

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1963

County Of Sonoma

SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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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 1963 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

The gross value of agricultural production for the year 1963 amounted to \$67,285,765 as compared to \$78,707,260 in 1962. This is a drop of \$11,421,495.

The large drop was caused by three factors; light fruit crops, a twenty percent drop in egg production and a drop in cattle prices.

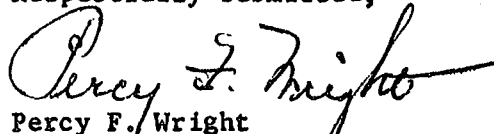
The production of gravenstein apples was down from 75,770 to 20,520 tons, prunes down from 25,690 to 13,196 tons, bartlett pears down from 13,150 to 4,513 tons and cherries down from 856 to 30 tons, all caused by inclement weather.

Egg production has been declining for a number of years, but in the year 1963 there was a decided drop. The trend has been towards large-scale cage operations and with the low egg prices of 1962 many small operators went out of business.

The drop in cattle prices is nation wide and this is reflected in the income received by Sonoma County farmers.

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		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1963	8,761	6.56	57,510	\$ 71.00		\$4,082,500
	1962	8,599	13.99	111,710	59.50		\$6,646,530
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1963	5,050	4.06	20,520	86.70		\$1,778,500
	1962	5,091	14.88	75,770	56.60		\$4,289,240
Fresh*	1963			2,830	133.60	\$378,000	
	1962			6,300	98.20	619,000	
Canned	1963			12,200	93.30	1,138,000	
	1962			34,400	65.00	2,236,000	
Juice- Cider	1963			4,150	47.50	197,000	
	1962			12,200	37.00	451,000	
Chops	1963			290	39.70	11,500	
	1962			900	30.00	27,000	
Vinegar	1963			--	--	--	
	1962			270	12.00	3,240	
Dried**	1963			1,050	51.40	54,000	
	1962			20,700	45.80	948,000	
Fermenting	1963			--	--	--	
	1962			1,000	5.00	5,000	
<u>Late Apples</u>	1963	3,711	9.96	36,990	62.30		\$2,304,000
	1962	3,508	10.24	35,939	65.60		\$2,357,290
Fresh*	1963			2,300	90.00	207,000	
	1962			5,320	98.90	526,000	
Canned	1963			22,300	65.80	1,467,000	
	1962			11,300	68.00	768,000	
Juice- Cider	1963			4,820	42.50	205,000	
	1962			5,470	36.70	201,000	
Chops	1963			450	40.00	18,000	
	1962			630	35.00	22,100	
Vinegar	1963			--	--	--	
	1962			19	10.00	190	
Dried**	1963			7,120	57.20	407,000	
	1962			13,200	63.60	840,000	

*Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house.

**Green tons.

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>BUSHBERRIES</u> (a)	1963	225	1.91	430	\$304.00		\$131,000
	1962	250	2.46	616	287.00		177,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1963	335	.09	30	320.00		9,600
	1962	330	2.59	856	267.00		229,000
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u> <u>ALL</u>	1963	10,669	2.64	28,170	96.70		2,723,000
	1962	10,600	3.15	33,380	96.10		3,208,000
<u>Common</u>	1963			25,500	94.00	\$2,397,000	
	1962			31,000	92.50	2,868,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1963			2,670	122.00	326,000	
	1962			2,380	143.00	340,000	
<u>PEARS</u> <u>Bartlett</u>	1963	1,631	2.76	4,513	106.90		482,540
	1962	1,633	8.00	13,150	73.80		971,700
Canned	1963			4,482	107.00	480,000	
	1962			12,700	75.00	953,000	
Fresh	1963			6	185.00	1,110	
	1962			20	180.00	3,600	
Dried (b)	1963			25	57.00	1,430	
	1962			430	35.00	15,100	
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1963	15,156	.87	13,196	263.86		3,482,000
	1962	14,711	1.74	25,690 (c)	263.95 (c)		6,781,000
<u>French</u>	1963			9,736	290.00	2,823,000	
	1962			22,430 (c)	264.00 (c)	5,922,000	
<u>Imperial</u>	1963			730	330.00	241,000	
	1962			2,800	284.00	795,000	
<u>Substandard</u>	1963			2,730	153.00	418,000	
	1962			460	140.00	64,000	
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1963	1,519	.218	332	463.00		154,000
	1962	1,490	.28	420	440.00		185,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1963	89	1.57	140	33.30		4,670
	1962	89	2.92	260	33.30		8,660
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> (d)	1963	274					51,700
	1962	287					58,100
<u>TOTAL</u> (e)	1963						\$11,121,010
	1962						\$18,264,990

(a) Includes Blueberries.

(b) Green tons.

(c) Revised.

(d) Includes -- peaches, plums, citrus,
strawberries, etc.

(e) Includes apples shown on previous page.

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APIARY PRODUCTS

1962-63

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1963	150,000	Lb.	\$.14	\$21,000
	1962	225,000	Lb.	.10	22,500
<u>WAX</u>	1963	2,450	Lb.	.41	1,000
	1962	3,550	Lb.	.44	1,560
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1963	4,900	Lb.	.50	2,450
	1962	6,480	Lb.	.50	3,240
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1963				15,000
	1962				10,500
<u>TOTAL</u>	1963				\$39,450
	1962				\$37,800

VEGETABLE CROPS

<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>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1963	210				\$148,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1962	270				\$174,000

*Includes: beans for processing, potatoes, sweet corn, etc.

SEED CROPS

<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>MISCELLANEOUS*</u>	1963						\$4,600
<u>SEED CROPS</u>	1962						\$16,700

*Includes certified seed potatoes, vetch seed (recovered).

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FIELD CROPS

1962-63

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BARLEY</u>	1963	280	.75	210	Ton	\$47.00	\$9,870
	1962	295	1.0	295	Ton	47.00	13,900
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1963	200	3.3	660	Ton	29.00	19,100
	1962	400	4.0	1,600	Ton	25.00	40,000
<u>Grain</u>	1963	26,000	2.5	65,000	Ton	24.00	1,560,000
	1962	30,600	2.5	76,500	Ton	22.00	1,683,000
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1963	900	11.33	10,200	Ton	7.00	71,400
	1962	1,700	12.00	20,400	Ton	7.00	143,000
<u>OATS</u>	1963	10,500	.9	9,450	Ton	54.00	510,000
	1962	12,000	1.0	12,000	Ton	47.00	564,000
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1963	17,000			Acre	60.00	1,020,000
	1962	15,500			Acre	60.00	930,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1963	290,000			Acre	4.00	1,160,000
	1962	293,000			Acre	4.00	1,172,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1963	179,000			Acre	.40	71,600
	1962	179,000			Acre	.40	71,600
<u>Sudan</u>	1963	150			Acre	40.00	6,000
	1962	200			Acre	41.00	8,200
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1963	200	.3	60	Ton	79.00	4,740
	1962	500	.5	250	Ton	89.00	22,300
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1963	1,250	15.9	19,900	Ton	7.00	140,000
	1962	1,550	17.0	26,400	Ton	7.00	185,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1963			5,500	Ton	11.00	60,500
	1962			5,500	Ton	10.00	55,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1963	55	1.0	55	Ton	63.00	3,565
	1962	45	1.0	45	Ton	66.00	2,970
<u>TOTAL</u>	1963						\$4,636,775
	1962						\$4,890,970

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Field Acres</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
					<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREES</u>	1963	14	77,000	Plant	\$.87	\$ 67,000
	1962	16	119,000	Plant	.85	101,000
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>						
<u>St. George</u>	1963	5	77,500	Plant	.126	9,800
	1962	4	85,000	Plant	.12	10,200
<u>Grafted</u>	1963	13	200,000	Plant	.328	65,600
	1962	17	152,000	Plant	.32	48,600
<u>Certified (non-grafted)</u>	1963	5	68,400	Plant	.214	14,600
<u>ORNAMENTALS*</u>						
	1963		530,000	Plant	.70	371,000
	1962		674,000	Plant	.74	499,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>						
	1963		75,000	Flats	2.00	150,000
	1962		78,000	Flats	1.90	148,000
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES ROOTS</u>						
	1963		41,000	Each	.68	27,900
	1962		38,000	Each	.43	16,300
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>						
	1963		3,590	Doz.	.90	3,230
	1962		1,200	Doz.	1.00	1,200
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>						
	1963		8,100	Tree	3.42	27,700
	1962		3,750	Tree	3.75	14,100
<u>TOTAL</u>						
	1963					\$736,830
	1962**					\$838,400

*Includes Liners.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1962-63

<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>	1963	73,000	331,520	Cwt.	\$19.30	\$6,398,000
	1962	70,000	322,400	Cwt.	21.10	6,803,000
<u>PUREBRED BEEF CATTLE</u>	1963	390		Head	600.00	234,000
	1962	420		Head	733.00	308,000
<u>PUREBRED SHEEP</u>	1963	410		Head	54.00	22,100
	1962	400		Head	50.00	20,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1963	119,000	96,750	Cwt.	18.00	1,742,000
	1962	124,000	97,800	Cwt.	15.00	1,467,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1963	4,500	9,900	Cwt.	16.00	158,000
	1962	6,000	13,200	Cwt.	19.00	251,000
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1963	7,994,000	29,380,000	Lb.	.18	5,297,000
	1962	7,264,000	26,655,000	Lb.	.17	4,531,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1963	1,291,000	5,577,000	Lb.	.076	424,000
	1962	3,546,000	15,914,000	Lb.	.082	1,305,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1963	15,065,000		Each	.146	2,199,000
	1962	17,573,000		Each	.152	2,671,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1963	437,000	6,980,000	Lb.	.215	1,500,000
	1962	620,000	12,143,000	Lb.	.21	2,550,000
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1963	194,000		Each	.567	110,000
	1962	434,000		Each	.558	242,000
<u>RABBITS</u>	1963	71,100	325,000	Lb.	.243	79,000
	1962	49,300	278,000	Lb.	.19	52,800
<u>OTHER POULTRY PRODUCTS*</u>	1963	251,000				367,000
	1962	192,000				351,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	1963					\$18,530,100
	1962					\$20,552,100

*Includes -- Ducks and Ducklings.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1962-63

<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>	1963	3,821,000	Cwt.	\$5.01	\$19,143,000
	1962*	3,667,000	Cwt.	5.12	18,775,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1963	431,000	Cwt.	3.34	1,440,000
	1962*	454,000	Cwt.	3.38	1,535,000
<u>WOOL**</u>	1963	1,240,000	Lb.	.50	620,000
	1962	1,161,000	Lb.	.50	581,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1963	31,262,000	Doz.	.303	9,472,000
	1962	38,769,000	Doz.	.29	11,243,000
<u>Hatching</u>	1963	1,078,000	Doz.	.648	699,000
	1962	1,464,000	Doz.	.64	937,000
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1963	2,300,000	Each	.30	690,000
	1962	3,503,000	Each	.24	841,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS***</u>	1963				5,000
	1962				20,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	1963				\$32,069,000
	1962*				\$33,932,300

*Revised.

**Does not include incentive payments.

***Includes market duck eggs.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1963-64 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-63</u>	<u>1-1-64</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL*</u>	106,100	117,400
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over*</u>	49,500	48,300
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL*</u>	126,100	124,800
<u>HOGS AND PIGS*</u>	5,500	6,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,319,000	1,884,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	55,000	71,000

*Figures from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

SONOMA COUNTY

SUMMARY

1962-63

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$39,450	\$37,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,636,775	4,890,970
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	11,121,010	18,264,990
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	18,530,100	20,552,100
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	32,069,000	33,932,300*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	736,830	838,400*
<u>SEED</u>	4,600	16,700
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	148,000	174,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$67,285,765	\$78,707,260*

*Revised.

<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>	5,050	337	5,387
<u>Delicious</u>	723	118	841
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	492	227	719
<u>Jonathan</u>	689	43	732
<u>Newtown</u>	95	5	100
<u>Rome</u>	1,136	413	1,549
<u>All Others</u>	576	86	662
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,761	1,229	9,990
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	294	37	331
<u>All Others</u>	41	12	53
<u>TOTAL</u>	335	49	384
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	535	-	535
<u>Burger</u>	123	18	141
<u>Carignane</u>	1,711	84	1,795
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	713	13	726
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,479	-	1,479
<u>Sauvignon</u>	393	-	393
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,983	51	4,034
<u>All Others</u>	1,748	458	2,206
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,685	624	11,309
<u>CITRUS</u>	24	29	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	73	-	73
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,631	643	2,274
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,637	643	2,280
<u>PLUMS</u>	45	-	45
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	13,302	2,702	16,004
<u>Imperial</u>	1,792	113	1,905
<u>All Others</u>	62	72	134
<u>TOTAL</u>	15,156	2,887	18,043
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,519	187	1,706
<u>Black</u>	89	-	89
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,608	187	1,795
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			44,081