

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1968



Solano County Department of Agriculture

SOLANO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LLOYD A. BLACK
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

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

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to submit the 1968 Solano County Annual Crop Report, as required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

Figures shown in this report have been gathered with the cooperation of the producers, shippers and handler. Every effort has been made to produce true and correct figures. I believe that the composite figures are reasonably accurate, although some may be slightly below the total F.O.B. sums, due to the inability to obtain all sources.

The largest year for agricultural crops was seen this year in Solano County. An increase of nearly Five (5) million dollars over the previous best year of 1966. Prices in some crops were favorable as well as production was higher with favorable climatic conditions.

It must be emphasized that although this was a banner year, less actual net return was realized by the growers.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of my staff who have so diligently worked on this report under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Donald Haug. Also to express my appreciation to the many people in Agriculture and Industry for their cooperation in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd A. Black
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Agricultural Commissioner

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SOLANO COUNTY FRUIT AND NUT ACREAGE STATISTICS

1968

Orchard Crop	Bearing Acreage	Non-Bearing Acreage	Total
Almonds	3,047	875	3,922
Apples	2	3	5
Apricots	3,420	91	3,511
Cherries	185	75	260
Figs	28	0	28
Grapes (Wine)	734	65	799
Olives	26	0	26
Oranges	4	14	18
Peaches (Freestone)	1,533	95	1,628
Pears	2,719	773	3,492
Persimmons	7	0	7
Plums	89	0	89
Prunes	3,985	572	4,557
Walnuts	1,327	456	1,783
Misc.	317	0	317

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS : ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1967 AND 1968

Crop	Year	Production				Value	
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1968	3,047	.8	2,438	Ton	680.00	\$1,657,800
Total	1967	2,874	.8	2,299	Ton	630.00	1,448,400
Apricots	1968	3,420	3.83	13,110	Ton	188.22	2,467,500
Total	1967	3,406	3.0	10,235	Ton	150.00	1,531,400
Canned	1968			6,610	Ton	150.00	991,500
	1967			3,245	Ton	135.00	438,100
Fresh Market	1968			3,050	Ton	220.00	671,000
	1967			3,415	Ton	143.00	488,300
Dried	1968			* 575	Ton	1,400.00	805,000
	1967			* 550	Ton	1,100.00	605,000
Cherries	1968	185	1.97	365	Ton	393.40	143,600
Total	1967	184	.7	127	Ton	580.00	73,600
Fresh Market	1968			165	Ton	525.00	86,600
	1967			65	Ton	750.00	48,800
Barreled	1968			200	Ton	285.00	57,000
	1967			62	Ton	400.00	24,800
Grapes, Wine	1968	734	3.85	2,826	Ton	110.00	310,900
	1967	687	4.3	2,954	Ton	100.00	295,400
Peaches	1968	1,533	5.74	8,795	Ton	109.96	967,100
Total	1967	1,543	4.8	7,435	Ton	83.00	620,100
Fresh Market	1968			450	Ton	125.00	56,300
	1967			600	Ton	85.00	51,000
Canned	1968			3,270	Ton	79.00	258,300
	1967			2,460	Ton	70.00	172,200
Dried	1968			* 725	Ton	900.00	652,500
	1967			* 625	Ton	635.00	396,900
Pears	1968	2,719	8.13	22,108	Ton	116.84	2,583,200
Total	1967	2,622	1.2	3,223	Ton	177.00	571,800
Canned #1	1968			19,162	Ton	120.00	2,299,400
	1967			2,959	Ton	178.00	526,700
Canned #2	1968			1,507	Ton	69.00	104,000
	1967			17	Ton	112.00	1,900
Fresh Market	1968			1,049	Ton	128.00	134,300
	1967			49	Ton	208.00	10,200

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS : ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1967 AND 1968 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Production			Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Pears (cont'd)	1968			65	Ton	700.00	\$ 45,500
Dried	1967			33	Ton	1,000.00	33,000
Plums	1968	89	3.2	285	Ton	286.00	81,500
	1967	85	2.4	204	Ton	295.00	60,200
Prunes	1968	3,985	*1.86	7,432	Ton	275.00	2,043,800
	1967	3,818	*1.7	6,650	Ton	255.00	1,695,800
Walnuts	1968	1,327	.7	929	Ton	600.00	557,400
	1967	1,277	.6	766	Ton	500.00	383,000
Misc: Figs, Apples, Oranges & Persimmons	1968	317					82,300
	1967	317					74,000
Total	1968	<u>17,356</u>					<u>10,895,100</u>
	1967	<u>16,813</u>					<u>6,753,700</u>

*Dry tons

TRUCK CROPS, 1967 AND 1968

Asparagus	1968	1,450	1.6	2,320	Ton	374.44	868,700
Total	1967	1,450	1.6	1,595	Ton	390.28	622,500
Market	1968			998	Ton	420.00	419,200
	1967			281	Ton	415.00	116,600
Canning	1968			1,322	Ton	340.00	449,500
	1967			1,314	Ton	385.00	505,900
Lettuce	1968	486	354	171,881	48 Lb.	2.44	419,400
	1967	1,100	350	385,000	48 Lb.	1.75	673,800
Cucumber	1968	50	8.2	410	Ton	86.50	35,500
	1967	200	7.8	1,560	Ton	91.00	142,000
Sweet Corn	1968	100	225	22,500	45 Lb.	3.00	67,500
	1967	200	215	47,300	45 Lb.	2.90	137,200
Bell Pepper	1968	150	9.5	1,425	Ton	70.00	99,800
	1967*	208	10.0	2,080	Ton	60.00	125,000
Onions	1968	165	10.0	1,650	Ton	64.00	105,600
	1967	160	10.0	1,600	Ton	100.00	160,000
Tomatoes	1968	15,500	24.0	372,000	Ton	33.00	12,276,000
	1967	11,000	25.0	275,000	Ton	39.00	10,725,000

TRUCK CROPS, 1967 AND 1968 (Cont'd)

Crop	Year	Production			Value		
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Snap Beans	1968	110	2.0	220	Ton	133.00	29,300
	1967	--	--	--	--	--	--
Misc. Veg.	1968	750					213,800
	1967	800					200,000
Total	1968	18,761					11,115,600
	1967	15,138					* 12,785,500

FIELD CROPS, 1967 AND 1968

Alfalfa	1968	12,500	7.3	91,250	Ton	26.00	2,372,500
	1967	13,000	7.0	91,000	Ton	30.00	2,730,000
Barley	1968	22,500	1.7	38,250	Ton	46.00	1,759,500
	1967	23,800	1.2	28,560	Ton	57.00	1,627,900
Beans	1968	4,500	1.5	6,750	Ton	226.00	1,525,500
	1967	5,200	1.0	5,200	Ton	210.00	1,092,000
Field Corn	1968	7,250	3.3	23,925	Ton	44.00	1,052,700
	1967	6,800	3.2	21,760	Ton	48.00	1,044,500
Oats	1968	3,600	1.6	5,760	Ton	50.00	288,000
	1967	4,000	1.5	6,000	Ton	50.00	300,000
Sugar Beets	1968	22,000	22.5	495,000	Ton	13.85	6,855,800
	1967	18,000	17.4	313,200	Ton	12.45	3,899,300
Wheat	1968	15,950	2.3	36,685	Ton	44.00	1,611,100
	1967	11,363	2.2	25,000	Ton	49.00	1,225,000
Hay, Grain	1968	10,000	2.0	20,000	Ton	23.00	460,000
	1967	11,000	2.4	26,400	Ton	25.00	660,000
Permanent Pasture	1968	23,900			Acre	35.00	836,500
	1967	23,500			Acre	35.00	822,500
Other Pasture	1968	150,850			Acre	5.50	829,700
	1967	152,500			Acre	5.50	838,800
Milo	1968	11,300	2.2	24,860	Ton	41.50	1,031,700
	1967	12,000	2.0	24,000	Ton	42.00	1,008,000
Safflower	1968	3,700	1.2	4,440	Ton	79.00	350,800
	1967	3,900	1.1	4,290	Ton	90.00	386,100
Misc.	1968	75					300,000
	1967	--	--	--	--	--	--
Totals	1968	288,125					19,276,800
	1967	285,063					15,634,100

SEED CROPS, 1967 AND 1968

Crop	Year	Production			Value		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Certified Alfalfa	1968	90	505	45,450	Lb.	.44	\$ 20,000
	1967	275	490	134,750	Lb.	.48	64,700
Certified Trefoil	1968	245	350	85,750	Lb.	1.30	111,500
	1967	245	470	115,150	Lb.	1.45	167,000
Certified Barley	1968	42	2.0	84	Ton	55.00	4,600
	1967	380	1.5	570	Ton	62.00	35,300
Certified Wheat	1968	166	2.5	415	Ton	57.00	23,700
	1967	195	2.2	429	Ton	65.00	27,900
Certified Beans	1968	254	1.5	381	Ton	300.00	114,300
	1967	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certified Vetch	1968	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1967	320	750	240,000	Lb.	.08	19,200
Certified Brome	1968	103	333	34,314	Lb.	.46	15,800
	1967	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alfalfa	1968	450	495	222,750	Lb.	.38	84,600
	1967	500	475	237,000	Lb.	.42	99,500
Certified Clovers	1968	35	414	14,478	Lb.	.44	6,400
	1967	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trefoil	1968	760	345	262,200	Lb.	.85	222,900
	1967	200	550	110,000	Lb.	1.00	110,000
Certified Ladino	1968	309	360	111,240	Lb.	.73	81,200
	1967	155	220	34,100	Lb.	.63	21,500
Cucumber	1968	180	357	64,260	Lb.	1.58	101,500
	1967	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc.	1968	815					163,000
	1967	775					155,000
Totals	1968	3,449					949,500
	1967	3,045					700,100

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1967 AND 1968

Item	Year	Production			Value	
		Head	Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves	1968	26,750	133,750	Cwt.	26.50	\$ 3,544,400
	1967	41,500	207,500	Cwt.	25.50	5,291,300
Sheep & Lambs	1968	160,000	120,000	Cwt.	25.50	3,060,000
	1967	180,600	180,600	Cwt.	23.90	4,316,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1967 AND 1968 (Cont'd)

Item	Year	Production			Value	
		Head	Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Broilers & Fryers	1968	15,000	45,000	Lb.	.18	\$ 8,100
	1967	25,000	75,000	Lb.	.18	13,500
Replacement Pullets	1968	125,000		Head	1.55	193,700
	1967	134,000		Head	1.45	194,300
Other Chickens	1968	45,000		Head	.35	15,800
	1967	111,500		Head	.32	35,700
Hogs & Pigs	1968	1,950	3,900	Cwt.	19.70	76,800
	1967	1,200	2,400	Cwt.	23.50	56,400
Turkey	1968	14,500	261,000	Lb.	.20	52,200
	1967	48,000	720,000	Lb.	.19	136,800
Misc. Squabs, Rabbits, Etc.	1968					35,000
	1967					55,000
Totals	1968					6,986,000
	1967					10,099,300

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND APIARY PRODUCTION, 1967 AND 1968

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Bees - Honey	1968	385,000	Lb.	.125		48,100
	1967	425,000	Lb.	.13		55,250
Wax	1968	12,600	Lb.	.65		8,200
	1967	15,500	Lb.	.48		7,450
Packages	1968	7,500	Each	4.50		33,800
	1967	8,300	Each	4.50		37,400
Queens	1968	8,000	Each	1.35		10,800
	1967	10,000	Each	1.25		12,500
Pollinization	1968	7,500	Each	2.50		18,800
	1967	- -	- -	- -		- -
Eggs - Chickens	1968	1,266,800	Doz.	.27		342,000
	1967	1,265,000	Doz.	.30		379,500
Milk-Market	1968	416,000	Cwt.	4.77		1,984,000
	1967	408,000	Cwt.	4.79		1,954,300
Mfg.	1968	12,000	Cwt.	4.13		49,600
	1967	25,200	Cwt.	4.00		100,800
Wool	1968	848,800	Lb.	.40		339,500
	1967	940,900	Lb.	.38		357,500
Totals	1968					2,834,800
	1967					2,904,700

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YEAR	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	TRUCK CROPS	FIELD CROPS	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	SEED CROPS	TOTALS
1958	\$ 5,226,170	\$ 4,230,613	\$ 9,005,309	\$ 9,965,286	\$213,585	\$28,427,378
1959	7,854,917	3,995,600	12,628,570	10,416,245	455,305	35,350,637
1960	7,620,549	6,105,777	12,963,867	10,389,652	262,629	37,342,474
1961	7,136,000	5,357,600	12,397,000	8,470,790	232,070	33,593,460
1962	7,096,900	7,238,500	14,475,500	9,937,750	177,850	38,926,500
1963	8,997,300	5,456,600	14,546,100	10,089,600	236,400	39,326,000
1964	9,427,300	9,009,000	16,687,500	11,420,800	246,500	45,791,100
1965	7,390,400	8,704,000	19,102,500	12,978,000	366,100	48,541,000
1966	8,433,600	8,990,700	19,230,300	13,129,800	625,600	50,410,000
1967	6,753,700	12,785,500	15,634,100	13,004,000	700,100	**48,877,400
1968	10,895,100	14,115,600	19,276,800	9,820,800	949,500	55,057,800

CLASSIFICATION OF ACREAGE, 1968

*Fruit and Nut Crops-----	20,452
Truck and Seed Crops-----	22,210
Field Crops-----	113,375
Pasture Land-----	174,750
Urban and Other-----	72,500
Marsh Land-----	52,000
Water-----	47,350
Brush-----	14,000

TOTAL AREA

827 Square Miles 529,280 Acres

Estimated Total County Population-----	178,963
Total Acres in Farms-----	330,787
Acres in Irrigated Farms-----	146,300

*Includes non-bearing acreage

**Revised

JANUARY 1, 1969 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK & POULTRY
IN NUMBER OF HEAD

Item	Number of Head
Cattle & Calves	
All-----	52,900
Milk Cows - 2 yrs. & over-----	5,100
Cattle & Calves - on feed-----	2,000
Sheep & Lambs	
All-----	130,000
Stock Sheep-----	77,000
Hogs & Pigs-----	1,000
Horses & Mules-----	675
Hens & Pullets - Of Laying Age-----	140,000