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**1966**

# **NEVADA COUNTY**

## **ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT**



**Nevada County Department of Agriculture**

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Gentlemen:

As required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 1966 Crop and Livestock Report for Nevada County.

The value of the different agricultural items listed in this report includes cost of production, harvesting, packing and transportation to market.

Fruit production in Nevada County was favored by exceptionally good weather throughout the spring and summer of 1966. Increased yields, improved quality and favorable market prices made this a good fruit year.

There was no significant change in number of beef cattle produced for 1966 but average prices received were above the previous year.

A sincere effort has been made to make the report as accurate as possible. I would like to thank the ranchers in Nevada County and other public agencies for their information in making this report.

Respectfully submitted,

*John W. Phillips*

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SUMMARY

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 129,090	\$ 182,200
LIVESTOCK	637,830	695,100
POULTRY	394,000	677,773
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	178,200*	167,600
FIELD CROPS	547,600	505,360
TOTALS	<u>\$1,386,720</u>	<u>\$2,228,033</u>

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AGRICULTURAL INCOME - 1962 - 1966

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1966	\$2,228,033
1965	1,886,720
1964	1,862,650
1963	1,989,470
1962	2,256,500

\*Revised

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>APPLES</u>								
TOTAL	1966	101	4.77	482	Ton	\$199.00	\$ 95,900	
	1965	88	5.03	443	Ton	162.27	71,890	
Fresh Market	1966	-	-	482	Ton	199.00	95,900	
	1965	-	-	415	Ton	170.00	70,600	
Processing	1966	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1965	-	-	28	Ton	46.00	1,290	
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1966	173	.913	158	Ton	104.00	16,400	
	1965	173	.49	85	Ton	126.00	10,700	
<u>MISC. FRUIT, NUT &amp; VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	1966	(Peaches, Plums, Walnuts,						69,900
	1965	Bushberries and Vegetables)						46,500
TOTALS	1966							\$182,200
	1965							\$129,090

#### HISTORY OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN NEVADA COUNTY

Nevada County fruit growing goes back to the early Gold Rush days. Miners brought their apples, pears and peaches and planted them here in the hills. They did surprisingly well. In fact, some of the fruit trees of the early mining days are still alive and bearing fruit.

Nevada County's fruit display at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, 1915, won many gold medals. The display contained fifty-four (54) varieties of pears alone.

After World War I, Nevada County fruit was shipped to eastern markets by rail. Fruit was sold in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Montreal and other cities.

The pear industry in Nevada County survived the depression years and continued up to about 1958 when pear decline and fire blight brought an end to the pear industry here.

Apple trees are less susceptible to disease and frost damage which brought down the bartlett pear industry. A new type of fruit industry was launched in apples along with some hardier varieties of peaches and plums.

Fruit marketing started by hand packing under the shade of trees, progressed to automated packing sheds, and now as a result of marketing conditions, is back to the "shade tree" or "grower packer" operation again.

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION

1965 - 1966

Item	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE &amp; CALVES</u>						
TOTAL	1966	5,560	28,000	cwt	\$22.22	\$ 622,400
	1965	4,741	28,710	cwt	20.95	601,400
<u>BEEF-</u>						
a. Steers & Heifers	1966	4,750	21,400	cwt	23.60	505,000
(Slaughter & Feeders)	1965	3,790	20,300	cwt	23.40	475,000
b. Cows	1966	550	5,500	cwt	17.50	96,200
(Breeding & Slaughter)	1965	655	6,250	cwt	13.70	85,600
<u>DAIRY-</u>						
(Cows & Calves)	1966	260	1,100	cwt	19.30	21,200
	1965	296	2,160	cwt	18.90	40,800
<u>POULTRY</u>						
Fryers	1966	-	-	-	-	677,773
Starter Pullets						
Breeding Stock						
Pheasants						
	1965	-	-	-	-	394,000
<u>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</u>						
	1966	2,630	2,367	cwt	23.80	56,300
	1965	1,540	1,440	cwt	18.60	26,800
<u>HOGS &amp; PIGS</u>						
	1966	579	554	cwt	29.60	16,400
	1965	352	450	cwt	21.40	9,630
TOTALS	1966					\$1,372,873
	1965					\$1,031,830

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1965 - 1966

Item	Year	Production	Unit	VALUE	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u>					
TOTAL	1966	14,800	cwt	-	\$ 70,800
	1965	19,800*	cwt	-	89,500*
Market	1966	8,170	cwt	5.41	44,200
	1965	12,200	cwt	5.14*	62,700*
Manufacturing	1966	6,630	cwt	4.01	26,600
	1965	7,600*	cwt	3.53*	26,800*
<u>EGGS, (Chicken)</u>	1966	181,000	doz	.36	65,200
Market	1965	230,000	doz	.265	61,000
Hatching	1966	24,500	doz	.72	17,600
	1965	24,500	doz	.72	17,600
<u>WOOL</u>	1966	28,000	lbs	.50	14,000
	1965	19,400	lbs	.52	10,100
TOTALS	1966				\$167,600
	1965				\$178,200*

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Unit	VALUE	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>PASTURE &amp; RANGE</u>					
Irrigated	1966	7,384	Acre	\$40.00	\$295,360
	1965	7,240	Acre	40.00	290,000
Range Land	1966	140,000	Acre	1.50	210,000
	1965	189,000	Acre	1.36	257,600*
TOTALS	1966				\$505,360
	1965				\$547,600

\*Revised

JANUARY 1, 1967 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
(in number of head)

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	January 1, 1966	January 1, 1967
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES</u>		
ALL	8,682	8,182
Milk cows 2 years and over	350	300
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>		
ALL	2,790	3,507
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	207	150
<u>HENS AND PULLETS (laying age)</u>	13,817	16,000