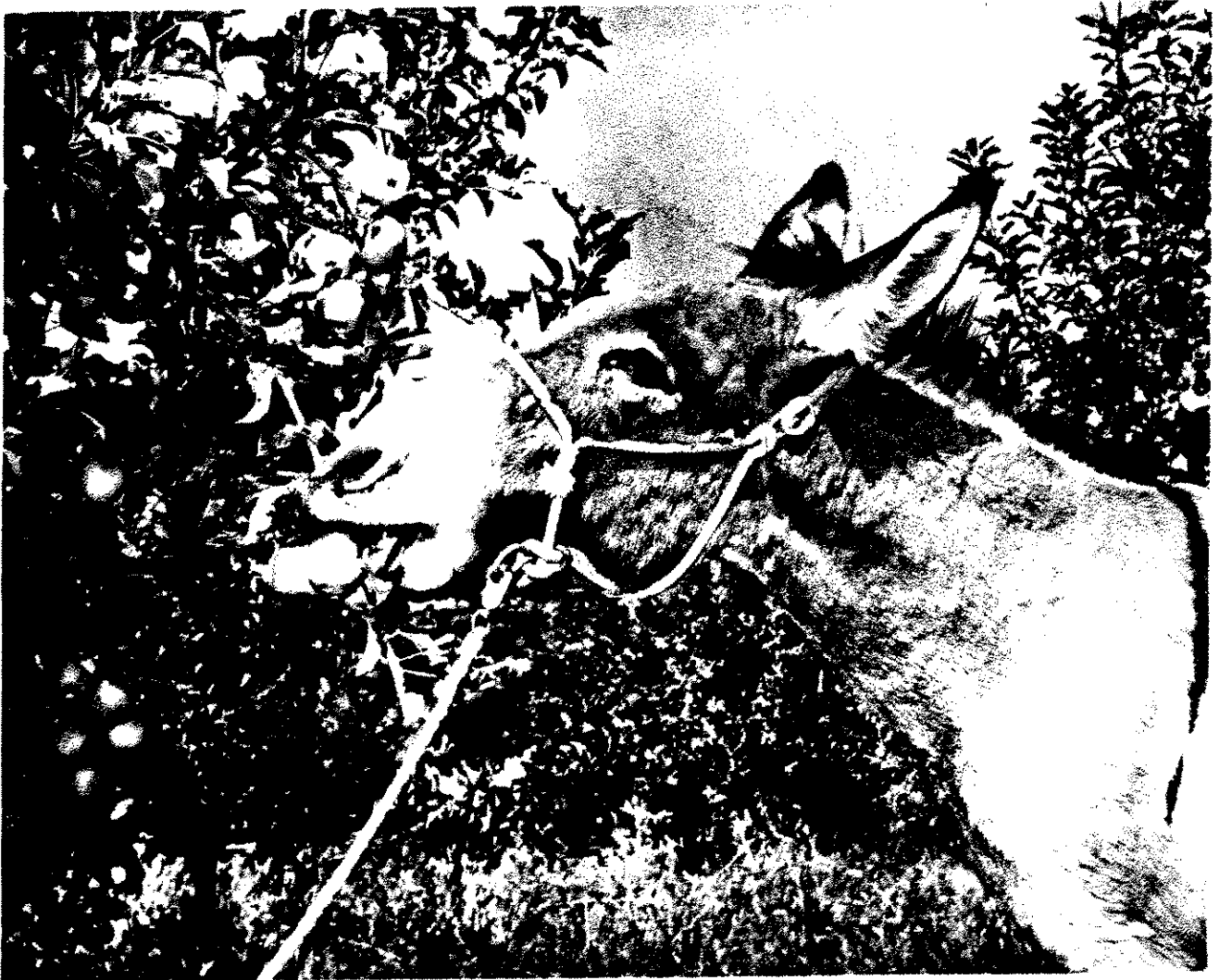


EL DORADO COUNTY CROP REPORT 1972



"BENNY, ENJOYING FAMOUS EL DORADO COUNTY APPLES"

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Provisions of Section 2279, of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1972 El Dorado County Crop Report.

Extreme cold weather in April 1972 again caused severe damage to the El Dorado County apple and pear industry. The apple crop was not as severely damaged as it was in 1971; however, the damage was substantial. The Camino and Larsen Valley fruit district received a complete loss of their pear crop and over 60% loss in their apple crop. The one factor that has played a vital part in holding this district together has been the Apple Hill roadside marketing program.

Farmer success with the integrated pest control program instituted in 1971 continues to improve. Most growers are now involved with this type of agricultural pest control. Integrated pest control is a program that utilizes biological control in conjunction with chemical control. This program, if managed correctly, controls crop damaging pests with less cost to the growers while being less disruptive to the environment.

Growers are continuing to develop and expand speciality crops that are suited for the El Dorado area. Late season plums, cherries, and dry wine varietal grapes are the predominant leaders in this expansion.

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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Agricultural Commissioner

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1971 and 1972.

ITEM	Year	ACREAGE		Per Acre	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing		TOTAL	Unit	Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears - Bartlett Fresh	1972				186	Tons	280.00	52,100.
	1971				2,081	Tons	227.77	474,000.
Cannery No. 1	1972				2,787	Tons	110.00	306,600.
	1971				7,533	Tons	88.52	666,800.
Cannery No. 2	1972				743	Tons	70.00	52,000.
	1971				804	Tons	45.24	36,400.
Hail Grade	1972				929	Tons	88.00	81,700.
<u>TOTAL BARTLETTS</u>	1972	2,244	82	2.07	4,645	Tons	106.00	492,400.
	1971	2,174	152	4.79	10,418	Tons	113.00	1,177,200.
Bosc Pears	1972	108		4.32	467	Tons	261.00	121,900.
	1971	108	1	7.87	850	Tons	253.00	215,000.
Other Pears	1972	28		1.85	52	Tons	197.00	10,200.
	1971	27		2.74	74	Tons	209.46	15,500.
<u>TOTAL PEARS</u>	1972	2,380	82	2.17	5,164	Tons	120.93	624,500.
	1971	2,309	153	4.91	11,342	Tons	124.11	1,407,700.
Apples Fresh Market	1972				1,320	Tons	185.00	244,200.
	1971				881	Tons	180.00	158,600.
Cannery	1972				682	Tons	70.00	47,700.
	1971				452	Tons	65.00	29,400.
Cider	1972				273	Tons	66.00	18,000.
	1971				182	Tons	45.00	8,200.
<u>TOTAL APPLES</u>	1972	529	46	4.3	2,275	Tons	136.22	309,900.
	1971	523	52	2.9	1,515	Tons	129.50	196,200.

Fruit and Nut Crops: Acreage, Production and Value - 1971 and 1972.

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>ACREAGE</u>		<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
		Bearing Acreage	Non Bearing	Per Acre	<u>TOTAL</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHERRIES	1972	78	15	1.00	78	Tons	435.00	33,900.
	1971	77	16	1.40	108	Tons	425.00	45,900.
PEACHES	1972	10		3.	30	Tons	260.00	7,800.
	1971	10		3.3	33	Tons	260.00	8,600.
PLUMS	1972	31	18	2.26	70	Tons	935.71	65,500.
	1971	31	18	2.9	90	Tons	460.75	41,500.
GRAPES	1972	34		2.8	95	Tons	286.80	27,200.
	1971	10	19	7.20	72	Tons	170.83	12,300.
WALNUTS (English)	1972	357	71	.16	57	Tons	491.00	28,000.
	1971	357	71	.29	103	Tons	407.00	41,900.
WALNUTS (Black)	1972				400	Sacks	1.50	600.
	1971				600	Sacks	1.50	900.
<u>TOTAL FRUIT & NUTS</u>	1972	3,419	232		7,769	Tons		1,097,400.
	1971	3,317	329		13,263	Tons		1,755,000.

Livestock & Poultry - Production and Value - 1971-1972

<u>ITEM</u>	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>		
		No. Head	Total Live Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES	1972	12,250	86,790	cwt.	36.80	3,194,000.
	1971	11,795	85,500	cwt.	29.50	2,522,250.
SHEEP	1972	300		head	18.00	5,400.
	1971	540	648	cwt.	8.00	5,200.
LAMBS	1972	2,300	2,185	cwt.	31.00	67,700.
	1971	3,025	2,720	cwt.	28.50	77,500.
HOGS & PIGS	1972	1,628	2,259	cwt.	30.50	69,000.
	1971	1,265	1,900	cwt.	19.55	37,100.
HORSES	1972	735		head	235.00	172,800.
	1971	700		head	220.00	154,000.
GOATS	1972	320		head	14.00	5,000.
	1971	300		head	14.00	4,200.
BROILERS & FRYERS	1972	37,000	111,000	lbs.	.18	20,000.
	1971	17,800	71,200	lbs.	.21	15,000.
OTHER CHICKENS	1972	113,700		head	.24	27,300.
	1971	111,600	446,400	lbs.	.04	17,800.
TURKEYS	1972	132,500	2,040,500	lbs.	.242	493,800.
	1971	199,700	2,379,250	lbs.	.235	559,100.
<u>TOTAL</u> LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1972					4,055,000.
	1971					3,392,200.

Livestock & Poultry Products - Production and Value - 1971 and 1972

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>	
	Year	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
MILK - Market	1972*	8,760	cwt.	5.50	48,200.
	1971**	8,190	cwt.	5.56	45,500.
WOOL	1972	24,000	lbs.	.35	8,400.
	1971	28,700	lbs.	.20	5,750.
MOHAIR	1972	880	lbs.	.35	300.
	1971	1,200	lbs.	.24	300.
EGGS, Chicken Market (includes turkey eggs for hatching)	1972	2,461,220	doz.	.392	964,800.
	1971	2,229,500	doz.	.31	691,100.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry 1972 Products 1971*					1,021,700. 744,350.
<u>TOTAL</u> Livestock & Poultry and Live- stock & Poultry Products	1972* 1971**				5,076,700. 4,134,850.

Apiary Products -- Production and Value -- 1971 & 1972

	Year	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
					Total
Honey	1972	61,650	lbs.	.30	18,500.
	1971	71,700	lbs.	.18	12,900.
Pollination	1972	1,210	colonies	5.00	6,050.
	1971	2,030	colonies	5.00	10,150.
<u>TOTAL APIARY</u>	1972 1971				24,500. 23,050.

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* Preliminary

Miscellaneous -- Production-Area-Sales & Value 1971-1972

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
NURSERY STOCK	1972	44	7,574,100			238,500.
	1971	28	6,311,200			196,800.
CHRISTMAS TREES	1972		25,200	each	5.00	126,000.
	1971 (Wholesale Cut)*		24,270	each	4.75	115,300.
	1972		14,524	each	6.10	88,600.
	1971 (Choose & Cut)*		12,000	each	6.08	73,000.
HAY - TAME	1972	4,600	14,200	tons	34.00	482,800.
	1971	5,500	13,750	tons	31.00	426,200.
PASTURE & RANGE IRRIGATED	1972	5,297		acre	59.00	312,500.
	1971	5,256		acre	54.50	286,500.
PASTURE & RANGE DRY LAND	1972	250,000		acre	3.50	875,000.
	1971	500,000		acre	1.75	875,000.
BERRIES - TRUCK GARDENS - ETC.	1972	14		acre		21,000.
	1971	16		acre		24,000.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972					2,144,400.
	1971					1,996,800.
<u>TOTALS</u>						
FRUITS & NUTS	1972					1,097,400.
	1971					1,755,000.
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	1972					5,076,700.
	1971**					4,134,850.
MISCELLANEOUS	1972					2,144,400.
	1971					1,996,800.
APIARY PRODUCTS	1972					24,500.
	1971					23,050.
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1972					8,343,000.
	1971**					7,709,700.

* Does not include Christmas Trees cut on Government Land.

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