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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

County Of Sonoma

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SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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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.

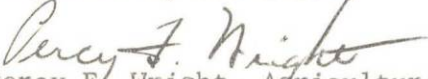
Fruit crops grossed less than the previous year. Prune production was about fifty percent of normal due to a prolonged period of rainy weather during the blooming season. There was a good apple crop, but prices were low and profit-wise some growers stated that it was the poorest season in years. Bartlett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

<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>	5,449				
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>	3,072				
Fresh		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

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</u> <u>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

<u>MILK</u>						
Market	13,102,000	lbs. fat	@	1.26	16,508,520	
Manufactured	1,460,000	" "	@	.80	<u>1,168,000</u>	
						17,676,520
<u>SWINE</u>						
	10,000	head	@	35.00	350,000	350,000
<u>SHEEP</u>						
Lambs	112,000	"	@	13.00	1,586,000	
*Wool	1,200,000	lbs.	@	.65	<u>780,000</u>	
						2,366,000
<u>CATTLE</u>						
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
<u>RABBITS</u>						
Fryers	433,500	lbs.	@	.25	108,375	
Stews	30,600	"	@	.10	<u>3,060</u>	
						<u>111,435</u>
*Includes estimated incentive payment						\$28,203,955

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</u>		<u>BEARING ACRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>	
	<u>ACRES</u>		1948	1958	1948	1958
	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	<u>42</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>1,568</u>	<u>732</u>
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	-	<u>11</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>65</u>
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	<u>244</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>2,308</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,650</u>
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	<u>8</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>202</u>
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