

TO:

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TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors
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I am pleased to submit the 2008 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 2007 total gross value was \$59,728,150. The total gross value for 2008 is \$63,304,828 representing an increase of \$3,553,811. 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 2008 with a gross value of \$14,621,065 due to high commodity prices. Nursery products remained at number two in total value at \$9,241,108 which is a drop in value of \$1,119,132 from 2007. This drop can be directly attributed to the continued weakness in the residential construction market Placer County experienced over the last year. Cattle and calf production remained in third place at \$8,990,000, while timber production also felt the effects of the downturn in the current housing market and timber production value was reduced by \$3,605,379 to a total value of \$3,742,219. Walnuts were once again Placer County's fifth most valuable crop with a gross value of \$2,991,326.

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,


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COMPARISON SUMMARY					
INDUSTRY	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 7,062,246	\$ 7,225,869	\$ 7,470,691	\$ 7,758,700	\$ 5,832,500
Field Crops	\$ 21,694,053	\$ 17,145,580	\$ 14,654,900	\$ 17,166,800	\$ 19,749,400
Vegetable Crops	\$ 558,225	\$ 590,261	\$ 401,103	\$ 500,000	\$ 502,300
Livestock/Poultry	\$ 18,410,609	\$ 14,495,602	\$ 13,101,226	\$ 20,396,500	\$ 18,534,500
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 2,509,968	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,437,700
Nursery Products	\$ 9,241,108	\$ 10,360,240	\$ 13,579,420	\$ 13,998,300	\$ 13,227,200
Apiary Products	\$ 86,400	\$ 63,000	\$ 507,550	\$ 118,000	\$ 150,000
Subtotals	\$ 59,562,609	\$ 52,380,552	\$ 52,714,890	\$ 62,338,300	\$ 60,433,600
Gross Timber Harvest	\$ 3,742,219	\$ 7,347,598	\$ 11,583,044	\$ 11,514,000	\$ 10,213,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 63,304,828	\$ 59,728,150	\$ 64,297,934	\$ 73,852,300	\$ 70,646,600

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2008	
CROP	TOTAL VALUE
1. Rice	\$ 14,621,065
2. Nursery Products	\$ 9,241,108
3. Cattle and Calves	\$ 8,990,000
4. Timber Production	\$ 3,742,219
5. Walnuts	\$ 2,991,326

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	2008	50.0	3.50	175	Ton	\$ 750	\$ 131,250
	2007	47.0	4.00	180	Ton	\$ 1,145	\$ 181,422
Grapes, Wine	2008	211.7	2.30	490	Ton	\$ 1,037	\$ 497,740
	2007	190.0	2.70	515	Ton	\$ 1,060	\$ 449,887
Prune	2008	153	2.30	378	Ton	\$ 1,290	\$ 543,390
	2007	325	1.20	422	Ton	\$ 1,582	\$ 657,178
Oranges, Mandarins	2008	163.4	2.90	507	Ton	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,056,575
	2007	159.0	4.00	625	Ton	\$ 2,116	\$ 1,191,626
Peaches	2008	81.8	1.80	157	Ton	\$ 1,633	\$ 231,873
	2007	75.0	1.80	156	Ton	\$ 1,775	\$ 218,203
Pears, All	2008	30.0	3.33	99	Ton	\$ 1,066	\$ 104,075
	2007	40.0	3.1	94	Ton	\$ 2,218	\$ 179,008
Plums	2008	102.0	4.00	480.0	Ton	\$ 1,567	\$ 667,017
	2007	57.0	2.40	125.5	Ton	\$ 1,526	\$ 191,202
Strawberries	2008	35.5	1,000.00	35,500	Flat	\$ 18	\$ 639,000
	2007	35.0	1,900.00	66,500	Flat	\$ 17	\$ 1,103,500
Walnuts	2008	1,128	2.3	2,368	Ton	\$ 1,313	\$ 2,991,326
	2007	1,135	1.6	1,975	Ton	\$ 1,320	\$ 2,846,278
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2008						\$ 200,000
	2007						\$ 207,565
TOTAL	2008						\$ 7,062,246
TOTAL	2007						\$ 7,225,869
*Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops include apricots, berries, cherries, kiwi, nectarines, pecan, persimmons, and pistachios.							



APIARY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	2008	\$ 86,400
	2007	\$ 63,000
*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.		

VEGETABLE CROPS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	2008	\$ 558,225
	2007	\$ 590,261
*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	2008	23,129,000	bd. Ft	\$ 3,742,219	Nursery Stock	2008	\$ 9,241,108
Timber	2007	35,247,000	bd. ft	\$ 7,347,598	Nursery Stock	2007	\$ 10,360,240

FIELD CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	2008	752.0	1.55	1,080	Ton	\$ 120	\$ 127,735
	2007	247.5	2.71	582.3	Ton	\$ 138	\$ 79,547
Pasture, Irrigated	2008	18,000			Acre	\$ 132	\$ 2,376,000
	2007	18,000			Acre	\$ 132	\$ 2,376,000
Pasture, Other	2008	130,000			Acre	\$ 15	\$ 1,950,000
	2007	130,000			Acre	\$ 15	\$ 1,950,000
Rice	2008	12,929	2.84	35,232	Ton	\$ 414	\$ 14,621,065
	2007	10,500	3.34	35,070	Ton	\$ 324	\$ 11,362,680
Wheat	2008	1,867	1.61	3,300	Ton	\$ 230	\$ 739,880
	2007	590	2.68	1,570	Ton	\$ 300	\$ 367,700
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2008	2,518					\$ 1,879,373
	2007	1,422					\$ 1,009,653
TOTAL	2008						\$ 21,694,053
TOTAL	2007						\$ 17,145,580
*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, barley, corn for fodder, and oats							



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	2008	15,500	89,900	cwt.	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,990,000
	2007	16,000	93,333	cwt.	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,333,300
Sheep	2008	4,000	4,800	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 432,000
	2007	5,000	6,000	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 537,000
Other Livestock*	2008					\$ 8,988,609
	2007					\$ 4,625,302
TOTAL	2008					\$ 18,410,609
TOTAL	2007					\$ 14,495,602
*Other Livestock includes chickens, fish, pheasants, turkeys, and swine.						

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	2008	\$ 2,509,968
	2007	\$ 2,500,000
*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products includes milk, eggs, and wool.		

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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>
62,425*	1**	202
* 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 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	37	4,926

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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