

2008 Amador County



Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report

Cover photo is of a 1930 Chevrolet one-ton truck located at Cooper Vineyards. Photo courtesy of Richard Meline.



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A.G. Kawamura, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
And
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Amador

In accordance with Section 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to present the 2008 Crop and Livestock Report of Agricultural Production and Report of Sustainable Agriculture in Amador County.

The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities produced in 2008 was \$31,953,169. This represents a decrease of 3.39% from the 2007 gross production values. This overall decrease was due to an decrease in timber and livestock production.

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.

It must be emphasized that this report deals with gross values of production only and does not attempt to reflect net farm income.

I would like to thank all the individuals, producers, processors, government agencies and others whose cooperation and assistance contributed in preparing this report. My sincerest thanks and appreciation must also be extended to the Amador County Department of Agriculture staff for their efforts in compiling and finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Boitano", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael E. Boitano
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
*WINE GRAPES	2008	3754	3.2	12013	\$1,239	\$14,883,859
	2007	3697	3.4	12570	\$1,057	\$13,286,279
WALNUTS	2008	327	0.50	164	\$1,175	\$192,113
	2007	348	0.41	143	\$1,441	\$205,602
~**MISC	2008	9.75				\$14,300
	2007	22.75				\$698,187
TOTALS	2008					\$15,090,272
	2007					\$14,190,067

* Weighted Average Determination

** Olive Oil

~2008 does not include Tomatos & Cucumbers

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PROD. / ACRE	TOTAL UNITS	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
HAY, ALFALFA	2008	289	6.7	1936	\$200	\$387,260
	2007	379	6.7	2539	\$145	\$368,199
*HAY, GRAIN	2008	1545				\$333,995
	2007	338				\$349,385
**HAY, OTHER	2008	331				\$166,278
	2007	176				\$41,492
PASTURE IRRIGATED	2008	1545			\$110	\$169,950
	2007	1545			\$110	\$169,950
PASTURE & RANGE	2008	156801			\$16	\$2,508,816
	2007	156801			\$16	\$2,508,816
***MISC. CROPS	2008	382				\$389,772
	2007	182				\$140,673
TOTALS	2008					\$3,956,071
	2007					\$3,578,515

* Wheat, Oats

**Dry Land Hay, Vetch

*** Sudan Grass, Corn For Fodder

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	WEIGHT (CWT)	PRICE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
CATTLE & CALVES	2008	13000	84500	\$93	\$7,850,050
	2007	15000	97500	\$94	\$9,135,750
HOGS & PIGS	2008	275	660	\$49	\$32,010
	2007	275	660	\$49	\$32,208
SHEEP & LAMBS	2008	1500	1800	\$24	\$43,740
	2007	1500	1800	\$91	\$162,900
MEAT GOATS (Breeding)	2008	225	675	\$325	\$73,125
	2007	275	825	\$400	\$110,000
MEAT GOATS	2008	850	850	\$150	\$127,500
	2007	1200	1200	\$165	\$198,000
*MISC.	2008				\$504,900
	2007				\$635,250
TOTALS	2008				\$8,631,325
	2007				\$10,274,108

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
WOOL, MOHAIR	2008	\$33,890
AND APIARY PRODUCTS	2007	\$19,105

MISCELLANEOUS

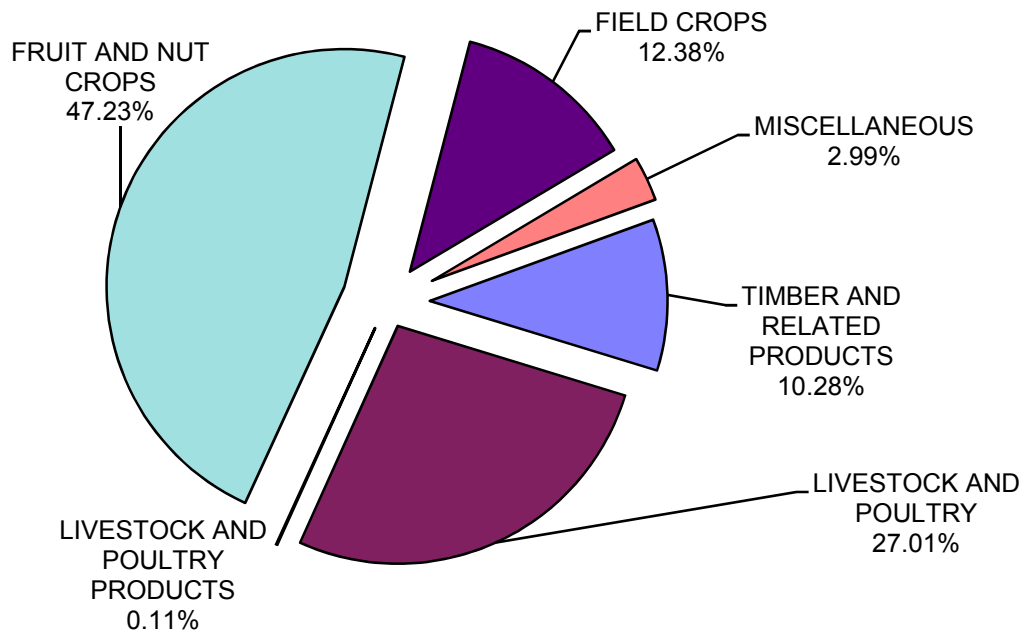
	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
^*FRESH VEGETABLES	2008	\$764,110
	2007	\$178,800
NURSERY STOCK	2008	\$192,500
	2007	\$192,500
TOTALS	2008	\$956,610
	2007	\$371,300

* Farmers Market, Melons, Pumpkins, Cucumbers, Tomatoes

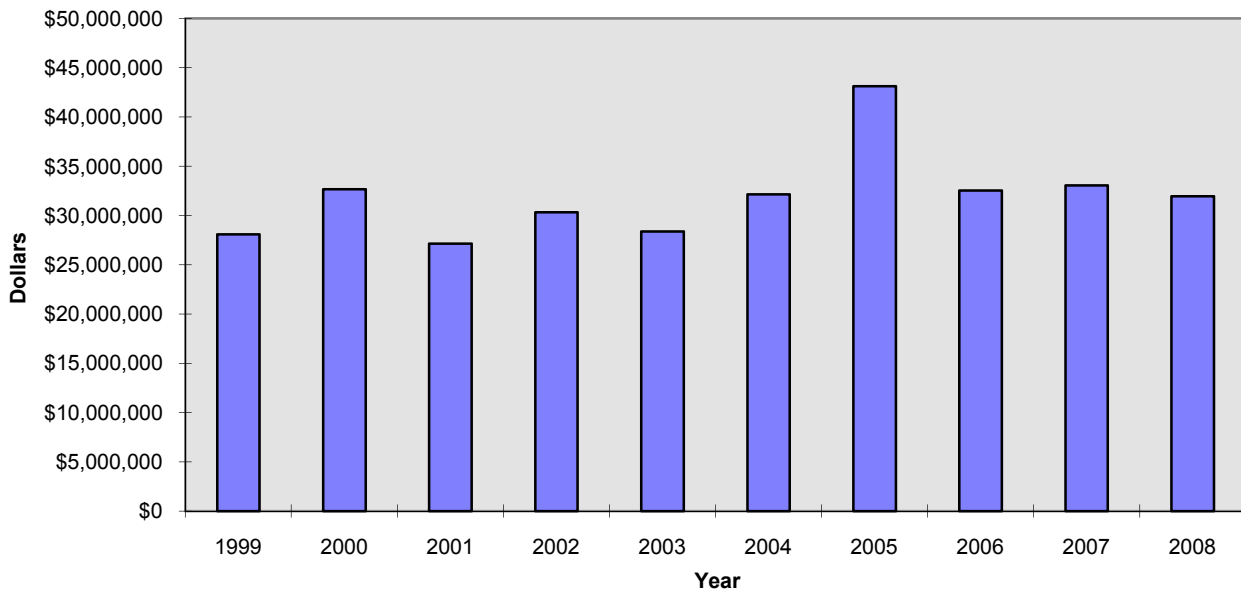
^ Cucumbers and Tomatoes are now reported under Fresh Vegetables

TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS

YEAR	HARVESTED BOARD FEET	TOTAL VALUE
2008	24,626 MBF	\$3,285,001
2007	18,297 MBF	\$4,642,074



Ten Year Comparison



RECAPITULATION		
	2007	2008
TIMBER AND RELATED PRODUCTS	\$4,642,074	\$3,285,001
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	\$10,274,108	\$8,631,325
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$14,190,067	\$15,090,272
FIELD CROPS	\$3,578,515	\$3,956,071
MISCELLANEOUS	\$371,300	\$956,610
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$19,105	\$33,890
GRAND TOTAL	\$33,075,168	\$31,953,169

STATISTICS		
TOTAL LAND AREA	363500	acres
WILLIAMSON ACT LAND	93949	acres
EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST	78079	acres
BLM LAND	9191	acres
TIMBER PRESERVE LAND	27485	acres
PASTURE AND RANGELAND	156801	acres
LAND IN FARMS	218000	acres
FARMS IN COUNTY	376	

TOTAL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS				
1999	\$28,087,630	2004	\$32,144,132	
2000	\$32,673,726	2005	\$43,127,023	
2001	\$27,168,458	2006	\$32,557,563	
2002	\$30,348,836	2007	\$33,075,168	
2003	\$28,391,406	2008	\$31,953,169	

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

SKELETON WEED	CHEMICAL	201 SITES
RUSSIAN KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	9 SITES
SPOTTED KNAPWEED	HAND PULLED	2 SITES
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	CHEMICAL / HAND PULLED	9 SITES
OBLONG SPURGE	CHEMICAL	221 SITES

PEST EXCLUSION

TYPE	SHIPMENTS INSPECTED	REJECTIONS
TRUCKS	28	0
GYPSY MOTH	2	0
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	114	0

PEST DETECTION

INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM

TYPE OF TRAP	NUMBER OF TRAPS
GYPSY MOTH	151
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY	33
JAPANESE BEETLE	25
ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY	11
MELON FRUIT FLY	11
LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH	33
GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER	90

CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

NUMBER OF MARKETS	NUMBER OF VENDERS
5	18

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

TYPE OF FARM	NUMBER OF FARMS
VEGETABLES	5
WINE GRAPES	3