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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



**County Of Sonoma**

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AND  
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1971 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County.

Although the \$81,867,365 is the highest gross return on record, it must be pointed out this does not represent the net income or any margin of profit realized by farmers. In many cases the cost of production has closely matched the amount of return.

The prune acreage has decreased by 4,000 acres, but this is being replaced rapidly by wine grape plantings which has a promising outlook at the present time.

Livestock and poultry products still led the overall value, although a decrease of three million dollars was recorded.

My appreciation is expressed to those who have cooperated with my staff in furnishing information and to Assistant Commissioner Joseph Violetti, under whose direction it was compiled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harry F. McCracken'.

Harry F. McCracken  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Sonoma County

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1970-71

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1971	8,512	10.13	86,210	\$55.85		\$4,815,000
	1970	8,911	12.81	114,160	45.23		\$5,163,000
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1971	4,089	9.30	38,040	54.47		\$2,072,000
	1970	4,421	13.21	58,390	44.00		\$2,569,000
Fresh (a)	1971			4,660	98.28		\$458,000
	1970			5,930	124.79		740,000
Canned	1971			15,400	56.88		876,000
	1970			16,300	39.08		637,000
Juice-Cider	1971			15,100	40.79		616,000
	1970			28,800	29.90		861,000
Dried (b)	1971			2,880	42.36		122,000
	1970			7,360	44.97		331,000
<u>Late Apples</u>	1971	4,423	10.89	48,170	56.94		\$2,743,000
	1970	4,490	12.42	55,770	46.51		\$2,594,000
Fresh (a)	1971			5,700	95.96		547,000
	1970			8,520	103.64		883,000
Canned	1971			22,300	59.86		1,335,000
	1970			13,000	42.08		547,000
Juice-Cider	1971			14,300	40.70		582,000
	1970			24,900	29.84		743,000
Dried (b)	1971			5,870	47.53		279,000
	1970			9,350	45.03		421,000

(a) Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house

(b) Green tons

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1971	12,332	2.83	34,910	\$342.97		\$11,973,000
	1970	12,597	1.50	18,840	255.70		\$4,817,000
<u>Common</u>	1971			18,060	292.70		\$5,286,000
	1970			10,400	225.00		2,340,000
<u>Premium</u>	1971			16,850	396.85		6,687,000
	1970			8,440	293.50		2,477,000
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1971	1,491	5.72	8,530	79.54		\$678,500
	1970	1,878	3.38	6,350	120.99		\$768,300
Canned	1971			8,110	80.00		649,000
	1970			6,200	122.00		756,000
Fresh	1971			40	120.00		4,800
	1970			5	140.00		700
Dried (a)	1971			380	65.00		24,700
	1970			145	80.00		11,600
<u>PRUNES</u>							
	(b) 1971	11,250	1.10	12,400	270.00		\$3,348,000
	(c) 1970	15,284	1.19	18,300	250.00		\$4,575,000
<u>WALNUTS</u>							
	1971	1,023	.586	600	365.00		\$219,000
	1970	1,221	.20	240	400.00		\$96,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS (d)</u>							
	1971	300					\$150,000
	1970	439					\$175,000
<u>TOTAL (e)</u>							
	1971						\$21,183,500
	(c) 1970						\$15,594,300

(a) Green Tons

(b) Price applies to 68% salable tonnage but calculated for total crop

(c) Revised

(d) Includes plums, cherries, bushberries, black walnuts, etc.

(e) Total includes apples shown on previous page

<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>	1971	40,800	Lb.	.165	\$6,730
	1970	79,000	Lb.	.149	11,800
<u>WAX</u>	1971	510	Lb.	.65	330
	1970	1,260	Lb.	.599	755
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1971	1,390	Lb.	.50	695
	1970	1,440	Lb.	.75	1,080
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1971				1,710
	1970				2,850
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971				\$9,465
	1970				\$16,485

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1971	150	\$95,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1970	260	\$76,200

\* Includes: Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Melons, Mushrooms, etc.

SEED CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Total Production (in tons)</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1971	1,930	1,790	74.00	\$132,000
<u>SEED CROPS *</u>	1970	2,850	2,850	70.00	\$200,000

\* Includes Oats for seed

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## FIELD CROPS

1970-71

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1971	100	4.30	430	Ton	\$32.00	\$13,800
	1970	300	4.00	1,200	Ton	29.00	34,800
<u>Grain</u>	1971	25,000	2.72	68,000	Ton	27.00	1,836,000
	1970	24,600	2.34	57,500	Ton	24.50	1,409,000
<u>Wild</u>	1971	1,200	1.0	1,200	Ton	21.50	25,800
	1970	1,000	1.0	1,000	Ton	21.00	21,000
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1971	900	9.6	8,640	Ton	8.50	73,400
	1970	230	9.5	2,185	Ton	8.00	17,500
<u>OATS</u>	1971	1,570	.87	1,365	Ton	70.00	95,600
	1970	320	1.0	320	Ton	58.00	18,600
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1971	15,000			Acre	45.00	675,000
	1970	15,000			Acre	45.00	675,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1971	228,000			Acre	3.00	684,000
	1970	228,000			Acre	3.00	684,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1971	195,000			Acre	.40	78,000
	1970	195,000			Acre	.40	78,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1971	50			Acre	30.00	1,500
	1970	100			Acre	30.00	3,000
<u>ENSILAGE</u>	1971	1,000	15.0	15,000	Ton	10.00	150,000
	1970	1,120	13.5	15,100	Ton	9.60	145,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1971			3,400	Ton	12.50	42,500
	1970			3,000	Ton	12.00	36,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS *</u>	1971	300		300	Ton		18,000
	1970	700		770	Ton		44,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971						\$3,693,600
	1970						\$3,165,900

\* Includes Barley, Wheat, Grain Sorghum, etc.

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## NURSERY PRODUCTS

1970-71

<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>GRAPEVINES</u>						
<u>Non-Grafted</u>	1971	30.0	802,000	Plant	.269	\$216,000
	1970	17.0	608,000	Plant	.255	155,000
<u>Grafted</u>	1971	19.00	269,000	Plant	.498	134,000
	1970	12.00	319,000	Plant	.432	138,000
<u>ORNAMENTALS (a)</u>	1971		501,000	Plant	.77	386,000
	1970		456,000	Plant	.72	328,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1971		102,000	Flats	3.47	354,000
	1970		58,000	Flats	4.13	240,000
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1971		22,000	Tree	6.25	137,500
	1970		20,700	Tree	6.15	127,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (b)</u>	1971					104,000
	1970					213,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971					\$1,331,500
	1970					\$1,201,300

(a) Includes Liners

(b) Includes Deciduous Fruit &amp; Nut Trees, Cut Flowers, Bulbs, Rhizomes, Roots, etc.

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1970-71

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>			<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Number Of Head</u>	<u>Total Liveweight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES</u>	1971	55,000	283,210	Cwt.	\$27.77	\$7,865,000
	1970	49,000	237,865	Cwt.	27.42	6,524,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1971	68,600	65,600	Cwt.	14.98	983,000
	1970	69,500	61,930	Cwt.	21.30	1,319,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1971	1,780	4,318	Cwt.	19.52	84,300
	1970	3,000	8,390	Cwt.	22.76	191,000
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1971	5,148,000	21,538,000	Lb.	.187	4,040,000
	(a) 1970	3,000,000	12,000,000	Lb.	.18	2,160,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1971	513,000	2,120,000	Lb.	.05	107,000
	1970	881,000	3,760,000	Lb.	.059	223,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1971	10,064,000		Each	.116	1,167,000
	1970	16,540,000		Each	.141	2,337,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1971	244,000	4,333,000	Lb.	.204	885,000
	1970	359,000	5,521,000	Lb.	.213	1,177,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS</u> (b)	1971					1,164,000
	1970					1,144,494
<u>TOTAL</u>	1971					\$16,295,300
	(a) 1970					\$15,075,494

(a) Revised

(b) Includes Ducks, Ducklings, Turkey Poults and Rabbits



<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>	1971	5,059,000	Cwt.	\$5.68	\$28,727,000
	1970(a)	5,004,000	Cwt.	5.63	28,173,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1971	133,000	Cwt.	5.37	715,000
	1970(a)	154,000	Cwt.	5.11	787,000
<u>WOOL</u>					
	1971	466,000	Lb.	.26	121,000
	1970	535,000	Lb.	.35	187,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1971	33,161,000	Doz.	.24	7,959,000
	1970	34,287,000	Doz.	.318	10,903,000
<u>Hatching</u>	1971	709,000	Doz.	.702	498,000
	1970	1,494,000	Doz.	.69	1,031,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (b)</u>					
	1971				1,107,000
	1970				1,051,000
<u>TOTAL</u>					
	1971				\$39,127,000
	1970(a)				\$42,132,000

(a) Revised

(b) Includes market duck eggs and turkey hatching eggs

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1971-72 (NO. OF HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-71</u>	<u>1-1-72</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	115,800	114,700
Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over	47,300	45,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	69,500	59,200
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1,800	1,500
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	1,900,000	1,830,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	49,000	48,000

SONOMA COUNTY	SUMMARY	1970-71
	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$9,465	\$16,485
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	3,693,600	<del>3,165,900</del> 3,365,900
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	21,183,500	15,594,300*
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	16,295,300	15,075,494*
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	39,127,000	42,132,000*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	1,331,500	1,201,300
<u>SEED</u>	132,000	<del>200,000</del>
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	95,000	76,200
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$81,867,365	\$77,461,679*

\*Revised

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	2	-	2
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	4,089	154	4,243
<u>Delicious</u>	738	44	782
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	775	210	985
<u>Jonathan</u>	730	26	756
<u>Newtown</u>	84	3	87
<u>Rome</u>	1,552	286	1,838
<u>All Others</u>	544	25	569
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8,512</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>9,260</u>
<u>APRICOTS</u>	2	-	2
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	134	3	137
<u>All Others</u>	14	3	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>154</u>
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	1	-	1
<u>FIGS</u>	9	1	10
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>	12,332	2,611	14,943
(Note: See Following Pages For Breakdown)			
<u>CITRUS</u>	42	-	42
<u>OLIVES</u>	10	-	10
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	1	-	1
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	9	-	9
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,490	192	1,682
<u>All Others</u>	1	1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,491</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>1,684</u>
<u>PLUMS</u>	18	-	18
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	10,294	257	10,551
<u>Imperial</u>	924	8	932
<u>All Others</u>	32	-	32
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>11,250</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>11,515</u>
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,023	70	1,093
<u>Black</u>	7	22	29
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>1,122</u>
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			<u>38,776</u>

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BLACK WINE GRAPES  
(Grown in Sonoma County)

1971

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Alicante Bouschet	359	0	359
Alicante Ganzin	14	0	14
Barbera	48	0	48
Beclan	20	0	20
Bouschet, Petite	6	0	6
Burgundy, Early	193	19	212
Cabernet, Franc	71	0	71
Cabernet, Ruby	28	0	28
Cabernet, Sauvignon	696	933	1,629
Carignane	1,775	12	1,787
Gamay, Napa Valley	135	65	200
Gamay, Beaujolais	46	251	297
Grenache	44	2	46
Malbec	10	0	10
Malvoisie, Black	7	0	7
Mataro	12	0	12
Merlot	40	23	63
Meunier	4	0	4
Mission	18	0	18
Noir, Grand	81	0	81
Noir, Pinot	396	313	709
Refosco (Mondeuse)	28	1	29
Sangiovetto	78	0	78
Sirah, Petite	1,294	17	1,311
St. George, Pinot	26	0	26
Valdepenas	4	0	4
Zinfandel	3,719	102	3,821
Other Blacks	79	5	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,231</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>10,974</b>

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WHITE WINE GRAPES  
(Grown In Sonoma County)

1971

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Bianca, Malvasia	17	0	17
Blanc, Chenin	231	52	283
Blanc, Pinot	65	8	73
Blanc, Sauvignon	305	10	315
Burger	187	23	210
Chasselas Dore (Chasselas de Fontainbleu)	50	0	50
Chardonnay	179	301	480
Colombard, French	911	167	1,078
Flora	2	4	6
Folle blanche	25	0	25
Gewurtztraminer	62	36	98
Hungarian, Green	11	1	12
Muscabelle	4	0	4
Palomino (Golden Chasselas)	510	1	511
Riesling, Gray	16	107	123
Riesling, White	147	142	289
Sauvignon, Vert	72	4	76
Semillon	189	1	190
Sylvaner	94	11	105
Other White	24	0	24
TOTAL	3,101	868	3,969