

**California Department of Conservation  
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program**

**2000 FIELD REPORT**

**COUNTY:**Placer

**FIELD MAPPER(S):** Patrick Hennessy

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

*source:* NASA-Ames  
*date:* September 14, 1999  
*scale:* 1 :130,000  
*film type:* CIR Transparency  
*coverage gaps:* none

**SATELLITE DATA:**

*source:* SPOT Image Corp.  
*date:* 2000  
*type:* Black and White  
*coverage gaps:* none

**WRITTEN OR ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:** *Please list which local governments, interest groups, or individuals submitted comments on the 1998 maps. Also list all phone and in-person contacts made while conducting the 2000 update.*

➤ *local review comments*

*cities:* Lincoln Community Development Department  
City of Rocklin  
*county:*  
*others:*

➤ *personal contacts:*

**1998-2000 CHANGES\*:** *Please summarize the most common changes to the maps. List representative locations (quads) of each type of change encountered. Make sure to list and describe particularly large, unusual or notable changes and give estimates of the acreage involved.*

➤ P, S, U → D

The conversion of farmland to urban land was very uncommon for the 2000 update primarily because the irrigated agriculture is buffered from the urban fringe in most portions of the county. The Del Webb Sun City at Lincoln Hills was added and some prime farmland was changed to urban (45 acres). The next update will probably see more of the prime farmland north of Sun City used for homes.

➤ L, G, X → D

The addition of new urban land from L,G,X was huge this update. Areas with extensive new urban include Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln. More specifically, Sun City at Lincoln Hills (900 acres) and Turkey Creek golf course (170 acres) are major additions around Lincoln. In the Roseville and Rocklin region, extensive areas were developed with homes, apartments and golf courses. Three large areas (135, 127, 160 acres) were added west of Highway 65 and both north and south of Blue Oaks Blvd. Another active Roseville area is the Highway 65 corridor where several large shopping complexes were added (Home Depot, grocery stores, Roseville Galeria Mall) as well as homes. In Rocklin, housing was built along Stanford Ranch Road, Sunset Blvd, and south of Highway 80 around Eureka and Douglas Blvds. Open pockets among the urban land are also filling in with small housing developments in both Rocklin and Roseville. Auburn has a few new areas with homes, one with luxury homes on Dry Creek Road. The Winchester Country Club in northern Auburn has been completed and added as urban land (approx 195 acres).

➤ P, S, U → L, G

The majority of irrigated agriculture is located in western Placer county, and therefore most of the farmland converted to Local or Grazing land occurred in that area. The acreage involved is moderate in comparison to other types of conversions, but the future will see fields in the process of going fallow to accommodate new housing growth.

➤ P, S, U → X

The irrigated farmlands that changed to other land are located primarily in the foothill region near Rocklin, Loomis, Gold Hill and Auburn. The land is forested in that region and many plots of land were allowed to go unmanaged.

➤ L, G, X → P, S, U

A small amount of irrigated agriculture was added in this update. Most of the changes were additions to existing agriculture in the western portion of the county where rice fields are common. The largest single change is a group of rice fields north of Lincoln. The remainder of the changes are small fields or irrigated pasture.

➤ **UNUSUAL:** *Category changes, complications with the Farmland of Local Importance definition, or any other special circumstances in 2000.*

Two water ski lakes were identified and changed to X and Springview City Park in Rocklin had open space that was changed from L to X.

**PROBLEM AREAS:** *What locations and map categories need careful checking in 2002? Why?*

Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln will need careful attention in 2002 because housing developments are being built at a very rapid rate. Those areas will have new golf courses and homes in the next update. Also watch the Pleasant Grove quad as new homes are

being built in far western Placer county.

**OUT OF DATE BASE MAPS:** *Please list any base maps used for update or publication of this county which are woefully out of date due to extensive new development, road construction, etc.*

There are two quads that are out of date, particularly the road information. Roseville has some of the new urban area mapped and the streets, but the housing development is so rapid that the map is already out of date and will be worse during the 2002 update. Naturally, Rocklin is the other quad out of date and lacking road information because of new housing.

**LABOR ESTIMATE:** *Please estimate the amount of time spent on the following tasks.*

*photo interpretation, start date:* 11/8/01

*photo interpretation, number of days:* 15

*ground truthing dates:* 12/17/01 to 12/19/01 and 12/26/01

*# days for map compilation and clean up:* 5

\* **Note:** P = Prime Farmland; S = Farmland of Statewide Importance; U = Unique Farmland; L = Farmland of Local Importance; G = Grazing Land; D = Urban and Built-up Land; X = Other Land; W = Water Areas; I = Irrigated Farmland; N = Nonirrigated Farmland

*Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:*

[www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp)