

## El Dorado 2013 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report

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Placerville, CA—The El Dorado County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures issued its annual Crop Report today. The Department is pleased to announce that the gross crop value of agricultural production in El Dorado County for 2013 was up 20% over the 2012 value. The \$56.8 million yield in gross returns (not net profit) was up from the \$47.1 million reported in 2012, according to Agricultural Commissioner Charlene Carveth.

Since the downward trend between 2008 and 2011, the gross value of agricultural production has been on the rise. The value has grown from a low of \$35 million in 2010 back to pre-recession levels.

Apples and apple products remained the number one crop, grossing \$14.6 million, up 11 percent from the previous year. The largest increase in crop value occurred with timber which came in at number two, grossing \$11.4 million, up 60% from the 2012 values. This is an increase from the low of \$1.2 million in 2010. Demand for lumber has slowly been increasing, which is fueling the recovery. Of the \$56.8 million in total gross sales, livestock and livestock products accounted for \$9.3 million, coming in at number three. Wine grapes represented \$8 million, finishing at number four.

It is estimated that the impact of agriculture to the County of El Dorado's economy totaled approximately \$441 million in 2013, of which ranch marketing and value-added products contributed \$222 million, and the wine industry an estimated \$179 million.

Copies of the report can be viewed or downloaded online at:

[http://www.edcgov.us/Government/Ag/Annual\\_Crop\\_Report.aspx](http://www.edcgov.us/Government/Ag/Annual_Crop_Report.aspx)