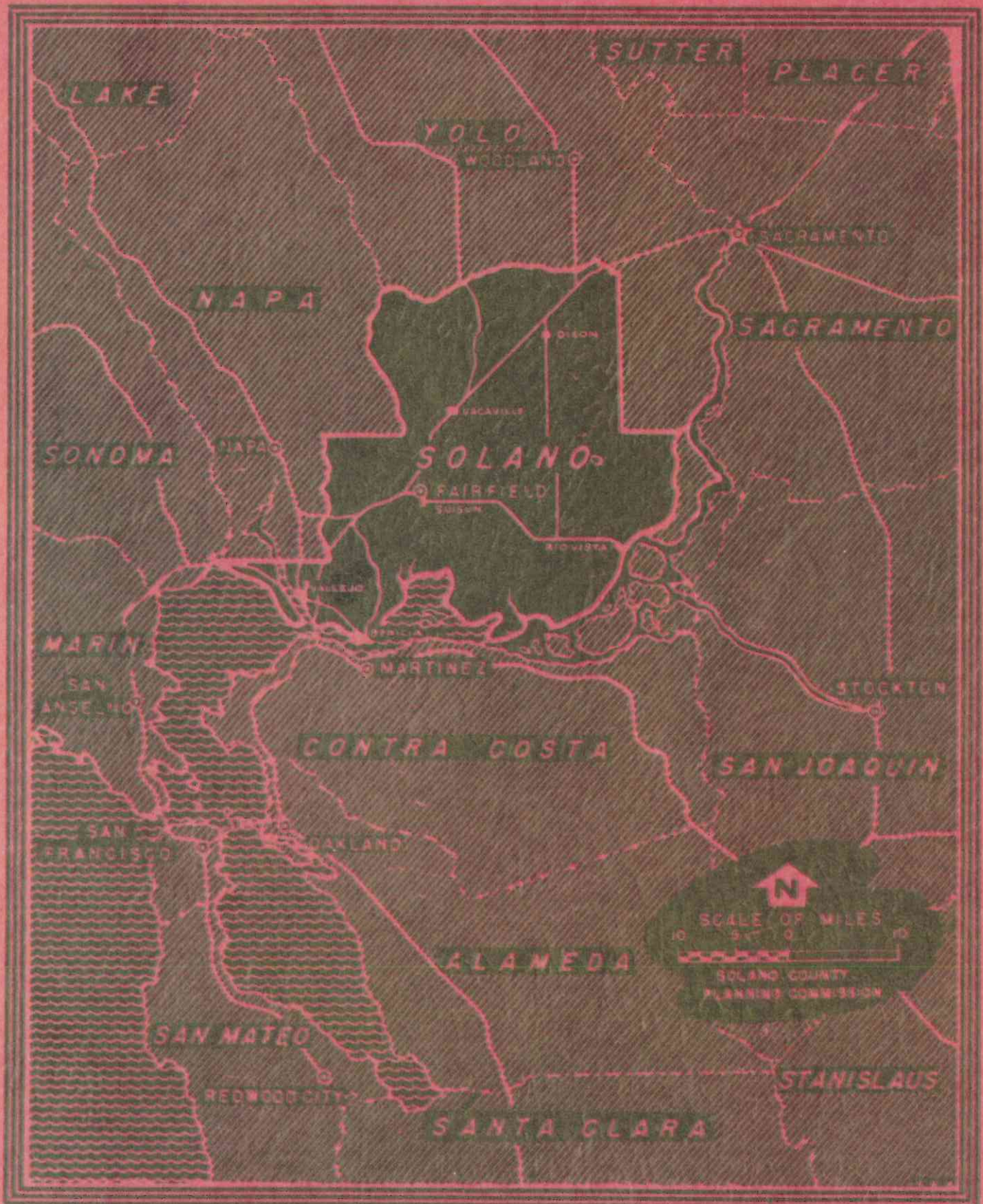


AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1953



Solano County Department of Agriculture

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I am submitting herewith, the 1953 Annual Crop Report for Solano County.

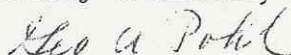
This is the fifth Annual Crop Report to be compiled by this office. Since we are dependent upon the cooperation of growers, packers, livestock producers, and many others to reveal the correct figures to our representatives, individual items are held in strictest confidence. We believe that our composite figures are thus reasonably accurate, although some may be slightly below the total f.o.b. sums, due to our inability to find all sources.

The total farm income for 1953 as shown on the last page is generally based on the average price received by the farmer. This represents gross income and should not be confused with net income. The increased cost of production and marketing of farm commodities, together with lowered farm commodity prices, has resulted in a lower net profit for most farmers, which in some cases has actually resulted in a net loss to the farm operator.

These figures do not include value for native grasses or stubble. Such values, in a measure, are reported in our animal production.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to my staff and the people of Solano County who have cooperated so splendidly with me in my fifth year as Agricultural Commissioner of Solano County.

Respectfully submitted,



Geo. A. Pohl
Agricultural Commissioner
of
Solano County

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ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
 SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 1953
 Compiled by County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL VALUE F.O.B. FARM
Almonds	2,007	1,490 Tons	\$460	\$ 685,400
Apricots	4,013			
Shipped		3,480 Tons	120	\$417,600
Canned		5,645 Tons	96	541,920
Dried		* 770 Tons	800	<u>616,000</u>
				1,575,520
Cherries	317			
Shipped		230 Tons	360	82,800
Canned		130 Tons	220	<u>28,600</u>
				111,400
Figs	107	* 206 Tons	80	16,480
Grapes	690	2,800 Tons	40	112,000
Peaches	2,911			
Shipped		270 Tons	75	20,250
Canned		8,110 Tons	50	405,500
Dried		*1,530 Tons	400	<u>612,000</u>
				1,037,750
Pears	2,584			
Shipped		2,850 Tons	88	250,800
Canned		11,508 Tons	70	805,560
Dried		* 365 Tons	400	<u>146,000</u>
				1,202,360
Plums	597	804 Tons	165	132,660
Prunes	3,986	*7,590 Tons	220	1,669,800
Walnuts	571	310 Tons	360	111,600
Misc: Apples, Quince, Olives, etc.	40		125 A	5,000
Totals	17,823			\$6,659,970

* Dry Tons

TRUCK CROPS

Lettuce	64	6,400 Crts.	\$ 2.10	\$ 13,440
Asparagus	555	810 Tons	206.00	166,860
Cucumbers	160	1,590 Tons	60.00	95,400
Onions	230	3,450 Tons	40.00	138,000
Peas	230	46,500 Hampers	2.10	97,650
Tomatoes	4,154			
Canned		69,500 Tons	22.50	\$1,563,750
Shipped		124,000 Boxes	2.00	<u>248,000</u>
				1,811,750
Misc. veg.	290		200.00 A	58,000
Totals	5,683			\$2,381,100

FIELD CROPS

KIND	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
Alfalfa	7,700	46,200 Tons	\$ 19	\$ 877,800
Barley	36,500	27,500 Tons	53	1,457,500
Beans - Pink	320	24 ^A Tons	190	45,600
Blackeye	76	70 Tons	200	14,000
Baby Lima	438	340 Tons	170	57,800
Field Corn	1,955	5,865 Tons	60	351,900
Oats	9,700	7,300 Tons	64	467,200
Sugar Beets	12,713	254,260 Tons	14	3,558,640
Wheat	20,000	16,500 Tons	70	1,155,000
Hay, Grain & Other	15,500	19,000 Tons	18	342,000
Permanent Pasture	19,200		50	960,000
Milo	8,100	16,200 Tons	50	810,000
Safflower	1,854	655 Tons	79	51,745
Castor Beans	72	36 Tons	180	6,480
Rice	700	490 Tons	104	50,960
Totals	134,828			\$10,206,625

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

KIND	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
Beef Cattle - Raised	4,800 Head	\$130.00	\$ 624,000
Feeders	* 47,300 Head	57.75	<u>2,731,575</u>
			\$3,355,575
Bees - Honey (7,305 hives)	75 Tons	200.00	15,000
Wax	3 Tons	800.00	2,400
Packages	1,500	3.50	5,250
Queens	550	1.00	<u>550</u>
			23,200
Poultry - Eggs	828,000 Doz.	.49	405,720
Meat	965,000 Lbs.	.28	<u>270,200</u>
			675,920
Dairy - Mkt. Milk Fat	918,000 Lbs.	1.43	1,312,740
Mfg. Milk Fat	195,000 Lbs.	.89	173,550
Veal & Meat	4,250 Head	62.00	<u>263,500</u>
			1,749,790
Sheep - Lambs Raised	91,000 Head	20.00	1,820,000
Lamb Feeders	* 156,000 Head	4.40	686,400
Wool	1,066,000 Lbs.	.50	<u>533,000</u>
			3,039,400
Swine	5,700 Head	46.00	262,200
Turkeys	24,400 Birds	6.40	156,160
Misc: Squabs, Rabbits, etc.			<u>115,000</u>
Total			\$9,377,245

* Gain in value in Solano County

SEED CROPS

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	UNIT PRICE	VALUE
Alfalfa	675	1,700 Cwt.	\$25.00	\$42,500
Barley - Certified	20	400 Cwt.	5.00	2,000
Clover	650	520 Cwt.	75.00	39,000
Swiss Chard	4	56 Cwt.	17.00	952
Carrots	4	24 Cwt.	35.00	840
Ryer Milo 15	600	25,000 Cwt.	3.50	87,500
Totals	1,953			\$172,792

SUMMARY

YEAR	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	TRUCK CROPS	FIELD CROPS	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	SEED CROPS	TOTALS
1949	\$3,209,941	\$1,677,167	\$ 8,873,589	\$ 8,216,962	\$ 90,560	\$22,068,218
1950	6,813,033	2,148,623	9,749,189	10,302,443	269,348	\$29,282,636
1951	6,854,060	4,389,919	9,261,680	11,745,350	281,958	\$32,532,967
1952	5,903,740	3,533,240	11,550,080	10,370,830	311,383	\$31,669,273
1953	6,659,970	2,381,100	10,206,625	9,377,245	172,792	\$28,797,732

CLASSIFICATION OF ACREAGES

Fruit and Nut Crops	18,828 *
Truck and Seed Crops	8,636 **
Field Crops	134,828
Pasture and Fallow Land	232,488
Urban and Other	67,500
Marsh Land	52,000
Brush	15,000
Water	47,360
Total Area	
901 Square Miles	576,640

116,000 Estimated Total County Population
 434,150 Total Acres in Farms
 62,000 Acres in Irrigated Farms
 27th County in California in Value of Farm Products
 Produced (USDA 1950)
 46th County in Size of 58 Counties in California

- * Includes non-bearing acreage
 ** Includes non-bearing acreage of Asparagus