

**California Department of Conservation
FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM**

2008 FIELD REPORT

COUNTY: Amador

FIELD MAPPER(S): Troy Dick

IMAGE DATA USED:

Source	Digital Globe Inc.
Acquisition date	August, 2008
Data description	1 foot resolution, true color mosaic
Coverage gaps	None
Additional imagery used	Google Maps

WRITTEN, DIGITAL & ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:

The following entities and individuals provided information used to conduct 2008 mapping.

Local Review Comments (submitted by cities, counties, & others on 2006 maps)
Personal Contacts
Websites Used for Reference
GIS Data Used for Reference

2006-2008 CHANGE SUMMARY:

Changes made during the map update are summarized by type and location. Particular attention is paid to large or unusual changes and their estimated acreages. Please note that land use type, size of land use unit, soil quality, and Farmland of Local Importance definition (if any) determines the final Important Farmland (IFL) category. [See definitions](#) at bottom of table.

Conversions to Urban Land	
Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land	0 changes
There were no conversions of Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land this update.	

Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Urban Land	6 changes
<p>The majority of the urbanization this update was due to the expansion of urban development in or adjacent to the city of Jackson. The largest single change took place adjacent to the city of Jackson where ~20 acres was added for the Jackson Rancheria RV Park. Meanwhile, in the city of Jackson, a total of approximately 20 acres was added for Jackson View homes.</p>	
Conversions from Irrigated Farmland aside from urbanization	
Irrigated Farmland to Nonirrigated Land Uses	11 changes
<p>There were two primary reasons for the conversion of Irrigated Farmland:</p> <p>First, the majority of these changes were due to areas that are no longer being irrigated but, instead, are being used for the cultivation of nonirrigated grain crops. These areas had not been irrigated for multiple update cycles. The largest instances occurred on the lone quad, affecting approximately 210 acres.</p> <p>Second, plots of irrigated land having been fallow for three or more update cycles. Countywide approximately 90 acres went out of production. The majority of the changes in this category occurred on the lone quad with a total of ~ 70 acres going out of production.</p>	
Irrigated Farmland to Other Land	0 changes
<p>There were no conversions of Irrigated Farmland to Other Land this update</p>	
Conversions to Irrigated Farmland	
Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Irrigated Farmland	12 changes
<p>The most notable additions of Irrigated Farmland this update occurred on the Amador City quad (40 acres), followed by the Fiddletown quad (~30 acres).</p>	
Unusual Changes	
(Types of change not already described or special circumstances during the 2008 update.)	
<p>Grazing Land to Other Land: 16 changes</p>	
<p>There were two primary reasons for the conversion of Grazing Land to Other Land:</p> <p>The majority of these changes were due to new or expanded mining areas. The largest of these changes occurred on the Irish Hill quad affecting approximately 80 acres. This was followed by ~70 acres of mining uses on the Carbondale quad.</p> <p>Second, the use of higher resolution (1 foot) imagery led to delineation of scattered low-density housing areas throughout the county. The majority of these changes happened on the Irish Hill quad, affecting approximately 50 acres.</p>	
Areas of Concern for Future Updates	
(Locations or map categories noted as needing careful checking during 2010 update, and reasons.)	

None

Definitions:

Irrigated Farmland includes most irrigated crops grown in California. When combined with soil data, these farmed areas become the Important Farmland (IFL) categories of Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance & Unique Farmland. Because of the nature of the IFL definitions, some irrigated uses, such as irrigated pastures or nurseries, may not be eligible for all three IFL categories.

Nonirrigated land uses include grazing areas, land used for dryland crop farming, and formerly irrigated land that has been left idle for three or more update cycles. These uses are frequently incorporated into county Farmland of Local Importance definitions.

Other Land includes a variety of miscellaneous uses, such as low density rural residential development, mining areas, vacant areas and nonagricultural vegetation. Confined animal agriculture facilities are mapped as Other Land unless incorporated into a county Farmland of Local Importance definition.

Urban Land includes residential, industrial, recreational, infrastructure and institutional uses.

For more on map categories, including Farmland of Local Importance definitions, visit the [FMMP web site](#).

LABOR ESTIMATE:

Time estimates for conducting the 2008 update.

Image interpretation, start date	9/10/2009
Image interpretation, number of days	4
Ground truth dates	10/12/2009
Number of days for post-ground truth clean up	1

Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/Pages/Index.aspx>