

1953

ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT
MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

THE AGRICULTURAL CODE OF CALIFORNIA REQUIRES THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER TO COMPILE ANNUALLY A REPORT ON ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF THE COUNTY. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT LAW, THE STATISTICS HEREIN HAVE BEEN COMPILED AND IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT MARIN'S AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS APPROXIMATELY A MILLION DOLLARS BELOW 1952, IT IS STILL IN A STRONG POSITION.

HORTICULTURAL CROPS: FRUITS AND NUTS AS STATED IN FORMER YEARS ARE GIVING WAY TO SUBDIVISIONS FOR HOMESITES; HOWEVER, THE PRODUCTION OF PEARS FOR 1953 IS WELL BELOW 1952, BUT THIS IS DUE MOSTLY TO SEASONAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

WALNUTS ARE THE ONLY ORCHARD CROP KEEPING UP A RECORD FAVORABLE WITH FORMER YEARS.

FIELD CROPS REMAIN FAIRLY CONSTANT BUT SHOW A DECIDED REACTION TO SEASONAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS. A HEALTHY INCREASE IN OAT PRODUCTION IS NOTED. A REDUCTION IN ACREAGE IN CERTAIN CROPS WITH INCREASE YIELD IS DUE TO CULTURAL PRACTICES AND AMPLE RAINFALL - HAY PRICES ARE WELL BELOW 1952.

TRUCK OR PRODUCE CROPS SHOWED IN SOME INSTANCES HIGHER YIELDS ON LOWER ACREAGE, BUT LACK OF LABORERS AT THE PROPER TIME RESULTED IN HARVESTING APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THE PEA ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION.

IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, FIGURES SHOW THAT BEEF GROWERS MARKETED MORE THAN IN 1952 AND THAT SURPLUS OR "CULLED" DAIRY HERDS EXCEEDED THE PREVIOUS SEASON, ALTHOUGH THE PRICE WAS LOWER THE INCOME PRACTICALLY EQUALLED 1952. BEEF TYPE CATTLE OF GOOD QUALITY SHOWS A STEADY INCREASE OVER 1952.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT SHEEP HAVE INCREASED, ALSO PORK PRODUCTION PRICES ARE GOOD BUT WOOL IS "SLOW".

DAIRY PRODUCTION SHOWS A SLIGHT REDUCTION AND IS ATTRIBUTED TO CLOSER "CULLING" OF DAIRY COWS AND A REACTION TO SURPLUS GRADE "A" MILK PRODUCTION IN THE SAN FRANCISCO MARKETING AREA.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOME FARMING AREAS HAVE GIVEN WAY TO SUBDIVISIONS, FARM PRODUCTION HAS BEEN INCREASED DUE TO NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. REGARDLESS OF A SLIGHT DECREASE IN INCOME OVER POST WAR PRICES, THE PLANT INDUSTRY HAS INCREASED DUE TO HOME BUILDING AND IS A GROWING INDUSTRY IN MARIN COUNTY.

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HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS		<u>VALUE</u>
Pears (Cannery)	15 tons	\$ 638.00
Pears (Other Sales)	35 "	2,286.00
Prunes	34 "	5,444.00
Apples, Peaches, Apricots		
Miscellaneous Fruits	980 L.A. lugs	1,470.00
Grapes (All Varieties)	63 tons	2,786.00
Walnuts	24,082 lbs.	5,503.00
Almonds	978 "	313.00
		<u>\$ 18,400.00</u>

Total commercial and family orchard acreage - 315.70 acres

LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Purebred Stock Cattle and Beef	969 head	\$122,061.00
Other types sold for beef	5,700 "	585,800.00
Calves (Veal)	5,784 "	96,974.00
Bulls (For processing)	200 "	25,120.00
Dairy Stock (Auction not reported)		
<u>Sheep</u>		
Lambs	7,492 "	112,537.00
Ewes	2,323 "	8,157.00
Rams (Breeding)	47 "	1,680.00
Hogs	1,485 "	84,377.00
Wool Production	180,000 lbs.	97,200.00
		<u>\$1,133,908.00</u>

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Milk-Fat Production

Market	7,285,000 lbs.
Manufacturing	698,000 "
Total	<u>7,984,000 "</u>

Average price received by producers

Market milk fat	1.38 per pound milk fat
Manufacturing milk fat	.88 " " " "

Value of Milk Fat Production

Market	\$10,055,680.00
Manufacturing	614,240.00
Total	<u>\$10,699,920.00</u>

TRUCK CROPS

Artichokes	45 acres	3,288 crates	9,933.00
Peas	200 "	10,400 "	24,980.00
Beans	5 "	700 "	4,300.00
Broccoli, Cabbage			
Cauliflower, Sprouts	15 "	1,794 "	5,070.00
Potatoes	98 "	6,950 cwt	8,200.00
Miscellaneous			
Tomatoes, Squash, Corn	6 "	1,296 crates	2,268.00
Honey		2,051 lbs.	431.00
			<u>\$ 55,162.00</u>

FIELD CROPS

Barley	698 acres	77 tons	\$ 29,920.00
Oats	1,223 "	2,038 "	88,568.00
Vetch	485 "	430 "	32,920.00
Wheat	250 "	175 "	13,650.00
Rye Grass	170 "	27,000 lbs.	2,700.00
Grain Hay	1,966 "	5,760 tons	78,110.00
			<u>\$ 245,868.00</u>

POULTRY & POULTRY PRODUCTS
AND SMALL ANIMALS

Eggs (Market and Hatchery)	19,382 cases	\$ 209,259.00
Broilers and Fryers	110,750 lbs.	28,090.00
Baby Chicks	88,000	15,240.00
Pullets	166 doz.	2,905.00
Hens (Market)	67,075 lbs.	13,167.00
Turkeys	47,250 "	25,515.00
		\$ <u>294,176.00</u>

RABBITS

Meat	16,000 lbs.	\$ 4,650.00
Breeding stock	4,000 head	1,200.00
Pelts	4,000	319.00
		\$ <u>6,169.00</u>

PLANT INDUSTRY - Nurseries, Forest Greens and Cut Flowers

Nursery Industry	\$ 778,259.00
Cut Holly	2,275.00
Cut Flowers	6,500.00
Forest Greens	15,000.00
	\$ <u>802,034.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$ 13,255,635.00