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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



County Of Sonoma

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1966 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 1966 amounted to \$79,544,980, an all time high. A number of favorable circumstances accounted for this record. The primary factor was good weather throughout the season characterized by lack of frost, a warm dry spring, intermittent summer fogs without any serious temperature extremes and a long dry fall.

The apple crop was the largest of record. The prune crop was good and due to a short crop in other parts of the state, returns were generally good for Sonoma County growers. The quality of wine grapes was good and vintners had an excellent year.

The dairy industry of Sonoma County continues its steady growth due to its proximity to the Bay Area. This industry contributes to the agricultural economy of the county both in milk and meat animals. Egg prices were up an average of 4.6 cents per dozen, one of the best years poultrymen have had for some time.

A re-survey of orchards and vineyards was made this year, and some distinct changes in the acreages occurred as shown in this report. The changes were principally the result of a change in the method of reporting. Small units which formerly were considered an economic factor in crop production were eliminated.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who have cooperated with my staff in furnishing information. This report was compiled under the direction of Deputy Joseph Violetti.

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>	1966	8,570	14.76	126,500	56.66		\$7,168,000
	1965	9,175	5.28	48,510	72.72		3,528,000
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1966	4,399	15.68	69,000	56.26		\$3,882,200
	1965	5,091	3.40	17,330	78.60		\$1,362,000
Fresh (a)	1966			4,480	110.00		\$493,000
	1965			2,500	132.00		330,000
Canned	1966			30,300	61.20		1,854,000
	1965			9,290	80.00		743,000
Juice-Cider	1966			15,100	40.00		604,000
	1965			4,300	49.00		211,000
Dried (b)	1966			18,800	49.00		921,000
	1965			1,240	63.00		78,000
Misc. (c)	1966			320	32.00		10,200
	1965			-	-		-
<u>Late Apples</u>	1966	4,171	13.78	57,500	57.14		\$3,285,800
	1965	4,084	7.63	31,180	69.46		\$2,166,000
Fresh (a)	1966			3,700	102.00		377,000
	1965			3,330	116.00		386,000
Canned	1966			18,900	55.60		1,051,000
	1965			12,000	68.00		816,000
Juice-Cider	1966			8,780	39.00		342,000
	1965			4,450	50.00		223,000
Dried (b)	1966			24,900	58.90		1,467,000
	1965			11,400	65.00		741,000
Misc. (c)	1966			1,220	40.00		48,800
	1965			-	-		-

(a) Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house

(b) Green tons

(c) Includes chops and vinegar

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>BUSHBERRIES</u>	1966	109	2.12	231	\$342.00		\$79,000
	1965	145	1.55	225	420.00		94,500
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1966	262	1.62	425	350.00		149,000
	1965	354	1.24	440	320.00		141,000
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u> <u>ALL</u>	1966	11,572	2.73	31,630	102.49		3,242,000
	1965	11,188	2.88	32,370	107.20		3,470,000
<u>Common</u>	1966			29,600	97.00	\$2,871,000	
	1965			27,500	103.00	2,832,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1966			2,030	183.00	371,000	
	1965			4,870	131.00	638,000	
<u>PEARS</u> <u>Bartlett</u>	1966	2,044	5.52	11,285	74.52		841,000
	1965	1,848	3.36	6,220	133.90		832,900
<u>Canned</u>	1966			11,000	75.00	825,000	
	1965			6,200	134.00	831,000	
<u>Fresh</u>	1966			20	120.00	2,400	
	1965			5	200.00	1,000	
<u>Dried (a)</u>	1966			265	51.30	13,600	
	1965			15	60.00	900	
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1966	15,807	1.44	22,870	318.23		7,278,000
	1965	16,243	1.28	20,980	205.54		4,302,000
<u>French</u>	1966			20,000	320.00	6,400,000	
	1965			16,700	211.00	3,524,000	
<u>Imperial</u>	1966			2,200	338.00	744,000	
	1965			1,100	238.00	262,000	
<u>Substandard</u>	1966			670	200.00	134,000	
	1965			3,130	165.00	516,000	
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1966	1,179	.512	604	424.00		256,000
	1965	1,575	.29	460	400.00		184,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1966	106	3.42	362	39.00		14,100
	1965	93	2.3	215	33.30		7,160
<u>MISC. (b)</u>	1966	217					37,000
	1965	258					62,000
<u>TOTAL (c)</u>	1966						\$19,064,100
	1965						\$12,621,560

(a) Green Tons

(b) Includes citrus, plums, blueberries, etc.

(c) Includes apples shown on previous page

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APIARY PRODUCTS

1965-66

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1966	174,000	Lb.	.11	\$19,100
	1965	151,000	Lb.	.10	15,100
<u>WAX</u>	1966	2,600	Lb.	.43	1,120
	1965	2,738	Lb.	.42	1,150
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1966	3,400	Lb.	.65	2,210
	1965	2,000	Lb.	.50	1,000
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1966				13,100
	1965				15,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1966				\$35,530
	1965				\$32,250

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>	1966	370				\$105,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1965	380				\$203,000

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

SEED 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>	1966					\$5,000
<u>SEED CROPS</u>	1965					\$4,000

*Includes: vetch seed (recovered)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BARLEY</u>	1966	100	1.0	100	Ton	\$51.00	5,100
	1965	100	1.0	100	Ton	49.00	4,900
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1966	300	3.5	1,050	Ton	27.00	28,400
	1965	150	3.0	450	Ton	24.00	10,800
<u>Grain</u>	1966	26,000	2.2	57,000	Ton	24.00	1,368,000
	1965	24,000	3.0	72,000	Ton	23.00	1,656,000
<u>Wild</u>	1966	1,500	1.0	1,500	Ton	20.00	30,000
	1965	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1966	1,370	8.5	11,600	Ton	8.00	92,800
	1965	1,480	9.0	13,300	Ton	7.50	99,900
<u>OATS</u>	1966	6,440	1.09	7,000	Ton	56.70	397,000
	1965	8,000	1.02	8,210	Ton	52.00	427,000
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1966	15,000			Acre	50.00	750,000
	1965	19,000			Acre	55.00	1,045,000
<u>Grassland*</u>	1966	231,000			Acre	3.00	693,000
	1965	285,000			Acre	3.50	997,500
<u>Woodland*</u>	1966	215,000			Acre	.40	86,000
	1965	175,000			Acre	.40	70,000
<u>Sudan*</u>	1966	100			Acre	40.00	4,000
	1965	100			Acre	45.00	4,500
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1966	1,000	15.00	15,000	Ton	9.00	135,000
	1965	1,050	13.00	13,700	Ton	8.00	110,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1966			2,370	Ton	12.00	28,400
	1965			4,000	Ton	14.00	56,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1966	50	1.0	50	Ton	51.00	2,550
	1965	50	1.0	50	Ton	62.00	3,100
<u>TOTAL</u>	1966						\$3,620,250
	1965						\$4,484,700

*Acreage from U. S. Soil Conservation Service

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NURSERY PRODUCTS

1965-66

Item	Year	Production Field Acres	Sold	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT</u>	1966	4	44,700	Plant	.85	\$38,000
<u>& NUT TREES</u>	1965	4	37,100	Plant	.85	31,500
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>						
<u>Non-grafted</u>	1966	3	68,000	Plant	.15	10,200
	1965	7	51,200	Plant	.14	7,170
<u>Grafted</u>	1966	11	160,000	Plant	.34	54,400
	1965	12	177,000	Plant	.34	60,200
<u>Certified</u>	1966	6	167,000	Plant	.25	41,800
<u>(non-grafted)</u>	1965	2	43,500	Plant	.23	10,000
<u>ORNAMENTALS*</u>	1966		594,000	Plant	.66	392,000
	1965		535,000	Plant	.63	338,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1966		66,300	Flats	3.15	209,000
	1965		66,800	Flats	2.97	199,000
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES</u>	1966		29,000	Each	.40	11,600
<u>ROOTS</u>	1965		33,400	Each	.55	18,400
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1966		1,000	Doz.	1.00	1,000
	1965		1,200	Doz.	1.83	2,200
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1966		16,500	Tree	4.12	68,000
	1965**		19,000	Tree	4.27	81,100
<u>TOTAL</u>	1966					\$826,000
	1965**					\$747,570

*Includes Liners

**Revised

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>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>	1966	66,000	378,000	Cwt.	\$20.50	\$7,749,000
	1965	67,000	345,350	Cwt.	19.10	6,596,000
<u>PUREBRED BEEF CATTLE</u>	1966	445		Head	460.00	205,000
	1965	460		Head	450.00	207,000
<u>PUREBRED SHEEP</u>	1966	540		Head	65.00	35,100
	1965	500		Head	60.00	30,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1966	98,000	97,100	Cwt.	14.55	1,413,000
	1965	106,000	96,000	Cwt.	16.20	1,557,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1966	3,500	8,050	Cwt.	23.80	192,000
	1965	4,500	9,900	Cwt.	21.40	212,000
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1966	8,130,000	29,039,000	Lb.	.174	5,053,000
	1965	8,633,000	32,070,000	Lb.	.18	5,821,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1966	602,000	2,861,000	Lb.	.101	289,000
	1965	1,228,000	5,235,000	Lb.	.068	357,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1966	16,063,000		Each	.131	2,104,000
	1965	13,999,000		Each	.135	1,890,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1966	556,000	9,714,000	Lb.	.23	2,234,000
	1965	386,575	6,608,000	Lb.	.231	1,527,000
<u>RABBITS</u>	1966	29,100	132,000	Lb.	.25	33,000
	1965	37,800	170,000	Lb.	.24	40,800
<u>OTHER POULTRY PRODUCTS*</u>	1966	426,000				515,000
	1965	571,000				630,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1966					\$19,822,100
	1965					\$18,867,800

*Includes Ducks, Ducklings and Turkey Poults

<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>	1966	4,536,000	Cwt.	\$5.05	\$22,907,000
	1965(a)	4,314,000	Cwt.	4.92	21,225,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1966	162,000	Cwt.	4.40	713,000
	1965(a)	216,000	Cwt.	3.91	845,000
<u>WOOL (b)</u>	1966	763,000	Lb.	.519	396,000
	1965	979,000	Lb.	.51	500,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1966	30,403,000	Doz.	.341	10,367,000
	1965	30,557,000	Doz.	.295	9,014,000
<u>Hatching</u>	1966	1,417,000	Doz.	.65	921,000
	1965	1,148,000	Doz.	.628	721,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (c)</u>	1966				763,000
	1965				1,024,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1966				\$36,067,000
	1965(a)				\$33,329,000

(a) Revised

(b) Does not include incentive payments

(c) Includes market duck eggs and turkey hatching eggs

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1966-67 (NO. OF HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-66</u>	<u>1-1-67</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL*</u>	109,100	112,400
Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over*	52,000	54,100
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL*</u>	99,000	92,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS*</u>	3,600	2,200
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	1,770,000	1,711,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	58,000	50,000

*Revised estimates from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

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SUMMARY

1965-66

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$35,530	\$32,250
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	3,620,250	4,484,700
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	19,064,100	12,621,560
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	19,822,100	18,867,800
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	36,067,000	33,329,000*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	826,000	747,570*
<u>SEED</u>	5,000	4,000
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	105,000	203,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$79,544,980	\$70,289,880*

*Revised

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	1	-	1
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	4,399	226	4,625
<u>Delicious</u>	744	60	804
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	675	214	889
<u>Jonathan</u>	720	30	750
<u>Newtown</u>	101	3	104
<u>Rome</u>	1,327	256	1,583
<u>All Others</u>	604	54	658
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,570	843	9,413
<u>APRICOTS</u>	6	-	6
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	233	11	244
<u>All Others</u>	29	15	44
<u>TOTAL</u>	262	26	288
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	1	-	1
<u>FIGS</u>	9	1	10
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	497	-	497
<u>Burger</u>	171	22	193
<u>Carignane</u>	1,892	149	2,041
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	709	3	712
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,393	47	1,440
<u>Sauvignon</u>	399	4	403
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,892	165	4,057
<u>All Others</u>	2,619	781	3,400
<u>TOTAL</u>	11,572	1,171	12,743
<u>CITRUS</u>	46	-	46
<u>OLIVES</u>	48	-	48
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	3	-	3
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	67	-	67
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	2,044	359	2,403
<u>All Others</u>	12	3	15
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,056	362	2,418
<u>PLUMS</u>	21	1	22
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	14,133	1,129	15,262
<u>Imperial</u>	1,630	35	1,665
<u>All Others</u>	44	5	49
<u>TOTAL</u>	15,807	1,169	16,976
<u>QUINCE</u>	-	-	-
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,179	111	1,290
<u>Black</u>	106	-	106
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,285	111	1,396
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			43,441