

2012

# Lassen County



## Annual Crop & Livestock Report

# Lassen County

## Department of Agriculture

### Our Mission

The Agriculture Commissioner promotes Lassen County agriculture production by protecting it from injurious pests & diseases, to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of food and other products for the consumer, and to build consumer and business confidence in the market place through the maintenance of equity.

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**Tina Hilburn, *Deputy Agriculture Commissioner***

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**Lysandra Lilburn, *Seasonal***

**Red Shepherd, *Seasonal***

**Isaiah Jimenez, *Seasonal***

## ***Lassen County***

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County of Lassen



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Karen Ross, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
And  
The Honorable Lassen County Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Section 2272 & Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I am pleased to submit the 2012 Annual Crop Report for Lassen County.

This report lists gross production and value of products and does not reflect net income to the producer. The value of agricultural products produced in Lassen County for 2012 was \$101,633,576. An increase in wild rice acreage and higher beef prices offset economic losses due to lower hay prices, resulting in an overall decrease of only .08% from 2011.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of my staff for their efforts in collecting and compiling this report and to the many farmers, ranchers and governmental agencies who provided the information which made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Moreo".

Joseph A. Moreo, Agricultural Commissioner

## FIELD CROPS

CROP	YEAR	ACRES		PRODUCTION		VALUE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	UNIT	PER	TOTAL		
Hay, Alfalfa	2012	28,680	3.5	Ton	\$ 210.00	100,380	\$21,079,800	
	2011	27,000	4.5	Ton	207.50	120,150	24,931,125	
Hay, Grain	2012	8,354	2.6	Ton	136.00	21,720	2,953,920	
	2011	8,700	2.4	Ton	160.32	20,800	3,334,656	
Hay, Other	2012	31,025	3.6	Ton	197.00	111,690	22,002,930	
	2011	29,000	3.4	Ton	214.00	99,180	21,224,520	
Wheat	2012	2779	1.1	Ton	227.46	3057	695,345	
	2011	2020	1.6	Ton	193.33	3232	624,843	
Pasture (irrigated)	2012	23000	6	AUM	22.00	138,000	3,036,000	
	2011	23,000	6.0	AUM	22.00	138,000	3,036,000	
Pasture (non-irrigated)	2012	22,000	0.0	AUM	18.00	8,000	158,000	
	2011	22,000	0.0	AUM	18.00	8,000	158,000	
Pasture (range)	2012	1,291,253	0.1	AUM	13.00	129,125	1,678,625	
	2011	1,291,253	0.1	AUM	13.00	129,125	1,678,625	
Aftermath (stubble-all)	2012	20,000	1.0	AUM	23.00	20,000	460,000	
	2011	20,000	1.0	AUM	23.00	20,000	460,000	
Straw	2012	225	1.0	Ton	80.00	225	18,000	
	2011	225	1.0	Ton	80.00	225	18,000	
<b>Total</b>	2012						<b>\$52,082,620</b>	
	2011						<b>\$55,465,769</b>	

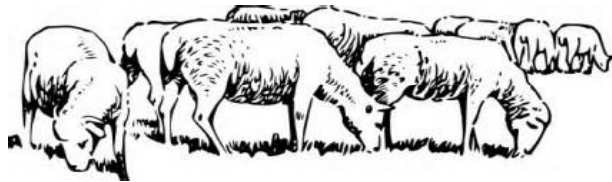
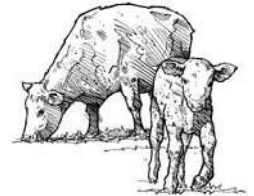
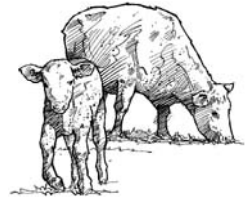


## SEED, FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND NURSERY CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED	PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	VALUE	TOTAL
		ACREAGE	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
*Alfalfa Seed	2012	203	396	lbs.	80,388	\$2.18	\$17,525
	2011	198		Lbs.			
*Strawberry Plants	2012	239					
	2011	363.5		PI/M*			
*Garlic Seed	2012	155					
	2011	118		Tons			
*Mint	2012	400					
	2011	455		Lbs.			
**Wild Rice	2012	1709	1350	Lbs.	2,307,150	.72/green lb	1,661,148
	2011	500		Lbs.			
Misc. Crops (alfalfa seed, apples, asparagus, endive, garlic seed, strawberries plants, raspberry rootstock, peaches, mint, wild rice, misc. vegetables & greenhouse flowers)	2012						9,700,000
	2011						9,700,000
<b>Total</b>	2012						<b>\$11,378,673</b>
	2011						<b>\$10,000,000</b>

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

COMMODITY	YEAR	# OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cows	2012	6,064	60,640	Cwt.	\$65	\$3,962,824
	2011	6,188	61,880	Cwt.	85.20	\$5,272,176
Calves	2012	5,093	26,685	Cwt.	160.39	4,280,007
	2011	5,197	23,386	Cwt.	124.00	2,899,864
Heifers	2012	6,059	45,445	Cwt.	123.09	5,593,825
	2011	5,940	44,550	Cwt.	115.63	5,151,317
Steers	2012	8,415	63,113	Cwt.	128.62	8,117,594
	2011	8,415	63,113	Cwt.	115.63	7,297,756
Bulls	2012	1,164	20,370	Cwt.	83.24	1,695,599
	2011	1,188	20,790	Cwt.	85.20	1,771,308
Sheep/Lambs	2012	10,240	12,288	Cwt.	108.45	1,332,634
	2011	10,250	12,300	Cwt.	121.00	1,488,300
Hogs/Pigs	2012	200	500	Cwt.	66.67	33,335
	2011	200	500	Cwt.	60.40	30,200
Misc. Livestock (bison, pheasant, goats, chickens, emu, alpaca)	2012					30,000
	2011					30,000
<b>Total</b>	2012					<b>\$25,045,818</b>
	2011					<b>\$23,973,536</b>



### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

COMMODITY	YEAR	TOTAL
Includes:	2012	\$129,000
wool, apiary, eggs, rabbits, emus	2011	\$129,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>

### TIMBER HARVEST

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
*Saw Timber	2012	74,433	NET MBF	\$174.62	\$12,997,465
	2011	45,381	NET MBF	\$211.39	\$9,593,180
<b>Total</b>	2012	74,433	NET MBF	\$174.62	\$12,997,465
	2011	45,381	NET MBF	\$211.39	\$9,593,180

\*Figures provided by the Timber Tax Division, California State Board of Equalization



<b>SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION VALUES</b>		
<b>COMMODITY GROUP</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Field Crops	52,082,620	\$55,465,769
Seed, Fruit, Vegetable & Nursery	11,378,673	10,000,000
Livestock & Poultry	25,045,818	23,943,336
Livestock & Poultry Products	129,000	129,000
Timber Harvest	12,997,465	12,172,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>101653576</b>	<b>\$101,712,856</b>

<b>TOP LASSEN COUNTY CROPS</b>			
<b>2012 RANK</b>	<b>COMMODITY</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>2011 RANK</b>
1	All Hay	\$46,036,650	1
2	Livestock	\$25,045,818	2
3	Timber	\$12,997,465	3
4	Misc. Nursery Crops	\$9,700,000	4
5	Pastureland	\$4,872,625	5
6	Wild Rice	\$1,661,148	~
7	Livestock Products	\$129,000	~

<b>FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION VALUES</b>						
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FIELD CROPS</b>	<b>SEED, FRUIT, VEGETABLE &amp; NURSERY</b>	<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY</b>	<b>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS</b>	<b>TIMBER HARVEST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2012	52,082,620	11,378,673	25,045,818	129,000	12,997,465	<b>101,653,576</b>
2011	55,465,769	10,000,000	23,943,336	129,000	12,172,740	<b>\$101,712,856</b>
2010	35,160,330	14,800,129	19,596,775	129,000	4,686,859	<b>\$74,500,023</b>
2009	38,617,632	13,501,907	13,551,355	128,000	3,292,606	<b>\$69,091,500</b>
2008	63,666,321	9,233,174	13,183,022	125,000	5,217,315	<b>\$91,424,832</b>

<b>10 YEAR COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION VALUES</b>	
2012	\$101,653,576
2011	\$101,712,856
2010	\$74,500,023
2009	\$69,091,500
2008	\$91,424,832
2007	\$65,633,696
2006	\$73,084,152
2005	\$67,549,795
2004	\$60,996,895
2003	\$55,186,474

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## ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

Alfalfa Hay	400	Acres Certified
Asparagus	24.5	Acres Certified
Endive	40	Acres Certified
Grain	118	Acres Certified
Pasture & Rangeland	7,000	Acres Certified
Wheat	760	Acres Certified
Safflower	46	Acres Certified
Fallow Ground	40.8	Acres Certified
Cattle	1000	Certified Organic (# of head)

### Pest Eradication

		<u>Net Acres</u>
Scotch thistle	Chemical/Mechanical	155.83
Dalmatian toadflax	Chemical/Mechanical/Biological	10.53
Spotted knapweed	Chemical/Mechanical	30.41
Diffuse knapweed	Chemical	0.55
Squarrose knapweed	Chemical	28.61
Leafy spurge	Chemical	0.23
Rush skeletonweed	Chemical	3.15
Musk thistle	Chemical	3
Russian knapweed	Chemical/Biological	48.12
Yellow starthistle	Chemical/Mechanical	43.74
Tall whitetop	Chemical	68.73
Mediterranean sage	Chemical	16.48
Hoary cress	Chemical	0.33
Puncturevine	Chemical	31.99
Canada thistle	Chemical	10.23
Wavyleaf thistle	Chemical	0.78
Dyer's woad	Chemical	13.73

### Pest Exclusion

Exotic Pests and/or Target Pests	Incoming plant material via UPS, Air, Truck or Mail	100 Shipments Inspected
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### Pest Detection

Gypsy Moth	110 Traps in Lassen County	None Detected
Japanese Beetle	2 Traps in Lassen County	None Detected



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