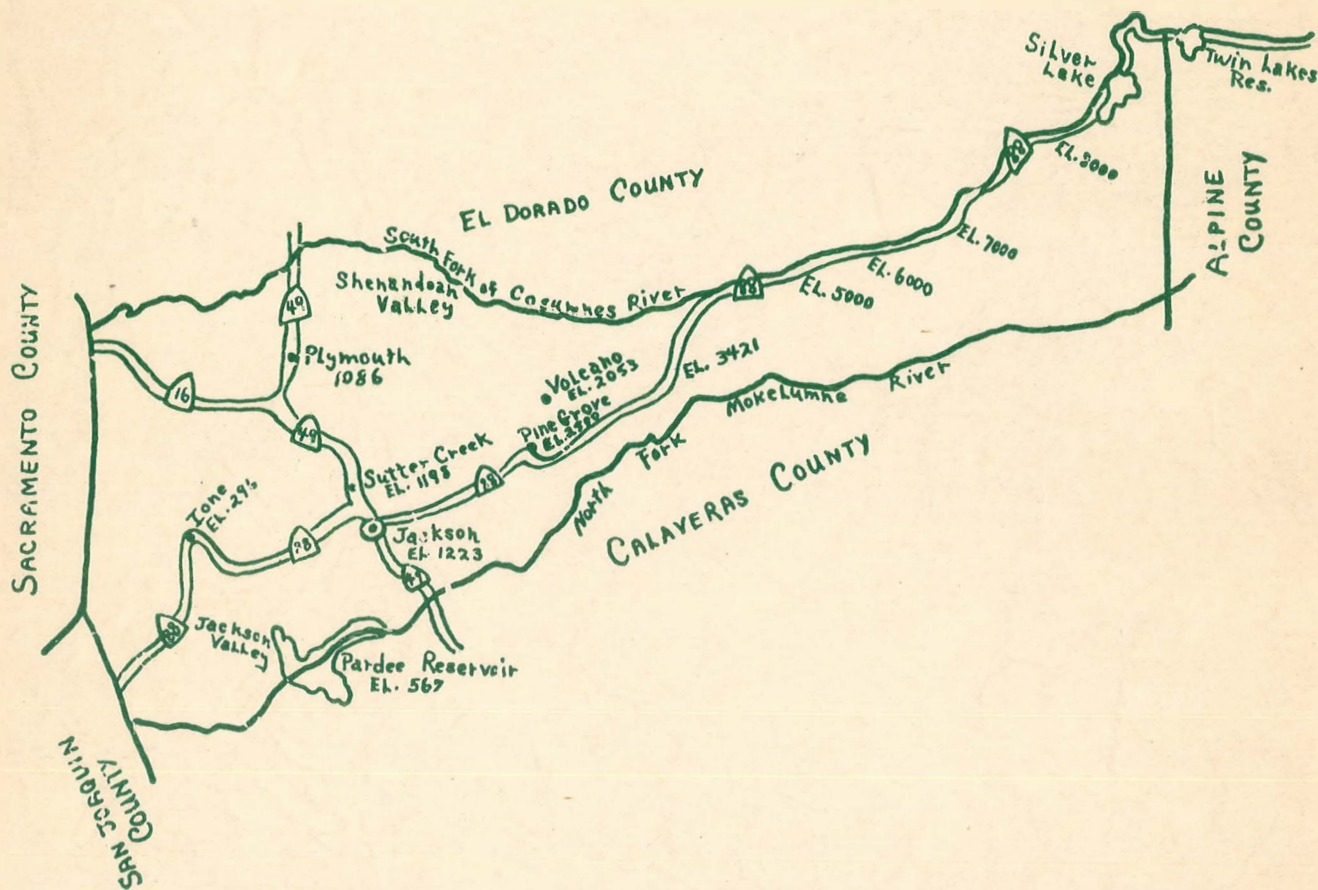


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AMADOR COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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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 THE YEAR 1953, AS REQUIRED BY THE AGRICULTURAL CODE.

THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS EXPRESSED AS FARM VALUE. THIS 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 VALUE OF 1953 CROPS DROPPED \$1,000,000.00 BELOW THE 1952 VALUE. THIS DECREASE IN FARM INCOME WAS PRIMARILY DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF BEEF CATTLE FOLLOWED BY LOWER PRICES RECEIVED FOR MILK, BARLEY AND OATS. FROST DAMAGE CAUSED A COMPLETE LOSS OF THE PEACH CROP, REDUCED THE PRUNE CROP BY 75% AND SLIGHTLY REDUCED THE GRAPE CROP. GRAPE PRODUCERS RECEIVED HIGHER PRICES FOR GRAPES THAN IN OTHER AREAS AS MOST OF THE GRAPE TONNAGE WAS SOLD TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES FOR HOME WINE MAKING.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RAYMOND REBUFFO
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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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 THE CARSON PASS. ITS ROLLING HILLS ARE PRIMARILY ADAPTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF BEEF 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. THE PRESENT MAJOR AGRICULTURAL TREND IS TOWARDS LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, THIS IS BEING BETTER ACCOMPLISHED BY CLEARING MORE LAND AND BY THE USE OF FERTILIZERS AND THE SEEDING OF BETTER RANGE GRASSES IN ORDER TO PRODUCE MORE FEED ON THE SAME AREA OF LAND. THERE ARE ALSO TRENDS TOWARDS INCREASED MEAT BIRD AND MILK PRODUCTION. MAXIMUM AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WILL BE ATTAINED ONLY WHEN IRRIGATION BECOMES A REALITY IN AMADOR COUNTY.

THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE COUNTY IS DERIVED FROM THE MANUFACTURE OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER, LUMBERING, AGRICULTURE AND MINING, IN THOSE RESPECTIVE ORDERS.

THE FAMED CLAY 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.

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 - - - \$ 1,900,000
LUMBERING - - - - - 8,500,000	MINING - - - - - 1,500,000

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 1953

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TOTAL UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL FARM VALUE
<u>FRUIT & NUT CROPS</u>				
APPLES	38	15 TONS	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,800.00
ALMONDS	11	4 TONS	420.00	1,680.00
GRAPE8 (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.	15	9 TONS	-- --	2,700.00
	<u>1,151</u>			<u>97,204.00</u>
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<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.		" " "
BARLEY	140	2,100 cwt.		" " "
*PASTURE	265,000			
	<u>269,561</u>			<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
HOGS & FEEDER PIGS	<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</u> 1,560 HEAD	32.00	19,920
BEEF CALVES	5,600 HEAD	67.50	378,000
STEERS	3,500 HEAD	150.00	525,000
COWS - BULLS - BEEF	1,820 HEAD	95.00	172,900
DAIRY CATTLE	160 HEAD	72.00	11,520
CALVES & VEALERS	350 HEAD	35.00	12,250
FEEDER CATTLE *	3,900 HEAD	34.00	132,600
SHEEP & LAMBS	6,500 HEAD	15.90	103,350
WOOL & MOHAIR	52,120 LBS.	.62	32,314
KID GOATS	950 HEAD	8.00	<u>7,600</u>
			1,425,454
* GAIN WHILE IN COUNTY.			
TOTAL ANIMAL INDUSTRY		\$ 1,845,160.00	
TOTAL PLANT INDUSTRY		<u>141,889.00</u>	
GRAND TOTAL			1,987,049.00