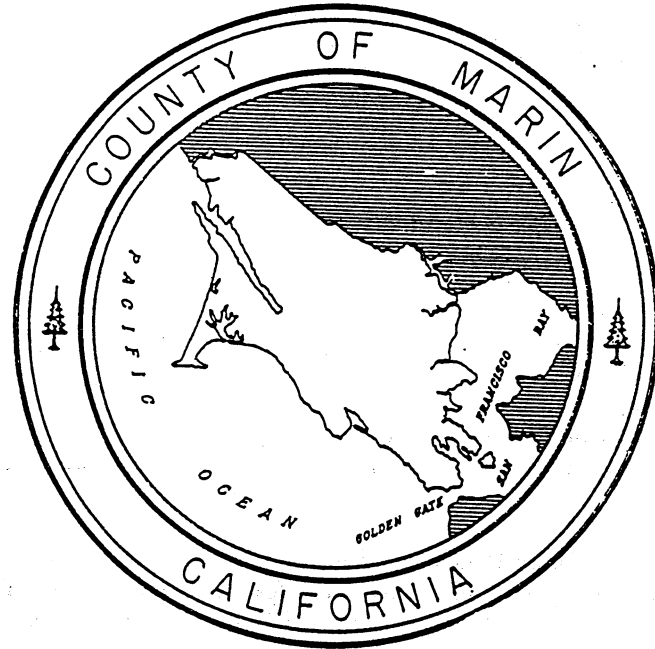


**COUNTY OF MARIN**

**LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL**

**CROP REPORT**

**1994**



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**JACK SCHROCK**  
Commissioner/Director

April 1, 1995

Henry J. Voss, Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Marin

Annette Rose, President  
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Harry Moore

Dear Mr. Voss and Board Members:

I am pleased to submit the 1994 Annual Livestock and Agricultural Crop Report for the County of Marin. I am retiring after having completed thirty-one years of service with the Marin County Department of Agriculture. It has been a pleasure working with you and for the County of Marin.

Last year agriculture contributed over fifty-two million dollars to the local economy. The total increased by 18% from last year's report. The increase is due to the following:

- 1) The value of Marin's 154,000 acres of pastureland has been revised upwards by over two million dollars to correct an undervaluation on the value per acre. The value of hay increased due to a rise in the price per ton.
- 2) Livestock production has been revised to reflect inventories reported in the 1992 census of Agriculture for Marin County. The census was conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce; reporting by farmers and ranchers is mandated by federal law. In contrast, Marin County's annual livestock survey is voluntary and does not necessarily reflect a complete accounting of all farms and ranches.

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3. Poultry production increased due to the return to production of some poultry houses.

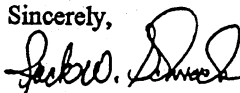
Aquaculture decreased in value due to mortalities of up to 70% in oyster juvenile seed plantings, spring through fall. A state study in 1995 will be conducted to attempt to identify the cause.

The combined livestock industry represents about 81% of the total gross agricultural value of the county, of which 61% is derived from milk production alone.

Certain categories are combined where production is either of minor importance or necessary to protect the interest of producers of entire crops. The figures presented in this report represent the gross value of agricultural production and do not reflect net income to the growers.

I wish to express my appreciation to Andrea deGrassi and Anita Sauber for their contribution in compiling this report.

Sincerely,



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Agricultural Commissioner

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### **FIELD, FRUIT, NUT & VEGETABLE CROPS**

	YEAR	HARVESTED	TOTAL	DOLLAR VALUE		
		ACREAGE	UNITS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay	1993	1,468	3,039		49.91	151,676
	1994	2,785	6,141		73.54	451,615
Silage	1993	914	10,277		20.10	206,587
	1994	905	9,920		22.84	226,593
Pasture, Irrigated	1993	820			110.00	90,200
	1994	820			110.00	90,200
Pasture, Other	1993	154,000			15.00	2,310,000
	1994	154,000			29.00	4,466,000
Fruits, Nuts & Vegetable	1993	142				1,477,947
	1994	142				1,691,366
<b>TOTAL</b>	1993	157,344				\$4,236,410
	1994	158,652				6,925,774

### **NURSERY PRODUCTS**

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA		
		HOUSE SQ. FT.	FIELD AREAS	TOTAL
Nursery	1993	235,000	54.75	1,198,608
	1994	235,000	54.75	1,000,317

### **INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK & POULTRY**

ITEM	January 1, 1994	January 1, 1995
All Cattle	41,000*	44,000*
Dairy Cows	13,200*	13,500*
Beef Cows	9,000*	10,000*
Stock Sheep	11,000*	11,400*
Poultry	68,053	407,843**

\*Revised estimates to reflect inventories based on that reported in 1992 Census of Agriculture (a federally mandated census)

\*\*Significant increase in poultry production due to return of poultry producers

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	DOLLAR VALUE TOTAL
Cattle	1993	11,762	4,859,579
	1994	20,528	7,070,616
Lambs	1993	3,952	236,948
	1994	8,069	554,521
Poultry and Eggs: Hatching	1993		2,304,807
	1994		2,783,708
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1993</b>		<b>\$ 7,401,334</b>
	<b>1994</b>		<b>10,408,845</b>

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS**

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION UNIT	DOLLAR VALUE	
			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk: Market	1993	2,526,969 Cwt.	11.44	\$28,908,525
	1994	2,619,401	12.08	31,635,000
Milk: Manufact.	1993	1,514 Cwt.	11.05	16,730
	1994	29,902	10.12	303,000
Wool	1993	74,380	.28	20,958
	1994	66,394	.51	34,115
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1993</b>			<b>\$28,946,213</b>
	<b>1994</b>			<b>31,972,115</b>

**AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS**

	YEAR	PRODUCTION ACREAGE	DOLLAR VALUE
Oysters, Clams, Mussels	1993	1295	\$2,660,763
	1994	1295	2,139,980

**COMPILATION**

	1993	1994
Field & Orchard Crops	\$ 4,236,410	\$ 6,925,774
Nursery Crops	1,198,608	1,000,317
Livestock & Poultry	7,401,334	10,408,845
Livestock Products	28,946,213	31,972,115
Aquaculture Products	<u>2,660,763</u>	<u>2,139,980</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,443,328</b>	<b>\$52,447,031</b>

**MARIN COUNTY ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORTING**

In accordance with Section 2272 of the Food and Agriculture Code:

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Scope of Program</u>
Yellow Star Thistle Weevil	16 sites
Yellow Star Thistle Seedhead Gall Fly	2 sites
Gorse Seed Weevil	County-wide distribution
Scotch Broom Seed Weevil	County-wide distribution
Scotch Broom Stem Boring Moth	County-wide distribution
Ash Whitefly Parasite ( <i>Encarsia</i> sp.)	County-wide distribution
Italian Seed Weevil	County-wide distribution
Puncture Vine Weevil	Highway 101 corridor
Gorse Mite	9 sites

**PEST PREVENTION**

Exclusion	8,279 shipments of plant material inspected, UPS Postal, Federal Express, and trucks.	30 shipments quarantined for violation of plant quarantine laws
	91 household goods shipments inspected for Gypsy Moth.	4 shipments quarantined for violation of plant quarantine laws
Detection	109 county traps and 642 state traps placed to detect exotic insects.	

**ORGANIC FARMS**

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Number of Farms</u>	<u>Estimated Acres</u>
Fruits and Vegetables	17	114
Dairy/Milk	1	660



JACK SCHROCK RETIRES TO THE COMFORT  
OF HIS BACKYARD AFTER 31 YEARS