

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



County Of Sonoma

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SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the 1972 Agricultural Crop Report for Sonoma County.

For the second consecutive year, the Agricultural Industry has achieved a record high gross income for Sonoma County. The \$87,836,830 exceeds the 1971 report by \$5,688,465; however, the cost of production has nearly matched the increased revenue in most categories.

Production of market milk is the leading agricultural product with over thirty-one million dollars; an increase of slightly over two million dollars from 1971.

Acreages of producing crops have remained fairly constant, except that grapes are still replacing many prune orchards throughout the county. Higher prices for wine grapes more than offset the reduced tonnage produced in the county because of climatic conditions. The Gravenstein crop was still on the low side, but the late apple tonnage was the highest recorded in the last twenty years.

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,

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Agricultural Commissioner
Sonoma County

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1971-72

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1972	8,622	13.26	114,350	\$62.36		\$7,132,000
	1971	8,512	10.13	86,210	55.85		\$4,815,000
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1972	4,114	11.36	46,740	56.16		\$2,625,000
	1971	4,089	9.30	38,040	54.47		\$2,072,000
Fresh (a)	1972			3,320	120.20		\$399,000
	1971			4,660	98.28		458,000
Canned	1972			10,960	66.00		723,000
	1971			15,400	56.88		876,000
Juice-Cider	1972			16,900	44.00		743,000
	1971			15,100	40.79		616,000
Dried (b)	1972			10,160	46.50		473,000
	1971			2,880	42.36		122,000
Wine	1972			5,400	53.15		287,000
	1971			-	-		-
<u>Late Apples</u>	1972	4,508	15.10	67,610	66.66		\$4,507,000
	1971	4,423	10.89	48,170	56.94		\$2,743,000
Fresh (a)	1972			8,690	110.47		960,000
	1971			5,700	95.96		547,000
Canned	1972			20,460	68.32		1,398,000
	1971			22,300	59.86		1,335,000
Juice-Cider	1972			21,510	53.74		1,156,000
	1971			14,300	40.70		582,000
Dried (b)	1972			11,030	61.19		675,000
	1971			5,870	47.53		279,000
Wine	1972			5,920	53.71		318,000
	1971			-	-		-

(a) Value of naked fruit delivered to packing house
(b) Green tons

SONOMA COUNTY

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS - (Con't.)

1971-72

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>		<u>Value</u>		<u>Total</u>
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1972	12,689	2.25	28,590	\$455.12		\$13,012,000
	1971	12,332	2.83	34,910	342.97		\$11,973,000
<u>Common</u>	1972			14,940	382.50	\$5,714,000	
	1971			18,060	292.70	5,286,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1972			13,650	534.65	7,298,000	
	1971			16,850	396.85	6,687,000	
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1972	1,459	4.90	7,160	97.73		\$699,800
	1971	1,491	5.72	8,530	79.54		\$678,500
<u>Canned</u>	1972			6,900	98.00	676,000	
	1971			8,110	80.00	649,000	
<u>Fresh</u>	1972			60	130.00	7,800	
	1971			40	120.00	4,800	
<u>Dried (a)</u>	1972			200	80.00	16,000	
	1971			380	65.00	24,700	
<u>PRUNES</u>	1972	10,406	1.10	11,500	322.00		\$3,703,000
	1971	11,250	1.10	12,400	270.00		\$3,348,000
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1972	1,025	.370	380	544.73		\$207,000
	1971	1,023	.586	600	365.00		\$219,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS (b)</u>	1972	280					\$253,000
	1971	300					\$150,000
<u>TOTAL (c)</u>	1972						\$25,006,800
	1971						\$21,183,500

(a) Green Tons

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

(c) Total includes apples shown on previous page

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APIARY PRODUCTS

1971-72

<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>	1972	96,100	Lb.	.332	\$31,900
	1971	40,800	Lb.	.165	6,730
<u>WAX</u>	1972	890	Lb.	.60	530
	1971	510	Lb.	.65	330
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1972	2,000	Lb.	.60	1,200
	1971	1,390	Lb.	.50	695
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1972				2,730
	1971				1,710
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972				\$36,000
	1971				\$9,465

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1972	200	\$100,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1971	150	\$95,000

* 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>	1972	1,200	1,030	41.00	\$42,230
<u>SEED CROPS*</u>	1971	1,930	1,790	74.00	\$132,000

* Includes Oats for seed

SONOMA COUNTY

FIELD CROPS

1971-72

<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>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1972	100	4.00	400	Ton	\$34.00	\$13,600
	1971	100	4.30	430	Ton	32.00	13,800
<u>Grain</u>	1972	22,600	2.43	55,000	Ton	29.00	1,595,000
	1971	25,000	2.72	68,000	Ton	27.00	1,836,000
<u>Wild</u>	1972	1,800	1.2	2,160	Ton	22.00	47,500
	1971	1,200	1.0	1,200	Ton	21.50	25,800
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1972	700	9.0	6,300	Ton	8.74	55,100
	1971	900	9.6	8,640	Ton	8.50	73,400
<u>OATS</u>	1972	1,800	.86	1,550	Ton	35.41	54,900
	1971	1,570	.87	1,365	Ton	70.00	95,600
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1972	15,000			Acre	45.00	675,000
	1971	15,000			Acre	45.00	675,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1972	225,000			Acre	3.00	675,000
	1971	228,000			Acre	3.00	684,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1972	190,000			Acre	.40	76,000
	1971	195,000			Acre	.40	78,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1972	50			Acre	30.00	1,500
	1971	50			Acre	30.00	1,500
<u>ENSILAGE</u>	1972	800	14.5	11,600	Ton	10.25	119,000
	1971	1,000	15.0	15,000	Ton	10.00	150,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1972			2,900	Ton	12.00	34,800
	1971			3,400	Ton	12.50	42,500
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> *	1972	300		300	Ton		20,000
	1971	300		300	Ton		18,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972						\$3,367,400
	1971						\$3,693,600

* Includes Barley, Wheat, Grain Sorghum, etc.

<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 (a)</u>	1972	14.0	1,250,000	Plant	.27	\$337,000
	1971	25.0	802,000	Plant	.269	216,000
<u>Grafted</u>	1972	17.00	200,000	Plant	.529	106,000
	1971	19.00	269,000	Plant	.498	134,000
<u>ORNAMENTALS (b)</u>	1972		647,000	Plant	.60	388,000
	1971		501,000	Plant	.77	386,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS (c)</u>	1972		66,000	Flats	3.45	228,000
	1971		102,000	Flats	3.47	354,000
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1972		28,000	Tree	6.35	178,000
	1971		22,000	Tree	6.25	137,500
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (d)</u>	1972					123,000
	1971					104,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972					\$1,360,000
	1971					\$1,331,500

(a) Includes Cuttings

(b) Includes Liners

(c) Per Unit Price Includes All Trade Type Containers

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

<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>	1972	50,000	256,370	Cwt.	\$32.10	\$8,229,000
	1971	55,000	283,210	Cwt.	27.77	7,865,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1972	60,900	54,370	Cwt.	20.51	1,115,000
	1971	68,600	65,600	Cwt.	14.98	983,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1972	2,350	4,900	Cwt.	29.40	144,000
	1971	1,780	4,318	Cwt.	19.52	84,300
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1972	3,941,000	17,272,000	Lb.	.158	2,726,000
	1971	5,148,000	21,538,000	Lb.	.187	4,040,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1972	690,000	2,861,000	Lb.	.069	197,000
	1971	513,000	2,120,000	Lb.	.05	107,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1972	11,406,000		Each	.113	1,289,000
	1971	10,064,000		Each	.116	1,167,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1972	249,000	4,183,000	Lb.	.206	862,000
	1971	244,000	4,333,000	Lb.	.204	885,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (a)</u>	1972					1,247,000
	1971					1,164,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972					\$15,809,000
	1971					\$16,295,300

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

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1971-72

<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>	1972	5,259,000	Cwt.	\$5.91	\$31,074,000
	1971 (a)	5,041,000	Cwt.	5.76	29,036,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1972	109,000	Cwt.	5.49	599,000
	1971 (a)	127,000	Cwt.	5.41	687,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1972	480,000	Lb.	.40	192,000
	1971	466,000	Lb.	.26	121,000
<u>EGGS, CHICKEN</u>					
<u>Market</u>	1972	33,653,000	Doz.	.251	8,447,000
	1971	33,161,000	Doz.	.24	7,959,000
<u>By-Products</u>	1972	841,000	Doz.	.18	151,400
	1971	-	-	-	-
<u>Hatching</u>	1972	562,000	Doz.	.754	424,000
	1971	709,000	Doz.	.702	498,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (b)</u>	1972				1,228,000
	1971				1,107,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1972				\$42,115,400
	1971 (a)				\$39,408,000

(a) Revised

(b) Includes market duck eggs and turkey hatching eggs

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1972-73 (NO. OF HEAD)

<u>Item</u>	<u>1-1-72</u>	<u>1-1-73</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	114,700	114,000
Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 years and over	45,000	44,500
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	79,900 (a)	71,400
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1,500	3,300
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	1,830,000	1,934,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	48,000	44,500

(a) Revised

SONOMA COUNTY	SUMMARY	
	1972	1971
<u>APIARY</u>	\$36,000	\$9,465
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	3,367,400	3,693,600
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	25,006,800	21,183,500
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	15,809,000	16,295,300
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	42,115,400	39,408,000*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	1,360,000	1,331,500
<u>SEED</u>	42,230	132,000
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	100,000	95,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$87,836,830	\$82,148,365*

*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>	4,114	124	4,238
<u>Delicious</u>	747	45	792
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	799	187	986
<u>Jonathan</u>	732	24	756
<u>Newtown</u>	84	3	87
<u>Rome</u>	1,599	238	1,837
<u>All Others</u>	547	22	569
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,622	643	9,265
<u>APRICOTS</u>	2	-	2
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	136	1	137
<u>All Others</u>	16	1	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	152	2	154
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	1	-	1
<u>FIGS</u>	10	-	10
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>	12,689	4,377	17,066
(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>	1,458	177	1,635
<u>All Others</u>	1	1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,459	178	1,637
<u>PLUMS</u>	18	-	18
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	9,500	235	9,735
<u>Imperial</u>	874	8	882
<u>All Others</u>	32	-	32
<u>TOTAL</u>	10,406	243	10,649
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,025	68	1,093
<u>Black</u>	7	22	29
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,032	90	1,122
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			39,991

BLACK WINE GRAPES
(Grown in Sonoma County)

1972

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Alicante Bouschet	343	0	343
Alicante Ganzin	14	0	14
Barbera	48	9	57
Beclan	20	0	20
Bouschet, Petite	6	0	6
Burgundy, Early	163	15	178
Cabernet, Franc	71	0	71
Cabernet, Ruby	27	0	27
Cabernet, Sauvignon	958	1,511	2,469
Carignane	1,715	21	1,736
Gamay, Napa Valley	153	242	395
Gamay, Beaujolais	79	254	333
Grenache	51	5	56
Malbec	10	0	10
Malvoisie, Black	7	0	7
Mataro	21	0	21
Merlot	44	157	201
Meunier	4	0	4
Mission	18	0	18
Noir, Grand	60	0	60
Noir, Pinot	430	760	1,190
Refosco (Mondeuse)	26	1	27
Sangiovetto	78	0	78
Sirah, Petite	1,246	21	1,267
St. George, Pinot	15	14	29
Valdepenas	4	0	4
Zinfandel	3,666	208	3,874
Other Blacks	<u>42</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42</u>
TOTAL	9,319	3,218	12,537

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WHITE WINE GRAPES
(Grown in Sonoma County)

1972

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Bianca, Malvasia	17	0	17
Blanc, Chenin	240	38	278
Blanc, Pinot	73	0	73
Blanc, Sauvignon	261	16	277
Burger	194	24	218
Chasselas Dore (Chasselas de Fontainbleu)	49	0	49
Chardonnay	235	508	743
Colombard, French	1,045	177	1,222
Flora	6	0	6
Folle blanche	30	0	30
Gewurtztraminer	67	82	149
Hungarian, Green	15	9	24
Muscatelle	4	0	4
Palomino (Golden Chasselas)	472	11	483
Riesling, Gray	102	24	126
Riesling, White	165	253	418
Sauvignon, Vert	97	2	99
Semillon	195	3	198
Sylvaner	79	12	91
Other White	24	0	24
TOTAL	3,370	1,159	4,529