



1973

# 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.

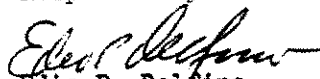
The grape industry has begun to grow on the western slope of El Dorado County. During 1973 new acreages of grapes have been planted and one winery constructed. It is anticipated that the grape industry, in conjunction with local wineries, will have an added benefit of increased tourism for the area.

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>		Per Acre	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett	1973				3,160	Tons	267.83	846,350.
Fresh	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	1973				4,249	Tons	225.00	956,000.
Fresh Market	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>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		Per Acre	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing	Non Bearing		<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>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		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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MISCELLANEOUS -- PRODUCTION-AREA-SALES & VALUE 1972-1973

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.
	1972**					8,343,500.

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

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