

Plumas County



2020

Agricultural Production Report



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I am pleased to submit, in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, Plumas County Annual Crop Report for 2020. This report summarizes the acreage, production, and gross values of agricultural commodities produced in Plumas County. It does not attempt to show county inventory, cost of production, or net income of agricultural producers.

Plumas County's 2020 estimated commodity production value is \$30,591,291.00

Timber harvest added an additional \$16,666,220.00 to County agricultural values.

This report includes a summary of sustainable agriculture activities, which have been completed by the department in 2020. The purpose of these activities is to prevent and control the spread of exotic and/or invasive plant and insect pests throughout Plumas County 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 and especially to Dax Albrecht, who helped compile this report.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Willo Vieira".

Willo Vieira,
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PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2020 ANNUAL PLUMAS COUNTY CROP REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures is to promote and protect the agricultural industry of the State of California and the Counties of Plumas and Sierra, while also protecting the environment, citizens of the county and the county's workforce, and to provide equity in the marketplace for consumers and businesses alike.

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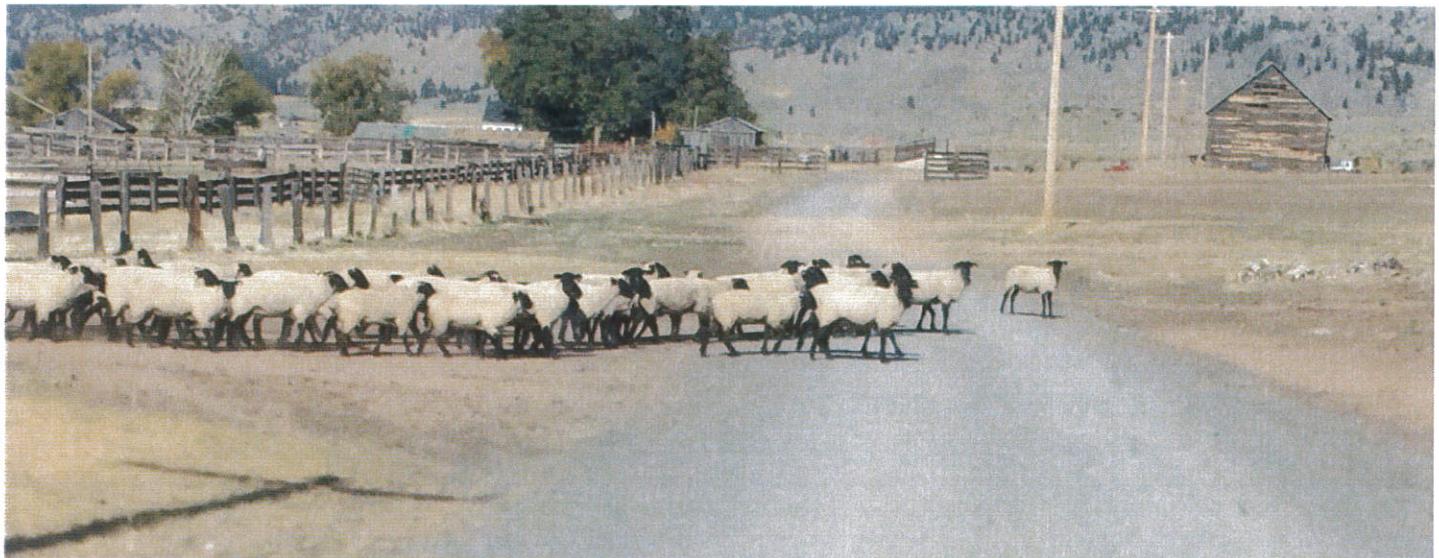
Cattle



	Number of Head	Total Live- weight	Average price per pound	2019 Total
Steers	5,436	4,484,700	\$1.38	\$6,188,886.00
Heifers	3,653	2,648,425	\$1.33	\$3,522,406.00
Slaughter Cows/ Bulls	370	493,000	\$0.82	\$404,260.00
Miscellaneous	192	—	—	\$217,920.00
Total Cattle	9,651	7,626,125		\$10,333,472.00

* Includes Calves, Cow/calf pairs, and breeding animals

Sheep , Goats and Hogs



	Volume	Units	Price per Unit	2020 Total
Sheep, Unspecified	342	Head		\$68,392.00
Wool	2034	Pounds		\$10,170.00
Goats, unspecified	53	Head		\$63,540.00
Goat milk	68.25	CWT	\$39.00	\$2,661.00
Hogs	16,560	Pounds	\$3.65	\$60,444.00

Apiary & Poultry



	Volume	Units	Price per Unit	2020 Total
Honey	2,793	pounds	\$9.30	\$25,974.00
Wax	78	Pounds	\$4.25	\$331.00
Eggs	5198	Dozen	\$4.50	\$23,391.00
Poultry, Unspecified	6899	Each		\$68,990.00
Total Apiary & Poultry				\$118,686.00

Field Crops



	Harvested Acres	Yield/ Acre	Total Tons Harvested	Price / Ton	Total Value
Alfalfa Hay	5653	3.5	19,785	\$225	\$4,451,737.00
Grain Hay	985	3	2,955	\$175	\$517,125.00
Grass Hay	1008	2	2,016	\$250	\$504,000.00

	Number of Acres	Value per Acre	Total Value
Pastureland	18332	\$180.00	\$3,299,760.00
Rangeland	94795	\$20.00	\$1,895,900.00

Organic Production



Organic Program

Organic farming practices focus on maintaining ecological health and balance through promoting biodiversity and soil health while minimizing pollutants. Organic farming practices exclude the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers as well as genetically modified organisms.

The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office performs inspections on behalf of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for first-time registrants and producers that make less than \$5000 in annual sales, and conducts spot checks at farmers markets.

Certified Organic Production 2020

\$55,358.00

85 acres

Specialty Crops



2020

Certified Farmers Markets **2**

Certified Producers **10**

	Acres	Units Produced	Value
Vegetables	18.50	46,135 pounds	\$ 177,211.00
Tree Crops	6.0	6,118 pounds	\$7,647.00
Small Fruits	4.45	47,452 pounds	\$142,356.00
Industrial Hemp Biomass	20	33,000 pounds	\$8,920,000.00
Nursery Bedding Plants	2.5	20,164 each	\$18,190.00

Forestry Data



	Volume (Net MBF)	Volume percent	Public percent	Value
Plumas Timber				
Receipts	106,451	7.21	1.79	\$16,571,390.00
Christmas Trees	9,483 trees			\$94,830.00

PLUMAS COUNTY

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORT –2020

PEST EXCLUSION

Exotic pests	Nursery Stock & Seed Inspections	32 inspections
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PEST DETECTION

Gypsy Moth	120 traps placed	None Detected
Japanese Beetle	4 Traps placed	None Detected
European Pine Shoot Moth	4 Traps Placed	None Detected
European Corn Borer	6 Traps Placed	None Detected

CERTIFICATES

Weed Free Certificates	Forage and Gravel	4 issued
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The Pest Eradication and Pest Management programs incorporate integrated pest management (IPM) practices including biological control agents, mechanical removal, and chemical (herbicide) applications.

PEST ERADICATION

Dalmatian Toadflax	biological (<i>Mecinus janthiniformis</i>), mechanical, chemical
Diffuse Knapweed	biological (<i>Larinus minutus, Bangasternus fausti</i>), mechanical, chemical
Musk Thistle	biological (<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i>), mechanical, chemical
Rush Skeletonweed	biological (<i>Puccinia chondrillina</i>), mechanical, chemical
Scotch Thistle	mechanical, chemical
Spotted Knapweed	mechanical, chemical

PEST MANAGEMENT

Bull Thistle	biological (<i>Urophora sirunaseva</i>)
Dyer's Woad	chemical, mechanical
Klamath Weed	biological (<i>Chrysolina quadrigemina</i>)
Russian Knapweed	chemical
Scotch Broom	mechanical
Tall Whitetop	chemical
Puncture Vine	Chemical, mechanical
Yellow Starthistle	biological (<i>Eustenopus villosus, Chaetorellia australis, Larinus curtus, Bangasternus orientalis, Puccinia jaeae variety Solstislis</i>), mechanical, chemical
Stinkwort	Chemical

Weights and Measures

The Plumas County Agricultural Commissioner is also the Sealer of Weights and Measures, which plays a vital role in the economic activity of the county. The department serves the community by safeguarding and measuring accuracy and assuring confidence and integrity in the marketplace. The benefit our office provides ensures fair competition for industry and accurate value comparison for consumers.

As a neutral third party between buyers and sellers we:

- Test weighing and measuring devices for accuracy
- Examine and evaluate the work of service repairmen
- Verify the quantity of bulk and packaged commodities
- Check consumer packages for proper labeling
- Inspect price scanner systems for accuracy
- Review weighmaster certificates and licensing requirements
- Regulate the advertising, labeling and quality standards of petroleum products



Measuring Devices		Scales	
Electric Submeters	866	Computing Scales	53
Cordage meters	9	Counter Scales	37
Liquefied Gas Meters	48	Platform Scales	13
Retail Motor Fuel Meters	348	Hanging Scales	10
Vapor Submeters	211	Livestock Scales	22
Wholesale Meters	11	Meat Scales	1
EVSE	4	Vehicle Scales	15
Petroleum Inspections	14		
Quantity Control Inspections	3		
Consumer Complaints	2	Notices of Violation Issued	14