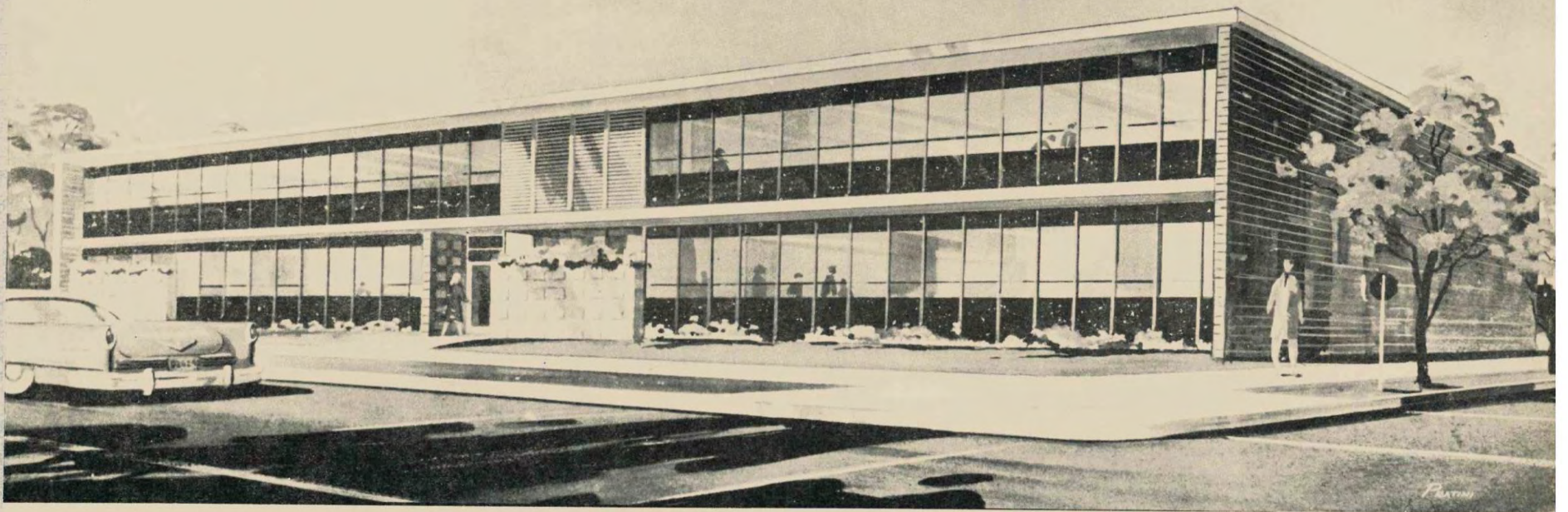


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SHASTA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GENTLEMEN:

WE ARE SUBMITTING HEREWITH A REPORT OF THE CONDITION, ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN SHASTA COUNTY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1957 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 65.5 OF THE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL CODE.

FIGURES INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT REPRESENT GROSS INCOME AND DO NOT CONSIDER THE MANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PRODUCTION OF CROPS.

GENERAL INCREASES BOTH IN NUMBERS AND PRICES OF LIVESTOCK HAVE BEEN NOTED BUT PRODUCTION COSTS ARE STILL RISING.

SOME RATHER EXTENSIVE PLANTINGS OF PRUNES, WALNUTS AND PEACHES HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN SPITE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH LIMIT THE PRODUCTION OF SOME VARIETIES. WALNUT PRODUCTION SUFFERED FROM FROSTS DURING THE SPRING.

THE PRODUCTION OF STRAWBERRY NURSERY STOCK REMAINS AT A LEVEL SIMILAR TO THAT OF 1955 DUE TO MARKET CONDITIONS RATHER THAN DISEASE FACTORS.

TIMBER AND MINERAL PRODUCTION ARE REPORTED SEPARATELY IN THE LAST PAGES OF THIS REPORT.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED JOINTLY BY THE EXTENSION SERVICE AND THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES OF SHASTA COUNTY. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND OFFICES WHO HAVE MADE THE PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT POSSIBLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

C. Bruce Wade

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FARMS AND ACREAGES FOR SHASTA COUNTY

THE FOLLOWING DATA ON ACREAGES AND NUMBER OF FARMS, TOTAL LANDS AND IRRIGATED LANDS IN SHASTA COUNTY, IS TAKEN FROM THE 1954 U. S. CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE, FINAL REPORT - 1956

LAND AREA OF COUNTY, APPROXIMATE	2,432,000	ACRES
TOTAL NUMBER OF FARMS	1,079	
IRRIGATED FARMS	773	

LAND USE

ACRES OF IRRIGATED LAND	44,961
ACRES OF IRRIGATED HARVESTED CROP LAND	14,276
ACRES OF NON-IRRIGATED CROP LAND	8,105
ACRES OF CROP LAND, NOT HARVESTED, NOT PASTURED	5,955
ACRES OF IRRIGATED PASTURES	30,685
ACRES OF IMPROVED PASTURES	18,064
ACRES OF OTHER PASTURES AND RANGE LANDS	414,273

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

KIND	PRODUCTION		VALUE
BEEF CATTLE			
FEEDER CATTLE	28,000		\$ 3,080,000.00
FAT CATTLE	1,200		228,000.00
PUREBRED BREEDING STOCK	2,000		500,000.00
FEEDER CATTLE (WINTER PASTURE ONLY)	14,000		<u>280,000.00</u>
			\$ 4,088,000.00
DAIRY			
MARKET MILK	488,000	LBS B/FAT	681,700.00
MANUFACTURING MILK	561,000	LBS B/FAT	502,300.00
VEAL AND GULL COWS			<u>200,000.00</u>
			1,384,000.00
SWINE			
FEEDER HOGS	12,000		192,000.00
FAT HOGS	5,000		<u>180,000.00</u>
			372,000.00
SHEEP			
FEEDER LAMBS	2,500		32,500.00
FAT LAMBS	3,500		66,500.00
WOOL	45,000	LBS	<u>28,800.00</u>
			127,800.00
POULTRY			
EGGS	800,000	DOZ	320,000.00
MEAT	180,000	LBS	36,000.00
TURKEY MEAT	40,000	BIRDS	148,000.00
EGGS	50,000	EGGS	<u>7,000.00</u>
			511,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
HORSES, MOHAIR GOATS AND RABBITS			18,700.00
			<u>18,700.00</u>
			<u>6,501,500.00</u>
T O T A L			<u>6,501,500.00</u>

GRAINS AND FIELD CROPS

CROP	ACRES	PRODUCTION	VALUE
WHEAT	588	7,056 CWT	\$ 25,754.00
BARLEY	3,900	54,600 CWT	117,390.00
OATS	1,800	2,520 CWT	54,180.00
ALFALFA HAY	6,700	* 3,350 TONS (10% OF CROP SOLD)	67,000.00
GRASS HAY	9,900	* 1,980 TONS (10% OF CROP SOLD)	35,640.00
GRAIN HAY	3,550	* 1,420 TONS (20% OF CROP SOLD)	47,925.00
GARDEN CROPS	126		18,500.00
T O T A L S			\$ 366,389.00

* PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF HAY CROPS ARE LISTED AS 10% OF TOTAL.
THE REMAINDER IS FED AND VALUE ACCOUNTED FOR IN BEEF AND BUTTER
FAT PRODUCTION.

FRUITS AND NUTS

CROP	ACRES	MARKETED PRODUCTION	VALUE
APPLES	148	385 TONS	\$ 48,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS			
PEACHES)			
CHERRIES)			
PERSIMMONS)	104	340 TONS	74,800.00
OLIVES			
PICKLES AND			
SHIPPING	635	572 TONS	120,120.00
WALNUTS	87	45 TONS	27,000.00
MARKETED PRODUCTION: FRUITS AND NUTS		T O T A L	\$ 270,020.00

SPECIALTY CROPS

CROP	NUMBER	SPECIALTY	CROPS	MARKETED PRODUCTION	VALUE
STRAWBERRY PLANTS	190	ACRES		43,700,000 PLANTS	\$ 480,700.00
APIARY	9,941	COLONIES			
	11,000	NUCLEI			
		66,500	LBS PKG	- - -	\$ 66,500.00
		77,150	QUEEN BEES	- -	84,865.00
		255,000	LBS HONEY	- -	28,050.00
		4,200	LBS WAX	- - -	2,100.00
		2,460	COLONIES RENTED FOR POLLINATION	9,840.00	
					191,355.00
MARKETED PRODUCTION				TOTAL VALUE	\$ 672,055.00

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N
 VALUES OF FARM CROPS MARKETED 1 9 5 7

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY	\$	6,501,500.00
FIELD CROPS		366,389.00
HORTICULTURAL CROPS		270,020.00
SPECIALTY CROPS		672,055.00
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL CROP VALUES	\$	7,809,964.00

SUMMARY OF VALUE OF CROPS FOR YEARS
 1953 - 1957 INCLUSIVE

1 9 5 3	CROP VALUE	\$	5,418,158.95
1 9 5 4	CROP VALUE		5,966,823.15
1 9 5 5	CROP VALUE		5,955,535.40
1 9 5 6	CROP VALUE		6,564,372.00
1 9 5 7	CROP VALUE		7,809,964.00

MINERAL PRODUCTION

PRODUCT	NUMBER	VALUE
STONE (MISCELLANEOUS)	114,147 SHORT TONS	\$ 98,014.00
VOLCANIC CINDERS	19,233 SHORT TONS	50,125.00
SAND AND GRAVEL	493,239 SHORT TONS	633,325.00
UN-APPORTIONED *		749,816.00
T O T A L		VALUE \$ 1,531,280.00

* INCLUDES COPPER, GOLD, LEAD, PYRITE, SILVER AND ZINC

TIMBER PRODUCTION

1 9 5 3	486,669,000	BD FT	
1 9 5 4	347,483,000	BD FT	
1 9 5 5	418,544,000	BD FT	
1 9 5 6	392,321,000	BD FT	\$ 15,692,840.00
CHRISTMAS TREES FOR 1 9 5 6	35,315		\$ 70,630.00

FINAL DATA FOR 1 9 5 7 IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME