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AGRICULTURE CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

The attached report is submitted in compliance with the requirements of the California Agricultural Code and shows no drastic changes in agricultural marketing insofar as prices go over 1953 but does reflect a more stable market.

Less livestock was marketed but prices on the average were above 1953. Market and manufacturing milk production showed an increase over 1953 but the price received was less due to reductions occurring under provisions of the milk control law.

Hay and Grain Growers show a decrease in production and were well below 1953.

Orchards and vineyards hardly call for comment. By the end of 1955, it is anticipated there will not be a single producing orchard left as an economic factor - giving away to subdivisions. The crop was heavier in 1954 over 1953 which accounts for a higher income.

The Nursery Industry shows an increase in numbers but competition has brought the prices down some. However, the income is above 1953.

In Poultry Industry egg production shows a considerable increase over 1953 in spite of declining prices. Meat bird production was down except new ventures in turkey raising which helped boost the totals.

Local conditions show that farmers have had to adjust their economy to a peace-time condition. Some were hurt for a time but are all emerging in a very favorable condition.

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HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

		<u>VALUE</u>
Pears (Cannery)	25 tons	\$1,625.00
Pears (Other sales)	23 "	1,380.00
Prunes (Fresh)	40 "	2,400.00
Apples, Apricots, Peaches	2,150 - 30 lb boxes	3,550.00
Grapes	52 tons	5,230.00
Walnuts	25,208 lbs	5,605.00
Honey	4,600 "	900.00
		<u>\$20,690.00</u>

Total commercial and family orchard acreage - 276 acres

LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Beef Herd type stock		
Cattle and Beef	850 head	\$103,659.00
Commercial and Utility		
Beef & Dairy Cows	5,031 "	500,803.00
Calves for slaughter		
(Veal & Dairy Stock)	4,839 "	78,475.00
Bulls (Bologna)	227 "	37,109.00
<u>Sheep</u>		
Lambs	6,113 head	91,771.00
Ewes and Rams	1,362 "	9,383.00
Hogs	1,157 "	37,398.00
Wool Production	134,000 lbs.	85,365.00
		<u>\$ 943,963.00</u>

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Milk-Fat production

Market	7,372,000 lbs.
Manufacturing	<u>795,000 "</u>
Total	8,167,000 "

Average price received by producers

Market milk fat	1,209	per pound milk fat
Manufacturing milk fat	.743	" " " "

Value of Milk Fat Production

Market	\$8,913,000.00
Manufacturing	<u>591,000.00</u>
Total	\$9,504,000.00

TRUCK CROPS

Potatoes	19 acres	1,925 cwt	\$4,781.00
Artichokes	27 "	1,785 crates	6,825.00
Beans	10 "	925 std.L.A. Lug	2,013.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Squash, Corn			
Tomatoes	19 "	2,474 crates	<u>3,632.00</u>
			\$ 17,251.00

FIELD CROPS

Hay	1,502 acres	3,161 tons	\$ 67,255.00
Barley	80 "	120 "	5,040.00
Oats	1,885 "	2,227 "	81,155.00
Wheat	469 "	403 "	26,720.00
Rye Grass	108 "	10,800 lbs.	810.00
Vetch	510 "	185 tons	13,500.00
Straw & Screenings		179 "	<u>2,290.00</u>
			\$ 196,770.00

POULTRY & POULTRY PRODUCTS
AND SMALL ANIMALS

Eggs. (Market & Hatchery)	38,751 cases	\$341,044.11
Broilers and Fryers	45,412 lbs.	28,982.00
Hens	13,088 head	6,531.00
Turkey	6,850 "	48,712.00
Ducks and Geese	800 "	1,648.00
Baby Chicks	75,000 "	12,000.00
Pullets	1,824 "	2,430.00
		<u>\$441,347.11</u>

RABBITS

Meat animals	4,400 head	\$ 3,360.00
Breeding and Laboratory stock	450 "	1,350.00
Pelts	666 "	<u>139.00</u>
		\$ 4,849.00

PLANT INDUSTRY

Nursery stock		\$793,775.00
Field grass, cut flowers	23 acres	6,274.00
Cut holly	5 acres	975.00
Forest greens		<u>3,957.00</u>
		\$804,981.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$11,933,851.11