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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner**
SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 2018 Nevada County Annual Crop and Livestock Report

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the report

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. In 2018, the gross value of raw agricultural products produced in Nevada County was \$25,609,200. This is a 7.3% increase over the 2017 value. When combined with wine grape crops, our Fruit & Nut Crops saw the largest gain (20.6% increase) followed timber (20.6% increase). Also, after three years of declines, our livestock industry, which is the county's highest valued commodity, experienced a slight 3.7% gain.

In addition to the farm gate values reported, this year we included a special report on the multiplier effects that Nevada County Agriculture has on the local economy. This report shows that an estimated \$7.7 million additional dollars are brought to the economy directly because of agriculture.

Part two of the report explores the ecosystems supported by Nevada County Agriculture and tries to assign a rough dollar value estimate, \$420 million to \$1.203 billion per year, however we found that validating and refining this estimate would require significant further research.

This report paints the fullest picture of Nevada County Agriculture to date.

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

Submittal Date: September 9, 2019

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