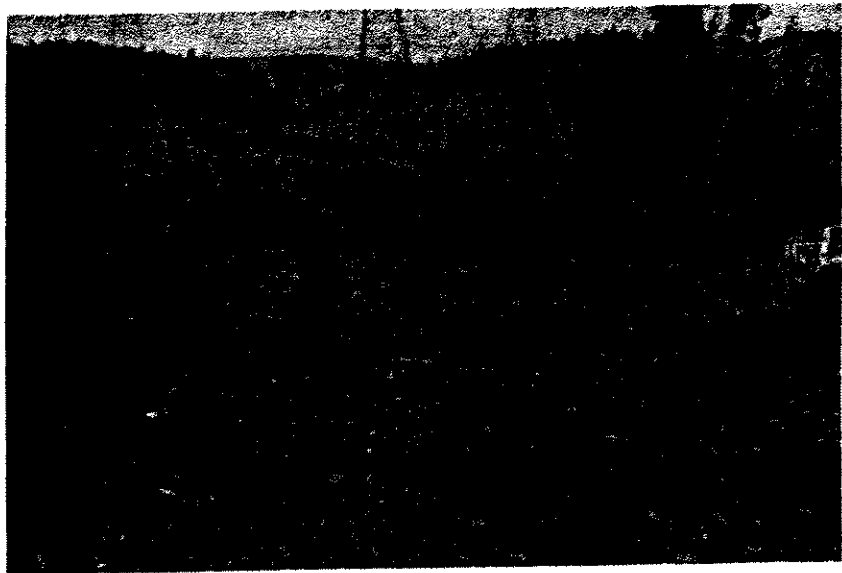


EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT - 1969

CHRISTMAS TREE
PLANTATION
IN
EL DORADO
COUNTY



Pictures portray tree
growth attained in two
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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.

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

Agricultural Commissioner

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

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett	1969				4,640	Tons	211.00	979,000.
Fresh	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 BARTLETTS</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	1969				3,510	Tons	177.00	621,000.
Fresh Market	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>	<u>Year</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Non Bearing</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<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 & 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> <u>LIVESTOCK & POULTRY</u>	1969					3,223,300.
	1968					2,648,840.

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.

* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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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	2,741,800	dos.	.385	1,055,000.
	1968	1,819,000	dos.	.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.

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