

TO:

**A.G. Kawamura, Secretary**  
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TO:

**Honorable Board of Supervisors**  
**Rocky Rockholm District 1**  
**Robert Weygandt District 2**  
**Jim Holmes District 3**  
**Kirk Uhler District 4**  
**Jennifer Montgomery District 5**

I am pleased to submit the 2009 Agricultural Crop Production Report for Placer County in compliance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. Also included is the Sustainable Agriculture Report in accordance with Section 2272 of the Code.

The 2008 total gross value was \$63,304,828. The total gross value for 2009 is \$67,263,599 representing an increase of \$3,958,771. This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income producers receive.

Rice was once again Placer County's number one crop in 2009 with a gross value of \$26,956,258 due to high commodity prices, increased acreage planted, and strong yields. Cattle and Calves were number two in total value at \$8,700,000 which is a drop in value of \$290,000 from 2008. The value of Nursery Stock dropped again in 2009 due to the continued weakness in the residential construction market in Placer County. The total value of Nursery Stock for 2009 was \$6,901,690, a decrease of \$2,339,418 from 2008. Walnuts were Placer County's fourth most valuable crop with a gross value of \$2,617,790, and Irrigated Pasture rounded out the top 5 with a total value of \$2,520,000. Timber, which has historically been one of Placer County's top crops, only had a value of \$782,451 for 2009. This is in contrast to average values of over eleven million dollars just a few years ago. A combination of low timber prices, mill closures, and continued regulatory pressure have all contributed to this precipitous decline.

The Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's Office expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of all the growers, organizations and individuals who provided the information necessary for this report, and to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Joshua Huntsinger, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine E. Turner  
 Agricultural Commissioner/  
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	2009	50.0	4.60	230	Ton	\$ 1283	\$ 295,090
	2008	50.0	3.50	175	Ton	\$ 750	\$ 131,250
Grapes, Wine	2009	211	2.65	506	Ton	\$ 1,116	\$ 504,460
	2008	211	2.30	490	Ton	\$ 1,037	\$ 497,740
Prune	2009	167	1.85	344	Ton	\$ 1,000	\$ 344,200
	2008	153	2.30	378	Ton	\$ 1,290	\$ 543,390
Oranges, Mandarins	2009	170	4.00	703	Ton	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,223,545
	2008	163	2.90	507	Ton	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,056,575
Peaches	2009	79	3.00	233	Ton	\$ 1,544	\$ 330,814
	2008	81	1.80	157	Ton	\$ 1,633	\$ 231,873
Pears, All	2009	30.0	4.40	135	Ton	\$ 1,650	\$ 246,369
	2008	30.0	3.33	99	Ton	\$ 1,066	\$ 104,075
Plums	2009	102.0	3.50	351.0	Ton	\$ 1,200	\$ 421,000
	2008	102.0	4.00	480.0	Ton	\$ 1,567	\$ 667,017
Strawberries	2009	34.0	1,000.00	34,000	Flat	\$ 18	\$ 612,000
	2008	35.0	1,000.00	35,500	Flat	\$ 18	\$ 639,000
Walnuts	2009	998	2.0	1,937	Ton	\$ 1,333	\$ 2,617,790
	2008	1,128	2.3	2,368	Ton	\$ 1,313	\$ 2,997,326
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2009						\$ 200,000
	2008						\$ 200,000
TOTAL	2009						\$ 6,795,268
TOTAL	2008						\$ 7,062,246

\*Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops include apricots, berries, cherries, kiwi, nectarines, pecan, persimmons and pistachios.



APIARY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	2009	\$ 76,250
	2008	\$ 86,400

\*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.

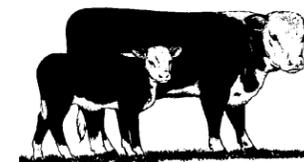
VEGETABLE CROPS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	2009	\$ 500,000
	2008	\$ 558,225

\*Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops include melons, peppers, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes (fresh).

GROSS TIMBER HARVEST				NURSERY PRODUCTS			
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE	ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	2009	11,092,000	bd. Ft	\$ 782,451	Nursery Stock	2009	\$ 6,901,690
Timber	2008	23,129,000	bd. ft	\$ 3,742,219	Nursery Stock	2008	\$ 9,241,108

FIELD CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	2009	199.0	2.24	446	Ton	\$ 75	\$ 33,450
	2008	752.0	1.55	1,080	Ton	\$ 120	\$ 127,735
Pasture, Irrigated	2009	18,000			Acre	\$ 140	\$ 2,520,000
	2008	18,000			Acre	\$ 132	\$ 2,376,000
Pasture, Other	2009	130,000			Acre	\$ 15	\$ 1,950,000
	2008	130,000			Acre	\$ 15	\$ 1,950,000
Rice	2009	15,500	3.6	55,800	Ton	\$ 460	\$ 26,956,258
	2008	12,929	2.84	35,232	Ton	\$ 414	\$ 14,621,065
Wheat	2009	3,054	2.5	7,635	Ton	\$ 170	\$ 1,297,950
	2008	1,867	1.61	3,300	Ton	\$ 230	\$ 739,880
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2009	2,518					\$ 318,282
	2008	2,518					\$ 1,879,373
TOTAL	2009						\$ 33,075,940
TOTAL	2008						\$ 21,694,053

\*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, barley, corn for fodder, and oats



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	2009	15,000	87,000	cwt.	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,700,000
	2008	15,500	89,900	cwt.	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,990,000
Sheep	2009	4,000	4,800	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 432,000
	2008	4,000	4,800	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 432,000
Other Livestock*	2009					\$ 8,500,000
	2008					\$ 8,988,609
TOTAL	2009					\$ 17,632,000
TOTAL	2008					\$ 18,410,609

\*Other Livestock includes chickens, fish, pheasants, turkeys, and swine.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	2009	\$ 1,500,000
	2008	\$ 2,509,968

\*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products includes milk, eggs, and wool.

COMPARISON SUMMARY					
INDUSTRY	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 6,795,268	\$ 7,062,246	\$ 7,225,869	\$ 7,470,691	\$ 7,758,700
Field Crops	\$ 33,075,940	\$ 21,694,053	\$ 17,145,580	\$ 14,654,900	\$ 17,166,800
Vegetable Crops	\$ 500,000	\$ 558,225	\$ 590,261	\$ 401,103	\$ 500,000
Livestock/Poultry	\$ 17,632,000	\$ 18,410,609	\$ 14,495,602	\$ 13,101,226	\$ 20,396,500
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,509,968	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,400,000
Nursery Products	\$ 6,901,690	\$ 9,241,108	\$ 10,360,240	\$ 13,579,420	\$ 13,998,300
Apiary Products	\$ 76,250	\$ 86,400	\$ 63,000	\$ 507,550	\$ 118,000
Subtotals	\$ 66,481,148	\$ 52,380,552	\$ 52,714,890	\$ 62,338,300	\$ 60,433,600
Gross Timber Harvest	\$ 782,451	\$ 3,742,219	\$ 7,347,598	\$ 11,583,044	\$ 11,514,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 67,263,599	\$ 63,304,828	\$ 59,728,150	\$ 64,297,934	\$ 73,852,300

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2009	
CROP	TOTAL VALUE
1. Rice	\$ 26,956,258
2. Cattle and Calves	\$ 8,700,000
3. Nursery Stock	\$ 6,901,690
4. Walnuts	\$ 2,617,790
5. Irrigated Pasture	\$ 2,520,000

2009 ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT



PLACER COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL CROP  
REPORT  
2009

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES		
<u>PEST</u>	<u>CONTROL AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Citrus Red Scale	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Numerous
Klamathweed	Hypericum Beetle	Numerous
Puncturevine	Seed and Stem Weevil	Numerous
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid	Parasitic Wasp	Numerous
Skeletonweed	Gall Mite	Numerous
Skeletonweed	Rust	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Flower Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Hairy Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Bud Weevil	Numerous
Yellow Starthistle	Rust	Three Release Sites
Yellow Starthistle	False Peacock Fly	Numerous

PEST EXCLUSION SHIPMENT INSPECTIONS		
<u>SHIPMENTS PROFILED</u>	<u>PEST INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>SHIPMENTS REJECTED</u>
51,911*	3**	146

\* Includes inspection of incoming shipments which may harbor prohibited insects, weeds, plant diseases, amphibians, etc. and inspection of plant and outdoor-related items for new residents moving from areas known to be infested with Gypsy Moth or Japanese Beetle.

\*\*Includes "A" and "Q" rated insects, weeds, and diseases.

DETECTION TRAPPING	
<u>PEST</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRAPS DEPLOYED</u>
Gypsy Moth	239
Light Brown Apple Moth	150
Japanese Beetle	105
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	150
Melon Fruit Fly	48
Oriental Fruit Fly	48
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	650

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS		
<u>CROPS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF FARMS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Various	24	6,100

**CERTIFIED PRODUCERS**  
Placer County issued 55 Certified Producer's Certificates

Ever thought about eating local? Local produce can be picked when it is ripe and ready to eat, travels less distance to the market, arrives fresher and tastes better. Buying locally grown produce and meat products gives people an opportunity to know the farmer or rancher that has produced the food and to understand what it takes to bring these products directly to the customer. Customer support of the local food system helps sustain the rural community where agricultural production occurs and maintains the rural quality of life that benefits everyone. Make it a point this year to know where your food comes from and buy local, in-season produce.

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