

2005 ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT

PEST	BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEASURES	
	CONTROL AGENT	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
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		
SHIPMENTS PROFILED	SHIPMENT INSPECTIONS	SHIPMENTS REJECTED
38,926*	5**	63

* 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	
PEST	NUMBER OF TRAPS DEPLOYED
Gypsy Moth	224
Japanese Beetle	105
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	150
Melon Fruit Fly	48
Oriental Fruit Fly	48
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	650

REGISTERED ORGANIC FARMS		
CROPS	NUMBER OF FARMS	ACRES
Various	20	2,695

CERTIFIED PRODUCERS
 Placer County issued 54 Certified Producer's Certificates

At a time when everyone is facing staggering fuel costs, there is all the more reason to buy locally grown produce and support local farmers and ranchers. 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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 AGRICULTURAL CROP
 REPORT
 2005**

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I am pleased to submit the 2005 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 2004 total gross value was \$70,646,600. The total gross value for 2005 is \$73,852,300 representing an increase of \$3,205,700. This report reflects the gross value of agricultural products and not the net income producers receive.

For the first time, nursery products became the leading agricultural industry in 2005 with a gross value of \$13,998,300 which represents a modest increase of \$771,100 from 2004 due to urban growth and an increased demand for landscape plants. Following nursery products in total value were cattle and calf operations at \$13,230,000 which represents an increase of \$1,790,000 due to higher cattle prices; rice was not the number one commodity for the first time since 1993 at \$11,824,000 which represents a decrease of \$2,273,000 due to wet weather conditions resulting in approximately 5,000 less acres being planted; and timber production at \$11,514,000 which represents an increase of \$1,301,000 due to increased costs of lumber.

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 Jeffrey C. Pylman and Joshua Huntsinger, who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMPARISON SUMMARY					
INDUSTRY	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$ 7,758,700	\$ 5,832,500	\$ 5,979,500	\$ 6,934,500	\$ 4,718,700
Field Crops	\$ 17,166,800	\$ 19,749,400	\$ 22,244,400	\$ 21,485,700	\$ 19,538,600
Vegetable Crops	\$ 500,000	\$ 502,300	\$ 564,100	\$ 292,500	\$ 281,100
Livestock/Poultry	\$ 20,396,500	\$ 18,534,500	\$ 17,802,900	\$ 19,849,900	\$ 21,832,770
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,437,700	\$ 5,631,800	\$ 2,763,100	\$ 2,031,000
Nursery Products	\$ 13,998,300	\$ 13,227,200	\$ 14,046,000	\$ 15,080,000	\$ 12,853,600
Apiary Products	\$ 118,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 350,900
Subtotals	\$ 62,338,300	\$ 60,433,600	\$ 66,418,700	\$ 66,555,700	\$ 61,606,670
Gross Timber Harvest	\$ 11,514,000	\$ 10,213,000	\$ 6,763,700	\$ 9,722,900	\$ 13,430,300
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 73,852,300	\$ 70,646,600	\$ 73,182,400	\$ 76,278,600	\$ 75,036,970

TOP FIVE CROPS FOR 2005	
CROP	TOTAL VALUE
1. Nursery Products	\$13,998,300
2. Cattle and Calf Operations	\$13,230,000
3. Rice	\$11,824,000
4. Timber Production	\$11,514,000
5. Irrigated Pasture	\$ 2,250,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
				TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	2005	61.0	2.20	132	Ton	\$ 2,000	\$ 264,000
	2004	61.0	1.80	110	Ton	\$ 899	\$ 98,700
Grapes, Wine	2005	230.0	2.20	515	Ton	\$ 782	\$ 402,700
	2004	230.0	3.20	736	Ton	\$ 879	\$ 646,900
Nectarine	2005			*Included in Misc. Fruit and Nut Crops			
	2004	18.0	0.50	9	Ton	\$ 2,000	\$ 18,000
Oranges, Mandarins	2005	180.0	2.00	360	Ton	\$ 2,200	\$ 792,000
	2004	160.0	2.90	464	Ton	\$ 1,252	\$ 580,900
Peaches	2005	106.0	1.60	167	Ton	\$ 1,800	\$ 300,600
	2004	106.0	1.10	117	Ton	\$ 1,762	\$ 205,400
Pears, All	2005	48.0	1.30	62	Ton	\$ 1,100	\$ 68,200
	2004	46.0	1.30	60	Ton	\$ 1,059	\$ 63,300
Plums	2005	144.0	1.00	150	Ton	\$ 1,348	\$ 202,200
	2004	144.0	3.70	533	Ton	\$ 950	\$ 506,200
Strawberries	2005	40.0	1270.00	50,800	Flat	\$ 13	\$ 660,400
	2004	40.0	626.30	25,052	Flat	\$ 13	\$ 325,700
Walnuts	2005			*Included in Misc. Fruit and Nut Crops			
	2004	849.0	1.30	1,104	Ton	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,192,000
Miscellaneous Fruits and Nuts*	2005						\$5,068,600
	2004						\$2,195,400
TOTAL	2005						\$7,758,700
TOTAL	2004						\$5,832,500

*Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops include apricots, berries, cherries, kiwi, nectarines, pecan, persimmons, pistachios, prunes and walnuts.

APIARY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products*	2005	\$118,000
	2004	\$150,000

*Apiary Products include honey, package bees, queens, pollination, and wax.

VEGETABLE CROPS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	2005	\$500,000
	2004	\$502,300

*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	2005	46,025,000	bd. Ft	\$11,514,000	Nursery Stock	2005	\$13,998,300
Timber	2004	39,334,000	bd. ft	\$10,213,000	Nursery Stock	2004	\$13,227,200

FIELD CROPS							
ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	2005	2,290	2.10	4,809	Ton	\$ 66	\$ 317,400
	2004	539	1.30	701	Ton	\$ 98	\$ 68,700
Oats for Grain	2005	*Included In Misc. Field Crops					
	2004	1,228	2.20	2,702	Ton	\$ 75	\$ 202,600
Pasture, Irrigated	2005	18,000			Acre	\$ 125	\$ 2,250,000
	2004	20,000			Acre	\$ 125	\$ 2,500,000
Pasture, Other	2005	130,000			Acre	\$ 14	\$ 1,820,000
	2004	135,000			Acre	\$ 14	\$ 1,890,000
Rice	2005	14,500	3.50	50,315	Ton	\$ 235	\$ 11,824,000
	2004	19,050	3.70	70,485	Ton	\$ 200	\$ 14,097,000
Wheat	2005	428	1.30	574	Ton	\$ 118	\$ 67,700
	2004	1,900	0.90	1,710	Ton	\$ 71	\$ 121,400
Miscellaneous Field Crops*	2005						\$ 887,700
	2004						\$ 869,700
TOTAL	2005						\$ 17,166,800
TOTAL	2004						\$ 19,749,400

*Miscellaneous Field Crops include alfalfa, barley, corn for fodder, oats for grain, sorghum for fodder, sudan seed and a sudangrass.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and Calves	2005	21,000	122,500	cwt.	\$108.00	\$ 13,230,000
	2004	22,500	130,000	cwt.	\$ 88.00	\$ 11,440,000
Sheep	2005	5,000	6,000	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 537,000
	2004	5,000	5,700	cwt.	\$ 90.00	\$ 513,000
Other Livestock*	2005					\$ 6,629,500
	2004					\$ 6,581,500
TOTAL	2005					\$ 20,396,500
TOTAL	2004					\$ 20,324,500

*Other Livestock includes chickens, fish, pheasants, turkeys, and swine.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		
ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products*	2005	\$ 2,400,000
	2004	\$ 2,437,700

*Miscellaneous Livestock and Poultry Products include milk, turkey eggs and wool.