS)	7,860 BIRDS	.50	3,930.00
TURKEYS	3,150 BIRDS	5.00	15,750.00
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SHEEP & LAMBS	6,500 HEAD	15.00	97,500.00
WOOL & MOHAIR	53,120 POUNDS	.63	33,465.00
KID GOATS	900 HEAD	8.00	<u>7,200.00</u>
			\$ 1,764,375.00
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY			158,834.00
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GRAND TOTAL			\$ 2,355,499.00

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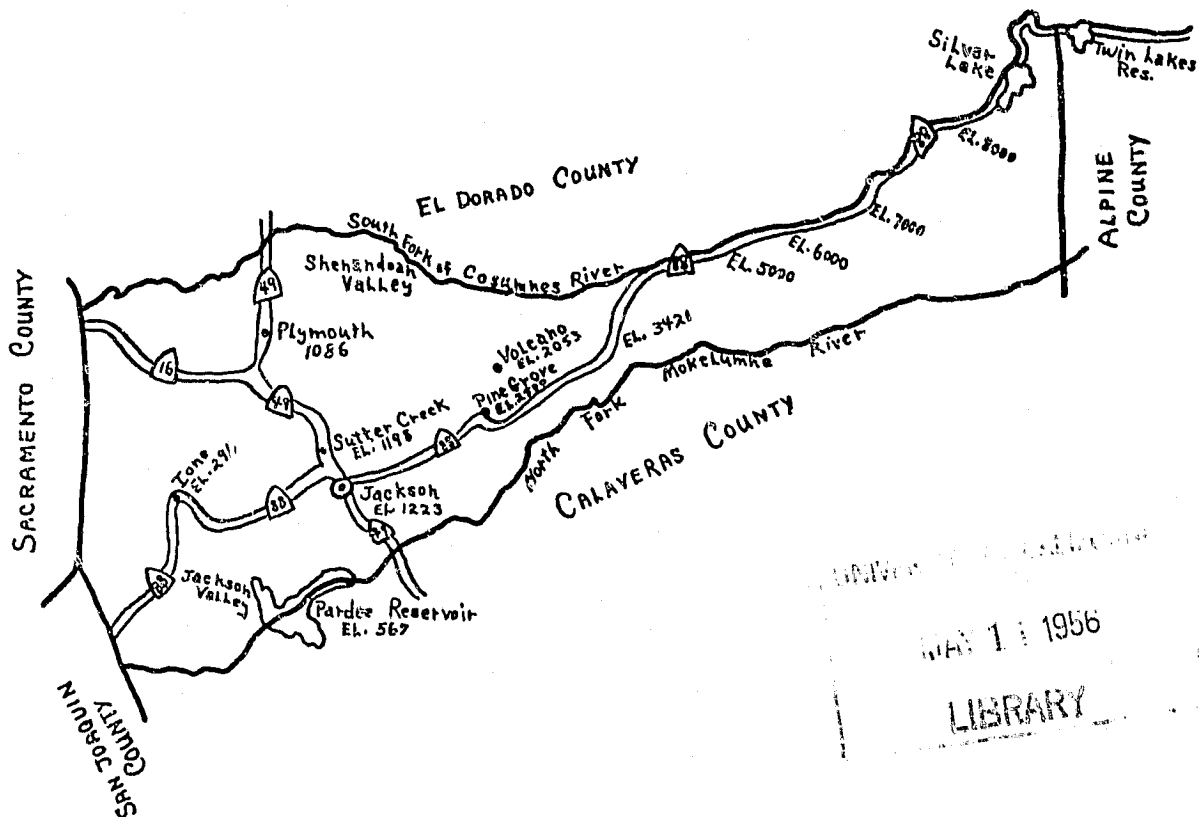
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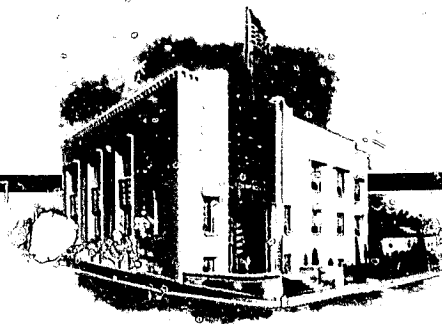


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GRASSHOPPER CONTROL: DURING THE YEAR THIS OFFICE HAD 250 CALLS FOR POISONED GRASSHOPPER BAIT. 11,468 POUNDS OF BAIT WAS MIXED, PACKAGED AND DISTRIBUTED. 37 CALLS WERE MADE RELATIVE TO SURVEYING FOR THIS PEST AND GIVING SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR ITS CONTROL.

PEST SURVEY & PEST CONTROL: 146 CALLS WERE MADE RELATIVE TO SURVEYING FOR AND GIVING CONTROL INFORMATION ON PLANT DISEASES, INSECT PESTS, WEEDS, BRUSH, POISON OAK, SCOTCH BROOM, HOUSE PESTS, ETC.

BRUSH CONTROL: 464.5 MILES OF STATE AND COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS WERE SPRAYED FOR BRUSH CONTROL. BRUSH INHIBITS ROAD VISIBILITY ON CURVES AND WOULD IMPEDE TRAFFIC IF ALLOWED TO GROW OVER THE ROADWAY. THE FOLLOWING IS A YEARLY COMPARISON OF BRUSH CONTROL COSTS ON COUNTY ROADS SINCE 1953:

	<u>MILES SPRAYED</u>	<u>AVERAGE COST PER MILE (BOTH SIDES OF ROAD)</u>
1953	294	\$18.00
1954	358	13.48
1955	464	12.76

WEED CONTROL: 682.5 MILES OF COUNTY AND STATE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS WERE SPRAYED FOR THE CHEMICAL CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS DETRIMENTAL TO AGRICULTURE. WEEDS SPRAYED WERE AS FOLLOWS: PUNCTURE VINE, YELLOW STAR THISTLE, SANDBUR, COCKLE BUR, KLAMATH WEED, BULL THISTLE AND ARTICHOKE THISTLE. KLAMATH WEED BEETLES HAVE ELIMINATED OVER 80% OF THE ORIGINAL INFESTATION.

SCOTCH BROOM CONTROL: A TOTAL OF 53.5 ACRES OF SCOTCH BROOM AND ITS RELATED SPECIES WERE CONTROLLED ON 259 PROPERTIES. THE PROGRAM CONSISTED OF THE CONTROL OF SEEDLINGS, THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUAL OLD PLANTS AND THE SURVEY FOR NEW INFESTATIONS. A COUNTY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GROWING OF BROOM WAS PUT INTO EFFECT DURING THE YEAR.

PLANT QUARANTINE: 2,617 PLANTS COMPRISING 133 SHIPMENTS FROM OUT OF STATE AND 10,231 PLANTS COMPRISING 56 SHIPMENTS FROM WITHIN THE STATE WERE INSPECTED AS TO PEST CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY PLANT QUARANTINE LAWS. NO VIOLATIONS WERE FOUND.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WORK IS PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING ALL WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT FOR ACCURACY, AND TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW PERTAINING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. ACCURATE EQUIPMENT IS A PROTECTION TO THE BUYER AS WELL AS TO THE SELLER, AS EITHER PARTY COULD GAIN OR LOOSE IN A TRANSACTION INVOLVING INCORRECT WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT.

OF ALL EQUIPMENT TESTED, GASOLINE PUMPS WERE FOUND TO BE IN THE GREATEST ERROR DURING 1955. A TOTAL OF TEN PUMPS WERE FOUND TO BE GIVING FROM ONE PINT TO ONE QUART OF GASOLINE IN EXCESS ON EACH FIVE GALLONS OF DELIVERY. A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE LOSS TO STATION OPERATORS ON A YEAR'S BASIS ON THESE PUMPS IS \$1,000.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR:

	<u>TOTAL TESTED</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>CORRECT AFTER ADJUSTED</u>	<u>OUT OF ORDER</u>
COUNTER SCALES	15	15		
SPRING SCALES	25	24		1
COMPUTING SCALES	47	38	8	1
PLATFORM SCALES	63	57	3	3
VEHICLE SCALES	2	2		
HOPPER SCALES	2	2		
PERSON WEIGHERS	5	4	1	
CATTLE SCALES	26	19	5	2
MEAT BEAMS	5	4		1
WEIGHTS	199	196		3
GAS TRUCK METERS	4		4	
RETAIL GAS PUMPS	123	94	26	3

## CROP SUMMARY

\* (PLANT INDUSTRY)

APPLES: CROP SPOTTED DUE TO FROST DAMAGE TO BLOSSOMS ON SOME VARIETIES. QUALITY IN GENERAL WAS GOOD BUT FRUIT SIZE WAS SMALLER DUE TO LOW GROUND MOISTURE AND LACK OF FALL RAINS. EUROPEAN RED MITE CAUSED SEVERE DEFOLIATION ON SOME TREES. CODLING MOTH AND APPLE SCAB NOT TROUBLESOME WHERE PEST CONTROL PROGRAMS WERE FOLLOWED.

ALMONDS: CROP FROSTED OUT.

WINE GRAPES: GRAPES CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST ACREAGE OF DECIDUOUS CROPS. PRODUCTION WAS EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY WITH THE CROP MATURING LATE DUE TO COOL EARLY SUMMER. FOR THE EXCEPTION OF GRAPES GROWN AND USED BY LOCAL WINERY, MOST OF THE CROP WAS SOLD TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES FOR HOME WINE MAKING WITH THE EXTRA TONNAGE GOING TO WINERIES. GRAPES ARE PRODUCED UNDER DRYLAND CONDITIONS AND HAVE EXCELLENT QUALITIES FOR THE MAKING OF DRY WINES AND ARE SOLD AT PREMIUM PRICES.

PEACHES: DUE TO EARLY FROST THE CROP WAS VERY SPOTTED. FOR THE EXCEPTION OF DRIED PEACHES, ALL PRODUCTION IS SOLD LOCALLY.

PRUNES: FROST DAMAGE IN SOME AREAS DURING THE EARLY JACKET STAGE OF THE FRUIT RESULTED IN THE AVERAGE OVERALL CROP OF 40% OF NORMAL PRODUCTION. QUALITY AND PRICE WERE GOOD.

WALNUTS: PRODUCTION HEAVIEST IN MANY YEARS. EXTREME HEAT IN LATE AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SUNTURNING OF WALNUTS. PRICE WAS GOOD. TREND IS TOWARDS THE PLANTING OF MORE WALNUTS. NO SERIOUS INSECT OR DISEASE PROBLEMS.

VEGETABLES: COUNTY NOT ADAPTED TO VEGETABLE PRODUCTION UNLESS IRRIGATION IS ESTABLISHED. PRESENT PRODUCTION IS LIMITED TO SMALL ACREAGES OF DIVERSIFIED CROPS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

FIELD CROPS: FOR THE EXCEPTION OF WHEAT IT IS BECOMING UNECONOMICAL TO GROW SMALL ACREAGES OF FIELD CROPS. THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE ACREAGES PLANTED TO WHEAT, BARLEY AND OATS. MOST FARMERS FEEL THAT THEY CAN BUY GRAIN FOR FEED CHEAPER THAN THEY CAN GROW IT ON SMALL ACREAGES. THEIR LAND CAN BE BETTER UTILIZED FOR GRAIN HAY OR PASTURE. PRICE RETURNS FOR WHEAT AND BARLEY WERE DOWN AND RETURNS FOR OATS WERE UP. MOST OF THE WHEAT AND ABOUT HALF OF THE BARLEY AND OATS ARE SOLD AND THE BALANCE IS FED TO LIVESTOCK ON RANCHES.

\* FOR THE EXCEPTION OF VEGETABLES, ALL OTHER CROPS ARE GROWN WITHOUT IRRIGATION.



## CROP SUMMARY

### (ANIMAL INDUSTRY)

AMADOR COUNTY IS PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO RAISING LIVESTOCK, CONSEQUENTLY, BETTER THAN 90% OF THE AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS DERIVED FROM THIS TYPE OF FARMING.

APIARY: THIS COUNTY IS NOT ADAPTED TO RAISING BEES COMMERCIALY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SPRING AND SUMMER HONEY-FLOW. MOST OF THE INCOME FROM HONEY IS FROM TRANSIENT BEEKEEPERS WHO MOVE BEES INTO THE COUNTY FOR A FIVE TO SIX MONTH PERIOD.

DAIRYING: DAIRYMEN ARE NOT MAKING A "FAIR SHARE" OF PROFIT AS THE COSTS OF PRODUCTION ARE VERY NEAR THE PRICES RECEIVED FOR MILK. ABOUT 25% OF THE GRADE A MILK PRODUCED HAD TO BE SOLD AS GRADE B BECAUSE IT WAS SURPLUS MILK AND COULD NOT BE UTILIZED WITHIN THE MARKET AREA. GRADE A MILK PRICES WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR 1954 AND RETURNS FOR GRADE B MILK WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER.

POULTRY: FARMERS PRODUCING EGGS AND TURKEYS EXPERIENCED A SLIGHTLY BETTER YEAR IN 1955 THAN IN 1954 FROM THE PRICE STANDPOINT. THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF EGGS FOR 1955. PRICES RECEIVED FOR MEAT BIRDS WERE THE SAME AS FOR 1954 AND PRODUCERS MADE VERY LITTLE IF ANY PROFIT FROM THIS ENTERPRISE. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF MEAT BIRDS FOR 1955 AND THE TREND IS FOR AN INCREASE IN 1956.

HOGS: PRODUCTION CONSTANT. OF THE 1583 HEAD OF HOGS GROWN, ABOUT 30% WERE FAT HOGS AND THE BALANCE WERE WEANER AND FEEDER PIGS. PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS WERE DOWN DURING 1955.

SHEEP: PRODUCTION CONSTANT. POOR RANGE CONDITIONS IN SPRING OF 1955 DUE TO COLD WEATHER RESULTED IN LIGHTER WEIGHT LAMBS GOING TO MARKET AND A LIGHTER WOOL CLIP PER ANIMAL. PRICE OF LAMB WAS DOWN SLIGHTLY. FARMERS RECEIVED 10¢ PER LB. LESS FOR WOOL THAN IN 1954; HOWEVER, THIS AMOUNT WAS MADE UP BY THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM ON WOOL.

BEEF CATTLE: THIS IS THE LARGEST FARMING ENTERPRISE IN THE COUNTY AND RETURNED TO THE FARMERS ABOUT 65% OF THE TOTAL AGRICULTURAL INCOME FOR 1955. ECONOMICALLY, CATTLEMEN ARE FACING TRYING TIMES DUE TO POOR RANGE CONDITIONS DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING OF 1955 WHICH RESULTED IN THE NEED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF FEEDING HIGH PRICED HAY, LOWER PRICES RECEIVED FOR CATTLE AND INCREASING COSTS OF PRODUCTION. THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN CATTLE PRODUCTION AND THERE HAVE BEEN MORE FEEDER CATTLE COMING INTO THE COUNTY.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS ARE WORKING OUT PRACTICES TO RECLAIM BRUSHLAND BY BURNING BRUSH AND SEEDING THE BURNED OVER AREA WITH PASTURE GRASS MIXES BY AIRPLANE. ORIGINAL GRASS-LAND IS BEING IMPROVED TO PRODUCE MORE FEED BY FERTILIZING, USING BETTER PASTURE GRASSES, WEED AND BRUSH CONTROL, AND BY USING OVERALL GOOD RANGE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1955

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>FRUIT &amp; NUT CROPS</u>				
APPLES	38	28 TONS	\$120.00	\$ 3,360.00
ALMONDS	11	-- FROSTED OUT		
GRAPES (WINE)	712	2,136 TONS	48.00	102,528.00
PEACHES	30	50 TONS	60.00	3,000.00
PRUNES (DRY)	122	24 TONS	320.00	7,680.00
WALNUTS	223	97 TONS	600.00	58,200.00
Misc.	17	-----		2,900.00
	<u>1,153</u>			<u>\$ 177,668.00</u>
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Misc.	50			12,000.00
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
WHEAT	220	3,300 CWT.	3.50	11,550.00
BARLEY	106	1,590 CWT.	2.00	3,180.00
OATS	150	2,400 CWT.	3.00	7,200.00
SUDAN	43	731 CWT.	4.00	2,924.00
WHEAT		195 CWT.		* FED ON RANCHES
OATS		1,520 CWT.		" " "
BARLEY		1,815 CWT.		" " "
HAY (OATS, ETC.)	3,400	3,400 TONS		" " "
* IRRIGATED PASTURE	250			" " "
* RANGE PASTURE	265000			" " "
	<u>269,169</u>			<u>\$ 24,854.00</u>

\* SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK INCOME.

PRODUCT	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
	<u>APIARY</u>		
HONEY	40,000 Lbs.	\$ .11	\$ 4,400.00
	<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>		
MILK FAT	75,000 Lbs. GRADE A	1.02	76,500.00
	75,000 Lbs. GRADE B	.82	<u>61,500.00</u>
			138,000.00
	<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>		
EGGS	393,000 DOZENS	.44	172,920.00
FRYERS	186,000 BIRDS	.78	145,080.00
HENS (CULL OUTS)	7,860 HENS	.60	4,716.00
TURKEYS (LIVE)	400 BIRDS	6.38	2,552.00
MISC. (RABBITS, ETC.)			<u>2,000.00</u>
			327,268.00
	<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u>		
HOGS & FEEDER PIGS	1,583 HEAD	17.50	\$ 27,702.50
BEEF CALVES	8,415 HEAD	90.00	757,350.00
STEERS	1,485 HEAD	180.00	267,300.00
COWS & BULLS	2,025 HEAD	106.00	214,650.00
FEEDER CATTLE *	6,025 HEAD	40.00	241,000.00
PUREBRED STOCK	30 HEAD	250.00	7,500.00
DAIRY CATTLE	150 HEAD	100.00	15,000.00
CALVES & VEALERS	300 HEAD	30.00	9,000.00
SHEEP & LAMBS	6,500 HEAD	13.60	88,400.00
WOOL & MOHAIR	46,200 LBS	.515	23,793.00
KID GOATS	900 HEAD	7.00	<u>6,300.00</u>
			1,657,995.50
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY			214,522.00
TOTAL ANIMAL INDUSTRY			<u>2,127,663.50</u>
GRAND TOTAL			2,342,185.50

RECAPITULATION

1948	- - - - -	\$ 2,274,698.00
1949	- - - - -	2,358,153.00
1950	- - - - -	2,713,765.00
1951	- - - - -	3,960,864.00
1952	- - - - -	2,948,328.00
1953	- - - - -	1,987,049.00
1954	- - - - -	2,355,499.00
1955	- - - - -	2,342,185.00

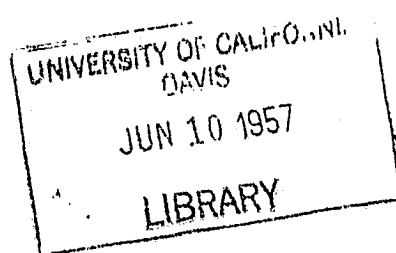
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**AMADOR COUNTY**

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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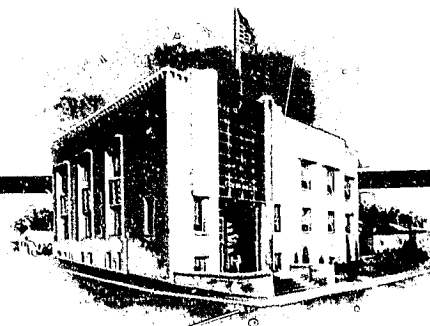
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COUNTY SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
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JACKSON, CALIFORNIA



TO: MR. W. C. JACOBSEN, STATE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AMADOR COUNTY

GENTLEMEN:

THE ENCLOSED REPORT IS A COMPILATION OF THE ACREAGE AND THE ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF AMADOR COUNTY FOR 1956 AS REQUIRED BY THE AGRICULTURAL CODE.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS EXPRESSED AS FARM VALUE. FARM VALUE IS THE RETURN TO THE PRODUCER OF FARM PRODUCTS AFTER DEDUCTING THE COSTS OF MARKETING AS: FREIGHT, COMMISSIONS, PACKING, CONTAINERS, ETC. THIS VALUE DOES INCLUDE THE COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND DOES NOT REPRESENT NET PROFIT TO THE FARMER.

THE 1956 INCOME FROM THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WAS \$2,077,141. THIS FIGURE IS 11% BELOW THE \$2,343,185 INCOME FOR 1955 AND FOR THE EXCEPTION OF 1953 REPRESENTS THE LOWEST INCOME TO FARMERS FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS. THE DROP IN AGRICULTURAL INCOME DURING 1956 WAS ATTRIBUTED TO LOWER PRICES RECEIVED FOR BEEF CATTLE, WOOL, HOGS, MEAT BIRDS, EGGS, WALNUTS, A SMALLER CROP OF WINE GRAPES AND WALNUTS, AND LESS TRANSIENT CATTLE IN THE COUNTY. FARMERS ARE EXPERIENCING A TOUGH ECONOMICAL SQUEEZE WITH RISING COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND LOWER OR CONSTANT RETURNS FOR FARM PRODUCTS MARKETED. GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY PAYMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED AS FARM INCOME.

I WISH TO THANK THE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO COOPERATED IN MAKING THIS REPORT POSSIBLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RAYMOND REBUFFO  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

### GENERAL INFORMATION

AMADOR COUNTY IS LOCATED ON THE EASTERN SLOPE OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY IN THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS; IT RANGES FROM AN ELEVATION OF 200 FEET AT IONE TO 8,500 FEET AT CARSON PASS. ITS ROLLING HILLS ARE PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF LUMBER AND CATTLE. THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY PRODUCES NEARLY ALL OF THE SHEEP, HOGS, EGGS, TURKEYS, GRAPES, DECIDUOUS TREE CROPS, WINE AND SOME GRAIN. THE BALANCE OF THE GRAIN AND NEARLY ALL OF THE MILK ARE PRODUCED IN THE IONE AREA. INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WILL COME ABOUT ONLY WHEN IRRIGATION BECOMES A REALITY.

THE FAMED CLAY, SILICA SAND AND LIGNITE DEPOSITS ARE LOCATED IN THE IONE AREA. PROGRESSING UP THE FOOTHILLS, ONE ENCOUNTERS THE HISTORIC "MOTHER LODE BELT" ON WHICH ARE LOCATED THE TOWNS OF JACKSON, SUTTER CREEK, AMADOR CITY, DRYTOWN AND PLYMOUTH. THIS AREA IS KNOWN FOR ITS HISTORY AS ONE OF THE RICHEST GOLD PRODUCING SPOTS IN THE WORLD. IN THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS, ONE FINDS PICTURESQUE BEAUTY AND THE HISTORIC GHOST TOWN OF VOLCANO. THE "HIGH COUNTRY" LENDS ITSELF TO EXCELLENT SUMMER AND WINTER SPORTS.

THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE COUNTY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF EMPLOYMENT IS DERIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS OF WORK IN ORDER OF THEIR IMPORTANCE: PUBLIC WORK (FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYMENT), LUMBERING, AGRICULTURE, HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER MANUFACTURING AND MINING.

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION - 1956

LAND AREA (ACRES)	- 380,160	PASTURELAND	- 265,901 ACRES
ACRES IN FARMS	- 294,402	CULTIVATED CROPS	- 2,020 ACRES
FARMS	- 372	COMMERCIAL FOREST	- 127,000 ACRES

### ESTIMATED INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER	\$15,000,000.00	AGRICULTURE	- \$2,077,141.00
LUMBERING (WHOLESALE)	9,120,000.00	MINING	- 1,500,000.00



## HIGHLIGHTS OF FUNCTIONS PERFORMED DURING 1956

STANDARDIZATION: 4,250 PACKAGES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WERE INSPECTED AND ALL WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH QUALITY STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. 28 CALLS WERE MADE AND 709 DOZEN EGGS WERE INSPECTED IN RETAIL STORES FOR QUALITY AND SIZE REQUIREMENTS. 34 DOZEN WERE REJECTED FOR CONTAINING INEDIBLES. THE BALANCE OF THE EGGS WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

CERTIFICATION: IN ORDER TO PASS BORDER STATION INSPECTION, THREE LOADS OF JUICE GRAPES FOR OUT OF STATE SHIPMENT WERE CERTIFIED AS TO COMPLYING WITH QUALITY STANDARDS.

RODENT CONTROL: 346 LBS. OF POISONED GRAIN FOR GROUND SQUIRREL CONTROL AND 232 LBS. OF WARFARIN RAT BAIT WERE MIXED, PACKAGED AND DISTRIBUTED. GROUND SQUIRRELS AND RATS DO ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURAL CROPS AS WELL AS HARBOR DISEASES THAT CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO ANIMALS AND HUMANS. 200 GROUND SQUIRRELS WILL CONSUME AS MUCH FORAGE AS WILL ONE STEER IN ONE YEAR. ONE RAT WILL EAT OR DESTROY \$2.00 WORTH OF FOODSTUFFS A YEAR.

GRASSHOPPER CONTROL: DURING THE YEAR, THIS OFFICE HAD 172 CALLS FOR POISONED GRASSHOPPER BAIT. 4,300 POUNDS OF BAIT WERE MIXED, PACKAGED AND DISTRIBUTED. THE OVERALL PROBLEM WASN'T AS SEVERE AS OTHER YEARS. THE MOST TROUBLE WAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE YARD OWNER. VERY LITTLE DAMAGE RESULTED FROM THIS PEST IN AGRICULTURAL AREAS. THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THIS SERVICE.

CROP REPORT: AS REQUIRED BY LAW, A REPORT WAS COMPILED SHOWING ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUES OF THE CROPS OF THE COUNTY.

PEST SURVEY & PEST CONTROL: 142 CALLS WERE MADE RELATIVE TO SURVEYING FOR AND GIVING CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS ON: PLANT DISEASES, INSECT PESTS, WEEDS, BRUSH, POISON OAK, HOUSE PESTS, ETC. A SPECIAL SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED FOR WALNUT HUSK FLY AND MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY. FINDINGS WERE NEGATIVE. WALNUT HUSK FLY IS A SERIOUS PEST OF WALNUTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND TWO YEARS AGO WAS FOUND IN SONOMA COUNTY. LAST YEAR THIS PEST WAS FOUND IN NAPA AND KERN COUNTIES. WITH THE BEST OF COSTLY PEST CONTROL PROCEDURES, THIS PEST STILL CAUSES A LOSS OF OVER 10% OF THE WALNUT CROP IN INFESTED AREAS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

BRUSH CONTROL: 277 MILES OF COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS WERE SPRAYED FOR BRUSH CONTROL WITH LEAF SPRAYS. 5 ACRES OF BRUSH STUMPS AT ROAD INTERSECTIONS WERE SPRAYED WHERE THE BRUSH HAD BEEN CUT TO PREVENT RE-SPROUTING. BRUSH INHIBITS ROAD VISIBILITY ON CURVES AND AT INTERSECTIONS AND WOULD IMPEDE TRAFFIC IF ALLOWED TO GROW OVER THE ROADWAY. IT IS CHEAPER TO CONTROL BRUSH WITH CHEMICALS THAN BY MECHANICAL MEANS. EXCELLENT COOPERATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPARATIVE COST OF ROAD-SIDE BRUSH SPRAYING FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS:

### COST PER MILE ( ONE SIDE OF ROAD )

### MILES SPRAYED

1953-	-----	\$ 9.00
1954-	-----	6.74
1955-	-----	6.38
1956-	-----	4.07

294
356
464
227

FUNCTIONS PERFORMED: (CON'T.)

WEED CONTROL: 522 MILES OF COUNTY AND STATE ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS WERE CHEMICALLY SPRAYED FOR THE CONTROL OF DETRIMENTAL WEEDS. WEEDS SPRAYED DURING THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS: COCKLE BUR, BEARDED GOAT GRASS, MEDUSSA HEAD, JOHNSON GRASS, POISON OAK, MILK THISTLE, MEXICAN WHORLED MILK WEED, RUSSIAN THISTLE (TUMBLE WEED), YELLOW STAR THISTLE, KLAMATH WEED, PUNCTURE VINE, CATTAIL, TULE, BLACKBERRIES AND ARTICHOKE THISTLE.

AS REQUIRED BY LAW, 63 PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY THIS OFFICE FOR THE USE OF INJURIOUS WEED KILLERS. THESE WEED KILLERS WERE USED BY INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COUNTY FOR BRUSH AND WEED CONTROL PURPOSES.

KLAMATH WEED BEETLES HAVE JUST ABOUT ELIMINATED THE KLAMATH WEED PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTY. THERE ARE STILL SMALL PATCHES OF WEED IN SOME AREAS AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE BEETLES WILL KEEP THE WEED IN ECONOMIC BALANCE.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE THROUGH JOINT AGENCY COOPERATION IN WORKING OUT ECONOMICAL CONTROLS FOR BEARDED GOAT GRASS AND MEDUSSA HEAD. THESE TWO WEEDS ARE A DEFINITE THREAT TO THE RANGELAND IN THIS COUNTY. WORK IS BEING CONTINUED IN ORDER TO FIND THE BEST CONTROLS OF THESE TWO GRASSES AT THE LEAST EXPENSE TO THE LANDOWNER.

SCOTCH BROOM CONTROL: A TOTAL OF 53.5 ACRES OF SCOTCH BROOM AND ITS RELATED SPECIES WERE CONTROLLED ON 259 PROPERTIES. THE PROGRAM CONSISTED OF THE CONTROL OF SEEDLINGS, THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUAL OLD PLANTS AND THE SURVEY FOR NEW INFESTATIONS. A COUNTY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GROWING OF BROOM WAS PUT INTO EFFECT DURING THE YEAR.

STATE FAIR: THE COUNTY EXHIBIT AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR WAS EXECUTED BY THIS OFFICE AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

PLANT QUARANTINE: 8,655 PLANTS COMPRISING 193 SHIPMENTS FROM OUT OF STATE AND 10,536 PLANTS COMPRISING 41 SHIPMENTS FROM WITHIN THE STATE WERE INSPECTED AS TO PEST CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE PLANT QUARANTINE LAWS OF THIS STATE. ONE WALNUT TREE FROM MICHIGAN WAS INTERCEPTED AND DESTROYED AS IT WAS A HOST OF TWO WALNUT DISEASES NOT KNOWN TO OCCUR WEST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. ONE NECTARINE TREE FROM OHIO WAS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION FOR BEING A HOST OF PEACH VIRUS DISEASES FROM AN INFECTED AREA. THESE PEACH VIRUSES DO NOT OCCUR IN CALIFORNIA. FOUR SHIPMENTS OF PRIVET PLANTS FROM TENNESSEE WERE REJECTED AND DESTROYED AS HOSTS OF CITRUS WHITEFLY FROM AN INFESTED AREA.

EXCELLENT COOPERATION WAS RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE FROM THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES IN MUTUAL PROBLEMS: FARM ADVISOR, SOIL CONSERVATION, STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

THIS PHASE OF WORK IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THIS OFFICE AS EVERY PERSON IN HIS OR HER DAILY LIVING PURCHASES COMMODITIES WHOSE SALES ARE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WORK IS PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING ALL WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT FOR ACCURACY, AND TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW PERTAINING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THE BUYER OR THE SELLER COULD GAIN OR LOSE IN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INCORRECT WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR:

	<u>TOTAL TESTED</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>CORRECT AFTER ADJ.</u>	<u>OUT OF ORDER</u>
COUNTER SCALES	26	26		
SPRING SCALES	17	16		1
COMPUTING SCALES	107	102	2	3
PLATFORM SCALES	76	75		1
VEHICLE SCALES	2	2		
PERSON WEIGHERS	6	2	4	
CATTLE SCALES	28	20	3	5
MEAT BEAMS	6	5		1
WEIGHTS	257	257		
GAS TRUCK METERS	10	2	7	1
RETAIL GAS PUMPS	118	89	26	3
MILK TANKS	3	1	2	

## CROP SUMMARY

### (PLANT INDUSTRY)

APPLES: CROP GOOD. QUALITY, IN GENERAL, WAS GOOD, BUT FRUIT SIZE WAS BELOW AVERAGE DUE TO LACK OF MOISTURE DURING CRITICAL GROWING PERIOD. PRICE GOOD. ALL FRUIT GROWN IS SOLD LOCALLY.

ALMONDS: CROP AND PRICE GOOD.

WINE GRAPES: GRAPES CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST ACREAGE OF DECIDUOUS CROPS GROWN. PRODUCTION WAS NORMAL. COOL SUMMER DELAYED HARVEST AND WAS FAVORABLE TO MILDEW PROBLEMS. MOST OF CROP WAS SOLD TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES FOR HOME WINE MAKING WITH THE EXTRA TONNAGE GOING TO WINERIES. GRAPES ARE PRODUCED UNDER DRYLAND CONDITIONS AND HAVE EXCELLENT QUALITIES FOR THE MAKING OF DRY WINES AND ARE SOLD AT A PREMIUM PRICE.

PEACHES: SOME VARIETIES WERE FROSTED OUT. EXCEPTING FOR DRIED PEACHES, ALL OF PRODUCTION WAS CONSUMED LOCALLY.

PRUNES: GOOD CROP. SMALL FRUIT IN SOME AREAS. PRICE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN IN 1955.

WALNUTS: CROP ABOUT 85% OF NORMAL. SIZE AND QUALITY GOOD. PRICE DOWN FROM RECORD PRICE RECEIVED IN 1955. THERE IS A TREND TOWARDS PLANTING MORE WALNUTS AND THE MAIN VARIETIES PLANTED WERE LATE FRANQUETTE AND HARTLEY. NO SERIOUS INSECT OR DISEASE PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED. WALNUT HUSK FLY SURVEY REVEALED NEGATIVE FINDINGS.

VEGETABLES: COUNTY NOT ADAPTED TO VEGETABLE PRODUCTION UNLESS IRRIGATION IS ESTABLISHED. PRESENT PRODUCTION IS LIMITED TO SMALL ACREAGES OF DIVERSIFIED CROPS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

FIELD CROPS: THE STORY IS ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR 1955. IT IS UNECONOMICAL TO GROW SMALL ACREAGES OF GRAIN. FARMERS ARE FINDING THAT THEY CAN GET MORE VALUE OUT OF GROWING PASTURE CROPS AND RAISING ONLY GRAIN AS NEEDED TO FEED THEIR LIVESTOCK. FOR THE EXCEPTION OF WHEAT AND SUDAN FOR SEED, THERE WAS A REDUCED ACREAGE PLANTED TO OATS AND BARLEY. WHEAT AND BARLEY PRICES WERE ABOUT THE SAME IN 1956 AS IN 1955 AND THE PRICE OF OATS WAS DOWN.

THE SPOTTED ALFALFA APHID WAS FOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AMADOR COUNTY BY ROBERT PLAISTER, FARM ADVISOR. A JOINT SURVEY REVEALED THAT ALL FIELDS WERE INFESTED. GROWERS WERE KEPT ADVISED AS TO POPULATION BUILDUP OF THIS PEST AND TIMELY CUTTINGS PREVENTED ANY CROP LOSSES. TO DATE NO CHEMICAL CONTROL HAS BEEN NECESSARY. PARASITIC FUNGI, PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WERE RELEASED LAST FALL. GROWERS ARE BEING ADVISED TO PLANT LAHONTAN, A SPOTTED ALFALFA APHID RESISTANT VARIETY.

## CROP SUMMARY

### (ANIMAL INDUSTRY)

AMADOR COUNTY IS PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO RAISING LIVESTOCK; CONSEQUENTLY BETTER THAN 90% OF THE AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS DERIVED FROM THIS TYPE OF FARMING.

APIARY: THIS COUNTY IS NOT ADAPTED TO RAISING BEES COMMERCIALY. MOST OF THE INCOME FROM HONEY IS FROM TRANSIENT BEEKEEPERS WHO MOVE BEES INTO THE COUNTY FOR A FIVE OR SIX MONTH PERIOD DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER HONEY-FLOW.

DAIRYING: THE CONDITION OF THIS SEGMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAS THE SAME IN 1956 AS IT WAS DURING 1955. COSTS OF PRODUCTION ARE VERY NEAR THE PRICE RECEIVED FOR MILK. ABOUT 25% OF THE GRADE A MILK PRODUCED HAD TO BE SOLD AS GRADE B MILK BECAUSE IT WAS SURPLUS MILK AND COULD NOT BE UTILIZED WITH THE MARKET AREA. GRADE A AND GRADE B MILK PRICES WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS THEY WERE IN 1955.

POULTRY: PRODUCERS OF EGGS WERE A LITTLE BETTER OFF THAN MEAT BIRD GROWERS DURING 1956. MEAT BIRD PRODUCERS ABOUT BROKE EVEN AS THE WHOLESALE PRICE RECEIVED FOR MEAT BIRDS WAS THE SAME AS THE COST OF PRODUCTION. PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR MEAT BIRDS AND EGGS WERE BELOW 1955 PRICES. THERE WERE NO INCREASES IN THE PRODUCTION OF THESE TWO COMMODITIES DURING 1956.

SHEEP: PRODUCTION CONSTANT. PRICES RECEIVED FOR LAMBS WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN 1955 PRICES. BASE PRICE RECEIVED FOR WOOL WAS LOWER IN 1956 THAN IN 1955. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ECONOMICS, IN THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY OF THIS COUNTY, THE RAISING OF SHEEP IS THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT AT PRESENT.

HOGS: PRODUCTION SAME IN 1956 AS IN 1955. PRICE DOWN. OF THE TOTAL PIGS RAISED IN THE COUNTY FOR SALE, ABOUT 30% WERE FAT HOGS AND THE BALANCE WERE FEEDER AND WEANER PIGS.

BEEF CATTLE: THIS IS THE LARGEST FARMING ENTERPRISE IN THE COUNTY AND RETURNED TO THE FARMERS ABOUT 60-65% OF THE TOTAL AGRICULTURAL INCOME FOR 1956. PRICES RECEIVED FOR BEEF ANIMALS WERE DOWN SLIGHTLY BELOW 1955 RETURNS. HIGHER COSTS OF PRODUCTION, WITH NO COMPARABLE INCREASE IN RETURNS FOR ANIMALS SOLD, HAS PLACED THE CATTLEMAN IN A TOUGH ECONOMICAL SITUATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN CATTLE PRODUCTION DURING 1956. TWO FARMER FEED LOTS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN THE COUNTY THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE FARM ADVISOR. PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON THIS TYPE OF OPERATION "LOOK BRIGHT" AS FARMERS CAN FEED GRAIN OF THEIR OWN PRODUCTION AND SELL A FINISHED ANIMAL AT A HIGHER MARKET PRICE, THEREBY MAKING A BETTER MARGIN OF PROFIT PER ANIMAL.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1956

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>FRUIT &amp; NUT CROPS</u>				
APPLES	23	46 TONS	\$ 140.00	\$ 6,440.00
ALMONDS	5	3 TONS	750.00	2,250.00
GRAPES (WINE)	637	1572 TONS	58.00	91,176.00
PEACHES	18	32 TONS	68.00	2,176.00
PRUNES (DRY)	128	64 TONS	200.00	12,800.00
WALNUTS	191	57 TONS	500.00	28,500.00
MISC.	<u>23</u>	-----		<u>2,500.00</u>
	1,025			\$ 145,842.00
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Misc.	50			12,000.00
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
WHEAT	236	3,540 CWT.	3.25	\$ 11,505.00
BARLEY	82	984 CWT.	2.25	2,214.00
OATS	117	2,223 CWT.	2.50	5,557.00
SUDAN	100	1,500 CWT.	6.00	9,000.00
WHEAT	16	240 CWT.		* FED ON RANCHES
OATS	19	874 CWT.		" " "
BARLEY	97	1,164 CWT.		" " "
HAY (OATS, ETC.)	3,700	3,700 TONS		" " "
* IRRIGATED PASTURE	400			" " "
* RANGE PASTURE	265000			" " "
	<u>269,767</u>			<u>\$ 28,276.00</u>

\* SHOWN AS LIVESTOCK INCOME

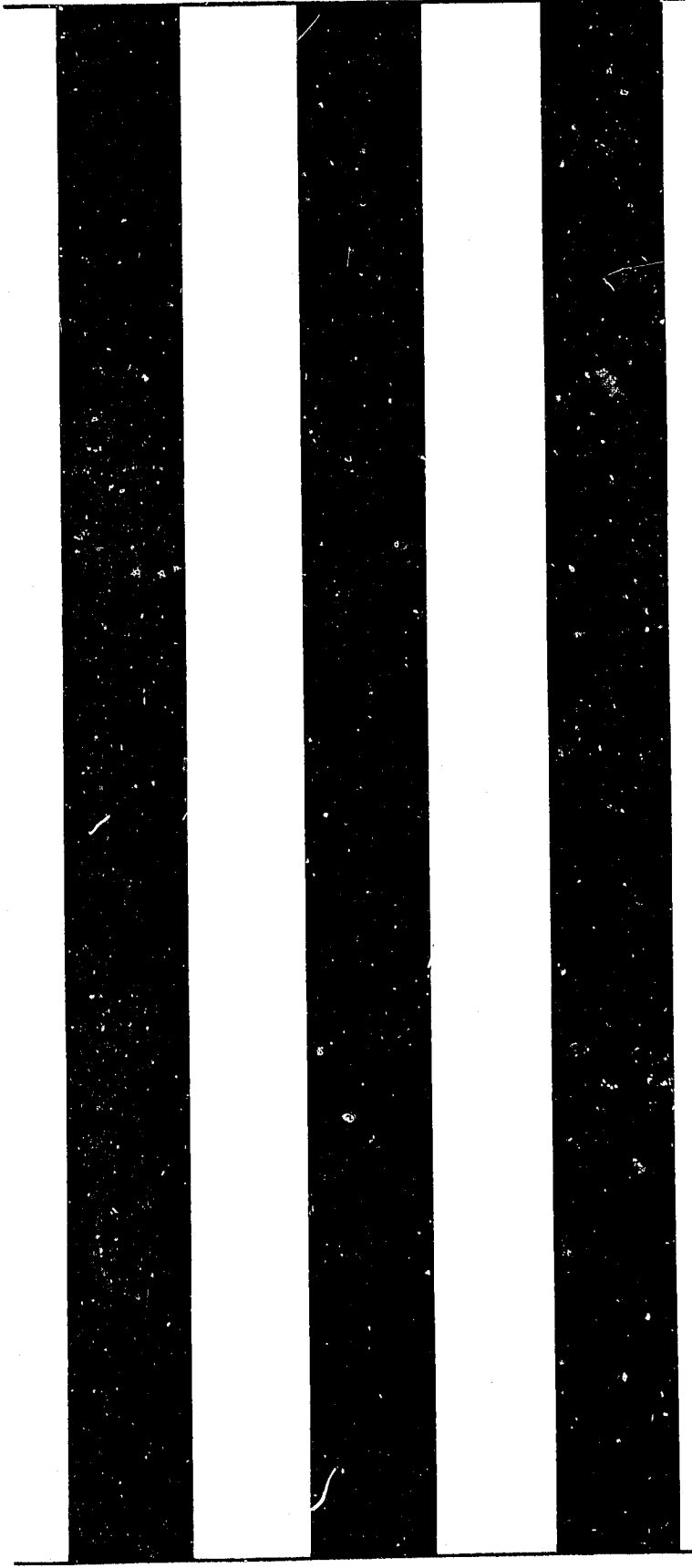
PRODUCT	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>APIARY</u>			
HONEY	35,000 LBS.	\$ .12	\$ 4,200.00
<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>			
MILK FAT	75,000 LBS. GRADE A	1.02	76,500.00
	75,000 LBS. GRADE B	.82	61,500.00
			<u>138,000.00</u>
<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>			
EGGS	393,000 DOZENS	.40	157,200.00
FRYERS	180,000 BIRDS	.60	108,000.00
HENS (CULL OUTS)	7,860 HENS	.52	4,087.00
TURKEYS	800 BIRDS	6.00	4,800.00
MISC. (RABBITS, ETC.)			<u>2,000.00</u>
			276,087.00
<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u>			
HOGS & FEEDER PIGS	1,563 HEAD	14.50	22,663.00
BEEF CALVES	8,500 HEAD	85.00	722,500.00
STEERS	1,500 HEAD	170.00	255,000.00
COWS	1,875 HEAD	90.00	168,750.00
BULLS	150 HEAD	210.00	31,500.00
FEEDER CATTLE	3,000 HEAD	38.00	114,000.00
PUREBRED STOCK	50 HEAD	225.00	11,250.00
DAIRY CATTLE	150 HEAD	90.00	13,500.00
CALVES & VEALERS	250 HEAD	28.00	7,000.00
SHEEP & LAMBS	6,500 HEAD	15.00	97,500.00
WOOL & MOHAIR	57,400 HEAD	.4542	26,073.00
KID GOATS	500 HEAD	6.00	<u>3,000.00</u>
			1,472,736.00
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY	- - - - -	- - -	186,118.00
TOTAL ANIMAL INDUSTRY	- - - - -	- - -	<u>1,891,023.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	- - - - -	- - - \$	2,077,141.00

RECAPITULATION

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1949	-----	2,358,153.00
1950	-----	2,713,765.00
1951	-----	3,960,864.00
1952	-----	2,948,328.00
1953	-----	1,987,049.00
1954	-----	2,355,499.00
1955	-----	2,342,185.00
1956	-----	2,077,141.00

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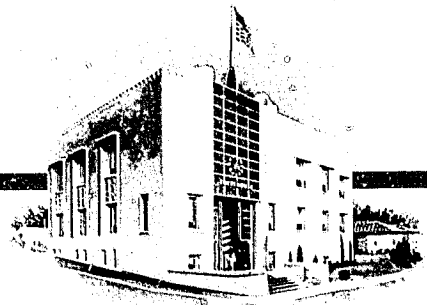
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LELAND BROWN  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
COUNTY SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
P. O. BOX 74

JACKSON, CALIFORNIA



April 18, 1958

The Honorable W.C. Jacobsen, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Amador County

Gentlemen:

The enclosed report is a compilation of the acreage and the estimated production and value of agricultural products of Amador County for 1957 as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

These values represent the gross F.O.B. price which includes all cost of production and is not intended to show the net profit to the farmer.

The 1957 income from the sale of agricultural products was \$2,119,784. This is an increase of \$42,643 over the income for 1956. However, the majority of this increase is attributed to our placing a value on hay and grain fed on the producing ranches. Government subsidy payments are not included as farm income.

I wish to thank the many individuals who cooperated in making this report possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leland Brown".

Leland Brown  
Agricultural Commissioner

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Amador county is located on the Eastern slope of the Sacramento Valley in the Sierra foothills; it ranges from an elevation of 200 feet at Ione to 8,500 feet at Carson Pass. Its rolling hills are primarily used for the production of lumber and cattle. The Shenandoah Valley produces much of the sheep, grapes, and deciduous tree crops, wine and some grain. The balance of the grain and nearly all of the milk are produced in the Ione and Jackson Valley areas. An increase in agricultural production is anticipated in the Jackson Valley because of the newly-formed irrigation district.

The famed clay, silica sand and lignite deposits are located in the Ione area. Progressing up the foothills, one encounters the historic "Mother Lode Belt" on which are located the towns of Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador City, Drytown and Plymouth. This area is known for its history as one of the richest gold-producing spots in the world.

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The livelihood of the county from the standpoint of employment is derived from the following classifications of work in order of their importance: public work, (Federal, State and County employment), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, and mining.

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION - 1956

Land area (acres)	- 380,160	Pasture land	- 257,901 acres
Acres in farms	- 294,402	Cultivated crops	- 2,020 acres
Farms	372	Commercial forest	- 119,000 acres

### ESTIMATED INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

Hydro-electric power	- \$15,000,000.00	Agriculture	- \$2,119,784.00
Lumbering (wholesale)	9,120,000.00	Mining	- 1,500,000.00

## POULTRY PRODUCTION

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Eggs	371.700 dozen	\$ .38	\$ 141,246.00
Fryers	228,300 birds	.70	159,810.00
Hens (cull outs)	6,195 birds	.59	3,655.00
Turkeys	1,000 birds	3.80	3,800.00
Miscellaneous (rabbits, etc.)			<u>2,000.00</u>
			\$ 310,511.00

## DAIRY PRODUCTIONS

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Milk Fat			
Market	82,000 lbs.	\$ 1.27	\$ 104,000.00
Manufacturing	46,000 lbs.	.87	40,000.00
Cows	90 head	120.00	10,800.00
Calves	250 head	17.00	<u>4,250.00</u>
			\$ 159,050.00

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Bulls (cull)	150 head	\$ 240.00	\$ <del>36,000.00</del>
Calves (beef)	7,500 head	90.00	675,000.00
Cows (salvage)	1,875 head	130.00	243,750.00
Feeder cattle	3,500 head	45.00	157,500.00
Purebred stock	60 head	340.00	20,400.00
Steers	625 head	220.00	137,500.00
Hogs & feeders	1,531 head	18.05	27,635.00
Sheep & lambs	5,954 head	15.90	94,668.00
Wool & mohair	58,640 lbs.	.685	40,268.00
Kid goats	500 head	7.20	<u>3,600.00</u>
			\$ 1,436,321.00

### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Bearing Acreage	Productions Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Apples	23	23 ton	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,990.00
Grapes (wine)	637	1131. ton	64.00	72,384.00
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Prunes	128	68½ ton	200.00	13,700.00
Walnuts	191	46½ ton	500.00	23,250.00
Miscellaneous	23			<u>3,710.00</u>
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### FIELD CROPS

Crop	Acreage	Productions Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Barley	143	1,716 cwt.	\$ 2.06	\$ 3,535.00
Oats	326	5,705 cwt.	2.10	11,980.00
Sudan	185	925 cwt.	3.50	3,238.00
Wheat	151	2,039 cwt.	3.55	7,238.00
Hay (all)	2,500	2,500 ton	18.50	<u>46,250.00</u>
				\$ 80,241.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Honey	35,000 lbs.	\$ .107	\$ 3,852.00
Vegetables			<u>11,500.00</u>
			15,352.00

Total Plant Industry .....\$ 210,050.

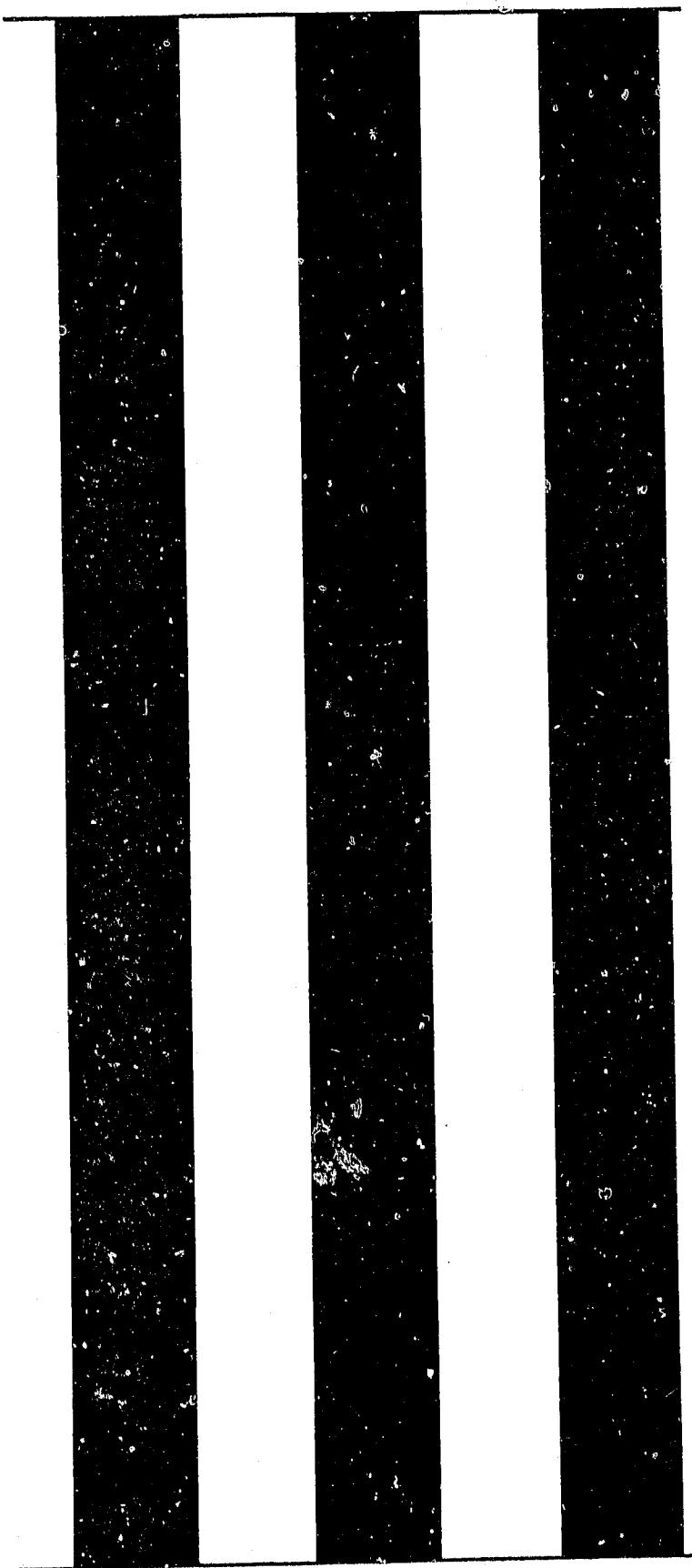
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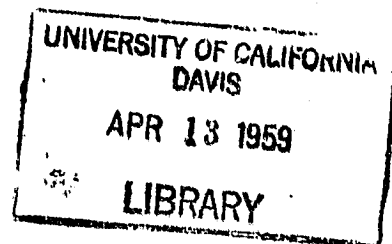


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**AMADOR COUNTY**, Agric. Comm.,

ANNUAL CROP AND  
LIVESTOCK REPORT



**Agricultural Commissioner**

P. O. Box 74

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March 31, 1959

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and  
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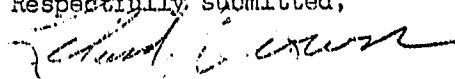
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The 1958 value of agricultural production was \$2,548,917. This is an increase of \$429,133 over the income for 1957. All major categories showed an increase except poultry, which declined almost \$39,000. The beef cattle industry had the largest gain with nearly \$341,000 over 1957. A considerable increase in field crop productions is resulting from the newly formed Jackson Valley Irrigation District.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Leland Brown  
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The livelihood of the county from the standpoint of employment is derived from the following classifications of work: public work (Federal, State and County employment), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, mining and small businesses.

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Land area	380,000 acres	Private forests	124,823 acres
Cultivated crops	3,733 acres	Federal land	77,170 acres
Pasture & range	164,479 acres	Farms	372

### ESTIMATED INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

Hydro-electric power-	\$15,000,000.	Agriculture-	\$2,548,917.
Lumbering-	10,000,000.	Mining-	1,500,000.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION

Item	Year	Productions (100 lbs.)	Value	
			Per cwt.	Total
Cattle & Calves (All)	1958	69,761 cwt.	\$ 23.92	\$ 1,668,683.
	1957	71,225 cwt.	18.04	1,285,117.
Bulls (cull)	1958	2,250 cwt.	20.00	45,000.
	1957	2,250 cwt.	16.00	36,000.
Calves (beef)	1958	33,975 cwt.	28.00	951,300.
	1957	33,750 cwt.	20.00	675,000.
Calves (dairy)	1958	486 cwt.	26.00	12,636.
	1957	225 cwt.	18.88	4,250.
Cows (beef & dairy)	1958	18,900 cwt.	16.00	302,400.
	1957	19,650 cwt.	12.95	254,467.
Feeder Cattle	1958	6,600 cwt.	25.00	165,000.
	1957	7,875 cwt.	20.00	157,500.
Purebred breeding stock	1958	40 head	350.00	14,000.
	1957	60 head	340.00	20,400.
Steers	1958	7,150 cwt.	25.00	178,750.
	1957	6,875 cwt.	20.00	137,500.
Hogs & Feeders	1958	1,483 cwt.	22.43	33,264.
	1957	1,410 cwt.	19.60	27,637.
Ewes	1958	965 cwt.	4.00	3,860.
	1957	777 cwt.	2.50	1,942.
Lambs	1958	4,620 cwt.	20.50	94,710.
	1957	4,647 cwt.	20.00	92,940.
Kid Goats	1958	188 cwt.	22.50	4,230.
	1957	200 cwt.	18.00	3,600.
Broilers & Fryers	1958	7,232 cwt.	17.30	125,113.
	1957	7,990 cwt.	20.00	159,800.
Other Chickens	1958	264 cwt.	13.00	3,432.
	1957	279 cwt.	13.00	3,627.
Miscellaneous (Rabbits, etc.)	1958			2,000.
	1957			2,000.
TOTALS	1958			\$ 1,935,292.
	1957			1,580,368.

# PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Value	
		Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total
Milk, cow- all	1958	pounds	120,000	\$ 1.19	\$ 143,343.
	1957	pounds	128,000	1.125	144,000.
Market	1958	pounds	83,000	1.36	113,000.
	1957	pounds	82,000	1.27	104,000.
Manufacturing	1958	pounds	37,000	.82	30,340.
	1957	pounds	46,000	.87	40,000.
Wool & Mohair	1958	pounds	61,370	.463*	28,414*
	1957	pounds	58,640	.685*	40,268*
Eggs, Chicken	1958	Dozen	352,530	.40	141,012.
	1957	Dozen	371,700	.38	141,246.
TOTALS	1958				\$ 312,769.
	1957				325,514.

\* Government subsidy included in 1957- not in 1958

# FRUIT AND NUT CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Productions (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
Apples	1958	31	1	31	\$ 140.	\$ 4,340.
	1957	23	1	23	130.	2,990.
Grapes, wine	1958	632	2.1	1327	76.	100,852.
	1957	637	1.77	1131	64.	72,384.
Prunes	1958	128	.45	57.6	350.	20,160.
	1957	128	.53	68.5	200.	13,700.
Walnuts	1958	197	.52	102.4	410.	41,984.
	1957	191	.24	46.5	500.	23,250.
Miscellaneous (chestnuts, olives, filberts, berries, etc.)	1958	23				3,900.
	1957	23				3,710.
TOTALS	1958	1,011				\$ 171,236.
	1957	1,020				118,309.

# FIELD CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTIONS AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Productions (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
Barley	1958	109	.83	90.8	45.00	\$ 4,086.
	1957	143	.60	85.8	41.20	3,535.
Corn, Silage	1958	155	9.6	1488.	8.00	11,904.
	1957	not listed	.			
Corn & Milo (grain)	1958	196	1.3	255.	49.00	12,495.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Alfalfa	1958	238	2.3	547.	24.00	13,128.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Oat & Vetch	1958	865	1.5	1298.	21.50	27,907.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Sudan	1958	95	2.5	238.	21.50	5,117.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, other	1958	400	1.5	600.	20.00	12,000.
	1957	not listed				
Oats	1958	135	.80	108.	45.00	4,860.
	1957	326	.87	285.	42.03	11,980.
Pasture Sudan	1958	305			29.30*	8,950.
	1957	not listed				
Sudan	1958	34	.58	19.8	120.00	2,376.
	1957	185	.25	46.	70.00	3,238.
Wheat	1958	190	.73	139.	64.00	8,896.
	1957	151	.67	101.	71.66	7,238.
TOTALS	1958	2,722				\$ 111,719.
	1957					80,241.

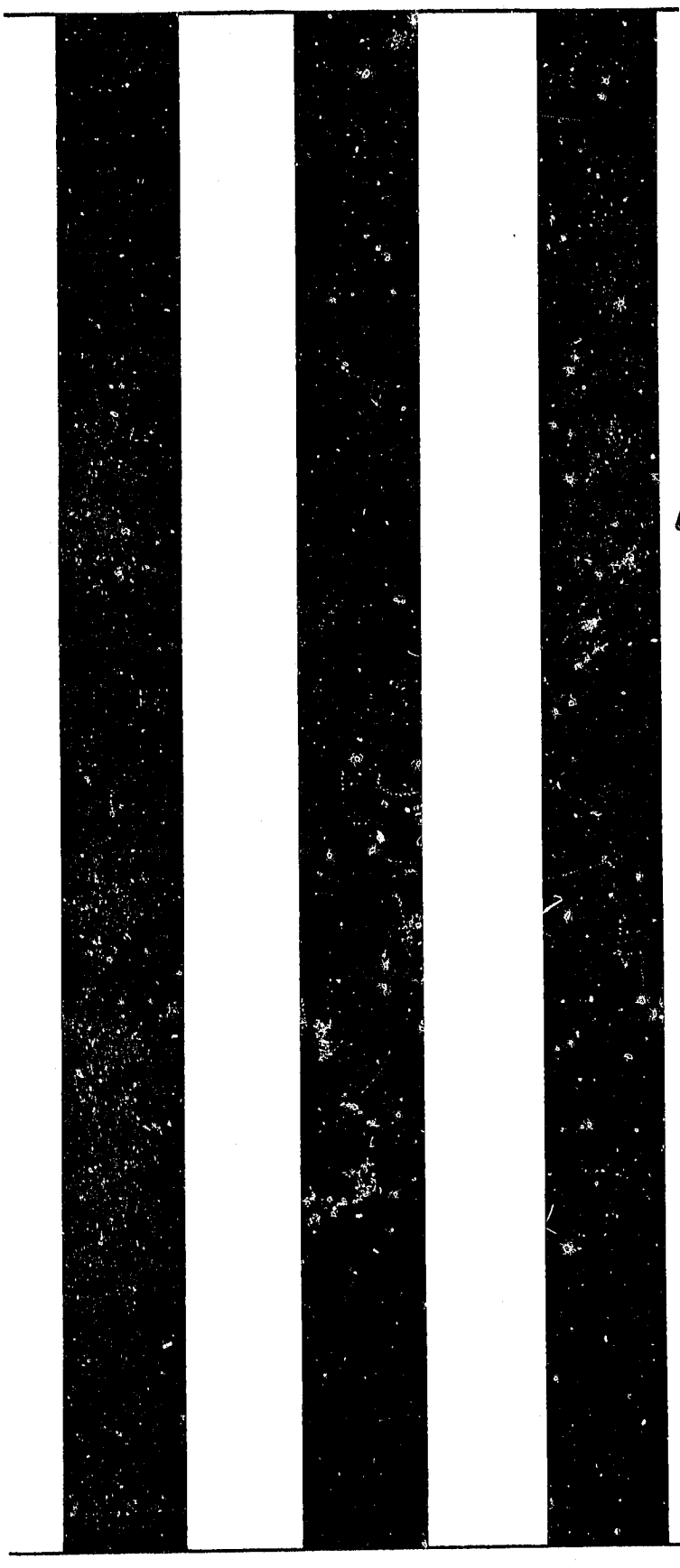
\* Value per acre

# MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Total Units	Unit Value	Total
Vegetables			
Onions	4.5 ton		
Tomatoes	12.8 ton		
Melons	14 ton		
Other	68 ton		\$ 14,931.
Honey	33,000 lbs.	\$ .09	\$ 2,970.
TOTALS	1958		17,901.
	1957		15,352.

# RECAPITULATION

Field Crops	.....2,722 acres	\$ 111,719.
Fruit & Nut Crops	.....1,011 acres	171,236.
Livestock & Poultry	..... 84,513 cwt.	1,935,292.
Livestock & Poultry		
Products	.....	312,769.
Miscellaneous	.....	17,901.
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 2,548,917.
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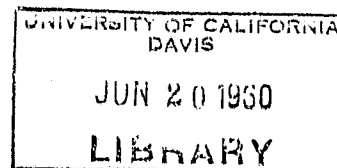
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**AMADOR COUNTY**, *Agric. County*

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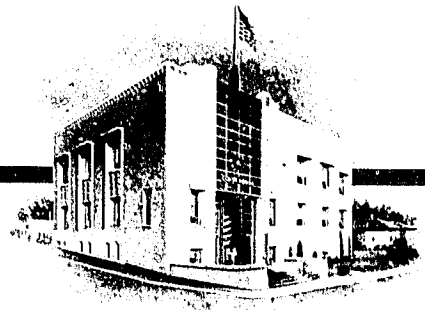
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April 20, 1960

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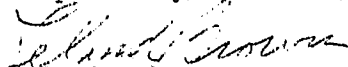
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Land area	380,000 acres	Private forests	124,283 acres
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Cultivated crops	<del>3</del> 733 acres	Federal land	77,170 acres
Pasture & range	164,479 acres	Farms	372 acres

AMADOR COUNTY  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
1958- 1959

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight (Cwt.)		Per Unit	Total.
Cattle & Calves (All)	1959	11,045	62,305	Cwt.	\$22.85	\$1,424,052
	1958	14,005	69,761	Cwt.	23.92	1,668,086
Breeding Stock	1959	35	525	Head	370.00	12,950
	1958	40	700	Head	350.00	14,000
Bulls (Cull)	1959	155	2,325	Cwt.	19.00	44,175
	1958	150	2,250	Cwt.	20.00	45,000
Calves (Beef and Dairy)	1959	8,225	34,115	Cwt.	27.30	931,339
	1958	8,315	34,461	Cwt.	27.97	963,936
Cows (Beef and Dairy)	1959	1,990	19,900	Cwt.	15.00	298,500
	1958	1,890	18,900	Cwt.	16.00	302,400
Steers	1959	640	5,440	Cwt.	25.20	137,088
	1958	650	7,150	Cwt.	25.00	178,750
Chickens (All)	1959	228,467	7,848	Cwt.	15.80	124,017
	1958	223,050	7,496	Cwt.	17.15	128,545
Broilers & Fryers	1959	221,150	7,519	Cwt.	16.10	121,056
	1958	217,175	7,232	Cwt.	17.30	125,113
Hens and Roosters	1959	7,317	329	Cwt.	9.00	2,961
	1958	5,875	264	Cwt.	13.00	3,432
Hogs & Feeders	1959	1,247	1,372	Cwt.	15.30	20,992
	1958	1,348	1,483	Cwt.	22.43	33,264
Sheep & Lambs (All)	1959	5,591	4,914	Cwt.	17.46	85,776
	1958	6,508	5,773	Cwt.	17.81	102,800
Ewes	1959	510	816	Cwt.	3.12	2,546
	1958	603	965	Cwt.	4.00	3,860
Goats (Kid)	1959	490	196	Cwt.	21.50	4,214
	1958	470	188	Cwt.	22.50	4,230
Lambs	1959	4,591	3,902	Cwt.	20.25	79,016
	1958	5,435	4,620	Cwt.	20.50	94,710
Miscellaneous (Rabbits, etc.)	1959					2,000
	1958					2,000
TOTALS	1959					\$1,656,841
	1958					1,934,695

AMADOR COUNTY  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS; PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
1958-1959

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Cow All	1959	34,020	Cwt.	4.34	\$ 147,786
	1958	32,830	Cwt.	4.38	143,904
Market	1959	24,660	Cwt.	4.71	116,149
	1958	24,180	Cwt.	4.71	113,888
Manufacturing	1959	9,360	Cwt.	3.38	31,637
	1958	8,650	Cwt.	3.47	30,016
Eggs-Chicken	1959	437,238	Doz.	.337	147,349
	1958	352,530	Doz.	.40	141,012
Wool and Mohair	1959	50,678	Lbs.	.54	27,366
	1958	61,370	Lbs.	.463	28,414
TOTALS		1959			\$ 322,715
		1958			312,769

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Productions (tons)		Value	
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Apples	1959	28	1.5	42	\$100.	\$ 4,200
	1958	31	1	31	110.	4,340
Grapes, Wine	1959	644	1.3	1159.	76.	88,084
	1958	632	2.1	1327	76.	100,852
Prunes	1959	128	.48	61.4	310.	19,034
	1958	128	.45	57.6	350.	20,160
Walnuts	1959	202	.44	88.2	430.	37,926
	1958	197	.52	102.4	410.	41,984
Miscellaneous chestnuts, olives, filberts, peaches etc.	1959	49				11,460
	1958	23				3,900
TOTALS		1959	1,051			\$ 160,719
		1958	1,011			171,236

AMADOR COUNTY  
FIELD CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
1958-1959

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1959	320	.92	294.4	Ton	\$ 42.	\$ 12,365
	1958	109	.83	90.8	Ton	45.	4,086
Beans and Tomatoes	1959	323					55,630
	1958	None					
Corn, Silage	1959	98	7.9	774	Ton	7.50	5,805
	1958	155	9.6	1488	Ton	8.00	11,904
Hay, Alfalfa	1959	410	3.1	1271	Ton	24.75	31,457
	1958	238	2.3	547	Ton	24.00	13,128
Hay, Grain	1959	1,311	1.6	2098	Ton	21.75	45,632
	1958	960	1.6	1536	Ton	21.50	33,024
Hay, Other	1959	380	1.2	456	Ton	20.00	9,120
	1958	400	1.5	600	Ton	20.00	12,000
Oats	1959	50	.76	38	Ton	46.00	1,748
	1958	135	.8	108	Ton	45.00	4,860
Pasture, Irrigated	1959	421			Acre	53.00	22,313
	1958	Not listed					
Pasture (Dry) & Range	1959	164,479			Acre	1.90	312,510
	1958	Not listed					
Sorghum, Grain	1959	235	1.9	446.5	Ton	41.00	18,307
	1958	126	1.5	189	Ton	47.00	8,883
Wheat	1959	87	1.2	104	Ton	58.00	6,032
	1958	190	.73	139	Ton	64.00	8,896
TOTALS							
	1959						\$520,919
	1958						111,719

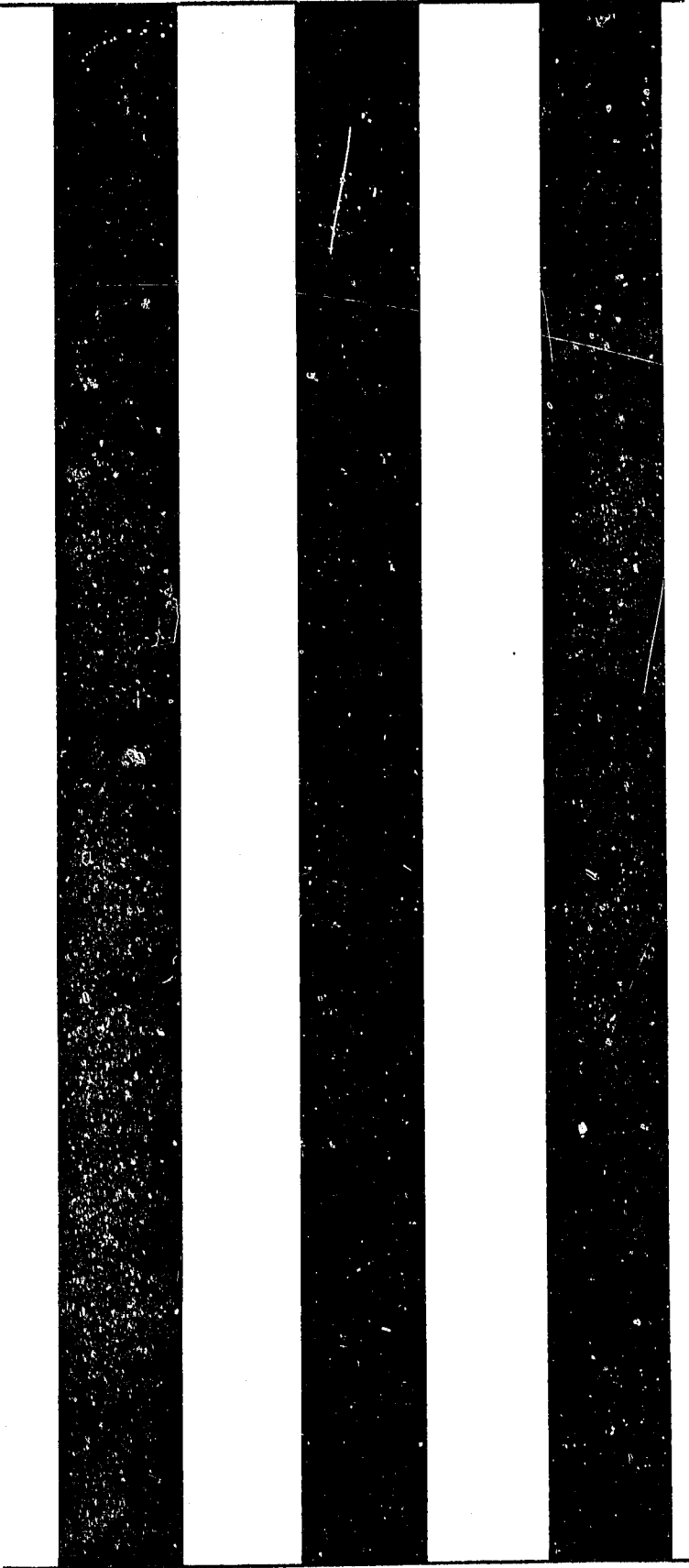
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AMADOR COUNTY  
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
1958-1959

Item	Production	Unit	Value	
			Per Unit	Total
Honey	16,000	lbs.	.10	\$ 1,600.
Vegetables (All)	140.5	Ton	87.36	12,331.
Berries	1.8	Ton	650.	1,170.
Melons	21.6	Ton	70.	1,512.
Onions (Dry)	6.11	Ton	24.	147.
Tomatoes	14.03	Ton	55.	772.
Other	97.	Ton	90.	8,730.
TOTAL				\$ 13,931.

RECAPITULATION

Field Crops . . . . .	168,114 acres	. \$.	520,919
Fruit & Nut Crops . . . . .	1,051 acres		160,719
Livestock & Poultry . . . . .	76,439 cwt.		1,656,841
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Miscellaneous . . . . .			<u>13,931</u>
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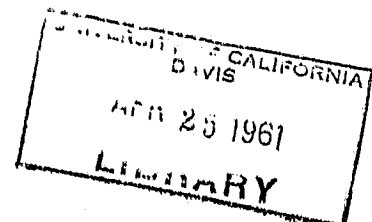
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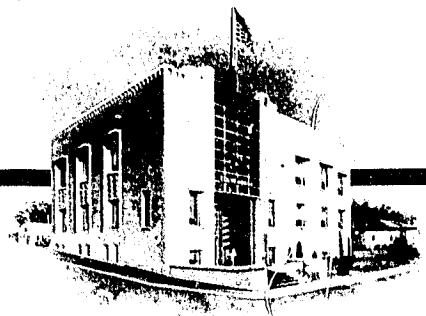
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AMADOR COUNTY  
1959-1960

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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Cattle & Calves (all)	1960	9,720	60,000	Cwt.	21.20	\$1,272,000
	1959	11,045	62,305	Cwt.	22.83	1,422,339
Calves (beef and dairy)	1960	6,770	30,400	Cwt.	24.00	730,000
	1959	8,225	34,115	Cwt.	27.30	931,339
Other	1960	2,950	29,600	Cwt.	18.30	542,000
	1959	2,820	28,200	Cwt.	17.40	491,000
Chickens (all)	1960	171,300	5,789	Cwt.	16.97	98,260
	1959	228,467	7,848	Cwt.	15.80	124,017
Broilers & Fryers	1960	160,000	5,280	Cwt.	17.00	89,800
	1959	221,150	7,519	Cwt.	16.10	121,056
Hens & Roosters	1960	18,800	846	Cwt.	10.00	8,460
	1959	7,317	329	Cwt.	9.00	2,961
Hogs & Feeders	1960	1,378	1,258	Cwt.	17.00	21,400
	1959	1,247	1,372	Cwt.	15.30	20,992
Sheep & Lambs (All)	1960	5,804	4,858	Cwt.	17.57	85,350
	1959	5,591	4,914	Cwt.	17.46	85,746
Ewes	1960	484	774	Cwt.	3.50	2,710
	1959	510	816	Cwt.	3.12	2,546
Goats (Angora)	1960	960	384	Head	9.00	8,640
	1959	490	196	Head	8.60	4,200
Lambs	1960	4,360	3,700	Cwt.	20.00	74,000
	1959	4,591	3,902	Cwt.	20.25	79,000
Miscellaneous Turkeys, rabbits etc.	1960					8,000
	1959					2,000
TOTALS	1960					\$1,485,010
	1959					1,655,094

AMADOR COUNTY  
1959-1960

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Cow (all)	1960	32,032	Cwt.	\$ 4.25	\$ 136,000
	1959	34,455	Cwt.	4.38	151,000
Market	1960	21,292	Cwt.	4.72	100,000
	1959	24,644	Cwt.	4.80	118,000
Manufacturing	1960	10,740	Cwt.	3.35	36,000
	1959	9,811	Cwt.	3.38	33,000
Eggs, Chicken	1960	424,000	Doz.	.354	150,000
	1959	437,238	Doz.	.337	147,000
Mohair	1960	96	Cwt.	67.20	6,450
	1959	100	Cwt.	75.00	7,500
Wool	1960	408	Cwt.	47.05	19,200
	1959	407	Cwt.	48.90	19,900
TOTALS	1960				\$ 311,650
	1959				325,400

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Productions (tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
Apples	1960	34	.29	9.9	\$160.	\$ 1,580
	1959	28	1.5	42	100.	4,200
Grapes, wine	1960	572	1.7	972	75.	72,900
	1959	644	1.8	1159	76.	88,100
Peaches (dried)	1960	10	.29	2.9	360.	1,040
	1959	not listed				
Prunes	1960	105	.65	68.3	340.	23,200
	1959	128	.48	61.4	310.	19,000
Walnuts	1960	221	.27	59.7	490.	29,300
	1959	202	.44	88.1	430.	37,900
Miscellaneous chestnuts, olives, filberts, etc.	1960	44				10,400
	1959	49				11,460
TOTALS	1960	986				\$138,420
	1959	1,051				160,660

AMADOR COUNTY  
1959-1960

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1960	335	1.21	405	Ton	\$39.50	16,000
	1959	320	.92	294	Ton	42.00	12,300
Beans, (dry)	1960	348	.81	282	Ton	149.00	42,000
	1959	213	.69	148	Ton	280.00	41,400
Corn, Silage	1960	108	8.4	907	Ton	7.50	6,800
	1959	98	7.9	774	Ton	7.50	5,800
Hay, Alfalfa	1960	387	3.4	1,320	Ton	24.00	31,700
	1959	410	3.1	1,270	Ton	24.80	31,500
Hay, Grain	1960	1,150	1.8	2,070	Ton	21.00	43,500
	1959	1,310	1.6	2,100	Ton	21.80	45,800
Hay, Other	1960	769	1.6	1,230	Ton	20.00	24,600
	1959	380	1.2	456	Ton	20.00	9,120
Oats	1960	181	.69	125	Ton	50.60	6,330
	1959	50	.76	38	Ton	46.00	1,750
Pasture, Irrigated	1960	902			Acre	45.70	41,200
	1959	421			Acre	53.00	22,300
Pasture & Range (dry)	1960	165,000			Acre	1.86	307,000
	1959	165,000			Acre	1.89	312,000
Sorghum, Grain	1960	365	1.9	694	Ton	38.80	27,000
	1959	235	1.9	447	Ton	41.00	18,300
Wheat	1960	132	.89	117	Ton	60.00	7,020
	1959	87	1.2	104	Ton	58.00	6,000
TOTALS	1960	169,677					\$553,150
	1959	168,524					520,500

AMADOR COUNTY  
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
1959-1960

Item	Year	Acreage	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Honey	1960		17,000	Lbs.	.10	\$1,700
	1959		16,000	Lbs.	.10	1,600
Vegetables (Fresh)	1960	44	220	Ton	77.	17,000
	1959	42	141	Ton	87.	12,300
TOTALS	1960					18,700
	1959					\$13,900

RECAPITULATION

Field Crops . . . . .	169,677 acres . . . . .	\$ 553,150.
Fruit & Nut Crops . . . . .	986 acres . . . . .	138,420.
Livestock & Poultry . . . . .	71,905 cwt. . . . .	1,485,010.
Livestock & Poultry Products . . . . .		311,650.
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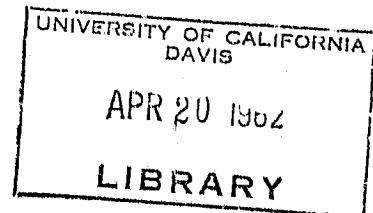
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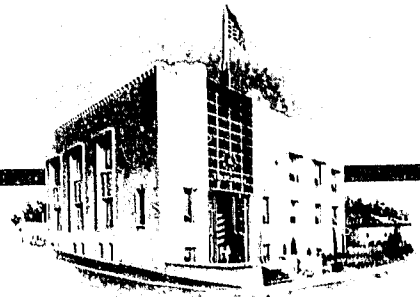
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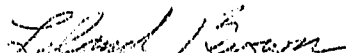
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1960-1961

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves (all)	1961	9,090	56,600	Cwt.	20.39	\$1,154,000
	1960	9,720	60,000	Cwt.	21.20	1,272,000
Calves	1961	6,420	29,800	Cwt.	23.90	712,000
	1960	6,770	30,400	Cwt.	24.00	730,000
Other	1961	2,670	26,800	Cwt.	16.50	442,000
	1960	2,950	29,600	Cwt.	18.30	542,000
Chickens (all)	1961	221,900	8,167	Cwt.	14.70	120,000
	1960	178,800	6,126	Cwt.	16.04	98,200
Broilers & Fryers	1961	204,000	7,560	Cwt.	15.80	116,000
	1960	160,000	5,280	Cwt.	17.00	80,800
Other Chickens	1961	17,900	807	Cwt.	5.00	4,000
	1960	18,800	846	Cwt.	10.00	8,400
Hogs & Pigs	1961	1,320	2,000	Cwt.	19.00	38,000
	1960	1,380	1,260	Cwt.	17.00	21,400
Sheep & Lambs	1961	4,480	4,280	Cwt.	13.50	57,800
	1960	4,844	4,474	Cwt.	17.15	76,750
Goats (Angora)	1961	1,000		Head	9.20	9,200
	1960	960		Head	9.00	8,640
Miscellaneous	1961					17,000
	1960					8,000
TOTALS	1961					\$1,396,000
	1960					1,485,030

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Cow (all)	1961	28,700	Cwt.	\$ 4.49	\$ 128,900
	1960	32,400	Cwt.	4.27	138,300
Market	1961	24,000	Cwt.	4.69	113,000
	1960	21,800	Cwt.	4.74	103,000
Manufacturing	1961	4,680	Cwt.	3.40	15,900
	1960	10,600	Cwt.	3.33	35,300
Eggs, Chicken	1961	599,000	Doz	.336	201,000
	1960	424,000	Doz	.354	150,000
Mohair	1961	73.2	Cwt.	74.50	5,450
	1960	96	Cwt.	67.20	6,450
Wool	1961	388	Cwt.	45.40	17,600
	1960	408	Cwt.	47.10	19,200
TOTALS	1961				\$ 352,950
	1960				313,950

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Value	
			per acre	total	per ton	total
Apples	1961	34	.50	17.	\$110.00	\$ 1,870
	1960	34	.29	9.9	160.00	1,580
Grapes, Wine	1961	573	1.07	613.	105.00	64,400
	1960	572	1.7	972	75.00	72,900
Prunes	1961	105	.62	65.1	280.00	18,200
	1960	105	.65	68.2	340.00	23,200
Walnuts	1961	221	.135	29.8	450.00	13,400
	1960	221	.27	59.7	491.00	29,300
Miscellaneous (almonds-olives chestnuts-peaches filberts)	1961	42				10,000
	1960	54				11,440
TOTALS	1961	975				\$107,870
	1960	986				138,420

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1961	645	1.0	645	Ton	\$ 42.00	\$ 27,100
	1960	335	1.21	405	Ton	39.50	16,000
Beans (dry)	1961	250	1.0	250	Ton	167.00	41,700
	1960	348	.81	282	Ton	149.00	42,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1961	373	2.64	985	Ton	20.50	20,200
	1960	387	3.4	1,320	Ton	24.00	31,700
Grain	1961	1,260	1.7	2,140	Ton	18.50	39,600
	1960	1,150	1.8	2,070	Ton	21.00	43,500
Other	1961	1,050	1.57	1,650	Ton	16.10	26,600
	1960	769	1.6	1,230	Ton	20.00	24,600
Oats	1961	454	.857	389	Ton	45.00	17,500
	1960	181	.69	125	Ton	50.60	6,320
Pasture, Irrigated	1961	719			Acre	45.20	32,500
	1960	902			Acre	45.70	41,200
Pasture Range	1961	165,030			Acre	1.87	309,000
	1960	165,000			Acre	1.86	307,000
Silage, Corn	1961	112	7.45	834	Ton	7.00	5,840
	1960	108	8.4	907	Ton	7.50	6,800
Sorghum, Grain	1961						
	1960	365	1.9	694	Ton	38.80	26,900
Wheat	1961	120	1.02	122	Ton	63.90	7,800
	1960	132	.89	117	Ton	60.00	7,020
Miscellaneous (tomatoes- sudan seed, etc.)	1961	61					13,800
TOTALS	1961						\$541,640
	1960						553,040


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MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Honey	1961		16,500	lbs.	.11	\$ 1,810
	1960		17,000	lbs	.10	1,700
Vegetables (fresh)	1961	35	198	ton		16,600
	1960	44	220	ton		17,000
TOTALS	1961					\$ 18,410
	1960					18,700

RECAPITULATION

Field Crops.....	170,044 Acres.....	\$ 541,640
Fruit & Nut Crops.....	975 Acres.....	107,870
Livestock & Poultry.....		1,396,000
Livestock & Poultry Products.....		352,950
Miscellaneous.....		18,410
GRAND TOTAL.....		\$ 2,416,870
1948.....	\$ 2,274,698	
1949.....	2,358,153	
1950.....	2,713,765	
1951.....	3,960,864	
1952.....	2,948,328	
1953.....	1,987,049	
1954.....	2,355,499	
1955.....	2,342,185	
1956.....	2,077,141	
1957.....	2,119,784	
1958.....	2,548,917	
1959.....	2,675,125	
1960.....	2,509,120	
1961.....	2,416,870	

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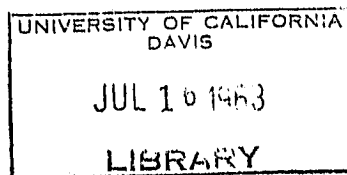


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## ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT



### **Agricultural Commissioner**

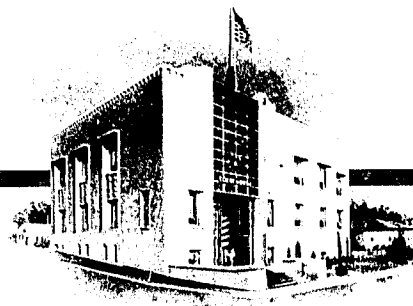
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May 16, 1963

The Honorable Charles Paul, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of  
Amador County

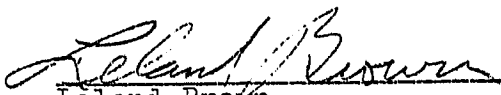
Gentlemen:

The enclosed report is a compilation of the estimated  
acreage, production and value of agricultural products in  
Amador County for 1962.

The figures shown represent gross value of production and  
are not intended to reflect net income to the growers.

I wish to thank the many individuals who cooperated in  
making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Leland Brown  
Agricultural Commissioner

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AMADOR COUNTY  
GENERAL INFORMATION

Amador County is located on the eastern slope of the Sacramento Valley in the Sierra Nevada foothills; it ranges from an elevation of 200 feet at Ione to 8500 feet at the Kit Carson Pass. Its rolling hills are primarily used for the production of lumber and cattle. The Shenandoah Valley produces much of the sheep, grapes and deciduous tree crops, wine and some field crops. The balance of the field crops and nearly all of the milk are produced in the Ione and Jackson Valley areas.

Pardee Reservoir Recreation Area in addition to the famed clay, silica sand and lignite deposits is located in the Ione area. To be located in the southwest portion of the County will be the Camanche Dam Recreational Area, a three county recreational facility. Expected to be completed in 1963, the \$33 million 155 foot high earthfilled dam will be one of California's finest recreation areas, with swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, camp facilities, etc.

The livelihood of the county from the standpoint of employment is derived from the following classifications or work: public work (Federal, State and County Employment), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, mining and small businesses.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Land Area	380,000 acres	Private Forests	124,283 acres
Cultivated Crops	6,379 acres	Federal Land	77,170 acres
Range Land	165,000 acres	Farms	263

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Calves	1962	5,890	29,300	Cwt.	25.22	739,000
	1961	6,420	29,800	Cwt.	23.90	712,000
Other*	1962	3,530	25,900	Cwt.	17.95	465,000
	1961	2,670	26,800	Cwt.	16.50	442,000
Chickens (All)	1962	172,200	6,673	Cwt.	15.75	105,000
	1961	221,900	8,167	Cwt.	14.70	120,000
Broilers & Fryers	1962	154,000	5,820	Cwt.	17.18	100,000
	1961	204,000	7,360	Cwt.	15.80	116,000
Other Chickens	1962	18,200	853	Cwt.	6.00	5,120
	1961	17,900	807	Cwt.	5.00	4,030
Hogs & Pigs	1962	1,000	1,470	Cwt.	18.50	27,200
	1961	1,320	2,000	Cwt.	19.00	38,000
Sheep & Lambs	1962	4,560	4,510	Cwt.	14.00	63,100
	1961	4,480	4,280	Cwt.	13.50	57,800
Goats	1962	1,000		Head	9.00	9,000
	1961	1,000		Head	9.20	9,200
Miscellaneous	1962					6,000
	1961					17,000
TOTALS	1962					\$1,414,300
	1961					1,396,000

\*Feeders included in 1962-not in 1961

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