

ALAMEDA COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL  
CROP AND ACREAGE REPORT

1960

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To: Charles Paul, Director  
California State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Alameda County

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code, I am submitting the annual 1960 Agricultural Crop and Acreage report for Alameda County.

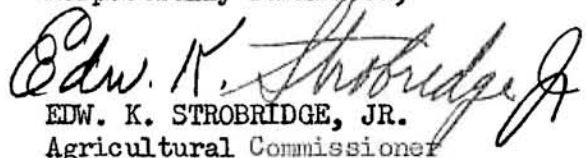
For the second consecutive year, the agricultural production of Alameda County has shown an increase. The 1960 production value of thirty-six million dollars represents a gain of approximately two million dollars over 1959 and is the result of increased production and higher prices for many commodities. Unfortunately, several crops were down in either production, or value or both. One major truck crop, lettuce, decreased both in production and value to the extent of approximately one and one-half million dollars.

The following eleven crops exceeded one million dollars each in gross value during 1960: cauliflower, lettuce, tomatoes, apricots, bedding plants, cattle, baby chicks, milk, eggs, and the cut flowers of roses and carnations.

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 the many individuals in agriculture and industry for their cooperation in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Agricultural Commissioner

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1959-60

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1960	15,331	.8	12,265	Ton	\$ 40.40	\$495,506.
	1959	18,848	.75	14,136		44.	621,984.
Beans, dry edible	1960	21	1.2	25	Ton	205.	5,125.
	1959	87	.6	52		140.	7,280.
Hay Alfalfa	1960	2,402	7.5	18,015	Ton	26.	468,390.
	1959	1,450	6	8,700		24.	208,800.
Grain	1960	18,248	1.5	27,372	Ton	22.	602,184.
	1959	7,703	1	7,703		22.	169,466.
	1960	40	1	40	Ton	58.	2,320.
	1959	69	.87	60		52.	3,120.
Pasture and Range Irrigated	1960	2,441			Acre	40.	97,640.
	1959	2,611				40.	104,440.
Other	1960	250,000			Acre	3.	750,000.
	1959	250,000				3.	750,000.
Silage Corn	1960	659	12.3	8,105	Ton	9.	72,945.
	1959	397	9	3,573		9.	32,157.
Beets	1960	2,080	21.8	45,344	Ton	14.	634,816.
	1959	2,255	23.1	52,091		13.65	711,042.
Wheat	1960	728	.8	582	Ton	64.	37,248.
	1959	863	.8	690		60.	41,400.
Misc. Field Crops*	1960	348					37,295.
	1959	530					56,487.
TOTAL	1960	292,298					\$3,203,469.
	1959	284,813					2,706,176.

\*Includes Milo, Safflower, Certified Seed and Grass Seed

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1959-60

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Beans, snap	1960	327	7.3	2,387	Ton	\$ 120.	\$ 286,440.
	1959	260	7.5	1,950		130.	253,500.
Broccoli	1960	183	2.5	457	Ton	135.	61,695.
	1959	269	2.5	673		140.	94,220.
Cabbage	1960	266	18	4,788	Ton	40.50	193,914.
	1959	233	15	3,495		50.	174,750.
Cauliflower	1960	3,431	11	37,741	Ton	99.90	3,770,326.
	1959	2,923	11	32,153		74.	2,379,322.
Celery	1960	25	24.25	606	Ton	41.25	24,997.
	1959	17	33	561		50.	28,050.
Corn, sweet	1960	980	5.5	5,390	Ton	80.	431,200.
	1959	705	8.25	5,816		72.	418,752.
Cucumbers	1960	1,280	9.7	12,416	Ton	62.60	777,242.
	1959	1,493	11	16,423		51.50	845,784.
Lettuce, head	1960	3,552	9.1	32,323	Ton	63.	2,036,349.
	1959	3,532	13.5	47,682		77.	3,671,514.
Lettuce, misc.	1960	150	6	900	Ton	100.	90,000.
	1959	229	5.5	1,260		125.	157,500.
Mushrooms	1960	22,800 sq.ft.			Sq.Ft.	.65	14,820.
	1959	29,400 sq.ft.				.45	13,230.
Onions, dry	1960	16	15	240	Ton	50.	12,000.
	1959	13	20	260		52.	13,520.
Peppers, bell	1960	98	15	1,470	Ton	102.50	150,675.
	1959	15	7	105		100.	10,500.
Potatoes	1960	109	10	1,090	Ton	50.	54,500.
	1959	104	11	1,144		40.	45,760.
Romaine	1960	123	10	1,230	Ton	57.50	70,725.
	1959	145	8	1,160		70.	81,200.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1959-60  
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Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Squash	1960	32	4	128	Ton	\$ 134.	\$ 17,152.
	1959	8	6	48		134.	6,432.
Tomatoes Market	1960	254	11.5	2,921	Ton	185.	540,385.
	1959	171	20	3,420		200.	684,000.
Canning	1960	2,758	16.25	44,817	Ton	22.50	1,008,382.
	1959	3,690	13.5	49,815		21.50	1,071,022.
Peppers, Chili	1960	17	7	119	Ton	200.	23,800.
	1959						
Misc. Bunch Vegetables*	1960	968					788,231.
	1959	1,073					498,893.
TOTAL	1960	14,569					\$10,352,833.
	1959	14,880					10,447,949.

\*Includes Chinese vegetables, mustard greens, parsley, radishes, spinach, turnip greens and others.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1959-60

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apricots	1960	2,178	5.5	11,979	Ton	\$ 90.	\$1,078,110.
	1959	2,203	4	8,812		100.	881,200.
Cherries	1960	286	3	858	Ton	420.	360,360.
	1959	286	1	286		400.	114,400.
Grapes Wine Var.	1960	774	1.4	1,084	Ton	109.	118,156.
	1959	774	2	1,548		70.	108,360.
Black	1960	1,664	1.2	1,997	Ton	131.	261,607.
	1959	1,664	1.5	2,496		110.	274,560.
White	1960	32	4	128	Ton	78.	9,984.
	1959	32	3	96		60.	5,760.
Pears	1960	54	.5	27	Ton	340.	9,180.
	1959	55	.5	27.5		300.	8,250.
Prunes (dried)	1960	83	13	1,079	Ton	279.	301,041.
	1959	56	15	840		240.	201,600.
Strawberries Freezer	1960	30	11	330	Ton	382.	126,060.
	1959	70	12	840		373.	313,320.
Market	1960	1,476	1.3	1,919	Ton	520.	997,880.
	1959	1,401	.6	840		520.	436,800.
Walnuts	1960	6,577					\$3,262,378.
	1959	6,541					2,344,250.
TOTAL	1960	6,577					\$3,262,378.
	1959	6,541					2,344,250.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE 1959-60

Item	Year	Production area		Quantity sold by producers	Unit	Value	
		House	Field			Per Unit	Total
		sq.ft.	acres				
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Deciduous Fruit Trees	1960		8	17,660	Plt.	\$1.00	\$ 17,660.
	1959		15.5	21,800		.81	17,658.
Rose Plants Started eyes	1960		101	1,647,800	Plt.	.22	362,516.
	1959		110	1,307,250		.255	333,348.
2-yr. old	1960		71	821,000	Plt.	.28	229,880.
	1959		66	650,150		.33	214,549.
Tree Roses	1960		6	12,950	Plt.	1.80	23,310.
	1959		5	9,650		1.80	17,370.
Vegetable Plants Tomato	1960		6	3,000,000	Plt.	.005	15,000.
	1959		10	5,000,000		.0056	28,000.
Cauliflower	1960		138	27,600,000	Plt.	.0035	96,600.
	1959		117	23,384,000		.0037	86,520.
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs*	1960	326,133	58.5	1,906,287	Plt.	var.	882,698.
	1959	324,405	42	1,176,257			702,988.
Bedding Plants	1960	295,370	.25	623,888	Plt.	var.	1,085,565.
	1959	208,930	.25	531,325			850,120.
Indoor Decoratives	1960	335,350		489,250	Plt.	var.	339,155.
	1959	226,145		421,352			174,792.
Bulbs, Rhizomes	1960		30.5	3,751,810	Each	var.	96,300.
	1959		36	4,302,856			97,738.
Propagative Material	1960	513,462		32,436,042	Each	var.	986,981.
	1959	380,730	1	22,525,250			644,407.
TOTAL	1960	1,470,315	419.25				\$4,135,665.
	1959	1,140,210	402.75				3,167,490.

\*Includes Broad-leaved Evergreens, Coniferous Evergreens, Deciduous Shade Trees, and Deciduous Shrubs

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES, AND VALUE, 1959-60

Item	Year	Production area		Quantity sold by producers	Unit	Value	
		House sq.ft.	Field acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Cut Flowers and Decoratives</u>							
Carnations	1960	1,750,810		26,262,150	Blm.	.052	
	1959	1,724,350		29,658,820		.05	
Chrysanthemums Standard	1960	17,000	1.25	90,000	Blm.	.075	6,750.
	1959		1.37	60,000		.105	6,300.
Pompon	1960	14,420	5.5	128,330	Bun.	.42	53,898.
	1959		5.37	129,750		.50	64,875.
Gladiolus	1960		31.25	140,300	Doz.	.75	105,225.
	1959		25	120,000		.74	88,800.
Roses	1960	2,438,480		40,234,920	Blm.	.06	2,414,095.
	1959	2,398,480		39,814,768		.06	2,388,886.
Miscellaneous*	1960	723,485	33.5	5,744,959	var.	var.	858,084.
	1959	775,975	15.5	6,738,460			925,811.
Cut Green Decoratives	1960	21,800	7	33,120	Bun.	.565	18,713.
	1959	22,200	8.66	35,413		.59	20,893.
TOTAL	1960	4,965,995	78.5				\$4,822,397.
	1959	4,921,005	56				4,978,505.

\*Includes Gardenias, Orchids, Snapdragons, Dutch Iris, Daffodils, Lilies, Stephanotis and others



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1959-60

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle	1960	9,500	80,750	Cwt.	\$24.	\$1,938,000.
	1959	10,000	87,500		26.	2,275,000.
Calves	1960	3,500		Ea.	20.	70,000
	1959	2,500			20.	50,000
Sheep and Lambs	1960	23,500	22,560	Cwt.	22.	496,320.
	1959	23,000	21,850		22.50	491,625.
Hogs and Pigs	1960	23,390	51,458	Cwt.	17.	874,786.
	1959	24,850	54,670		14.	765,380.
Broilers and Fryers	1960	878,800	3,075,800	Lb.	.18	553,644.
	1959	974,100	3,409,350		.185	630,729.
Chicks	1960	8,788,480		Ea.	.18	1,581,926.
	1959	7,792,900			.18	1,402,722.
Rabbits	1960	52,000	208,000	Lb.	.25	52,000.
	1959	57,200	228,800		.25	57,200.
Squabs	1960	109,060	115,876	Lb.	.82	95,018.
	1959	217,330	230,910		.85	196,273.
TOTAL	1960					\$5,661,694.
	1959					5,868,929.