

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT  
SONOMA COUNTY  
YEAR 1947

TO: The State Director of Agriculture  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

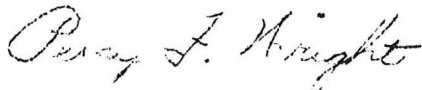
In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of California, I herewith submit the annual 1947 acreage, crop and valuation report.

Valuation figures are gross receipts and not net returns to the producer, so that they in no way reflect the prosperity of the farmer.

High production costs and low prices, in many instances, greatly reduced the farmers' net income as compared to the past several years. The poultry producers paid higher prices for feed with slight increases in the price of their products. Grape growers with a short crop and greatly reduced price received about twenty per cent as much as the previous year. Gravenstein apple growers with a bumper crop did not harvest all of their apples on account of low prices. Prune growers received around one hundred dollars less per ton for their commodity with a sizeable tonnage yet in growers hands at the first of the year. Milk prices increased in line with higher feed costs but many dairymen went to considerable expense to meet the requirements for the production of Grade A milk.

Consumers who complain of the high price of farm products wonder why prices are high in the face of complaints by farmers of reduced income. Many of the commodities which farmers purchase are higher than previously, for example, trucks and gasoline. Labor, marketing and distribution costs are as high or higher. A reasonable profit to a farmer may be a fraction of the amount required in the production, marketing and distribution of a commodity. Therefore, consumers cannot expect any decided reduction in the retail price of farm commodities until all costs have been reduced even though many farmers are operating at a loss or greatly reduced net income.

Respectfully submitted,



Percy F. Wright,  
Agricultural Commissioner.

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FRUIT & NUT CROPS	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTALS
APPLES				
Fresh				
Gravenstein	9160	1,213,341 boxes @ \$.98	\$1,189,074	
Late Apples	4745	478,102 " @ 1.65	788,868	
Dried				
Gravenstein		28,475 tons @ \$7.50	213,562	
Late Apples		15,045 " @ 12.00	180,540	
Chops		3,500 " @ 7.50	26,250	
By-Products (Canned, Pies, Frozen, Juice, Cider, Vinegar, etc.)		22,446 tons	391,658	<u>\$2,789,952</u>
APRICOTS	35	50 tons @ \$150.00		7,500
CHERRIES				
Processed	1143	1,093 tons @ \$240.00	262,320	
Fresh		45 " @ 300.00	13,500	<u>275,820</u>
RAPES	22,704	34,055 tons @ \$35.00		1,191,960
ORANGES	19	2,850 boxes @ \$2.00		5,700
PEACHES	320	600 tons @ \$75.00		45,000
PEARS				
Canned	3154	11,038 tons @ \$62.50	689,875	
Dried		1,160 Grn. tons @ \$17.50	20,300	
Fresh		275 tons @ \$100.00	27,500	<u>737,675</u>
PLUMS	300	640 tons @ \$63.00		40,320
PRUNES				
French	18,092	25,093 tons @ \$153.00	3,839,229	
Imperial	3,764	3,764 " @ 200.00	752,800	<u>4,592,029</u>
QUINCE	10	45 tons @ \$40.00		1,800
WALNUTS	1,223	184 tons @ \$480.00		<u>88,320</u>
			TOTAL	<u>\$9,776,076</u>



<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
Artichokes	85	9350 boxes @ \$2.25	\$21,037
Berries, Bush	155	576 tons @ \$270.00	155,520
Corn, Sweet	275	30,642 crates @ \$2.10	64,348
Potatoes	565	56,500 sacks @ \$3.25	183,625
Rhubarb	15	2,175 boxes @ \$1.10	2,392
Squash		395 tons @ \$15.50	6,150
Tomatoes	400		
Canning		1,718 tons @ \$29.00	49,822
Fresh		70 " @ 100.00	<u>7,000</u>
Vegetable, Miscellaneous			<u>45,000</u>
		Total	\$534,894
 <u>FIELD CROPS</u>			
Hay			750,000
Hops	2729	23,471 bales @ \$102.60	2,408,125
Miscellaneous Field			<u>25,000</u>
		Total	\$3,183,125
 <u>SEED CROPS</u>	 7440		 Total \$945,333
 <u>NURSERY</u>			
Fruit Trees and Vines			60,000
Ornamentals, Etc.			<u>85,000</u>
		Total	\$145,000
 <u>APILARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey		98,000 lbs. @ \$0.18	17,640
Wax		1,200 lbs. @ .42	504
Package Bees		1,200 lbs. @ 5.50	6,600
Queens		400 @ 1.50	<u>600</u>
		Total	\$25,344

POULTRY AND RABBITS

PRODUCTION

GROSS FARM VALUE

Eggs	40,758,393 dozen @ 53¢	\$21,601,948
Hatching Eggs		
Light Breeds	2,376,804 dozen @ 63¢	1,497,386
Dark Breeds	675,900 dozen @ 75¢	506,925
Turkeys	125,000 birds @ \$8.00	1,000,000
Turkey Eggs	206,400 eggs @ 20¢	41,280
Dressed Poultry		
Broilers	4,500,000 lbs. @ 40¢	1,800,000
Hens	13,500,000 lbs. @ 27¢	3,645,000
Ducks	24,000 lbs. @ 40¢	9,600
Geese and Pigeons		1,550
Rabbits		
Fryers	370,400 lbs. @ 27¢	100,008
Stews	9,810 lbs. @ 10¢	981
Rabbit Fertilizer	250 tons @ \$4.00	1,000
Chicken Fertilizer	89,970 tons @ \$2.00	179,940
	TOTAL	<u>\$30,385,618</u>

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Milk and Milk Products	10,717,800 lbs. Fat	\$12,032,900
Swine	12,000 head	480,000
Lambs	78,400 "	1,067,808
Wool	840,000 lbs.	361,200
Cattle and Calves	42,559 head	3,764,450
Saddle Horses	450 head	90,000
	TOTAL	<u>\$17,796,358</u>

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R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

APIARY	\$ 25,344
FIELD CROPS	3,183,125
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	9,776,076
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	17,796,358
NURSERY STOCK	145,000
POULTRY PRODUCTS	30,385,618
SEED CROPS	945,333
TRUCK CROPS	<u>534,894</u>

GRAND TOTAL. . . . \$62,791,748