

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

Marin County
Year 1948

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LIVESTOCK

	Head	Gross Income
Cattle for beef and Beef cattle	5,413	\$ 974,378
Veal calves	3,903	111,431
Hogs	1,215	67,908
Sheep	4,620	80,860
Cattle for by products	330	1,650
Calves " " "	14,812	35,624
Wool	165,000 pounds	95,700
		<u>1,367,551</u>

DAIRY INDUSTRY

Market Milk	Milk fat pounds	
Market Milk	6,685,779	8,915,878
Manufacturing Milk	953,994	<u>1,015,993</u>
		9,931,871

POULTRY INDUSTRY

Eggs	31,470 cases	446,023
Broiler, hens, etc.	519,577 pounds	208,394
Turkeys	108,280 "	56,757
Ducks	72,000 "	<u>23,040</u>
		734,214

FRUITS AND NUTS

Crop	Yield	
Pears	114 tons	10,357
Grapes	137 "	6,804
Grapes (No income for lack of sugar)	68 "	
Prunes, fresh	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,000
Miscellaneous (Apples, apricots and peaches)	48 "	3,715
Almonds	716 pounds	236
Walnuts	41,076 "	<u>12,538</u>
		39,700

Total acreage 439 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

SMALL FRUITS

Blueberries, strawberries and cane fruits (6 acres)	1,600 crates	1,920
Honey	3,000 pounds	<u>510</u>
		2,430

TRUCK CROPS

Crop	Acres.	Yield	Gross Returns
Artichokes	100	3,500 crates	\$ 7,500
Peas	90	7,700 "	28,784
Potatoes	106	9,235 sacks	30,456
Tomatoes (Hothouse)		25 tons	7,500
" , field	9	2,450 lugs	3,932
Miscellaneous produce			
Beans, squash, etc.	20	120 tons	16,000
			<u>94,172</u>

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Yield	Gross Income
Grain hay	3,657 tons	116,497
Oats	664 "	25,702
Vetch	339 "	68,177
Wheat	481 "	39,297
Rye grass seed	39 "	6,420
Barley	52 "	3,224
Straw	287 "	3,444
		<u>262,761</u>

NURSERY INDUSTRY

Nurseries and greenhouses	575,000
Field grown flowers and bulbs	8,000
	<u>583,000</u>

SUMMARY

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Poultry Industry	734,214
Fruits and Nuts	39,700
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Field Crops	262,761
Nursery Industry	<u>583,000</u>
	\$13,015,699

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This report is compiled in compliance with Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code and represents only income derived from commodities sold off the farms as all material consumed on farms is reflected in the sale of livestock, milk and other products. The fruit growing area of the county has been reduced to an acreage that is not an economic factor in the State's production; however, grapes and pears and walnuts keep the lead over all others.

Subdivisions and suburban homesites in and around Novato have been more profitable than fruit and the acreage has shrunk from around 1,000 in 1935 to 463 in 1947, and 1948 report shows 439½ commercial acres in fruit and nuts.

From present indications the artichoke and pea acreage trend is toward pre-war production as this industry is situated in an area very well adapted to those crops.

Poultry showed a decided increase, especially in the sales of meat birds. Several large brooder battery plants were established during the year.

There was an increase in the number of plant nurseries, both wholesale, retail and speciality, but income suffered during the extreme drought of the early month of 1948.

Field crop certified seed shows some promise and there are areas well adapted for that industry, all other farm incomes appear to be rather normal, showing a slight increase or decrease according to supply and demand and income is reported in gross receipts.