

1951

ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

MARIN COUNTY

This report covers the acreage and value of all crops and livestock sold off the farm as a direct income. Value of crops consumed on the farms are shown in the sales of livestock and dairy products. All values quoted are f.o.b. or gross values.

There are no particular trends evident in Marin County's agriculture. Dairy production remains constant, there is a slight swing to beef cattle with several new herds of purebred stock added to our industry.

The heavy rains of the winter of 1950-51 reduced the grain crop yield and many farmers who had fairly good yields or planted later turned the crops for hay which was at an all time high during the 1951 season. The increase in this commodity was due to climatic conditions and brought good returns to the growers.

Poultry products and produce crops follow the usual supply and demand market and weather conditions.

The nursery industry shows a healthy growth which goes along with our population increase.

There has been a slight increase in the sheep industry and in spite of our rapid growth in suburban homes Marin County is still rated high in agricultural production.

The only real fatality from suburban expansion is the rapid disappearance from the commercial field of our once limited but concentrated fruit and nut industry. Barely 200 acres of commercial orchards and vineyards remain in commercial production. Other segments of the industry will keep up to present level and will expand as conditions warrant.

Recognition is given those who so ably have assisted in securing information for this report.

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LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		Value
Purebreds and Beef herds	853 head	\$ 22,997
Other types sold for beef	4,729 "	1,316,316
Calves (veal)	3,638 "	118,584
Dairy stock (Auction sales)	1,109 "	220,144
Hogs	1,671	58,309
Sheep and lambs	12,543	312,620
Wool	189,000 lbs.	139,860
Cows, calves, horses for by products	2,000 head	4,000
		<u>2,192,830</u>

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Market milk fat production	6,844,000 lbs.	8,623,400
Manufacturing fat production	986,000 "	867,680
	<u>7,830,000 "</u>	<u>\$ 9,491,080</u>

POULTRY AND SMALL ANIMALS

Eggs (Fresh Market)	27,341 cases	420,527
Eggs for hatchery	6,427 "	144,948
Meat birds	261,089 lbs.	75,506
Turkeys	37,500 "	12,750
Baby chicks	6,000 head	1,200
Pullets	2,000 "	2,755
		<u>657,686</u>

Chinchillas		
Herd value		25,000
Pelt "		25,000
		<u>50,000</u>

Rabbits		
Meat	15,366 lbs.	9,844
Pelts	1,402	638
		<u>10,482</u>

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Pears (cannery)	65 tons)	\$ 7,355
" (other sales)	22 ")	
Apricots, peaches & Prunes, Misc. fruit	13 1/2 tons	1,622
Grapes	68 "	3,963
Apples	12 1/2 "	795
Walnuts	21,181 lbs.	4,448
		<u>18,183</u>

Total fruit and nut acreage
approximately 200 acres

TRUCK CROPS

Artichokes	7 acres	1,350 crates	5,400
Peas	300 1/2 "	17,060 30 lb. hampers	42,125
Tomatoes	7 acres	2,615 L.A. lugs	
" Hothouse grown		1,335 20 lb. crates	3,250
Beans, broccoli, cabbage Carrots, peppers, lettuce, Onions	18 acres	3,247 crates	8,795
Potatoes	60 acres	5,415 cwt.	16,573
			<u>76,143</u>

FIELD CROPS

Grain hay	3,574 acres	9,002 tons	240,789
Vetch (seed)	70 "	13 1/2 "	2,210
Barley	810 "	174 1/2 "	12,454
Rye grass seed	145 "	22 1/2 "	3,914
Flax	3 "	1 "	1,115
Oats	1,335 "	694 "	46,845
	5837		<u>307,327</u>

NURSERY INDUSTRY

Nurseries, Hot houses	738,225
Field grown cut flowers and Forest greens	6,750
	<u>744,975</u>

Grand total \$13,548,706