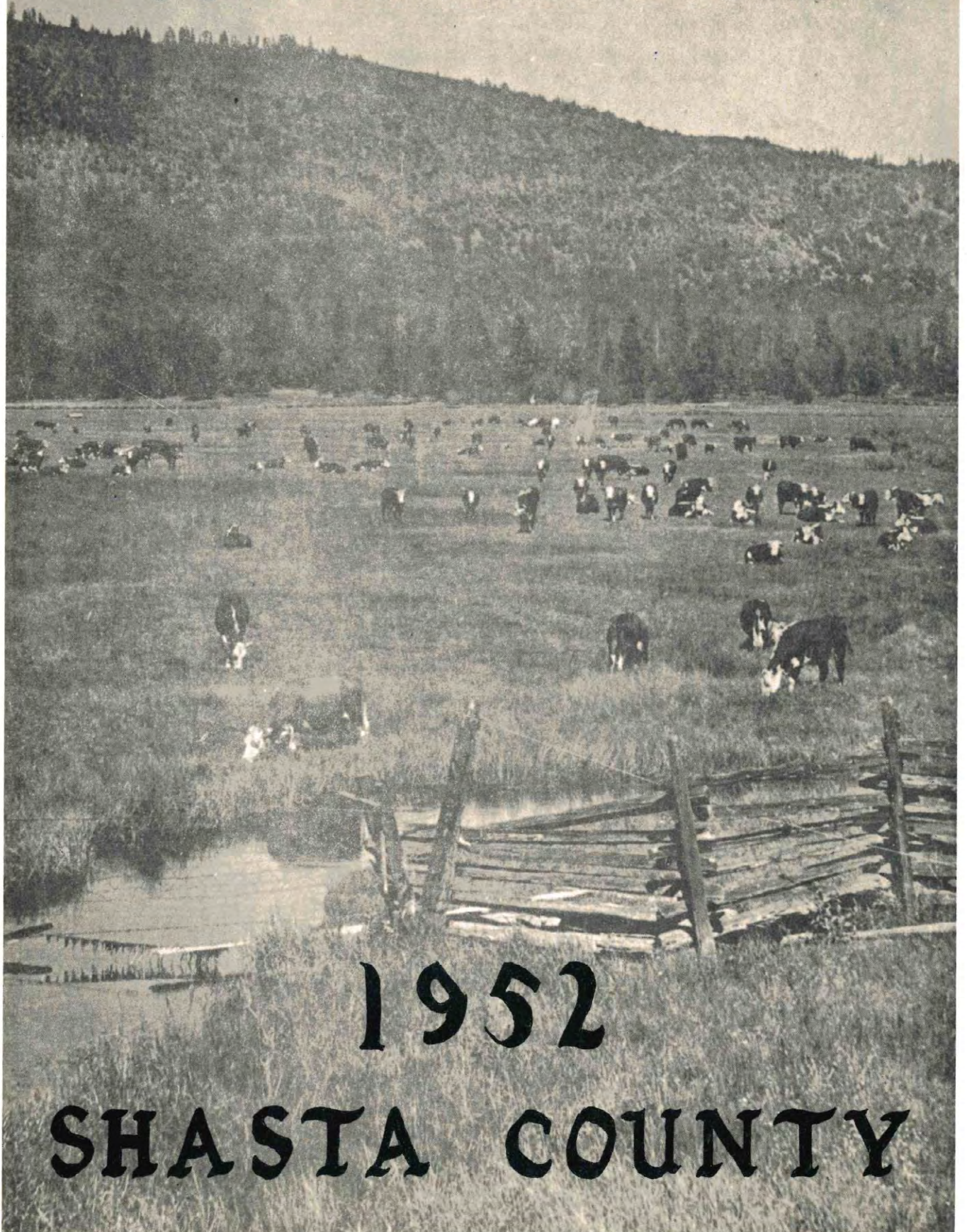


AGRICULTURAL REPORT



1952

SHASTA COUNTY

OFFICE OF
THE
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SHASTA COUNTY

To:

A. A. Brock, Director
California Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of
Shasta County

Gentlemen:

As required by the California Agricultural Code, herewith is submitted a statistical report of acreage, production and values of the agricultural products of Shasta County for 1952. Also included is data on timber production for the same period.

Data for this report has been secured from county agricultural and livestock surveys, State and Federal crop and acreage reports and from reports from various sales and distribution agencies, cooperatives, etc., as well as from individual growers.

Total county income (agricultural) dropped \$1,216,830.00; 17.7% over-all drop as against 1951. Most of this decrease was in revenue from beef cattle, receipts for which came down \$1,160,000.00 or 32.3%.

The beef cattle industry continued good production; but very low prices, and high cost of heavy feeding required, left no profit in most cases. The pure bred cattle development continued, altho prices received have also reflected the low prices of beef stock.

The dairy industry showed considerable increase in returns. An increase in price of butterfat, and in it's production, accounts for this.

Olives, because of short crop and low prices; and strawberry plants, were crops showing a decrease, too.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Agricultural Commissioner

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FARMS AND ACREAGE DATA FOR SHASTA COUNTY

Here under is data on acreage and number of farms, total lands and irrigated lands, in Shasta County, according to preliminary 1950 U. S. Census of Agriculture, issued December 12, 1952.

FARMS	1951	1,108	
Approximate land area		2,432,000	ac
Average size of farms		653.2	"
Cropland (Harvested)	1950	27,648	"
Cropland (Pastured)	"	50,296	"
Woodland (Pastured)	"	419,263	"
Irrigated lands	"	39,992	"
Irrigated farms	"	753	"

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

CROP	NUMBER	MARKETED PRODUCTION			VALUE
BEEF CATTLE	48,000 (1)	17,000	ave. @	\$130.00	\$ 2,210,000.00
BEEF Feeders	8,000 (3)	8,000	150#	23.00	184,000.00
BEEF Breeding Stock		400	head	750.00	300,000.00
DAIRY STOCK	5,000 (2)	2,000	calves	30.00	66,000.00
		750	cows	175.00	131,250.00
FEEDER HOGS		12,117	head	16.67	252,000.00
FAT HOGS	15,000	6,000	head	46.00	276,000.00
SHEEP and		3,000	head	20.00	60,000.00
WOOL	6,000	21,000	lbs	.62	13,020.00
GOATS and (Mohair)	1,000				6,000.00
POULTRY	30,000				110,000.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS	4,000	926,000	# B/fat	1.23	1,138,980.00

\$ 4,746,980.00-
4,747,250.00

- (1) Including animals sold for meat purposes.
- (2) Including young dairy stock and milk cows not in dairy herd.
- (3) Data on feeders shipped in for pasturing.

GRAINS and FIELD CROPS

CROP	ACRES	PRODUCTION	VALUE
WHEAT	3665	26,404 cwt. @ \$3.25	\$85,160.00
BARLEY	2100	25,200 cwt. 2.50	63,000.00
ALFALFA HAY	7000	3,200 T. (9% of crop) 27.00 (4)	86,400.00
GRASS HAY	9700	970 T. (10% of crop) 20.00 (4)	19,400.00
GRAIN HAY	3200	960 T. (30% of crop) 30.00 (4)	28,800.00
POTATOES IRISH	55	8,000 sacks 2.25	18,000.00
VEGETABLES MELONS CORN ETC	135	per acre 300.00	40,500.00
			\$341,260.00

(4) Data indicates percentage of hay sold.
Remainder fed and accounted for in beef and butterfat production.

FRUITS, NUTS & BERRIES

CROP	ACRES	MARKETED PRODUCT			VALUE
APPLES	125	32,500.	boxes @ \$	2.25	\$ 72,000.00
PRUNES	81.6	71	tons	205.00	14,565.00
PEACHES & APRICOTS	40	15,000	boxes	2.00	30,000.00
CHERRIES	6	4	tons	400.00	1,600.00
GRAPES	34	68	tons	75.00	5,100.00
PERSIMMONS	80.6	12,000	boxes	2.25	27,000.00
OLIVES Pickles & Shipping	635	275	tons	150.00	41,250.00
OIL (Olive)		307	tons	65.00	22,750.00
BERRIES	45	15,500	crates	2.50	34,875.00
WALNUTS		55	tons	400.00	22,000.00
Marketed production; Fruits, Nuts & Berries					\$ 271,140.00

SPECIALTY CROPS

CROPS	NUMBERS	MARKETED PRODUCTION	VALUE
STRAWBERRY			
PLANTS	35 acres	15,500.00	\$ 155,000.00
APIARY			
	10,070 colonies		
	10,260 nuclei		
	43,850 lbs. pkg. bees	-- \$43,850.00	
	38,525 queen bees	-- 38,525.00	
	443,120 lbs. honey	-- 48,745.00	
	7,850 lbs wax	-- 3,140.00	
	4,428 colonies rented for pollenization	-- 22,140.00	
MARKETED PRODUCTION			156,400.00
TOTAL VALUE			\$ 295,900.00 311,400.00

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

VALUES OF FARM CROPS MARKETED 1952

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY	4,747,250.00
	\$ 4,746,980.00
FIELD CROPS	341,260.00
HORTICULTURAL CROPS	271,140.00
SPECIALTY CROPS	295,900.00
	311,400.00
TOTAL AGRI. CROP VALUES	\$ 5,655,280.00
	5,671,050.00

SUMMARY OF VALUE OF CROPS FOR YEARS

1947 - 52 INCLUSIVE

1947	CROP VALUE	\$ 5,522,452.00
1948	CROP VALUE	5,626,756.00
1949	CROP VALUE	5,125,800.00
1950	CROP VALUE	5,680,070.00
1951	CROP VALUE	6,872,110.00
1952	CROP VALUE	5,655,280.00
		5,671,050.00

TIMBER PRODUCTION

1950		225,000,000 bd. ft.	\$ 16,200,000.00
1951	(2)	250,000,000 bd. ft.	18,750,000.00
1952	(1)	397,975,000 bd. ft.	19,898,750.00

(1) Value of 1952 lumber cut based on estimated average sale price of \$50.00 per M. feet.

(2) Value of 1951 lumber cut based on estimated average sale price of \$75.00 per M. feet.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

1952 -			
GOLD		740 oz.	\$ 25,900.00
SILVER		111,229 oz.	100,668.00
COPPER		633,700 lbs.	153,355.00
LEAD		1,208,800 lbs.	194,617.00
ZINC		5,411,500 lbs.	898,309.00
SAND and GRAVEL		134,749 tons	177,964.00

\$ 1,550,813.00

Mineral production figures by J. C. O'Brien, District Mining Engineer for the State Division of Mines and from Mineral Information Service, Division of Mines, and the Industry.