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AMADOR COUNTY

**AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT**

Department of Agriculture

P.O. Box 74

Jackson, California

AMADOR COUNTY

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
COUNTY SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
P. O. BOX 74

JACKSON, CALIFORNIA



April 18, 1958

The Honorable W.C. Jacobsen, Director
State Department of Agriculture
and
The 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 1957 as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

These values represent the gross F.O.B. price which includes all cost of production and is not intended to show the net profit to the farmer.

The 1957 income from the sale of agricultural products was \$2,119,784. This is an increase of \$42,643 over the income for 1956. However, the majority of this increase is attributed to our placing a value on hay and grain fed on the producing ranches. Government subsidy payments are not included as farm income.

I wish to thank the many individuals who cooperated in making this report possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

Leland Brown
Agricultural Commissioner

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Carson Pass. Its rolling hills are primarily used for the production of lumber and cattle. The Shenandoah Valley produces much of the sheep, grapes, and deciduous tree crops, wine and some grain. The balance of the grain and nearly all of the milk are produced in the Ione and Jackson Valley areas. An increase in agricultural production is anticipated in the Jackson Valley because of the newly-formed irrigation district.

The famed clay, silica sand 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.

The livelihood of the county from the standpoint of employment is derived from the following classifications of work in order of their importance: public work, (Federal, State and County employment), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, and mining.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION - 1956

Land area (acres)	- 380,160	Pasture land	- 257,901 acres
Acres in farms	- 294,402	Cultivated crops	- 2,020 acres
Farms	372	Commercial forest	- 119,000 acres

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

Hydro-electric power	- \$15,000,000.00	Agriculture	- \$2,119,784.00
Lumbering (wholesale)	9,120,000.00	Mining	- 1,500,000.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Bearing Acreage	Productions Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Apples	23	23 ton	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,990.00
Grapes (wine)	637	1131 ton	64.00	72,384.00
Peaches	18	35 ton	65.00	2,275.00
Prunes	128	68½ ton	200.00	13,700.00
Walnuts	191	46½ ton	500.00	23,250.00
Miscellaneous	23			<u>3,710.00</u>
				\$ 118,309.00

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Acreage	Productions Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Barley	143	1,716 cwt.	\$ 2.06	\$ 3,535.00
Oats	326	5,705 cwt.	2.10	11,980.00
Sudan	185	925 cwt.	3.50	3,238.00
Wheat	151	2,039 cwt.	3.55	7,238.00
Hay (all)	2,500	2,500 ton	18.50	<u>46,250.00</u>
				\$ 80,241.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Total Units	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Honey	35,000 lbs.	\$.107	\$ 3,852.00
Vegetables			<u>11,500.00</u>
			15,352.00

Total Plant Industry\$ 210,050.

Total Animal Industry 1,909,734.

GRAND TOTAL \$ 2,119,784.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Eggs	371,700 dozen	\$.38	\$ 141,246.00
Fryers	228,300 birds	.70	159,810.00
Hens (cull outs)	6,195 birds	.59	3,655.00
Turkeys	1,000 birds	3.80	3,800.00
Miscellaneous (rabbits, etc.)			<u>2,000.00</u>
			\$ 310,511.00

DAIRY PRODUCTIONS

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Milk Fat Market Manufacturing	82,000 lbs. 46,000 lbs.	\$ 1.27 .87	\$ 104,000.00 40,000.00
Cows	90 head	120.00	10,800.00
Calves	250 head	17.00	<u>4,250.00</u>
			\$ 159,050.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Product	Productions	Unit Value	Total Farm Value
Bulls (cull)	150 head	\$ 240.00	\$ 36,000.00
Calves (beef)	7,500 head	90.00	675,000.00
Cows (salvage)	1,875 head	130.00	243,750.00
Feeder cattle	3,500 head	45.00	157,500.00
Purebred stock	60 head	340.00	20,400.00
Steers	625 head	220.00	137,500.00
Hogs & feeders	1,531 head	18.05	27,635.00
Sheep & lambs	5,954 head	15.90	94,668.00
Wool & mohair	58,640 lbs.	.685	40,268.00
Kid goats	500 head	7.20	<u>3,600.00</u>
			\$ 1,436,321.00

RECAPITULATION

1948	- - - - -	\$ 2,274,698.00
1949	- - - - -	2,358,153.00
1950	- - - - -	2,713,765.00
1951	- - - - -	3,960,864.00
1952	- - - - -	2,948,328.00
1953	- - - - -	1,987,049.00
1954	- - - - -	2,355,499.00
1955	- - - - -	2,342,185.00
1956	- - - - -	2,077,141.00
1957	- - - - -	2,119,784.00