

AGRICULTURAL CROP - REPORT



YOLO - COUNTY
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Board of Supervisors
County of Yolo
Woodland, California

Gentlemen:

This is the third annual crop report of Yolo County as authorized by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code which requires Agricultural Commissioners to compile reports on acreage, production and value of the agricultural products in their counties.

During the past year there has been an active demand for crop statistics by government agencies, banks, growers' organizations, buyers, real estate firms, Chambers of Commerce and others.

This report brings together Yolo County's agricultural statistics which include horticulture, livestock, crop acreage, value and production of field crops and prices paid to farmers. The value of these figures is based on the accuracy of the information and the willingness of the cooperators to give this information. The total value is based on f. o. b. prices which do not reflect the actual amount of money received by the producers. The production and income figures were based on information obtained from growers, packers, warehouse receipts, farmers, agricultural agencies and others.

In summing up the 1940 growing season it proved to be an ideal year with precipitation somewhat over the normal, producing excellent pasture, resulting in a good lamb crop and all field crops were materially aided by the mild weather conditions prevailing throughout the year. The tonnage of tree crops such as almonds, prunes and apricots, was appreciably under that of the preceding year, but the one exception being olives which had the greatest tonnage this county has ever recorded.

It is my desire of the County Department of Agriculture to express its appreciation to all those who have contributed so generously and willingly in order to make possible the compilation of these figures.

Respectfully submitted

Chas. H. Hardy
Agricultural Commissioner

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

YOLO COUNTY

Area:	1,014 sq. mi.
Acres:	400,000
No. Farms:	1,386
Population:	27,572
Average Rainfall:	17 inches
Average Temperature:	62°
Elevation:	63 feet
112 miles borders on the Sacramento River	
State Highways:	180 miles
County Roads:	800 miles
City Streets:	42 miles
Railroads:	125 miles

Clear Lake Water Company has 190 miles of canals which furnish irrigation for crops.

1940
FRUIT, NUT AND VINE ACREAGE BY CROPS
BEARING, NON-BEARING AND TOTAL

YOLO COUNTY

	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Almonds	7,348	1,836	9,184
Apricots	2,621	108	2,729
Cherries	12		12
Figs	1,179	3	1,182
Grapes-Raisin	225		225
Grapes-Table	7		7
Grapes-Wine	1,160	17	1,177
Nectarines		3	3
Olives	335	2	337
Oranges	20		20
Peaches	484	65	549
Pears	453		453
Pecans	9		9
Plums	150		150
Prunes	1,984	142	2,126
Walnuts	<u>309</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	16,296	2,367	18,663

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

YOLO COUNTY

1940

	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Average Yield per Acre</u>	<u>Total Yield</u>	<u>Value</u>
Almond	7,348	450 #	3,347,100 #	\$535,536.00
Apricots-dry	632	2,554 #	1,614,128 #	193,695.36
Apricots-fresh	1,899	8 T	15,192 T	1,291,320.00
Figs	1,179	1,500 #	1,768,500 #	35,370.00
Grapes-Wine	1,160	3 T	3,480 T	45,240.00
Grapes-Raisin	225	1 T	225 T	10,125.00
Peaches	484	5,000 #	2,420,000 #	123,100.00
Olives	335	$\frac{3}{4}$ T	251 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	16,331.00
Pears	453	6 T	2,718 T	81,540.00
Plums	150	2 T	300 T	18,000.00
Prunes-dry	1,984	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	4,960 T	198,400.00
Walnuts	<u>309</u>	<u>1,549 #</u>	<u>478,641 #</u>	<u>47,864.10</u>
	16,158			\$2,596,521.46

FIELD CROPS

YOLO COUNTY

1940

	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Yield per Acre</u>	<u>Total Production</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Alfalfa	17,110	6 T	102,660	\$769,950.00
Barley	96,524	14 S	1,351,336	1,081,068.80
Beans	1,478	9 S	13,302	33,255.00
Corn	5,008	14 S	70,112	77,123.20
Flax	492	21 Bu	10,332	17,977.68
Hay	4,661	1½ T	6,991½	55,232.85
Ladino	1,301			19,515.00
Oats	783	14 S	10,962	10,962.00
Rice	17,598	35 S	615,930	831,505.50
Sudan Seed	561	12 S	6,732	12,454.20
Sugar Beets	50,506	18 T	549,108	3,569,202.00
Wheat	19,355	9 S	175,995	246,393.00
Hops	<u>450</u>	<u>1,400 #</u>	<u>675,000</u>	185,625.00
	196,027	Total Value		\$6,910,264.23

T -- Ton
 Bu -- Bushel
 # -- Pound
 S -- Sack

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE CROPS

YOLO COUNTY

1940

		<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Yield</u> <u>per Acre</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>Yield</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Value</u>
Asparagus-	Canning	8,456	1,500 #		12,684,000 #	\$507,360.00
	Shipping	4,224	16 Cr		67,584 Cr	84,480.00
Cabbage		100	7.2 T		720 T	11,160.00
Snap Beans-	Fall	50	180 Bu		9,000 Bu	9,900.00
	Spring	50	150 Bu		7,500 Bu	7,500.00
Cantaloupes		200	214 Cr		42,600 Cr	38,520.00
Honeydew Melons		150	353 Cr		54,000 Cr	48,600.00
Lettuce-	Fall	50	150 Cr		7,500 Cr	11,250.00
	Spring	50	100 Cr		5,500 Cr	6,875.00
Onions-	Midsummer	250	300 S		75,000 S	82,500.00
	Late	250	350 S		87,500 S	65,625.00
Spinach-	Canning	250	5 T		1,250 T	13,125.00
Tomatoes-	Canning	5,500	20 T		110,000 T	1,386,000.00
Watermelons		50	775 #		38,750 *	4,107.50
Peas		1,000	200 Bu		100,000 bu	54,000.000
Commercial Seed (corn, beets, parsnips, onions, carrots, poppy, etc.)		2,113				105,650.00
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		27,825				\$2,438,652.50

*Yield-Number of melons

Cr -- Crate
T -- Tons
Bu -- Bushel
-- Pound
S -- Sack

Note: Yolo County ranks eighth in the State of California in the production of Commercial Vegetable Crops.

LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE*

YOLO COUNTY

1940

DAIRY CATTLE

15,000 head dairy stock over 2 years	\$900,000.00
1,000,000 lbs. butterfat	400,000.00
30,000 tons fertilizer (small percentage sold)	15,000.00
5,000 calves	12,500.00

POULTRY

100,000 hens	75,000.00
1,000,000 doz. eggs	300,000.00
25,000 fryers	4,750.00

TURKEYS

45,000 turkeys	105,000.00
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HOGS

25,000 hogs	300,000.00
4,000 sows	60,000.00

SHEEP

120,000 ewes	720,000.00
100,000 lambs	650,000.00
960,000 pounds of wool	288,000.00
50,000 lambs	125,000.00

BEEF CATTLE

4,000 cows	300,000.00
15,000 steers	<u>360,000.00</u>

TOTAL VALUE	\$4,615,250.00
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*these figures furnished by the Agricultural Extension Services.

BEES

<u>Colonies</u>	<u>Honey</u>	<u>Total Production</u>	<u>Value</u>
6,120	100 #	612,000 #	\$24,480.00
2,000 used for pollination			<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL			\$26,480.00

RECAPITULATION

Fruit and Nut Crops	\$2,596,521.46
Field Crops	6,910,264.23
Commercial Vegetable Crops	2,438,652.50
Livestock	4,615,250.00
Bees and Honey	<u>26,480.00</u>
Total Agricultural Income of Yolo County as of 1940	\$16,586,898.19

FINANCIAL CROP RETURNS

1941

	<u>State of California</u>	<u>Yolo County</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Hay	\$53,680,000	\$1,857,217.50	3.45
Grapes	53,411,000	44,550.00	.083
Lettuce	26,645,000	27,417.50	.102
Beans	26,119,000	488,498.80	1.87
Peaches	22,401,000	35,925.00	.164
Barley	18,381,000	1,231,076.00	6.697
Tomatoes	18,331,000	2,012,040.00	10.976
Nuts	17,381,000	237,132.00	1.364
Prunes	12,558,000	396,270.00	3.155
Wheat	12,006,000	315,047.25	2.624
Sugar Beets	11,505,000	3,033,360.00	26.365
Rice	9,639,000	1,406,201.50	14.588
Asparagus	9,606,000	1,944,579.00	20.243
Apricots	9,307,000	795,065.03	8.543
Pears	9,017,000	101,925.00	1.13
Cantaloupes	8,834,000	67,704.00	.766
Figs	8,180,000	27,360.00	.334