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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

**1960**

**County Of Sonoma**

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SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

County of Sonoma  
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 1960 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The reports cover the acreage, production and value of all crops including livestock and livestock products.

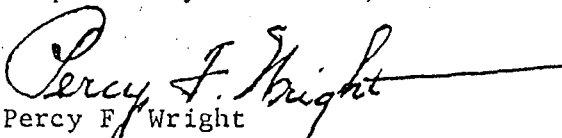
The gross value of agricultural production for the year 1960 amounted to \$75,656,457 as compared to \$71,009,274 for the year 1959. Prices are reported on an F.O.B. basis.

Although the figures do not represent the net returns to the farmers, the increase of \$4,647,183 in gross value over 1959 would indicate that in 1960 there was some improvement between what the farmer receives and the cost of production. This is not necessarily true as farmers' costs are continually increasing.

Three products accounted principally for the increase. Egg prices improved and producers received an average of four cents per dozen above 1959 when many producers' returns were not enough to pay for the cost of production. Prune valuation increased due to a better crop in 1960. Milk production increased as it has been for a number of years due to herd improvement and the increased demand for milk as the population increases.

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

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1960	8,354	9.24	77,212	\$ 59.47	\$4,591,570
	1959	8,616	11.90	102,896	45.56	\$4,688,019
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1960	5,094	9.7	49,409	55.17	\$2,734,496
	1959	5,414	11.20	60,523	42.48	\$2,570,975
Fresh	1960			5,788	107.38	\$621,515
	1959			5,312	95.95	509,686
Canned	1960			24,556	63.33	1,555,131
	1959			24,149	53.85	1,300,424
Juice- Cider	1960			7,132	29.48	210,251
	1959			12,356	21.06	260,217
Chops	1960			None		
	1959			3,000	15.00	45,000
Vinegar	1960			284	8.00	2,272
	1959			706	8.00	5,648
Dried*	1960			9,381	35.09	329,179
	1959			15,000	30.00	450,000
Fermenting	1960			2,268	7.12	16,148
<u>Late Apples</u>	1960	3,260	8.53	27,803	66.79	\$1,857,074
	1959	3,202	13.20	42,373	49.96	\$2,117,044
Fresh	1960			7,245	107.50	778,838
	1959			6,049	100.34	606,957
Canned	1960			13,883	60.16	835,201
	1959			21,648	51.16	1,107,512
Juice- Cider	1960			2,712	31.48	85,374
	1959			7,267	22.33	162,272
Chops	1960			None		
Vinegar	1960			61	8.00	488
	1959			20	8.00	160
Dried*	1960			3,902	40.28	157,173
	1959			7,389	32.50	240,143

\*Green tons.

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>BUSHBERRIES*</u>	1960	274	2.10	574	\$291.00	\$167,034
	1959	362	2.26	818	179.38	146,732
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	1960	23.75	4.46	106	258.31	27,381
	1959	57	8.5	481	307.69	148,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1960	337	1.59	536	320.00	171,520
	1959	434	.13	57	341.75	19,480
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1960	10,705	2.20	23,478	90.00	2,113,020
	1959	11,159	2.40	27,000	68.00	1,836,000
<u>PEARS</u>						
<u>Bartlett</u>	1960	1,621	7.25	11,746	77.06	905,101
	1959	1,768	6.30	11,212	60.83	682,020
Canned	1960			10,846	80.54	\$873,537
	1959			10,962	61.40	673,020
Fresh	1960			21	105.00	2,205
	1959			50	90.00	4,500
Dried**	1960			879	33.40	29,359
	1959			200	22.50	4,500
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1960	13,918	1.62	22,460	377.61	8,481,294
	1959	15,090	1.20	17,792	373.57	6,646,532
<u>French</u>	1960			18,226	384.00	6,998,784
	1959			16,184	365.00	5,907,160
<u>Imperial</u>	1960			2,359	390.00	920,010
	1959			1,378	499.00	687,622
<u>Substandard</u>	1960			1,875	300.00	562,500
	1959			230	225.00	51,750
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1960	1,494	.38	563	564.30	317,701
	1959	1,452	.30	464	500.00	232,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1960	108		275	33.33	9,166
	1959	108	1.44	156	33.60	5,242
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1960	212				21,000
	1959	272				27,200
<u>TOTAL***</u>	1960	17610				\$16,804,787
	1959	19124				\$14,431,225

\*Includes Blueberries.

\*\*Green tons.

\*\*\*Includes Apples shown on previous page.

<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>	1960	296	6.4	1,904	\$122.18	\$232,631
	1959	413	8.4	3,466	105.43	365,420
<u>POTATOES</u>	1960	30	4.0	120	50.00	6,000
	1959	33	6.0	200	50.00	10,000
<u>CORN, SWEET</u>	1960	40	4.0	160	80.00	12,800
	1959	25	4.0	100	75.00	7,500
<u>TRUCK FARMS</u>	1960	70				21,400
	1959	60				<u>16,800</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$272,831
	1959					<u>\$399,720</u>

## SEED CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in tons) /bs</u>		<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>VEGETABLE SEED</u>	1960	288	474	136,450	30.5¢	\$41,617
	1959	445	547	243,650	30.3¢	74,058
<u>PASTURE GRASS SEED</u>	1960	422	842	355,500	13.8	49,059
	1959	437	908	396,800	12.7	50,520
<u>VETCH SEED (recovered)</u>	1960			100,000	9	9,000
	1959			200,000	7	14,000
<u>RYE SEED (recovered)</u>	1960			-	-	-
	1959			295,000	6.5	<u>19,175</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$118,851
	1959					<u>\$157,753</u>

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## FIELD CROPS

1959-60

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BARLEY</u>	1960	296	.9	266	Ton	\$43.00	\$11,438
	1959	330	1.1	375	Ton	49.00	18,375
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1960	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	30.00	36,000
	1959	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	31.00	37,200
<u>Grain</u>	1960	31,000	2.8	86,800	Ton	24.50	2,126,600
	1959	30,000	2.5	75,000	Ton	24.00	1,800,000
<u>Green Chop</u>	1960	710	13.2	9,372	Ton	6.50	60,918
	1959	500	7.0	3,500	Ton	5.00	17,500
<u>HOPS</u>	1960	229	1,529	350,200	Lb.	.54	189,108
	1959	308	1,264	389,415	Lb.	.58	225,816
<u>OATS</u>	1960	10,000	1.0	10,000	Ton	44.00	440,000
	1959	8,365	1.1	9,182	Ton	48.00	440,736
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1960	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
	1959	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1960	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
	1959	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1960	180,000			Acre	.40	72,000
	1959	178,643			Acre	.40	71,457
<u>Sudan</u>	1960	300			Acre	40.00	12,000
	1959	200			Acre	40.00	8,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1960	650	.4	260	Ton	75.00	19,500
	1959	300	.5	150	Ton	75.00	11,250
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1960	1,490	17.1	25,421	Ton	8.00	203,368
	1959	1,575	15.6	24,570	Ton	7.00	171,990
<u>STRAW</u>	1960			7,800	Ton	10.00	78,000
	1959			7,500	Ton	10.00	75,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1960	38	1.0	38	Ton	69.00	2,622
	1959	201	1.0	201	Ton	64.00	12,864
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960						\$5,327,554
	1959						\$4,966,233

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## NURSERY PRODUCTS

1959-60

Item	Year	Production Area		Sold	Unit	Value	
		Houses Sq. Ft.	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT &amp; NUT TREES</u>	1960		40	128,364	Plant	\$ .82	\$105,258
	1959		.32	102,718*	Plant	.75*	77,039
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>	1960		6	122,500	Plant	.29	35,525
	1959		6	104,500	Plant	.271	28,320
<u>St. George</u>	1960		5	104,150	Plant	.10	10,415
	1959		4	72,455	Plant	.098	7,100
<u>ORNAMENTALS</u>	1960			453,600	Plant	.80	362,880
	1959			432,000	Plant	.75	324,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1960	85,000		73,479	Flat	1.83	134,467
	1959	85,000		67,100	Flat	1.75	117,425
<u>HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS</u>	1960			16,456	Plant	.92	15,140
	1959			15,672	Plant	.89	13,948
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES, ROOTS</u>	1960			33,950	Each	.42	14,259
	1959			20,745	Each	.41	8,500
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1960			6,500	Doz.	1.00	6,500
	1959			8,000	Doz.	.94	9,730
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1960		60	2,240	Tree	3.50	7,840
	1959		50	1,350	Tree	3.25	4,388
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960						\$692,284
	1959						\$590,450

\*Revised.

## APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>HONEY</u>	1960	210,700	Lb.	\$.099	\$20,859
	1959	125,620	Lb.	.098	12,253
<u>WAX</u>	1960	3,511	Lb.	.45	1,580
	1959	1,980	Lb.	.47	931
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1960	2,000	Lb.	.50	1,000
	1959	2,000	Lb.	.60	1,200
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1960				13,750
	1959				14,500
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960				\$37,189
	1959				\$28,884

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1959-60

<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>	1960	59,000	304,833	Cwt.	\$20.17	\$6,148,482
	1959	60,000	310,000	Cwt.	24.00	7,440,000
<u>LAMBS</u>	1960	119,000	101,150	Cwt.	15.00	1,517,250
	1959	126,000	100,800	Cwt.	17.50	1,764,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1960	6,500	13,000	Cwt.	20.00	260,000
	1959	6,000	12,000	Cwt.	15.00	180,000
<u>DUCKLINGS</u>	1960	50,000		Each	.25	12,500
	1959	40,800		Each	.25	10,200
<u>BROILERS AND FRYERS</u>	1960	5,136,030	17,976,117	Lb.	.19	3,415,462
	1959	5,700,161	19,896,617	Lb.	.18	3,581,391
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1960	2,113,500	8,454,000	Lb.	.10	845,400
	1959	1,144,198	4,579,674	Lb.	.08	366,374
<u>DUCKS</u>	1960	115,838	658,283	Lb.	.32	210,651
	1959	75,833	455,000	Lb.	.32	145,600
<u>CHICKS</u>	1960	12,998,000		Each	.152	1,975,696
	1959	13,109,000		Each	.159	2,084,331
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1960	371,550	7,431,050	Lb.	.275	2,043,539
	1959	345,700	6,732,800	Lb.	.262	1,763,000
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1960	84,300		Each	.554	46,702
	1959	142,000		Each	.611	86,762
<u>RABBITS</u>	1960	128,890	515,580	Lb.	.25	128,895
	1959	124,325	497,300	Lb.	.239	118,855
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960					\$16,604,577
	1959					\$17,540,513



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## LIVESTOCK &amp; POULTRY PRODUCTS

1959-60

<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>	1960	3,417,023	Cwt.	\$5.37	\$18,349,414
	1959	3,247,790	Cwt.	5.26	17,077,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1960	621,347	Cwt.	3.20	1,988,310
	1959	327,960	Cwt.	3.36	1,101,000
<u>WOOL*</u>	1960	1,325,000	Lb.	.40	530,000
	1959	1,325,000	Lb.	.50	662,500
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1960	38,765,000	Doz.	.34	13,180,100
	1959	41,755,256	Doz.	.30	12,526,577
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	1,003,728	Doz.	.60	602,237
	1959	1,558,894	Doz.	.55	857,392
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	2,938,800	Each	.362	1,063,846
	1959	2,000,000	Each	.303	605,000
<u>EGGS, DUCK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1960	22,870	Doz.	.45	10,292
	1959	--	-	-	--
<u>Hatching</u>	1960	196,068	Each	.08	15,685
	1959	51,000	Each	.07	3,570
<u>OTHER ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	1960				58,500
	1959				61,457
<u>TOTAL</u>	1960				\$35,798,384
	1959				\$32,894,496

\*Does not include incentive payments.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1960-61 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-60</u>	<u>1-1-61</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	88,000	90,000
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over</u>	53,700	55,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	143,000	143,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	6,000	8,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,598,844	2,326,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	36,848	44,500

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## SUMMARY

1959-60

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$ 37,189	\$ 28,884
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	5,327,554	<del>4,966,233</del> 5,123,986
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	16,804,787	14,431,225
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	16,604,577	17,540,513
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	35,798,384	32,894,496
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	692,284	590,450
<u>SEED</u>	118,851	<del>137,253</del>
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	272,831	399,720
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$75,656,457	\$71,009,274

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	6	-	6
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	5,094	390	5,484
<u>Delicious</u>	590	230	820
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	344	336	680
<u>Jonathan</u>	652	108	760
<u>Newtown</u>	103	7	110
<u>Rome</u>	951	541	1,492
<u>All Others</u>	620	61	681
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,354	1,673	10,029
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	302	65	367
<u>All Others</u>	35	17	52
<u>TOTAL</u>	337	82	419
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	1	2	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	566	-	566
<u>Burger</u>	116	12	128
<u>Carignane</u>	1,807	64	1,871
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	752	2	754
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,502	22	1,524
<u>Sauvignon</u>	396	1	397
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,978	45	4,023
<u>All Others</u>	1,588	182	1,770
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,705	328	11,033
<u>CITRUS</u>	15	38	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	39	42	81
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,621	569	2,190
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,627	569	2,196
<u>PLUMS</u>	51	1	52
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	12,098	3,864	15,962
<u>Imperial</u>	1,756	231	1,987
<u>All Others</u>	64	68	132
<u>TOTAL</u>	13,918	4,163	18,081
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,494	250	1,744
<u>Black</u>	-	-	89
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,494	250	1,833
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			43,884