

## **Cattle prove to be “King” in Calaveras County’s ag report**

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The 2022 Annual Agricultural Crop Report was presented Tuesday by the Calaveras County agricultural commissioner to the county Board of Supervisors.

A snapshot of local production, the data will be used by the U.S. Department of Agricultural Statistical Services as part of its annual compilation of agricultural data for every county in America.

Agricultural Commissioner Jesse Fowler announced the gross value of agricultural production in 2022 was \$21,121,038, an increase of 13 percent from the 2021 value. Cattle were Calaveras County’s leading commodity with a total value of \$12,861,300, an increase of 61 percent from its 2021 value. This change was due to an increase of cattle being sold at market. Other livestock – poultry, swine, goats – were the second highest commodity, and rangeland came in third.

“Being in a small county, we have better interaction with our growers,” said Fowler. “We are grateful for the ongoing work by the agricultural industry in providing food to our communities and recognize its perseverance throughout this ever-changing landscape.”

Although cannabis cannot be included in the crop report as it is not federally legalized, production values were touched upon during the presentation. Most notably, Calaveras County gross cannabis production values increased 32 percent in 2022 to \$20,449,900. “Cannabis did really quite well,” Fowler said during her report.