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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 2019 Annual Crop and Livestock Report for Nevada County. This report is a summary of counts, acreage, yields, and gross value 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 crops produced in 2019 was \$23,394,300. This represents a decrease of approximately \$2,214,900, or nearly 9.5%, compared to the 2018 value of \$25,609,200. This decrease is largely contributed to the gross value of timber falling 51% to \$2,565,000, due to a decrease in the total milled board feet harvested as well as lower prices.

On a positive note, most food crop values in Nevada County continue to rise. The total value of vegetables and other fruits was up nearly 22%, to \$2,579,900, an increase of \$462,000 over its 2018 value. Eggs and Honey also experienced an increase in value up nearly 18%, to \$484,100, an increase of \$72,300 over its 2018 value. Unfortunately, livestock products experienced yet another down year, losing 2% or \$223,900 compared to 2018.

This report also includes a summary of sustainable agriculture activities which have been completed by the department in 2019. These activities aim to prevent and control the spread of exotic and/or invasive plant and insect pests throughout Nevada County using integrated pest management techniques.

Lastly, 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,

Chris de Nijs  
Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures