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Agricultural Department recommending the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2019 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Department is requesting the Board receive and file the El Dorado-Alpine Counties 2019 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report. Commissioner Carveth addressed that the gross crop value for the County of El Dorado was $74,516,035 million, representing a decrease of 1.3% from the 2018 values. While other crop values increased in 2019, timber values decreased by 25%, which can be directly attributed to a decrease in the timber harvested. Apples and apple products moved to the leading crop with a value of $18,996,472 million. Wine grapes values increased by 8.27% over 2018 values to $12,092,373 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 $703 million in 2019, of which, Apple Hill and value-added products contributed an estimated $274 million while the wine industry added another $382 million.

Alpine County's gross crop value for 2019 was estimated to be $5.7 million. This represents an increase of 10% from the 2018 values. Increases in rangeland values and hay production were responsible for the increase.

ALTERNATIVES

An annual crop report is in accordance with Sections 2271 and 2279 of the California's Food and Agricultural Code for the purpose of publishing an accurate and meaningful report of the agricultural conditions in El Dorado and Alpine Counties. Lending/financial institutions, news outlets, statistical services, education centers, realty agencies, and prospective agricultural land purchasers are extremely interested in the annual crop report. The crop report represents an overview summary of our top commodities, thus protecting the privacy of our growers and ranchers while emphasizing the importance of agriculture to our local economy.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS
N/A

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