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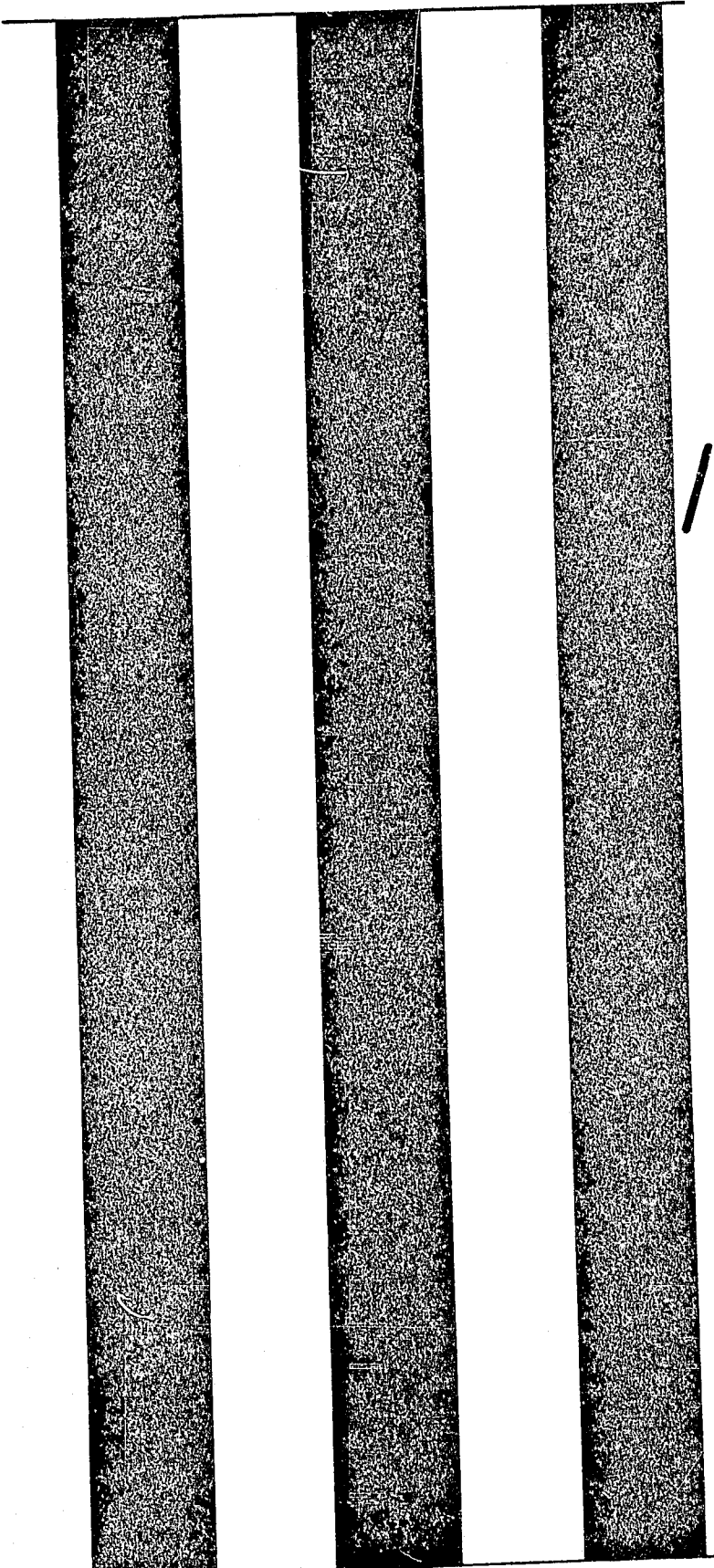
# Sonoma County

1950-1960

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# **Agricultural Crop Report**



**Year 1950**

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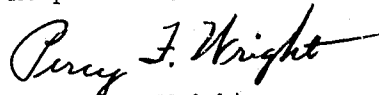
The figures presented are calculated on a farm value basis. Costs of preparing and packing certain products for market are not included in the figures.

The value of the hatchery business is not included, but the value of eggs delivered to the hatcheries is included.

Most of the orchard crops showed a large increase in value over the previous year. This is offset in the total over all county crop valuation by a decrease in the value of poultry products occasioned by low prices, and a decrease in production. Meat animals show a substantial increase in valuation and milk remained at about the same value.

The compilation of this information was made possible through the assistance of those engaged in the growing, harvesting, handling and marketing the county agricultural commodities and to them we express our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,



Percy F. Wright,  
Agricultural Commissioner  
of  
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1950 ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR SONOMA COUNTY  
 COMPILED BY THE SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>*GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
Fresh				
Gravenstein	7,465	597,123 boxes	@ \$ 2.01 \$1,202,274	
Late Varieties	3,409	193,548 boxes	@ 2.10 406,328	
<u>Processed</u>				
Gravenstein				
Canned		9,764 tons	@ 42.28 412,871	
Juice-Cider		5,886 tons	@ 31.91 188,155	
Vinegar		3,097 tons	@ 9.36 28,928	
Un-Classified		929 tons	@ 37.50 34,704	
Late Varieties				
Canned		9,423 tons	@ 49.27 464,275	
Juice-Cider		1,267 tons	@ 31.07 39,365	
Vinegar		590 tons	@ 9.88 5,832	
Un-Classified		837 tons	@ 43.64 36,525	
<u>Dried &amp; Chops</u>				
Gravenstein		11,231 green tons	@ 30.67 346,170	
Late Varieties		2,338 green tons	@ 38.28 80,510	
				\$3,254,937
<u>CHERRIES</u>				
	636			
Processed		1,098 tons	@ 215.00 236,070	
Fresh		100 tons	@ 280.00 28,000	
				264,070
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	15,849	18,000 tons	@ 83.75	1,507,500
<u>PEARS</u>				
	2,072			
Canned		9,074 tons	@ 67.50 612,495	
Dried		350 green tons	@ 12.50 4,375	
Fresh		200 tons	@ 67.70 13,540	
				630,410
<u>PLUMS</u>				
	174			
Canned		442 tons	@ 40.00 17,680	
Fresh		10,000 lugs	@ 1.00 10,000	
				27,680
<u>PRUNES</u>				
French	15,475	22,507 dry tons	@ 250.00 5,626,750	
Imperial	2,863	3,050 dry tons	@ 315.00 960,760	
	18,338			6,587,500
<u>WALNUTS</u>				
	1,093	206 tons	@ 383.00	78,898
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>				
	225			22,500
				\$12,373,495

\*Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

# VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Artichokes	97	4,150 boxes @ \$ 2.25	\$ 9,337	
Asparagus	7	7,000 lbs. @ .20	1,400	
Berries	670			
Fresh		50 ton @ 250.00	12,500	
Processed		950 ton @ 175.00	166,250	
Cabbage	15	1,500 crates @ 1.50	2,250	
Corn, Sweet	107	10,700 " @ 2.00	21,400	
Lettuce	21	2,100 " @ 1.25	2,625	
Peas	75	1,875 tubs @ 2.50	4,688	
Potatoes	279	25,110 cwt. @ 2.25	56,497	
Rhubarb	6	2,300 boxes @ 1.00	2,300	
Squash	20	100 tons @ 40.00	4,000	
Tomatoes	8	1,600 lugs @ 1.25	2,000	
Mixed Vegetables	97		<u>18,400</u>	
				\$ 303,647

# FIELD CROPS

Barley	1,525	30,500 cwt @ \$ 2.75	\$ 83,875	
Hay				
Alfalfa	250	1,000 ton @ 30.00	30,000	
Grain, etc.	13,000	32,500 ton @ 20.00	650,000	
Hops	2,796			
Total Crop		4,432,728 lbs.)		
Salable Allotment		3,798,848 lbs.)	2,133,433	
Harvested		3,759,835 lbs.)		
Pasture				
Permanent Irrigated	5,500		275,000	
Oats	24,000	432,900 cwt.) @ 3.05	1,649,745	
Oats and)	7,200	108,000 cwt.)		
Vetch )		43,200 cwt.) @ 6.00	259,200	
Wheat	475	7,600 cwt. @ 3.50	<u>26,600</u>	
				\$ 5,107,853

# SEED & NURSERY CROPS

Nursery				
Trees and Grapevines			\$ 30,000	
Ornamental			75,000	
Seeds				
Certified	661 )			
Vegetable	1,149 )		<u>633,500</u>	
				\$ 738,500

# APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Honey	50,000 lbs.	@	.10	\$ 5,000	
Wax	1,500 lbs.	@	.45	675	
Package Bees	600 pkg.	@	3.00	1,800	
Queens	200	@	1.25	250	
Pollination	3,300 colonies	@	2.50	<u>8,250</u>	
					\$ 15,975

# POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs	44,520,915 doz	@	.40	\$17,808,366	\$17,808,366
<u>Hatching Eggs</u>					
Light Breeds	1,574,497 doz	@	.58	913,209	
Dark Breeds	1,129,331 doz	@	.65	<u>734,065</u>	1,647,274
<u>Chickens sold for meat</u>					
Broilers and Fryers	24,600,450 lbs.	@	.30	7,380,135	
Hens	16,220,500 lbs.	@	.20	<u>3,244,100</u>	10,624,235
<u>Turkeys</u>					
Meat Birds	220,250 birds	@	6.20	1,365,550	
Turkey Eggs	985,500 eggs	@	.29	<u>285,795</u>	1,651,345
Ducks	4,300 ducks	@	1.10	4,730	
Duck eggs	57,000 eggs	@	.07	<u>3,990</u>	8,720
Geese & Pigeons					2,500
Poultry Fertilizer	66,000 tons	@	1.50		<u>99,000</u>
					\$31,841,440

# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>Milk</u>					
Market	9,124,000 lbs. fat	@	1.11	\$10,127,640	
Manufactured	3,035,000 lbs. fat	@	.79	<u>2,397,650</u>	\$12,525,290
Swine	10,000 head	@	40.00		400,000
<u>Sheep</u>					
Lambs	75,000	@	18.20	1,365,000	
Wool	837,000 lbs.	@	.60	<u>502,200</u>	1,867,200
Cattle and Calves	45,035 head				5,109,588
<u>Rabbits</u>					
Fryers	681,000 lbs.	@	.24	163,440	
Stews	78,000 lbs.	@	.12	9,360	
Fertilizer	76 ton	@	1.50	<u>114</u>	172,914
					\$20,074,992



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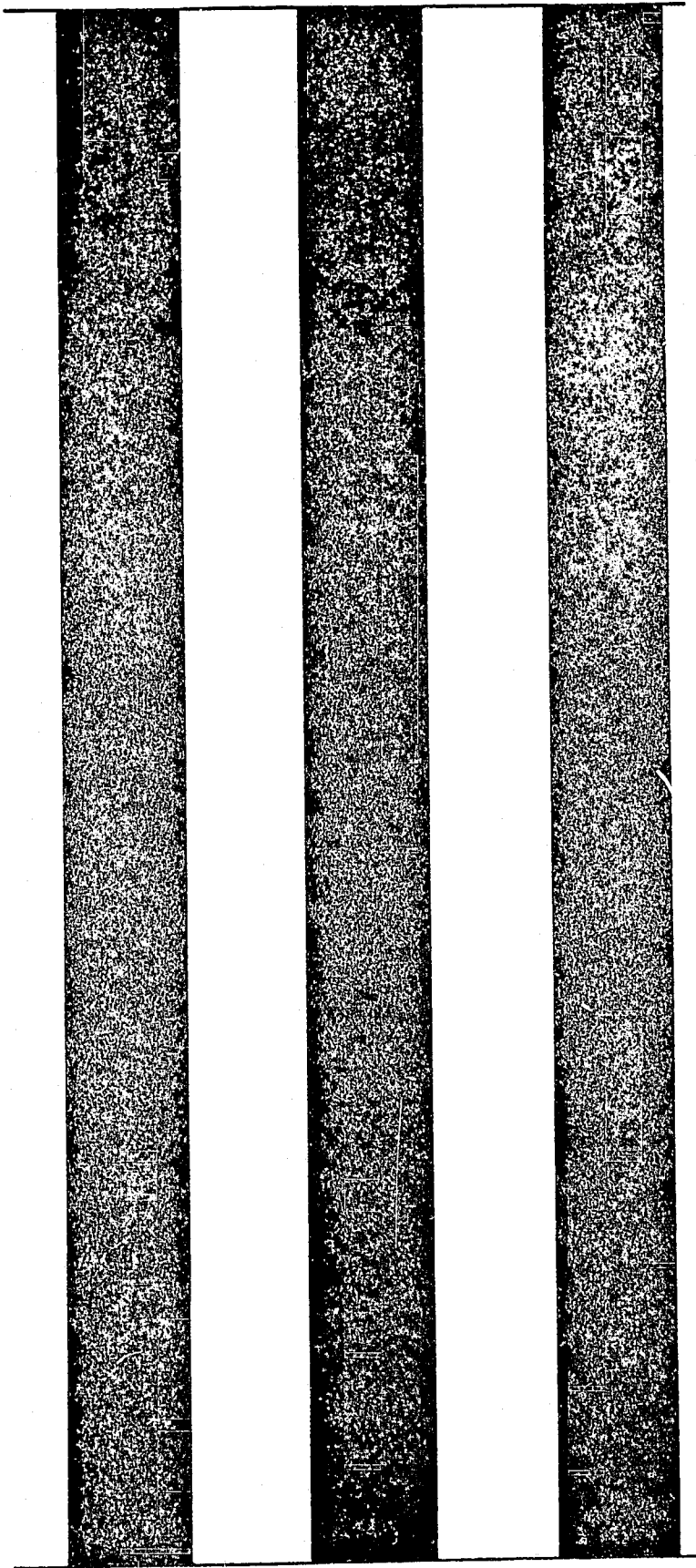
## RECAPITULATION \*\*\*\*\*

APIARY	\$ 15,975
FIELD CROPS	5,107,853
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	12,373,495
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	20,074,992
POULTRY PRODUCTS	31,841,440
SEED AND NURSERY CROPS	738,500
VEGETABLE CROPS	<u>303,647</u>
	\$ 70,455,902

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1946 FARM VALUE	\$ 75,865,479
1947 FARM VALUE	\$ 62,791,748
1948 FARM VALUE	\$ 72,372,948
1949 FARM VALUE	\$ 67,065,160
1950 FARM VALUE	\$ 70,455,902

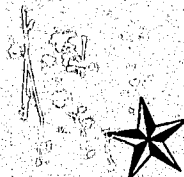
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Prunes, apples, oats for grain, vetch, hops, and vegetable seeds returned less income to the farmers than the previous year. Prune prices were much lower due to market conditions and sub-standard quality. Apples for fresh shipment were reduced and prices lower. Oats for grain and vetch, a companion crop, were greatly reduced in acreage principally due to wet weather which prevented planting. Hop yields were light due to a cold spring and summer and the acreage of vegetable seeds was reduced.

Income from poultry and livestock was higher. Poultry numbers in the county were greatly reduced as a result of the previous year's low prices but an increase in prices brought more money in spite of the lower numbers. Market milk continued its upward trend with more dairies marketing Grade A Milk. Sheep men had an exceedingly favorable year both in good prices for lambs and wool and favorable lamb weather. Cattle prices were high throughout the year. There has also been a gradual increase in cattle and sheep numbers for a number of years.

The information for this report was secured from the following sources:

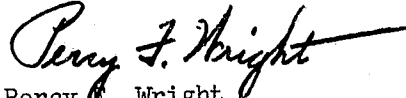
Fresh Apples - 26 handlers and the Early Apple Advisory Board  
Processed and Dried Apples - 27 Processors  
Cherries - California Packing Corporation  
Wine Grapes - 40 wineries  
Pears - Marketing Program for Canning Bartlett Pears, Fresh Pears, and pear buyers.  
Plums - 2 packers and the Marketing Order for Fresh Plums  
Prunes - 9 packers and the Prune Administrative Committee  
Walnuts - North Coast Walnut Association  
Vegetables - 23 growers and 2 packers

Hops - Hop Marketing Program and George A. Procter, Hop Buyer  
Hay, Grain, and Seed - 103 growers and handlers  
Nursery - 8 nurserymen  
Honey - 12 producers  
Eggs - 62 handlers  
Hatchery - 53 hatcheries  
Poultry for Meat - 34 handlers  
Turkeys - 26 producers and handlers  
Milk - Dairy Information Bulletin of The California Crop and Livestock  
Reporting Service.  
Livestock - Hide and brand inspection reports, Federal Census, auction yards,  
Market News Reports, and wool and lamb buyers.  
Rabbits - 6 handlers  
Acreages for tree and vine crops are from the records maintained by the  
Sonoma County Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the  
California Crop Reporting Service. Acreages of other crops are  
from surveys of the Department and other agencies.

An earnest endeavor has been made to make this report as accurate as possible. We have availed ourselves of every source of information which we felt was necessary in order to do this, as can be seen by the above listing. We will be glad to furnish anyone with the names and addresses of any packers, processors, handlers, hatcheries, and other sources we have used in obtaining this information. However, the records they have given us are confidential information except those reports of official agencies which are public information.

I wish to express my appreciation to those who have cooperated in making this report possible and to my staff who have given freely of their time while carrying on their other duties.

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<u>APPLES</u>					
<u>Fresh</u>					
Gravenstein	7,267	500,499 boxes	@ \$ 1.18	\$ 590,589	
Late Varieties	3,409	162,936 boxes	@ 1.23	200,411	
<u>Processed</u>					
Gravenstein					
Canned		8,634 tons	@ 42.24	364,700	
Juice-Cider		4,830 tons	@ 18.45	89,113	
Vinegar		2,178 tons	@ 4.00	8,712	
Un-Classified		438 tons	@ 39.09	17,121	
<u>Late Varieties</u>					
Canned		8,849 tons	@ 41.74	369,357	
Juice-Cider		3,216 tons	@ 17.72	56,988	
Vinegar		1,552 tons	@ 4.00	6,208	
<u>Dried &amp; Chops</u>					
Gravenstein		19,345 green tons	@ 34.30	663,533	
Late Varieties		9,375 green tons	@ 36.40	341,250	
					\$2,707,982
<u>CHERRIES</u>	636				
Processed		765 tons	@ 335.00	256,275	
Fresh		115 tons	@ 400.00	46,000	302,275
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	14,772	32,000 tons	@ 55.00		1,760,000
<u>PEARS</u>	2,076				
Canned		9,104 tons	@ 90.00	819,360	
Dried		500 green tons	@ 15.00	7,500	
Fresh		100 tons	@ 100.00	10,000	836,860
<u>PLUMS</u>	174				
Canned		519 tons	@ 62.00	32,178	
Fresh		4,000 lugs	@ 1.00	4,000	36,178
<u>PRUNES</u>					
<u>Salable-Standard</u>					
French	15,255	15,760 dry tons	@ 190.00	2,994,400	
Imperial	2,816	2,712 dry tons	@ 220.00	596,640	
<u>Surplus-Standard &amp; Offgrade</u>					
French		5,252 dry tons	@ 40.00	210,080	
Imperial		904 dry tons	@ 40.00	36,160	3,837,280
		24,628			
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,092	450 tons	@ 480.00	216,000	216,000
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	225				22,500
					\$9,719,075

\* Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Artichokes	98	3,400 crates @ \$ 3.67	\$ 12,478	
Asparagus	7	5,000 lbs. @ .20	1,000	
Berries	640			
Fresh		50 ton @ 300.00	15,000	
Processed		1,104 ton @ 280.00	309,120	
Cabbage	14	1,400 crates @ 1.90	2,660	
Carrots	2	850 sacks @ 1.50	1,275	
Cauliflower	6	245 crates @ 1.00	245	
Corn, Sweet	80	50,000 dozen @ .36	18,000	
Lettuce	30	5,850 crates @ 1.90	11,115	
Potatoes	108	14,000 cwt. @ 3.21	44,940	
Squash	10	3,820 lugs @ 1.43	5,462	
Tomatoes				
Fresh	10	2,140 lugs @ 1.00	2,140	
Cannery	80	1,005 tons @ 30.00	30,150	
Mixed Vegetables	75		<u>15,000</u>	
				\$ 468,585

FIELD CROPS

Barley	760	15,200 cwt. @ \$ 3.40	\$ 51,680	
Hay				
Alfalfa	300	1,200 ton @ 35.00	42,000	
Grain, etc.	18,059	40,632 ton @ 26.50	1,076,748	
Hops	2,825			
Total Crop		3,394,916 lbs.)		
Salable Allotment		2,501,940 lbs.)	1,678,000	
Harvested		2,464,112 lbs.)		
Pasture				
Permanent Irrig.	7,000		350,000	
Oats	13,919	222,700 cwt. @ 4.10	913,070	
Wheat	450	7,200 cwt. @ 4.50	<u>32,400</u>	
				\$4,143,898

SEED & NURSERY CROPS

Nursery				
Trees & Grapevines			\$ 36,000	
Ornamental			85,000	
Seeds				
Certified	826		123,725	
Uncertified	1,838		179,800	
Vetch		9,500 cwt. @ \$ 7.25	<u>68,875</u>	
				\$ 493,400

### APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Honey	113,600 lbs. @ \$ .11	\$ 12,496	
Wax	2,140 lbs. @ .52	1,113	
Package Bees	650 pkg. @ 3.50	2,275	
Pollination	3,500 colonies @ 2.75	<u>9,625</u>	
			\$ 25,509

### POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs	38,616,633 doz. @ .52	\$20,080,649	20,080,649
<u>Hatching Eggs</u>			
Light Breeds	1,984,397 doz. @ .74	1,468,454	
Dark Breeds	1,477,529 doz. @ .868	<u>1,282,495</u>	
			2,750,949
<u>Chickens sold for meat</u>			
Broilers and Fryers	18,997,488 lbs. @ .31	5,889,221	
Hens	11,473,968 lbs. @ .23	<u>2,639,012</u>	
			8,528,233
<u>Turkeys</u>			
Meat Birds	218,244 birds @ 8.00	1,745,952	
Hatching Eggs	855,263 eggs @ .32	<u>273,784</u>	
			2,019,736
<u>Ducks</u>			
Meat Birds	3,000 birds @ 1.10	3,300	
Hatching Eggs	149,950 eggs @ .07	<u>10,497</u>	
			13,797
POULTRY FERTILIZER	63,390 tons @ 1.75	110,933	<u>110,933</u>
			\$33,504,297

### HATCHERY BUSINESS

<u>No. of Hatcheries</u>	<u>Kind of Birds</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
31	Chicken - Light Breeds	12,381,840 @ \$ .165		\$ 2,043,003
22	Chicken - Dark Breeds	10,213,381 @ .1725		1,761,808
8	Turkey - Poults	234,150 @ .75		175,613
3	Duck - Ducklings	79,356 @ .25		<u>19,839</u>
Total				\$ 4,000,263 *

\* This is an informative figure. Only the farm value of hatchery eggs is used in the overall county crop valuation total.

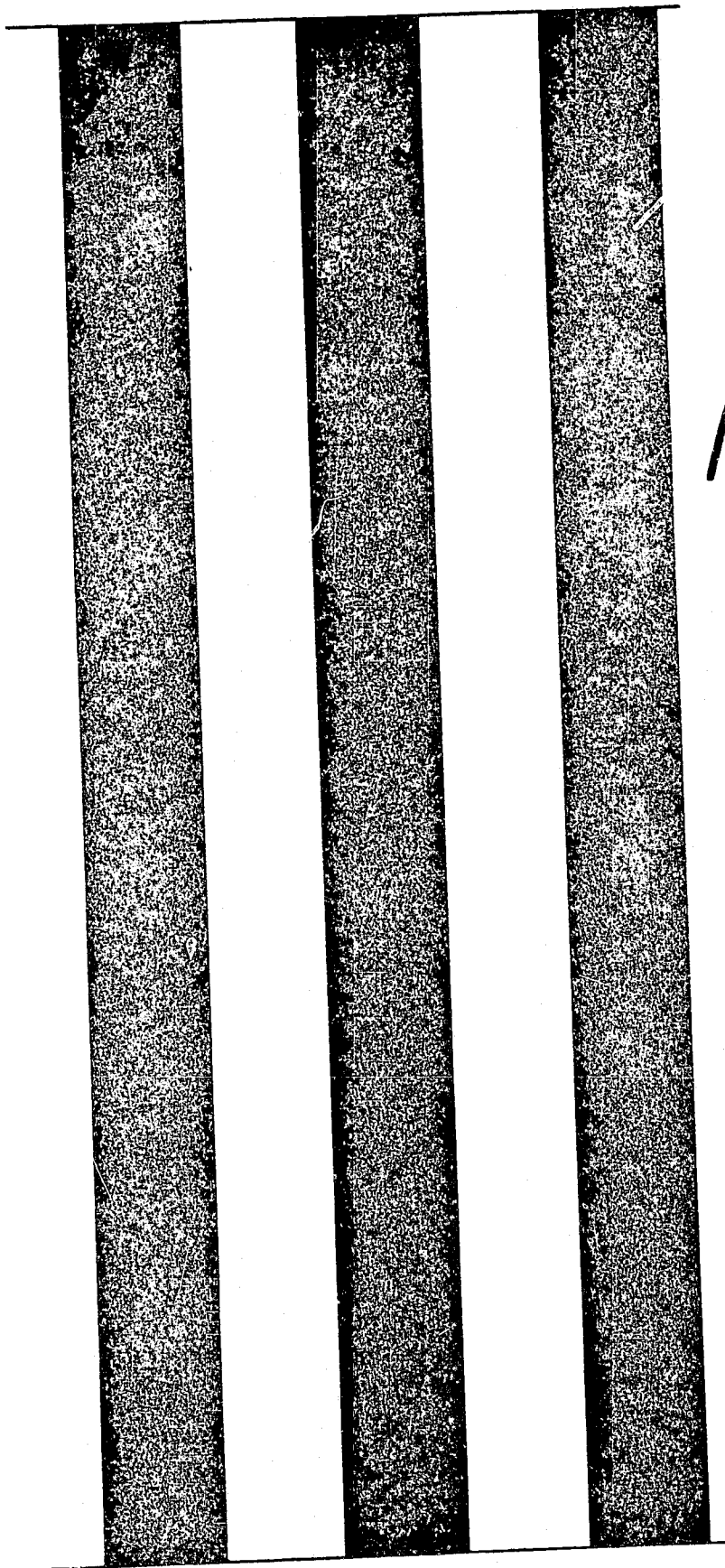


LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Milk</u>			
Market	9,454,000 lbs. fat @ \$ 1.17	\$11,061,180	
Manufactured	2,708,000 lbs. fat @ .89	<u>2,410,120</u>	
			\$13,471,300
Swine	12,000 head @ 45.00		54,000
<u>Sheep</u>			
Lambs	83,250 @ 23.80	1,981,350	
Wool - 12 months	935,000 lbs. @ 1.00	935,000	
- Lambs	262,000 lbs. @ 1.10	<u>288,200</u>	
			3,204,550
Cattle and Calves	45,903 head		6,321,680
<u>Rabbits</u>			
Fryers	518,586 lbs. @ .30	155,576	
Stews	27,790 lbs. @ .15	<u>4,169</u>	
			<u>159,745</u>
			\$23,211,275

SUMMARY

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$12,373,495	\$ 9,719,075
Vegetable Crops	303,647	468,585
Field Crops	5, 107,853	4,143,898
Seed and Nursery Crops	738,500	493,400
Apiary	15,975	25,509
Poultry Products	31,841,440	33,504,297
Livestock Products	<u>20,074,992</u>	<u>23,211,275</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$70,455,902	\$71,565,039



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The total returns to agriculture for the year 1952 amounted to \$70,300,567 which is \$1,265,472 less than the 1951 income. There was a marked fluctuation in values from the previous year with some commodities showing much greater returns and others correspondingly less returns.

Apples, with higher yields, and prunes, with higher prices, showed a marked increase in value. Pears and grapes, primarily due to low prices, showed marked decreases. Berry growers had a poor harvest season.

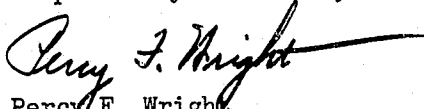
Hop producers had a disastrous year. Prices were lower; sixty-five percent of the crop was harvested under terms of the marketing order; and, in addition, considerable acreage was abandoned. On the other hand, hay growers had an excellent year with good yields and prices.

The value of poultry products dropped considerably. Egg prices were lower and the production of meat birds dropped due to the unfavorable ratio between feed and the price paid for poultry.

Market milk continued its upward trend with more dairies producing Grade A milk. Wool prices were much lower than the previous year and fleeces were extremely light due to the heavy winter rains. The value of cattle was down due to the slump in cattle prices towards the end of the year.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>*GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>						
<u>Fresh</u>						
Gravenstein	6,792	839,114 boxes	@ \$	1.51	\$1,267,062	
Late Varieties	3,484	227,000 boxes	@	1.56	354,120	
<u>Processed</u>						
<u>Gravenstein</u>						
Canned		14,721 tons	@	35.00	515,235	
Juice-Cider		2,843 tons	@	17.36	49,354	
Vinegar		2,162 tons	@	4.00	8,648	
<u>Late Varieties</u>						
Canned		11,971 tons	@	45.00	538,695	
Juice-Cider		4,166 tons	@	20.00	83,320	
Vinegar		280 tons	@	4.00	1,120	
<u>Dried</u>						
Gravenstein		23,375 green tons	@	23.50	549,312	
Late Varieties		9,375 green tons	@	39.00	365,625	
<u>Pels and Cores</u>						
Vinegar-wine		10,417 tons	@	4.25	<u>44,272</u>	\$3,776,763
<u>CHERRIES</u>	637					
Processed		1,560 tons	@	160.00	249,600	
Fresh		200 tons	@	240.00	<u>48,000</u>	297,600
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	13,463	26,500 tons	@	40.00		1,060,000
<u>PEARS</u>	1,975					
Canned		10,986 tons	@	41.00	450,426	
Dried		540 green tons	@	15.00	8,100	
Fresh		224 tons	@	60.00	<u>13,440</u>	471,966
<u>PLUMS</u>	169					
Canned		145 tons	@	50.00	7,250	
Fresh		574 lugs	@	1.50	<u>861</u>	8,111
<u>PRUNES</u>						
<u>Standard</u>						
French	14,336	17,336 tons	@	235.00	4,073,960	
Imperial	2,578	3,490 tons	@	260.00	907,400	
<u>Below Standard</u>	16,914					
French		3,060 tons	@	100.00	306,000	
Imperial		184 tons	@	100.00	<u>18,400</u>	5,305,760
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,131	439 tons	@	360.00		158,040
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	225					22,500
						<u>\$ 11,100,740</u>

\* Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.  
Fresh apples - basis 42 pound box.

VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKES	98	2,100 crates @ \$ 2.50	\$ 5,250	
ASPARAGUS	7	5,000 lbs. @ .20	1,000	
BEANS, GREEN	5	6,000 lbs. @ .08	480	
BERRIES	670			
Fresh		30 tons @ 500.00	15,000	
Processed		723 tons @ 280.00	202,440	
CABBAGE	8	1,050 crates @ 2.00	2,100	
CARROTS	2	600 sacks @ 1.50	900	
CAULIFLOWER	5	150 crates @ 1.00	150	
CORN, SWEET	42	20,750 dozen @ .38	7,885	
LETTUCE	33	4,525 crates @ 2.00	9,050	
PEPPERS	4	500 crates @ 2.00	1,000	
POTATOES	129	18,800 sacks @ 3.00	56,400	
RHUBARB	7	800 lugs @ 1.00	800	
SQUASH	10	3,200 boxes @ 1.60	5,120	
TOMATOES				
Fresh	15	2,125 lugs @ 1.10	2,338	
Cannery	119	1,389 tons @ 25.00	34,725	
MIXED VEGETABLES	60		<u>12,000</u>	
				\$ 356,638

FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	750	16,500 cwt. @ 3.50	57,750	
BEANS, DRY	7	51 cwt. @ 9.00	459	
CORN, ENSILAGE	1,000	10,000 tons @ 9.00	90,000	
HAY				
Alfalfa	400	1,600 tons @ 35.00	56,000	
Grain	22,469	57,423 tons @ 29.35	1,685,365	
Straw	9,719	9,719 tons @ 14.00	136,066	
HOPS				
Total Crop	2,562	3,111,903 lbs.)	1,101,818	
Harvested		2,015,029 lbs.)		
PASTURE				
Permanent Irrig.	10,000		500,000	
OATS	9,719	280,475 cwt. @ 3.75	1,051,781	
WHEAT	400	8,000 cwt. @ 4.25	<u>34,000</u>	
				\$4,713,239

NURSERY CROPS

NURSERY				
Prune Trees		15,700 No. 1's @ .75	11,775	
Prune Trees		1,480 No. 2's @ .60	888	
Prune Trees		3,595 No. 29's @ .45	1,618	
Grape Vines		37,000 No. 1's @ 250.00 M	9,250	
Grape Vines		8,000 No. 2's @ 100.00 M	800	
Grape Vines		4,200 St. Geo. @ 75.00 M	<u>315</u>	
				\$ 24,646
Ornamental, Flower and Bedding Plants			<u>110,000</u>	
				\$ 134,646

SEED CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VEGETABLE SEED	756	551,886 lbs.	@ \$ .29	\$ 160,047
SWEET PEA SEED	95	27,423 lbs.	@ .40	10,969
PASTURE GRASS SEED	1,024	220,006 lbs.	@ .50	110,003
COMMON RYE (Recovered Seed)		12,300 lbs.	@ .07	861
VETCH SEED		1,025,000 lbs.	@ .065	66,625
				\$ 348,505

APIARY PRODUCTS

HONEY	89,640 lbs.	@ .105	9,412	
WAX	1,500 lbs.	@ .34	510	
PACKAGE BEES	600 pkg.	@ 3.50	2,100	
POLLINATION	3,500 colonies	@ 3.00	10,500	
				\$ 22,522

POULTRY PRODUCTS

EGGS	38,329,326 doz.	@ .4775	18,302,253	\$18,302,253
HATCHING EGGS				
Light Breeds	1,981,547 doz.	@ .75	1,486,160	
Heavy Breeds	1,154,500 doz.	@ .835	964,008	
				\$ 2,450,168
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT				
Broilers	5,435,372 lbs.	@ .302	1,641,482	
Fryers	11,032,386 lbs.	@ .307	3,386,943	
Hens	8,528,996 lbs.	@ .214	1,825,205	
				\$ 6,853,630
TURKEYS				
Meat Birds	236,000 birds	@ 7.00	1,652,000	
Hatching Eggs	850,000 eggs	@ .38	323,000	
				\$ 1,975,000
DUCKS				
Meat Birds	3,000 birds	@ 1.10	3,300	
Hatching Eggs	130,233 eggs	@ .07	9,116	
				\$ 12,416
POULTRY FERTILIZER	72,460 tons	@ 2.60	188,396	188,396
				\$29,781,863

HATCHERY BUSINESS

<u>NO. OF HATCHERIES</u>	<u>KIND OF BIRDS</u>	<u>% HATCH</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
33	Chicken - Light Breeds	65.5	12,633,497 @	\$ .163	\$ 2,059,260
23	Chicken - Heavy Breeds	71.7	9,355,321 @	.172	1,609,115
5	Turkeys - Poults	59.7	318,335 @	.807	256,896
3	Ducks - Ducklings	61.7	67,200 @	.270	18,144
					\$ 3,943,415*

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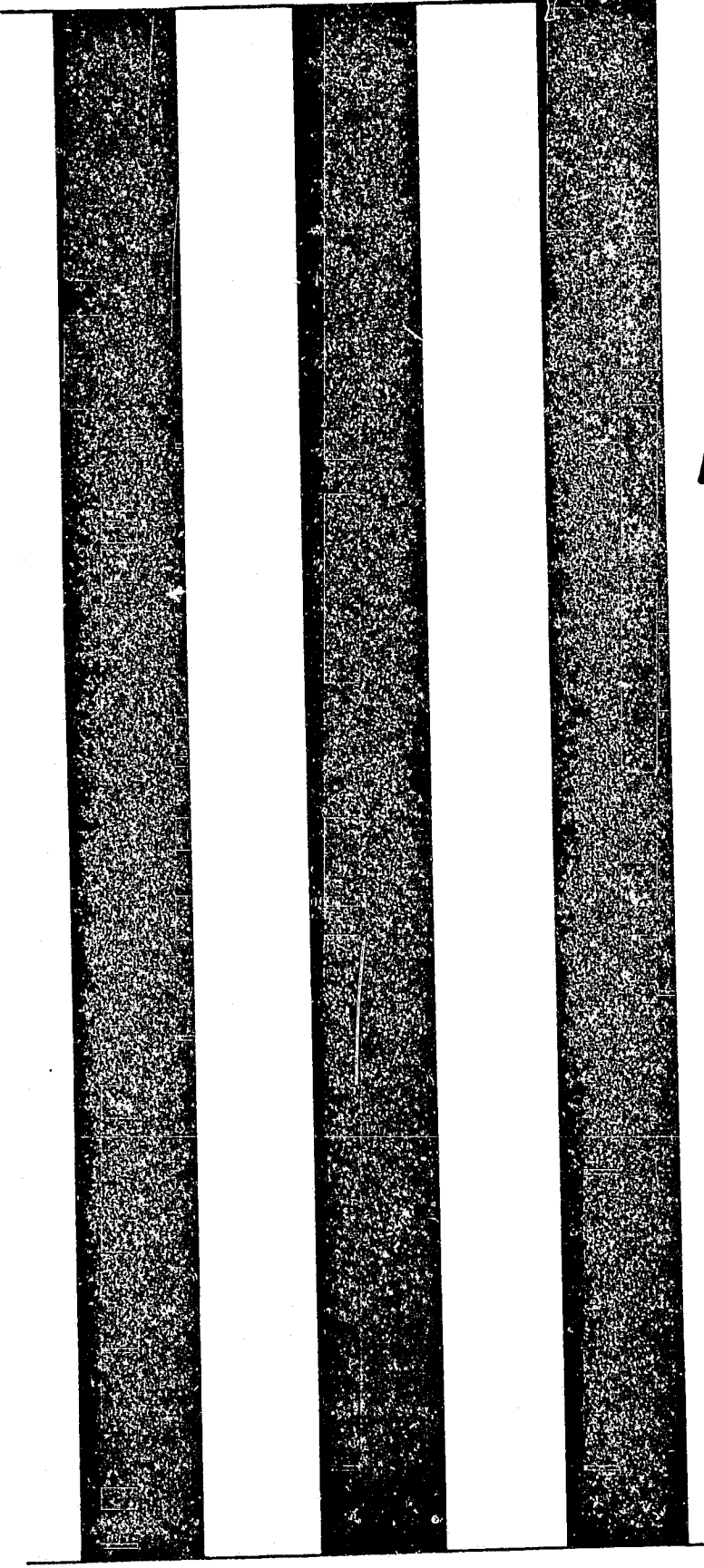
# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MILK			
Market	9,822,000 lbs. fat @ \$ 1.32	\$12,965,040	
Manufactured	2,128,000 lbs. fat @ 1.00	<u>2,128,000</u>	\$15,093,040
SWINE	13,000 head @ 45.00		\$ 585,000
SHEEP			
Lambs	84,000 head @ 17.50	1,470,000	
Wool - 12 Months	726,000 lbs. @ .64	464,640	
Lambs Wool	242,000 lbs. @ .37	<u>89,540</u>	\$ 2,024,180
CATTLE AND CALVES	45,401 head		\$ 6,000,038
RABBITS			
Fryers	459,544 lbs. @ .282	129,591	
Stews	105,650 lbs. @ .10	<u>10,565</u>	\$ 140,156
			<u>\$23,842,414</u>

## SUMMARY

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 9,719,075	\$11,100,740
VEGETABLE CROPS	468,585	356,638
FIELD CROPS	4,143,898	4,713,239
NURSERY CROPS	121,000	134,646
SEED CROPS	372,400	348,505
APIARY	25,509	22,522
POULTRY PRODUCTS	33,504,297	29,781,863
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>23,211,275</u>	<u>23,842,414</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$71,566,039	\$70,300,567





1953

**Sonoma County**  
**Department of Agriculture**

# **Agricultural Crop Report**



**1953**

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1953 Annual Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The report covers the acreage, production, and value of all crops produced in Sonoma County including livestock and livestock products. The figures presented are calculated on a farm value basis.

The total returns to agriculture for the year 1953 amounted to \$68,995,972 which is \$1,304,595 less than the 1952 income. Frost damage and a general decline in the value of agricultural products accounted for the drop.

Apple producers had a very favorable year and returns were greater than all other fruit and nut products combined. Prune and pear crops were severely hit by frost. Grape prices were low especially on white varieties. Berry producers had a good year and yields were exceptionally high.

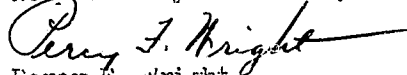
The hop acreage dropped from 2,562 to 967 and the few producers left had a very unfavorable year on account of mildew and a poor growing season. Some of the land taken out of hops was planted to green beans for freezing which look very good as a new crop for this county. Hay growers had a good crop but prices were considerably lower.

The value of poultry products increased. Egg prices remained relatively high throughout the year. Turkey numbers decreased and prices were higher. Chickens for meat decreased in value.

Market milk continues its upward trend with more dairies producing Grade A milk. More wool was produced than in the previous year. Sheep numbers are increasing. The value of cattle was down considerably due to the nation wide slump in cattle prices.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for this report.

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## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>GROSS FARM VALUE 1/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>					
<u>Fresh 2/</u>					
Gravenstein	5,416	584,125 boxes	@ \$ 2.22	\$1,296,757	
Late Varieties	2,910	195,285 boxes	@ 2.98	581,949	
<u>Processed</u>					
Gravenstein					
Canned		16,322 tons	@ 56.88	928,395	
Juice-Cider		4,255 tons	@ 37.70	160,413	
<u>Late Varieties</u>					
Canned		12,549 tons	@ 71.26	894,242	
Juice-Cider		1,914 tons	@ 40.19	76,924	
<u>Dried</u>					
Gravenstein		17,000 green tons	@ 44.27	752,590	
Late Varieties		11,250 green tons	@ 70.00	787,500	
<u>Peels and Cores</u>					
Vinegar-Wine		11,877 tons 3/	@ 7.30	86,702	
					\$ 5,565,472
<u>CHERRIES</u>					
	518				
Processed		832 tons	@ 260.00	216,320	
Fresh		100 tons	@ 300.00	30,000	
					246,320
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>					
	11,689				
Black		22,500 tons	@ 43.75	984,375	
White		5,500 tons	@ 33.75	185,625	
					1,170,000
<u>PEARS</u>					
	1,802				
Canned		4,406 tons	@ 72.50	319,435	
Dried		290 green tons	@ 17.50	5,075	
Fresh		50 tons	@ 80.00	4,000	
					328,510
<u>PLUMS</u>					
	132				
Canned		48 tons	@ 58.00	2,784	
Fresh		1,000 lugs	@ 1.50	1,500	
					4,284
<u>PRUNES</u>					
French	13,778	9,072 tons	@ 250.00	2,268,000	
Imperial	2,362	1,031 tons	@ 300.00	309,300	
	16,140				2,577,300
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,480	430 tons	@ 450.00		193,500
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>					
	125				12,500
					\$10,097,886

1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

2/ Fresh apples - Gravensteins, 42 pound box; Lates, 44 pound box.

3/ Do not include this figure in calculating total production - a by-product of canned and dried apples.

VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKES	8	600 crates @ \$ 2.50	\$ 1,500	
ASPARAGUS	5	5,000 lbs. @ .12	600	
BEANS				
Snap	2	4,000 lbs. @ .10	400	
Green, Freezer	126	1,010 tons @ 123.00	124,230	
BERRIES, BUSH	585			
Fresh		30 tons @ 500.00	15,000	
Processed		1,309 tons @ 285.00	373,065	
CABBAGE	10	1,650 crates @ 1.55	2,558	
CARROTS	2	600 sacks @ 1.50	900	
CAULIFLOWER	5	300 crates @ 1.00	300	
CORN, SWEET	42	28,150 dozen @ .40	11,260	
GARLIC	1	4,000 lbs. @ .22	880	
LEEK	$\frac{1}{2}$	30 lugs @ 1.50	45	
LETTUCE				
Head	29	6,900 crates @ 1.50	10,350	
Leaf	2	500 crates @ 1.00	500	
PEPPERS	1	160 crates @ 2.20	352	
POTATOES	68	7,685 sacks @ 2.21	16,984	
RHUBARB	7	1,000 lugs @ 1.25	1,250	
SQUASH				
Summer	8	3,300 lugs @ 1.25	4,125	
Late	12	30 tons @ 40.00	1,200	
STRAWBERRIES	5	7,500 crates @ 2.25	16,875	
TOMATOES	223			
Cannery		2,556 tons @ 23.50	60,066	
Fresh		5,775 lugs @ 1.00	5,775	
OTHER BERRIES	50			
AND VEGETABLES (12 acres Blueberries)			15,000	
				\$ 663,215

FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	750	18,750 cwt. @ 2.85	53,438	
BEANS, DRY	6	40 cwt. @ 8.00	320	
CORN, ENSILAGE	1,000	12,500 tons @ 8.00	100,000	
CORN, GRAIN	407	8,140 cwt. @ 3.35	27,269	
HAY				
Alfalfa	600	2,400 tons @ 25.00	60,000	
Grain	21,465	59,029 tons @ 21.50	1,269,124	
Straw	7,500	7,500 tons @ 9.50	71,250	
HOPS	967	3,990 bales @ 80.00	319,200	
OATS	10,725	268,125 cwt. @ 3.15	844,594	
PASTURE				
Perm. Irrig.	11,000		605,000	
WHEAT	1,366	27,320 cwt. @ 3.75	102,450	
				\$3,452,645

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PRUNE TREES		13,198 No. 1's @ \$ .75	\$ 9,899	
		5,960 No. 2's @ .48	2,861	
		10,485 No. 29's @ .38	3,984	
PEAR TREES		1,850 @ .65	1,203	
GRAPE VINES		52,000 No. 1's @ 200.00 M	10,400	
		4,000 No. 2's @ 100.00 M	400	
		16,900 St. Geo. @ 75.00 M	1,268	
				\$ 30,015
ORNAMENTAL, FLOWER, AND BEDDING PLANTS <u>1/</u>				215,000
				\$ 245,015

## SEED CROPS

VEGETABLE SEED	792	418,890 lbs. @ .242	101,371	
FLOWER SEED	49	16,827 lbs. @ .30	5,048	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	647	139,105 lbs. @ .35	48,687	
COMMON RYE (Recovered Seed)		14,500 lbs. @ .06	870	
VETCH SEED		973,750 lbs. @ .0475	46,253	
RED KIDNEY BEANS	80	64,000 lbs. @ .11	7,040	
				\$ 209,269

## POULTRY PRODUCTS

EGGS		39,538,928 doz. @ .52	20,560,242	\$20,560,242
HATCHING EGGS				
Light Breeds		1,565,733 doz. @ .849	1,329,307	
Heavy Breeds		1,023,911 doz. @ .949	971,691	
				2,300,998
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT				
Broilers		5,005,139 lbs. @ .2732	1,367,404	
Fryers		10,832,619 lbs. @ .2938	3,182,623	
Hens		7,446,881 lbs. @ .2075	1,545,228	
				6,095,255
TURKEYS				
Meat Birds		201,814 birds @ 8.00	1,614,512	
Hatching Eggs		872,678 eggs @ .375	327,254	
				1,941,766
DUCKS				
Meat Birds		1,700 birds @ 1.10	1,870	
Hatching Eggs		55,100 eggs @ .07	3,857	
				5,727
POULTRY FERTILIZER		157,400 tons @ 3.00	472,200	472,200
				\$31,376,188

## HATCHERY BUSINESS

<u>NO. OF HATCHERIES</u>	<u>KIND OF BIRDS</u>	<u>% HATCH</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
29	Chicken - Light Breeds	64.5	10,174,705	@ \$.1714	\$1,743,944
21	Chicken - Heavy Breeds	67.0	8,143,919	@ .18125	1,476,085
6	Turkeys - Poults	57.5	312,649	@ .756	236,362
3	Ducks - Ducklings	67.2	37,000	@ .282	10,434
					\$3,466,825 <u>2/</u>

1/ Ninety-six nurseries - county grown stock.

2/ This is an informative figure. Only the farm value of hatchery eggs is used in the overall county crop valuation total.

# APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	176,697 lbs. @ \$ .1025	\$ 18,111	
WAX	5,445 lbs. @ .40	2,178	
PACKAGE BEES	600 pkg. @ 4.00	2,400	
POLLINATION		<u>12,870</u>	
			\$ 35,559

# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK			
Market	10,791,000 lbs. fat @ 1.33	14,352,030	
Manufactured	2,209,000 lbs. fat @ .92	<u>2,032,280</u>	
			\$16,384,310
SWINE	13,000 head @ 45.00		\$ 585,000
SHEEP			
Lambs	96,000 head @ 15.00	1,440,000	
Wool - 12 Months	1,045,000 lbs. @ .65	679,250	
Lambs Wool	127,000 lbs. @ .50	<u>63,500</u>	
			\$ 2,182,750
CATTLE AND CALVES	45,500 head		\$ 3,649,835
RABBITS			
Fryers	448,742 lbs. @ .25	112,185	
Stews	2,115 rabbits @ 1.00	<u>2,115</u>	
			\$ 114,300
			<u>\$22,916,195</u>

# SUMMARY

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$11,100,740	\$10,097,886
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	356,638	663,215
FIELD CROPS	4,713,239	3,452,645
NURSERY CROPS	134,646	245,015
SEED CROPS	348,505	209,269
POULTRY PRODUCTS	29,781,863	31,376,188
APIARY	22,522	35,559
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>23,842,414</u>	<u>22,916,195</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$70,300,567	\$68,995,972


THE TREND OF PERMANENT CROPS IN SONOMA COUNTY

<u>CROP AND VARIETY</u>	<u>1953 NON-BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>1953 BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>1953 TOTAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>1948 TOTAL ACREAGE</u>
ALMONDS, ALL	2	2	4	7
APPLES				
Alexander		7	7	7
Arkansas Black		44	44	53
Astrachan		2	2	2
Baldwin		70	70	100
Ben Davis		7	7	7
Black Twig		7	7	7
Delicious, Standard	3	85	88	149
Delicious, Red Strains	125	383	508	396
Delicious, Golden	70	202	272	229
Esopus Spitzenburg	2	77	79	144
Gravenstein	36	5,375	5,411	7,747
Gravenstein, Red	39	18	57	18
Hoover		12	12	24
Jonathan	76	624	700	700
McIntosh	4	8	12	8
Rhode Island Greening	5	200	205	285
Rome Beauty	186	695	881	700
Smith Cider		11	11	13
Stayman Winesap		5	5	5
Tompkins King	2	62	64	82
Wagener		63	63	105
Winter Banana		12	12	12
Yellow Bellflower		38	38	38
Yellow Newton Pippin	1	90	91	143
June		9	9	9
Other	33	218	251	744
TOTAL	584	8,326	8,910	11,734
APRICOTS, ALL		10	10	39
CHERRIES				
Bing	12	16	28	26
Royal Ann	49	446	495	575
Tartarian	1	24	25	34
Other	2	30	32	29
TOTAL	64	516	580	664
CHESTNUTS	1	4	5	5
FIGS, ALL		19	19	29
FILBERTS	2	15	17	19



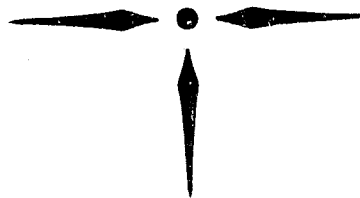
<u>CROP AND VARIETY</u>	<u>1953 NON-BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>1953 BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>1953 TOTAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>1948 TOTAL ACREAGE</u>
GRAPES, TABLE		14	14	33
GRAPES, WINE				
Alicante Bouschet	2	650	652	957
Barbera		51	51	33
Burgundy		36	36	36
Burger	1	124	125	223
Cabernet Sauvignon		131	131	147
Carignane	31	2,093	2,124	2,382
Chianti		82	82	84
Colombard	8	181	189	141
Golden Chasselas	14	780	794	1,050
Grand noir		161	161	268
Green Hungarian		42	42	62
Grenache		5	5	16
Malvoisie		23	23	46
Mataro		8	8	15
Mission		43	43	66
Petite Bouschet		8	8	8
Petite Sirah	26	1,553	1,579	1,881
Pinot Noir	15	51	66	58
Riesling	10	116	126	138
Ruby Cabernet	19	15	34	11
Sauvignon		341	341	556
Semillon		140	140	84
Sylvaner	3	41	44	60
Zinfandel	23	4,623	4,646	7,384
All Other Varieties	11	442	453	1,112
TOTAL	163	11,740	11,903	16,818
LEMONS		3	3	3
OLIVES		29	29	35
ORANGES		7	7	7
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	3	26	29	44
PEACHES, FREESTONE	8	29	37	62
PEARS, BARTLETT	175	1,802	1,977	2,187
PLUMS				
Eldorado		3	3	3
Green Gage		7	7	7
Jefferson	1	102	103	121
Santa Rosa	4	13	17	22
Shiro		12	12	25
Others	2	2	4	4
TOTAL	7	139	146	182

<u>CROP AND VARIETY</u>	1953 NON-BEARING <u>ACREAGE</u>	1953 BEARING <u>ACREAGE</u>	1953 TOTAL <u>ACREAGE</u>	1948 TOTAL <u>ACREAGE</u>
PRUNES				
Burton		5	5	14
French	1,019	13,670	14,689	16,383
Imperial	92	2,357	2,449	3,020
Robe de Sargent		31	31	36
Sugar	2	71	73	89
Others	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>37</u>
TOTAL	1,116	16,140	17,256	19,579
QUINCE		5	5	5
WALNUTS				
Concord		4	4	4
Eureka		14	14	11
Franquette	188	1,016	1,204	1,127
Hartley	4	59	63	62
Mayette	3	119	122	119
Payne	2	5	7	5
Miscellaneous	<u>39</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>156</u>
TOTAL	236	1,480	1,716	1,484
BLACK WALNUTS		56	56	24

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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1954 Annual Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The report covers the acreage production, and value of all crops produced in Sonoma County including livestock and livestock products. The figures presented are calculated on a farm value basis.

The total returns to agriculture for the year 1954 amounted to \$62,896,260 which is \$6,099,712 less than the 1953 income. Low egg prices accounted for most of the drop.

Apple producers had another good year. There was a large crop and a good demand for processing apples, so that all of the crop was harvested. Prune growers were hit by an unusual heavy rain on August 27 which caused a splitting of prunes just as harvesting was starting. Approximately 6000 tons were unharvested and grades lowered on those harvested.

Former hop producers looking for a good pay crop were successful in getting contracts on a sizeable acreage of both green beans and Fordhook limas for freezing. Due to unusually high summer temperatures and other adverse weather, the Fordhooks were practically a failure and the green beans not as good as expected.

The value of poultry products dropped \$8,006,901. All poultry dropped in value except hens for meat which were heavily sold due to low egg prices. Turkeys increased in the number sold, but prices were low.

Market milk continued its upward trend in the amount produced, but prices dropped resulting in less income. Lambs produced increased in number due to a good lambing year and an increase in sheep population. Value of cattle sold increased slightly following a levelling off after the previous years tremendous drop.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for the report.

Respectfully submitted,



Percy F. Wright  
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1954 ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR SONOMA COUNTY

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE 1/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
<u>Gravenstein</u>	5,590			
Fresh 2/		11,772 tons @ \$ 75.64	\$ 890,434	
Canned		19,888 tons @ 56.31	1,119,893	
Juice-Cider		4,342 tons @ 25.24	109,579	
Pies		180 tons @ 40.00	7,200	
Vinegar		2,245 tons @ 12.00	26,940	
Dried		<u>28,143 green tons @ 57.16</u>	<u>1,608,675</u>	
		66,570 total tons		\$ 3,762,721
<u>Lates</u>	3,073			
Fresh 3/		6,577 tons @ 103.41	680,127	
Canned		17,722 tons @ 63.45	1,124,498	
Juice-Cider		2,925 tons @ 27.85	81,454	
Vinegar		260 tons @ 12.00	3,120	
Dried		<u>9,248 green tons @ 58.12</u>	<u>537,540</u>	
		36,732 total tons		2,426,739
<u>CHERRIES</u>	506			
Processed		572 tons @ 300.00	171,600	
Fresh		95 tons @ 375.00	<u>35,625</u>	
				207,225
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	11,351			
Black		22,452 tons @ 50.00	1,122,600	
White		6,048 tons @ 43.00	<u>260,064</u>	
				1,382,664
<u>PEARS</u>	1,778			
Canned		8,453 tons @ 72.50	612,843	
Nectar & Juices		764 tons @ 45.00	34,380	
Fresh		50 tons @ 80.00	4,000	
Dried		975 green tons @ 40.00	<u>39,000</u>	
				690,223
<u>PLUMS</u>	119			
Canned		272 tons @ 53.50	14,552	
Fresh		500 lugs @ 1.50	<u>750</u>	
				15,302
<u>PRUNES</u>				
French	13,821	12,971 tons @ 250.00	3,242,750	
Imperial	2,320	874 tons @ 340.00	297,160	
Diverted		4,139 tons @ 40.00	<u>165,560</u>	
				3,705,470
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,504	504 tons @ 420.00		211,680
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	155			<u>15,500</u>
				\$12,417,524

1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

2/ Gravenstein - 560,540-42 lb. box @ \$1.60.

3/ Lates - 298,966-44 lb. box @ \$2.33.

# VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKES	9	875 crates	@ \$	2.10	\$ 1,838	
ASPARAGUS	5	7,000 lbs.	@	.10	700	
BEANS						
Green	413	3,162 tons	@	110.00	347,820	
*Fordhook Lima	650	138 tons	@	145.00	20,010	
BERRIES, BUSH	537					
Fresh		25 tons	@	500.00	12,500	
Processed		894 tons	@	265.00	236,910	
CABBAGE	17	1,475 crates	@	2.30	3,388	
CARROTS	3	375 crates	@	2.05	770	
CAULIFLOWER	4	300 crates	@	1.50	450	
CORN, SWEET	47	31,000 dozen	@	.37	11,350	
CUCUMBERS	2	500 lugs	@	1.30	650	
GARLIC	7	11 tons	@	410.00	4,510	
LETTUCE	33	3,025 crates	@	1.83	5,525	
PEPPERS, BELL	4	775 crates	@	1.94	1,500	
POTATOES	63	7,350 cwt.	@	2.51	18,453	
RASPBERRIES	2	2,500 flats	@	2.40	6,000	
RHUBARB	7	1,000 lugs	@	1.25	1,250	
SQUASH						
Summer	11	2,500 lugs	@	1.45	3,625	
Late	11	42 tons	@	40.71	1,710	
STRAWBERRIES	11	17,297 flats	@	1.93	33,344	
TOMATOES, FRESH	12	4,550 lugs	@	1.12	5,100	
OTHER BERRIES	50					
AND VEGETABLES(16 acres Blueberries)					20,000	
						\$ 737,403

\*Fordhook Lima - Not all of this acreage harvested.

## FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	500	10,000 cwt.	@	2.60	26,000	
CORN, ENSILAGE	1,000	15,000 tons	@	7.00	105,000	
CORN, GRAIN	300	3,500 cwt.	@	3.00	10,500	
HAY						
Alfalfa	600	2,400 tons	@	22.00	52,800	
Grain	12,800	32,000 tons	@	19.00	608,000	
Straw		3,800 tons	@	9.00	34,200	
HOPS	928	4,780 bales	@	85.00	406,300	
OATS	19,200	384,000 cwt.	@	2.60	998,400	
PASTURE						
Perm. Irrig.	11,500				632,500	
WHEAT	64	1,280 cwt.	@	4.00	5,120	
MIXED GRAIN	455	4,550 cwt.	@	3.00	13,650	
						\$2,892,470

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPLE TREES		4,766	@ \$ .75	\$ 3,575	
GRAPE VINES, BUDDED		55,500	@ 240.00M	13,320	
GRAPE VINES, St. Geo.		20,500	@ 81.00M	1,660	
PEACH TREES		60	@ .75	45	
PEAR TREES, BARTLETT		1,758	@ .70	1,231	
PLUM TREES		128	@ .75	96	
PRUNE TREES, FRENCH		44,122	@ .69	30,444	
PRUNE TREES, IMPERIAL		350	@ .75	263	
PRUNE TREES, 29's		14,526	@ .38	5,520	
ORNAMENTAL, FLOWER, AND BEDDING PLANTS <u>1/</u>				<u>231,000</u>	\$ 287,154
<u>SEED CROPS</u>					
VEGETABLE SEED	1130	440,700 lbs.	@ .50	220,350	
FLOWER SEED	119	47,600 lbs.	@ .85	40,460	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	1001	300,300 lbs.	@ .35	105,105	
VETCH SEED		1,138,500 lbs.	@ .045	51,233	
RED KIDNEY BEANS	25	35,200 lbs.	@ .12	<u>4,224</u>	\$ 421,372
<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>					
EGGS		41,392,200 doz.	@ .385	\$15,903,997	\$ 15,903,997
HATCHING EGGS					
Light Breeds		1,024,009 doz.	@ .605	619,525	
Heavy Breeds		940,875 doz.	@ .805	<u>727,404</u>	1,346,926
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT					
Broilers		3,707,596 lbs.	@ .25	926,899	
Fryers		7,009,269 lbs.	@ .27	1,892,503	
Hens		11,046,653 lbs.	@ .14	<u>1,546,531</u>	4,365,933
TURKEYS					
Meat Birds		220,265 birds	@ 5.75	1,266,524	
Hatching Eggs		775,000 eggs	@ .36	<u>271,800</u>	1,538,324
DUCKS					
Meat Birds		1,000 birds	@ 1.00	1,000	
Hatching Eggs		93,100 eggs	@ .07	<u>6,517</u>	7,517
POULTRY FERTILIZER		73,000 tons	@ 2.83	206,590	<u>206,590</u>
					\$ 23,369,287

1/ One hundred and seven nurseries - county grown stock.



APIARY PRODUCTS


<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	150,000 lbs. @ \$ .12	\$ 18,000	
WAX	3,000 lbs. @ .44	1,320	
PACKAGE BEES	1,200 pkg. @ 4.00	4,800	
POLLINATION		<u>10,500</u>	\$ 34,620

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK			
Market	10,819,000 lbs. fat @ 1.23	13,307,370	
Manufactured	2,644,000 lbs. fat @ .80	<u>2,115,200</u>	\$15,422,570
SWINE	13,000 head @ 54.00		\$ 702,000
SHEEP			
Lambs	106,000 head @ 13.20	1,399,200	
Wool - 12 Months	1,100,000 lbs. @ .62	682,000	
Lambs Wool	122,000 lbs. @ .45	<u>54,900</u>	\$ 2,136,100
CATTLE AND CALVES	46,325 head		\$ 4,403,750
RABBITS			<u>25,000</u>
			\$22,689,420

SUMMARY

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$10,097,886	\$12,417,524
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	663,215	737,403
FIELD CROPS	3,452,645	2,892,470
NURSERY CROPS	245,015	287,154
SEED CROPS	209,269	421,372
POULTRY PRODUCTS	31,376,188	23,369,287
APIARY	35,559	34,200
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>22,916,195</u>	<u>22,689,420</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$68,995,972	\$62,848,830



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The total returns to agriculture for the year 1955 amounted to \$70,278,514 which is \$7,429,684 more than was reported in the year 1954.

A large part of this increase is in poultry income and does not necessarily mean that the poultrymen had a better year. An accurate survey was made of the production of poultry meat as this office will be responsible for the inspection of poultry meat as to its classification after July 1. A substantial increase in the production of poultry meat is shown over 1954 largely due to obtaining more accurate records. Egg and turkey values increased due to a slight increase in production and prices.

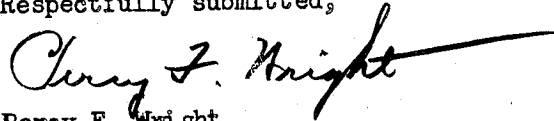
Apples dropped considerably in value and prunes took a big jump due to a good crop and better prices. Other fruit and nut crops increased in value.

Vegetable crop production remained quite constant. Many growers are still searching for a pay crop to replace removed hop acreage. Considerable sweet corn acreage was planted, but it is doubtful whether growers will continue in this crop due to low returns. A good deal of interest is being shown in the production of strawberries.

Market milk continued its upward trend in the amount produced. Lambs produced increased in number due to a good lambing year. Cattle production remained the same, but prices were lower on cows and calves.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS						
CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION			GROSS FARM VALUE 1/	TOTAL
<u>APPLES</u>						
Gravensteins	5,551					
Fresh 2/		11,826 tons	@	\$ 61.32	\$ 725,170	
Canned		24,339 tons	@	38.57	938,755	
Juice-Cider		4,992 tons	@	19.77	98,692	
Vinegar		1,674 tons	@	9.21	15,418	
Dried		26,150 green tons	@	31.18	815,357	
		68,981 total tons				\$ 2,593,392
Lates	3,122					
Fresh 3/		6,047 tons	@	101.84	615,826	
Canned		11,596 tons	@	42.87	497,121	
Juice-Cider		3,260 tons	@	22.34	72,828	
Vinegar		329 tons	@	9.51	3,129	
Dried		6,550 green tons	@	38.00	248,900	
		27,782 total tons				1,437,804
<u>CHERRIES</u>	507					
Processed		1,429 tons	@	210.00	300,090	
Fresh		100 tons	@	300.00	30,000	
						330,090
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	11,168					
Black		25,416 tons	@	50.00	1,270,800	
White		6,984 tons	@	46.00	321,264	
						1,592,064
<u>PEARS</u>	1,783					
Canned		9,644 tons	@	72.50	699,190	
Fresh		70 tons	@	80.00	5,600	
Dried		650 tons	@	15.00	9,750	
						714,540
<u>PLUMS</u>	120					
Canned		300 tons	@	60.00	18,000	
Fresh		500 lugs	@	1.50	750	
						18,750
<u>PRUNES</u>						
French	13,788	20,250 tons	@	325.00	6,581,250	
Imperial	2,339	2,750 tons	@	390.00	1,072,500	
						7,653,750
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,451	610 tons	@	570.00		347,700
						15,500
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	155					\$14,703,590

- 1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.  
 2/ Gravenstein -- 563,143-42 lb. box @ \$1.288  
 3/ Lates -- 274,824-44 lb. box @ \$2.24

# VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKES	8	1,600 crates @ \$ 2.00	\$ 3,200	
ASPARAGUS	5	7,000 lbs. @ .10	700	
BEANS, GREEN	384	2,862 tons @ 120.00	343,440	
BERRIES, BUSH	550	1,200 tons @ 189.00	226,800	
BROCCOLI	2	100 crates @ 3.60	360	
CABBAGE	13	1,750 crates @ 1.91	3,343	
CARROTS	3	300 sacks @ 2.33	699	
CAULIFLOWER	3	300 crates @ 1.75	525	
CELERY	1	200 crates @ 2.25	450	
*CORN, SWEET	287	178,990 dozen @ .18	32,218	
CUCUMBERS	1	270 lugs @ 2.13	575	
GARLIC	15	36,100 lbs. @ .13	4,693	
LEEKs	2	100 lugs @ 1.50	150	
LETTUCE	36	6,450 crates @ 1.93	12,449	
PEPPERS, BELL	2	320 crates @ 2.46	787	
POTATOES	88	7,150 cwt. @ 2.31	16,517	
RASPBERRIES	2	3,000 flats @ 2.00	6,000	
RHUBARB	7	2,000 flats @ 1.00	2,000	
SQUASH				
Summer	8	3,700 lugs @ 1.28	4,736	
Late	12	52 tons @ 40.77	2,120	
STRAWBERRIES	15	26,137 flats @ 2.39	62,467	
TOMATOES, FRESH	14	5,000 lugs @ 1.17	5,850	
OTHER BERRIES	50			
AND VEGETABLES (16 acres Blueberries)			<u>25,000</u>	
				\$755,079

\*Sweet Corn - Not all of this acreage harvested.

## FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	550	11,000 cwt. @ 2.35	25,850	
BEANS, DRY	230	2,000 cwt. @ 9.00	18,000	
CORN, ENSILAGE	1,500	22,500 tons @ 7.00	157,500	
*CORN, GRAIN	450	4,000 cwt. @ 3.00	12,000	
HAY				
Alfalfa	350	1,400 tons @ 22.00	30,800	
Grain	22,400	56,000 tons @ 26.00	1,456,000	
Straw		4,300 tons @ 11.00	47,300	
HOPS	450	3,421 bales @ 81.90	280,180	
OATS	9,600	192,000 cwt. @ 2.60	499,200	
PASTURE				
Perm. Irrig.	12,000		720,000	
WHEAT	105	2,100 cwt. @ 4.00	8,400	
MIXED GRAIN	246	3,690 cwt. @ 3.00	<u>11,070</u>	
				\$3,266,300

\*CORN, GRAIN -- Two hundred and fifty acres flood loss.

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPLE TREES		4,610 @ \$ .85	\$ 3,919	
GRAPE VINES, BUDDED		79,067 @ 240.00M	18,976	
GRAPE VINES, St. Geo.		39,000 @ 80.00M	3,120	
PEAR TREES, BARTLETT		1,460 @ .74	1,080	
PRUNE TREES, FRENCH		33,094 @ .69	22,835	
PRUNE TREES, IMPERIAL		343 @ .77	264	
PRUNE TREES, 29's		11,783 @ .41	4,831	
ORNAMENTAL, FLOWER AND BEDDING PLANTS 1/			290,000	
CUT FLOWERS			<u>1,500</u>	
			\$	346,525

# SEED CROPS

VEGETABLE SEED	733	285,870 lbs.	@ .50	142,935	
FLOWER SEED	62	24,800 lbs.	@ .85	21,080	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	929	278,700 lbs.	@ .35	97,545	
VETCH SEED		601,000 lbs.	@ .0825	<u>49,583</u>	
					311,143

# POULTRY PRODUCTS

EGGS	41,626,235 doz.	@ .4143	17,245,749	17,245,749
HATCHING EGGS				
Light Breeds	771,810 doz.	@ .6543	504,995	
Heavy Breeds	508,801 doz.	@ .8443	<u>429,581</u>	
				934,576
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT				
Broilers	3,299,100 lbs.	@ .25	824,775	
Fryers & Roasters	17,563,980 lbs.	@ .2811	4,937,234	
Hens	9,054,566 lbs.	@ .161	<u>1,457,785</u>	7,219,794
TURKEYS				
Meat Birds	229,225 birds	@ 6.94	1,590,822	
Hatching Eggs	761,210 eggs	@ .37	<u>281,648</u>	
				1,872,470
DUCKS				
Meat Birds	1,500 birds	@ 1.00	1,500	
Hatching Eggs	110,300 eggs	@ .07	<u>7,721</u>	
				9,221
POULTRY FERTILIZER	67,785 tons	@ 2.60	176,241	<u>176,241</u>
				\$27,458,051

1/ One hundred and fourteen nurseries - county grown stock.

# APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	235,059 lbs. @ \$ .11	\$ 25,856	
WAX	2,985 lbs. @ .53	1,582	
PACKAGE BEES	2,100 lbs. @ .50	1,050	
POLLINATION		<u>12,028</u>	\$ 40,516


# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK			
Market	11,159,000 lbs. fat @ 1.26	14,060,340	
Manufactured	2,831,000 lbs. fat @ .86	<u>2,434,660</u>	16,495,000
SWINE	13,000 head @ 40.00		520,000
SHEEP			
Lambs	112,500 head @ 13.50	1,518,750	
Wool	1,200,000 lbs. @ .60	<u>720,000</u>	2,238,750
CATTLE AND CALVES	46,325 head		4,125,500
RABBITS			
Fryers	63,000 lbs. @ .26	16,380	
Stews	21,000 lbs. @ .08	<u>1,680</u>	18,060
			<u>\$23,397,310</u>

# SUMMARY

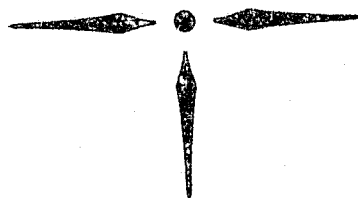
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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$12,417,524	\$14,703,590
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	737,403	755,079
FIELD CROPS	2,892,470	3,266,300
NURSERY CROPS	287,154	346,525
SEED CROPS	421,372	311,143
POULTRY PRODUCTS	23,369,287	27,458,051
APIARY	34,200	40,516
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>22,689,420</u>	<u>23,397,310</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$62,848,830</u>	<u>\$70,278,514</u>



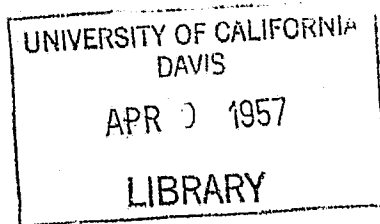
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1956

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



1956



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The value of poultry dropped considerably due to lower egg prices and a large drop in the production of fryers and roasters. Many of the meat bird producers have found it impossible to stay in business at the prices being paid for poultry. Turkey production was up and prices lower.

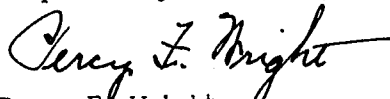
Fruit crops grossed less money than in the previous year. Prune income was much lower due to smaller sizes and a reduced price. The crop was the largest since 1937. Bartlett pears also produced a record crop and prices were higher. Wine grape production was above normal and prices were slightly higher. Gravenstein apples produced 21,713 tons less than the previous year.

Green beans produced a record crop of 3472 tons on 340 acres - a yield of over 10 tons per acre. Strawberries are gradually becoming a significant crop in Sonoma County. For the first time, part of the crop was frozen.

Milk production remained about the same as the previous year, the first time this has occurred in years. However, a greater percentage of milk was of Grade A production which accounted for an increase in the value of milk. Sheep men had a very poor year due to excessive rainfall. There was about a fifty percent death loss in lambs and light wool fleeces. Cattle production remained constant with a slight improvement in prices.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for the report.

Respectfully submitted,

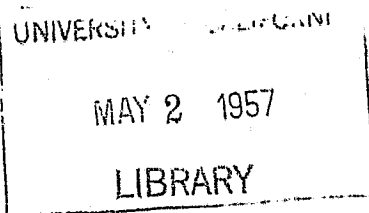
  
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AMENDED  
1956 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT FOR SONOMA COUNTY

One of our largest processors has amended their apple report necessitating a major change in the 1956 Sonoma County Agricultural Crop Report.

PLEASE INSERT THIS PAGE IN THE REPORT WHICH WE SENT TO YOU

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE 1/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
<u>Gravenstein</u>	5451			
Fresh 2/		7,206 tons @ \$ 72.61	\$ 523,228	
Canned		17,500 tons @ 56.67	991,725	
Juice-Cider		6,662 tons @ 30.26	201,592	
Chops		1,500 tons @ 25.00	37,500	
Dried		20,400 tons @ 48.00	979,200	
		53,268 total tons		\$2,733,245
<u>Lates</u>	3105			
Fresh 3/		5,006 tons @ 106.74	534,340	
Canned		13,150 tons @ 60.47	795,181	
Juice-Cider		3,370 tons @ 32.54	109,660	
Dried		3,800 tons @ 62.00	545,600	
		30,326 total tons		1,984,781
TOTAL VALUE OF FRUIT AND NUT CROPS				\$14,191,448
TOTAL VALUE OF AGRICULTURE - 1956				\$66,826,995



1956 AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT FOR SONOMA COUNTY  
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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE 1/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
Gravenstein	5,451			
Fresh 2/		7,206 tons @ \$ 72.61	\$ 523,228	
Canned		11,500 tons @ 54.93	631,695	
Juice-Cider		6,662 tons @ 30.26	201,592	
Chops		1,500 tons @ 25.00	37,500	
Dried		20,400 green tons @ 48.00	979,200	
		47,268 total tons		\$ 2,373,215
Lates	3,105			
Fresh 3/		5,006 tons @ 106.74	534,340	
Canned		10,131 tons @ 59.12	598,945	
Juice-Cider		3,370 tons @ 32.54	109,660	
Dried		8,800 green tons @ 62.00	545,600	
		27,307 total tons		1,788,545
<u>CHERRIES</u>	534			
Processed		1,310 tons @ 240.00	314,400	
Fresh		90 tons @ 300.00	27,000	
				341,400
<u>GRAPES, Wine</u>	11,057			
Black		28,900 tons @ 53.50	1,546,150	
White		7,600 tons @ 50.00	380,000	
				1,926,150
<u>PEARS</u>	1,783			
Canned		11,624 tons @ 73.50	854,364	
Fresh		20 tons @ 100.00	2,000	
Dried		250 tons @ 20.00	5,000	
				861,364
<u>PLUMS</u>	115			
Canned		205 tons @ 37.50	7,688	
Fresh		1,000 lugs @ 1.50	1,500	
				9,188
<u>PRUNES</u>				
French	13,690	26,320 tons @ 193.00	5,079,760	
Imperial	2,342	3,589 tons @ 280.00	1,004,920	
				6,084,680
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,474	536 tons @ 440.00		235,840
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	148			14,800
				\$13,635,182

- 1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.  
2/ Gravenstein -- 343,143 - 42lb. box @ \$1.52  
3/ Lates -- 227,545 - 44lb. box @ \$2.35

# VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKEs	7	1,300 crates @ \$ 3.00	\$ 3,900	
BEANS, GREEN	340	3,472 tons @ 120.00	416,640	
BERRIES, BUSH	570	1,133 tons @ 197.10	223,314	
CABBAGE	8	950 crates @ 2.13	2,024	
CORN, SWEET	66	66,750 dozen @ .44	29,370	
GARLIC	4	17,000 lbs. @ .18	3,060	
LETTUCE	17	3,625 crates @ 2.35	8,519	
PEPPERS, BELL	5	550 crates @ 2.40	1,320	
POTATOES	48	5,250 cwt. @ 2.27	11,918	
RHUBARB	5	1,000 crates @ 1.00	1,000	
SQUASH, SUMMER	9	3,550 lugs @ 1.43	5,077	
STRAWBERRIES	16			
Fresh		13,028 crates @ 2.29	29,834	
Freezer		76,320 lbs. @ .16	12,211	
TOMATOES, FRESH	18	8,700 lugs @ 1.07	9,309	
OTHER BERRIES	60			
And VEGETABLES (16 acres Blueberries)			<u>30,000</u>	\$ 787,496

# FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	563	11,395 cwt. @ 2.45	27,918	
BEANS, DRY	377	3,260 cwt. @ 8.00	26,080	
CORN, ENSILAGE	1,000	15,000 tons @ 8.00	120,000	
CORN, GRAIN	334	334 tons @ 60.00	20,040	
HAY				
Alfalfa	250	1,000 tons @ 30.00	30,000	
Grain	25,500	65,750 tons @ 25.00	1,643,750	
Straw		5,430 tons @ 11.50	62,445	
HOPS	450	3,351 bales @ 90.00	301,590	
OATS	6,048	113,035 cwt. @ 3.10	350,409	
PASTURE				
Perm. Irrig.	12,500		750,000	
Sudan Grass	500		20,000	
WHEAT	350	7,000 cwt. @ 4.00	<u>28,000</u>	\$3,380,232

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPLE TREES		22,507 @ \$ .84	\$ 18,906	
GRAPE VINES, Budded		76,900 @ 242.00M	18,610	
GRAPE VINES, St. George		48,925 @ 83.00M	4,061	
PEAR TREES, BARTLETT		7,030 @ .88	6,186	
PRUNE TREES, Budded		58,612 @ .75	43,959	
PRUNE TREES, Seedling		12,746 @ .45	5,736	
ORNAMENTAL, BEDDING, Etc. <u>1/</u>			325,000	
CUT FLOWERS			<u>2,500</u>	
			\$	424,958

# SEED CROPS

VEGETABLE SEED	906	317,275 lbs. @ .55	174,501	
FLOWER SEED	40	14,400 lbs. @ .935	13,454	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	803	216,810 lbs. @ .385	83,472	
VETCH SEED (recovered)		396,900 lbs. @ .065	25,799	
RYE GRASS SEED (recovered)		80,000 lbs. @ .03	<u>2,400</u>	
				299,636

# POULTRY PRODUCTS

EGGS, Market		42,591,702 doz. @ .378	16,099,663	16,099,663
EGGS, HATCHING				
Light Breeds		657,237 doz. @ .623	409,459	
Dark Breeds		426,519 doz. @ .76	<u>324,154</u>	733,613
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT				
Broilers		3,375,045 lbs. @ .22	742,510	
Fryers & Roasters		13,421,909 lbs. @ .24	3,221,258	
Hens		9,663,660 lbs. @ .13	<u>1,256,276</u>	
				5,220,044
TURKEYS				
Toms	156,222	4,139,883 lbs. @ .262	1,084,649	
Hens	168,574	2,697,184 lbs. @ .268	722,845	
Hatching Eggs		938,043 eggs @ .31	<u>290,793</u>	
				2,098,287
POULTRY FERTILIZER		62,675 tons @ 2.35	147,286	<u>147,286</u>
				\$24,298,893

1/ One hundred and twelve nurseries -- county grown stock

# APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	200,000 lbs. @ \$ .13	\$ 26,000	
WAX	3,100 lbs. @ .62	1,922	
PACKAGE BEES	3,400 lbs. @ .50	1,700	
POLLINATION		<u>16,000</u>	
			45,622

# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK				
Market	11,693,000 lbs. fat @	1.29	15,083,970	
Manufactured	2,217,000 lbs. fat @	.86	<u>1,906,620</u>	16,990,590
SWINE	12,000 head @	30.00		360,000
SHEEP				
Lambs	57,000 head @	14.00	798,000	
Wool	1,200,000 lbs. @	.60*	<u>720,000</u>	1,518,000
CATTLE				
Cows and Heifers	17,325 head @	150.00	2,598,750	
Calves	21,000 head @	25.00	525,000	
Steers and Bulls	8,000 head @	170.00	<u>1,360,000</u>	4,483,750
RABBITS				
Fryers	172,000 lbs. @	.26	44,720	
Stews	15,000 lbs. @	.11	<u>1,650</u>	
				<u>46,370</u>
*Includes estimated incentive payment				\$23,398,710

# S U M M A R Y

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$14,703,590	\$13,635,182
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	755,079	787,496
FIELD CROPS	3,266,300	3,380,232
NURSERY CROPS	346,525	424,958
SEED CROPS	311,143	299,636
POULTRY PRODUCTS	27,458,051	24,298,893
APIARY	40,516	45,622
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>23,397,310</u>	<u>23,398,710</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$70,278,514	\$66,270,729



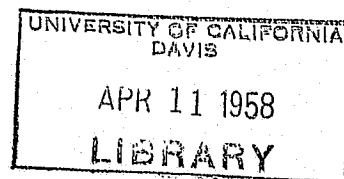
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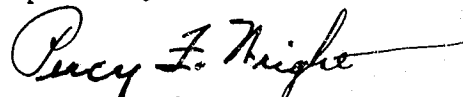
Fruit crops grossed less than the previous year even though crops were generally good. Prune production was about normal, but growers experienced difficulty getting the crop harvested due to the prunes sticking on the trees. Considerable tonnage was lost on account of rain. Prices for apples were down and particularly apples for processing. Bartlett pears produced a bumper crop and prices were down. Wine grape production was down due to a lighter crop than the previous year and crop losses caused by heavy October rainfall.

October rains caused a complete loss of two fields of red kidney beans and some silage corn. Other field crops and vegetables produced a normal crop.

Animal income was up substantially offsetting the lower income in other branches of agriculture. The percentage of Grade A milk marketed continues to increase. The lamb crop was good and wool prices were higher. Prices paid for meat animals showed a marked improvement.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for the report.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE 1/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
<u>Gravenstein</u>	5,481			
Fresh		8,786 tons @ \$ 87.31	\$ 767,106	
C i		18,817 tons @ 48.61	914,694	
Juice-Cider		6,342 tons @ 25.86	164,004	
Chops		1,941 tons @ 18.00	34,938	
Vinegar		464 tons @ 8.00	3,712	
Dried		19,142 green tons @ 32.00	612,544	
		55,492 total tons	\$	2,496,998
 <u>Lates</u>				
	3,095			
Fresh		4,009 tons @ 78.43	314,426	
Canned		17,323 tons @ 47.82	828,386	
Juice-Cider		3,669 tons @ 26.76	98,182	
Vinegar		32 tons @ 8.00	256	
Dried		8,825 green tons @ 40.00	353,000	
		33,858 total tons		1,594,250
 <u>CHERRIES</u>				
	445			
Processed		1,066 tons @ 260.00	277,160	
Fresh		65 tons @ 300.00	19,500	
				296,660
 <u>GRAPES, Wine</u>				
	11,380			
Black		19,400 tons @ 55.10	1,068,940	
White		6,400 tons @ 51.18	327,552	
Distilling		500 tons @ 40.00	20,000	
				1,416,492
 <u>PEARS</u>				
	1,728			
Canned		12,060 tons @ 60.00	723,600	
Fresh		50 tons @ 100.00	5,000	
Dried		600 green tons @ 20.00	12,000	
				740,600
 <u>PRUNES</u>				
	12,878			
French		20,289 tons @ 211.50	4,291,124	
Imperial	1,917	2,864 tons @ 270.00	773,280	
Diverted		2,108 tons @ 80.00	168,640	
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 <u>WALNUTS</u>				
	1,495	350 tons @ 500.00	175,000	175,000
 <u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>				
	244		24,400	24,400
				\$11,977,444

1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor

## VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>				<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARTICHOKES	1.5	300	crates	@	\$ 2.50	\$ 750	
BEANS, Green	373.0	3,309	tons	@	120.00	397,080	
BERRIES, Bush	556.0	1,141	tons	@	215.00	245,315	
CABBAGE	4.0	810	crates	@	1.75	1,418	
CORN, Sweet	62.0	50,325	dozen	@	.31	15,601	
GARLIC	4.0	11,800	pounds	@	.17	2,006	
LETTUCE	9.5	1,600	crates	@	2.30	3,680	
PEPPERS, Bell	3.7	1,566	crates	@	2.26	3,539	
POTATOES	31.0	3,400	cwt.	@	2.19	7,446	
RHUBARB	3.5	1,200	crates	@	1.00	1,200	
SQUASH, Summer	5.0	2,100	lugs	@	1.50	3,150	
SQUASH, Late	6.0	21.5	tons	@	41.40	890	
STRAWBERRIES	41.0						
Fresh		24,163	crates	@	1.42	34,311	
Freezer		42,704	pounds	@	.15	6,405	
TOMATOES	3.0	2,100	lugs	@	1.00	2,100	
OTHER BERRIES	60.0					30,000	
and VEGETABLES							
							\$ 754,891

## FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	500	10,000	cwt.	@	2.20	22,000	
*BEANS, Dry	140			rain loss			
CORN, Ensilage	1,200	18,000	tons	@	7.00	126,000	
CORN, Grain	144	236	tons	@	50.00	11,800	
HAY							
Alfalfa	250	1,000	tons	@	25.00	25,000	
Grain	26,000	65,000	tons	@	22.00	1,430,000	
HOPS	506	1,904	bales	@	95.00	180,880	
OATS	10,000	200,000	cwt.	@	2.25	450,000	
PASTURE							
Perm. Irrig.	14,614					876,840	
Sudan	500					20,000	
WHEAT	323	3,230	cwt.	@	4.00	<u>12,920</u>	
							\$3,155,440

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPLE TREES		21,940 @ \$ .90	\$ 19,746	
GRAPE VINES, Budded		64,500 @ 242.00M	15,609	
GRAPE VINES, St. Geo.		30,000 @ 100.00M	3,000	
PEAR TREES, Bartlett		8,047 @ .89	7,162	
PRUNE TREES, Budded		69,938 @ .70	48,957	
PRUNE TREES, Seedling		9,975 @ .44	4,389	
ORNAMENTAL, BEDDING, Etc. <u>1/</u>			355,000	
CUT FLOWERS			<u>3,500</u>	
				\$ 457,363
<u>SEED CROPS</u>				
VEGETABLE SEED	607	350,175 lbs. @ .47	164,582	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	462	138,600 lbs. @ .435	60,291	
VETCH SEED (recovered)		50,000 lbs. @ .05	<u>2,500</u>	
				227,373
<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>				
EGGS, Market		41,272,471 doz. @ .356	14,693,000	14,693,000
EGGS, HATCHING				
Light Breeds		1,002,363 doz. @ .604	605,427	
Dark Breeds		171,489 doz. @ .71	<u>121,757</u>	
				727,184
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT				
Broilers		3,437,890 lbs. @ .214	735,708	
Fryers		18,079,455 lbs. @ .209	3,778,606	
Hens		9,024,637 lbs. @ .126	<u>1,137,104</u>	
				5,651,418
TURKEYS				
Toms	189,790	4,934,540 lbs. @ .199	981,973	
Hens	178,613	2,857,808 lbs. @ .234	668,727	
Hatching Eggs				
Commercial		1,037,938 eggs @ .26	269,864	
Foundation		540,000 eggs @ .57	<u>307,800</u>	
				2,228,364
POULTRY FERTILIZER		39,558 tons @ 2.50	98,895	<u>98,895</u>
				\$23,398,861

1/ One hundred and sixteen nurseries - county grown stock

# APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCTS</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM</u> <u>VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	195,000 lbs.	@	\$ .11	\$ 21,450	
WAX	3,200 lbs.	@	.55	1,760	
PACKAGE BEES	1,800 lbs.	@	.50	900	
POLLINATION				<u>17,000</u>	
					\$ 41,110


# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>MILK</u>					
Market	12,800,000 lbs. fat	@	1.30	16,640,000	
Manufactured	1,563,000 lbs. fat	@	.87	<u>1,359,810</u>	17,999,810
 <u>SWINE</u>					
	11,000 head	@	40.00	440,000	440,000
 <u>SHEEP</u>					
Lambs	128,000 head	@	13.00	1,664,000	
Wool	1,200,000 lbs.	@	.70*	<u>840,000</u>	2,504,000
 <u>CATTLE</u>					
Cows and Heifers	20,000 head	@	180.00	3,600,000	
Calves	25,000 head	@	40.00	1,000,000	
Steers and Bulls	8,000 head	@	200.00	<u>1,600,000</u>	6,200,000
 <u>RABBITS</u>					
Fryers	347,600 lbs.	@	.25	86,900	
Stews	28,300 lbs.	@	.10	<u>2,830</u>	89,730
					<u>\$27,274,650</u>

\*Includes estimated incentive payment

# S U M M A R Y

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$14,191,448	\$11,977,444
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	787,496	754,891
FIELD CROPS	3,380,232	3,155,440
NURSERY CROPS	424,958	457,363
SEED CROPS	299,636	227,373
POULTRY PRODUCTS	24,298,893	23,398,861
APIARY	45,622	41,110
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>23,398,710</u>	<u>27,274,650</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$66,826,995	\$67,287,132

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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

**County Of Sonoma**

1958

SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PERCY F. WRIGHT  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

County of Sonoma  
Department of Agriculture

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1958 Annual Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Sonoma County including livestock and livestock products. The figures presented are calculated on a farm value basis.

The total returns to agriculture for the year 1958 amounted to \$65,848,156 which is \$1,438,976 less than reported in 1957. It should be emphasized that the totals represent the gross receipts of agriculture and not the net income to the producer.

The importance of the poultry industry to the economy of Sonoma County has been dropping for the past several years. Egg production is the lowest it has been since 1939. Poultry for meat has also dropped. Turkey production is the highest it has ever been, but prices remain low. The overall drop in poultry valuation due principally to the drop in egg production is the primary reason for the total returns of all agriculture being less than in 1957.

Fruit crops grossed less than the previous year. Prune production was about fifty percent of normal due to a prolonged period of rainy weather during the blooming season. There was a good apple crop, but prices were low and profit-wise some growers stated that it was the poorest season in years. Bartlett pears had a better crop than expected, as rains continued throughout the blooming season. Wine grape production was normal and prices were up slightly.

Bushberry production was down and prices were extremely low. Strawberry production increased due to increased acreage. Hops are steadily declining in acreage and it appears that they will soon be a minor crop in the county.

Animal income was up substantially due to higher prices for beef. The production and income from milk remained about constant. The lamb crop was down as some loss was incurred from rainy weather. Wool prices were down and growers experienced difficulty in selling their product.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who cooperated in contributing information for the report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Percy F. Wright, Agricultural Commissioner

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 Compiled by the Sonoma County Department of Agriculture

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	BEARING ACRES	PRODUCTION			GROSS FARM VALUE 1/	TOTAL
<u>APPLES</u>						
Gravenstein	5,449					
Fresh 2/		9,655 tons	@ \$	73.17	\$ 706,443	
Canned		21,889 "	@	41.81	915,179	
Juice-Cider		9,307 "	@	21.15	196,843	
Chops		2,508 "	@	14.49	36,341	
Vinegar		522 "	@	8.00	4,176	
Dried 3/		18,224 "	@	25.15	458,334	
		61,972 total tons				\$ 2,317,316
<u>Lates</u>						
Fresh	3,072	5,959 tons	@	86.56	515,811	
Canned		14,338 "	@	40.79	584,847	
Juice-Cider		3,575 "	@	21.22	75,862	
Chops		103 "	@	14.00	1,442	
Vinegar		279 "	@	8.00	3,228	
Dried 3/		9,115 "	@	27.05	246,561	
		33,369 total tons				1,427,751
<u>CHERRIES</u>						
Processed	438	287 tons	@	340.00	97,580	
Fresh		20 "	@	440.00	8,800	
						106,380
<u>GRAPES, Wine</u>						
Black	11,262	26,000 tons	@	59.71	1,552,460	
White		7,600 "	@	59.67	453,492	
						2,005,952
<u>PEARS</u>						
Canned	1,735	9,790 tons	@	82.30	805,717	
Fresh		30 "	@	110.00	3,300	
Dried 3/		250 "	@	20.00	5,000	
						814,017
<u>PRUNES</u>						
French	14,893	11,449 tons	@	380.40	4,355,200	
Imperial		680 "	@	618.00	420,240	
Substandard		387 "	@	200.00	77,400	
						4,852,840
<u>WALNUTS</u>						
	1,500	405 tons	@	440.00	178,200	178,200
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>						
	261				26,100	26,100
						\$11,728,556

- 1/ Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor  
 2/ Includes 133 tons of Red Gravensteins @ \$176.77 per ton  
 3/ Green tons

# VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BEANS, Green	378	3,861 tons @ \$111.91	\$432,085	
BERRIES, Bush	490	970 " @ 150.00	145,500	
CABBAGE	10	1,740 crates @ 1.75	3,045	
CORN, Sweet	27	23,475 doz. @ .33	7,747	
GARLIC	2	800 pounds @ .20	1,600	
LETTUCE	13	3,000 crates @ 2.20	6,600	
PEPPERS, Bell	6	1,200 " @ 2.31	2,775	
POTATOES	36	4,450 sacks @ 2.46	10,947	
RHUBARB	4	600 flats @ 1.25	750	
SQUASH, Summer	9	3,540 lugs @ 1.25	4,425	
SQUASH, Late	16	48 tons @ 55.83	2,680	
STRAWBERRIES	57			
Fresh		31,050 crates @ 1.46	45,333	
Freezer		912,000 pounds @ .10	91,200	
TOMATOES	13	3,050 lugs @ .90	2,745	
OTHER BERRIES	60		40,000	
and VEGETABLES				\$ 797,432

# FIELD CROPS

BARLEY	230	4,600 cwt. @ 2.35	10,810	
CORN, Ensilage	1,100	16,500 tons @ 7.00	115,500	
SAFFLOWER	350	129 " @ 70.00	9,030	
HAY				
Alfalfa	300	1,200 " @ 25.00	30,000	
Grain	25,500	51,000 " @ 16.00	816,000	
HOPS	452	2,793 bales @ 110.00	307,230	
OATS	10,780	215,600 cwt. @ 2.35	506,660	
PASTURE				
Perm.Irrig.	15,000		900,000	
Sudan	500		20,000	
WHEAT	63	630 " @ 3.50	2,205	
				2,717,435

# NURSERY CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPLE TREES		8,600	@	\$ .747	\$ 6,425	
GRAPE VINES, Budded		93,855	@	242.00M	22,759	
GRAPE VINES, St. Geo.		71,545	@	100.00M	7,155	
PEAR TREES, Bartlett		8,266	@	.692	5,723	
PRUNE TREES, Budded		68,639	@	.672	46,302	
PRUNE TREES, Seedling		6,490	@	.431	2,800	
ORNAMENTAL, BEDDING, Etc. <u>1/</u>					425,000	
CUT FLOWERS					<u>12,000</u>	
					\$	528,164

# SEED CROPS

VEGETABLE SEED	531	330,145 lbs.	@	.50	165,731	
PASTURE GRASS SEED	442	245,600 "	@	.38	92,370	
VETCH SEED (recovered)		60,000 "	@	.065	<u>3,900</u>	
						262,001

# POULTRY PRODUCTS

EGGS, Market		37,783,657 doz.	@	.37	13,379,953	13,379,953
EGGS, Hatching		991,474 "	@	.64	634,543	634,543
CHICKENS SOLD FOR MEAT						
Broilers		3,416,135 lbs.	@	.195	666,146	
Fryers		17,904,627 "	@	.186	3,330,261	
Hens		8,879,214 "	@	.114	<u>1,012,230</u>	
						5,008,637
TURKEYS						
Toms	203,594	5,497,038 lbs.	@	.199	1,093,911	
Hens	193,915	3,102,640 "	@	.235	729,120	
Hatching Eggs						
Commercial		1,682,711 eggs	@	.23	387,024	
Foundation		604,000 "	@	.55	<u>332,200</u>	
						<u>2,542,255</u>
						\$21,565,388

1/ One hundred and sixteen nurseries - county grown stock

### APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCTS</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>				<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONEY	290,000	lbs.	@	.09	\$ 26,100	
WAX	4,310	"	@	.42	1,810	
PACKAGE BEES	1,500	"	@	.50	750	
POLLINATION					<u>16,565</u>	
						\$ 45,225

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK						
Market	13,102,000	lbs. fat	@	1.26	16,508,520	
Manufactured	1,460,000	" "	@	.80	<u>1,168,000</u>	17,676,520
SWINE	10,000	head	@	35.00	350,000	350,000
SHEEP						
Lambs	112,000	"	@	13.00	1,586,000	
*Wool	1,200,000	lbs.	@	.65	<u>780,000</u>	2,366,000
CATTLE						
Cows and Heifers	22,000	head	@	200.00	4,400,000	
Calves & Yearlings	30,000	"	@	50.00	1,500,000	
Steers and Bulls	8,000	"	@	225.00	<u>1,800,000</u>	7,700,000
RABBITS						
Fryers	433,500	lbs.	@	.25	108,375	
Stews	30,600	"	@	.10	<u>3,060</u>	111,435
						<u><u>\$28,203,955</u></u>

\*Includes estimated incentive payment

### S U M M A R Y

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$11,977,444	\$11,728,556
VEGETABLE AND BERRY CROPS	754,891	797,432
FIELD CROPS	3,155,440	2,717,435
NURSERY CROPS	457,363	528,164
SEED CROPS	227,373	262,001
POULTRY PRODUCTS	23,398,861	21,565,388
APIARY	41,110	45,225
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	<u>27,274,650</u>	<u>28,203,955</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$67,287,132</u>	<u>\$65,848,156</u>

ORCHARD AND VINEYARD STATISTICS

<u>CROPS</u>	<u>NON-BEARING ACRES</u>		<u>BEARING ACRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>	
	1948	1958	1948	1958	1948	1958
Almonds	-	-	7	4	7	4
Apples						
Gravenstein	82	295	7,682	5,449	7,764	5,744
Delicious	200	242	346	539	546	781
Delicious, Golden	95	294	134	301	229	595
Jonathan	93	112	607	655	700	767
Newton	-	5	142	111	142	116
Rome	156	467	619	886	775	1,353
All Others	42	63	1,526	669	1,568	732
TOTAL	668	1,478	11,056	8,610	11,724	10,088
Apricots			38	21	38	21
Cherries						
Royal Ann	11	53	563	384	574	437
All Others	-	11	89	54	89	65
TOTAL	11	64	652	438	663	502
Chestnuts	-	1	4	5	4	6
Figs	-	-	29	12	29	12
Filberts	12	-	7	7	19	7
Grapes						
Alicante Bouschet	3	-	954	615	957	615
Burger	1	-	222	161	223	161
Carignane	64	32	2,318	2,003	2,382	2,035
Golden Chasselas	194	-	841	741	1,035	741
Petite Sirah	49	20	1,837	1,543	1,886	1,563
Sauvignon	111	2	361	410	472	412
Zinfandel	128	56	7,220	4,251	7,348	4,307
All Others	244	112	2,308	1,538	2,552	1,650
TOTAL	794	222	16,061	11,262	16,855	11,484
Lemons	-	18	3	4	3	22
Olives	-	60	60	60	60	60
Oranges	-	8	8	8	8	8
Peach, Clingstone	5	2	40	17	45	19
Peach, Freestone	10	49	52	42	62	91
Pears, Bartlett	67	415	2,121	1,735	2,188	2,150
Plums	10	25	170	80	180	105
Prunes						
French	784	3,260	15,598	12,904	16,382	16,164
Imperial	87	149	2,933	1,912	3,020	2,061
All Others	8	125	170	77	178	202
TOTAL	879	3,534	18,701	14,893	19,580	18,427
Quince	-	1	-	1	-	2
Walnuts	346	213	1,036	1,500	1,382	1,713



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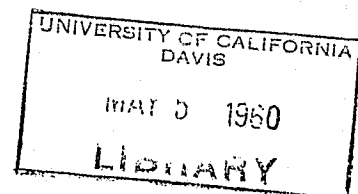
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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1959

County Of Sonoma



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Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1959 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops including livestock and livestock products produced in Sonoma County.

A uniform reporting basis has been adopted by the agricultural commissioners. This was brought about through long years of effort on the part of committees of our State Association and the cooperation of the State Department of Agriculture.

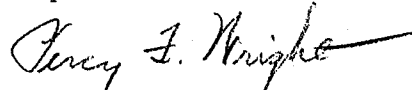
As a result, a number of changes were made in the reporting of Sonoma County crops. The 1958 figures have been revised to make them comparable and they are included in this report.

All figures represent the gross receipts received by producers and include the cost of packaging fruit and vegetable products for market (F.O.B. value). It should be emphasized that they do not represent the net farm income which has been declining in recent years. This is well reflected in the fact that the gross farm income for Sonoma County has remained within a narrow range for the past fifteen years even though the value of the dollar has greatly depreciated during this period.

Using the new reporting method, the gross returns to agriculture for the year 1959 amounted to \$71,009,274 as compared to the revised 1958 figure of \$69,452,041.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have cooperated with my staff in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Percy F. Wright  
Agricultural Commissioner  
of  
Sonoma County

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1958-59

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1959	8,616	11.90	102,896	\$45.56	\$4,688,019
	1958	8,521	11.20	95,474	43.29	\$4,133,276
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1959	5,414	11.20	60,523	42.48	\$2,570,975
	1958	5,449	11.40	62,105	41.18	\$2,557,546
Fresh	1959			5,312	95.95	\$509,686
	1958			9,655	98.05	946,673
Canned	1959			24,149	53.85	1,300,424
	1958			21,889	41.81	915,179
Juice- Cider	1959			12,356	21.06	260,217
	1958			9,307	21.15	196,843
Chops	1959			3,000	15.00	45,000
	1958			2,508	14.49	36,341
Vinegar	1959			706	8.00	5,648
	1958			522	8.00	4,176
Dried*	1959			15,000	30.00	450,000
	1958			18,224	25.15	458,334
<u>Late Apples</u>	1959	3,202	13.20	42,373	49.96	\$2,117,044
	1958	3,072	10.86	33,369	47.22	\$1,575,730
Fresh	1959			6,049	100.34	606,957
	1958			5,959	111.56	664,786
Canned	1959			21,648	51.16	1,107,512
	1958			14,338	40.79	584,847
Juice- Cider	1959			7,267	22.33	162,272
	1958			3,575	21.22	75,862
Chops	1958			103	14.00	1,442
Vinegar	1959			20	8.00	160
	1958			279	8.00	2,232
Dried*	1959			7,389	32.50	240,143
	1958			9,115	27.05	246,561

\*Green tons.

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>						
<u>Boysen</u>	1959	325	2.10	690	\$160.00	\$110,400
	1958	490	2.00	970	150.00	147,500
<u>Other</u>	1959	37	3.50	128	283.84	36,332
	1958	52	3.70	192	250.00	48,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1959	434	.13	57	341.75	19,480
	1958	438	.70	307	346.51	106,380
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1959	11,159	2.40	27,000	68.00	1,836,000
	1958	11,262	3.00	33,600	59.70	2,005,920
<u>PEARS</u>						
<u>Bartlett</u>	1959	1,768	6.30	11,212	60.83	682,020
	1958	1,735	5.80	10,070	80.84	814,017
<u>Canned</u>	1959			10,962	61.40	\$673,020
	1958			9,790	82.30	805,717
<u>Fresh</u>	1959			50	90.00	4,500
	1958			30	110.00	3,300
<u>Dried*</u>	1959			200	22.50	4,500
	1958			250	20.00	5,000
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1959	15,090	1.20	17,792	373.57	6,646,532
	1958	14,893	.84	12,516	387.73	4,852,840
<u>French</u>	1959			16,184	365.00	5,907,160
	1958			11,449	380.40	4,355,200
<u>Imperial</u>	1959			1,378	499.00	687,622
	1958			680	618.00	420,240
<u>Substandard</u>	1959			230	225.00	51,750
	1958			387	200.00	77,400
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	1959	57	8.5	481	307.69	148,000
	1958	57	11.00	634	215.35	136,533
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1959	1,452	.30	464	500.00	232,000
	1958	1,500	.33	500	440.00	220,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1959	108	1.44	156	33.60	5,242
	1958	99	1.79	177	34.00	6,016
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1959	272				27,200
	1958	261				26,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959					\$9,743,206
	1958					\$8,363,206

\*Green tons.

## SONOMA COUNTY

## VEGETABLE CROPS

1958-59

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>		<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BEANS, GREEN</u>	1959	413	8.4	3,466	105.43	\$365,420
	1958	378	10.0	3,861	111.91	432,085
<u>POTATOES</u>	1959	33	6.0	200	50.00	10,000
	1958	36	6.2	223	49.20	10,972
<u>CORN, SWEET</u>	1959	25	4.0	100	75.00	7,500
	1958	27	4.0	106	73.10	7,748
<u>SQUASH</u>	1959	19	3.4	65	80.00	5,200
	1958	25	3.6	91	78.16	7,113
<u>TOMATOES</u>	1959	11	2.4	26	100.00	2,600
	1958	13	2.5	32	85.78	2,745
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1959	30				9,000
	1958	36				10,800
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959	531				\$399,720
	1958	515				\$471,463

## SEED CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in lbs.)</u>		<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>VEGETABLE SEED</u>	1959	445	547	243,650	30.3¢	\$ 74,058
	1958	531	621	330,145	50	165,073
<u>PASTURE GRASS SEED</u>	1959	437	908	396,800	12.7	50,520
	1958	442	555	245,600	38	93,328
<u>VETCH SEED</u> (recovered)	1959			200,000	7	14,000
	1958			60,000	6.5	3,900
<u>RYE SEED</u> (recovered)	1959			295,000	6.5	19,175
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959					\$157,753
	1958					\$262,301

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FIELD CROPS

1958-59

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BARLEY</u>	1959	330	1.1	375	Ton	\$49.00	\$18,375
	1958	230	1.0	230	Ton	47.00	10,810
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1959	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	31.00	37,200
	1958	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	25.00	30,000
<u>Grain</u>	1959	30,000	2.5	75,000	Ton	24.00	1,800,000
	1958	25,500	2.0	51,000	Ton	16.00	816,000
<u>Green Chop</u>	1959	500	7.0	3,500	Ton	5.00	17,500
<u>HOPS</u>	1959	308	1,264	389,415	Lb.	.58	225,816
	1958	452	1,174	530,607	Lb.	.58	307,520
<u>OATS</u>	1959	8,365	1.1	9,182	Ton	48.00	440,736
	1958	10,780	1.0	10,780	Ton	47.00	506,660
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1959	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
	1958	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1959	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
	1958	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1959	178,643			Acre	.40	71,457
	1958	178,643			Acre	.40	71,457
<u>Sudan</u>	1959	200			Acre	40.00	8,000
	1958	500			Acre	40.00	20,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1959	300	.5	150	Ton	75.00	11,250
	1958	350	.37	129	Ton	70.00	9,030
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1959	1,575	15.6	24,570	Ton	7.00	171,990
	1958	1,300	15.0	19,500	Ton	7.00	136,500
<u>STRAW</u>	1959			7,500	Ton	10.00	75,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1959	201	1.0	201	Ton	64.00	12,864
	1958	63	1.0	63	Ton	64.00	4,032
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959						\$4,966,233
	1958						\$3,988,009

## SONOMA COUNTY

## NURSERY PRODUCTS

1958-59

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Area</u>		<u>Sold</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Field</u>			<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Acres</u>				
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT</u> <u>&amp; NUT TREES</u>	1959		32	84,250	Plant	\$ .914	\$77,039
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>	1959		6	104,500	Plant	.271	28,320
<u>St. George</u>	1959		4	72,455	Plant	.098	7,100
<u>ORNAMENTALS</u>	1959			432,000	Plant	.75	324,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1959	85,000		67,100	Flat	1.75	117,425
<u>HERBACEOUS</u> <u>PERENNIALS</u>	1959			15,672	Plant	.89	13,948
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES,</u> <u>ROOTS</u>	1959			20,745	Each	.41	8,500
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1959			8,000	Dozen	.94	9,730
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1959		50	1,350	Tree	3.25	4,388
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959						\$590,450
	1958*						\$528,164

\*Not classified in 1958.

## APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>Product</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1959	125,620# @ 9.8¢	\$12,253
	1958	290,000# @ .9¢	26,100
<u>WAX</u>	1959	1,980# @ .47¢	931
	1958	4,310# @ .42¢	1,810
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1959	2,000# @ .60¢	1,200
	1958	1,500# @ .50¢	750
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1959		14,500
	1958		16,565
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959		\$28,884
	1958		\$45,225

## SONOMA COUNTY

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1958-59

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Number of Head</u>	<u>Total Liveweight</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES</u>	1959	60,000	310,000	Cwt.	\$24.00	\$7,440,000
	1958	60,000	310,000	Cwt.	24.84	7,700,400
<u>LAMBS</u>	1959	126,000	100,800	Cwt.	17.50	1,764,000
	1958	112,000	99,125	Cwt.	16.00	1,586,000
<u>DUCKLINGS</u>	1959	40,800		Each	.25	10,200
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1959	6,000	12,000	Cwt.	15.00	180,000
	1958	8,000	16,000	Cwt.	22.00	352,000
<u>BROILERS AND FRYERS</u>	1959	5,700,161	19,896,617	Lb.	.18	3,581,391
	1958	7,067,685	21,320,762	Lb.	.188	4,008,303
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1959	1,144,198	4,579,674	Lb.	.08	366,374
	1958	2,219,804	8,879,214	Lb.	.114	1,012,230
<u>DUCKS</u>	1959	75,833	455,000	Lb.	.32	145,600
<u>CHICKS</u>	1959	13,109,000		Each	.159	2,084,331
	1958	8,708,000		Each	.169	1,471,652
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1959	345,700	6,732,800	Lb.	.262	1,763,000
	1958	397,915	8,599,678	Lb.	.212	1,823,031
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1959	142,000		Each	.611	86,762
	1958	349,000		Each	.610	212,890
<u>RABBITS</u>	1959	124,325	497,300	Lb.	.239	118,855
	1958	46,410	464,100	Lb.	.241	111,435
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959					\$17,540,513
	1958					\$18,277,941



## SONOMA COUNTY

## LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY PRODUCTS

1958-59

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MILK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1959	3,247,790	Cwt.	\$5.26	\$17,077,000
	1958	3,119,880	Cwt.	5.23	16,336,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1959	327,960	Cwt.	3.36	1,101,000
	1958	336,370	Cwt.	3.45	1,162,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1959	1,325,000	Lb.	.50	662,500
	1958	1,300,000	Lb.	.40	520,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1959	41,755,256	Doz.	.30	12,526,577
	1958	37,783,657	Doz.	.37	13,979,953
<u>Hatching</u>	1959	1,558,894	Doz.	.55	857,392
	1958	991,474	Doz.	.671	665,279
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1959	2,000,000	Each	.303	605,000
	1958	2,286,711	Each	.314	719,224
<u>EGGS, DUCK</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1959	51,000	Each	.07	<u>3,570</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959				\$32,833,039
	1958				\$33,382,456

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1959-60 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-59</u>	<u>1-1-60</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	88,000	88,000
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over</u>	51,100	53,700
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	140,000	143,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	8,000	6,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,386,162	2,598,844
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	42,216	36,848

## SONOMA COUNTY

## SUMMARY -- 1958-59

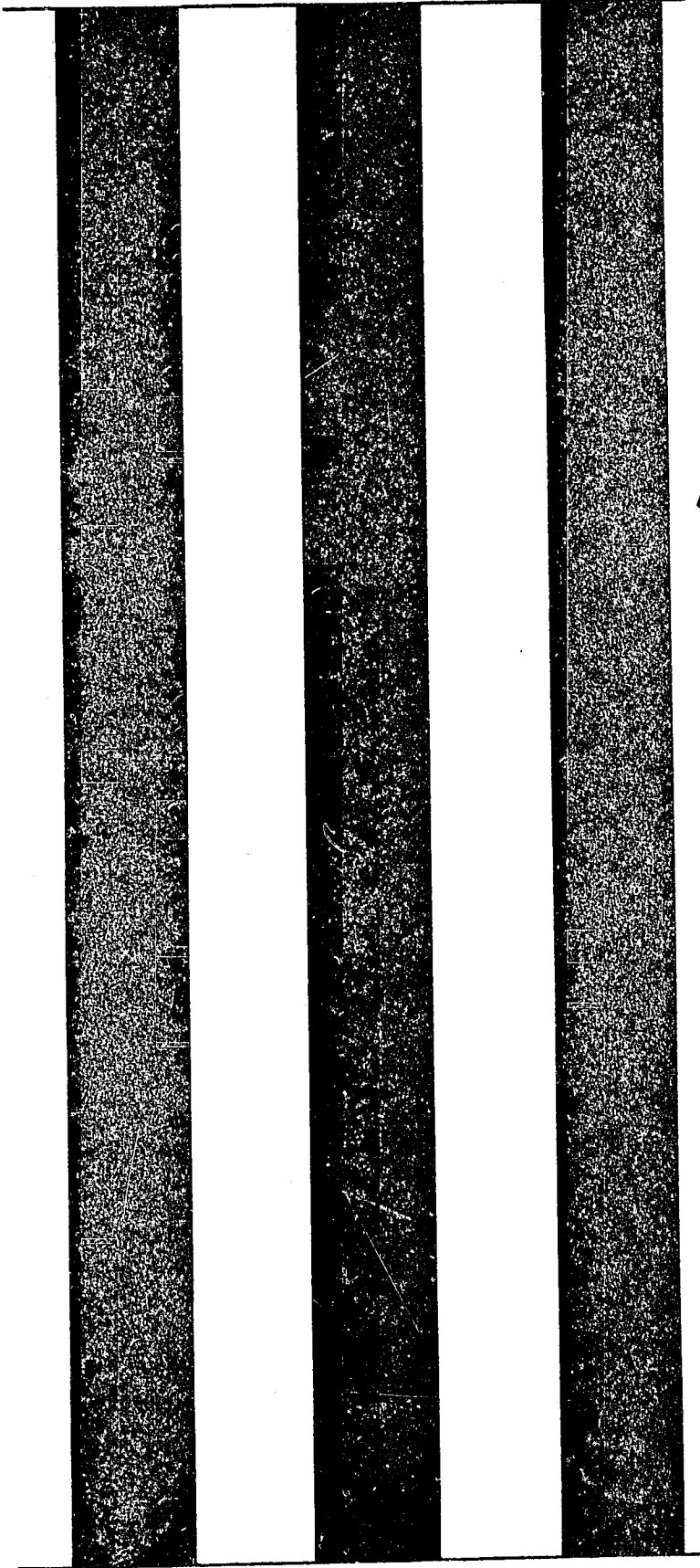
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$ 28,884	\$ 45,225
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,966,233	3,988,009
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	14,431,225	12,496,482
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	17,540,513	18,277,941
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	32,833,039	33,382,456
<u>NURSERY</u>	590,450	528,164
<u>SEED</u>	157,753	262,301
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	399,720	471,463
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS</u>	<u>61,457</u>	<u>*</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$71,009,274	\$69,452,041 (Revised)

\*1958 figures not available.

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1959</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	-	4	4
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	286	5,414	5,700
<u>Delicious</u>	228	548	776
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	279	322	601
<u>Jonathan</u>	108	653	761
<u>Newtown</u>	5	111	116
<u>Rome</u>	459	899	1,358
<u>All Others</u>	55	669	724
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,420	8,616	10,036
<u>APRICOTS</u>	-	21	21
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	56	380	436
<u>All Others</u>	9	53	62
<u>TOTAL</u>	65	433	498
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	1	5	6
<u>FIGS</u>	-	12	12
<u>FILBERTS</u>	-	7	7
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	-	595	595
<u>Burger</u>	6	151	157
<u>Carignane</u>	109	1,968	2,077
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	2	731	733
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	7	1,536	1,543
<u>Sauvignon</u>	2	410	412
<u>Zinfandel</u>	56	4,205	4,261
<u>All Others</u>	116	1,563	1,679
<u>TOTAL</u>	298	11,159	11,457
<u>LEMONS</u>	27	4	31
<u>OLIVES</u>	-	60	60
<u>ORANGES</u>	-	8	8
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	1	18	19
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	42	49	91
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	434	1,766	2,200
<u>PLUMS</u>	8	87	95
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	3,413	13,124	16,537
<u>Imperial</u>	142	1,886	2,028
<u>All Others</u>	2	73	75
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,557	15,083	18,640
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	1	2
<u>WALNUTS</u>	256	1,430	1,686

TOTAL ACREAGE

44,873

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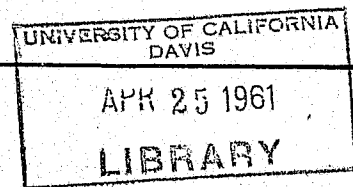
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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1960

County Of Sonoma



SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PERCY F. WRIGHT  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

County of Sonoma  
**Department of Agriculture**  
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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1960 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The reports cover the acreage, production and value of all crops including livestock and livestock products.

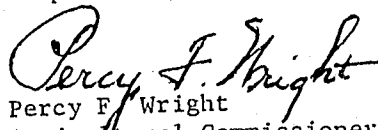
The gross value of agricultural production for the year 1960 amounted to \$75,656,457 as compared to \$71,009,274 for the year 1959. Prices are reported on an F.O.B. basis.

Although the figures do not represent the net returns to the farmers, the increase of \$4,647,183 in gross value over 1959 would indicate that in 1960 there was some improvement between what the farmer receives and the cost of production. This is not necessarily true as farmers' costs are continually increasing.

Three products accounted principally for the increase. Egg prices improved and producers received an average of four cents per dozen above 1959 when many producers' returns were not enough to pay for the cost of production. Prune valuation increased due to a better crop in 1960. Milk production increased as it has been for a number of years due to herd improvement and the increased demand for milk as the population increases.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have cooperated with my staff in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Percy F. Wright  
Agricultural Commissioner  
of  
Sonoma County

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1959-60

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1960	8,354	9.24	77,212	\$ 59.47	\$4,591,570
	1959	8,616	11.90	102,896	45.56	\$4,688,019
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1960	5,094	9.7	49,409	55.17	\$2,734,496
	1959	5,414	11.20	60,523	42.48	\$2,570,975
Fresh	1960			5,788	107.38	\$621,515
	1959			5,312	95.95	509,686
Canned	1960			24,556	63.33	1,555,131
	1959			24,149	53.85	1,300,424
Juice- Cider	1960			7,132	29.48	210,251
	1959			12,356	21.06	260,217
Chops	1960			None		
	1959			3,000	15.00	45,000
Vinegar	1960			284	8.00	2,272
	1959			706	8.00	5,648
Dried*	1960			9,381	35.09	329,179
	1959			15,000	30.00	450,000
Fermenting	1960			2,268	7.12	16,148
<u>Late Apples</u>	1960	3,260	8.53	27,803	66.79	\$1,857,074
	1959	3,202	13.20	42,373	49.96	\$2,117,044
Fresh	1960			7,245	107.50	778,838
	1959			6,049	100.34	606,957
Canned	1960			13,883	60.16	835,201
	1959			21,648	51.16	1,107,512
Juice- Cider	1960			2,712	31.48	85,374
	1959			7,267	22.33	162,272
Chops	1960			None		
Vinegar	1960			61	8.00	488
	1959			20	8.00	160
Dried*	1960			3,902	40.28	157,173
	1959			7,389	32.50	240,143

\*Green tons.

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - (Cont'd.)

1959-60

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>BUSHBERRIES*</u>	1960	274	2.10	574	\$291.00	\$167,034
	1959	362	2.26	818	179.38	146,732
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	1960	23.75	4.46	106	258.31	27,381
	1959	57	8.5	481	307.69	148,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1960	337	1.59	536	320.00	171,520
	1959	434	.13	57	341.75	19,480
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1960	10,705	2.20	23,478	90.00	2,113,020
	1959	11,159	2.40	27,000	68.00	1,836,000
<u>PEARS</u>						
<u>Bartlett</u>	1960	1,621	7.25	11,746	77.06	905,101
	1959	1,768	6.30	11,212	60.83	682,020
Canned	1960			10,846	80.54	\$873,537
	1959			10,962	61.40	673,020
Fresh	1960			21	105.00	2,205
	1959			50	90.00	4,500
Dried**	1960			879	33.40	29,359
	1959			200	22.50	4,500
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1960	13,918	1.62	22,460	377.61	8,481,294
	1959	15,090	1.20	17,792	373.57	6,646,532
<u>French</u>	1960			18,226	384.00	6,998,784
	1959			16,184	365.00	5,907,160
<u>Imperial</u>	1960			2,359	390.00	920,010
	1959			1,378	499.00	687,622
<u>Substandard</u>	1960			1,875	300.00	562,500
	1959			230	225.00	51,750
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1960	1,494	.38	563	564.30	317,701
	1959	1,452	.30	464	500.00	232,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1960	108		275	33.33	9,166
	1959	108	1.44	156	33.60	5,242
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1960	212				21,000
	1959	272				27,200
<u>TOTAL***</u>	1960					\$16,804,787
	1959					\$14,431,225

\*Includes Blueberries.

\*\*Green tons.

\*\*\*Includes Apples shown on previous page.



## SONOMA COUNTY

## VEGETABLE CROPS

1959-60

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>		<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BEANS, GREEN</u>	1960	296	6.4	1,904	\$122.18	\$232,631
	1959	413	8.4	3,466	105.43	365,420
<u>POTATOES</u>	1960	30	4.0	120	50.00	6,000
	1959	33	6.0	200	50.00	10,000
<u>CORN, SWEET</u>	1960	40	4.0	160	80.00	12,800
	1959	25	4.0	100	75.00	7,500
<u>TRUCK FARMS</u>	1960	70				21,400
	1959	60				16,800
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$272,831
	1959					\$399,720

## SEED CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>		<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>VEGETABLE SEED</u>	1960	288	474	136,450	30.5¢	\$41,617
	1959	445	547	243,650	30.3¢	74,058
<u>PASTURE GRASS SEED</u>	1960	422	842	355,500	13.8	49,059
	1959	437	908	396,800	12.7	50,520
<u>VETCH SEED</u> (recovered)	1960			100,000	9	9,000
	1959			200,000	7	14,000
<u>RYE SEED</u> (recovered)	1960			-	-	-
	1959			295,000	6.5	19,175
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$118,851
	1959					\$157,753

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FIELD CROPS

1959-60

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BARLEY</u>	1960	296	.9	266	Ton	\$43.00	\$11,438
	1959	330	1.1	375	Ton	49.00	18,375
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1960	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	30.00	36,000
	1959	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	31.00	37,200
<u>Grain</u>	1960	31,000	2.8	86,800	Ton	24.50	2,126,600
	1959	30,000	2.5	75,000	Ton	24.00	1,800,000
<u>Green Chop</u>	1960	710	13.2	9,372	Ton	6.50	60,918
	1959	500	7.0	3,500	Ton	5.00	17,500
<u>HOPS</u>	1960	229	1,529	350,200	Lb.	.54	189,108
	1959	308	1,264	389,415	Lb.	.58	225,816
<u>OATS</u>	1960	10,000	1.0	10,000	Ton	44.00	440,000
	1959	8,365	1.1	9,182	Ton	48.00	440,736
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1960	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
	1959	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1960	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
	1959	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1960	180,000			Acre	.40	72,000
	1959	178,643			Acre	.40	71,457
<u>Sudan</u>	1960	300			Acre	40.00	12,000
	1959	200			Acre	40.00	8,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1960	650	.4	260	Ton	75.00	19,500
	1959	300	.5	150	Ton	75.00	11,250
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1960	1,490	17.1	25,421	Ton	8.00	203,368
	1959	1,575	15.6	24,570	Ton	7.00	171,990
<u>STRAW</u>	1960			7,800	Ton	10.00	78,000
	1959			7,500	Ton	10.00	75,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1960	38	1.0	38	Ton	69.00	2,622
	1959	201	1.0	201	Ton	64.00	12,864
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960						\$5,327,554
	1959						\$4,966,233

## SONOMA COUNTY

## NURSERY PRODUCTS

1959-60

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Area</u>		<u>Sold</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Field</u>			<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Acres</u>				
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT</u>	1960		40	128,364	Plant	\$ .82	\$105,258
<u>&amp; NUT TREES</u>	1959		32	102,718*	Plant	.75*	77,039
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>	1960		6	122,500	Plant	.29	35,525
	1959		6	104,500	Plant	.271	28,320
<u>St. George</u>	1960		5	104,150	Plant	.10	10,415
	1959		4	72,455	Plant	.098	7,100
<u>ORNAMENTALS</u>	1960			453,600	Plant	.80	362,880
	1959			432,000	Plant	.75	324,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1960	85,000		73,479	Flat	1.83	134,467
	1959	85,000		67,100	Flat	1.75	117,425
<u>HERBACEOUS</u>	1960			16,456	Plant	.92	15,140
<u>PERENNIALS</u>	1959			15,672	Plant	.89	13,948
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES,</u>	1960			33,950	Each	.42	14,259
<u>ROOTS</u>	1959			20,745	Each	.41	8,500
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1960			6,500	Doz.	1.00	6,500
	1959			8,000	Doz.	.94	9,730
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1960		60	2,240	Tree	3.50	7,840
	1959		50	1,350	Tree	3.25	4,388
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960						\$692,284
	1959						\$590,450

\*Revised.

## APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Total</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1960	210,700	Lb.	\$.099	\$20,859
	1959	125,620	Lb.	.098	12,253
<u>WAX</u>	1960	3,511	Lb.	.45	1,580
	1959	1,980	Lb.	.47	931
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1960	2,000	Lb.	.50	1,000
	1959	2,000	Lb.	.60	1,200
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1960				13,750
	1959				14,500
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960				\$37,189
	1959				\$28,884

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1959-60

Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	
		Number of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES</u>	1960	59,000	304,833	Cwt.	\$20.17	\$6,148,482
	1959	60,000	310,000	Cwt.	24.00	7,440,000
<u>LAMBS</u>	1960	119,000	101,150	Cwt.	15.00	1,517,250
	1959	126,000	100,800	Cwt.	17.50	1,764,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1960	6,500	13,000	Cwt.	20.00	260,000
	1959	6,000	12,000	Cwt.	15.00	180,000
<u>DUCKLINGS</u>	1960	50,000		Each	.25	12,500
	1959	40,800		Each	.25	10,200
<u>BROILERS AND FRYERS</u>	1960	5,136,030	17,976,117	Lb.	.19	3,415,462
	1959	5,700,161	19,896,617	Lb.	.18	3,581,391
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1960	2,113,500	8,454,000	Lb.	.10	845,400
	1959	1,144,198	4,579,674	Lb.	.08	366,374
<u>DUCKS</u>	1960	115,838	658,283	Lb.	.32	210,651
	1959	75,833	455,000	Lb.	.32	145,600
<u>CHICKS</u>	1960	12,998,000		Each	.152	1,975,696
	1959	13,109,000		Each	.159	2,084,331
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1960	371,550	7,431,050	Lb.	.275	2,043,539
	1959	345,700	6,732,800	Lb.	.262	1,763,000
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1960	84,300		Each	.554	46,702
	1959	142,000		Each	.611	86,762
<u>RABBITS</u>	1960	128,890	515,580	Lb.	.25	128,895
	1959	124,325	497,300	Lb.	.239	118,855
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$16,604,577
	1959					\$17,540,513

## SONOMA COUNTY

## LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY PRODUCTS

1959-60

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MILK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1960	3,417,023	Cwt.	\$5.37	\$18,349,414
	1959	3,247,790	Cwt.	5.26	17,077,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1960	621,347	Cwt.	3.20	1,988,310
	1959	327,960	Cwt.	3.36	1,101,000
<u>WOOL*</u>	1960	1,325,000	Lb.	.40	530,000
	1959	1,325,000	Lb.	.50	662,500
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1960	38,765,000	Doz.	.34	13,180,100
	1959	41,755,256	Doz.	.30	12,526,577
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	1,003,728	Doz.	.60	602,237
	1959	1,558,894	Doz.	.55	857,392
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	2,938,800	Each	.362	1,063,846
	1959	2,000,000	Each	.303	605,000
<u>EGGS, DUCK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1960	22,870	Doz.	.45	10,292
	1959	--	--	--	--
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	196,068	Each	.08	15,685
	1959	51,000	Each	.07	3,570
<u>OTHER ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	1960				58,500
	1959				61,457
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960				\$35,798,384
	1959				\$32,894,496

\*Does not include incentive payments.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1960-61 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-60</u>	<u>1-1-61</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	88,000	90,000
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over</u>	53,700	55,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	143,000	143,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	6,000	8,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,598,844	2,326,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	36,848	44,500

## SONOMA COUNTY

## SUMMARY

1959-60

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$ 37,189	\$ 28,884
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	5,327,554	4,966,233
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	16,804,787	14,431,225
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	16,604,577	17,540,513
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	35,798,384	32,894,496
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	692,284	590,450
<u>SEED</u>	118,851	157,753
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	<u>272,831</u>	<u>399,720</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$75,656,457	\$71,009,274

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	6	-	6
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	5,094	390	5,484
<u>Delicious</u>	590	230	820
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	344	336	680
<u>Jonathan</u>	652	108	760
<u>Newtown</u>	103	7	110
<u>Rome</u>	951	541	1,492
<u>All Others</u>	620	61	681
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,354	1,673	10,029
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	302	65	367
<u>All Others</u>	35	17	52
<u>TOTAL</u>	337	82	419
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	1	2	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	566	-	566
<u>Burger</u>	116	12	128
<u>Carignane</u>	1,807	64	1,871
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	752	2	754
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,502	22	1,524
<u>Sauvignon</u>	396	1	397
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,978	45	4,023
<u>All Others</u>	1,588	182	1,770
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,705	328	11,033
<u>CITRUS</u>	15	38	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	39	42	81
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,621	569	2,190
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,627	569	2,196
<u>PLUMS</u>	51	1	52
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	12,098	3,864	15,962
<u>Imperial</u>	1,756	231	1,987
<u>All Others</u>	64	68	132
<u>TOTAL</u>	13,918	4,163	18,081
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,494	250	1,744
<u>Black</u>	-	-	89
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,494	250	1,833
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			43,884