

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1959

County Of Sonoma

SONOMA COUNTY 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 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

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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>CERRIES</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
Canned	1959			10,962	61.40	\$673,020
	1958			9,790	82.30	805,717
Fresh	1959			50	90.00	4,500
	1958			30	110.00	3,300
Dried*	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.

<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 (recovered)</u>	1959			200,000	7	14,000
	1958			60,000	6.5	3,900
<u>RYE SEED (recovered)</u>	1959			295,000	6.5	19,175
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959					\$157,753
	1958					\$262,301

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FIELD CROPS

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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

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NURSERY PRODUCTS

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Area</u>		<u>Sold</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Houses</u> <u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Field</u> <u>Acres</u>			<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT</u> <u>& 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	<u>4,388</u>
<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		<u>16,565</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1959		\$28,884
	1958		\$45,225

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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

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LIVESTOCK & 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

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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</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
	<u>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
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			44,873