

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



County Of Sonoma

1973

SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the Sonoma County Agricultural Crop Report for 1973 as required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

The dollar value quoted herein designates gross and does not reflect net income in any way.

High prices and a very favorable year for production has increased the agricultural income for Sonoma County to another all time record of \$126,668,540.

Fruit and Nut crops have shown the largest gain with grapes being the most dominate in this series of crops. In other categories, production has been fairly stable but higher prices again caused tremendous increase in dollar value.

My appreciation is expressed to those who have cooperated with my staff in furnishing information and to Assistant Commissioner Joseph Violetti, under whose direction it was compiled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harry F. McCracken'.

Harry F. McCracken
Agricultural Commissioner
Sonoma County

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SONOMA COUNTY

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1972-73

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>APPLES, ALL</u>	1973	8,660	13.56	117,400	\$96.70		\$11,353,000
	1972	8,622	13.26	114,350	62.36		\$7,132,000
<u>Gravenstein</u>	1973	4,144	12.52	51,900	93.37		\$4,846,000
	1972	4,114	11.36	46,740	56.16		\$2,625,000
Fresh (a)	1973			4,900	227.35	\$1,114,000	
	1972			3,320	120.20	399,000	
Canned	1973			12,800	98.28	1,258,000	
	1972			10,960	66.00	723,000	
Juice-Cider	1973			26,300	72.13	1,897,000	
	1972			16,900	44.00	743,000	
Dried (b)	1973			7,900	73.04	577,000	
	1972			10,160	46.50	473,000	
Wine (c)	1973			-	-	-	
	1972			5,400	53.15	287,000	
<u>Late Apples</u>	1973	4,516	14.50	65,500	99.34		\$6,507,000
	1972	4,508	15.10	67,610	66.66		\$4,507,000
Fresh (a)	1973			5,800	217.93	1,264,000	
	1972			8,690	110.47	960,000	
Canned	1973			26,200	107.36	2,813,000	
	1972			20,460	68.32	1,398,000	
Juice-Cider	1973			19,400	75.15	1,458,000	
	1972			21,510	53.74	1,156,000	
Dried (b)	1973			14,100	68.94	972,000	
	1972			11,030	61.19	675,000	
Wine (c)	1973			-	-	-	
	1972			5,920	53.71	318,000	

(a) The 1973 per ton value reflects the average price received F.O.B. Sebastopol. Prices are readily available at this point and avoids the complicated manipulations necessary to compute actual grower returns. The 1972 per ton value reflects the average price received for naked fruit delivered to the packing house.

(b) Green Tons

(c) Included in Juice-Cider Category

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production (in tons)		Value		Total
			Per Acre	Total	Per Ton	Sub Total	
<u>GRAPES, WINE</u>	1973	13,452	3.17	42,700	\$508.00		\$21,692,000
	1972	12,689	2.25	28,590	455.12		\$13,012,000
<u>Common</u>	1973			20,600	404.00	\$8,322,000	
	1972			14,940	382.50	5,714,000	
<u>Premium</u>	1973			22,100	605.00	13,370,000	
	1972			13,650	534.65	7,298,000	
<u>PEARS</u>							
<u>Bartlett</u>	1973	1,508	4.95	7,470	112.52		\$840,500
	1972	1,459	4.90	7,160	97.73		\$699,800
Canned	1973			7,300	112.00	818,000	
	1972			6,900	98.00	676,000	
Fresh	1973			70	200.00	14,000	
	1972			60	130.00	7,800	
Dried (a)	1973			100	85.00	8,500	
	1972			200	80.00	16,000	
<u>PRUNES</u>	1973	6,353	1.68	10,700	480.00		\$5,136,000
	(b) 1972	9,000	1.27	11,500	355.00		\$4,082,000
<u>WALNUTS</u>	1973	1,048	.349	366	580.00		\$212,000
	1972	1,025	.370	380	544.73		\$207,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS (c)</u>	1973	275					\$194,000
	1972	280					\$253,000
<u>TOTAL (d)</u>	1973						\$39,427,500
	1972						\$25,385,800

(a) Green Tons

(b) Revised

(c) Includes plums, cherries, bushberries, black walnuts, etc.

(d) Total includes apples shown on previous page

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APIARY PRODUCTS

1972-73

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production Total</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
				<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HONEY</u>	1973	29,200	Lb.	.414	\$12,100
	1972	96,100	Lb.	.332	31,900
<u>WAX</u>	1973	350	Lb.	.83	290
	1972	890	Lb.	.60	530
<u>PACKAGE BEES</u>	1973	1,500	Lb.	1.46	2,200
	1972	2,000	Lb.	.60	1,200
<u>POLLINATION</u>	1973				1,000
	1972				2,730
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973				\$15,590
	1972				\$36,000

VEGETABLE CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1973	250	\$160,000
<u>TRUCK FARMS*</u>	1972	200	\$100,000

* Includes: Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Melons, Mushrooms, etc.

SEED CROPS

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Total Production (in tons)</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1973	1,400	1,400	110.00	\$154,000
<u>SEED CROPS*</u>	1972	1,200	1,030	41.00	\$42,230

* Includes Oats For Seed

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FIELD CROPS

1972-73

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Harvested Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	
			<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>HAY</u>							
<u>Alfalfa</u>	1973	50	4.00	200	Ton	\$46.00	\$9,200
	1972	100	4.00	400	Ton	34.00	13,600
<u>Grain</u>	1973	25,000	2.50	62,500	Ton	40.00	2,500,000
	1972	22,600	2.43	55,000	Ton	29.00	1,595,000
<u>Wild</u>	1973	1,500	1.0	1,500	Ton	28.00	42,000
	1972	1,800	1.2	2,160	Ton	22.00	47,500
<u>GREEN CHOP</u>	1973	650	10.5	6,800	Ton	13.32	90,600
	1972	700	9.0	6,300	Ton	8.74	55,100
<u>OATS</u>	1973	50	1.00	50	Ton	90.00	4,500
	1972	1,800	.86	1,550	Ton	35.41	54,900
<u>PASTURE</u>							
<u>Irrigated</u>	1973	12,000			Acre	45.00	540,000
	1972	15,000			Acre	45.00	675,000
<u>Grassland</u>	1973	222,000			Acre	3.00	666,000
	1972	225,000			Acre	3.00	675,000
<u>Woodland</u>	1973	190,000			Acre	.40	76,000
	1972	190,000			Acre	.40	76,000
<u>Sudan</u>	1973	50			Acre	35.00	1,750
	1972	50			Acre	30.00	1,500
<u>ENSILAGE</u>	1973	700	15.0	10,500	Ton	12.00	126,000
	1972	800	14.5	11,600	Ton	10.25	119,000
<u>STRAW</u>	1973			1,000	Ton	12.50	12,500
	1972			2,900	Ton	12.00	34,800
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> *	1973	300		300	Ton		30,900
	1972	300		300	Ton		20,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973						\$4,099,450
	1972						\$3,367,400

* Includes Barley, Wheat, Grain Sorghum, etc.

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NURSERY PRODUCTS

1972-73

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Field Acres	Sold		Per Unit	Total
<u>GRAPEVINES</u>						
<u>Field Grown</u>						
Non-Grafted (a)	1973	16.0	1,244,000	Plant	.32	\$398,000
	1972	14.0	1,250,000	Plant	.27	337,000
Grafted	1973	14.0	226,000	Plant	.84	190,000
	1972	17.0	200,000	Plant	.529	106,000
<u>Greenhouse Propagation (b)</u>						
Benchgrafts	1973		692,000	Plant	1.25	865,000
Rooted	1973		488,000	Plant	.655	320,000
<u>ORNAMENTALS (c)</u>	1973		463,000	Plant	1.20	561,000
	1972		647,000	Plant	.60	388,000
<u>BEDDING PLANTS (d)</u>	1973		80,500	Flats	2.99	241,000
	1972		66,000	Flats	3.45	228,000
<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u>	1973		28,000	Tree	6.40	179,000
	1972		28,000	Tree	6.35	178,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (e)</u>	1973					291,000
	1972					123,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973					\$3,045,000
	1972					\$1,360,000

(a) Includes Cuttings

(b) No Production For 1972

(c) The 1973 Production and Value Does Not Include Liners and Forest Seedlings as Does the 1972 Figures. These Categories Will Be Reflected Under Miscellaneous Products For 1973.

(d) Per Unit Price Includes All Trade Type Containers

(e) Includes Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees, Cut Flowers, Bulbs, Rhizomes, Liners and Forest Seedlings

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1972-73

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>			<u>Value</u>	
		<u>Number Of Head</u>	<u>Total Liveweight</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES</u>	1973	56,000	287,124	Cwt.	\$49.65	\$14,256,000
	1972	50,000	256,370	Cwt.	32.10	8,229,000
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	1973	52,300	47,030	Cwt.	29.66	1,395,000
	1972	60,900	54,370	Cwt.	20.51	1,115,000
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	1973	5,300	11,186	Cwt.	45.05	504,000
	1972	2,350	4,900	Cwt.	29.40	144,000
<u>BREEDING STOCK (a)</u>	1973					555,000
	1972					-
<u>FRYERS AND ROASTERS</u>	1973	3,426,000	16,035,000	Lb.	.299	4,794,000
	1972	3,941,000	17,272,000	Lb.	.158	2,726,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>	1973	1,121,000	4,258,000	Lb.	.128	545,000
	1972	690,000	2,861,000	Lb.	.069	197,000
<u>CHICKS</u>	1973	14,040,000		Each	.145	2,036,000
	1972	11,406,000		Each	.113	1,289,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1973	234,000	3,627,000	Lb.	.326	1,182,000
	1972	249,000	4,183,000	Lb.	.206	862,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (b)</u>	1973					1,654,000
	1972					1,247,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973					\$26,921,000
	1972					\$15,809,000

(a) Includes Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Hogs

(b) Includes Ducks, Ducklings, Turkey Poults and Rabbits

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1972-73

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
MILK					
<u>Market</u>	1973	5,091,000	Cwt.	\$6.84	\$34,882,000
	1972 (a)	5,216,000	Cwt.	5.91	30,827,000
<u>Manufacturing</u>	1973	84,900	Cwt.	6.16	523,000
	1972 (a)	108,000	Cwt.	5.49	593,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1973	550,000	Lb.	.88	484,000
	1972	480,000	Lb.	.40	192,000
EGGS, CHICKEN					
<u>Market</u>	1973	29,027,000	Doz.	.50	14,514,000
	1972	33,653,000	Doz.	.251	8,447,000
<u>By-Products</u>	1973	969,000	Doz.	.25	242,000
	1972	841,000	Doz.	.18	151,400
<u>Hatching</u>	1973	561,000	Doz.	.822	461,000
	1972	562,000	Doz.	.754	424,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS (b)</u>	1973				1,740,000
	1972				1,228,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1973				\$52,846,000
	1972 (a)				\$41,862,400

(a) Revised

(b) Includes Market Duck Eggs and Turkey Hatching Eggs, Etc.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1973-74 (NO. OF HEAD)

Item	1-1-73	1-1-74
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL</u>	114,000	117,000
Milk Cows and Heifers, 2 Years and Over	44,500	43,500
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL</u>	71,400	72,800
<u>HOGS AND PIGS</u>	3,300	3,400
<u>LAYING HENS AND PULLETS</u>	1,934,000	1,692,000
<u>TURKEY BREEDERS</u>	44,500	38,100

SONOMA COUNTY	SUMMARY	
	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
<u>APIARY</u>	\$15,590	\$36,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	4,099,450	3,367,400
<u>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</u>	39,427,500	25,385,800*
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	26,921,000	15,809,000
<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>	52,846,000	41,862,400*
<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	3,045,000	1,360,000
<u>SEED</u>	154,000	42,230
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>	160,000	100,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$126,668,540	\$87,962,830*

*Revised

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FRUIT, NUT AND GRAPEVINE ACREAGE

1973

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	2	-	2
<u>APPLES</u>			
<u>Gravenstein</u>	4,144	125	4,269
<u>Delicious</u>	741	56	797
<u>Delicious, Golden</u>	817	193	1,010
<u>Jonathan</u>	710	27	737
<u>Newtown</u>	89	-	89
<u>Rome</u>	1,613	276	1,889
<u>All Others</u>	547	15	562
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,661	692	9,353
<u>APRICOTS</u>	2	-	2
<u>CHERRIES</u>			
<u>Royal Ann</u>	134	1	135
<u>All Others</u>	16	1	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	150	2	152
<u>CHESTNUTS</u>	1	-	1
<u>FIGS</u>	10	-	10
<u>FILBERTS</u>	3	-	3
<u>GRAPES</u>	13,300	5,838	19,138
(Note: See Following Pages For Breakdown)			
<u>CITRUS</u>	42	-	42
<u>OLIVES</u>	10	-	10
<u>PEACH, CLINGSTONE</u>	1	-	1
<u>PEACH, FREESTONE</u>	9	-	9
<u>PEARS, BARTLETT</u>	1,506	126	1,632
<u>All Others</u>	2	3	5
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,508	129	1,637
<u>PLUMS</u>	18	-	18
<u>PRUNES</u>			
<u>French</u>	5,826	135	5,961
<u>Imperial</u>	390	2	392
<u>All Others</u>	32	-	32
<u>TOTAL</u>	6,248	137	6,385
<u>WALNUTS</u>			
<u>Budded</u>	1,048	45	1,093
<u>Black</u>	6	22	28
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,054	67	1,121
<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>			37,884

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BLACK WINE GRAPES
(Grown in Sonoma County)

1973

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Alicante Bouschet	308	0	308
Alicante Ganzin	14	0	14
Barbera	51	9	60
Beclan	28	0	28
Black Malvoisie	7	0	7
Cabernet Sauvignon	1,336	1,787	3,123
Carignane	1,678	32	1,710
Early Burgundy	174	8	182
Gamay Napa Valley	213	194	407
Gamay Beaujolais	119	307	426
Grand Noir	64	0	64
Grenache	52	3	55
Malbec	10	0	10
Mataro	15	0	15
Merlot	59	294	353
Meunier	4	0	4
Mission	16	0	16
Petite Bouschet	6	0	6
Petite Sirah	1,189	45	1,234
Pinot Noir	665	1,024	1,689
Pinot St. George	16	210	226
Refosco (Mondeuse)	26	2	28
Ruby Cabernet	34	1	35
Valdepenas	4	0	4
Zinfandel	3,556	292	3,848
Other Blacks	<u>41</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTAL	9,685	4,218	13,903

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WHITE WINE GRAPES
(Grown in Sonoma County)

1973

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Burger	187	14	201
Chardonnay	421	857	1,278
Chasselas Dore (Chasselas de Fontainbleu)	46	0	46
Chenin Blanc	253	44	297
Flora	6	0	6
Folle blanche	25	0	25
French Colombar	1,066	84	1,150
Gewurtztraminer	69	194	263
Gray Riesling	49	25	74
Green Hungarian	18	9	27
Malvasia Bianca	15	0	15
Muscadelle	4	0	4
Palomino (Golden Chasselas)	447	1	448
Pinot Blanc	73	0	73
Sauvignon Blanc	237	23	260
Sauvignon Vert	122	2	124
Semillon	185	0	185
Sylvaner	90	1	91
White Riesling	282	356	638
Other White	20	10	30
TOTAL	3,615	1,620	5,235