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I am pleased to present the 2016 County of Nevada Annual Crop and Livestock Report. This report is prepared pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report represents estimated acreage, yield, and gross value of agricultural products in Nevada County. No attempt was made to reflect net income to the producer or cost of production.

The gross value of Nevada County's agricultural production for 2016 was \$20,877,900, down 2.75% from the 2015 value. Timber products saw a decrease of 23% in 2016, fire salvage timber harvesting in surrounding counties continues to monopolize the industry and flood the mills with supply. The livestock industry experienced a 13% decrease in gross value in 2016, mainly due to a decrease in cattle prices.

On a positive note, both Fruit and Vegetable Crops experienced positive gains in 2016. This was led by a significant increase in winegrape acreage reported as well as improved tons per acre harvested, resulting in an overall winegrape value increase of 117% over 2015. Other Fruit and Vegetable Crops experienced a 14% increase due to improved farmer knowledge, distribution systems and demand at the local level.

This report also includes summaries of the department's pest exclusion, pest detection and invasive weed program activities for 2016 and highlights the many organizations in Nevada County that supports agriculture.

I would like to thank the many producers, agricultural business representatives, and public agencies who have 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. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

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