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Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights and Measures recommending the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2012 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report (Est. Time: 10 Min.)
Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no fiscal impact.

Background:

In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the department is submitting the 2012 El Dorado & Alpine Counties Crop Report.

The El Dorado County gross crop value for 2012 was \$47.1 million; representing an overall increase of 30% from 2011 values. The largest increase in crop production occurred in the Fruit and Nut sector with an overall increase of 59%. Apples, juice products, and value-added products were a large contributor to the overall increase by more than doubling their total value from 2011 to 2012. Apples and apple products were El Dorado County's number one crop in 2012, with a total value of \$13.2 million. The wine grape industry continued to grow and increased its total value from \$5.1 million in 2011 to \$7.8 million in 2012, with almost all grape varieties increasing in value. Livestock and timber values also increased in 2012 from 2011 values

The 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 \$366 million in 2012, of which, ranch marketing and value-added products contributed \$159 million, and the wine industry an estimated \$169 million.

The Alpine County's gross crop value for cattle, hay and pasture in 2012, was estimated to be \$4.5 million. This represents a 15% decrease from the 2011 value. The carrying capacity of the land was decreased due to drought induced dry rangeland conditions.

Action to be taken following Board approval:
Board is to receive and file report.

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