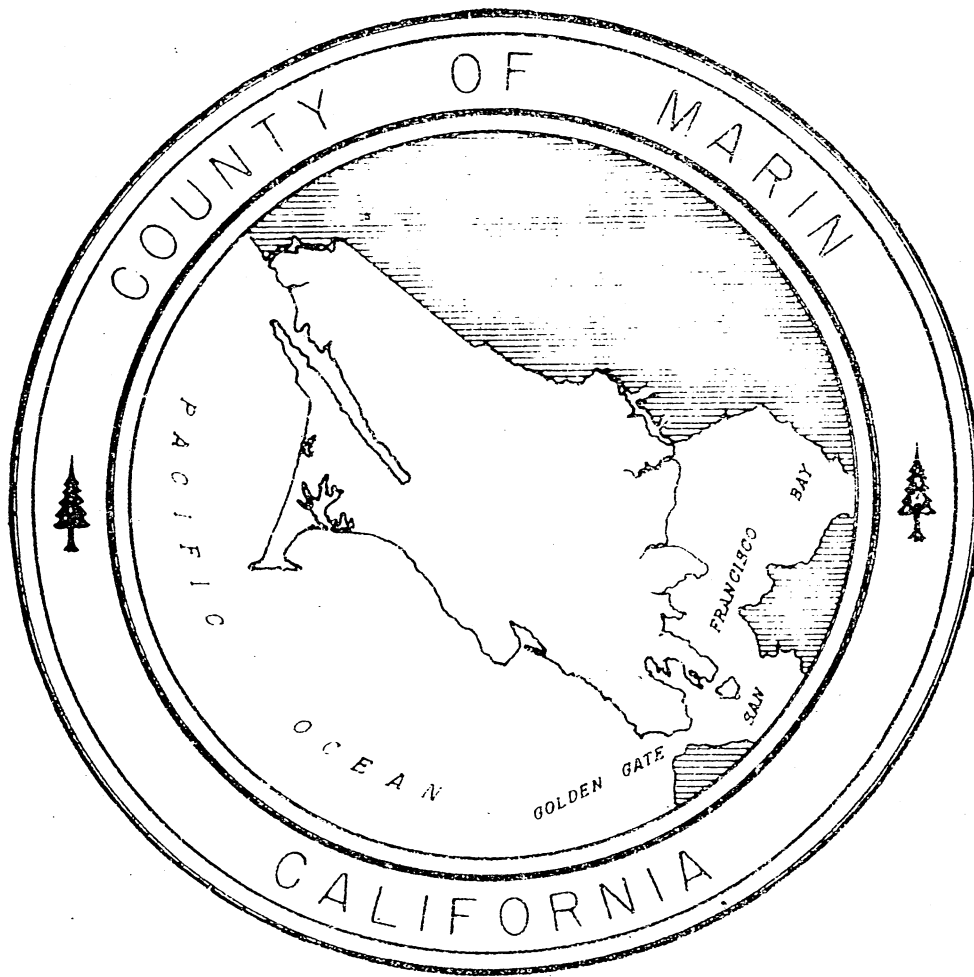


COUNTY OF MARIN  
ANNUAL  
LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1975



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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the 1975 Annual Livestock and Agricultural Crop Report for the County of Marin, as required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

The combined livestock industry continues to represent about 90% of the total gross agricultural value of the county, of which nearly 78% is derived from milk production alone.

Certain categories are combined where production is either of minor importance or necessary to protect the interest of producers of entire crops. The figures presented in this report represent the gross value of agricultural production and do not reflect net income to the growers.

The valuable assistance of those who have provided the information and records necessary for the compilation of this report is acknowledged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

The objectives of the Marin County Department of Agriculture are to protect the agricultural industry, the consumer of agricultural products and the environment. The Agricultural Commissioner, who is employed by the Board of Supervisors and works under supervision of the Director of the California Department of Food & Agriculture, heads the County Department of Agriculture, is responsible for local enforcement of the California Food and Agricultural Code and other laws and regulations pertaining to agriculture, and also performs other duties as prescribed by the Board of Supervisors.

Specific programs of the department include:

### Environmental protection:

Pest Detection: Inspections of home gardens, rangeland, commercial crops and high hazard areas and the placing of insect traps at locations throughout the county are performed for the purpose of finding new infestations of serious agricultural pests such as insects, plant diseases, weeds and animals not known to occur in the state before they become widely established.

Pest Eradication: Inspections are made to determine the extent of infestations of serious agricultural pests that have become established in the county and require eradication measures to eliminate the problem. Four eradication weed pests are found in Marin County, Bidly-Bidly, Canada Thistle, Artichoke Thistle and Plumeless Thistle.

Pest Management: This includes the preparation and distribution of poison bait for control of rats, mice, gophers and ground squirrels; a limited amount of spraying to control certain noxious weeds; identification of common pests.

Pest Exclusion: All shipments of plants, live animals and conveyances likely to harbor pests entering the county through the post office and other facilities are inspected for serious pests and compliance with state and federal quarantines.

Pesticide Use Enforcement: This involves protection of the environment and the public health from the misuse of pesticides. Certain hazardous pesticides require a permit for their use issued by this Department. Agricultural pest control operators and advisers are required to register with the Department, and their activities are subject to supervision and regulations, including their responsibilities under Cal O.S.H.A. to implement worker safety regulations.

Consumer Protection:

Nursery and Seed Inspection: These programs protect the consumer by inspections to insure that plants and seed are kept commercially clean from pests and are properly labeled.

Fruit, Vegetable, Honey and Egg Quality Control: Inspections are made at retail stores and wholesale outlets to determine compliance with laws and regulations pertaining to quality standards and labeling. These programs help consumers by insuring availability of produce and eggs of acceptable quality.

Other Programs:

Non-Regulatory Weed Control: Applications of herbicides are made on county roads to help increase visibility, prevent fires and decrease road damage from weeds. These programs are performed for the County Fire and Public Works Departments.

Other: Apiary Inspection involves inspection of apiaries for serious bee diseases. Crop statistics is the gathering of data and reporting annually to the State Department of Food & Agriculture and the Board of Supervisors on the value of agricultural production in the County. Assistance is given to other agencies regarding problems related to agriculture such as air and water pollution, emergency services, etc.

FIELD, FRUIT, NUT & VEGETABLE CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TOTAL UNITS	UNIT	DOLLAR VALUE:	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, Grain	1975	4,600	11,400	Ton	42.23	481,400
	1974	4,280	11,700	Ton	43.90	512,700
Pasture, Irrigated	1975	530		Acre	55.00	29,200
	1974	530		Acre	55.00	29,200
Pasture, Other	1975	140,000		Acre	6.00	840,000
	1974	140,000		Acre	6.00	840,000
Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables	1975	30		Acre		15,100
	1974	<u>40</u>		Acre		<u>17,000</u>
TOTAL	1975	145,200				\$1,365,700
	1974	144,850				\$1,398,900

NURSERY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA:		QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	DOLLAR VALUE:	
		HOUSE SQ. FT.	FIELD ACRES			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Nursery Crops:							
Ornamental trees	1975	-	15	34,700	Plant	3.10	107,500
	1974	-	15	27,600	Plant	2.90	80,100
Herbaceous Perennials	1975	136,000	0	226,000	Plant	.39	88,800
	1974	136,000	0	271,000	Plant	.27	74,300
Bedding Plants	1975	10,200	0	1,580	Flat	5.00	7,900
	1974	2,500	0	3,200	Flat	5.00	16,000
Succulents, Orchids, etc.	1975	9,600	0	12,200	Plant	2.52	30,800
	1974	9,600	0	6,500	Plant	4.22	27,500
Cut Plants*	1975	252,000	135	580,600	Bunch	1.19	688,900
	1974	<u>252,000</u>	<u>120</u>	742,000	Bunch	.91	<u>675,200</u>
TOTAL	1975	407,800	150				\$923,900
	1974	400,100	135				\$873,100

\*Orchids, roses, heather, stocks, lillies, Christmas trees, etc.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
PRODUCTION

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT. (CWT)	UNIT	DOLLAR VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1975	20,500	116,500	cwt.	26.90	3,132,700
	1974	23,500	105,700	cwt.	28.20	2,982,900
Lambs	1975	7,900	7,700	cwt.	44.53	342,900
	1974	8,100	7,900	cwt.	42.20	335,400
Hogs and Pigs	1975	490	856	cwt.	47.78	40,900
	1974	307	541	cwt.	36.20	19,600
Poultry	1975	104,700				485,300
	1974	93,600				528,200
TOTAL	1975					\$4,001,800
	1974					\$3,866,100

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PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	DOLLAR VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk: Market (revised)	1975	1,876,000	cwt.	9.31	17,466,000
	1974	1,891,000	cwt.	8.74	16,527,000
Milk: Manuf. (revised)	1975	6,300	cwt.	7.33	46,200
	1974	5,100	cwt.	7.42	37,800
Wool:	1975	82,800	lb.	.40	33,100
	1974	85,200	lb.	.48	41,000
Eggs: Hatching and prod.	1975	2,273,600			732,100
	1974	2,182,400			689,000
TOTAL Revised	1975				\$18,277,400
	1974				\$17,294,800

INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK &  
POULTRY

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1976	JANUARY 1, 1975
Cattle & Calves, all	41,700	37,000
Dairy Cows & Heifers that have calved	15,300	15,700
Beef Cattle & heifers that have calved	7,100	8,000
Calves	19,300	13,300
Stock Sheep & Lambs	10,400	10,700
Hogs	290	285
Poultry	56,400	59,000

COMPILATION

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
Field & Orchard Crops	\$1,365,700	\$1,398,900
Nursery Crops	923,900	873,100
Livestock & Poultry	4,001,800	3,866,100
Livestock & Poultry Products	<u>18,277,400</u>	<u>17,294,800</u>
TOTALS	\$24,568,800	\$23,432,900