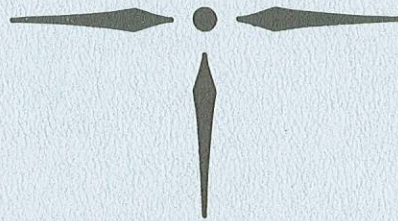


AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



1957

**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 1957 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 1957 amounted to \$67,287,132 which is \$460,137 more than reported in the year 1956.

The over-all value of poultry products was down about a million dollars even though there was a large increase in the production of fryers and turkeys. Prices on all poultry products were extremely low. Egg production was down about three percent.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



Percy F. Wright
Agricultural Commissioner
of
Sonoma County

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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>	5,481				
Fresh		8,786 tons	@ \$ 87.31	\$ 767,106	
Canned		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>					
<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>					
<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>					
<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>					
<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>					
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French	12,878	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	
					5,233,044
<u>WALNUTS</u>					
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,495	350 tons	@ 500.00	175,000	175,000
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>					
<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 and VEGETABLES	60.0				30,000		
						\$ 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	12,920	
						\$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					3,500	
						\$ 457,363

SEED CROPS

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	2,500	
						227,373

POULTRY PRODUCTS

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	121,757	
						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	1,137,104	
						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	307,800	
						2,228,364
POULTRY FERTILIZER		39,558 tons	@	2.50	98,895	
						98,895
						\$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