

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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1961

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 1961 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 1961 amounted to \$77,729,020 as compared to \$75,656,457 for the year 1960. This is an increase of \$2,072,563.

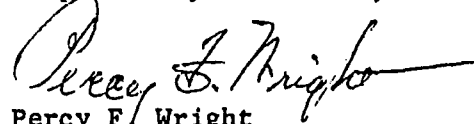
Fruit crops accounted for most of the increase. Apple, prune, and pear production was good with satisfactory prices. Wine grape production was again considerably below normal, but prices were as high as in the war years.

The total value of animals and poultry sold in 1961 was higher than in 1960 primarily due to increased production and particularly of turkeys. Prices in a number of instances were lower than in 1960.

Hops, which were for many years one of the outstanding crops in Sonoma County have all been removed. String beans replaced some of this acreage and they are also declining in importance. Most of the former hop land has been planted to orchards.

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		
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1961	8,541	12.84	109,703	\$ 52.90		\$5,807,240
	1960	8,354	9.24	77,212	59.47		\$4,591,570
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1961	5,110	12.65	64,645	49.70		\$3,215,900
	1960	5,094	9.70	49,409	55.17		\$2,734,496
Fresh*	1961			6,280	102.00		\$640,000
	1960			5,788	107.38		621,515
Canned	1961			24,800	55.20		1,369,000
	1960			24,556	63.33		1,555,131
Juice- Cider	1961			11,300	31.80		359,000
	1960			7,132	29.48		210,251
Chops	1961			885	30.00		26,600
	1960			--	--		--
Vinegar	1961			780	10.00		7,800
	1960			284	8.00		2,272
Dried**	1961			18,500	43.40		803,000
	1960			9,381	35.09		329,179
Fermenting	1961			2,100	5.00		10,500
	1960			2,268	7.12		16,148
<u>Late Apples</u>	1961	3,431	13.13	45,058	57.50		\$2,591,340
	1960	3,260	8.53	27,811	66.79		\$1,857,074
Fresh*	1961			4,520	92.90		420,000
	1960			7,240	107.50		778,838
Canned	1961			18,500	56.10		1,038,000
	1960			13,883	60.16		835,201
Juice- Cider	1961			4,280	32.50		139,000
	1960			2,712	31.48		85,374
Chops	1961			724	40.00		
	1960			--	--		--
Vinegar	1961			234	10.00		2,340
	1960			61	8.00		488
Dried	1961			15,800	60.60		957,000
	1960			3,902	40.28		157,173
Fermenting	1961			1,000	6.00		6,000
	1960			--	--		--

*Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house.

**Green tons.

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total	
<u>BUSHBERRIES*</u>	1961	270	1.89	510	\$337.00	\$172,000	
	1960	274	2.10	574	291.00	167,034	
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1961	337	2.44	822	313.00	257,000	
	1960	337	1.59	536	320.00	171,520	
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1961	10,625	2.23	23,700	135.00	3,200,000	
	1960	10,705	2.20	23,478	90.00	2,113,020	
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1961	1,629	7.10	11,558	96.00	1,114,500	
	1960	1,621	7.25	11,746	77.06	905,101	
Canned	1961			11,300	98.00	\$1,107,000	
	1960			10,846	80.54	873,537	
Fresh	1961			18	125.00	2,300	
	1960			21	105.00	2,205	
Dried**	1961			240	21.00	5,200	
	1960			879	33.40	29,359	
<u>PRUNES, ALL</u>	1961	14,197	1.87	26,520	320.81	8,508,000	
	1960	13,918	1.62	22,460	377.61	8,481,294	
<u>French</u>	1961			23,000	320.00	7,360,000	
	1960			18,226	384.00	6,998,784	
<u>Imperial</u>	1961			2,870	350.00	1,005,000	
	1960			2,359	390.00	920,010	
<u>Substandard</u>	1961			650	220.00	143,000	
	1960			1,875	300.00	562,500	
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	1961		23.00	5.00	120	252.00	30,200
	1960		23.75	4.46	106	258.31	27,381
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1961	1,507	.23	341	493.00	168,000	
	1960	1,494	.38	563	564.30	317,701	
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1961	108	2.31	250	33.30	8,330	
	1960	108	2.55	275	33.33	9,166	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS***</u>	1961	252				23,000	
	1960	212				21,000	
<u>TOTAL****</u>	1961					\$19,288,270	
	1960					\$16,804,787	

*Includes Blueberries.

**Green Tons.

***Includes Peaches, Apricots, Plums, Olives, etc.

****Includes Apples shown on previous page.

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Total
<u>BEANS, GREEN</u>	1961	250	5.68	1,420	\$109.00	\$155,000
	1960	296	6.4	1,904	122.18	232,631
<u>MISCELLANEOUS TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1961	110				30,000
	1960	140				<u>39,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961					\$185,000
	1960					<u>\$272,831</u>

*Includes: Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Melons, etc.

SEED CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production (in lbs.)		Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Unit	Total
<u>PASTURE GRASS SEED</u>	1961	348	814	284,000	\$.17	\$48,300
	1960	422	842	355,500	.138	49,059
<u>VEGETABLE SEED*</u>	1961	350	640	224,000	.31	69,400
	1960	288	474	136,450	.305	41,617
<u>VETCH SEED (recovered)</u>	1961			212,000	.06	12,700
	1960			100,000	.09	<u>9,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961					\$130,400
	1960					<u>\$118,851</u>

*Includes Beet, Endive, Chickory.

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BARLEY</u>	1961	386	.9	347	Ton	\$45.00	\$15,600
	1960	296	.9	266	Ton	43.00	11,438
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa Hay</u>	1961	350	4.0	1,400	Ton	24.00	33,600
	1960	300	4.0	1,200	Ton	30.00	36,000
<u>Grain Hay</u>	1961	31,000	2.5	77,500	Ton	19.00	1,473,000
	1960	31,000	2.8	86,800	Ton	24.50	2,126,600
<u>Green Chop</u>	1961	1,800	12.5	22,500	Ton	6.50	146,000
	1960	710	13.2	9,372	Ton	6.50	60,918
<u>HOPS</u>	1961	--	--	--	--	--	--
	1960	229	1,529	350,200	Lb.	.54	189,108
<u>OATS, GRAIN</u>	1961	11,000	1.0	11,000	Ton	46.00	506,000
	1960	10,000	1.0	10,000	Ton	44.00	440,000
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1961	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
	1960	15,000			Acre	60.00	900,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1961	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
	1960	294,000			Acre	4.00	1,176,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1961	180,000			Acre	.40	72,000
	1960	180,000			Acre	.40	72,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1961	300			Acre	40.00	12,000
	1960	300			Acre	40.00	12,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	1961	354	.4	142	Ton	80.00	11,400
	1960	650	.4	260	Ton	75.00	19,500
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1961	1,600	16.5	26,400	Ton	7.00	185,000
	1960	1,490	17.1	25,421	Ton	8.00	203,368
<u>STRAW</u>	1961			8,200	Ton	10.00	82,000
	1960			7,800	Ton	10.00	78,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1961	17	1.0	17	Ton	64.00	1,090
	1960	38	1.0	38	Ton	69.00	2,622
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961						\$4,613,690
	1960						\$5,327,554

Item	Year	Production Field Acres	Sold	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREES</u>	1961	15	148,000	Plant	\$.83	\$123,000
	1960	15	128,364	Plant	.82	105,258
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>	1961	18	217,000	Plant	.28	60,800
	1960	6	122,500	Plant	.29	35,525
<u>St. George</u>	1961	5	101,000	Plant	.10	10,100
	1960	5	104,150	Plant	.10	10,415
<u>ORNAMENTALS</u>	1961		522,000	Plant	.85	444,000
	1960		453,600	Plant	.80	362,880
<u>BEDDING PLANTS*</u>	1961		80,000	Flat	1.85	148,000
	1960		73,479	Flat	1.83	134,467
<u>HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS</u>	1961		18,000	Plant	.95	17,100
	1960		16,456	Plant	.92	15,140
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES ROOTS</u>	1961		37,000	Each	.42	15,500
	1960		33,950	Each	.42	14,259
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1961		2,000	Doz.	1.00	2,000
	1960		6,500	Doz.	1.00	6,500
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1961	70	3,000	Tree	3.75	11,300
	1960	60	2,240	Tree	3.50	7,840
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961					\$831,800
	1960					\$692,284

*Approximately 85,000 square feet of growing area.

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>HONEY</u>	1961	131,000	Lb.	\$.11	\$14,400
	1960	210,700	Lb.	.099	20,859
<u>WAX</u>	1961	2,170	Lb.	.43	930
	1960	3,511	Lb.	.45	1,580
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1961	2,200	Lb.	.50	1,100
	1960	2,000	Lb.	.50	1,000
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1961				12,800
	1960				13,750
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961				\$29,230
	1960				\$37,189

<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>	1961	62,000	320,000	Cwt.	\$20.50	\$6,560,000
	1960	59,000	304,833	Cwt.	20.17	6,148,482
<u>LAMBS</u>	1961	120,000	102,000	Cwt.	14.00	1,428,000
	1960	119,000	101,150	Cwt.	15.00	1,517,250
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1961	6,500	13,000	Cwt.	20.00	260,000
	1960	6,500	13,000	Cwt.	20.00	260,000
<u>DUCKLINGS</u>	1961	50,000		Each	.25	12,500
	1960	50,000		Each	.25	12,500
<u>BROILERS AND FRYERS</u>	1961	5,879,000	17,637,000	Lb.	.15	2,646,000
	1960	5,136,030	17,976,117	Lb.	.19	3,415,462
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1961	3,554,000	14,216,000	Lb.	.06	853,000
	1960	2,113,500	8,454,000	Lb.	.10	845,400
<u>DUCKS</u>	1961	124,000	618,000	Lb.	.41	253,400
	1960	115,838	658,283	Lb.	.32	210,651
<u>CHICKS</u>	1961	15,838,000		Each	.156	2,471,000
	1960	12,998,000		Each	.152	1,975,696
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1961	648,000	12,960,000	Lb.	.20	2,592,000
	1960	371,550	7,431,050	Lb.	.275	2,043,539
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1961	562,000		Each	.571	321,000
	1960	84,300		Each	.554	46,702
<u>RABBITS</u>	1961	70,000	382,000	Lb.	.20	76,400
	1960	128,890	515,580	Lb.	.25	128,895
<u>TOTAL</u>	1961					\$17,473,300
	1960					\$16,604,577

<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>	1961	3,559,000	Cwt.	\$5.23	\$18,614,000
	1960	3,417,023	Cwt.	5.37	18,349,414
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1961	517,000	Cwt.	3.34	1,727,000
	1960	621,347	Cwt.	3.20	1,988,310
<u>WOOL*</u>	1961	1,166,000	Lb.	.50	583,000
	1960	1,325,000	Lb.	.40	530,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1961	40,184,000	Doz.	.31	12,457,000
	1960	38,765,000	Doz.	.34	13,180,100
<u>Hatching</u>	1961	1,404,000	Doz.	.55	772,200
	1960	1,003,728	Doz.	.60	602,237
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1961	4,201,000	Each	.23	966,200
	1960	2,938,800	Each	.362	1,063,846
<u>EGGS, DUCK</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1961	5,450	Doz.	.50	2,730
	1960	22,870	Doz.	.45	10,292
<u>Hatching</u>	1961	190,000	Each	.08	15,200
	1960	196,068	Each	.08	15,685
<u>OTHER ANIMAL AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>					
	1961				40,000
	1960				58,500
<u>TOTAL</u>					
	1961				\$35,177,330
	1960				\$35,798,384

*Does not include incentive payments.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1961-62 (NO. HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-61</u>	<u>1-1-62</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	90,000	93,000
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over</u>	55,000	56,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	143,000	150,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	8,000	8,000
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	2,326,000	2,411,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	44,500	58,300

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$29,230	\$37,189
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,613,690	5,327,954 5,446,405
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	19,288,270	16,804,787
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	17,473,300	16,604,577
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	35,177,330	35,798,384
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	831,800	692,284
<u>SEED</u>	130,400	118,851
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>272,831</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$77,729,020</u>	<u>\$75,656,457</u>

CITRUS
OLIVE

<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>	5,110	368	5,478
<u>Delicious</u>	640	173	813
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	408	281	689
<u>Jonathan</u>	665	90	755
<u>Newtown</u>	99	8	107
<u>Rome</u>	1,031	481	1,512
<u>All Others</u>	588	70	658
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,541	1,471	10,012
		<i>1103 368 1471</i>	
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	299	57	356
<u>All Others</u>	38	16	54
<u>TOTAL</u>	337	73	410
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	556	-	556
<u>Burger</u>	116	14	130
<u>Carignane</u>	1,731	91	1,822
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	719	2	721
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,493	16	1,509
<u>Sauvignon</u>	396	1	397
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,964	49	4,013
<u>All Others</u>	1,650	276	1,926
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,625	449	11,074
<u>CITRUS</u>	21	32	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	71	10	81
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,623	609	2,232
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,629	609	2,238
		<i>32 10 42</i>	
<u>PLUMS</u>	54	1	45
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	12,403	3,681	16,084
<u>Imperial</u>	1,730	217	1,947
<u>All Others</u>	64	68	132
<u>TOTAL</u>	14,197	3,966	18,163
		<i>14197 50 143</i>	
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,507	235	1,742
<u>Black</u>	-	-	89
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,507	235	1,831
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			44,016