



**LAKE COUNTY**  
*Crop & Livestock Report*  
2023





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It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Lake County Crop and Livestock Report that is prepared pursuant to Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report summarizes the acreage, production and gross value of agricultural commodities produced in Lake County. This report reflects gross values only and does not represent actual net return to the producers.

Lake County's estimated total gross production value for 2023 was \$140,366,660. This is a 31% increase from 2022.

Wine grapes were the number one crop with a gross value of \$114,621,613 which is an increase of 35% from 2022. The total tonnage was 60,377 and the total grape acreage was 11,094 acres.

Pears were the number two crop with a gross value of \$19,699,538 which is an increase of 21% from 2022. The total tonnage was 27,763 and total pear acreage was 1,347.5 acres.

There were increases in livestock and poultry products (103%), livestock production (15%), and walnuts (35%). Decreases were noted in field and seed crops (26%), vegetables (35%), nursery production (19%) and timber production (43%).

I wish to express my appreciation to the agricultural industry and others who provided information to make this report possible. My sincerest thank you to the staff of the Agriculture/Weights & Measures Department who collected and compiled data for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine VanDerWall  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

## GROSS PRODUCTION VALUES

↑	33%	All Fruit & Nuts	2023	\$134,896,901
			2022	\$101,389,921
↓	19%	Nursery	2023	\$506,667
			2022	\$624,085
↓	35%	Vegetable Crops	2023	\$186,123
			2022	\$287,078
↑	15%	Livestock Production	2023	\$2,625,600
			2022	\$2,272,964
↑	103%	Livestock & Poultry Products	2023	\$461,003
			2022	\$227,466
↓	26%	Field & Seed Crops	2023	\$1,688,800
			2022	\$2,294,500
↓	43%	Timber	2023	\$1,566
			2022	\$2,731
↑	31%	<b>Grand Total</b>	2023	\$140,366,660
			2022	\$107,098,745

## 2022 Top 10 Winegrape Varieties By Value

Variety	Bearing Acres	Total Tonnage*	\$/Ton	Total Value
Cabernet Sauvignon	5634	29,780	2,322	\$69,149,422
Sauvignon Blanc	2287	17,725	1,424	\$25,244,550
Petite Sirah	696	2,874	1,936	\$5,562,320
Pinot Gris	233	1,422	1,563	\$2,222,870
Zinfandel	370	1,287	1,542	\$1,983,988
Malbec	165	1,244	1,453	\$1,808,009
Chardonnay	516	1,750	965	\$1,688,215
Pinot Noir	91	719	2,231	\$1,603,895
Merlot	302	680	1,952	\$1,326,364
Syrah	185	720	1,435	\$1,032,539

*\*All values are rounded after final calculation and based on actual values.*

## Fruit & Nut Crops

Crop & Market Type	Year	Production (Tons)	Yield (Tons/Acre)	Returns \$ /Ton	Gross Value	Bearing Acres	
Winegrapes	Whites	2023	21,605	6.7	\$1,406	\$30,368,365	3,231
		2022	18,084	5.7	\$1,321	\$23,886,877	3,176
	Reds	2023	38,772	4.9	\$2,173	\$84,253,248	7,863
		2022	27,553	3.5	\$2,209	\$60,869,209	7,811
	Total All Wine Grapes	2023	60,377	5.4	\$1,878	\$114,621,613	11,094
		2022	45,637	4.2	\$1,859	\$84,756,086	10,987
Walnuts	2023	701	0.20	\$462	\$323,862	3,485	
	2022	262	0.07	\$916	\$239,959	3,485	
Miscellaneous <sup>2</sup>	2023				\$251,888	71	
	2022				\$107,433	114	

<sup>2</sup>Includes Apples, Peaches, Strawberries, Olives, and Melons

## Fruit & Nut Crops

Crop & Market Type	Year	Production (Tons)	Yield (Tons/ Acre)	Returns \$ /Ton	Gross Value	Bearing Acres
Pears						
Bartlett <sup>1</sup> (Includes Red)						
Fresh	2023	6,677		\$1,303	\$8,699,700	
	2022	7,912		\$1,456	\$11,519,131	
Cannery	2023	17,576		\$526	\$9,239,515	
	2022	5,865		\$563	\$3,301,715	
By-Products	2023	2,920		\$439	\$1,282,648	
	2022	2,157		\$401	\$864,299	
Total Bartlett	2023	27,173	23.1	\$707	\$19,221,863	1,275
	2022	15,934	12.2	\$984	\$15,685,145	1,303
All Other <sup>1</sup> (Asian, Bosc, Comice, and Seckel)						
Fresh	2023	465		\$995	\$462,675	
	2022	346		\$1,694	\$585,977	
By-Products	2023	125		\$120	\$15,000	
	2022	91		\$168	\$15,321	
Total Other	2023	590	8.1	\$810	\$477,675	72.5
	2022	437	6	\$1,376	\$601,298	72.5
Total All Pears	2023	27,763	20.6	\$710	\$19,699,538	1,347.5
	2022	16,371	11.9	\$995	\$16,286,443	1,375.5
<i><sup>1</sup>This is the Fob price which includes processing and packing costs</i>						
Total (All Fruit & Nuts)	2023				\$134,896,901	15,998
	2022				\$101,389,921	15,962

## Vegetable Crops

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Value</b>
Miscellaneous Vegetables	2023	5	\$186,123
	2022	9	\$287,078

## Nursery Production

<b>Year</b>	<b>Greenhouse (Sq. Ft.)</b>	<b>Field Acres</b>	<b>Value</b>
2023	9,375	10	\$506,667
2022	18,519	16	\$624,085

## Organic Production <sup>1</sup>

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Organic Registrants</b>	<b>Registered Acres</b>	<b>Value</b>
2023	115	1673	Unknown
2022	116	6395	Unknown

*\*Acres are rounded to the nearest whole value*

<sup>1</sup> Crops include: Citrus, Table Grapes, Winegrapes, Pome Fruit, Stone Fruit, Strawberries, Berries, Other Fruit Crops, Broccoli, Carrots, Celery, Lettuce, Spinach, Tomatoes, Other Vegetable Crops, Other Nut Crops, Poultry and Other Field Crops (Incl. Pasture and Rangeland)

## Cannabis Production <sup>2</sup>

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>\$ Value</b>
Mixed Light	2023	8.6	Unknown
	2022	7.6	Unknown
Outdoor	2023	210	Unknown
	2022	178	Unknown
Totals*	2023	219	Unknown
	2022	186	Unknown

<sup>2</sup> Values unknown due to insufficient data

*\* Acres are rounded to the nearest whole value*

## Livestock Production

Commodity	Year	No. of Head	Total CWT <sup>1</sup> (Live Wt.)	Value/ CWT	Total Value
Cattle & Calves	2023	1,676	10,168	\$178	\$1,815,025
	2022	1,624	9,164	\$164	\$1,509,610
Miscellaneous <sup>2</sup>	2023				\$810,635
	2022				\$763,354
Totals	2023				\$2,625,660
	2022				\$2,272,964

<sup>1</sup>CWT = hundredweight (100 pounds)

<sup>2</sup>Includes goats, sheep, hogs, rabbits, meat chickens, and other meat birds.

## Livestock & Poultry Products

	Year	Value
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	2023	\$461,003
	2022	\$227,466

<sup>1</sup>Includes apiary, eggs and wool



Lake County Department of Agriculture staff performing an egg inspection. The inspector is candling eggs to determine grade (AA, A or B) and checking for any defects.

*Archive photo*

*Inspector and year unknown.*



## Field & Seed Crops

Commodity	Year	Acreage	Returns/Acre	\$ Value
Irrigated Pasture	2023	300	\$100	\$30,000
	2022	0	\$0	\$0
Rangeland	2023	90,000	\$13	\$1,170,000
	2022	90,000	\$13	\$1,170,000
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	2023	411	Varies	\$488,800
	2022	1,150	Varies	\$1,124,500
Totals	2023	90,711		\$1,688,800
	2022	91,150		\$2,294,500

<sup>1</sup>Includes Alfalfa, Oat Hay and Grass Hay.

## Timber

	Year	MBF <sup>1</sup>	Value <sup>2</sup>
Timber Yield	2023	40	\$1,566
	2022	14	\$2,731

Values furnished by the California State Board of Equalization

<sup>1</sup>Quantity of timber cut and scaled (Thousand Board Feet)

<sup>2</sup>Value of timber immediately before cutting

## Industrial Hemp

Year	Number of Growers	Acreage Harvested	Value
2023	0	0	\$0
2022	0	0	\$0

# Sustainable Agriculture Report

## Biological Control

<b>Pest</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Scope of Program</b>
Bull Thistle	Gall Fly	Established
Italian Thistle	Seed Head Weevil	Established
Klamath Weed	Klamath Weed Beetle	Established
	Seed Head Weevil	
	Gall Fly	
Yellow Starthistle	Flower Weevil	Established
	Hairy Weevil	
	Peacock Fly	
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid	Wasp	Established
Puncture Vine	Stem Boring Weevil	Established

## Pest Eradication

The following pests were under active control and eradication during the year: Plumeless Thistle, Purple Starthistle, Skeleton Weed, Dyer's Woad, Goats Rue, and Hydrilla\*

*\*Hydrilla is a CDFA Program*

## Pest Exclusion

Pest exclusion inspections are conducted daily at the UPS terminal

<b>Packages Profiled</b>	<b>Packages Rejected</b>	<b>Program Hours</b>
2039	8	360.5

### **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Nursery Shipment Inspections**

<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Shipments Rejected</b>	<b>Program Hours</b>
252	0	357.5

## Pest Detection Activities

<b>Insect</b>	<b>Number of Traps</b>	<b>Results</b>
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	100	None Captured
Asian Citrus Psyllid	46	None Captured
European Grapevine Moth	145	None Captured
Glassy-winged Sharpshooter	106	None Captured
Japanese Beetle	45	None Captured
Melon Fruit Fly	25	None Captured
Oriental Fruit Fly	25	None Captured
Spongy Moth	92	None Captured
Vine Mealybug	36	None Captured

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