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Honorable W. C. Jacobsen, Director
of the State Department of Agriculture
and the Honorable Board of Supervisors
of Marin County, California

The Agricultural Crop and Livestock Production Report is compiled and published annually as required by the California Agricultural Code.

Final figures show that hay and grain growers had their crops materially reduced due to Winter and Spring floods; however, a few new growers added to the acreage and kept the crops about normal.

Purebred and beef type cattle herds are below 1955, and some have gone out of production entirely. There is always a large surplus of dairy type stock sold for beef annually.

Sheep growers showed a decided increase over former years.

Dairy production showed a slight decrease in production; up some on income, due to rise in price for the season. Production remains near normal in spite of the fact that records show that 27 dairies have closed operation since 1941. This loss of farm operation is occasioned by land being purchased for industrial or suburban development.

Produce crops have increased over 1955 and show promise of a return to equal the acreage of 1940 when it reached almost 2,000 acres.

Poultry production has declined considerably, feeling the "economic pinch" from surpluses all over the nation.

Fruit, Nut and Grape or Horticultural crops have practically succumbed to the "Home Builder." The small production listed in the report is shown more as a tribute for the bravery of the few who still hold on than for the economic value to the County's agricultural economy.

The Plant Nursery Industry is keeping pace with the County's growth in suburban development and is well ahead of 1955.

Some segments of agriculture will feel the pinch of suburban development in the near future, but indications are production in all fields will remain near the present level and some will even increase in future years.

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ACREAGE AND CROP REPORT - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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FRUIT, NUTS AND HONEY

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS VALUE</u>
Pears	29	62 tons	\$ 4,017.00
Walnuts	62	31,000 lbs.	8,172.00
Grapes	11	18 tons	891.00
Miscellaneous fruits, Apples, Peach & Apricot	26	699 L. A. lugs	810.00
Prunes	4	10 tons	600.00
Honey		8,500 lbs.	<u>1,700.00</u>
			\$16,190.00

PRODUCE CROPS

Artichokes	165	5,579 standard boxes) 5,500 half ")	38,197.00
Potatoes	36	168-1/2 tons	10,125.00
Beans	56	1,992 - 40-lb. crates) 844 - 50-lb. crates)	11,506.00
Peas	150	15,000 - 30-lb. hampers	45,000.00
Brussel sprouts	60	2,000 - 90-lb. crates	9,000.00
Miscellaneous produce; Broccoli, cucumbers, cauliflower & cabbage	15	5,345 L. A. Lugs	<u>3,520.00</u>
			\$117,348.00

FIELD CROPS

Grain hay	2,224	5,158 tons	\$118,210.00
Barley (grain)	30	44-1/2 tons	1,818.00
Oats	1,201	1,087 tons	85,854.00
Wheat	308	419-1/2 tons	27,693.00
Rye grass seed	88	22-1/2 tons	2,096.00
Vetch (seed)	985	1,979 tons	204,893.00
Cow peas	33	16-1/2 tons	990.00
Flax seed	31	21-1/2 tons	<u>2,170.00</u>
			\$443,724.00

POULTRY AND EGGSPRODUCTIONGROSS VALUE

Eggs (Table & hatchery)	18,745 cases	\$ 175,662.00
Poultry meats (hens, roosters, etc.)	80,533 birds	47,783.00
Fryers	8,000 "	4,000.00
Turkeys	330 "	2,244.00
Baby chicks	80,150 "	11,506.00
		<u>\$ 241,195.00</u>

LIVESTOCK

Beef type cattle	514 head	\$ 53,029.00
Baby beef (yearlings)	735 "	64,098.00
Cattle sold for beef, etc. (all types, mostly dairy surplus)	5,034 "	417,885.00
Bulls (Bologna)	177 "	20,364.00
Veal (All types)	2,876 "	106,524.00
Calves (Small)	11,854 "	82,981.00
		<u>\$ 744,881.00</u>
SHEEP (all)	11,845 head	222,042.00
Wool	241,320 lbs.	149,618.00
HOGS	2,661 head	111,053.00
Total livestock industry:		<u>\$1,227,594.00</u>

DAIRY INDUSTRY

Milk production reported in milk fat lbs.	
Market or Grade "A" Milk	6,967,000 pounds milk fat
Manufacturing or Grade "B" Milk	443,000 " " "
Total	<u>7,410,000 pounds milk fat</u>

Value of market milk	\$8,709,000.00
" " manufacturing milk	319,000.00
	<u>\$9,028,000.00</u>

NURSERY & CUT FLOWER INDUSTRY \$1,009,880.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$12,083,931.00

Income for 1953	-	\$13,255,635.00
1954		11,933,851.00
1955		11,924,408.00
1956		12,083,931.00