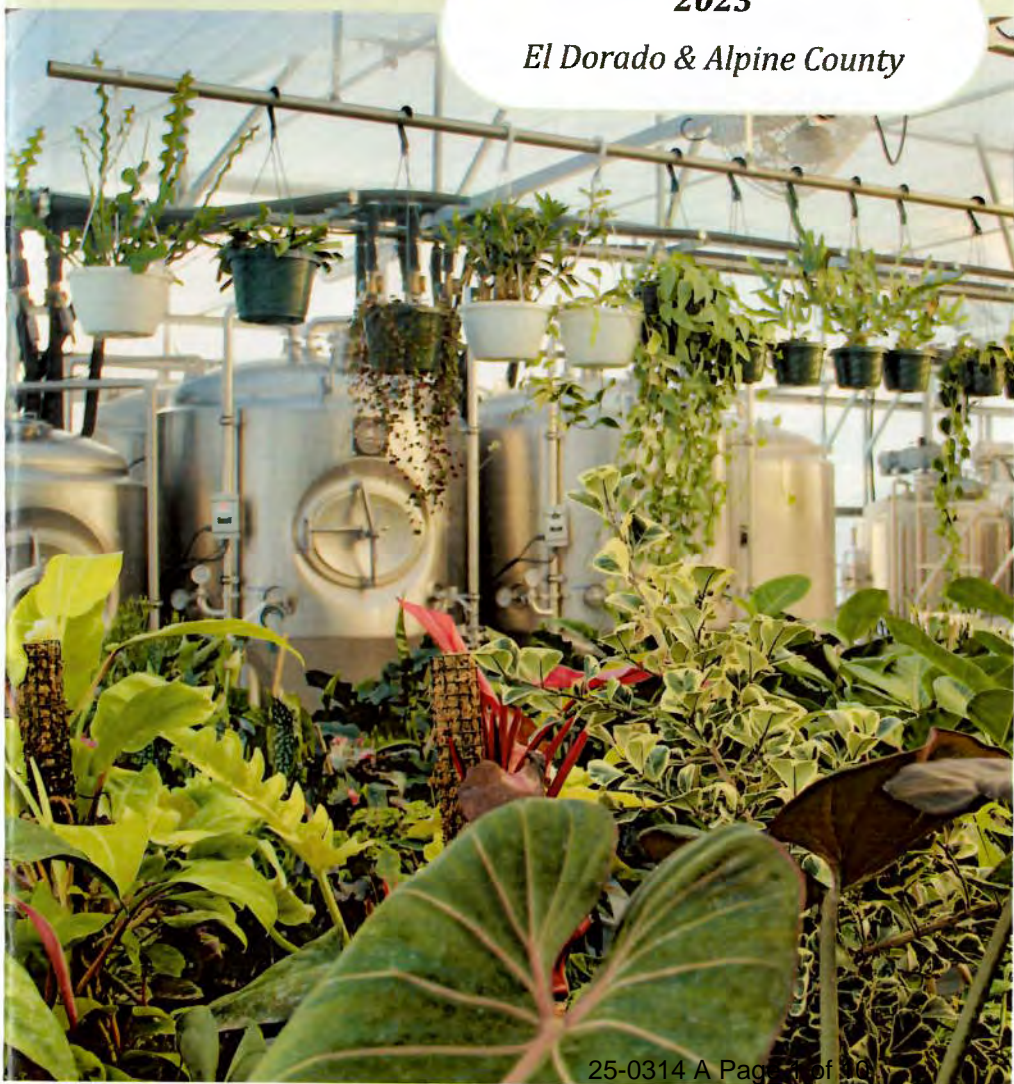


# Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report

**2023**

*El Dorado & Alpine County*



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Boring Rose is a family owned and operated microbrewery and tropical plant nursery located in Latrobe, California. We are proud to offer 32 taps of award winning beer, seltzer, cider, wine and non-alcoholic drinks in addition to rare philodendrons, ficus, monstera, ferns and succulents. Visit us at our taproom and plant shop in El Dorado Hills Town Center. Open every day!  
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It is my pleasure to submit the 2023 Crop and Livestock Report for El Dorado & Alpine Counties. The report is produced in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code and summarizes the acreage, production and gross values of the Counties' agricultural commodities.

The gross crop value for the County of El Dorado was \$80.5 million, representing an increase of 64.9% over the 2022 value and an increase of 1.1% over the 2021 value. Apples thrived in 2023, producing over 10 tons per acre and resulting in a total value for apples of \$23.2 million. This is a whopping 344% increase over 2022, when production was extremely low due to damage from a hard April freeze. Livestock was the second highest value crop at \$16.8 million, a 27.4% increase over the 2022 value. Wine grapes also rebounded after a hard year, yielding a total value of \$9.75 million, a 133% increase over the 2022 value. To read more about El Dorado County's wine grape production, see page 6, or find even more details in our annual Wine Grape Survey Report.

Monetary values in this report are F.O.B. (Freight On Board) and do not reflect net returns or profits realized by the growers. It is estimated that the impact of agriculture to the County of El Dorado's economy totaled approximately \$823 million in 2023, of which, Apple Hill and value-added products contributed an estimated \$395 million while the wine industry added another \$409 million.

Alpine County's gross crop value for 2023 was estimated to be \$7.34 million. This represents an increase of 10.2% from the 2022 values.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the producers, agricultural business representatives and public agencies that provided information to produce this report. I would like to thank Helen Keith-Lasky and the rest of the staff for their work in compiling the report.

Respectfully submitted,

*LeeAnne Mila*

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## FRUIT & NUT CROPS

### APPLES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Fresh	2023		8027	Tons	\$2,286	\$18,349,722
	2022		715	Tons	\$1,512	\$1,081,080
Juice/Cider	2023			Gallons		2,826,206
	2022			Gallons		\$2,457,570
Cannery/Apple Hill Products*	2023					\$2,127,869
	2022					\$1,705,495
Total Apples	2023	785				\$23,303,797
	2022	831				\$5,244,145

\*Includes all "enhanced agricultural products" such as fruit/nut pies and jams



## FRUIT & NUT CROPS (continued)

### WINE GRAPES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT**	TOTAL VALUE***
Bearing Red	2023	2,176	2.34	5,093	Tons	\$1,982	\$8,489,921
	2022	2,357	0.91	2,152	Tons	\$2,022	\$3,863,249
Non-bearing Red	2023	68					
	2022	56					
Bearing White	2023	358	2.05	733	Tons	\$2,003	\$1,255,647
	2022	355	0.49	175	Tons	\$2,425	\$317,117
Non-bearing White	2023	32					
	2022	32					
<b>Total Wine Grapes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>5826</b>		<b>\$1,985</b>	<b>\$9,745,567</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>2326</b>		<b>\$2,050</b>	<b>\$4,180,365</b>

\*2023 acreage and production numbers reflect actual responses by growers for the 2023 Wine Grape Survey

\*\* Reflects the average price of all wine grape varieties

\*\*\* Crop values reported in the El Dorado County Wine Grape Surveys.



## El Dorado County Wine Grapes

El Dorado wine grapes are grown at high elevations in a diverse range of microclimates, perfect for cultivating a wide range of different varieties. Our strength as a wine region is in our diversity.

As of 2023, there were 82 distinct varieties planted in El Dorado County. Of these 82 varieties, 34 of them are featured on our annual Wine Grape Survey Report\*, which details the acreage, production, and price of each variety, as well as a miscellaneous red and miscellaneous white category.

In 2023 the top 5 highest production varieties were:

1. Cabernet Sauvignon - 1,062 tons
2. Zinfandel - 675 tons
3. Merlot - 470 tons
4. Grenache - 409 tons
5. Syrah - 359 tons

The top 3 white varieties were:

1. Chardonnay - 162 tons
2. Viognier - 125 tons
3. Sauvignon Blanc - 79 tons



Most of the vineyards and wineries in El Dorado County are family owned and operated, tended with care and skill, and as a result they produce grapes of excellent quality and higher value than grapes from other counties in the same region. In 2023, the average price for a ton of grapes from El Dorado County was \$1,984.59. If El Dorado grapes were sold at the same price as grapes across District 10\*\*, the average value per ton would be only \$1,774.72.

El Dorado County is home to over 70 wineries, ranging from large operations that ship nationwide, to small boutique operations selling at tasting rooms or farmers markets. There are wineries in Apple Hill, Fair Play, Somerset, Gold Hill, Garden Valley, and Lotus. You can even go for a tasting on Main Street in Placerville. There are El Dorado wineries that feature organic, biodynamic, or non-malolactic wines, or specialize in port wines or Rhone varieties, big bold reds, sweet whites, and sparkling wines. No matter what you're looking for in a wine, you can find it at an El Dorado County winery.

\*The full Wine Grape Survey Report can be found on our website here: [eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures/Annual-Crop-Report](http://eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures/Annual-Crop-Report)

\*\*California Grape Pricing District 10 includes the Counties of Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa



## FRUIT & NUT CROPS (continued)

### PEARS

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Bartlett/Bosc	2023	61	4.03	246	Tons	\$3,491	\$858,786
	2022	65	2.1	137	Tons	\$3,651	\$500,187
Asian	2023	40	4.27	171	Tons	\$5,372	\$918,612
	2022	40	2.6	104	Tons	\$3,797	\$394,888
<b>TOTAL PEARS</b>	2023	101					\$1,777,398
	2022	105					\$895,075

### BERRIES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Blueberries	2023	42	2.26	95	Tons	\$9,957	\$945,915
	2022	33	0.46	15	Tons	\$10,706	\$160,590
Other Berries*	2023	74	0.80	59	Tons	\$8,392	\$495,128
	2022	30	1.38	41	Tons	\$11,112	\$455,592
<b>TOTAL</b>	2023						\$1,441,043
	2022						\$616,182

\*Includes blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, boysenberries, etc.



## FRUIT & NUT CROPS (continued)

### STONE FRUITS



CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Peaches	2023	98	2.70	265	Tons	\$4,764	\$1,262,460
	2022	110	2.29	252	Tons	\$4,236	\$1,067,472
Plums	2023	46	1.52	70	Tons	\$5,651	\$395,570
	2022	52	0.73	38	Tons	\$4,405	\$167,390
Olives	2023	107	0.54	58	Tons	\$2,984	\$173,072
	2022	102	-	-	Tons	-	\$36,701
<b>TOTAL</b>	2023	251					\$1,831,102
	2022	264					\$1,271,563

\*Value Per Ton and Total Value based on gallons of olive oil.

### FRUIT & NUT CROP TOTALS

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Fruit Crops*	2023	\$35,012,159
	2022	\$12,207,330
Minor & Misc. Crops**	2023	\$3,625,206
	2022	\$1,204,543
<b>TOTAL</b>	2023	\$38,637,365
	2022	\$13,411,873

\*Fruit Crops include apples, wine grapes, pears, berries, and stone fruits.

\*\* Minor & Miscellaneous Crops include truck gardens, cherries, nuts, citrus, persimmons, pumpkins, tomatoes, etc.





## LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cattle	2023	7,497	78,719	cwt**	\$162.19	\$12,767,354
	2022	6,315	66,308	cwt**	\$147.80	\$9,800,322
Miscellaneous*	2023					\$4,028,288
	2022					\$3,379,436
<b>TOTAL LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>2023</b>					<b>\$16,795,641</b>
	2022					<b>\$13,179,758</b>

\*Miscellaneous includes livestock such as goats, sheep, swine, poultry, alpacas, etc. As well as livestock products such as milk, cheese, eggs, fleece, etc.



## HAY & PASTURE

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Hay	2023	225	257 Tons	\$297.00	\$76,329
	2022	225	236 Tons	\$293.00	\$69,148
Pasture, Irrigated	2023	1,570		\$235.00	\$368,950
	2022	1,581		\$230.00	\$363,630
Rangeland	2023	232,880		\$34.00	\$7,917,920
	2022	232,960		\$32.00	\$7,454,720
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>234,675</b>			<b>\$8,363,199</b>
	2022	234,766			<b>\$7,887,498</b>

## TIMBER

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Private & Public Forest	2023	118,364	Million Board Feet	\$7,145,347
	2022	128,001	Million Board Feet	\$7,974,033

## CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Choose and Cut	2023	13,449	Each	\$99.25	\$1,334,813
	2022	18,824	Each	\$96.00	\$1,807,104



## APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	UNITS	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products	2023	5,005 Colonies	\$2,243,250
	2022	5,215 Colonies	\$2,096,495



## NURSERY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	ACREAGE	TOTAL VALUE
Nursery Products	2023	48	\$2,840,126
	2022	48	\$2,425,655



## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

### SUMMARY

CROP	2023	2022
Apples	\$23,303,797	\$5,244,145
Livestock	\$16,795,641	\$13,179,758
Wine Grapes	\$9,745,567	\$4,180,365
Hay and Pasture	\$8,363,199	\$7,887,498
Timber	\$7,145,347	\$7,974,033
Minor and Miscellaneous Crops	\$3,625,206	\$1,204,543
Nursery	\$2,840,126	\$2,425,655
Apiary	\$2,243,250	\$2,096,495
Stone Fruits	\$1,831,102	\$1,271,563
Pears	\$1,777,398	\$895,075
Berries	\$1,441,043	\$616,182
Christmas Trees	\$1,348,980	\$1,807,104
<b>AGRICULTURAL GROSS VALUE</b>	<b>\$80,460,656</b>	<b>\$48,782,416</b>

# ALPINE COUNTY

## HAY & PASTURE

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	UNITS		VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Hay	2023	320	1060	Tons	\$297.00	\$314,820
	2022	320	1040	Tons	\$295.00	\$306,800
Pasture, Irrigated	2023	3,000			\$246.00	\$738,000
	2022	3,000			\$232.00	\$696,000
Rangeland	2023	132,840			\$33.00	\$4,383,720
	2022	132,840			\$32.00	\$4,250,880
TOTAL	2023					\$5,436,540
	2022					\$5,253,680

## CATTLE

	YEAR	# SOLD	TOTAL WEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cattle	2023	850	9,776	cwt**	\$196.71	\$1,922,939
	2022	847	9,741	cwt**	\$144.50	\$1,407,502

\*\* cwt = hundredweight = 100 pounds.



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## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

### SUMMARY

CROP	2023	2022
Hay & Pasture	\$5,417,220	\$5,253,680
Cattle	\$1,922,939	\$1,407,502
<b>AGRICULTURAL GROSS VALUE</b>	<b>\$7,340,159</b>	<b>\$6,661,182</b>



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## AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

In 2023, the El Dorado & Alpine County Agriculture and Weights & Measures Department:

- Inspected **415** weighing devices, that include certified producers' scales, individual farm scales, winery platform scales, and livestock scales.
- Inspected **1,680** measuring devices, retail motor fuel dispensers, electric meters, water meters, and propane gas meters. Scales and meters are inspected to ensure consumer protection and equity in the marketplace.
- Placed **874** insect traps throughout the counties in both urban and rural areas and serviced them **5,126** times to detect and prevent the establishment of exotic and harmful pests (Pest Detection Program).
- Placed **422** Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) traps throughout the county in rural, urban, and nursery settings, inspecting and servicing them **4,573** times (Pest Management Program).
- Inspected **156** nursery stock shipments entering the county from known GWSS infected areas (Pest Management Program).
- Provided management of wildlife that were depredating livestock, property and/or presenting a hazard to public health and safety (Wildlife Management Program).
- Coordinated invasive weed control, education and eradication among federal, state, county and private agencies in El Dorado and Alpine Counties. Participated as an integral partner in the El Dorado, Lake Tahoe Basin, and Alpine/Upper Carson Weed Management Area Groups (Pest Eradication Program).
- Conducted the Pesticide Monitoring Program to protect public health, property, the environment and agricultural workers in partnership with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (Pesticide Use Monitoring Program).
- Issued **72** Certified Producer's Certificates for growers selling at Certified Farmer's Markets.
- Issued **13** Farmers Market Certificates.
- Reviewed **30** Organic Registrations.

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Agricultural & Livestock Access Pass

#### What is the Ag Pass?

The agricultural & livestock access pass program (ag pass) is a program that allows commercial agricultural and livestock operators to access their crops and livestock during a wildfire evacuation in order to perform essential feeding and watering activities.

To qualify for an ag pass, operators must have a minimum of 5 acres of crops or a minimum of 50 head of livestock (including in utero), 100 poultry or rabbits, or 50 beehives. To obtain an ag pass, they must first attend a 3 hour training session, and then a 1 hour refresher course every year after that to instruct farmers and ranchers on proper safety practices behind fire lines and how to use the ag pass in event of an emergency.

In 2023, El Dorado County held our first ever training session for the program and issued **43** passes to local operators.





2023

## Placerville

**Tuesdays, June - September**

**Wednesdays, May - September**

## Sundays, Year Round



Thursdays, August - October

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, November - May



Wednesdays, June - September

