

2024 YUBA COUNTY

CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT



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In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2024 Crop Report for Yuba County. This report represents estimated acreage, yield, and gross value of agricultural products in Yuba County.

The gross value of Yuba County's agricultural production for 2024 is \$262,065,735 up approximately 2% from the 2023 value estimate of \$256,885,785. Rice retained its place as top crop amid falling prices as walnut prices increased narrowing the gap to less than a million dollars. Peaches, livestock and kiwi lost value due to decreased production while almonds, timber and prunes had increases in value. The overall value of Yuba County's agricultural production remains consistent with this year's values increasing by 2%. The figures presented in this report are estimated gross values with no consideration of production costs and do not reflect net income to producers.

Fluctuating commodity prices, increasing prices for inputs and adverse weather conditions continue to pose significant challenges for producers in the long run. Rice remained Yuba County's top crop generating \$52 million in gross value. At \$51 million, Walnuts climbed to second in rank. Kiwi falls to third place at \$48 million. Prune/Dried Plum moves to number four at \$25 million. Rounding out the top five is Livestock-All at nearly \$24 million in value.

The contribution of agriculture to the economy of Yuba County is not totally reflected in the values contained in this report. Processing, transporting, marketing and other farm related services directly or indirectly tied to agriculture, benefited appreciably. According to a study conducted by Agricultural Impact Associates, Yuba County's agricultural industry can be estimated to have returned an additional 62.5% of the gross agriculture value for an estimated total value of \$425,856,817 in 2024. Agriculture accounts for 1 out of every 11 jobs in Yuba County.

My sincere appreciation goes to all the agricultural producers, businesses, boards and commissions who provided information for this report. Special recognition goes to department employee Steven Anderson who compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Scheer

Agricultural Commissioner





YUBA COUNTY AT A GLANCE

One of California's original 27 counties founded on February 18th in 1850, Yuba County is California's gateway to the historic Mother Lode Country, with a diverse landscape that boasts grand rivers, thriving farmland, friendly communities and numerous recreational possibilities that extend into the Sierra foothills. Our communities have that small town feel that so many people are seeking. With a population approaching 87,500 people, residents enjoy relaxed living and affordable housing, while both ocean beaches and mountain skiing are only a couple of hours away. And the county's border is just 30 minutes north of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Yuba County also enjoys an excellent school system and is home to Yuba Community College, which offers opportunities for higher education and personal enrichment. For those seeking an advanced degree, California State Universities at Chico and Sacramento and the University of California at Davis are all within an hour's drive.

At the heart of our county is historic Marysville, framed up on two sides by the Yuba and Feather Rivers. To the south of Marysville, you will find communities with their own rich places in history -- including Linda, Olivehurst, and Arboga, as well as our newest community Plumas Lake. This stretch of the county is also where you will find the Toyota Amphitheatre, our state-of-the-art venue for outdoor concerts, and the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers, an independent baseball team in the Pioneer League. This vibrant corridor also contains the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, a premier entertainment destination offering gaming, dining, live music, and a taste of world-class hospitality. You can always count on encountering numerous local events, active theater and arts groups, social and service clubs and year-round festivals and fairs.

To the north is a place we call District 10, named after the reclamation district but characterized by its booming agricultural businesses, which provides the foundation for much of Yuba County's economic strength. As you travel along Highways 70 and 20 through that area, watch for signs advertising fruit and vegetable stands, where you can get a fresh taste of the bounty that grows from the region's rich soil.

Slip into the foothills of Yuba County and you will discover abundant recreational activities including boating, camping, and fishing. It's just a short drive to Bullards Bar Dam (the fifth largest curvature dam in the United States) and Reservoir, Collins Lake, Lake Francis and over 25,000 acres of wildlife area that includes National Forest Land. It's only a short walk or drive from downtown Marysville to the vast Riverfront Park, where you will find boating, picnicking, several soccer fields and motocross tracks.

We also are host county to another gem that we like to talk about: Beale Air Force Base. It's nestled just outside of Wheatland, the second of two cities in Yuba County. Beale AFB is where the Air Force parks its most significant technology. It's a base with missions that focus on reconnaissance, providing maintenance, training, and pilots for a variety of aircraft that use both new and old technology. Beale AFB is home to the high-altitude reconnaissance U-2 and the unmanned Global Hawk, among others.

AGRICULTURE AND YUBA COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN

Approximately 272,480 acres, or 66 percent of the total county area, are comprised of agricultural croplands and pasture. The value of agricultural land, however, is not limited to the provision of food, fiber and jobs. Agricultural land also provides open space which has both psychological and aesthetic benefits and provides important wildlife habitat. The importance of agricultural land preservation can, therefore, be viewed from both an economic and environmental perspective.

Yuba County recognizes the importance of agricultural land and the need to place an emphasis on its preservation. The County's desire to preserve its most valuable farmland and to support the economic viability of the agricultural economy is reflected in goals, objectives, policies and implementation strategies set forth in its General Plan.

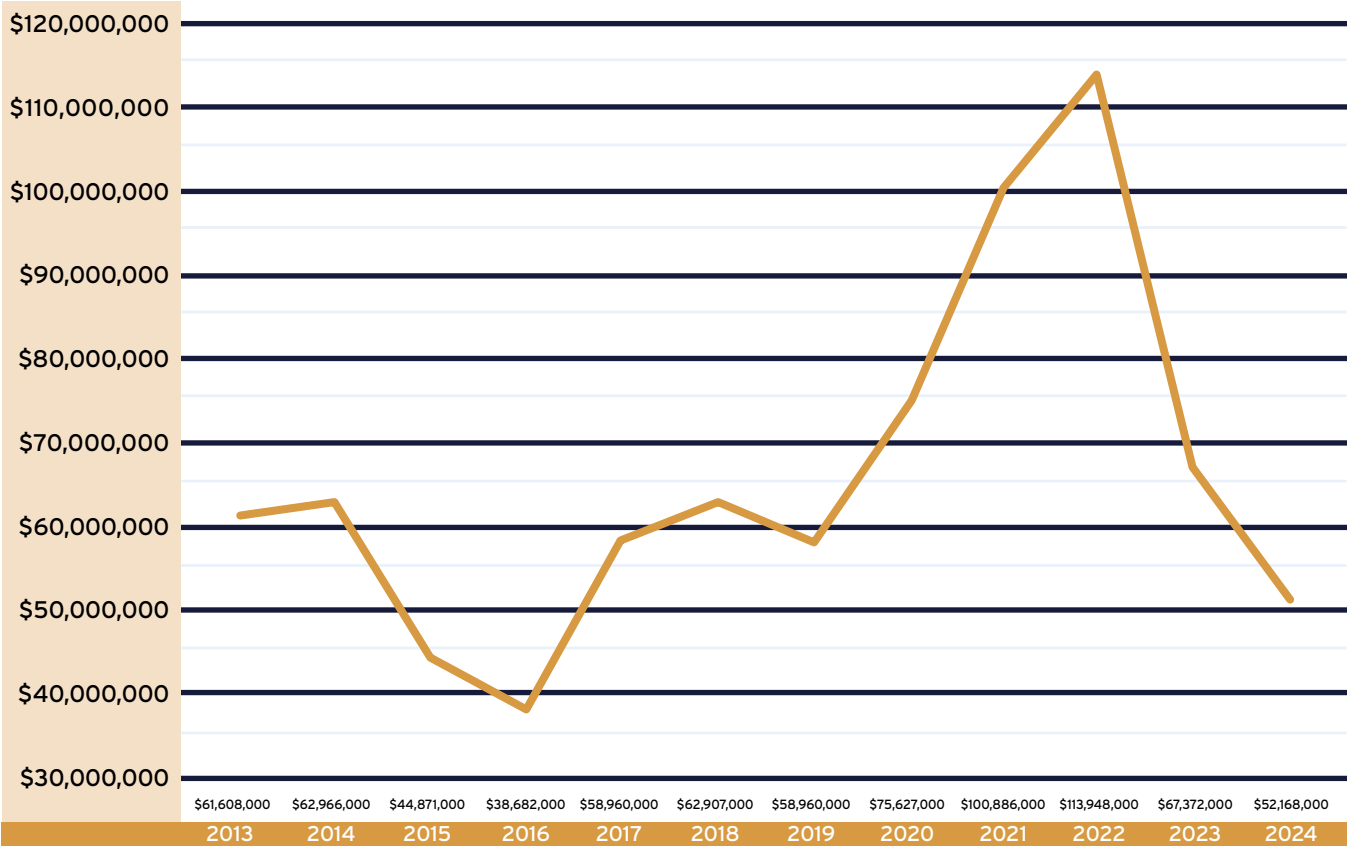




LEADING AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES

CROP	2024 CROP VALUE	2024 RANK	2023 RANK
RICE	\$52,168,000	1	1
WALNUT	\$51,287,000	2	3
KIWI	\$48,040,000	3	2
PRUNE/DRIED PLUM	\$25,279,000	4	5
LIVESTOCK - ALL	\$23,752,000	5	4
PEACH, CLING	\$16,309,000	6	6
ALMONDS	\$9,207,000	7	8
PASTURE - ALL	\$7,680,000	8	7
NURSERY STOCK	\$4,170,000	9	9
TIMBER	\$2,010,735	10	10

HISTORIC RICE TRENDS



LEADING CROP SUMMARY

RICE:	-\$15,204,000	Decrease in Price
TIMBER:	\$1,386,950	Increase in Yield
PEACH, CLING:	-\$4,339,000	Decrease in Yield
PRUNE/DRIED PLUM:	\$1,296,000	Increase in Price
LIVESTOCK - ALL:	-\$1,599,000	Decrease in Yield
ALMONDS:	\$2,530,000	Increase in Price
KIWI:	-\$3,572,000	Decrease in Yield
WALNUT:	\$25,443,000	Increase in Price

FIELD & VEGETABLE CROPS

	PRODUCTION					VALUATION ¹	
CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Hay - Alfalfa	2024	345	4.38	1,511	TONS	\$216	\$326,000
	2023	193	5.00	965	TONS	\$255	\$246,000
Hay - Other ²	2024	987	2.80	2,764	TONS	\$147	\$406,000
	2023	1,321	2.27	2,999	TONS	\$177	\$531,000
Pasture - Irrigated ³	2024	8,461	1.00	8,461	ACRES	\$200	\$1,692,000
	2023	8,461	1.00	8,461	ACRES	\$200	\$1,692,000
Pasture - Dryland ³	2024	187,110	1.00	187,110	ACRES	\$32	\$5,988,000
	2023	187,110	1.00	187,110	ACRES	\$32	\$5,988,000
Rice	2024	35,820	4.40	157,608	TONS	\$331	\$52,168,000
	2023	37,340	4.39	163,923	TONS	\$411	\$67,372,000
Nursery	2024	53					\$4,170,000
	2023	66					\$5,193,000
Misc. Field, Vegetable & Seed ⁴	2024	3,917	---	---	---	---	\$11,553,000
	2023	5,056	---	---	---	---	\$11,777,000
TOTALS	2024	236,693					\$76,303,000
	2023	239,547					\$92,799,000

¹ Rounding may alter totals slightly.

² Includes Oat, Ryegrass, Sudan, and Grass Hay.

³ The valuation is not an animal production figure, but a land value (rental equivalent) per month.

⁴ Corn-Grain, Corn-Silage, Miscellaneous Silage, Oat (Grain), Pumpkins, Safflower, Squash, Sunflower, Processing Tomatoes, Miscellaneous Vegetables, and Seed.

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

	PRODUCTION					VALUATION ¹	
CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almond - Nuts	2024	3,323	0.59	1,961	TONS	\$4,695	\$9,207,000
	2023	3,162	0.69	2,182	TONS	\$3,060	\$6,677,000
Kiwi	2024	1,322	9.27	12,255	TONS	\$3,920	\$48,040,000
	2023	1,320	10.00	13,200	TONS	\$3,910	\$51,612,000
Peach - Cling	2024	2,170	12.28	26,648	TONS	\$612	\$16,309,000
	2023	2,080	16.22	33,738	TONS	\$612	\$20,648,000
Prune/Dried Plum	2024	6,450	2.33	15,029	TONS	\$1,682	\$25,279,000
	2023	6,406	2.40	15,374	TONS	\$1,560	\$23,983,000
Walnut - English	2024	16,180	1.80	29,124	TONS	\$1,761	\$51,287,000
	2023	16,309	2.05	33,433	TONS	\$773	\$25,844,000
Misc. Fruit & Nut Crops ²	2024	791	---	---	---	---	\$9,138,000
	2023	596	---	---	---	---	\$8,566,000
TOTALS	2024	30,236					\$159,260,000
	2023	29,873					\$137,330,000

¹ Rounding may alter totals/computations slightly.

² Apple, Apricot, Blackberry, Cherry, Citrus, Table & Wine Grape, Nectarine, Olive (for Oil), Pear (Asian, and European, Fresh), Persimmon, Peach (Freestone), Plum, Pluot, Fresh Prune, Pomegranate, Strawberry, and Other Miscellaneous Fruit.



LIVESTOCK & APICULTURE

			PRODUCTION		VALUATION	
CROP	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Livestock - ALL	2024					\$25,752,000
	2023					\$25,351,000
Pollination ¹	2024	---	11,397	COLONIES	\$64.75	\$740,000
	2023	---	10,397	COLONIES	\$68.62	\$782,000
TOTALS	2024					\$24,492,000
	2023					\$26,133,000
¹ Number of Colonies needed to pollinate Tree and Vegetable Crops (Almond, Squash, etc.)						



TIMBER

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUATION
Timber	2024	10,808,000	B.F. ¹	\$2,010,735
	2023	5,082,000	B.F. ¹	\$623,785
B.F. means Board Feet.				

FRUIT & NUT CROP ACREAGES

ORCHARD AND VINE CROPS	BEARING	NON-BEARING ¹	TOTAL
Almond	3,323	1,520	4,843
Kiwi	1,322	2	1,324
Misc. Fruit & Nut ²	791	154	945
Peach – Cling	2,170	111	2,281
Prune	6,450	67	6,517
Walnut – English	16,180	3266	19,446
TOTAL FRUIT, NUT & VINE	30,236	5,120	35,356
¹ Includes acres not harvested due to economic or weather related reasons. ² Apple, Apricot, Blackberry, Cherry, Citrus (including Mandarin), Grape-wine, Grape-table, Nectarine, Peach-freestone, Olive-oil, Pear (Asian, Bartlett, and Other), Persimmon, Pistachio, Plum/Pluot, and Pomegranate.			

CROP ACREAGE HARVESTED

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fruit and Nut Crops	30,236	29,873	30,016	30,501
Field and Vegetable Crops	236,693	239,547	239,346	236,064
Total Acreage Harvested	266,929	269,420	269,362	266,565



FOUR YEAR SUMMARY

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$159,260,000	\$137,330,000	\$82,677,000	\$128,953,000
Field and Vegetable Crops	\$76,303,000	\$92,799,000	\$139,225,000	\$124,191,000
Timber	\$2,010,735	\$623,785	\$586,480	\$37,580
TOTAL CROP VALUES	\$237,573,735	\$230,752,785	\$222,488,480	\$253,181,580
Livestock - All	\$23,752,000	\$25,351,000	\$22,577,000	\$24,646,000
Apiculture	\$740,000	\$782,000	\$641,000	\$780,000
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL VALUE	\$262,065,735	\$256,885,785	\$245,706,480	\$278,607,580



CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS

34 Certified Producers & 3 Farmers' Markets

**Brownsville
Farmers Market**
16911 Willow Glen Road
Brownsville

May – September
Friday's: 3pm-7pm

Gilbert Orchards
4352 Wheatland Road
Wheatland

May – October
Saturday's: 6am-1pm

**Dobbins
Farmers Market**
9765 Marysville Road
Dobbins

June – December
Saturday's: 10am-2pm



ORGANIC FARMS

24 Farms | 1,346 Estimated Acres



Crops include Pomes, Berries, Citrus, Grapes (Table & Dried), Herbs, Kiwis, Carrots, Celery, Mushrooms, Nectarines, Pasture (Livestock), Olives for Curing and Oil, Stone Fruits, Rice, Nuts, Strawberries, Tomatoes, and Misc. Vegetables.



BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

PEST	CONTROL MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
Ash White Fly <i>Siphoninus phillyreae</i>	Stingless Wasp <i>Encaria nr. inaron</i>	Found in general distribution throughout county
Puncture Vine <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Stem & Seed Weevils <i>Macrolainus lypriformis, Macrolainus larenyii</i>	Found in general distribution throughout county
Yellow Star Thistle <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Bud Weevil <i>Bangasternus orientalis</i>	Found in most areas of the county
	Seedhead Gall Fly <i>Urophora sirunaseva</i>	Found in most areas of the county
	Seedhead Fly <i>Chaetorellia spp.</i>	Found in most areas of the county
	Hairy Weevil <i>Eustenopus villosus</i>	Found in most areas of the county
	Yellow Star Thistle Rust Fungus <i>Puccinia jaceae var. solstitialis</i>	Two monitored sites
Klamath Weed <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Klamath Weed Beetle <i>Chrysolina quadrigemina</i>	Found in general distribution throughout county
Red Gum Lerp Psyllid <i>Glycaspis brimblecombei</i>	Encyrtid Parasitoid Wasp <i>Psyllaephagus bliteus</i>	Found in general distribution throughout county

PEST ERADICATION

PEST	CONTROL MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
Hydrilla	Mechanical, Chemical	
Skeleton Weed <i>Chondrilla juncea L.</i>	Chemical	Twenty-two sites
Silverleaf Nightshade White Horsenettle <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	Chemical	Two sites
Russian Knapweed <i>Acroptilon repens (L.) DC</i>	Chemical	Two sites
Artichoke Thistle <i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Chemical, Mechanical	One site

PEST EXCLUSION

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198 UPS/Other Shipments/Packages Profiled/Inspected



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMS	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Apiary	44	The apiary program serves to protect crops in need of pollination through colony strength inspections. It also serves to protect colonies through the registration and notification process.
Crop Statistics	60	The purpose of the crop statistics program is to collect agriculture production statistics for private businesses and governmental agencies. Crop statistics are also used to assist in disaster assistance, ag land use, and planning issues.
Fruit, Nuts & Vegetable	279	The purpose of the fruit, nut, and vegetable program is to ensure the consumer is offered fresh, healthy properly labeled, and packaged agricultural commodities through enforcement of State standards pertaining to fruits, nuts, vegetables, honey, and eggs sold at wholesale and retail outlets including certified, noncertified farmers markets and organic programs throughout Yuba County.
Nursery	110	The goal of the nursery program is to provide consumers with pest free nursery stock and to provide agriculture with graded and standardized products by inspecting incoming and locally produced nursery stock.
Pest Exclusion	1,338	Pest exclusion plays an important role in the protection of agricultural commodities. The goal of this program is to stop the spread of invasive exotic pests before they are introduced into the county. Insuring this protection enables the county to export agriculture products to a larger number of foreign countries.
Pest Detection	10	The purpose of pest detection is to survey for exotic pests that are considered a threat to agriculture.
Pest Management	1,846	The purpose of the pest management program is to contain pests of economic importance.
Pest Eradication	490	The pest eradication program is critical to protecting agriculture. Once an exotic pest has been detected in the county, the goal of this program is its removal.
Pesticide Use Enforcement	10,145	The pesticide use enforcement program is an ongoing effort to protect the public, pesticide applicators, field workers, the environment and agricultural crops from the potential harmful effects of pesticides. This is accomplished through regulating the activities of licensed pest control operators, farm labor contractors, pest control advisors, pesticide dealers, certified applicators and private applicators, their employees, and other users throughout the county to ensure proper pesticide use.
Seed	22	The goal of the seed program is to provide good quality seed for agricultural and home use. Seed inspections are conducted to determine if the seed is properly labeled ensuring that the seed meets germination and purity standards. Seeds are also tested to for freedom from harmful weed seeds.
Weights & Measures	1,021	The weights and measures program is an ongoing effort to minimize measurement error in commercial transactions by inspecting and testing all commercial weighing and measuring devices. The includes the regulation of advertising, quality, and labeling standards for most petroleum products. The program also regulates the labeling of packaged goods, as well as the statement of quantity for those goods.



PHYTOSANITARY EXPORT

In 2024, three hundred and ninety-eight domestic and international shipments were inspected and Phytosanitary Certificates were issued for products grown in Yuba County.

A total of 23,206,441 pounds of Grapevine, Kiwi, Pluot, Prune, and Walnut were exported to the following countries: Algeria, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, The Republic of Korea, The Republic of Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom.

2024 Top Export Countries

RANK	COUNTRY	TOTAL POUNDS
1	India	4,393,803
2	The Republic of Türkiye	3,174,653
3	Germany	3,023,184
4	Spain	2,333,670
5	Netherlands	1,548,563
6	Lebanon	1,102,300
7	Iraq	941,569
8	United Arab Emirates	817,049
9	Japan	729,216
10	China	719,984

2023 Top Export Countries

RANK	COUNTRY	TOTAL POUNDS
1	United Arab Emirates	2,822,935
2	China	2,563,715
3	Germany	1,978,231
4	India	1,763,696
5	Lebanon	1,719,588
6	Netherlands	1,338,352
7	United Kingdom	1,225,947
8	The Republic of Türkiye	1,102,310
9	Algeria	485,012
10	Denmark	458,003



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

“May Equity Prevail”

Since 1915 consumers in California have relied upon county Weights & Measures officials, (Sealers) to provide “Equity in the Marketplace” essential to the stability of California’s economy. As the recognized local regulatory agency, the Yuba County Weights & Measures Division protects consumers and businesses engaged in local commerce, by inspecting devices and packaged goods, auditing Weighmaster operations, and enforcing petroleum regulations.

County Sealers enforce the California Business and Professions Code, and the California Code of Regulations. Sealers annually inspect a wide variety of commercial devices including: gasoline dispensers, propane, water meters, hydrocarbon vapor meters, and scales from the smallest used for buying gold, to ones used in your grocery store, and all the way up to the largest for weighing vehicles. After inspection and testing, the Sealer will affix a Seal to the device indicating to the consumer that the device can be relied upon for accuracy. Yuba County currently has 2,706 various commercial devices shown below:

Fabric/Cordage/Wire Meters	5	Retail Motor Fuel Meters	1,303	Computing Scales	189	Vehicle Meters	17
LPG (Propane) Meters/Trucks	25	Retail Water Meters	31	Counter Scales	12	Vehicle Scales	43
Dormant/Portable Platform Scales	40	Monorail Meat Beam Scale	2	Livestock Scales	8	Elec., Vapor, Water Sub-meters	1,004
Retail Meter (DEF)	5			Compressed Natural Gas	2	Hanging Scales	20

Ensuring equity in the marketplace involves more than inspection of devices, so the Business and Professions Code has a section dedicated to Quantity Control. Sealers enforce regulations of packaged goods by inspecting packages to determine the accuracy of net weight, measure, or count. Package labels are inspected for conformity to regulations.

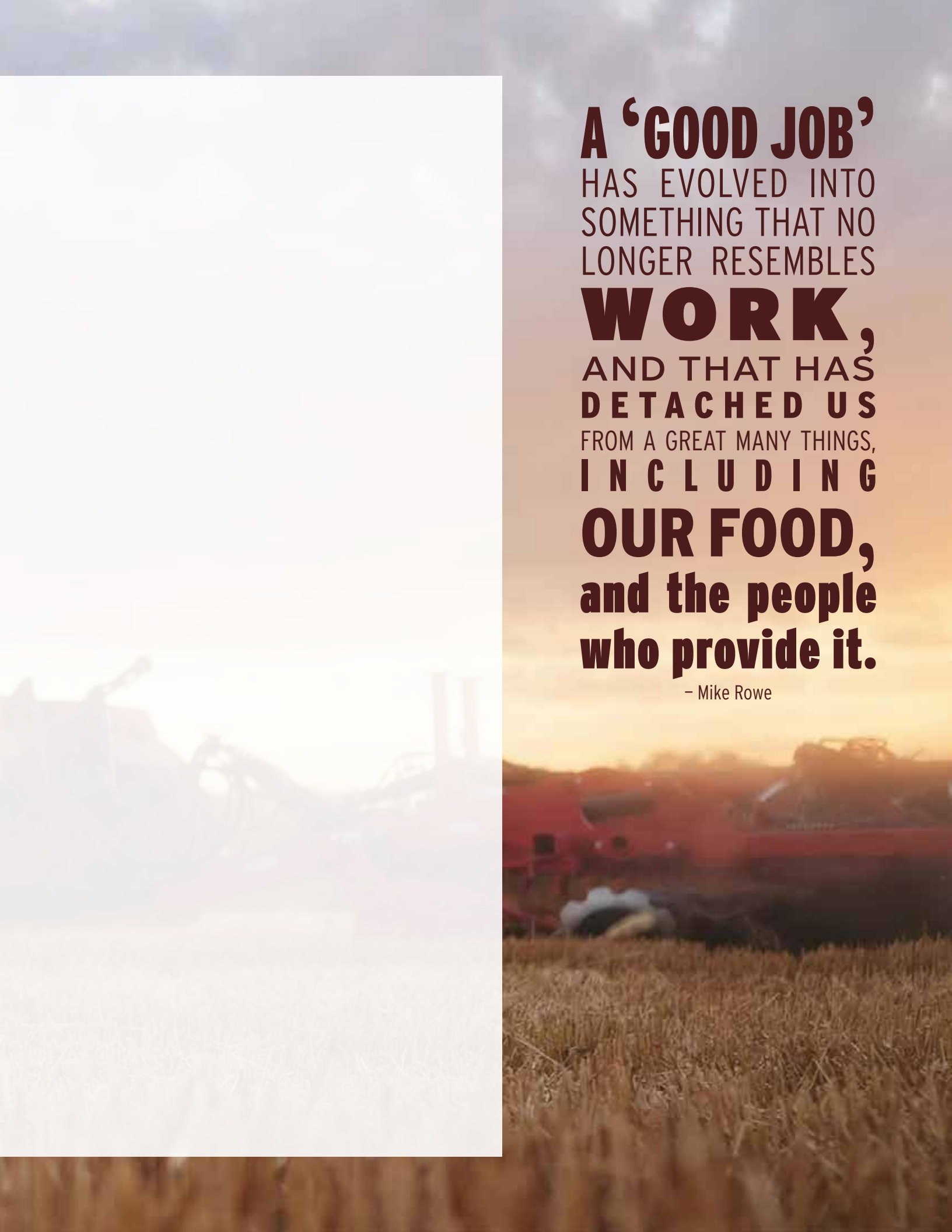
Weighmaster operations are an essential part of California’s commerce. Weighmaster Certificates are recognized as legal documentation of quantities which businesses and individuals rely upon as the basis of payment. Sealers routinely audit Weighmaster operations to verify correctness of certificates, proper weighing procedures, and compliance with the California Business and Professions Code.

Another large part of the duties of county Sealers is the strict enforcement of petroleum advertising and labeling regulations. Sealers routinely visit gas stations to conduct petroleum inspections along with the testing of motor fuel meters for accuracy. Consumer complaints on gas purchases as with all other programs are given high priority and are investigated within 24 hours of receipt.

Noncommercial weighing and measuring device accuracy is often as much or more critical than the tolerances applied for commercial devices. The Sealer is often called on to test devices/scales that are used by engineering firms, state and county departments, medical facilities and various sporting events from fishing to wrestling.

NOTES:





A 'GOOD JOB'
HAS EVOLVED INTO
SOMETHING THAT NO
LONGER RESEMBLES
WORK,
AND THAT HAS
DETACHED US
FROM A GREAT MANY THINGS,
I N C L U D I N G
OUR FOOD,
and the people
who provide it.

– Mike Rowe

