



AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1962

County Of Sonoma

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 1962 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 including livestock and livestock products.

The gross value of agricultural production for the year 1962 amounted to \$78,672,260 as compared to \$77,729,020 for the year 1961. This is an increase of \$943,240.

Outstanding in the year 1962 were the yields of Gravenstein apples, Bartlett pears and French prunes. Yields per acre exceeded all previous records and total production for the county exceeded records of recent years.

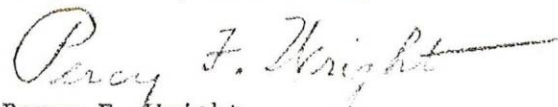
Poultrymen had another year of low prices. The farm price of eggs for the year averaged less than thirty cents (\$.30) per dozen, the lowest it has been for many years. There was some improvement in meat bird prices. The trend is towards heavier weights and the classification of broilers and fryers has been discontinued and changed to fryers and roasters.

Seed crops for a number of years were produced in large quantities on the Rohnert Seed Farms and were an important segment of the agricultural economy of the county. Many kinds of vegetable, flower and grass seeds were produced. This farming operation has been discontinued as it lies in the path of urban expansion.

For the first time in this report, a separate accounting is made for premium wine grapes and for purebred cattle and sheep. There has been an increased interest in varietal grapes for wines and vintners are paying a higher price for these grapes. Sonoma County has long been noted for its cattle and sheep ranches and the raising of purebred animals is of sufficient importance to report them separately.

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>	1962	8,599	13.99	111,710	\$ 59.50		\$6,646,530
	1961	8,541	12.84	109,703	52.90		\$5,807,240
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1962	5,091	14.88	75,770	56.60		\$4,289,240
	1961	5,110	12.65	64,645	49.70		\$3,215,900
Fresh*	1962			6,300	98.20		\$619,000
	1961			6,280	102.00		640,000
Canned	1962			34,400	65.00		2,236,000
	1961			24,800	55.20		1,369,000
Juice- Cider	1962			12,200	37.00		451,000
	1961			11,300	31.80		359,000
Chops	1962			900	30.00		27,000
	1961			885	30.00		26,600
Vinegar	1962			270	12.00		3,240
	1961			780	10.00		7,800
Dried**	1962			20,700	45.80		948,000
	1961			18,500	43.40		803,000
Fermenting	1962			1,000	5.00		5,000
	1961			2,100	5.00		10,500
<u>Late Apples</u>	1962	3,508	10.24	35,939	65.60		\$2,357,290
	1961	3,431	13.13	45,058	57.50		\$2,591,340
Fresh*	1962			5,320	98.90		526,000
	1961			4,520	92.90		420,000
Canned	1962			11,300	68.00		768,000
	1961			18,500	56.10		1,038,000
Juice- Cider	1962			5,470	36.70		201,000
	1961			4,280	32.50		139,000
Chops	1962			630	35.00		22,100
	1961			724	40.00		28,960
Vinegar	1962			19	10.00		190
	1961			234	10.00		2,340
Dried**	1962			13,200	63.60		840,000
	1961			15,800	60.60		957,000
Fermenting	1962						
	1961			1,000	6.00		6,000

*Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house.

**Green tons.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - (Cont'd.)

1961-62

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>BUSHBERRIES*</u>	1962	250	2.46	616	\$287.00		\$177,000
	1961	270	1.89	510	337.00		172,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1962	330	2.59	856	267.00		229,000
	1961	337	2.44	822	313.00		257,000
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u> <u>ALL</u>	1962	10,600	3.15	33,380	96.10		3,208,000
	1961	10,625	2.23	23,700	135.00		3,200,000
<u>Common</u>	1962			31,000	92.50	\$2,868,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1962			2,380	143.00	340,000	
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1962	1,633	8.00	13,150	73.80		971,700
	1961	1,629	7.10	11,558	96.00		1,114,500
Canned	1962			12,700	75.00	953,000	
	1961			11,300	98.00	1,107,000	
Fresh	1962			20	180.00	3,600	
	1961			18	125.00	2,300	
Dried**	1962			430	35.00	15,100	
	1961			240	21.00	5,200	
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1962	14,711	1.93	28,460	238.00		6,781,000
	1961	14,197	1.87	26,520	320.81		8,508,000
<u>French</u>	1962			25,200	235.00	5,922,000	
	1961			23,000	320.00	7,360,000	
<u>Imperial</u>	1962			2,800	284.00	795,000	
	1961			2,870	350.00	1,005,000	
<u>Substandard</u>	1962			460	140.00	64,000	
	1961			650	220.00	143,000	
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	1962	30	4.50	135	208.00		28,100
	1961	23	5.00	120	252.00		30,200
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1962	1,490	.28	420	440.00		185,000
	1961	1,507	.23	341	493.00		168,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1962	89	2.92	260	33.30		8,660
	1961	108	2.31	250	33.30		8,330
<u>MISCELLANEOUS***</u>	1962	257					30,000
	1961	252					23,000
<u>TOTAL****</u>	1962						\$18,264,990
	1961						\$19,288,270

*Includes Blueberries,
**Green Tons.

***Includes Peaches, Apricots, Plums, Olives, etc.
****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>	1962	150	6.46	970	\$130.00	\$126,000
	1961	250	5.68	1,420	109.00	155,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS**</u> <u>TRUCK FARMS</u>	1962	120				48,000
	1961	110				<u>30,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962					\$174,000
	1961					\$185,000

*Includes beans for processing and fresh market.

**Includes: potatoes, sweet corn, tomatoes, lettuce, melons, 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>PASTURE GRASS SEED</u>	1962	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1961	348	814	284,000	Lb.	\$.17	\$48,300
<u>CERTIFIED POTATOES</u>	1962	23	150	3,450	Cwt.	3.00	10,400
	1961	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>VEGETABLE SEED*</u>	1962	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1961	350	640	224,000	Lb.	.31	69,400
<u>VETCH SEED</u> (recovered)	1962			70,000	Lb.	.09	6,300
	1961			212,000	Lb.	.06	12,700
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962						\$ 16,700
	1961						\$130,000

*Includes beet, endive, chickory.

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FIELD CROPS

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<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>	1962	295	1.0	295	Ton	\$47.00	\$13,900
	1961	386	.9	347	Ton	45.00	15,600
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1962	400	4.0	1,600	Ton	25.00	40,000
	1961	350	4.0	1,400	Ton	24.00	33,600
<u>Grain</u>	1962	30,600	2.5	76,500	Ton	22.00	1,683,000
	1961	31,000	2.5	77,500	Ton	19.00	1,473,000
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1962	1,700	12.00	20,400	Ton	7.00	143,000
	1961	1,800	12.5	22,500	Ton	6.50	146,000
<u>OATS</u>	1962	12,000	1.0	12,000	Ton	47.00	564,000
	1961	11,000	1.0	11,000	Ton	46.00	506,000
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1962	15,500			Acre	60.00	930,000
	1961	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1962	293,000			Acre	4.00	1,172,000
	1961	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1962	179,000			Acre	.40	71,600
	1961	180,000			Acre	.40	72,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1962	200			Acre	41.00	8,200
	1961	300			Acre	40.00	12,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1962	500	.5	250	Ton	89.00	22,300
	1961	354	.4	142	Ton	80.00	11,400
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1962	1,550	17.0	26,400	Ton	7.00	185,000
	1961	1,600	16.5	26,400	Ton	7.00	185,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1962			5,500	Ton	10.00	55,000
	1961			8,200	Ton	10.00	82,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1962	45	1.0	45	Ton	66.00	2,970
	1961	17	1.0	17	Ton	64.00	1,090
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962						\$4,890,970
	1961						\$4,613,690

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NURSERY PRODUCTS

1961-62

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Field Acres</u>	<u>Sold</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREES</u>	1962	16	119,000	Plant	\$.85	\$101,000
	1961	15	148,000	Plant	.83	123,000
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>	1962	17	152,000	Plant	.32	48,600
	1961	18	217,000	Plant	.28	60,800
<u>St. George</u>	1962	4	85,000	Plant	.12	10,200
	1961	5	101,000	Plant	.10	10,100
<u>ORNAMENTALS*</u>	1962		674,000	Plant	.74	499,000
	1961		522,000	Plant	.85	444,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1962		78,000	Flats	1.90	148,000
	1961		80,000	Flats	1.85	148,000
<u>HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS</u>	1962		20,000	Plant	1.00	20,000
	1961		18,000	Plant	.95	17,100
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES ROOTS</u>	1962		38,000	Each	.43	16,300
	1961		37,000	Each	.42	15,500
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1962		1,200	Doz.	1.00	1,200
	1961		2,000	Doz.	1.00	2,000
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1962		3,750	Tree	3.75	14,100
	1961		3,000	Tree	3.75	11,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962					\$858,400
	1961					\$831,800

*Includes Liners.

APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Total</u>			<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1962	225,000		Lb.	\$.10	\$22,500
	1961	131,000		Lb.	.11	14,400
<u>WAX</u>	1962	3,550		Lb.	.44	1,560
	1961	2,170		Lb.	.43	930
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1962	6,480		Lb.	.50	3,240
	1961	2,200		Lb.	.50	1,100
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1962					10,500
	1961					12,800
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962					\$37,800
	1961					\$29,230

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1961-62

<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>	1962	70,000	322,400	Cwt.	\$21.10	\$6,803,000
	1961	62,000	320,000	Cwt.	20.50	6,560,000
<u>PUREBRED BEEF CATTLE</u>	1962	420		Head	733.00	308,000
	1961	Not Reported				
<u>PUREBRED SHEEP</u>	1962	400		Head	50.00	20,000
	1961	Not Reported				
<u>LAMBS</u>	1962	124,000	97,800	Cwt.	15.00	1,467,000
	1961	120,000	102,000	Cwt.	14.00	1,428,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1962	6,000	13,200	Cwt.	19.00	251,000
	1961	6,500	13,000	Cwt.	20.00	260,000
<u>DUCKLINGS</u>	1962	25,000		Each	.25	6,300
	1961	50,000		Each	.25	12,500
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS*</u>	1962	7,264,000	26,655,000	Lb.	.17	4,531,000
	1961	5,879,000	17,637,000	Lb.	.15	2,646,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1962	3,546,000	15,914,000	Lb.	.082	1,305,000
	1961	3,554,000	14,216,000	Lb.	.06	853,000
<u>DUCKS</u>	1962	167,000	822,000	Lb.	.42	345,000
	1961	124,000	618,000	Lb.	.41	253,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1962	17,573,000		Each	.152	2,671,000
	1961	15,838,000		Each	.156	2,471,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1962	620,000	12,143,000	Lb.	.21	2,550,000
	1961	648,000	12,960,000	Lb.	.20	2,592,000
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1962	434,000		Each	.558	242,000
	1961	562,000		Each	.571	321,000
<u>RABBITS</u>	1962	49,300	278,000	Lb.	.19	52,800
	1961	70,000	382,000	Lb.	.20	76,400
<u>TOTAL</u>	1962					\$20,552,100
	1961					\$17,473,300

*Broilers reported in previous years discontinued -- trend towards heavier weights.

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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

1961-62

<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>	1962	3,637,000	Cwt.	\$5.16	\$18,767,000
	1961	3,559,000	Cwt.	5.23	18,614,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1962	443,000	Cwt.	3.36	1,488,000
	1961	517,000	Cwt.	3.34	1,727,000
<u>WOOL*</u>	1962	1,161,000	Lb.	.50	581,000
	1961	1,166,000	Lb.	.50	583,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1962	38,769,000	Doz.	.29	11,243,000
	1961	40,184,000	Doz.	.31	12,457,000
<u>Hatching</u>	1962	1,464,000	Doz.	.64	937,000
	1961	1,404,000	Doz.	.55	772,200
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1962	3,503,000	Each	.24	841,000
	1961	4,201,000	Each	.23	966,200
<u>EGGS, DUCK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1962	14,000	Doz.	.45	6,300
	1961	5,450	Doz.	.50	2,730
<u>Hatching</u>	1962	200,000	Each	.07	14,000
	1961	190,000	Each	.08	15,200
<u>OTHER ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>					
	1962				
	1961				40,000
<u>TOTAL</u>					
	1962				\$33,877,300
	1961				\$35,177,330

*Does not include incentive payment.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1962-63 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-62</u>	<u>1-1-63</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	93,000	100,000
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over</u>	56,000	56,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	150,000	147,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	8,000	6,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,411,000	2,319,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	58,300	55,000

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$37,800	\$29,230
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,890,970	4,613,690
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	18,264,990	19,288,270
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	20,552,100	17,473,300
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	33,877,300	35,177,330
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	858,400	831,800
<u>SEED</u>	16,700	130,400
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	<u>174,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$78,672,260	\$77,729,020

<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>	5,091	382	5,473
<u>Delicious</u>	686	151	837
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	437	268	705
<u>Jonathan</u>	664	73	737
<u>Newtown</u>	92	8	100
<u>Rome</u>	1,063	469	1,532
<u>All Others</u>	566	72	638
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,599	1,423	10,022
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	294	49	343
<u>All Others</u>	36	20	56
<u>TOTAL</u>	330	69	399
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	545	-	545
<u>Burger</u>	123	21	144
<u>Carignane</u>	1,724	91	1,815
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	736	13	749
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,499	-	1,499
<u>Sauvignon</u>	390	3	393
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,967	62	4,029
<u>All Others</u>	1,632	413	2,045
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,616	603	11,219
<u>CITRUS</u>	24	29	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	71	2	73
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,633	638	2,271
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,639	638	2,277
<u>PLUMS</u>	44	1	45
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	12,902	3,199	16,101
<u>Imperial</u>	1,745	180	1,925
<u>All Others</u>	64	102	166
<u>TOTAL</u>	14,711	3,481	18,192
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,490	216	1,706
<u>Black</u>	89	-	89
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,579	216	1,795
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			44,184