

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

**2002 FIELD REPORT**

**COUNTY:** Nevada

**FIELD MAPPER(S):** Larelle Burkham-Greydanus

**IMAGERY:**

source: NASA-Ames Research  
date: 9-07-01  
scale: 1:130,000  
type: CIR  
coverage gaps: none  
additional imagery: none

**WRITTEN, DIGITAL & ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:** *Please list which local governments, interest groups, or individuals submitted comments on the 2000 maps. Also list all phone and in-person contacts made or related GIS data referenced while conducting the 2002 update.*

➤ *local review comments*

cities: none  
county: Nevada County Planning Department  
(530) 265-1440  
others: none

➤ *personal contacts:* none

➤ *websites:* none

➤ *GIS data referenced:* none

**2000-2002 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.*

**Note:** This is the first digital update for Nevada County. Using improved digital resources; more accurate boundaries were drawn throughout the county. Therefore, adjustments were made in all categories throughout the county. The changes listed below are only representative of the total number of actual changes.

➤ **Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land**

No changes

➤ **Local, Grazing or Other Land to Urban Land**

Significant changes were seen in the Grass Valley Quad. The largest change was 120 acres for The Cedars housing development. The next two largest changes were for approximately 70 acres and 45 acres because of new commercial and housing development near the city of Grass Valley and La Barr Meadows. On the North Bloomfield quad, increased house density affected 95 acres.

➤ **Irrigated Farmland to Local or Grazing Land**

Changes in this category were primarily for boundary adjustments

➤ **Irrigated Farmland to Other Land**

No changes

➤ **Local, Grazing or Other Land to Irrigated Farmland**

Fourteen changes of Local to Irrigated Farmland were made on the Rough and Ready Quad. The largest was an addition of 150 acres of new vines. Nine changes of Local to Irrigated Farmland were made on the Wolf Quad. Four of the nine changes were because of irrigated pasture being identified and found on Statewide soil. The other 5 changes were for boundary adjustments. Additional changes to Irrigated Farmland; were found on the Lake Combie Quad and on the Chicago Park Quad.

➤ **Grazing to Local**

On the Wolf Quad, approximately 155 acres were changed to Local because of new irrigated pasture on poor soils.

➤ **UNUSUAL:** *Category changes, complications with the Farmland of Local Importance definition, or any other special circumstances in 2002.*

➤ **Local to Grazing**

Approximately 550 acres were changed on the Wolf quad because of boundary adjustments for land found unfarmed and on Unique soils. On the Rough and Ready Quad, there were approximately 230 acres of change made for Williamson Act boundary adjustments.

**PROBLEM AREAS:** *What locations and map categories need careful checking in 2004? Why?*

None specifically

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

*photo interpretation, start date:* 01-08-03

*photo interpretation, number of days:* 3

*ground truthing dates:* 01-13-03 and 01-14-03

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

**\* Note: Irrigated Farmland** = Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance or Unique Farmland; **Local** = Farmland of Local Importance

*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)*