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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Marin, California

I am submitting the Annual Report of acreage and value of agricultural production for the year 1959 of Marin County, as required by the Agricultural Code.

You will note that all agricultural production used on the farm, as well as income, has been reported. This method is following the suggestion of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service and coordinates the Agricultural Report of the Commissioners throughout the State.

One of the noticeable changes over 1958 is with the Plant or Nursery industry, both in local production values and retail sales, reflecting our population increase in the urban and suburban areas. For the first time the income from this industry was reported and tabulated by crop variety, passing the 1958 total sales by \$82,974.00.

The Livestock and Poultry production and values exceed 1958 in general, except hogs and poultry; the latter suffered a bad year.

The Dairy industry, in spite of a decrease in land area, shows a decided increase in production, reflecting the technical advances made by agriculture within recent years.

Field Crops suffered heavily due to late damaging rains at harvest time in 1958. 1959 was an ideal year for production and quality.

Vegetable or Produce crops show a slight drop and Fruit and Nuts are hanging on, only waiting for the next Subdivider.

Aside from the problems besetting the poultry and egg producers and wool growers, the Plant and Livestock and Dairy industries increased over 1958 by a million dollars.

I wish to thank Deputy Commissioner Straw; Inspectors Bergin, Garvey and Franklyn; Secretary Mrs. Nichols, and Clerk Mrs. Duhamel, for their part in gathering and compiling this report.

THOS. W. PERYAM
Agricultural Commissioner

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
 FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1958 - 1959

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE			TOTAL
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Used on Farm	Sold off Farm	
Hay, grain	1959	4,025	4,800 lb ^{2.4}	9,849	Ton	\$ 21.50	117,024	94,729	\$211,753
	1958	1,810	5,550 "	5,019	"	19.11	*	95,913	
Wheat	1959	360	2,800 "1.4	500	"	60.00	XXX	30,000	30,000
	1958	360	3,400 "	607	"	51.88	XXX	31,491	31,491
Oats	1959	980	3,150 "1.5	1,540	"	45.00	XXX	69,300	69,300
	1958	1,650	900 "	739	"	36.61	XXX	27,055	27,055
Straw	1959	350	2,850 "1.4	500	"	8.50	XXX	4,250	4,250
	1958	*	*	*	"	*	*	*	*
Pasture, Irrigated	1959	750	XXX	XXX	acre	43.00	32,250	XXX	32,250
	1958	*	XXX	XXX		*	*	XXX	*
Pasture, other	1959	160,954	XXX	XXX		3.00	482,862	XXX	482,862
	1958	*	XXX	XXX		*	*	XXX	*
TOTAL:	1959	167,419	XXX	XXX		XXX	632,136	198,279	\$830,415
	1958	3,820	XXX	XXX		XXX	* 154,459	154,459	\$154,459

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1958-1959

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	TOTAL
Artichokes	1959	42	5,400 lb ^{2.1}	114	Ton	\$ 125.00	\$ 14,250
	1958	90	2,300 "	103	"	151.00	15,553
Beans, snap	1959	9	3,250 "1.7	15	"	239.00	3,585
	1958	14	6,428 "	45	"	144.00	6,480
Peas, green	1959	6	505 "1.1	1.5	"	274.00	411
	1958	*	*	*	"	*	*
TOTAL:	1959	57	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	\$18,246
	1958	104	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	22,033

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE
1958 - 1959

ITEM	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	TOTAL
Pears	1959	25	2,000 lbs ^{1.0}	25	ton	\$ 62.50	\$1,562
	1958	29	1,250 "	18	"	81.11	1,460
Walnuts	1959	60	500 " ^{.25}	15	"	480.00	7,200
	1958	60	667 "	20	"	428.00	8,560
Misc. - grapes, apples, peaches, prunes, etc.	1959	31	839 " ^{.42}	13	"	174.00	2,262
	1958	43	930 "	20	"	190.00	3,800
TOTAL:	1959	116	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	\$11,024
	1958	132	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	13,820

SEED CROPS:

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	TOTAL
Vetch, purple	1959	500	1,600 lbs	800,000	lbs.	\$.07	\$56,000
	1958	140	715 "	100,100	"	.07	7,007
Flax	1959	100	1,000 "	100,000	"	.06	6,000
	1958	*	*	*	"	*	*
TOTAL:	1959	600	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	\$62,000
	1958	140	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	7,007

JANUARY 1 - INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1959-1960

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1959	JANUARY 1, 1960
Cattle and calves: All	INVENTORIES NOT AVAILABLE 1959	46,900
Dairy cows 2 years and over		37,000
Dairy calves and heifers		6,000
Beef cattle and calves		3,900
Sheep and lambs: All		23,300
Stock sheep		18,500
Sheep and lambs on feed		4,800
Hogs and Pigs		1,300
Hens and pullets of laying age		35,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE 1958-1959

ITEM	YEAR *	PRODUCTION AREA		QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
		HOUSE Sq.Ft.	FIELD Acres			PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Nursery crops</u>							
Ornamental trees and shrubs	1959	2,144	10	24,543	plant	\$ 1.25	\$ 30,679
	1958	XXX	XXX	XXX			
Herbaceous Perennials	1959	14,892	3	40,349	"	.75	30,261
	1958						
Bedding plants	1959	2,550	1	3,050	flat	2.00	6,100
	1958						
Bulbs and rhizomes	1959	XXX	6	66,600	bulb	.03	1,998
	1958						
Misc. - orchids, cactus, succulents	1959	7,880	1	9,100	plant	2.00	18,200
	1958						
TOTAL:	1959	27,466	21	XXX	XX	XX	\$ 87,238
	1958			XXX	XX	XX	
<u>Cut flowers</u>							
Orchids	1959	98,000	XX	153,000	bloom	.75	\$114,750
	1958						
Roses	1959	52,000	XX	100,000	dozen	.50	50,000
	1958						
Misc. - heather, stocks, lillies etc.	1959	XXX	20	42,285	bunch	.35	14,800
	1958						
TOTAL:	1959	150,000	20	XXX	XX	XX	\$179,550
	1958			XXX	XX	XX	

* - Statistics are not available for 1958

Nursery crops - including
all 1959

\$ 1,172,529

Wholesale and retail
sales 1958

1,089,555

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1958-1959

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		Number of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1959	23,751	81,705	cwt	\$ 15.91	\$1,299,927
	1958	18,844	75,376	"	16.08	1,212,046
Sheep and lambs	1959	17,508	15,446	"	15.26	235,707
	1958	13,143	12,423	"	18.87	234,422
Hogs and pigs	1959	1,445	2,745	"	14.00	38,430
	1958	2,084	4,168	"	15.19	63,312
Chickens, hens	1959	25,190	98,512	lbs	.08	7,881
	1958	30,794	123,176	"	.10	12,318
TOTAL:	1959	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	1,581,945
	1958	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	1,522,098

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE
1958 - 1959

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk: Market	1959	2,285,200	cwt	5.02	\$11,471,704
	1958	2,045,840	"	5.02	10,270,116
Manufacturing	1959	78,660	"	3.44	270,590
	1958	89,280	"	3.43	306,230
Wool	1959	264,000	lbs	.47	124,000
	1958	280,000	"	.40	112,000
Eggs, chicken: Market	1959	570,882	doz	.29	165,556
	1958	549,876	"	.34	186,957
Hatching	1959	146,151	"	.53	77,460
	1958	136,764	"	.59	80,690
TOTAL:	1959	XXX	XX	XXX	12,109,310
	1958	XXX	XX	XXX	10,955,993

COMPILATION: GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY FOR
1958 - 1959

ITEM	YEAR	GROSS VALUE
<u>Field and orchard crops</u>		
Field crops	1959	\$ 830,415
	1958	154,459 (a)
Vegetable crops	1959	18,246
	1958	22,033
Seed crops	1959	62,000
	1958	7,007
Fruit and nut crops	1959	11,024
	1958	13,820
TOTAL:		
	1959	\$ 921,685
	1958	197,319
<u>Nursery and cut flower industry</u>		
Nursery crop production	1959	\$ 87,238
	1958	(b)
Cut flower crops	1959	179,550
	1958	(b)
Nursery crops retail sales	1959	905,741
	1958	1,089,555
TOTAL:		
	1959	\$ 1,172,529
	1958	1,089,555
<u>Livestock industry</u>		
Livestock and poultry	1959	\$ 1,581,945
	1958	1,522,098
Livestock and poultry products	1959	12,109,310
	1958	10,955,993
TOTAL:		
	1959	\$13,691,255
	1958	12,478,091
GRAND TOTAL:		
	1959	\$ 15,785,469
(a) 1958 values do not include those products used on the farm.	1958	13,764,965
	1957	14,130,289
(b) Nursery crops and cut flower values included under nursery crops retail sales in 1958.	1956	12,083,931
	1955	11,924,408