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AMADOR COUNTY

ANNUAL CROP AND
LIVESTOCK REPORT

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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 1958 as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

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

The 1958 value of agricultural production was \$2,548,917. This is an increase of \$429,133 over the income for 1957. All major categories showed an increase except poultry, which declined almost \$39,000. The beef cattle industry had the largest gain with nearly \$341,000 over 1957. A considerable increase in field crop production is resulting from the newly formed Jackson Valley Irrigation District.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Brown
Agricultural Commissioner

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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 field crops. The balance of the field crops and nearly all of the milk are produced in the Ione and Jackson Valley areas.

The newly formed Pardee Reservoir Recreation Area in addition to the famed clay, silica sand and lignite deposits are located in the Ione area. Progressing up the foothills, one encounters the historic "Mother Lode Country" 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, the ghost town of Volcano, and the desirable retirement areas of River Pines, Pine Grove, and Pioneer. The "high country" with its abundance of lakes and streams, 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: public work (Federal, State and County employment), lumbering, agriculture, hydro-electric power, manufacturing, mining and small businesses.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Land area	380,000 acres	Private forests	124,823 acres
Cultivated crops	3,733 acres	Federal land	77,170 acres
Pasture & range	164,479 acres	Farms	372

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM INDUSTRIES

Hydro-electric power-	\$15,000,000.	Agriculture-	\$2,548,917.
Lumbering-	10,000,000.	Mining-	1,500,000.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION

Item	Year	Productions (100 lbs.)	Value	
			Per cwt.	Total
Cattle & Calves (All)	1958	69,761 cwt.	\$ 23.92	\$ 1,668,683.
	1957	71,225 cwt.	18.04	1,285,117.
Bulls (cull)	1958	2,250 cwt.	20.00	45,000.
	1957	2,250 cwt.	16.00	36,000.
Calves (beef)	1958	33,975 cwt.	28.00	951,300.
	1957	33,750 cwt.	20.00	675,000.
Calves (dairy)	1958	486 cwt.	26.00	12,636.
	1957	225 cwt.	18.88	4,250.
Cows (beef & dairy)	1958	18,900 cwt.	16.00	302,400.
	1957	19,650 cwt.	12.95	254,467.
Feeder Cattle	1958	6,600 cwt.	25.00	165,000.
	1957	7,875 cwt.	20.00	157,500.
Purebred breeding stock	1958	40 head	350.00	14,000.
	1957	60 head	340.00	20,400.
Steers	1958	7,150 cwt.	25.00	178,750.
	1957	6,875 cwt.	20.00	137,500.
Hogs & Feeders	1958	1,483 cwt.	22.43	33,264.
	1957	1,410 cwt.	19.60	27,637.
Ewes	1958	965 cwt.	4.00	3,860.
	1957	777 cwt.	2.50	1,942.
Lambs	1958	4,620 cwt.	20.50	94,710.
	1957	4,647 cwt.	20.00	92,940.
Kid Goats	1958	188 cwt.	22.50	4,230.
	1957	200 cwt.	18.00	3,600.
Broilers & Fryers	1958	7,232 cwt.	17.30	125,113.
	1957	7,990 cwt.	20.00	159,800.
Other Chickens	1958	264 cwt.	13.00	3,432.
	1957	279 cwt.	13.00	3,627.
Miscellaneous (Rabbits, etc.)	1958			2,000.
	1957			2,000.
TOTALS	1958			\$ 1,935,292.
	1957			1,580,368.

PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Value	
		Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total
Milk, cow- all	1958	pounds	120,000	\$ 1.19	\$ 143,343.
	1957	pounds	128,000	1.125	144,000.
Market	1958	pounds	83,000	1.36	113,000.
	1957	pounds	82,000	1.27	104,000.
Manufacturing	1958	pounds	37,000	.82	30,340.
	1957	pounds	46,000	.87	40,000.
Wool & Mohair	1958	pounds	61,370	.463*	28,414*
	1957	pounds	58,640	.685*	40,268*
Eggs, Chicken	1958	Dozen	352,530	.40	141,012.
	1957	Dozen	371,700	.38	141,246.
TOTALS	1958				\$ 312,769.
	1957				325,514.

* Government subsidy included in 1957- not in 1958

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Productions (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
Apples	1958	31	1	31	\$ 140.	\$ 4,340.
	1957	23	1	23	130.	2,990.
Grapes, wine	1958	632	2.1	1327	76.	100,852.
	1957	637	1.77	1131	64.	72,384.
Prunes	1958	128	.45	57.6	350.	20,160.
	1957	128	.53	68.5	200.	13,700.
Walnuts	1958	197	.52	102.4	410.	41,984.
	1957	191	.24	46.5	500.	23,250.
Miscellaneous (chestnuts, olives, filberts, berries, etc.)	1958	23				3,900.
	1957	23				3,710.
TOTALS	1958	1,011				\$ 171,236.
	1957	1,020				118,309.

FIELD CROPS; ACREAGE, PRODUCTIONS AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Productions (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
Barley	1958	109	.83	90.8	45.00	\$ 4,086.
	1957	143	.60	85.8	41.20	3,535.
Corn, Silage	1958	155	9.6	1488.	8.00	11,904.
	1957	not listed	.			
Corn & Milo (grain)	1958	196	1.3	255.	49.00	12,495.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Alfalfa	1958	238	2.3	547.	24.00	13,128.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Oat & Vetch	1958	865	1.5	1298.	21.50	27,907.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, Sudan	1958	95	2.5	238.	21.50	5,117.
	1957	not listed				
Hay, other	1958	400	1.5	600.	20.00	12,000.
	1957	not listed				
Oats	1958	135	.80	108.	45.00	4,860.
	1957	326	.87	285.	42.03	11,980.
Pasture Sudan	1958	305			29.30*	8,950.
	1957	not listed				
Sudan	1958	34	.58	19.8	120.00	2,376.
	1957	185	.25	46.	70.00	3,238.
Wheat	1958	190	.73	139.	64.00	8,896.
	1957	151	.67	101.	71.66	7,238.
TOTALS	1958	2,722				\$ 111,719.
	1957					80,241.

* Value per acre

MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Total Units	Unit Value	Total
Vegetables			
Onions	4.5 ton		
Tomatoes	12.8 ton		
Melons	14 ton		
Other	68 ton		\$ 14,931.
Honey	33,000 lbs.	\$.09	\$ 2,970.
TOTALS	1958		17,901.
	1957		15,352.

RECAPITULATION

Field Crops	2,722 acres	\$ 111,719.
Fruit & Nut Crops	1,011 acres	171,236.
Livestock & Poultry	84,513 cwt.	1,935,292.
Livestock & Poultry Products		312,769.
Miscellaneous		<u>17,901.</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 2,548,917.
1948		\$2,274,698.
1949		2,358,153.
1950		2,713,765.
1951		3,960,864.
1952		2,948,328.
1953		1,987,049.
1954		2,355,499.
1955		2,342,185.
1956		2,077,141.
1957		2,119,784.
1958		2,548,917.