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Sonoma County  
Department of Agriculture

# Agricultural Crop Report



Year 1950

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1950 ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR SONOMA COUNTY

COMPILED BY THE SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>*GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>APPLES</u>				
<u>Fresh</u>				
Gravenstein	7,465	597,123 boxes	@ \$ 2.01 \$1,202,274	
Late Varieties	3,409	193,548 boxes	@ 2.10 406,328	
<u>Processed</u>				
<u>Gravenstein</u>				
Canned		9,764 tons	@ 42.28 412,871	
Juice-Cider		5,886 tons	@ 31.91 188,155	
Vinegar		3,097 tons	@ 9.36 28,928	
Un-Classified		929 tons	@ 37.50 34,704	
<u>Late Varieties</u>				
Canned		9,423 tons	@ 49.27 464,275	
Juice-Cider		1,267 tons	@ 31.07 39,365	
Vinegar		590 tons	@ 9.88 5,832	
Un-Classified		837 tons	@ 43.64 36,525	
<u>Dried &amp; Chops</u>				
Gravenstein		11,231 green tons	@ 30.67 346,170	
Late Varieties		2,338 green tons	@ 38.28 80,510	
				\$3,254,937
<u>CHERRIES</u>				
	636			
Processed		1,098 tons	@ 215.00 236,070	
Fresh		100 tons	@ 280.00 28,000	
				264,070
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	15,849	18,000 tons	@ 83.75	1,507,500
<u>PEARS</u>				
	2,072			
Canned		9,074 tons	@ 67.50 612,495	
Dried		350 green tons	@ 12.50 4,375	
Fresh		200 tons	@ 67.70 13,540	
				630,410
<u>PLUMS</u>				
	174			
Canned		442 tons	@ 40.00 17,680	
Fresh		10,000 lugs	@ 1.00 10,000	
				27,680
<u>PRUNES</u>				
French	15,475	22,507 dry tons	@ 250.00 5,626,750	
Imperial	2,863	3,050 dry tons	@ 315.00 960,760	
				6,587,500
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1,093	206 tons	@ 383.00	78,898
<u>MISC. ORCHARD</u>	225			22,500
				\$12,373,495

\*Naked fruit delivered to packing house or processor.

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Artichokes	97	4,150 boxes @ \$ 2.25	\$ 9,337	
Asparagus	7	7,000 lbs. @ .20	1,400	
Berries	670			
Fresh		50 ton @ 250.00	12,500	
Processed		950 ton @ 175.00	166,250	
Cabbage	15	1,500 crates @ 1.50	2,250	
Corn, Sweet	107	10,700 " @ 2.00	21,400	
Lettuce	21	2,100 " @ 1.25	2,625	
Peas	75	1,875 tubs @ 2.50	4,688	
Potatoes	279	25,110 cwt. @ 2.25	56,497	
Rhubarb	6	2,300 boxes @ 1.00	2,300	
Squash	20	100 tons @ 40.00	4,000	
Tomatoes	8	1,600 lugs @ 1.25	2,000	
Mixed Vegetables	97		<u>18,400</u>	
				\$ 303,647

FIELD CROPS

Barley	1,525	30,500 cwt @ \$ 2.75	\$ 83,875
Hay			
Alfalfa	250	1,000 ton @ 30.00	30,000
Grain, etc.	13,000	32,500 ton @ 20.00	650,000
Hops	2,796		
Total Crop		4,432,728 lbs.)	
Salable Allotment		3,798,848 lbs.)	2,133,433
Harvested		3,759,835 lbs.)	
Pasture			
Permanent Irrigated	5,500		275,000
Oats	24,000	432,900 cwt.) @ 3.05	1,649,745
Oats and)	7,200	108,000 cwt.) @ 6.00	259,200
Vetch )		43,200 cwt.) @ 6.00	
Wheat	475	7,600 cwt. @ 3.50	<u>26,600</u>

\$ 5,107,853

SEED & NURSERY CROPS

Nursery			
Trees and Grapevines			\$ 30,000
Ornamental			75,000
Seeds			
Certified	661 )		
Vegetable	1,149 )		<u>633,500</u>

\$ 738,500

APIARY PRODUCTS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Honey	50,000 lbs.	@	.10	\$ 5,000	
Wax	1,500 lbs.	@	.45	675	
Package Bees	600 pkg.	@	3.00	1,800	
Queens	200	@	1.25	250	
Pollination	3,300 colonies	@	2.50	<u>8,250</u>	
					\$ 15,975

POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs	44,520,915 doz	@	.40	\$17,808,366	\$17,808,366
<u>Hatching Eggs</u>					
Light Breeds	1,574,497 doz	@	.58	913,209	
Dark Breeds	1,129,331 doz	@	.65	<u>734,065</u>	1,647,274
<u>Chickens sold for meat</u>					
Broilers and Fryers	24,600,450 lbs.	@	.30	7,380,135	
Hens	16,220,500 lbs.	@	.20	<u>3,244,100</u>	10,624,235
<u>Turkeys</u>					
Meat Birds	220,250 birds	@	6.20	1,365,550	
Turkey Eggs	985,500 eggs	@	.29	<u>285,795</u>	1,651,345
Ducks	4,300 ducks	@	1.10	4,730	
Duck eggs	57,000 eggs	@	.07	<u>3,990</u>	8,720
Geese & Pigeons					2,500
Poultry Fertilizer	66,000 tons	@	1.50		<u>99,000</u>
					\$31,841,440

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>Milk</u>					
Market	9,124,000 lbs. fat	@	1.11	\$10,127,640	
Manufactured	3,035,000 lbs. fat	@	.79	<u>2,397,650</u>	\$12,525,290
Swine	10,000 head	@	40.00		400,000
<u>Sheep</u>					
Lambs	75,000	@	18.20	1,365,000	
Wool	837,000 lbs.	@	.60	<u>502,200</u>	1,867,200
Cattle and Calves	45,035 head				5,109,588
<u>Rabbits</u>					
Fryers	681,000 lbs.	@	.24	163,440	
Stews	78,000 lbs.	@	.12	9,360	
Fertilizer	76 ton	@	1.50	<u>114</u>	172,914
					\$20,074,992

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		12,373,495
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS		20,074,992
POULTRY PRODUCTS		31,841,440
SEED AND NURSERY CROPS		738,500
VEGETABLE CROPS		<u>303,647</u>
	\$	70,455,902

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1946 FARM VALUE	\$	75,865,479
1947 FARM VALUE	\$	62,791,748
1948 FARM VALUE	\$	72,372,948
1949 FARM VALUE	\$	67,065,160
1950 FARM VALUE	\$	70,455,902

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