

MARIN COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL

LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1960

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

519 FOURTH STREET

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County Marin, California

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1960 Annual Crop and Livestock Production Report for Marin County.

This report is in line, as near as possible, with the policy of the State Department of Agriculture in respect to uniformity of reporting between counties. The report is concerned with actual production figures and includes products used on the farm.

Milk production constitutes nearly 80% of the total agricultural value of the county, followed by livestock and field crop production.

Fruit, nut and vegetable crops are becoming almost non-existent, giving way to subdivisions and the price-cost squeeze which affects the entire agricultural economy.

Nursery crop data indicates actual county production. The retail sales figures are included for information purposes only and are not shown in production totals.

Certain production categories were combined where crops were of minor importance or where it was necessary to protect the interest of the producer of an entire crop.

It should be emphasized that the data contained in this report represents gross value and does not include the many production and marketing costs which would reflect on net returns to the producer.

I wish to express my appreciation to the farmers and producers of the county for their cooperation and to the personnel of the Department who were instrumental in gathering and compiling the information contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,



RICHARD T. STRAW  
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE 1959 - 1960

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	TOTAL
Hay, grain	1960	4,198	5,520 lb	11,577	Ton	\$ 22.60	\$ 261,000
	1959	4,025	4,800 "	9,849	"	21.50	211,753
Wheat	1960	360	2,300 "	411	"	60.00	25,000
	1959	360	2,800 "	500	"	60.00	30,000
Oats	1960	988	2,600 "	1,285	"	46.00	59,000
	1959	980	3,150 "	1,540	"	45.00	69,300
Straw	1960	XX	XXX	1,200	"	8.50	10,000
	1959	XX	XXX	500	"	8.50	4,250
Pasture irrigated	1960	750	XXX	XXX	acre	43.00	32,000
	1959	750	XXX	XXX	"	43.00	32,250
Pasture other	1960	160,954	XXX	XXX	"	3.00	483,000
	1959	160,954	XXX	XXX	"	3.00	482,862
Misc. corn and sudan	1960	48	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	3,000
	1959						
TOTAL:	1960	167,298	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	\$ 873,000
	1959	167,069	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	830,415

VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Misc. vegetables - beans & artichokes	1960	20	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	\$ 5,000
	1959	57	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	
Misc. fruit-Walnuts, Pears, Grapes, etc.	1960	95	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	15,000
	1959	116	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	11,000 a
Misc. seed Vetch and Flax	1960	350	413	144,600	lb	.09	13,000
	1959	600	1,500	900,000	"	.069	62,000
TOTAL:	1960	465	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	\$ 33,000
	1959	773	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	91,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE

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	1960	2,624	10	83,147	plant	\$ 1.03	\$ 86,000
	1959	2,144	10	24,543	"	1.25	30,679
Herbaceous perennials	1960	14,892	3	43,021	"	.60	26,000
	1959	14,892	3	40,349	"	.75	30,261
Bedding plants	1960	2,550	1	3,500	flat	2.00	7,000
	1959	2,550	1	3,050	"	2.00	6,100
Bulbs and rhizomes	1960	XXX	10	76,000	bulb	.06	5,000
	1959		6	66,600	"	.03	1,998
Misc. - Orchids, Cactus, Succulents	1960	7,880	1	7,685	plant	1.75	13,000
	1959	7,880	1	9,100	"	2.00	18,200
<u>Cut flowers</u>							
Orchids, Roses, Heather, Stocks, Lilies, etc.	1960	151,000	20	296,703	bloom	.72	215,000
	1959	150,000	20	295,285	bunch	.61	179,550
TOTAL:	1960	178,946	45	XXX	XXX	XXX	\$352,000
	1959	177,466	41				266,788

INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1960	JANUARY 1, 1961
Cattle and calves: All	39,900 a	37,600
Dairy cows 2 years and over	30,000 a	26,000
Dairy calves and heifers	6,000	8,000
Beef cattle and calves	3,900	3,600
Sheep and lambs: All	23,300	20,000
Stock sheep	18,500	16,000
Lambs	4,800	4,000
Hogs and pigs	1,300	1,000
Hens and pullets over 6 months	35,000	39,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1959 - 1960

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		Number of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	TOTAL
Cattle: All	1960	19,682	72,984	cwt	\$ 13.71	\$ 1,000,000
	1959	23,751	81,705	"	15.91	1,299,927
Lambs	1960	13,291	11,557	"	19.14	221,000
	1959	17,508	15,446	"	15.26	235,707
Hogs & pigs	1960	1,517	2,955	"	20.60	61,000
	1959	1,445	2,745	"	14.00	38,430
Chickens, hens	1960	20,000	85,000	lb	.095	8,000
	1959	25,190	98,512	"	.08	7,881
TOTAL:	1960	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	\$ 1,290,000
	1959	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	1,581,945

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS - PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1959 - 1960

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk: Market	1960	2,002,035	cwt	\$ 5.22	\$10,445,000
	1959	2,180,866	"	5.09	11,107,000 a
Manufacturing	1960	176,399	"	3.29	580,000
	1959	93,032	"	3.47	323,000 a
Wool	1960	243,400	lb	.41	100,000
	1959	264,000	"	.47	124,000
Eggs, chicken *	1960	693,100	doz	.39	269,000
	1959	717,033	"	.34	243,016
TOTAL:	1960	XXX	XX	XXX	\$11,394,000
	1959	XXX	XX	XXX	11,797,016

\*Includes hatching eggs.

COMPILATION: GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY FOR  
1959 - 1960

ITEM	YEAR	GROSS VALUE
<u>Field and orchard crops</u>		
Field crops	1960	\$ 873,000
	1959	830,415
Vegetable crops	1960	5,000
	1959	18,000 a
Seed crops	1960	13,000
	1959	62,000
Fruit and nut crops	1960	15,000
	1959	11,000 a
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TOTAL:	1960	\$ 906,000
	1959	921,415
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<u>Nursery and cut flower industry</u>		
Nursery crop production	1960	\$ 137,000
	1959	87,238
Cut flower crops	1960	215,000
	1959	179,550
Retail nursery sales - b	1960	715,000
	1959	905,741
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TOTAL:	1960	\$ 352,000
	1959	266,788
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<u>Livestock industry</u>		
Livestock and poultry	1960	\$ 1,290,000
	1959	1,581,945
Livestock and poultry products	1960	11,394,000
	1959	11,797,016
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TOTAL:	1960	\$ 12,684,000
	1959	13,378,961
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a - Revised figure  
b - Informative figure only

GRAND TOTAL: 1960 \$ 13,942,000  
1959 14,567,164 a