

EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT - 1968



The Bacchi Ranch practices complete land utilization — 30% increased grazing on cleared land — quail and deer population increased by brush piles and improved food supply.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1968 El Dorado County Crop Report.

El Dorado County Agriculture, in 1968, experienced its most successful and profitable year since the beginning of pear decline (1959). The pear and apple crop production was adequate in most cases and of excellent quality. Prices received by growers were good. Several orchards were severely affected by late frost and in these cases experienced a poor season.

It is heartening to note that the agricultural industry of this county has come back strongly, from the disaster of pear decline, to again take its rightful place in the county's economy. El Dorado County's agriculture has now retrenched after pear decline and is now exhibiting new vigor in production, packing and marketing. Some of the examples of this new strength are:

1. New vigorous decline resistant pear trees are now available to El Dorado County growers. (A six year effort was required to achieve this result).
2. Apple Hill promotion program continues to be successful. Results of this promotion have had a decided effect on the local economy.
3. The implementation of the California Land Conservation Act in El Dorado County will help stabilize the county's animal industry.
4. Late plum and cherry production offers new and profitable crops for El Dorado County agriculture.
5. Christmas tree plantations are producing high quality Christmas trees for both choose and cut and wholesale market outlets. This industry is growing rapidly in the county.

Please note that production returns stated in this report are F.O.B. the plant and do not reflect net returns or the profit realized by the grower.

This report was compiled by Merco Petach, Agricultural Inspector, with our Department.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that so willingly cooperated in the contribution of information necessary to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1967 and 1968.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		Per Acre	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1968				3,450	Tons	248.00	856,000.
	1967				325	Tons	300.00	97,500.
Cannery No. 1	1968				12,100	Tons	119.00	1,440,000.
	1967				6,910	Tons	180.00	1,244,000.
Cannery No. 2	1968				1,700	Tons	71.20	121,000.
	1967							
Cull Grade	1968							
	1967							
Dry Yard	1968							
	1967							
TOTAL BARTLETT'S	1968	2,087	245	8.27	17,250	Tons	140.12	2,417,000.
	1967	2,014	205	3.59	7,235	Tons	185.41	1,341,500.
Bosc Pears	1968	108	1	12.2	1,320	Tons	276.00	364,000.
	1967	144	3	3.3	475	Tons	170.00	80,800.
Other Pears	1968	26		7.62	198	Tons	194.00	38,400.
	1967	26		.12	3	Tons	206.00	620.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1968	2,221	246	8.42	18,768	Tons	150.22	2,819,400.
	1967	2,184	208	3.53	7,713	Tons	184.48	1,422,920.
Apples Fresh Market	1968				4,380	Tons	212.00	929,000.
	1967				3,240	Tons	172.00	557,000.
Cannery	1968				2,090	Tons	76.40	160,000.
	1967				1,060	Tons	70.00	74,200.
Cider	1968				553	Tons	60.00	33,200.
	1967				1,010	Tons	40.00	40,400.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1968	493	76	14.25	7,023	Tons	159.79	1,122,200.
	1967	523	72	10.2	5,310	Tons	126.48	671,600.
CHERRIES	1968	66	14	2.2	145	Tons	466.00	67,600.
	1967	78	15	.32	28	Tons	460.00	12,900.
PEACHES	1968	11		3.91	43	Tons	300.00	12,900.
	1967	26		4.5	117	Tons	260.00	30,400.
PLUMS	1968	28	1	3.5	98	Tons	425.00	41,600.
	1967	44	7	.32	14	Tons	460.00	6,440.
GRAPES	1968	10	8	4.9	49	Tons	66.00	3,230.
	1967	11		3.55	39	Tons	60.30	2,350.
WALNUTS, English	1968	260	151	.32	83	Tons	660.00	54,800.
	1967	263	97	.28	73	Tons	540.00	39,400.
WALNUTS, Black	1968				1,130	Sacks	1.25	1,660.
	1967				1,150	Sacks	1.25	1,440.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT & NUTS</u>	1968	3,089	496		26,275	Tons		4,123,390.
	1967	3,129	399		13,352	Tons		2,187,450.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1967-1968

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		Unit	<u>VALUE</u>	
		No. Head	Total Live Weight		Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1968	11,100	73,600	cwt.	23.80	1,752,000.
	1967	10,800	75,600	cwt.	22.80	1,724,000.
DAIRY COWS	1968	57		head	175.00	9,980.
	1967	54		head	175.00	9,450.
DAIRY CALVES	1968	340		head	25.00	8,500.
	1967	324		head	25.00	8,100.
DAIRY BULLS	1968					
	1967	4		head	300.00	1,200.
SHEEP & LAMBS	1968	7,800	7,410	cwt.	21.40	159,000.
	1967	8,600	7,740	cwt.	22.10	171,000.
HOGS & PIGS	1968	1,040	1,890	cwt.	19.50	36,900.
	1967	958	1,920	cwt.	20.10	38,600.
HORSES	1968	355		head	155.00	55,000.
	1967	300		head	175.00	52,500.
GOATS	1968	400		head	12.00	4,800.
	1967	375		head	10.00	3,750.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1968	588,000	2,352,000	lbs.	.175	412,000.
	1967	526,000	1,971,000	lbs.	.173	341,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1968	46,100	138,000	lbs.	.070	9,660.
	1967	55,800	223,000	lbs.	.060	13,400.
TURKEYS	1968	53,400	855,000	lbs.	.235	201,000.
	1967	77,700	1,546,000	lbs.	.201	311,000.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>LIVESTOCK & POULTRY</u>	1968					2,648,840.
	1967					2,674,000.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1967 and 1968

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1968	9,940	cwt.	5.64	56,100.
	1967**	9,510	cwt.	5.46	51,900.
WOOL	1968	52,000	lbs.	.50	26,000.
	1967	55,400	lbs.	.51	28,300.
MOHAIR	1968	2,400	lbs.	.42	1,010.
	1967	3,100	lbs.	.54	1,670.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1968	1,819,000	doz.	.31	564,000.
	1967	1,844,000	doz.	.301	555,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry Products	1968				647,110.
	1967**				636,870.
<u>TOTAL</u>					
Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1968				3,295,950.
	1967**				3,310,870.

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Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1967-1968

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1968	30	8,062,000			228,000.
	1967	25	4,127,000			138,000.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1968 (Wholesale Cut)*		33,600	each	3.60	121,000.
	1967 (Wholesale Cut)*		34,000	each	3.33	113,000
	1968 (Choose & Cut)*		6,570	each	5.25	34,500.
	1967 (Choose & Cut)*		6,020	each	4.25	25,600.
HAY - TAME	1968	5,600	8,400	tons	25.00	210,000.
	1967	5,800	8,700	tons	24.00	209,000.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1968	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
	1967	5,220		acre	50.00	261,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1968	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
	1967	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1968	9		acre		13,500.
	1967	9		acre		15,300.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1968					1,619,000.
	1967					1,511,900.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUIT & NUTS	1968					4,123,390.
	1967					2,187,450.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1968					3,295,950.
	1967**					3,310,870.
MISCELLANEOUS	1968					1,619,000.
	1967					1,511,900.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1968					9,038,340.
	1967**					7,010,220.

* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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