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Agriculture, Weights and Measures recommending the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2015 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Department is requesting the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2015 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report. Commissioner Carveth addressed that the gross crop value for the County of El Dorado was \$63,917,150, representing an increase of 8.9% from 2014 values. Apples and apple products were the leading crop in El Dorado County with a total value of \$15.7 million. Timber moved to our second leading crop with a value that increased by 34.5% due to timber salvage efforts after the King Fire. While a mild winter paired with continued drought affected yields of some of the fruit and nut crops, wine grapes increased in total value by 6.8% to \$8.1 million.

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 \$528 million in 2015, of which, Apple Hill and value-added products contributed an estimated \$244 million while the wine industry added another \$238 million.

Alpine County's gross crop value for 2015 was estimated to be \$5.66 million. Despite continued drought conditions, livestock prices continue to reflect strong demand.

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