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In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to submit the 2020 Annual Crop and Livestock Report for Nevada County. This report is a summary of counts, acreage, yields, and gross values of all agricultural production in Nevada County. It should be emphasized that the values in this report do not attempt to measure farm profitability, nor does it try to quantify the economic contributions of Nevada County Agriculture in the economy.

The total gross value of all agricultural commodities produced in 2020 was \$19,725,200. This represents a decrease of approximately 15% or nearly \$3.7 million, compared to the 2019 value. This decrease is largely contributed to the gross value of livestock falling 33% or \$3,640,300 to a total value of \$7,242,900.

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of our local food production as evident by empty produce shelves at national chain supermarkets during the beginning of this pandemic. Farmers that sold directly to restaurants were forced to quickly pivot and find other customers and many residents began growing their own vegetable garden. Throughout these uncertain times, our farmers fulfilled their role as essential workers and fed our community. The total value in 2020 of fruit and vegetable crops increased almost 7%, or \$175,900.

I would like to thank the many producers, industry representatives, businesses, and other public agencies who cooperated in supplying the data necessary to produce this report. Without their assistance, this crop report would not be possible. I would also like to thank the members of my staff for their contributions, with special recognition going to Agricultural Biologist Luci Wilson, for compiling the information and designing this report. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

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