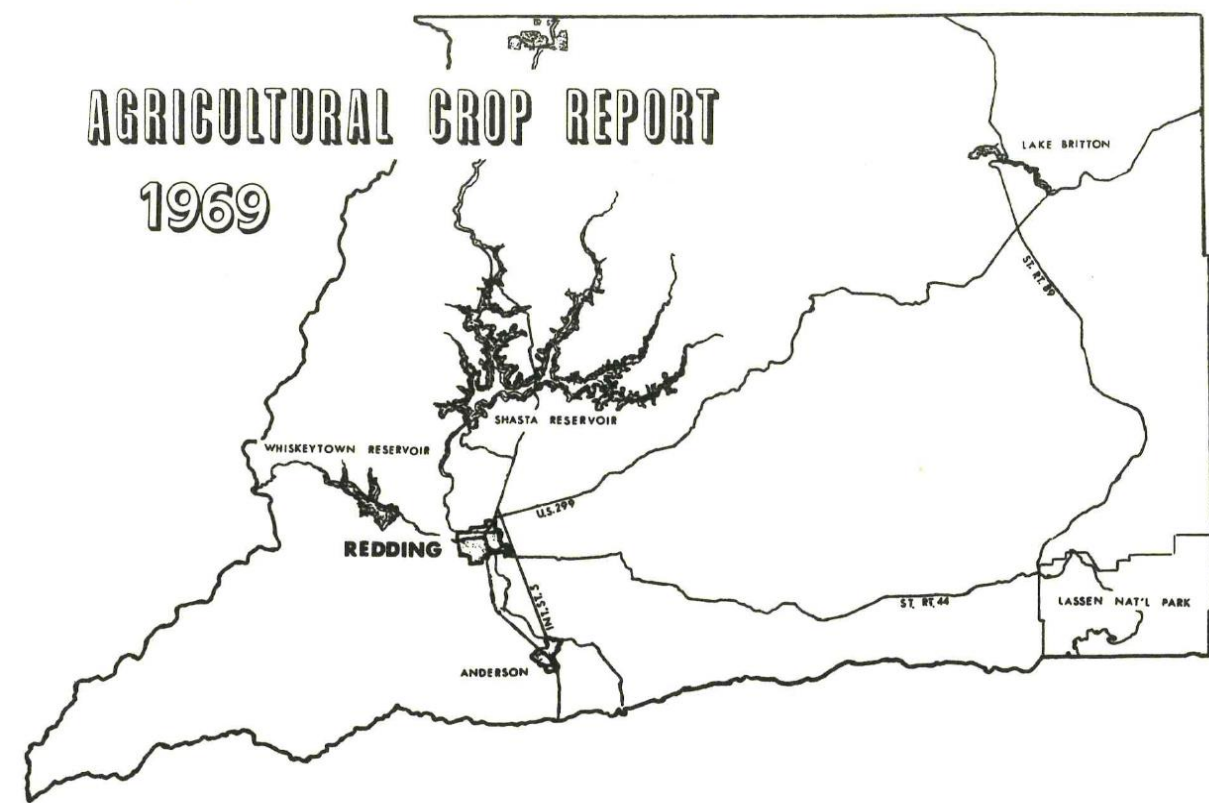


COMPARISON SUMMARY

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	(Rev) \$ 4,846,750	\$ 5,619,090
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	1,180,400	1,095,700
APIARY PRODUCTS	250,630	330,920
NURSERY STOCK	1,512,000	1,890,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	585,000	737,400
TREE CROPS	304,000	244,200
FIELD CROPS	<u>3,767,600</u>	<u>4,050,500</u>
TOTAL	(Rev) <u>\$12,446,380</u>	<u>\$13,967,810</u>



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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR
YEAR ENDING - - DECEMBER 31, 1969

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Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the condition, acreage, production and value of the agricultural products in Shasta County for the year 1969, submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code. This report represents gross value of production and does not attempt to show net farm income or cost of production.

The year began with a long, wet winter but favorable spring and summer weather helped to produce normal crops. There is continued exploration for truck crop locations in the Fall River Valley. New crops combined with previously untried areas have made for low unit values. Increases in volume are expected to continue.

Fruit crops suffered from poor pollination. Persimmons, apples and pears produced small crops and prices were down. Pears represent a new crop for the area. Strawberry plant nursery production and acreage increased, making it one of the most important of Shasta County's Agricultural products.

Livestock prices improved markedly during the year to account for the increase in total value. Sheep and swine production have declined during the past decade and may disappear as commercial enterprises. Egg production locally was greatly reduced and may have influenced local egg prices during the last part of the year.

Direct questionnaires to producers have been used in compiling this report. We sincerely appreciate the excellent response and the assistance we have received from the University of California Extension Service and from other agencies and individuals.

C. Bruce Wade
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Agricultural Commissioner

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE		
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total	
CATTLE & CALVES	1969	2,600		head	\$325.00	\$ 845,000	
	1968	3,630		head	238.00	864,000	
	1969	1,000		head	257.00	257,000	
	1968	1,200		head	240.00	288,000	
	1969	28,700	163,000	cwt.	29.43	4,464,000	
	1968	24,200	150,000	cwt.	23.40	3,510,000	
Totals						1969 \$5,566,000 1968 4,662,000	
SHEEP & LAMBS	1969	100		head	46.00	4,600	
	1968	400		head	17.00	6,800	
	1969	750	658	cwt.	28.72	18,890	
	1968	3,030	2,980	cwt.	23.90	71,200	
	Totals						1969 \$ 23,490 1968 78,000
	HOGS & PIGS	1969	720	470	cwt.	28.00	13,000
1968		3,150	4,320	cwt.	20.84	90,000	
Totals						1969 \$ 13,000 1968(Rev) 102,250	
CHICKENS		1969	9,000		each		16,600
		1968	31,000		each	(Rev)	36,500
		TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY					

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		Production			Per Unit	Total
MILK	1969	161,000		cwt.	\$5.27	\$ 848,000
	1968	164,000		cwt.	5.27	864,000
	1969	33,700		cwt.	3.89	131,000
	1968	37,100		cwt.	3.92	145,000
WOOL	1969	27,500		lbs.	.46	12,700
	1968	40,000		lbs.	.40	16,000
EGGS	1969	189,000		doz.	.55	104,000
	1968	420,000		doz.	.37	155,400
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS						1969 \$1,095,700 1968 1,180,400

APIARY PRODUCTS

	Year	PRODUCTION		Unit	VALUE	
		Production			Per Unit	Total
HONEY	1969	452,370		lbs.	.13	\$ 58,800
	1968	71,500		lbs.	.12	8,580
BEES WAX	1969	8,870		lbs.	.60	5,320
	1968	2,500		lbs.	.70	1,750
PACKAGE BEES	1969	70,960		lbs.	1.25	88,700
	1968	76,500		lbs.	1.25	95,600
QUEENS	1969	98,250		each	1.30	127,700
	1968	79,000		each	1.30	102,700
POLLINATION	1969	14,000		col.	3.60	50,400
	1968	12,000		col.	3.50	42,000
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS						1969 \$ 330,920 1968 250,630

NURSERY STOCK

	Year	Acres	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			Per Acre	Plants	Price	Total
STRAWBERRY	1969	450	300 M.	135,000 M.	\$ 14.00	\$1,890,000
	1968	360	300 M.	108,000 M.	14.00	1,512,000

VEGETABLE CROPS

	Year	Acres	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Unit	Total
POTATOES	1969	660	350 cwt.	231,000 cwt.	\$ 2.40	\$ 554,400
	1968	600	300 cwt.	180,000 cwt.	2.25	405,000
TRUCK CROPS (Garlic) (Onions) (Beans)	1969	640	acre	286.00		183,000
	1968	300	acre	600.00		180,000
TOTAL VEGETABLE CROPS						1969 \$ 737,400 1968 585,000

TREE CROPS

	Year	Bearing Acres	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Unit	Total
Apples) Pears) Persimmons) Prunes)	1969	530				\$ 71,200
	1968	445				147,000
Olives	1969	697	1,100 #	415 tons	\$200.00	83,000
	1968	800	1,000 #	400 tons	180.00	72,000
Walnuts	1969	400	1,000 #	199 tons	450.00	90,000
	1968	352	900 #	158 tons	540.00	85,000
TOTAL TREE CROPS						1969 \$ 244,200 1968 304,000

FIELD CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acre	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Per Unit	Total
GRAIN Barley	1969	1,300	2,240 #	1,460 tons	\$ 48.00	\$ 70,000
	1968	1,500	1,500 #	1,125 tons	46.00	51,700
Oats	1969	400	2,900 #	580 tons	52.00	30,000
	1968	600	1,761 #	528 tons	50.00	26,400
Wheat	1969	854	1,300 #	555 tons	49.00	27,200
	1968	1,070	1,042 #	557 tons	48.00	26,700
HAY Alfalfa	1969	6,800	3.5 T	23,700 tons	28.50	675,000
	1968	6,000	2.9 T	17,400 tons	28.00	487,000
Other Hay	1969	13,300	1.43 T	19,000 tons	24.50	465,000
	1968	12,900	1.54 T	19,900 tons	23.00	457,000
Silage	1969	450	13. T	5,850 tons	11.00	64,300
	1968	400	12. T	4,800 tons	11.00	52,800
PASTURE Irrigated	1969	44,000			42.00	1,848,000
	1968	46,000			42.00	1,932,000
Improved	1969	70,000			3.00	210,000
	1968	70,000			2.50	175,000
Other	1969	441,000			1.50	661,000
	1968	447,000			1.25	559,000
TOTAL FIELD CROPS						1969 \$4,050,500 1968 3,767,600