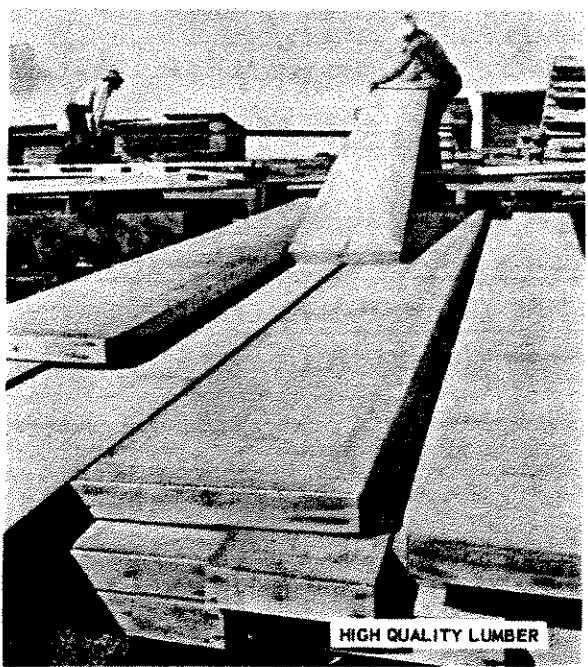
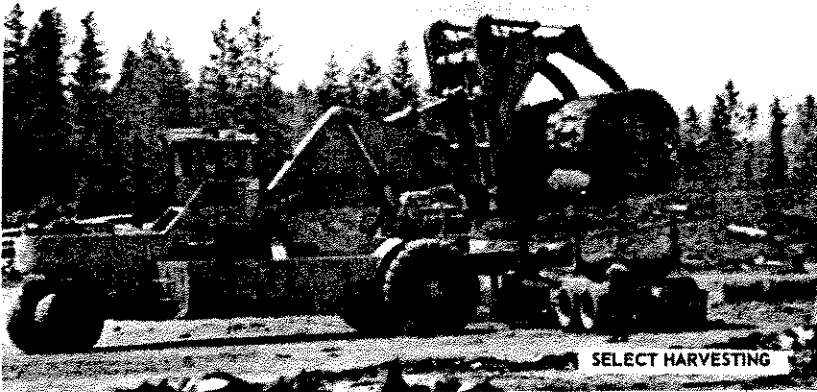


# EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT

EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **1971**

The Michigan California Lumber Company is farming 75,000 acres of forest for maximum quality lumber production.



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1971 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Extreme cold weather in April 1971 caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received almost complete loss of their pear crop - and over 75% loss in their apple crop. The remainder of the county's fruit industry varied from 50% to 100% production. Consequently, some growers faced a complete crop loss while other growers had a profitable year.

Intergraded pest control became a reality during 1971. Pear and apple growers, in cooperation with the Farm Advisor's Office and the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture, were able to implement a pest control program that utilized biological control as well as chemical control. This program achieved its goal of pest control at less cost to the growers and harm to the environment.

Roadside marketing of agricultural products continues to expand. It is noted that more and more people are becoming aware of our beautiful area and high quality products. This form of merchandising will continue to expand both in variety of products sold and in volume.

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. Mr. Petach has spent many tedious hours reviewing data so that this report would be accurate and meaningful.

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 - 1970 and 1971.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		Per Acre	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1971				2,081	Tons	227.77	474,000.
	1970				2,089	Tons	301.00	628,800.
Cannery No. 1	1971				7,533	Tons	88.52	666,800.
	1970				7,358	Tons	126.30	929,300.
Cannery No. 2	1971				804	Tons	45.24	36,400.
	1970				619	Tons	69.50	43,000.
Dry Yard	1970				114	Tons	40.00	4,560.
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTS</u>	1971	2,174	152	4.79	10,418	Tons	113.00	1,177,200.
	1970	2,152	178	4.73	10,180	Tons	157.73	1,605,660.
Bosc Pears	1971	108	1	7.87	850	Tons	253.00	215,000.
	1970	108	1	7.97	861	Tons	328.00	282,400.
Other Pears	1971	27		2.74	74	Tons	209.46	15,500.
	1970	27		4.63	125	Tons	229.00	28,600.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1971	2,309	153	4.91	11,342	Tons	124.11	1,407,700.
	1970	2,287	179	4.88	11,166	Tons	171.65	1,916,700.
Apples Fresh Market	1971				881	Tons	180.00	158,600.
	1970				2,149	Tons	200.00	429,800.
Cannery	1971				452	Tons	65.00	29,400.
	1970				1,217	Tons	52.50	63,900.
Cider	1971				182	Tons	45.00	8,200.
	1970				594	Tons	30.00	17,800.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1971	523	52	2.9	1,515	Tons	129.50	196,200.
	1970	509	54	7.78	3,960	Tons	129.17	511,500.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1970 and 1971.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		Per Acre	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1971	77	16	1.40	108	Tons	425.00	45,900.
	1970	77	2	1.70	131	Tons	472.00	61,800.
PEACHES	1971	10		3.3	33	Tons	260.00	8,600.
	1970	10		4.1	41	Tons	260.00	10,600.
PLUMS	1971	31	18	2.9	90	Tons	460.75	41,500.
	1970	30	11	3.77	113	Tons	393.80	44,500.
GRAPES	1971	10	19	7.20	72	Tons	170.83	12,300.
	1970	10	11	5.80	58	Tons	136.40	7,900.
WALNUTS (English)	1971	357	71	.29	103	Tons	407.00	41,900.
	1970	323	94	.40	129	Tons	480.00	61,900.
WALNUTS (Black)	1971				600	Sacks	1.50	900.
	1970				700	Sacks	1.43	1,000.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT &amp; NUTS</u>	1971	3,317	329		13,263	Tons		1,755,000.
	1970	3,246	351		15,598	Tons		2,615,900.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1970-1971

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>		
	Year	No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1971	11,795	85,500	cwt.	29.50	2,522,250.
	1970	11,400	77,300	cwt.	28.50	2,203,100.
SHEEP	1971	540	648	cwt.	8.00	5,200.
	1970	660	858	cwt.	7.00	6,000.
LAMBS	1971	3,025	2,720	cwt.	28.50	77,500.
	1970	3,300	3,300	cwt.	28.00	92,400.
HOGS & PIGS	1971	1,265	1,900	cwt.	19.55	37,100.
	1970	1,645	2,132	cwt.	24.00	51,200.
HORSES	1971	700		head	220.00	154,000.
	1970	440		head	170.00	74,800.
GOATS	1971	300		head	14.00	4,200.
	1970	325		head	12.00	3,900.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1971	17,800	71,200	lbs.	.21	15,000.
	1970	659,500	2,743,500	lbs.	.18	493,800.
OTHER CHICKENS	1971	111,600	446,400	lbs.	.04	17,800.
	1970	79,400	317,600	lbs.	.075	23,800.
TURKEYS	1971	199,700	2,379,250	lbs.	.235	559,100.
	1970	66,250	1,069,800	lbs.	.236	252,500.
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</u>	1971					3,392,200.
	1970					3,201,500.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1970 and 1971

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1971*	8,600	cwt.	5.49	47,200.
	1970**	7,210	cwt.	5.68	41,000.
WOOL	1971	28,700	lbs.	.20	5,750.
	1970	26,500	lbs.	.36	9,550.
MOHAIR	1971	1,200	lbs.	.24	300.
	1970	1,400	lbs.	.30	420.
EGGS Chicken, Market	1971	2,229,500	doz.	.31	691,100.
	1970	2,244,000	doz.	.39	875,200.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry Products	1971*				744,350.
	1970**				926,170.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry and Livestock & Poultry Products	1971*				4,136,550.
	1970**				4,127,670.

Apiary Products -- Production and Value -- 1971

	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
		Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Honey	1971	71,700	lbs.	.18	12,900.
Pollination	1971	2,030	colonies	5.00	10,150.
<u>TOTAL APLIARY</u>	1971				23,050.

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary

Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Values 1970-1971

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1971	28	6,311,200			196,800.
	1970	26	6,058,700			151,500.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1971 (Wholesale Cut)*		24,270	each	4.75	115,300.
	1970 (Wholesale Cut)*		20,775	each	4.74	98,500.
	1971 (Choose & Cut)*		12,000	each	6.08	73,000.
	1970 (Choose & Cut)*		12,973	each	5.80	75,250.
HAY - TAME	1971	5,500	13,750	tons	31.00	426,200.
	1970	5,500	14,670	tons	28.50	418,100.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGAGED	1971	5,256		acre	54.50	286,500.
	1970	5,240		acre	50.00	262,000.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1971	500,000		acre	1.75	875,000.
	1970	500,000		acre	1.50	750,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1971	16		acre		24,000.
	1970	16		acre		24,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971					1,996,800.
	1970					1,779,350.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1971					1,755,000.
	1970					2,615,900.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1971					4,136,550.
	1970 **					4,127,670.
MISCELLANEOUS	1971					1,996,800.
	1970					1,779,350.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1971					23,050.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1971					7,911,400.
	1970**					8,522,920.

\* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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