

To: Karen Ross, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture

The Honorable Board of Supervisors,

County of Plumas

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I am pleased to submit, in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, Plumas and Sierra Counties' Annual Crop Report for 2011. This report summarizes the acreage, production, and gross values of agricultural commodities produced in Plumas and Sierra Counties. It does not attempt to show county inventory, cost of production, or net income of agricultural producers.

Plumas County's estimated 2011 agricultural production value is \$24,746,117 (excluding timber returns). This represents a 23.6% increase over 2010's value of \$20,019,400. Livestock continues to be the primary commodity produced in Plumas County with an increase of almost 18% in the category overall. Field Crops showed a very strong increase of 34%. Timber revenues rose for the second consecutive year with a 14% increase.

Sierra County's 2011 agricultural production values also increased with production estimated to be \$8,184,555 (excluding timber returns). This represents an increase of 32% over 2010. Both Livestock and Field Crop categories experienced increases of 31% and 33.8% respectively. All subcategories of Livestock and Field Crops exhibited increases. Sierra County timber resurged with another strong revenue year showing an increase of \$1,659,851 or 76% in 2011.

This report includes a summary of sustainable agriculture activities, which have been completed by the department in 2011. The purpose of these activities is to prevent and control the spread of exotic and/or invasive plant and insect pests throughout our two counties using integrated pest management techniques.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the many producers, agricultural business representatives, and public agencies that have cooperated in supplying data to Andrea Oilar and Tim Gibson, who helped compile this report.

Respectfully yours,

Keith Mahan  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Sealer of Weights of Measures

# PLUMAS COUNTY

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REPORT - 2011

### LIVESTOCK

Commodity	Number of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	per Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Steers	8,250	63,525	CWT	\$ 127.00	\$ 8,067,675	\$ 6,672,800
Heifers	6,750	50,625	CWT	\$ 122.00	\$ 6,176,250	\$ 5,302,500
Slaughter	710	9,088	CWT	\$ 59.00	\$ 536,192	\$ 542,100
Other					\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
<b>Total Livestock</b>					<b>\$ 14,905,117</b>	<b>\$ 12,642,400</b>

### FIELD CROPS

Commodity	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Alfalfa Hay	6,000	3.00	18,000	Tons	\$ 213	\$ 3,834,000	\$ 2,160,000
Meadow Hay	3,000	2.00	6,000	Tons	\$ 183	\$ 1,098,000	\$ 1,170,000
Grain Hay	1,000	2.00	2,000	Tons	\$ 143	\$ 286,000	\$ 252,000
Irrigated Pasture	35,000	-	-	Acre	\$ 80	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 2,310,000
Non-irrigated Pasture	52,000	-	-	Acre	\$ 24	\$ 1,248,000	\$ 1,040,000
Range Pasture	65,000	-	-	Acre	\$ 5	\$ 325,000	\$ 195,000
<b>Total Field Crops</b>						<b>\$ 9,591,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,127,000</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS CROPS** (Nursery, apiary, seed, fruit, potatoes, grain, etc.) **\$ 250,000** **\$ 250,000**

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 24,746,117** **\$ 20,019,400**

### TIMBER

Commodity	Production	Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Gross Timber Harvest	74,370	MBF	\$ 11,510,226	\$ 10,059,300
Misc. Timber Prod.		MBF	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Timber</b>			<b>\$ 11,510,226</b>	<b>\$ 10,059,300</b>

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# SIERRA COUNTY

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REPORT - 2011

### LIVESTOCK

Commodity	Number of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	per Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Steers	2,600	20,696	CWT	\$ 136.00	\$ 2,814,656	\$ 2,137,300
Heifers	2,030	14,657	CWT	\$ 133.00	\$ 1,949,381	\$ 1,452,400
Slaughter	210	2,545	CWT	\$ 59.00	\$ 150,155	\$ 149,300
Other					\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
<b>Total Livestock</b>					<b>\$ 4,949,192</b>	<b>\$ 3,774,000</b>

### FIELD CROPS

Commodity	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Alfalfa Hay	1,290	3.25	4,193	Tons	\$ 230.00	\$ 964,275	\$ 548,200
Meadow Hay	1,620	1.70	2,754	Tons	\$ 172.00	\$ 473,688	\$ 453,600
Grain Hay	640	2.50	1,600	Tons	\$ 154.00	\$ 246,400	\$ 161,300
Irrigated Pasture	11,450	-	-	Acre	\$ 80.00	\$ 916,000	\$ 755,700
Non-irrigated Pasture	20,000	-	-	Acre	\$ 24.00	\$ 480,000	\$ 400,000
Range Pasture	24,000	-	-	Acre	\$ 5.00	\$ 120,000	\$ 72,000
<b>Total Field Crops</b>						<b>\$ 3,200,363</b>	<b>\$ 2,390,800</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS CROPS** (Nursery, apiary, seed, fruit, potatoes, grain, etc.) **\$ 35,000** **\$ 35,000**

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 8,184,555** **\$ 6,199,800**

### TIMBER

Commodity	Production	Unit	<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Gross Timber Harvest	22,044	MBF	\$ 3,840,151	\$ 2,180,300
Misc. Timber Prod.		MBF	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Timber</b>			<b>\$ 3,840,151</b>	<b>\$ 2,180,300</b>

# PLUMAS

