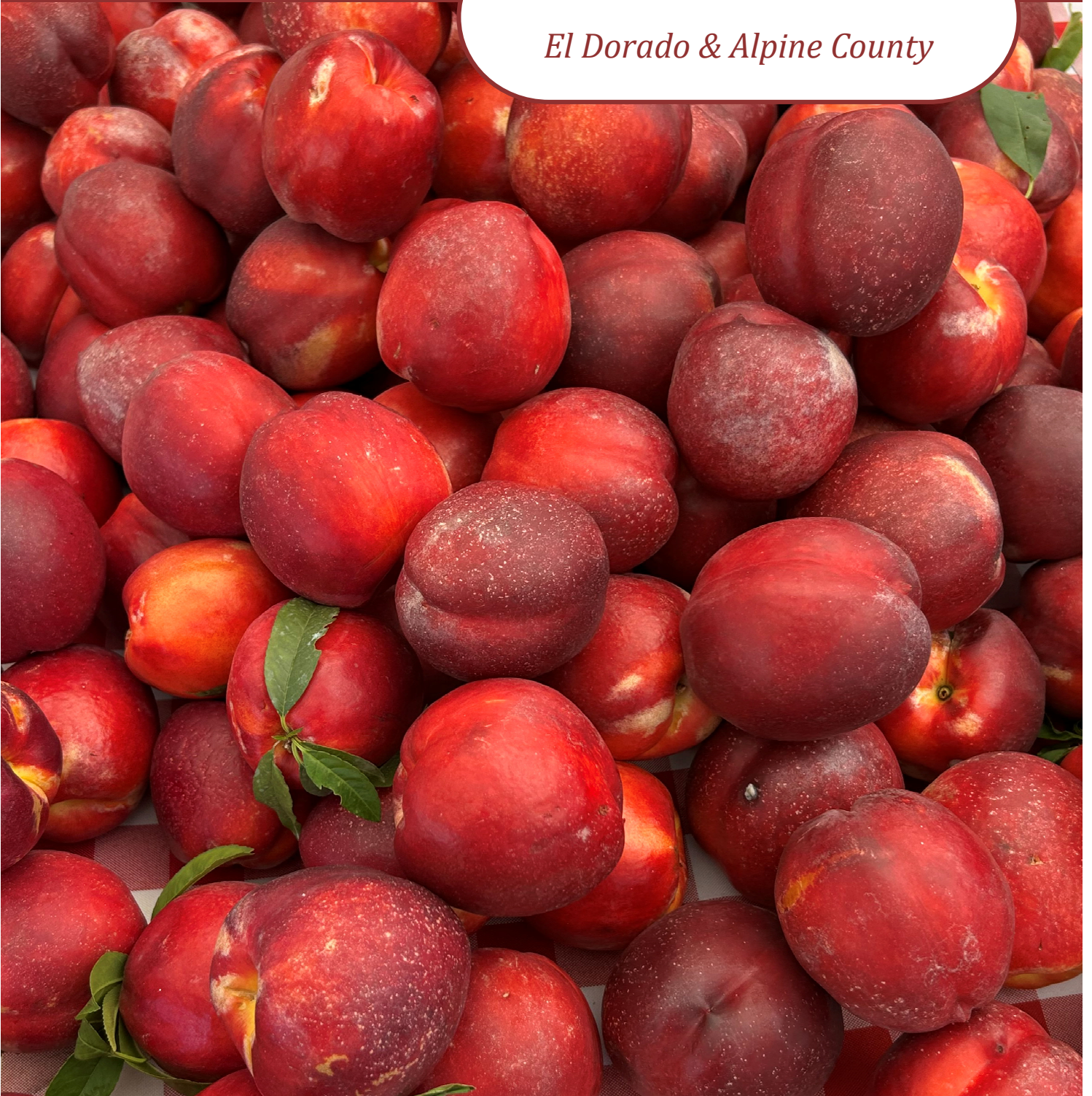


Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report

2024

El Dorado & Alpine County



EL DORADO & ALPINE COUNTY

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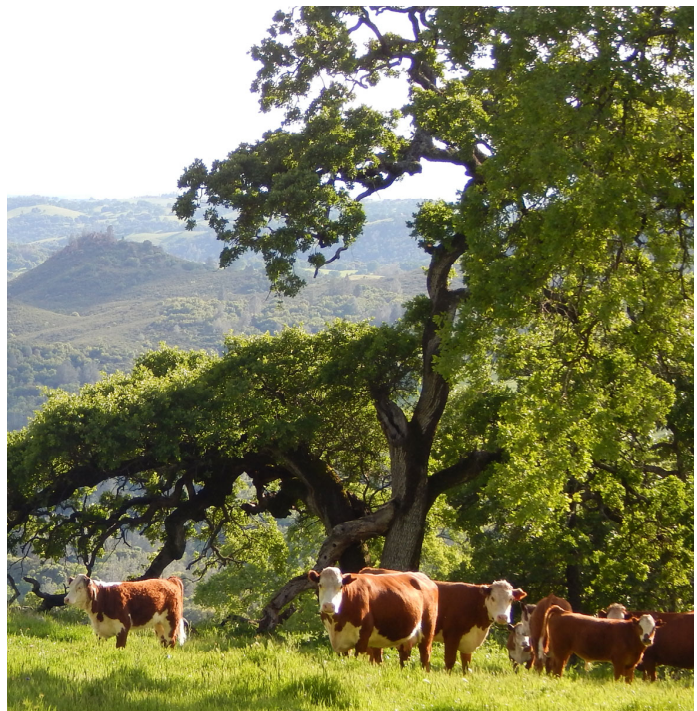
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It is my pleasure to submit the 2024 Crop and Livestock Report for El Dorado & Alpine Counties. The report is produced in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code and summarizes the acreage, production and gross values of the Counties' agricultural commodities.

The gross crop value for the County of El Dorado was \$77.8 million in 2024, representing a decrease of 3.3% over the 2023 value. The highest value crop in 2024 was livestock, at \$21.2 million. This is a 26.3% increase over the 2023 value, and marks the second year of a steep but steady rise in beef prices. The next highest value crop was timber at \$10.8 million, reflecting an increase of 51.2% as timber harvests continue to increase following the 2021 Caldor Fire. The apple crop declined in 2024 to a value of \$12.4 million, primarily due to a dip in average yield from a massive 10.23 tons per acre in 2023 to only 4.17 tons per acre in 2024. Wine grape values declined 17.3% from \$9.75 million in 2023 to \$8.09 million in 2024. Roughly 16.5% of grape tonnage grown in 2024 was not sold or utilized. Vineyard owners reported difficulty in finding buyers for their grapes, a struggle shared by growers throughout the state. A full and detailed breakdown of the County's wine grape harvest can be found 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 \$839 million in 2024, of which, Apple Hill and value-added products contributed an estimated \$425 million while the wine industry added another \$376 million.

Alpine County's gross crop value for 2024 was estimated to be \$8.1 million. This represents an increase of 10.4% from the 2023 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. Photos included in this report were taken by staff from the Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LeeAnne Mila".

LeeAnne Mila
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

APPLES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Fresh	2024	764	4.17	3186	Tons	\$2,310	\$7,359,660
	2023	785	10.23	8027	Tons	\$2,286	\$18,349,722
Juice/Cider	2024				Gallons		2,907,853
	2023				Gallons		\$2,826,206
Cannery/Apple Hill Products*	2024						\$2,154,670
	2023						\$2,127,869
Total Apples	2024	764					\$12,422,183
	2023	785					\$23,303,797

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

WINE GRAPES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT**	TOTAL VALUE***
Bearing Red	2024	2,146	2.26	4,842	Tons	\$1,604	\$6,887,878
	2023	2,176	2.34	5,093	Tons	\$1,982	\$8,489,921
Non-bearing Red	2024	81					
	2023	68					
Bearing White	2024	352	1.95	687	Tons	\$2,061	\$1,168,488
	2023	358	2.05	733	Tons	\$2,003	\$1,255,647
Non-bearing White	2024	34					
	2023	32					
Total Wine Grapes	2024	2,612	2.21	5529		\$1,654	\$8,056,367
	2023	2,634	2.30	5826		\$1,985	\$9,745,568

*2024 acreage and production numbers reflect actual responses by growers for the 2024 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 varietals. Our strength as a wine region is in our diversity.

As of 2024, there were 82 distinct varietals planted in El Dorado County. Of these 82 varietals, 36 of them are featured on our annual Wine Grape Survey Report*, which details the acreage, production, and price of each varietal, as well as a miscellaneous red and miscellaneous white category.

In 2024 the top 5 highest production varietals were:

1. Cabernet Sauvignon - 1,144 tons
2. Zinfandel - 722 tons
3. Merlot - 424 tons
4. Primitivo - 282 tons
5. Syrah - 282 tons

The top 3 white varietals were:

1. Chardonnay - 149 tons
2. Viognier - 101 tons
3. Sauvignon Blanc - 66 tons

*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



FRUIT & NUT CROPS (continued)

PEARS

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Bartlett/Bosc	2024	61	3.48	212	Tons	\$3,269	\$693,028
	2023	61	4.03	246	Tons	\$3,491	\$858,786
Asian	2024	38	4.45	169	Tons	\$5,631	\$951,639
	2023	40	4.27	171	Tons	\$5,372	\$918,612
TOTAL PEARS	2024	99					\$1,644,667
	2023	101					\$1,777,398

BERRIES

CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Blackberries	2024	42	0.20	8	Tons	\$9,413	\$75,304
	2023	44	1.05	46	Tons	\$7,453	\$342,838
Blueberries	2024	41	2.51	103	Tons	\$9,144	\$941,832
	2023	42	2.26	95	Tons	\$9,957	\$945,915
Other Berries*	2024	30	0.54	16	Tons	\$11,961	\$191,376
	2023	30	0.43	13	Tons	\$11,715	\$152,290
TOTAL	2024						\$1,208,512
	2023						\$1,441,043

*Includes 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	2024	96	2.27	218	Tons	\$5,360	\$1,168,480
	2023	98	2.70	265	Tons	\$4,764	\$1,262,460
Plums	2024	41	1.56	64	Tons	\$4,930	\$315,520
	2023	46	1.52	70	Tons	\$5,651	\$395,570
Other Stone Fruit*	2024	48	2.04	98	Tons	\$6,302	\$617,596
	2023	48	1.37	66	Tons	\$4,681	\$308,946
Olives**	2024	107	0.62	66	Tons	\$5,398	\$356,268
	2023	107	0.54	58	Tons	\$2,984	\$173,072
TOTAL	2024	244					\$2,457,864
	2023	251					\$2,140,048

*Other Stone Fruit includes nectarines, cherries, apricots, and hybrid stone fruits such as pluots.

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



FRUIT & NUT CROP TOTALS

	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
Fruit Crops*	2024	\$22,333,128
	2023	\$35,321,105
Minor & Misc. Crops**	2024	\$4,476,951
	2023	\$3,316,260
TOTAL	2024	\$26,810,079
	2023	\$38,637,365

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

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

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cattle	2024	7,304	76,692	cwt**	\$219.97	\$16,869,939
	2023	7,497	78,719	cwt**	\$162.19	\$12,767,354
Miscellaneous*	2024					\$4,347,920
	2023					\$4,028,288
TOTAL LIVESTOCK	2024					\$21,217,859
	2023					\$16,795,642

*Miscellaneous includes goats, pigs, alpacas, chickens, and other miscellaneous livestock, as well as livestock products including eggs, wool, milk, cheese, etc.

**Cwt stands for hundredweight, a weight equal to 100 pounds.



HAY & PASTURE

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION		VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Hay	2024	225	253	Tons	\$298.00	\$75,394
	2023	225	257	Tons	\$297.00	\$76,329
Pasture, Irrigated	2024	1,565			\$237.00	\$370,905
	2023	1,570			\$235.00	\$366,365
Rangeland	2024	218,320			\$35.00	\$7,641,200
	2023	232,880			\$34.00	\$7,915,200
TOTAL	2024	220,110				\$8,087,499
	2023	234,675				\$8,357,894

TIMBER

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Private & Public Forest	2024	88,933	Million Board Feet	\$10,803,149
	2023	118,364	Million Board Feet	\$7,145,347

CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Choose and Cut	2024	14,879	Each	\$106.40	\$1,583,126
	2023	13,589	Each	\$99.27	\$1,348,980

NURSERY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	ACREAGE	TOTAL VALUE
Nursery Products	2024	101	\$3,921,688
	2023	48	\$2,840,126

APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	UNITS	TOTAL VALUE
Apiary Products	2024	4,895 Colonies	\$1,946,842
	2023	5,005 Colonies	\$2,243,250



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

SUMMARY

CROP	2024	2023
Livestock	\$21,217,859	\$16,795,641
Apples	\$12,422,183	\$23,303,797
Timber	\$10,803,149	\$7,145,347
Hay and Pasture	\$8,087,499	\$8,363,199
Wine Grapes	\$8,056,367	\$9,745,567
Minor and Miscellaneous Crops	\$4,476,951	\$3,316,260
Nursery	\$3,921,688	\$2,840,126
Stone Fruits	\$2,457,864	\$2,140,048
Apiary	\$1,946,842	\$2,243,250
Pears	\$1,644,667	\$1,777,398
Berries	\$1,208,512	\$1,441,043
Christmas Trees	\$1,583,126	\$1,348,980
AGRICULTURAL GROSS VALUE	\$77,826,706	\$80,460,656

ALPINE COUNTY

HAY & PASTURE

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	UNITS		VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Hay	2024	320	1050	Tons	\$284.00	\$298,200
	2023	320	1060	Tons	\$297.00	\$314,820
Pasture, Irrigated	2024	3,000			\$249.00	\$747,000
	2023	3,000			\$246.00	\$738,000
Rangeland	2024	132,840			\$34.00	\$4,516,560
	2023	132,840			\$33.00	\$4,383,720
TOTAL	2024					\$5,561,760
	2023					\$5,436,540

CATTLE

	YEAR	# SOLD	TOTAL WEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cattle	2024	843	9,695	cwt**	\$264.00	\$2,559,479
	2023	850	9,776	cwt**	\$196.71	\$1,922,939

** cwt = hundredweight = 100 pounds.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

SUMMARY

CROP	2024	2023
Hay & Pasture	\$5,561,760	\$5,436,540
Cattle	\$2,559,479	\$1,922,939
AGRICULTURAL GROSS VALUE	\$8,121,239	\$7,359,479



2024

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

In 2024, the El Dorado & Alpine County Agriculture, Weights & Measures Department:

Direct Marketing & Organics

- Issued **71** Certified Producer's Certificates for growers selling at Certified Farmer's Markets.
- Issued **11** Farmers Market Certificates.
- Reviewed **30** Organic Registrations.

Weights & Measures

- Inspected **541** weighing devices, that include certified producers' scales, individual farm scales, winery platform scales, and livestock scales.
- Inspected **1,786** 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.

Pest Detection & Exclusion

- Placed **862** insect traps throughout the counties in both urban and rural areas and serviced them **3,979** times to detect and prevent the establishment of exotic and harmful pests.
- Placed **528** Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) traps throughout the county in rural, urban, and nursery settings, inspecting and servicing them **4,768** times.
- Inspected **260** nursery stock shipments entering the county from known GWSS infected areas.

Other Programs

- Provided management of wildlife that were depredating livestock, property and/or presenting a hazard to public health and safety.
- 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.
- Conducted the Pesticide Monitoring Program to protect public health, property, the environment and agricultural workers in partnership with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.



EL DORADO COUNTY

2024

CERTIFIED FARMER'S MARKETS

Placerville

Placerville Certified Farmers' Market

Placerville Drive Cinema Lot

Saturdays, May - October

Main Street Farmers' Market

Mooney Lot, 574 Main Street

Wednesdays, June - October

North County

People's Mountain Market

Garden Valley Park, Garden Valley

Wednesdays, May - October

Coloma Community Market

Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, Coloma

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, November - April

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, June - September

Cameron Park

Cameron Park Certified Farmers' Market

Burke's Junction Shopping Center Parking Lot

Wednesdays, May - September

El Dorado Hills

Town Center Certified Farmers' Market

Target parking lot by Town Center Blvd

Sundays, Year Round

South Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe Certified Farmers Market

American Legion Post 795 parking lot

Tuesdays, June - October

Ski Run Farmers Market

Ski Run Blvd, between Larch & Birch Street

Fridays, June - September

Meyers Mountain Market

Tahoe Paradise Park, 1011 E. San Bernadino Ave

Wednesdays, June - September

South County

South County Market

Shadow Ranch Vineyard

Sundays, July - October

Dinner Station Market

5951 Mount Aukum Rd (E16), Somerset

Thursdays, July - October