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In accordance with Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2022 Crop and Livestock Report for the County of Nevada. 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 consider costs associated with labor, planting, irrigation and other production related activities. Furthermore, this report does not attempt to place value on commodities grown for personal use.

The total gross value of all agricultural commodities produced in 2022 was \$18,773,400. This represents a decrease of approximately 12%. The single biggest factor for this decline was the extreme weather (frost) experienced in April and again in May of 2022. Freezing temperatures led to a significant decrease in productivity across many commodities in Nevada County, with the highest impacted commodity being our winegrapes. Nearly all of our white winegrape varieties were lost due to frost as well as approximately 55% of our red winegrape varieties were lost due to these two events alone. The total loss of winegrapes was approximately \$1.8 million. This year's Crop Report highlights the important role that the County Agricultural Commissioner plays in collecting crop statistics as well as assessing losses during crop damaging events, such as the one in 2022.

For the second year in a row, the Nevada County Department of Agriculture has prepared a supplement report on cannabis. In 2022, the gross value of legal cannabis grown in Nevada County was \$6,932,500. Down nearly 45%, largely due to a deflated market. Please note that this value is not included in the county's total gross value mentioned above.

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 & Measures