

1952

ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

This report shows a general trend of agricultural income below that of 1951 which is evident throughout the nation, although the grand total is above 1951 due to certain crop increases.

Market milk production shows a slight increase due to several dairies producing manufacturing milk converting to market or grade "A" production during the year. Grade "A" milk commands a higher price than manufacturing milk, which is reflected in the slight increase over 1951.

Livestock and livestock products show a decrease both in sales and income.

Poultry and small animals remain near the same level of production, but prices are considerably lower.

Deciduous fruit and nut crop acreage has given way to homes and families, and comparing the income of former years the latter is more profitable than fruit growing. The industry has now shrunk to little more than a subsistence income and not of much value as an economic factor.

Field crops, such as hay and grain, fluctuate from year to year depending on seasonal conditions; a slight decrease over 1951 is shown.

It must be pointed out that the acreage shown in the report is only that acreage raised for direct sales and does not show the acreage and tonnage raised and consumed on farms, which amounts to about one hundred thousand tons and is reflected through the sale of livestock and dairy products.

Truck crops increase and decrease with supply and demand and climatic conditions; acreage and income was above 1951.

The Plant Nursery industry shows a healthy increase and is keeping pace with our development in home sites.

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LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		VALUE
Purebreds and Beef herds	706 head	\$ 115,834
Other types sold for beef	4,715 "	922,149
Calves (veal)	3,638 "	99,635
Bulls	27 "	8,370
Dairy stock (Auction sales)	1,558 "	362,295
Hogs	1,380 "	54,120
Sheep and lambs	7,766 "	130,141
Wool	152,000 lbs	91,205
Cows, calves, horses for by-products	2,750 head	5,500
		<u>\$1,789,249</u>

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Market milk fat production	7,106,317 lbs	\$10,233,096
Manufacturing fat production	864,860 "	830,265
	<u>7,971,177 "</u>	<u>\$11,063,361</u>

POULTRY AND SMALL ANIMALS

Eggs (Fresh Market)	14,968 cases	\$ 204,086
Eggs for hatchery	6,329 "	130,648
Meat Birds	235,952 lbs	58,724
Turkeys	52,750 "	30,182
Baby Chicks	86,305 head	14,062
Pullets	4,000 "	5,677
		<u>\$ 443,379</u>

CHINCHILLAS

Felt Sales		\$ 1,000
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RABBITS

Meat	12,000 lbs	\$ 3,360
Pelts	500 "	250
		<u>\$ 3,610</u>
Breeding stock	432 head	1,296
		<u>\$ 4,906</u>

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Pears (Cannery)	54 tons)	\$ 3,734
" (Other Sales)	17 ")	
Apples, Peaches, Appricots		
Prunes, Misc. Fruit	49 "	5,367
Grapes	77 "	2,310
Walnuts	33,016 lbs	6,335
Almonds	2,100 "	630
		<u>\$ 18,376</u>

Total fruit and nut acreage approximately 154.20

TRUCK CROPS

Artichokes	40 acres	2,819 crates	\$ 11,936
Peas	590 "	30,510 "	132,790
Tomatoes	6 "	1,500 L.A. lugs)	
" Hothouse grown		500 20 lb crates)	5,500
Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage,			
Carrots, Peppers, Lettuce			
Onions, Cauliflower, Misc.	40 "	6,094 crates	14,270
Potatoes	69 "	6,740 cwt	30,330
			<u>\$ 194,826</u>

FIELD CROPS

Grain Hay	2,552 acres	5,618 Tons	\$ 162,152
Vetch (seed)	430 "	373 1/2 "	52,290
Wheat	320 "	257 "	19,789
Barley	492 "	436 1/2 "	28,105
Rye Grass Seed	140 "	18 "	2,840
Oats	305 "	287 "	19,667
			<u>\$ 284,843</u>

NURSERY INDUSTRY

Nurseries, Hot Houses	\$ 779,055
Field Grown Cut Flowers and Forest Greens	2,975
	<u>\$ 782,030</u>

GRAND TOTAL:

\$14,581,970