

2013 AMADOR COUNTY



AGRICULTURAL CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT

The Amador County Fair

In 2013 the 26th District Agricultural Association celebrated its 75th anniversary. The first fair was held in Ione, CA in 1887 on what is now known as Howard Park. In 1938 it moved to Plymouth and was held in a large tent on the playground area of what is now Plymouth Elementary School. The first fair held in Plymouth resided on 8.06 acres and by 2013 it has grown to 42.06 acres mainly due to generous donations from the community.

In its 75 years the Amador County Fair has gained a reputation for being one of the best small county fairs because of its family-like atmosphere, range of entertainment and unique exhibits.

Main features of the fair are the Frontier Town, constructed with authentic pieces of history gleaned from around the state, the Saw Mill outfitted with a working steam-powered sawmill and various antique equipment and the Wine Garden. The layout of the fairgrounds are ideal in terms of pedestrian traffic, vendor access and livestock and carnival needs.

The fair is governed by a nine-member board of directors who are appointed by the Governor of California to serve a four-year term. The list of past and present directors is fairly lengthy but each one has given their time, talents and energy to help secure the fair's position as a cherished element of Amador County. The first board president was Harold Colburn who held the position for twenty years.

Volunteers have also had an important role in the fair. One such consummate volunteer was Evalynn Bishop who gave her time until she was ninety years old. Evalynn tended the flowers, oversaw Junior exhibits, promoted 4-H throughout the community and established the standard for landscaping that continues to delight fair patrons today.

The Amador County Fair is held the last weekend in July. Read more about the Fair at www.amadorcountyfair.com.



August 26, 2014

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 2013. 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 2013 was \$40,393,020. This is a 16.79% increase from last year's production value of \$34,584,662 and marks the fourth consecutive year of growth. The primary increases were timber at 34.21% and wine grapes at 21.64%.

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".

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	2013	4037.12	3.61	14574	\$1,284	\$18,713,020
	2012	4000	3.24	12960	\$1,187	\$15,383,520
WALNUTS	2013	146	0.69	101	\$3,387	\$342,087
	2012	272	0.38	103	\$2,120	\$218,360
**MISC	2013	60.5				\$143,412
	2012	50.5				\$104,319
TOTALS	2013					\$19,198,519
	2012					\$15,706,199

* Weighted Average Determination

** Olive Oil, Kiwis

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2013	299	6.44	1926	\$275	\$529,529
	2012	384	5.63	2162	\$230	\$497,242
*HAY, GRAIN	2013	857				\$527,076
	2012	757				\$455,693
**HAY, OTHER	2013	475				\$177,000
	2012	457				\$148,959
PASTURE IRRIGATED	2013	2050			\$85	\$174,250
	2012	2050			\$80	\$164,000
PASTURE & RANGE	2013	156801			\$28	\$4,390,428
	2012	156801			\$28	\$4,390,428
***MISC. CROPS	2013	229				\$282,949
	2012	351				\$436,506
TOTALS	2013					\$6,081,233
	2012					\$6,092,828

* Wheat For/Fod, Oats For/Fod

**Dry Land Hay, Ryegrass For/Fod,

*** Safflower, Corn For/Fod

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ HEAD	TOTAL VALUE
**CATTLE & CALVES	2013	9000	0	\$1,180	\$10,620,000
	2012	8700	0	\$897	\$7,803,900
**HOGS & PIGS	2013	25	0	\$180	\$4,500
	2012	50	0	\$300	\$15,000
**SHEEP & LAMBS	2013	2000	0	\$188	\$376,000
	2012	2000	0	\$188	\$376,000
**MEAT GOATS (Breeding)	2013	350	0	\$400	\$140,000
	2012	300	0	\$400	\$120,000
MEAT GOATS	2013	950	0	\$175	\$166,250
	2012	950	0	\$175	\$166,250
*MISC.	2013				\$608,253
	2012				\$704,878
TOTALS	2013				\$11,915,003
	2012				\$9,186,028

* Milk Goats, Rabbits, Game Birds, Fish, Poultry

** Sold by the head

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR	2013	\$43,425
AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2012	\$60,600

MISCELLANEOUS

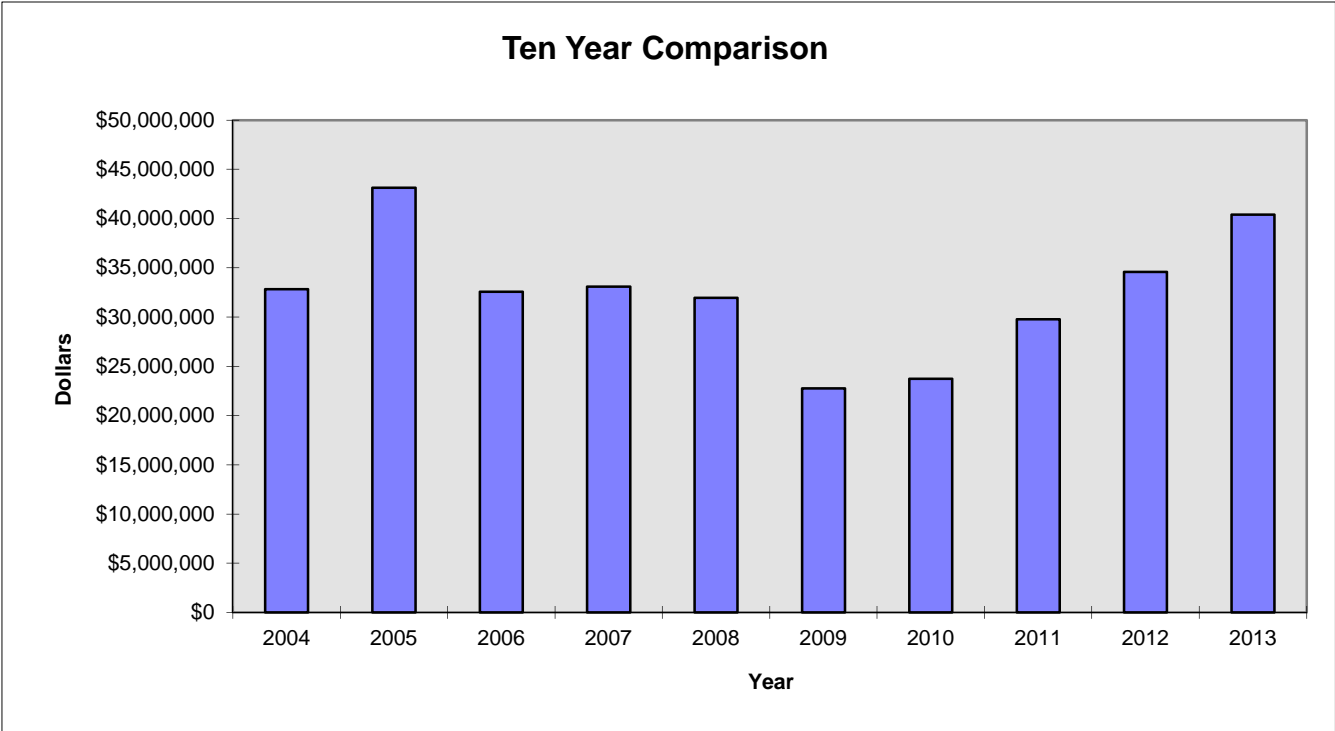
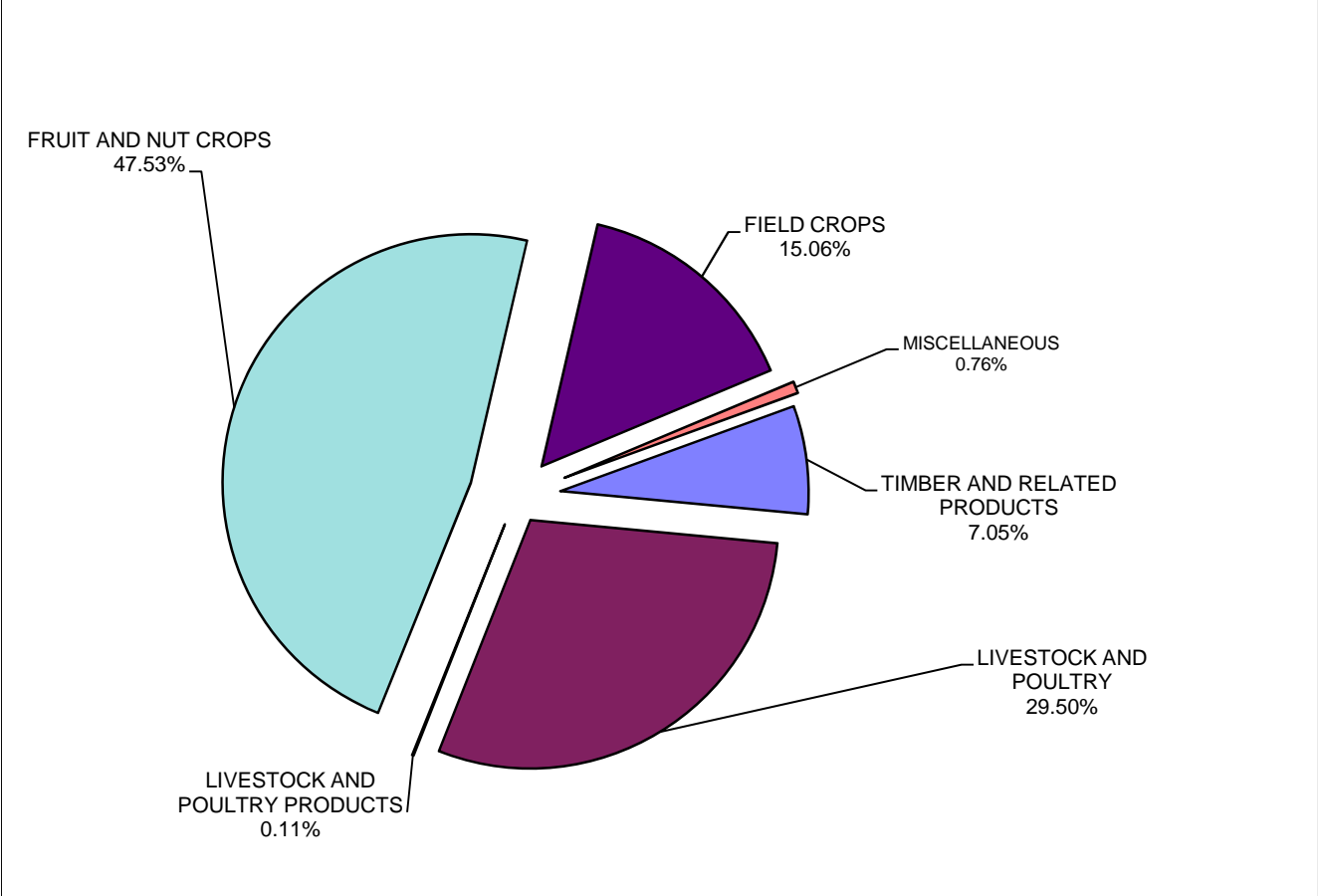
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
*~FRESH VEGETABLES	2013	\$39,750
	2012	\$1,137,162
CHRISTMAS TREES	2013	\$16,500
	2012	\$16,200
NURSERY STOCK	2013	\$251,036
	2012	\$264,000
TOTALS	2013	\$307,286
	2012	\$1,417,362

* Farmers Market, Pumpkins,

~ Farmers Market decrease reported by market manager

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2013	9,979 MBF	\$2,847,555
2012	7,718 MBF	\$2,121,645



RECAPITULATION

	2012	2013
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	\$2,121,645	\$2,847,555
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$9,186,028	\$11,915,003
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$15,706,199	\$19,198,519
FIELD CROPS	\$6,092,828	\$6,081,233
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,417,362	\$307,286
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$60,600	\$43,425
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,584,662	\$40,393,020

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

2004	\$32,840,674	2009	\$22,755,641
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

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	6 SITES
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	CHEMICAL / HAND PULLED	3 SITES

PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	32	0
GYPSY MOTH	2	0
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	68	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAP	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	150
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	27
JAPANESE BEETLE	25
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	11
LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH	27
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	31
EUROPEAN GRAPEVINE MOTH	22

CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

NUMBER OF MARKETS	NUMBER OF VENDERS
4	14

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

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