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Chris de Nijs – Agricultural Commissioner

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 11, 2022
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner**
SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 2021 Nevada County Annual Crop and Livestock Report

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the report. Close Board Order 21-01

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to California Food and Agriculture Code Section 2279, the commissioner shall compile a report of acreage, production, and value of agricultural products in their county. The report is attached.

In 2021, the total gross value of agricultural products in Nevada County was \$21,222,300. This represents an increase of approximately 8%. With Timber removed, agriculture saw a 15% increase or nearly \$2.62 million more compared to its 2020 value. This increase is largely a result of more harvested acres and higher value for our vegetable crop.

In addition to farm gate values, this report also highlights the importance of water and its impact on preserving our agricultural industry.

Also, as a result of Board Order 21-01, for the first time ever, a supplement report on the production value of commercial cannabis produced in the county is included. In 2021, commercial cannabis was valued at \$12.4 million dollars. It should be noted that this value is not included in the general crop and livestock report stated above.

Lastly, it should be noted that the numbers reported in both reports do not attempt to measure farm profitably, nor does it try to quantify the economic contributions to the economy.

Item Initiated and Approved by: **Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner**

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