

2010

Mariposa County  
Department of Agriculture



Agricultural Crop and  
Livestock Report

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and  
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It is my pleasure to submit the 2010 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report for Mariposa County.

This annual publication contains statistical information pertaining to acreage, yield, and gross value of Mariposa County agricultural production in accordance with Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

2010 was a year of positive change for Mariposa County agriculture. The increased amount of precipitation after several years of drought enabled livestock producers to slowly begin to rebuild their herd sizes as the amount of feed and water available for grazing increased. Because of the upswing experienced in 2010, Mariposa County's total estimated value of \$27,277,500, an overall increase of approximately 4.1% from last year, continues to show the economic importance and the **real** impact that agricultural production has on the local and regional economy. The contribution of agriculture to the economy of Mariposa County is not totally reflected in the values contained in this report. Goods, services, and employment related to agriculture significantly multiply these values to benefit the local economy and the surrounding areas.

Cattle and calves continue to be the county's leading farm commodity with a value of \$15,086,000. Rangeland was second with a value of \$5,600,000. Miscellaneous livestock and poultry products followed with a value of \$2,693,000.

I must stress that these are gross values only, whether marketed or not, and **do not** reflect net income or loss return to the producers. Costs of production and marketing continue to influence net returns. This report does not reflect upon individual operations since **the county** is the smallest unit measured for any particular commodity.

I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the many agricultural producers and agencies that made this report possible, especially those responding to our questionnaires.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathi Boze  
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

**FIELD CROPS:****PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Unit	Value	
				per unit	Total
Pasture, Irrigated	2010	600	acre	\$120.00	\$72,000
	2009	630	acre	120.00	\$75,600
Rangeland <sup>1</sup>	2010	416,600	acre	13.44	5,600,000
	2009	416,600**	acre	14.08**	5,865,000
Misc. Field Crops <sup>2</sup>	2010	605	-	-	128,000
	2009	794	-	-	182,000
TOTAL	2010	417,805			\$5,800,000
	2009	418,024**			6,122,600

**FRUIT  
AND  
NUT  
CROPS:****PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	Acreage		Production		Unit	Value	
		NB	B	per acre	Total		per unit	Total
Grapes, Total Wine	2010	16.00	94.83	-	98.01	ton		80,400
	2009	18.25	90.33*	-	99.56	ton		105,000
--Red Wine	2010	14.00	92.28		--	ton	--	77,800
	2009	16.25	88.03*		--	ton	--	105,000
-White Wine	2010	2.00	2.55		--	ton	--	2,600
	2009	2.00	2.30*		--	ton	--	- 0 -
Misc. Fruit & Nuts <sup>3</sup>	2010	20.00	345.21	-	-	-	-	579,000
	2009	20.00	345.21	-	-	-	-	494,000**
TOTAL	2010	36.00	440.04					\$659,400
	2009	38.25	435.54					\$599,000**

<sup>1</sup> Includes grazing permits on U.S. Forest Service, BLM, and other public lands.

<sup>2</sup> Includes sudan, oat, and other pasture hay, and barley.

<sup>3</sup> Includes almonds, apricots, berries, citrus, filberts, herbs, olives, peaches, pears, tomatoes, miscellaneous vegetables, and English walnuts.

\* Many of the vineyard acres went unharvested in 2010.

\*\* Revised

NOTE: VALUES MAY NOT TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING

**LIVESTOCK  
AND  
POULTRY:**

**PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Value per unit	Total Value
Cattle & Calves	2010	31,400	153,000	cwt <sup>4</sup>	\$98.84	\$15,086,000
	2009	36,000	157,000	cwt	88.31	13,883,000
Sheep & Lambs	2010	1,475	1,690	cwt	92.14	216,000
	2009	1,475	1,690	cwt	75.48	178,000
All Poultry <sup>5</sup>	2010					1,702,000
	2009					1,639,000
Misc Livestock <sup>6</sup>	2010					432,000
	2009					342,000
TOTAL	2010					\$17,436,000
	2009					16,042,000



**LIVESTOCK  
AND  
POULTRY  
PRODUCTS:**

**PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value Per unit	Total Value
Wool	2010	11,800	lb	\$1.25	\$14,700
	2009	11,800	lb	0.85	10,000
Miscellaneous <sup>7</sup>	2010				2,693,000
	2009				2,648,000
TOTAL	2010				\$2,707,700
	2009				2,658,000

<sup>4</sup> cwt = Hundredweight: 100 pounds

<sup>5</sup> Includes turkey breeder hens, free range turkeys and chickens, pullets, ducks and geese, squab, old hens, exotic poultry, ostriches, and rabbits.

<sup>6</sup> Includes goats, hogs, and pigs, exotic animals, and buffalo.

<sup>7</sup> Includes chicken, duck and geese eggs, turkey hatching eggs, ostrich eggs, goat's milk, exotic wools, and mohair.

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**APIARY  
PRODUCTS:**

**PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	Production	Unit		Value
Honey	2010	65,500	lb	\$1.56	\$102,000
	2009	40,800	lb	1.39	56,900
Miscellaneous Apiary Products <sup>8</sup>	2010				11,000
	2009				12,800
TOTAL	2010				\$113,000
	2009				69,700

**NURSERY  
STOCK:**

**PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	Production Area (acres)	Value
Nursery Stock <sup>9</sup>	2010	9.40	\$64,400
	2009	7.30	63,600



Golden Panther



Ovation



Sand Dancer



Splashacata



Fantasy Ride

**FOREST  
PRODUCTS:**

**PRODUCTION  
AND  
VALUE**

Item	Year	MBF	Value
TOTAL <sup>10</sup>	2010	9,100	\$497,000
	2009	2,500	654,000

<sup>8</sup> Includes hives, beeswax, pollen, and rental sites on both public and private lands.

<sup>9</sup> Includes ornamental and native plants, conifers, herbs, roses, cut flowers, berries, vegetables and iris.

<sup>10</sup> Includes timber sales, green sales, posts and poles, cordwood, and salvage for public (USFS, NFS, and BLM) and private lands.

MBF = Million Board Feet

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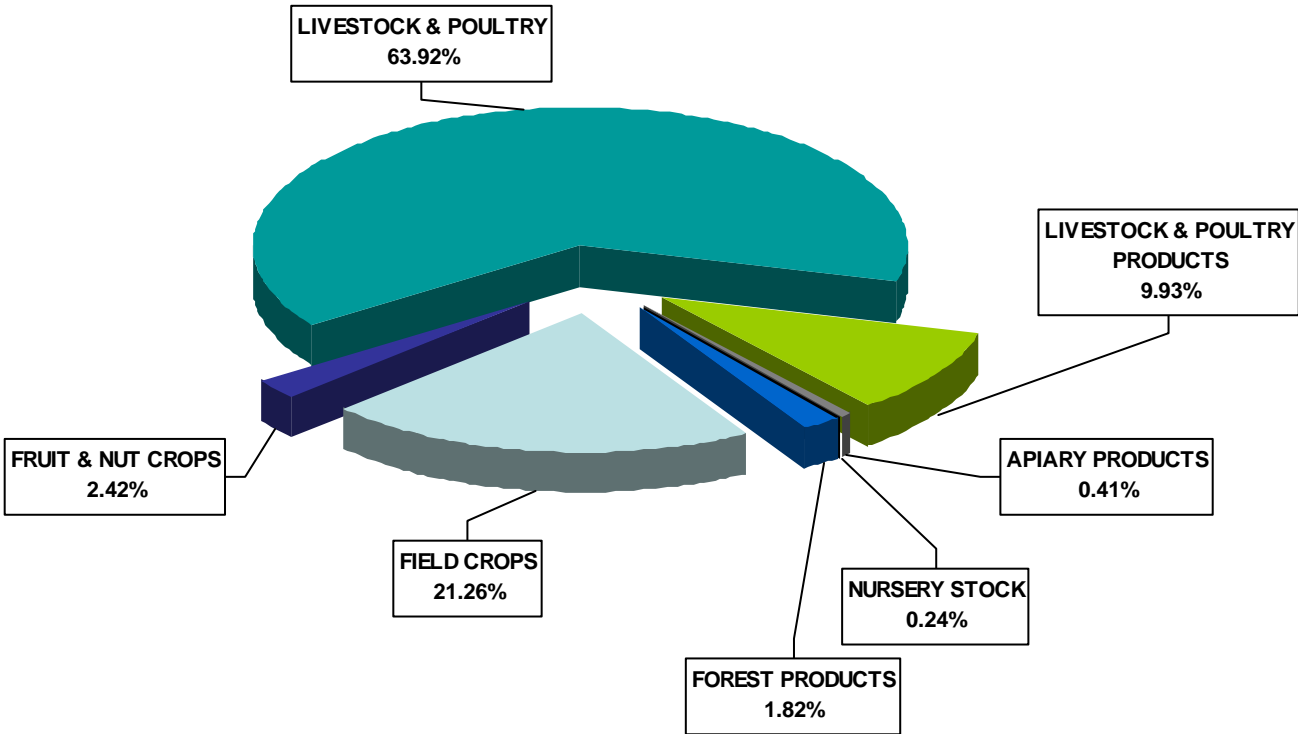
## AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT RECAPITULATION

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
FIELD CROPS	2010	\$ 5,800,000
	2009	\$ 6,122,600
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	2010	\$ 659,400
	2009	\$ 599,000 *
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	2010	\$ 17,436,000
	2009	\$ 16,042,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	2010	\$ 2,707,700
	2009	\$ 2,658,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	2010	\$ 113,000
	2009	\$ 69,700
NURSERY STOCK	2010	\$ 64,400
	2009	\$ 63,600
<b>TOTAL AGRICULTURAL</b>	2010	\$ 26,780,500
	2009	\$ 25,554,900 *
FOREST PRODUCTS	2010	\$ 497,000
	2009	\$ 654,000
<b>TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PLUS FOREST PRODUCTS</b>	2010	\$ 27,277,500
	2009	\$ 26,208,900 *

\* Revised

**2010 CROP VALUE - \$27,277,500**

# 2010 CROP VALUE'S



# MARIPOSA COUNTY VALUES OF PRODUCTION

1979 – 2010

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL/FOREST PRODUCTS</u>
1979	21,054,300	23,598,300
1980	22,416,370	23,926,370
1981	21,684,520	27,211,902
1982	19,389,800	22,602,800
1983	20,349,200	22,653,200
1984	17,056,050	19,229,050
1985	17,403,200	18,723,200
1986	18,623,300	20,350,300
1987	17,551,200	19,947,900
1988	20,125,700	29,498,700
1989	20,457,200	27,435,200
1990	21,907,230	23,851,230
1991	20,891,100	26,342,100
1992	20,178,500	22,524,500
1993	20,027,500	21,742,500
1994	21,878,500	23,617,500
1995	16,237,200	18,089,200
1996	17,410,300	18,738,300
1997	18,397,700	19,641,700
1998	18,302,600	19,698,600
1999	18,689,440	19,795,440
2000	18,621,960	19,484,960
2001	21,381,000*	22,696,000*
2002	19,600,400	20,444,400
2003	20,598,500	21,242,500
2004	24,447,100	25,183,100
2005	27,084,300	28,342,300
2006	27,659,670	28,840,670
2007	28,246,000	29,218,000
2008	24,919,400	25,483,400
2009	25,554,900*	26,208,900*
2010	26,780,500	27,277,500

\*Revised



# MARIPOSA COUNTY TOP CROPS - 2010 & 1990

**2010**

**1990**

1 \$15,086,000 CATTLE & CALVES  
2 5,600,000 RANGELAND  
3 2,693,000 MISC. LIVESTOCK &  
POULTRY PRODUCTS  
4 1,702,000 ALL POULTRY  
5 579,000 MISC. FRUITS & NUTS  
6 497,000 FOREST PRODUCTS  
7 432,000 MISC. LIVESTOCK  
8 216,000 SHEEP & LAMBS  
9 128,000 MISC. FIELD CROPS  
10 102,000 HONEY

1 \$12,093,000 CATTLE & CALVES  
2 3,989,000 RANGELAND  
3 3,609,000 ALL POULTRY  
4 1,944,000 FOREST PRODUCTS  
5 916,500 MISC. LIVESTOCK &  
POULTRY PRODUCTS  
6 321,100 APPLES  
7 237,000 MISC. FIELD CROPS  
8 230,000 MISC. LIVESTOCK  
9 157,000 SHEEP & LAMBS  
10 117,500 NURSERY STOCK

## Annual Sustainable Agriculture Report

### PEST DETECTION:

The following insect detection traps are placed throughout Mariposa County during the trapping season:

200 Gypsy moth traps	26 Khapra Beetle traps	80 Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) traps
56 MedFly traps	6 European Pineshoot Moth traps	6 Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) Traps
16 Japanese Beetle traps	23 European Grapevine Moth traps	
	1 Asian Citrus Psyllid trap	

### PEST EXCLUSION:

Exotic pests, target pests, GWSS	Incoming plant material via truck, UPS, mail	70 shipments inspected
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### PEST ABATEMENT:

IBERIAN STARTHISTLE – Hand-pulled, mechanically removed, biocontrol & chemically sprayed  
 YELLOW STARTHISTLE – Hand-pulled, biocontrol, mechanically removed & chemically sprayed  
 TOCALOTE – Hand-pulled, biocontrol, mechanically removed & chemically sprayed  
 HYDRILLA- Eradicated  
 SPOTTED & DIFFUSE KNAPWEED – Hand-pulled & chemically sprayed  
 ARUNDO DONAX – Chemically sprayed & mechanically removed

### BIOCONTROL:

<u>PEST</u>	<u>AGENT/MECHANISM</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
<b>ASH WHITEFLY</b> <i>Siphonius phyllireae</i>	Parasitic wasp <i>Encarsia</i> spp.	County wide
<b>RED GUM LERP PSYLLID</b> <i>Glycaspis brimblecombei</i>	Parasitic Wasp <i>Psyllaephagus bliteus</i>	County wide
<b>YELLOW STARTHISTLE</b> <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Seed Head Weevil <i>Bangasternus orientalis</i>	2 sites
	Hairy Weevil <i>Eustenopus villosus</i>	Various sites
	Peacock fly <i>Chaetorellia australis</i>	4 sites
<b>KLAMATH WEED</b> <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Klamath Weed Beetle <i>Chrysolina</i> spp.	County wide
<b>PUNCTUREVINE</b> <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Seed & Stem Weevils <i>Microlarinus</i> spp.	County wide

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### ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS:

One organic grower was registered in 2010. Many local certified producers grow fruit and vegetables without the use of chemical pesticides for the Mariposa Certified Farmers Markets which operate June through mid-October at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot on Stroming Road.

## AGRICULTURAL FACTS FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY

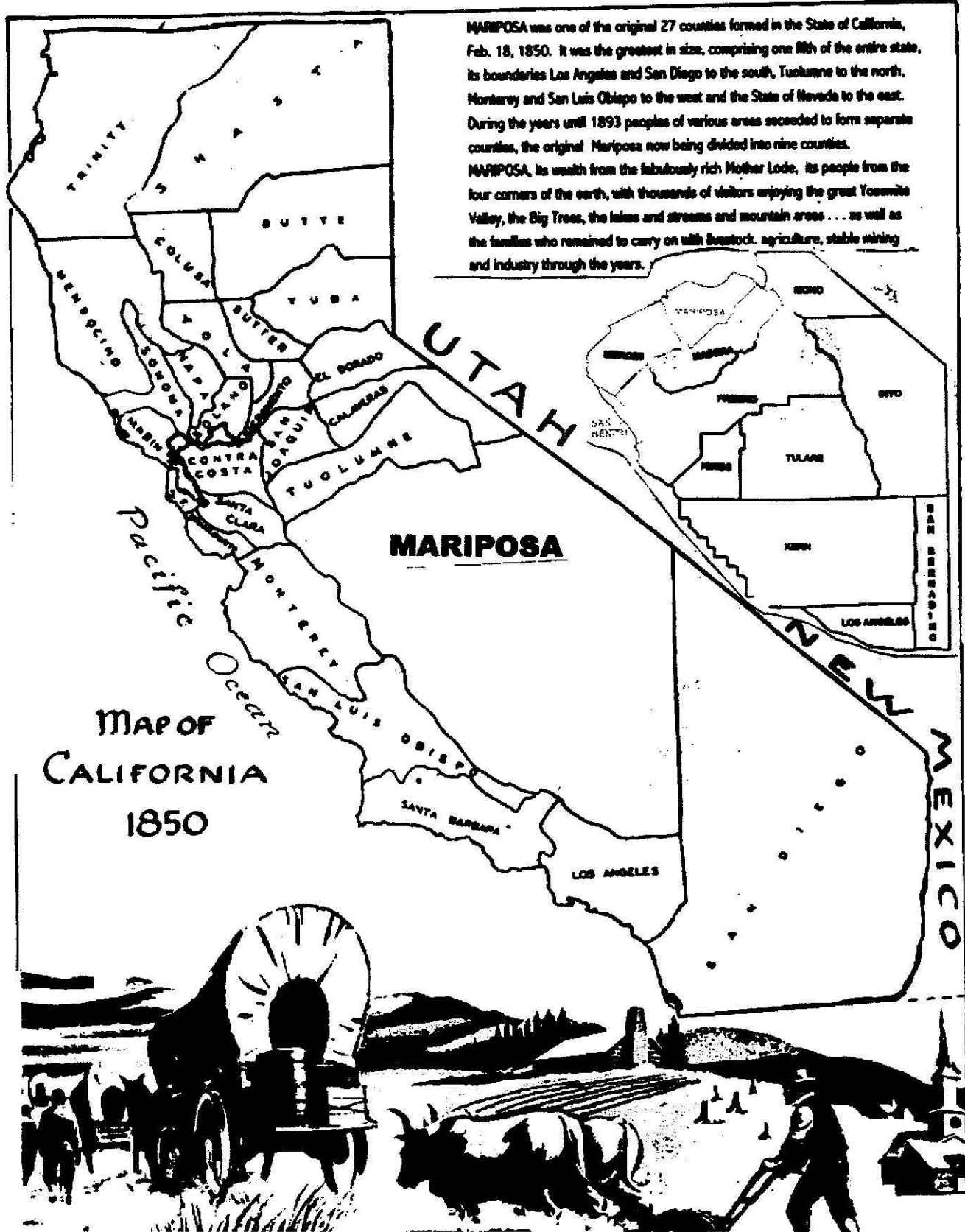
Mean Minimum – Maximum Temperatures	28° F. - 96° F.		
Avg. Seasonal Rainfall	20 – 40 inches (depending on elevation)		
Land Area	928,700 acres	1,451.1 sq. miles	
Water Area	7,490 acres	11.7 sq. miles	
Total Area	936,190 acres	1,462.8 sq. miles	
Land in Timber Production			
National Forest	121,000 acres		
Private Lands	31,000 acres		
Total Timber Acreage	152,000 acres		
Land in Williamson Act	\$35,122,256	185,500	acres (2010)
	\$35,035,109	184,979	acres (2009)
Retail Value of Mariposa Wines	7,228 gal @ \$33.87 = \$244,800 (2010)		
	9,507 gal @ \$31.90 = \$303,285 (2009)		
Total Value of Agricultural Production*	\$26,780,500 (2010)		
Total Value of Forest Products*	\$497,000 (2010)		
Total Value of Agricultural Plus Forest Products*	\$27,277,500 (2010)		

\*Source – 2010 Agricultural Crop Report for Mariposa County.  
Other figures from 2000 California State Statistical Abstract and  
California Almanac.

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Cover photo taken by Skip Skyrud is a ranching operation on Merced Falls Road in Mariposa County.

# MARIPOSA - The Mother of Counties



MARIPOSA was one of the original 27 counties formed in the State of California, Feb. 18, 1850. It was the greatest in size, comprising one fifth of the entire state, its boundaries Los Angeles and San Diego to the south, Tuolumne to the north, Monterey and San Luis Obispo to the west and the State of Nevada to the east. During the years until 1893 peoples of various areas seceded to form separate counties, the original Mariposa now being divided into nine counties. MARIPOSA, its wealth from the fabulously rich Mother Lode, its people from the four corners of the earth, with thousands of visitors enjoying the great Yosemite Valley, the Big Trees, the lakes and streams and mountain areas ... as well as the families who remained to carry on with livestock, agriculture, stable mining and industry through the years.