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**AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT**

***1965***

**County Of Sonoma**

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**SONOMA COUNTY 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 1965 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 1965 amounted to \$70,668,280 as compared to \$73,020,630 in 1964. This is a decrease of \$2,352,350.

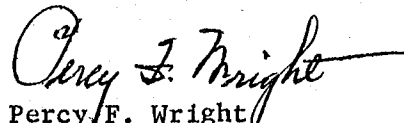
A short apple crop and lower prune values were the primary cause of the decrease. Poor pollination due to inclement weather and low vigor of apple trees as a result of a record crop the previous year accounted for the low production. Gravenstein apples had the lowest yield of record. Prune production was below normal and fifteen percent of the crop was of substandard quality. Prices were down.

The value of livestock was higher in line with the national trend. Fewer turkeys were marketed which offset this increase. Other farm marketings did not show any major change from the previous year.

It is important to point out that the gross value of agricultural production for Sonoma County has remained within a narrow range for the past twenty years. This corresponds closely with the National Farm Income. Every other major industry has shared in a historic economic expansion. Since 1945 industrial income has advanced approximately 233 percent while farm income has advanced only nine percent.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have cooperated with my staff in furnishing information. Deputy Joseph Violetti was in charge of the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Percy F. Wright  
Agricultural Commissioner  
of  
Sonoma County

## SONOMA COUNTY

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1964-65

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1965	9,175	5.28	48,510	\$ 72.72		\$3,528,000
	1964	9,039	13.47	121,840	36.70		\$4,472,100
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1965	5,091	3.40	17,330	78.60	\$1,362,000	
	1964	5,086	14.10	71,760	36.93	\$2,650,800	
Fresh*	1965			2,500	132.00	330,000	
	1964			4,610	83.94	387,000	
Canned	1965			9,290	80.00	743,000	
	1964			35,240	43.95	1,549,000	
Juice- Cider	1965			4,300	49.00	211,000	
	1964			16,560	22.82	378,000	
Chops	1965			-	-	-	
	1964			640	20.00	12,800	
Vinegar	1965			-	-	-	
	1964			680	11.76	8,000	
Dried**	1965			1,240	63.00	78,000	
	1964			14,030	22.52	316,000	
<u>Late Apples</u>	1965	4,084	7.63	31,180	69.46	\$2,166,000	
	1964	3,953	12.66	50,080	36.36	\$1,821,300	
Fresh*	1965			3,330	116.00	386,000	
	1964			5,540	80.86	448,000	
Canned	1965			12,000	68.00	816,000	
	1964			25,600	34.10	873,000	
Juice- Cider	1965			4,450	50.00	223,000	
	1964			12,600	23.25	293,000	
Vinegar	1965			-	-	-	
	1964			440	12.04	5,300	
Dried**	1965			11,400	65.00	741,000	
	1964			5,900	34.23	202,000	

\*Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house.  
 \*\*Green tons.

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>BUSHBERRIES</u>	1965	145	1.55	225	\$420.00		\$94,500
	1964	187	1.74	326	350.00		114,000
<u>CHERRIES</u>	1965	354	1.24	440	320.00		141,000
	1964	345	1.25	430	320.00		138,000
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1965	11,188	2.88	32,370	107.20		3,470,000
	<u>ALL</u>	1964	10,770	2.44	26,340	136.67	
<u>Common</u>	1965			27,500	103.00	\$2,832,000	
	1964			22,900	134.75	3,086,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1965			4,870	131.00	638,000	
	1964			3,440	149.40	514,000	
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1965	1,848	3.36	6,220	133.90		832,900
	1964	1,754	6.77	12,206	88.40		1,079,020
Canned	1965			6,200	134.00	831,000	
	1964			11,800	90.00	1,062,000	
Fresh	1965			5	200.00	1,000	
	1964			14	180.00	2,520	
Dried(a)	1965			15	60.00	900	
	1964			392	37.00	14,500	
<u>PRUNES, ALL(b)</u>	1965	16,243	1.28	20,930	205.54		4,302,000
	1964	15,743	1.37	21,640	247.00		5,346,000
<u>French</u>	1965			16,700	211.00	3,524,000	
	1964			19,600	244.00	4,782,000	
<u>Imperial</u>	1965			1,100	238.00	262,000	
	1964			1,300	343.00	446,000	
<u>Substandard</u>	1965			3,130	165.00	516,000	
	1964			740	160.00	118,000	
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1965	1,575	.29	460	400.00		184,000
	1964	1,540	.34	524	456.00		239,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>	1965	93	2.3	215	33.30		7,160
	1964	89	3.1	275	33.30		9,160
<u>MISCELLANEOUS(c)</u>	1965	258					62,000
	1964	272					95,000
<u>TOTAL(d)</u>	1965						\$12,621,560
	1964						\$15,092,280

(a) Green tons.

(b) Price applies to "free tonnage" - 80 percent of crop value calculated on total crop.

(c) Includes - citrus, plums, blueberries, etc.

(d) Includes apples shown on previous page.

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## APIARY PRODUCTS

1964-65

<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>	1965	151,000	Lb.	\$.10	\$15,100
	1964	149,000	Lb.	.125	18,700
<u>WAX</u>	1965	2,738	Lb.	.42	1,150
	1964	1,250	Lb.	.44	550
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1965	2,000	Lb.	.50	1,000
	1964	3,800	Lb.	.50	1,900
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1965				15,000
	1964				12,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1965				\$32,250
	1964				\$33,150

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>	1965	380				\$203,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1964	200				\$125,000

\*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>	1965					\$4,000
<u>SEED CROPS</u>	1964					\$3,500

\*Includes vetch seed (recovered).

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## FIELD CROPS

1964-65

<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>	1965	100	1.0	100	Ton	\$49.00	\$4,900
	1964	340	.9	310	Ton	47.00	14,570
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1965	150	3.0	450	Ton	24.00	10,800
	1964	150	3.0	450	Ton	25.00	11,200
<u>Grain</u>	1965	24,000	3.0	72,000	Ton	23.00	1,656,000
	1964	25,000	2.5	62,500	Ton	24.00	1,500,000
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1965	1,480	9.00	13,300	Ton	7.50	99,900
	1964	1,025	11.22	11,500	Ton	7.50	86,300
<u>OATS</u>	1965	8,000	1.02	8,210	Ton	52.00	427,000
	1964	12,000	1.0	12,000	Ton	56.00	672,000
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1965	19,000			Acre	55.00	1,045,000
	1964	19,000			Acre	55.00	1,045,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1965	285,000			Acre	3.50	997,500
	1964	285,000			Acre	3.50	997,500
<u>Woodland</u>	1965	175,000			Acre	.40	70,000
	1964	175,000			Acre	.40	70,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1965	100			Acre	45.00	4,500
	1964	100			Acre	45.00	4,500
<u>SILAGE CORN</u>	1965	1,050	13.00	13,700	Ton	8.00	110,000
	1964	1,200	16.33	19,600	Ton	8.50	167,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1965			4,000	Ton	14.00	56,000
	1964			7,000	Ton	15.00	105,000
<u>WHEAT</u>	1965	50	1.0	50	Ton	62.00	3,100
	1964	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	1965						\$4,484,700
	1964						\$4,673,120

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## NURSERY PRODUCTS

1964-65

Item	Year	Production Field Acres	Sold	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
<u>DECIDUOUS FRUIT &amp; NUT TREES</u>	1965	4	37,100	Plant	\$ .85	\$31,500
	1964	10	54,000	Plant	.85	46,000
<u>GRAPE VINES</u>						
<u>St. George</u>	1965	7	51,200	Plant	.14	7,170
	1964	3	49,000	Plant	.12	5,880
<u>Grafted</u>	1965	12	177,000	Plant	.34	60,200
	1964	13	202,000	Plant	.33	66,700
<u>Certified (non-grafted)</u>	1965	2	43,500	Plant	.23	10,000
	1964	12	177,000	Plant	.22	39,000
<u>ORNAMENTALS*</u>	1965		535,000	Plant	.63	338,000
	1964		631,000	Plant	.64	404,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS</u>	1965		66,800	Flats	2.97	199,000
	1964		72,000	Flats	2.83	204,000
<u>BULBS, RHIZOMES ROOTS</u>	1965		33,400	Each	.55	18,400
	1964		33,250	Each	.56	19,000
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	1965		1,200	Doz.	1.83	2,200
	1964		1,270	Doz.	1.10	1,400
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1965		24,600	Tree	4.27	105,000
	1964		9,100	Tree	3.50	31,900
<u>TOTAL</u>	1965					\$771,470
	1964					\$817,880

\*Includes Liners.

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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1964-65

<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>	1965	67,000	345,350	Cwt.	\$19.10	\$6,596,000
	1964	69,500	329,600	Cwt.	17.50	5,768,000
<u>PUREBRED BEEF CATTLE</u>	1965	460		Head	450.00	207,000
	1964	340		Head	430.00	146,000
<u>PUREBRED SHEEP</u>	1965	500		Head	60.00	30,000
	1964	460		Head	58.00	26,700
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1965	106,000	96,000	Cwt.	16.20	1,557,000
	1964	116,500	98,900	Cwt.	15.80	1,567,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1965	4,500	9,900	Cwt.	21.40	212,000
	1964	5,000	11,000	Cwt.	16.50	182,000
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1965	8,633,000	32,070,000	Lb.	.18	5,821,000
	1964	8,462,000	31,318,000	Lb.	.173	5,437,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1965	1,228,000	5,235,000	Lb.	.068	357,000
	1964	1,453,000	6,226,000	Lb.	.067	422,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1965	13,999,000		Each	.135	1,890,000
	1964	14,091,000		Each	.141	1,987,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1965	386,575	6,608,000	Lb.	.231	1,527,000
	1964	634,000	10,909,000	Lb.	.211	2,299,000
<u>TURKEY POULTS</u>	1965	304,000		Each	.642	195,000
	1964	349,000		Each	.678	237,000
<u>RABBITS</u>	1965	37,800	170,000	Lb.	.24	40,800
	1964	110,000	507,800	Lb.	.248	126,000
<u>OTHER POULTRY PRODUCTS*</u>	1965	267,000				435,000
	1964	255,000				411,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1965					\$18,867,800
	1964					\$18,608,700

\*Includes -- Ducks and Ducklings.



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## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1964-65

<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>	1965	4,365,000	Cwt.	\$4.93	\$21,519,000
	1964(a)	4,317,000	Cwt.	4.91	21,196,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1965	229,000	Cwt.	3.89	891,000
	1964(a)	324,000	Cwt.	3.70	1,199,000
<u>WOOL</u> (b)	1965	979,000	Lb.	.51	500,000
	1964	1,102,000	Lb.	.54	595,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1965	30,557,000	Doz.	.295	9,014,000
	1964	30,233,000	Doz.	.299	9,040,000
<u>Hatching</u>	1965	1,148,000	Doz.	.627	721,000
	1964	1,256,000	Doz.	.635	798,000
<u>EGGS, TURKEY</u>					
<u>Hatching</u>	1965	4,060,000	Each	.25	1,015,000
	1964	3,123,000	Each	.266	831,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>					
<u>PRODUCTS</u> (c)	1965				8,400
	1964				8,000
<u>TOTAL</u>					
	1965				\$33,668,400
	1964(a)				\$33,667,000

(a) Revised.

(b) Does not include incentive payments.

(c) Includes market duck eggs.

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF  
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1965-66 (NO. OF HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-65</u>	<u>1-1-66</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL*</u>	117,500	118,400
<u>Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over*</u>	51,600	50,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL*</u>	124,800	112,300
<u>HOGS AND PIGS*</u>	6,500	6,100
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	1,711,000	1,770,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	51,400	58,800

\*Figures from California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

## SONOMA COUNTY

## SUMMARY

1964-65

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$32,250	\$33,150
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,499,800	4,673,120
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	12,621,560	15,092,280
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	18,867,800	18,608,700
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	33,668,400	33,667,000*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	771,470	817,880
<u>SEED</u>	4,000	3,500
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	203,000	125,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$70,668,280	\$73,020,630*

\*Revised.

<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	260	5,351
<u>Delicious</u>	773	68	841
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	611	166	777
<u>Jonathan</u>	710	21	731
<u>Newtown</u>	99	2	101
<u>Rome</u>	1,298	345	1,643
<u>All Others</u>	593	73	666
<u>TOTAL</u>	9,175	935	10,110
<u>APRICOTS</u>	17	-	17
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	305	6	311
<u>All Others</u>	49	4	53
<u>TOTAL</u>	354	10	364
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>FIGS</u>	13	-	13
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>			
<u>Alicante Bouschet</u>	485	-	485
<u>Burger</u>	153	3	156
<u>Carignane</u>	1,757	106	1,863
<u>Golden Chasselas</u>	745	4	749
<u>Petite Sirah</u>	1,455	17	1,472
<u>Sauvignon</u>	398	-	398
<u>Zinfandel</u>	3,981	80	4,061
<u>All Others</u>	2,214	653	2,867
<u>TOTAL</u>	11,188	863	12,051
<u>CITRUS</u>	33	20	53
<u>OLIVES</u>	54	-	54
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	12	-	12
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	73	-	73
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,848	499	2,347
<u>All Others</u>	6	-	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,854	499	2,353
<u>PLUMS</u>	43	-	43
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	14,360	1,591	15,951
<u>Imperial</u>	1,819	33	1,852
<u>All Others</u>	64	-	64
<u>TOTAL</u>	16,243	1,624	17,867
<u>QUINCE</u>	1	-	1
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,575	131	1,706
<u>Black</u>	93	-	93
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,668	131	1,799
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			44,822