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I am proud to present the 2017 County Of Nevada Annual Crop and Livestock Report. This report is prepared pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code. This report represents estimated acreage, yield, and gross value of agricultural commodities grown in Nevada County. This report does not attempt to measure farm profitability, nor does it try to quantify the economic contributions of Nevada County Agriculture in the economy.

In 2017, the gross value of agricultural commodities in Nevada County was \$23,862,400, this represents an overall increase of 12%. Our timber industry led the way with a 142% increase in production over its 2016 value. Vegetable crops continue to increase, as well as our nursery industry. Unfortunately, for the third straight year, our livestock industry, which is the county's highest valued commodity, experienced another decline. This is largely contributed to a decrease in price.

This year we highlight the Nevada County Farm Bureau's Centennial Celebration. Formed in 1917, the Nevada County Farm Bureau was instrumental in bringing farm education to the county as well as being a gathering place for the farming and ranching community. Today, with 400 local members, Nevada County Farm Bureau continues to advocate for the farming and ranching community. Celebrations culminate with a celebratory 100th annual dinner this November.

2017 also saw an abundance of rainfall and marked the official end of the drought. Though water concerns are always on our mind, our attention quickly turned to the catastrophic fires throughout the State, and experienced right here in Nevada County with the 'Wind Complex fire.' The last page of this report is a helpful guide for our commercial livestock operators in creating an emergency preparedness plan.

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. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

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