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Sonoma County
Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Crop Report



Year 1949

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SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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Department of Agriculture

COURT HOUSE
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I am submitting herewith the 1949 annual crop report for Sonoma County.

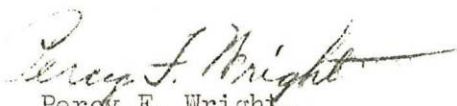
The figures presented are the value of production calculated on the basis of the commodity delivered to the packing house, processing plant or hatchery. They represent the gross returns which the farmers of Sonoma County received for their products. Actually, it is the amount of money which goes into and through the farmers' pockets to pay for stock feed, labor, repairs, the family grocery bill, life insurance and any other farm or family expense along with any savings or profits he may have been able to make above these expenses.

The cost of preparing certain agricultural commodities for distribution are semi-industrial operations, the extra value of which is not included in the farm income. It is the expense of preparing and packing apples and pears in the fresh or dried state for shipment and the hatchery business.

Requests have been made for the value of the hatchery business. This can be calculated by multiplying the percentage of hatch, which is 70 percent for chickens and 50 percent for turkeys, by the number of hatching eggs produced by the farmers as shown in this report and these figures by 16¢ for baby chicks and 70¢ for turkey poults.

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
Sonoma County

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS
SONOMA COUNTY - 1949

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		<u>*GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES, FRESH</u>					
Gravenstein	7,654	718,780 boxes	@ \$.85	\$ 610,963	
Late Varieties	3,413	283,813 boxes	@ 1.01	286,651	
<u>APPLES, DRIED</u>					
Gravenstein		29,274 green tons	@ 12.00	351,288	
Late Varieties		11,375 green tons	@ 14.00	159,250	
<u>APPLES, PROCESSED</u>					
<u>GRAVENSTEIN</u>					
Canned		9,545 tons	@ 26.77	255,475	
Vinegar		7,107 tons	@ 6.91	49,117	
Juice-Cider		4,787 tons	@ 16.24	77,757	
Unclassified		2,494 tons	@ 17.27	43,070	
<u>LATE VARIETIES</u>					
Canned		10,671 tons	@ 30.26	322,899	
Vinegar		3,525 tons	@ 6.26	22,075	
Juice-Cider		1,191 tons	@ 14.68	17,484	
Unclassified		2,735 tons	@ 14.62	40,010	
<u>CHERRIES</u>	652			47,857	\$2,236,039
Fresh		87 tons	@ 240.00	20,880	
Processed		1,963 tons	@ 155.00	304,265	
					325,145
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>					
Black	16,277	25,164 tons	@ 45.00	1,132,380	
White		4,096 tons	@ 30.00	122,880	
					1,255,260
<u>PEARS</u>					
Canned	2,124	8,984 tons	@ 30.00	269,520	
Dried		670 Green ton	@ 8.00	5,360	
Fresh		290 tons	@ 50.00	14,500	
					289,380
<u>PLUMS</u>					
Canned	170	742 tons	@ 40.00	29,680	
Fresh		6,000 lugs	@ 1.00	6,000	
					35,680
<u>PRUNES</u>					
<u>Salable-Standard</u>					
French	15,496	14,150 dry tons	@ 180.00	2,547,000	
Imperial	2,871	3,348 dry tons	@ 195.00	652,860	
<u>Surplus-Standard</u>					
French		3,207 dry tons	@ 160.00	513,120	
Imperial		759 dry tons	@ 175.00	132,825	
<u>Surplus-Offgrade</u>		1,866 dry tons	@ 5.00	9,330	
					3,855,135
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,059	492 tons	@ 320.00		157,440
<u>MISCELLANEOUS ORCHARD</u>	225				22,500

\$8,176,579

*Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Artichokes	85	3,400 boxes @ \$ 1.25	\$ 4,250.	
Berries-Bush	750			
Fresh		50 ton @ 300.00	15,000	
Processed		920 ton @ 170.00	156,400	
Corn-Sweet	175	14,000 crates @ 1.00	14,000	
Potatoes	325	26,000 cwt @ 2.00	52,000	
Peas	50	1,250 tubs @ 1.80	2,250	
Rhubarb	10	3,500 boxes @ .55	1,925	
Squash	30	120 ton @ 20.00	2,400	
Tomatoes-Fresh	25	5,000 lugs @ 1.50	7,500	
Vegetables-Miscellaneous			<u>30,000</u>	

\$ 285,725

FIELD CROPS

Barley	1,500	30,000 cwt. @ \$ 2.75	\$ 82,500	
Hay				
Alfalfa	300	1,200 ton @ 30.00	36,000	
Tame	36,000	54,000 ton @ 24.00	1,296,000	
Hops	2,743			
Total Crop		4,820,949 lbs.)		
Salable Allotment		3,719,994 lbs.)		
Harvested		3,385,710 lbs.)		1,882,635
Certificates sold		573,341 lbs.)		
Pasture				
Permanent Irrigated	3,300			132,000
Oats	10,000	180,000 cwt) @ 3.00	1,020,000	
Oats and)		160,000 cwt) @ 8.50	170,000	
Vetch)	10,000	20,000 cwt @ 3.50	28,000	
Wheat	500	8,000 cwt @ 3.50	<u>28,000</u>	

\$4,647,135

SEED CROPS

Nursery (Trees & Grape Vines)			35,000	
Nursery (Ornamental)			70,000	
Seeds				
Vegetable)				
Field)				
Flower)	1,820		637,000	
Pasture Grass)				

\$ 742,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Honey	143,000 lbs.	@	.10	\$	14,300	
Wax	2,000 lbs.	@	.35		700	
Package Bees	500 Pkgs.	@	4.00		2,000	
Queens	300	@	1.00		300	
Pollination					<u>4,500</u>	

\$ 21,800

POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs	47,782,530 doz.	@	.46			\$ 21,979,964
<u>Hatching Eggs</u>						
Light Breeds	1,864,140 doz	@	.62		1,155,767	
Dark Breeds	1,026,571 doz	@	.71		<u>728,936</u>	
<u>Chickens sold for meat</u>						1,884,703
Broilers and Fryers	21,322,225 lbs.	@	.30		6,396,667	
Hens	17,475,800 lbs.	@	.18		<u>3,145,644</u>	
<u>Turkeys</u>						9,542,311
Meat Birds	177,000 birds	@	8.00		1,416,000	
Turkey Eggs	560,000 eggs	@	.25		<u>140,000</u>	
Ducks	20,000 lbs.	@	.40			1,556,000
Geese & Pigeons						8,000
Poultry Fertilizer	72,500 ton	@	1.00			<u>2,000</u>
						<u>72,500</u>

\$ 35,045,478

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>Milk</u>						
Market	1,881,700 cwt	@	5.34	\$	10,048,278	
Manufactured	3,204,000 lbs.fat	@	.78		<u>2,499,120</u>	
Swine	10,000 head					\$ 12,547,398
<u>Sheep</u>						370,000
Lambs	28,500 head				458,850	
Wool	625,000 lbs.				<u>375,000</u>	
Cattle & Calves	43,629 head					833,850
Saddle Horses	300 head					4,175,050
<u>Rabbits</u>						60,000
Fryers	638,000 lbs.	@	.24		153,120	
Stews	67,750 lbs.	@	.10		6,775	
Fertilizer	250 ton	@	1.00		<u>250</u>	
						<u>160,145</u>

\$ 18,146,443

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RECAPITULATION

APIARY	\$ 21,800
FIELD CROPS	4,647,135
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	8,176,579
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	18,146,443
POULTRY PRODUCTS	35,045,478
SEED CROPS	742,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	<u>285,725</u>
TOTAL FARM VALUE	\$67,065,160

1946 FARM VALUE	\$ 75,865,479
1947 FARM VALUE	\$ 62,791,748
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