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Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department recommending the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2007 Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

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 2007 El Dorado & Alpine Counties Crop Report.

The El Dorado County gross crop value for 2007 was \$53.2 million; this is an overall decrease of 9.5% from the 2006 values. The decline was largely due to a 40% decrease in timber values. In addition, the 2007 wine grape crop yielded a lower tonnage per acre that resulted in a 12.1% decrease in production when compared to the previous year. However, better reporting from growers, combined with higher stone fruit crop production led to a 43.3% increase in the fruits and nuts category, a 157.5% increase in apiary production and a 44.6% increase in nursery values for 2007.

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 on El Dorado County's economy totaled approximately \$440 million in 2007 of which the wine industry contributed an estimated \$187 million while Apple Hill added another \$98 million.

The Alpine County gross crop value for 2007 was \$4.7 million; this is a slight decrease from the 2006 value.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Board is to receive and file report.

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