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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

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SHASTA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Redding, California

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

Gentlemen:

This statistical report of agricultural production of Shasta County for the calendar year 1956 is being submitted as required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code.

The Livestock situation has remained basically the same as for 1955. Prices received are somewhat low as compared with production costs. There seems to be an increasing interest in Turkey production, which is anticipated to continue because most conditions are favorable in this locality.

Acreage of Fruit crops continued to decline although improved cultural methods are showing a significant increase in value for the acreage remaining. The potential extension of irrigation facilities in this county and the displacement of fruit and nut crops in other areas of the state by residential expansion may reverse this declining trend. For instance, walnut acreage planted has doubled during the past two years.

The Strawberry plant nursery business has, at last, found a point where supply exceeds demand. Although planted acreage was considerably increased, severe grading on the part of growers resulted in about the same sales as for 1955. Strawberry plant nursery production will continue to be significant in the agricultural economy of the county.

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

Although Mineral and Timber production are not strictly agricultural commodities they are of sufficient local interest that data is included separately in the last pages of this report. Both items affect and are affected by a growing industrial development in the county.

This report has been prepared jointly by the Extension Service and the Agricultural Commissioner's offices of Shasta County. We wish to express our grateful thanks to the many individuals and offices who have made the production of this report possible.

Respectfully submitted

C. Bruce Wade

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FARMS AND ACREAGES FOR SHASTA COUNTY

The following data on acreages and number of farms, total lands and irrigated lands in Shasta County, is taken from the 1954 U. S. Census of Agriculture, final report - 1956.

Land area of County, approximate	2,432,000	acres
Total number of farms	1,079	
Irrigated farms	773	

LAND USE

Acres of irrigated land	44,961
Acres of irrigated harvested crop land	14,276
Acres of non-irrigated crop land	8,105
Acres of crop land, not harvested, not pastured	5,955
Acres of irrigated pastures	30,685
Acres of improved pastures	18,064
Acres of other pastures and ranges lands	414,273

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

KIND	PRODUCTION		VALUE
BEEF CATTLE			
Feeder Cattle	25,000		\$ 2,250,000.00
Fat Cattle	1,500		240,000.00
Purebred Breeding Stock	1,600		320,000.00
Feeder Cattle (winter pasture only)	9,000		<u>180,000.00</u>
			\$ 2,918,000.00
DAIRY			
Market Milk	465,000	lbs B/fat	604,500.00
Manufacturing Milk	558,000	lbs B/fat	451,980.00
Veal and cull Calves			<u>172,000.00</u>
			1,228,480.00
SWINE			
Feeder Hogs	10,000		130,000.00
Fat Hogs	4,500		<u>157,500.00</u>
			287,500.00
SHEEP			
Feeder Lambs	2,300		27,600.00
Fat Lambs	3,300		59,400.00
Wool	40,000	lbs	<u>20,000.00</u>
			107,000.00
POULTRY			
Eggs	516,000	doz	201,240.00
Meat	110,000	lbs	39,600.00
Turkey Meat	17,000	birds	95,000.00
eggs	40,000	eggs	<u>6,400.00</u>
			342,240.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Horses, Mules, Goats, Rabbits and Game Birds			10,000.00
			<u>10,000.00</u>
T O T A L			\$ 4,893,220.00

GRAINS and FIELD CROPS

CROP	ACRES	PRODUCTION	VALUE
WHEAT	938	11,256 cwt	\$ 39,396.00
BARLEY	4,100	45,100 cwt	110,495.00
ALFALFA HAY	6,500	* 3,250 tons (10% of crop sold)	91,000.00
GRASS HAY	9,773	* 1,954 tons (10% of crop sold)	41,030.00
GRAIN HAY	3,550	* 1,420 tons (20% of crop sold)	45,440.00
GARDEN CROPS	60		10,500.00
T O T A L S			\$ 337,861.00

* Production and value of Hay crops are listed as 10% of total. The remainder is fed and value accounted for in beef and butter fat production.

FRUITS and NUTS

CROP	ACRES	MARKETED PRODUCTION	VALUE
APPLES	148	1,018 tons	\$ 114,525.00
MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS			
Peaches)			
Cherries)			
Persimmons)	104	240 tons	62,070.00
OLIVES			
Pickles and Shipping	635	370 tons	74,000.00
WALNUTS	87	74 tons	45,880.00
Marketed production: Fruits and Nuts			\$ 296,475.00
		T O T A L	

SPECIALTY CROPS

CROP	NUMBER	MARKETED PRODUCTION	VALUE
STRAWBERRY PLANTS	215 acres	64,500,000 plants	\$ 774,000.00
APIARY	12,346 colonies		
	15,600 nuclei		
	85,200 lbs pkg - - -	\$ 85,200.00	
	109,500 lbs queen bees	120,450.00	
	345,200 lbs honey - - -	41,424.00	
	6,570 lbs wax - - -	3,942.00	
	2,950 colonies rented for pollination	11,800.00	
			262,816.00
MARKETED PRODUCTION		TOTAL VALUE	\$ 1,036,816.00

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

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LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY	\$	4,893,220.00
FIELD CROPS		337,861.00
HORTICULTURAL CROPS		296,475.00
SPECIALTY CROPS		1,036,816.00
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL CROP VALUES	\$	6,564,372.00

S U M M A R Y O F V A L U E O F C R O P S F O R Y E A R S

1952 - 1956 I N C L U S I V E

1 9 5 2	C R O P V A L U E	\$	5,571,050.00
1 9 5 3	C R O P V A L U E		5,418,158.95
1 9 5 4	C R O P V A L U E		5,966,823.15
1 9 5 5	C R O P V A L U E		5,955,535.40
1 9 5 6	C R O P V A L U E		6,564,372.00

MINERAL PRODUCTION

PRODUCT	NUMBER	VALUE
COPPER	3,900 lbs	\$ 1,455.00
GOLD	334 fine ounces	11,690.00
LEAD	3,100 lbs	462.00
VOLCANIC CINDERS	86,467 short tons	49,339.00
SAND and GRAVEL	612,677 short tons	581,396.00
SILVER	479 fine ounces	434.00
ZINC	8,200 lbs	1,009.00
UN-APPORTIONED *		1,080,627.00
T O T A L V A L U E		\$ 1,726,412.00

* Includes Chromite, Pyrite, Stone (crushed), and Tungsten concentrates

TIMBER PRODUCTION

1952	.....	397,975,000	bd ft	
1953	.....	486,669,000	bd ft	
1954	.....	347,483,000	bd ft	
1955	.....	418,544,000	bd ft	\$ 16,741,760.00

Actual data for 1956 is not available at this time