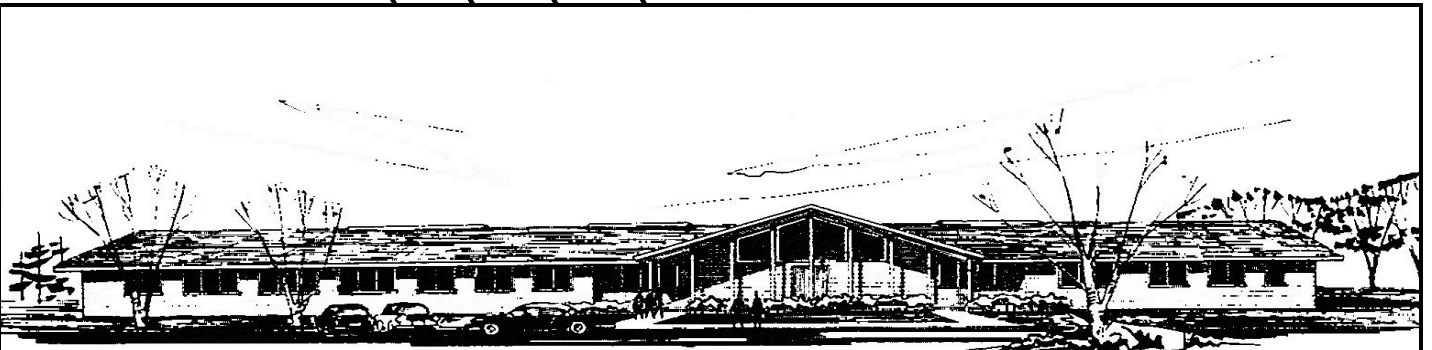


Agricultural
**CROP
REPORT**



THE NEW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

*Yolo
County*

1950



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TO: THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YOLO COUNTY

Gentlemen:

The California Agricultural Code requires the Agricultural Commissioner to compile each year a report of the condition, acreage, production and value of all crops grown in his county. We wish to emphasize to the reader that the financial return to growers represent the gross farm value, and in no way do these figures represent the net income received.

A resume of the weather conditions, which were important in maturing crops, can be stated as follows: During the first quarter of the 1950 crop year, prevailing cold temperatures noticeably retarded pasture and crop growth. A light rainfall was recorded, while low temperatures set a good bud crop on all deciduous fruits, with prunes being the exception. During the second quarter, relatively high temperatures were favorable to the development of all crops. Irrigation practices were started during this quarter to offset the lack of sufficient rainfall and to promote crop growth. Weather during the third quarter started with high temperatures causing sunburn damage to prunes, walnuts and the first picking of tomatoes, but favored the production of alfalfa, rice, sugar beets, beans and melons. The last quarter of the year general rains prevailed and impeded the harvesting of late crops.

The crops showing the largest financial returns are listed in the following order: sugar beets, barley, tomatoes, rice and alfalfa hay. Production of alfalfa hay has been increasing the last few years, and the market for this crop started strong. However, early fall rains reduced the demands until the price was slightly above the cost of production.

The assistance and cooperation received from growers, processors, shippers and other has made the compiling of this report possible, and to them I wish to express my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. H. Hardy
Agricultural Commissioner

HORTICULTURAL CROPS

YOLO COUNTY

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<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
<u>ALMONDS</u>	9,278	4,637 Ton	\$2,558,170
<u>APRICOTS</u>	2,009		
Shipping		305,153 Lugs	383,317
Canning		812 Tons	44,660
Dried		100 Tons	62,000
Pits		40 Ton	1,800
<u>FIGS</u>	579		
Fresh		11,000 Flats	13,700
Dried		600 Tons	114,000
<u>GRAPES</u>	582	1,455 Tons	65,475
<u>OLIVES</u>	415	1,040 Tons	93,600
<u>ORANGES</u>	19	3,100 Lugs	7,000
<u>PEACHES</u>	521		
Canning		625 Tons	37,500
Dried		700 Tons	294,000
Shipping		29,800 Lugs	38,600
<u>PEARS</u>	405		
Canning		2,790 Tons	211,253
Shipping		1,154 Tons	99,546
<u>PRUNES</u>	1,118	770 Tons	169,400
<u>WALNUTS</u>	893	535 Tons	214,000
<u>BLACK WALNUTS</u>			<u>17,700</u>
TOTAL	15,819		\$4,425,721

SEED CROPS

YOLO COUNTY

1950

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
<u>ALFALFA</u>			
Common	876	262,800 Lbs	\$118,260
Buffalo	2,000	500,000 Lbs	95,000
Ranger	805	241,500 Lbs	120,750
<u>CLOVER</u>			
Burr	360	80,000 Lbs	36,800
Kenland Red	157	31,400 Lbs	31,400
Ladino	105	18,900 Lbs	20,790
<u>TREFOIL</u>		2,000 Lbs	3,340
<u>CERTIFIED SEED</u>			
Alta Fescue	68	3,400 Lbs	1,160
Barley	972	2,673,000 Lbs	93,555
Buffalo Alfalfa	1,443	432,900 Lbs	216,450
Kenland Red Clover	218	76,300 Lbs	114,450
Ladino Clover	90	16,200 Lbs	17,820
Ranger Alfalfa	1,627	488,100 Lbs	244,050
Rice	450	1,575,000 Lbs	78,750
Sudan Grass	322	257,600 Lbs	20,608
Wheat	579	1,172,475 Lbs	52,740
<u>BEETS (Table)</u>	99	156,009 Lbs	28,083
<u>CARROTS</u>	55	55,134 Lbs	19,997
<u>LETTUCE</u>	615	95,491 Lbs	79,757
<u>MUSTARD</u>	70	38,184 Lbs	4,580
<u>ONION</u>	80	37,961 Lbs	27,862
<u>ONION BULBS</u>	15	731,227 Lbs	12,065
<u>PARSNIP</u>	6	5,861 Lbs	1,055
<u>PEAS</u>			
Field & Seed	832	516,832 Lbs	27,292
Canadian & Austrian	1,245	1,010,600 Lbs	30,318
<u>SUDAN GRASS</u>	1,678	1,342,400 Lbs	107,392
TOTAL	14,767		\$1,604,324

FIELD CROPS

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<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
<u>BEANS</u>			
Dry	3,500	2,250 Tons	\$364,000
Frozen	707	967,122 Lbs	59,369
<u>GRAIN</u>			
Barley	128,700	135,635 Tons	6,103,175
Oats	160	120 Tons	7,200
Rice	35,000	49,875 Tons	4,488,750
Wheat	17,000	13,770 Tons	936,360
<u>HAY</u>			
Alfalfa	27,200	163,200 Tons	2,937,600
Grain	6,700	6,700 Tons	134,000
Straw	5,000	3,750 Tons	45,000
<u>HOPS</u>	507	4,599 Bales	597,870
<u>MILO CORN</u>	3,700	3,700 Tons	185,000
<u>PASTURE</u>			
Grain Stubble	20,000		25,000
Irrigated	9,850		394,000
Range	140,000		70,000
Sugar Beet Tops	7,000		35,000
<u>SAFFLOWER</u>	792	353 Tons	24,710
<u>SUGAR BEETS*</u>	35,000	689,500 Ton	8,146,350
<u>SUGAR BEET PULP</u>		<u>229,800</u> Ton	371,600
TOTAL	440,816		\$24,924,984

* Includes federal subsidy

TRUCK CROPS

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<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
<u>ASPARAGUS</u>	2,663		
Green		74,519 Crates	447,114
Canning		2,068 Tons	392,920
Frozen		87,822 Lbs	9,660
<u>CABBAGE</u>	2.5	350 Crates	688
<u>CARROTS</u>	8.5	85 Tons	5,100
<u>CAULIFLOWER</u>	8	3,550 Crates	3,013
<u>CELERY</u>	15	10,450 Half Crates	17,400
<u>MELONS</u>			
Honeydews & Cantaloupes	1,277	383,212 Crates	586,224
<u>ONIONS</u>			
Dehydrator & Market	900	11,955 Tons	400,760
<u>PEPPERS</u>	17	385 Tons	15,400
<u>PEAS</u>			
Frozen	365	400 Tons	32,800
Market	644	115,920 Hampers	144,900
<u>SPINACH</u>			
Canning	400	2,400 Tons	60,000
<u>SQUASH</u>			
Banana & Hubbard	32	360 Tons	2,700
Zucchini	35	1,160 Lugs	13,350
<u>TOMATOES</u>	13,500		
Canning		202,500 Tons	4,556,250
Shipping	321	19,500 Lugs	117,000
<u>TRUCK GARDEN</u>			<u>78,750</u>
TOTAL	20,236		\$6,884,029

APIARY – LIVESTOCK - POULTRY

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<u>CROP</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>GROSS FARM VALUE</u>
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APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey (Bulk)	122 Tons	\$20,740
Package Bees	7,000 Pkgs	22,000
Pollination		18,000
<u>Wax</u>	<u>2 Tons</u>	<u>1,800</u>
TOTAL		\$62,540

LIVESTOCK

Cattle (Beef, Feed Lot & Other Gains)	8,410 Head	\$3,093,630
Veal	3,875 Head	271,250
Sheep (Ewes, Etc. sold)	7,740 Head	239,400
Swine	54,710 Head	1,371,290
Wool	589,644 Lbs	378,269
Milk & Milk Products	1,138,000 Lbs	1,017,640
Horses	450 Head	16,250
<u>Rabbits</u>	<u>2,100 Head</u>	<u>2,100</u>
TOTAL		\$6,389,829

POULTRY PRODUCTS

Chickens (Hens sold)	31,750 Birds	\$51,010
Baby Chicks	140,000 Birds	11,200
Fryers	197,300 Birds	177,570
Eggs	32,200 Cases	434,700
<u>Turkeys</u>	<u>61,490 Birds</u>	<u>344,344</u>
TOTAL		\$1,018,824

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RECAPITULATION

Apiary	\$62,540
Field Crops	24,924,984
Horticultural Crops	4,425,721
Livestock Products	6,389,829
Poultry Products	1,018,824
Seed Crops	1,604,324
Truck Crops	<u>6,884,029</u>
Total	\$45,310,251
1946 Gross Farm Value	\$45,284,711
1947 Gross Farm Value	42,957,714
1948 Gross Farm Value	37,976,688
1949 Gross Farm Value	42,036,415
1950 Gross Farm Value	45,310,251