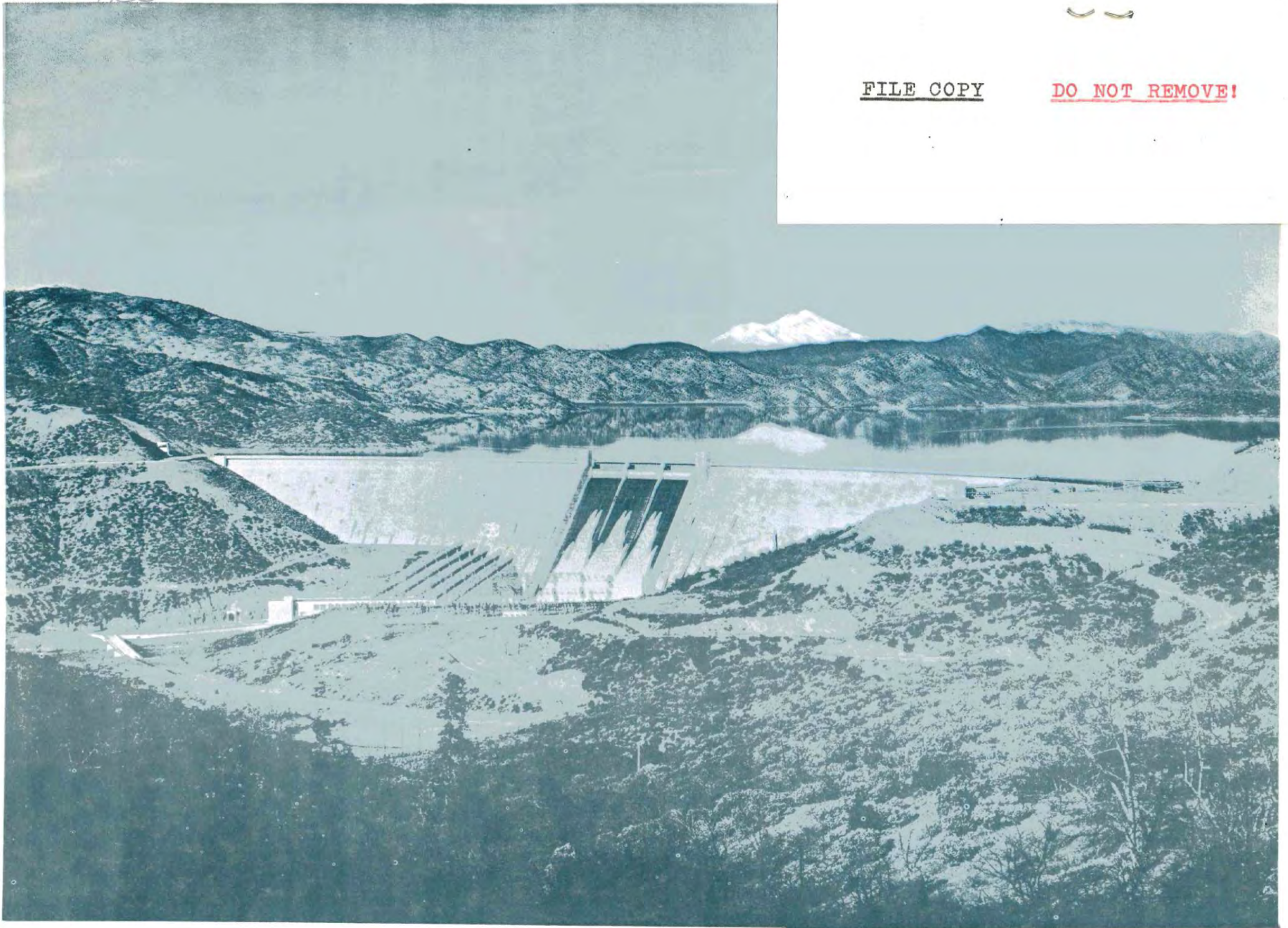


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
C. BRUCE WADE
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

W. C. JACOBSON, DIRECTOR
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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SHASTA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Redding, California

February 21, 1956

The Director of the State Department of Agriculture
The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I submit herewith a statistical report of agricultural production of Shasta County for the calendar year 1955.

Although livestock production has increased slightly, prices have continued to decline to the point that actual income from livestock has decreased considerably. Fruit and berry crops were seriously injured by late frosts in the spring. Also, acreage of these crops continues to decrease as they are being replaced by nut crops and by residential expansion.

The specialty crop of strawberry plants in nursery production is becoming a major agricultural item. Plant diseases are a limiting factor, but some progress is being made in disease control.

Figures included in this report represent gross income and do not consider the many expenses incurred in the production of crops.

This report has been prepared jointly by the Extension Service and the Agricultural Commissioner's offices of Shasta County.

We are grateful for the fine cooperation of the many offices and individuals who have assisted in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted

C. Bruce Wade

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Agricultural Commissioner

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FARMS AND ACREAGE FOR SHASTA COUNTY

Here under is data on acreage and number of farms, total lands and irrigated lands, in Shasta County, according to 1954 U. S. Census of Agriculture.

Land Area of County, approximate 2,461,440 acres

FARM DATA	1954 CENSUS
Number of farms:	
Irrigated farms	773
Total number - - all farms	1,074
Acres of farm lands:	
Acres of non-irrigated crop lands	25,545
Acres of irrigated crop lands	44,961
Irrigated pastures	19,136
Range-land pasture	443,662
Wood-land pasture	255,544
TOTAL - - - acres in farms	788,848

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

KIND	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE	
BEEF CATTLE				
Feeder Cattle	25,000	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,125,000.00	
Fat Cattle	1,200	160.00	192,000.00	
Purebred Breeding Stock	1,600	200.00	320,000.00	
Feeder Cattle (winter pastured only)	9,000	12.00	<u>108,000.00</u>	\$ 2,745,000.00
DAIRY				
Market Milk	448,000 lbs. B/fat	1.18	528,640.00	
Manufacturing Milk	605,000 lbs. B/fat	.81	490,050.00	
Veal and Cull Calves			<u>160,000.00</u>	1,178,690.00
SWINE				
Feeder Hogs	10,000	16.00	160,000.00	
Fat Hogs	2,000	34.00	<u>68,000.00</u>	228,000.00
SHEEP				
Feeder Lambs	2,300 @	12.00	27,600.00	
Fat Lambs	3,300 @	18.00	59,400.00	
Wool	40,000 lbs @	.50	<u>20,000.00</u>	107,000.00
POULTRY				
Eggs	516,000 doz.	.39	201,240.00	
Meat	110,000 lbs.	.36	<u>39,600.00</u>	240,840.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Horses, Mules, Goats, Rabbits and Game Birds			<u>10,000.00</u>	10,000.00
T O T A L			<u><u>\$ 4,509,530.00</u></u>	

GRAINS and FIELD CROPS

CROP	ACRES	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
WHEAT	2,984	28,348 cwt.	@ \$ 3.10	\$ 87,878.80
BARLEY	3,100	37,200 cwt.	@ 2.10	78,120.00
ALFALFA HAY	6,500	2,925 Tons (10% of crop sold)	@ 32.00 (4)	93,600.00
GRASS HAY	9,400	1,645 Tons (10% of crop sold)	@ 27.00 (4)	44,415.00
GRAIN HAY	2,875	1,150 Tons (20% of crop sold)	@ 32.00 (4)	36,800.00
GARDEN CROPS	55	per acre	179.00	9,845.00
				\$ 350,658.80

(4) Data indicates percentage of hay sold.
Remainder fed and accounted for in beef and butterfat production.

FRUITS, NUTS and BERRIES

CROP	ACRES	MARKETED PRODUCTION			PRICE	VALUE
APPLES	120	20,280	boxes	@	\$ 2.22	\$ 45,021.60
PEACHES	18	5,400	boxes	@	1.75	9,450.00
CHERRIES *	6					
GRAPES *	34					
PERSIMMONS *	80					
OLIVES Pickles & Shipping	635	356	tons	@	230.00	81,880.00
BERRIES	9	1,800	crates	@	2.50	4,500.00
WALNUTS	87	58	tons	@	620.00	35,960.00
Marketed production: Fruits, Nuts and Berries					T O T A L	\$ 176,811.60

* No Production Due to Late Frost

SPECIALTY CROPS

CROP	NUMBER	MARKETED PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
STRAWBERRY PLANTS	160 acres	64,000,000 plants	\$ 12.00 per M	\$ 768,000.00
APIARY	7,949 colonies			
	11,987 nuclei			
		56,000 lbs pkg.	\$ 56,000.00	
		62,000 " queen bees	62,000.00	
		226,000 " honey - - -	24,860.00	
		3,900 " wax - - - -	1,975.00	
		1,900 colonies rented for pollination	5,700.00	
				150,535.00
MARKETED PRODUCTION	- - - - -	- - - - -	TOTAL VALUE	\$ 918,535.00

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N
 VALUES OF FARM CROPS MARKETED 1 9 5 5

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY	\$ 4,509,530.00
FIELD CROPS	350,658.80
HORTICULTURAL CROPS	176,811.60
SPECIALTY CROPS	918,535.00
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL CROP VALUES	\$ 5,955,535.40

SUMMARY OF VALUE OF CROPS FOR YEARS
 1951 - 55 INCLUSIVE

1 9 5 1	CROP VALUE	\$ 6,872,110.00
1 9 5 2	CROP VALUE	5,571,050.00
1 9 5 3	CROP VALUE	5,418,158.95
1 9 5 4	CROP VALUE	5,966,823.15
1 9 5 5	CROP VALUE	5,955,535.40

TIMBER PRODUCTION

1 9 5 1	250,000,000	bd. ft.	
1 9 5 2	397,975,000	bd. ft.	
1 9 5 3	486,669,000	bd. ft.	
1 9 5 4 (1)	347,483,000	bd. ft.	\$ 14,694,286.00

(1) Value of 1954 lumber cuts based on estimated average sale price of \$ 42.00 per M feet.

Actual data for 1955 is not available at this time.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

COPPER, GOLD, IRON ORE)		
)		\$ 977,397.00
PYRITE & CRUSHED STONE, ETC.)		
SAND & GRAVEL	639,622	short tons	582,836.00
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		T O T A L	\$ 1,580,233.00