

2014 AMADOR COUNTY



AGRICULTURAL CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT

Dick Cooper

This year's Amador County Crop and Livestock Report honors Dick Cooper who was named 2014 Business Person of the Year by the Amador County Chamber of Commerce. Dick is a local boy who has farmed in Amador County for over 50 years. He is best known for his commitment to growing quality wine grapes and for more than 30 years he has been growing some of the most sought after grapes in the Shenandoah Valley, particularly Barbera, for which he has earned the title of "The Godfather of Barbera."

Dick was named Manager of the Amador County Fair at the age of 26 and was the youngest fair manager in the State of California. In 1960 Dick started working for the Amador County Department of Agriculture where he worked for five years handling weed and vertebrate control issues. His renowned Cooper Vineyards led to the 2004 opening of the associated tasting room. Dick has four daughters and he is proud to say they are all involved in the vineyard and tasting room business. He is also an accomplished musician and has spent his lifetime singing and playing country music throughout Amador and the surrounding counties.

Dick is known for being generous in sharing his knowledge and as a great steward of the land. For his commitment to the community and preservation of farmland the USDA recognized and honored him as the Soil Conservationist of the Year.



July 16, 2015

Karen Ross, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Amador

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to present Amador County's Annual Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for 2014. The report represents estimated acreage, yield and gross value of agricultural products in Amador County.

The total gross production value for all agricultural commodities produced in 2014 was \$36,811,041. This is an 8.87% decrease from last year's production value of \$40,393,020 and is the first decline in five years. The primary decreases were timber at 68.35% and wine grapes at 15.72%.

The figures contained in this report represent gross values of agricultural commodities and do not reflect production costs or net returns to growers. These production values only partially reflect the overall measure of the economic impact agriculture has on the local economy. Processing, transporting, marketing and other farm-related services significantly multiply the value agriculture has to Amador County.

I wish to express my appreciation to the agricultural producers, organizations, and public agencies that have cooperated in providing data for this report. I would also like to express sincere thanks to my staff, especially Barry Clark who compiled the report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia M. Lesky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patricia M. Lesky
Agricultural Commissioner

AMADOR COUNTY

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2014	3899	3.19	12438	\$1,268	\$15,771,384
	2013	4037.12	3.61	14574	\$1,284	\$18,713,020
WALNUTS	2014	239	0.36	86	\$4,091	\$351,826
	2013	146	0.69	101	\$3,387	\$342,087
**MISC	2014	100.5				\$173,343
	2013	60.5				\$143,412
TOTALS	2014					\$16,296,553
	2013					\$19,198,519

* Weighted Average Determination

** Olive Oil, Kiwis

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2014	451	6.57	2963	\$279	\$826,697
	2013	299	6.44	1926	\$275	\$529,529
*HAY, GRAIN	2014	903				\$521,428
	2013	857				\$527,076
**HAY, OTHER	2014	458				\$184,320
	2013	475				\$177,000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	2014	2050			\$85	\$174,250
	2013	2050			\$85	\$174,250
PASTURE & RANGE	2014	156801			\$30	\$4,704,030
	2013	156801			\$28	\$4,390,428
***MISC. CROPS	2014	316				\$255,903
	2013	229				\$282,949
TOTALS	2014					\$6,666,628
	2013					\$6,081,233

* Wheat For/Fod, Oats For/Fod

**Dry Land Hay, Ryegrass For/Fod,

*** Sudan Grass, Corn For/Fod

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ HEAD	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2014	11700	0	\$995	\$11,641,500
	2013	9000	0	\$1,180	\$10,620,000
**HOGS & PIGS	2014	25	0	\$153	\$3,825
	2013	25	0	\$180	\$4,500
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2014	2300	0	\$152	\$348,833
	2013	2000	0	\$188	\$376,000
**MEAT GOATS (Breeding)	2014	350	0	\$450	\$157,500
	2013	350	0	\$400	\$140,000
MEAT GOATS	2014	950	0	\$175	\$166,250
	2013	950	0	\$175	\$166,250
*MISC.	2014				\$363,518
	2013				\$608,253
TOTALS	2014				\$12,681,427
	2013				\$11,915,003

* Milk Goats, Rabbits, Game Birds, Poultry

** Sold by the head

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR	2014	\$71,809
AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2013	\$43,425

MISCELLANEOUS

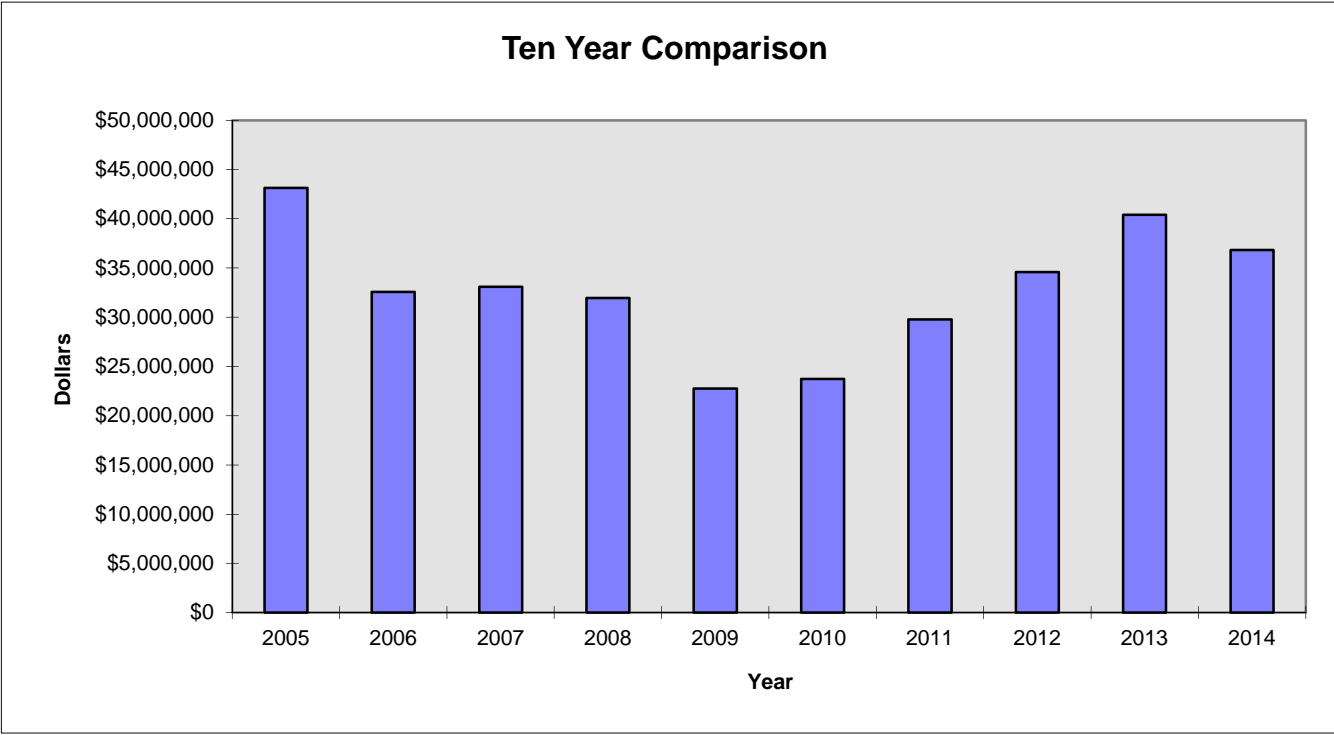
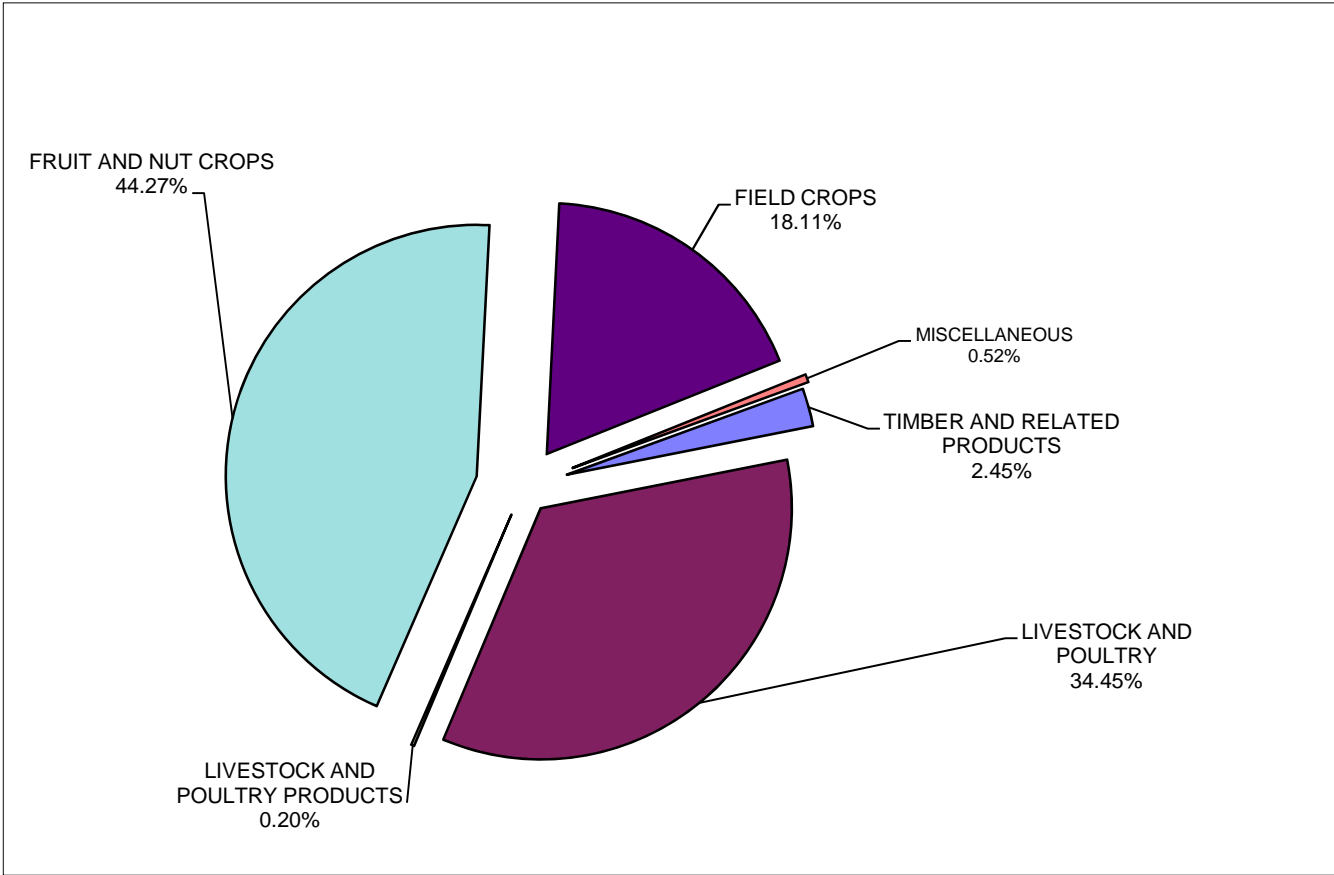
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*~FRESH VEGETABLES	2014	\$38,250
	2013	\$39,750
CHRISTMAS TREES	2014	\$16,500
	2013	\$16,500
NURSERY STOCK	2014	\$138,600
	2013	\$251,036
TOTALS	2014	\$193,350
	2013	\$307,286

* Farmers Market, Pumpkins,

~ Farmers Market decrease reported by market manager

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2014	4,429 MBF	\$901,275
2013	9,979 MBF	\$2,847,555



RECAPITULATION

	2013	2014
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	\$2,847,555	\$901,275
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$11,915,003	\$12,681,427
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$19,198,519	\$16,296,553
FIELD CROPS	\$6,081,233	\$6,666,628
MISCELLANEOUS	\$307,286	\$193,350
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$43,425	\$71,809
GRAND TOTAL	\$40,393,020	\$36,811,041

STATISTICS

TOTAL LAND AREA	363500	acres
WILLIAMSON ACT LAND	93113	acres
EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST	78079	acres
BLM LAND	8572	acres
TIMBER PRESERVE LAND	28021	acres
PASTURE AND RANGELAND	156801	acres
LAND IN FARMS	*155187	acres
FARMS IN COUNTY	*461	

* 2012 Census of Agriculture - County Data

TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

2005	\$43,127,023	2010	\$23,722,989
2006	\$32,557,563	2011	\$29,777,623
2007	\$33,075,168	2012	\$34,584,662
2008	\$31,953,169	2013	\$40,393,020
2009	\$22,755,641	2014	\$36,811,041

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAMS

PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	PROGRAM
KLAMATH WEED	KLAMATH WEED BEETLE	COUNTY WIDE
ITALIAN THISTLE	SEEDHEAD WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
PUNCTURE VINE	STEM & SEED WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
ASH WHITE FLY	ENCARSIA WASP	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	BANGASTERNUS ORIENTALIS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	EUSTENOPUS VILLOSUS	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	LARINUS CURTUS WEEVIL	COUNTY WIDE
YELLOW STARHISTLE	YELLOW STARHISTLE GALL FLY	COUNTY WIDE

PEST PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

PEST ERADICATION

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	1 SITES
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	CHEMICAL / HAND PULLED	3 SITES

PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	27	0
GYPSY MOTH	1	0
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	84	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAP	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	150
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	16
JAPANESE BEETLE	25
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	11
LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH	16
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	31
EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH	58

CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

NUMBER OF MARKETS	NUMBER OF VENDERS
4	11

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	1
WINE GRAPES	3
CATTLE	1