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CROP REPORT FOR 1947

Butte County Department of Agriculture

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To The Director of Agriculture
And Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I herewith submit this ninth Annual Crop Report of Butte County in accordance with Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code.

This report does not reflect the net returns to the farmer but rather the gross value of production. In fact, production costs have been so great in many instances that but little is left as profit.

It is impossible to have a report of this nature absolutely accurate in every detail, but every effort has been made in checking figures from every available source so that they may be correct and accurate enough for all practical purposes.

Agricultural values for 1947 as compared with 1946 are up about 9 percent, to a total of \$ 46,686,724.77.

There are approximately 1,078,000 acres of agricultural land in Butte County divided into about 3,100 farms. Of this total, 736,000 acres are classified as grazing land, 31,000 as orchard land and 311,000 as farm land. Estimated population of the County is 63,000.

I wish to express my appreciation for the help and cooperation of the many individuals and organizations who have assisted in the compilation of these data.

RAY SWETT
Agricultural Commissioner

PLANT QUARANTINE

Plant Quarantine Inspection is a very important activity of the department to safeguard our agricultural crops. Inspections were made on all Interstate and Intrastate shipments of plants, bulbs, seeds, etc.

Interstate Inspections

Number of shipments inspected	3,396
Number of plants inspected	525,187

Of this number, 451 plants in 19 shipments were rejected for violations of quarantine laws.

Intrastate Inspections

Number of shipments inspected	3,543
Number of plants inspected	317,157

Of this number, 2,430 plants in 67 shipments were rejected for various state interior quarantines.

APIARY INSPECTION

Bees Registered in County	179 Apiaries	23,718 colonies
Entering California	4 Apiaries	1,376 colonies
Leaving California	5 "	495 "
Entering County	26 "	5,908 "
Leaving County	29 "	4,926 "
Moving within County	73 "	7,480 "

3,970 certificates were issued for shipping package bees out of the County, and 175 queen certificates were issued.

STANDARDIZATION

Inspection of fruits, nuts, vegetables and eggs were made regularly throughout the year. A total of 92,661 packages, 3,759 tons, 970 pounds, and 432 cars of produce passed inspection while 672 packages and 8 tons were rejected as below standard.

19,204 dozen eggs were inspected of which 1,431 dozen were rejected for violation of Standardization laws.

SEED INSPECTION

12 Samples were submitted to the Bureau of Field Crops
200 Samples were submitted to the California Seed Laboratory
29 Samples were submitted to the Federal State Inspection Bureau
10 Samples were submitted to the College of Agriculture, Davis
251 Total number of samples submitted.

221,043 pounds, 73,263 sacks, 101 lots, and 29 carloads of agricultural and vegetable seed were inspected and sampled. Also inspected were 750 sacks of seed screenings and sampled for noxious weed seed content.

150 sacks and 113,609 pounds of seed were sealed and stenciled for certification.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Acres	Per Acre	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value
Almonds	12251	.52	6370	Ton	600.00	\$ 3822000.00
Apples						
Fresh	550		52800	Box	3.75	198000.00
Dry			12500	Lbs.	.24	4000.00
By-Products			350	Ton	35.00	12250.00
Apricots	70	750	52500	Crate	1.45	76125.00
Avocado	10	250	2500	Flat	2.75	6875.00
Cherries	18	40	720	Crate	3.00	2160.00
Chestnuts	16	1	16	Ton	200.00	3200.00
Figs	75	.5	37.5	Ton	60.00	2250.00
Filberts	15	150	2250	Lbs.	.65	1462.50
Grapes						
Table	120	15	1800	Lug	2.00	3600.00
Wine	141	5	705	Ton	70.00	49350.00
Grape Juice			6500	Gal.	1.75	11375.00
Concord	84	2	168	Ton	100.00	16800.00
Nectarines	40	140	5600	Crate	1.50	8400.00
Olives	4080	1.17	4800	Ton	185.00	888000.00
Oil			122500	Gal	7.00	857500.00
Oranges						
All Citrus	1477					124620.28
Peaches						
Fresh	412	12	4944	Ton	80.00	395520.00
Dry			55	Ton	340.00	18700.00
Canning	2811	15.5	43570.5	Ton	50.50	2200310.25
Pears	135	2	270	Ton	125.00	33750.00
Persimmons	47	65	3055	Lug	2.65	8095.75
Plums	61	165	10065	Lug	4.50	45292.50
Walnuts						
English	1635	1	1635	Ton	340.00	555900.00
Black			12500	Sack	1.25	15625.00
Prunes	3315	4	13260	Ton	190.00	2519400.00
Pecans	2	1000	2000	Lbs.	.50	1000.00
						<u>11881561.28</u>

LIVESTOCK

	No. Head	Aver. Weight	Total Weight Livestock	Price	Value
Beef Cattle	5516	900	4964400	19.00	\$ 943236.00
Calves	4075	250	1018750	19.00	193562.50
Hogs	34989	250	8747250	21.50	1880653.75
Lambs (Milk Fed)	53908	80	4312640	18.00	776275.20
Lambs (Clover Fed)	13499	90	1214910	18.00	218683.80
Wool from Ewes	64994	8	519952	.42	218379.84
Wool from Lambs	17626	3	52878	.42	22308.76
					\$ 4253004.85

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Product	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Market Milk	1310419	Gal.	.61	\$ 799355.59
Market Cream	16330	Gal.	3.25	53073.50
Cottage Cheese	3776295	Lbs.	.18	679733.10
Ice Cream	91652	Gal.	1.30	119147.60
Ice Milk	34150	Gal.	.80	27320.00
Butter	318550	Lbs.	.70	222985.00
Evaporated Milk	143278	Lbs.	.07	10029.46
Dried Milk	2013045	Lbs.	.15	301956.75
Dried Milk (Animal Feed)	28550	Lbs.	.10	2855.00
Milk Fat	155600	Lbs.	.96	149376.00
Cheese	5500	Lbs.	.35	1925.00
Chocolate Milk Drinks	15500	Gal.	.70	10850.00
Cultured Milk and Buttermilk	13500	Gal.	.65	8775.00
Sweetened Condensed Skim	18800	Lbs.	.19	3572.00
				\$ 2390954.00

POULTRY

	Amount	Unit	Price	Value
Chickens		Lbs.	32 - 65	\$ 221632.72
Eggs	48741	Cases	18.60	906582.60
Turkeys	871282	Lbs.	.54	470492.28
Day Old Chicks	263940	Each	.18	47509.20
Day Old Poults	10000	Each	.45	4500.00
				\$ 1650716.80

TRUCK CROPS

Crops	Acres	Per Acre	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value
Berries						
Strawberries	72	250	18000	Crate	5.40	\$ 97200.00
Miscl. Berries	195	350	68250	Crate	3.25	221812.50
Melons						
Persian	80	450	36000	Crate	3.00	108000.00
Watermelon	420	24	10080	Tons	25.00	252000.00
Zucca	15	15	225	Tons	15.00	3375.00
Honeydew	350	375	131250	Crate	3.40	446250.00
Potatoes	410	190	77900	Sack	5.75	447925.00
Pumpkin						
Canning	750	10	7500	Ton	12.00	90000.00
Squash	72	12	864	Ton	55.00	47520.00
Sweet Corn	340	180	61200	Doz.	.70	42840.00
Tomatoes						
Fresh	262	750	196500	Lug	3.25	638625.00
Canning	820	25	20500	Ton	29.00	594500.00
Miscl. Vegetables	2300				325.00	747500.00
						\$ 3737547.50

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SEED CROPS				
Crop	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Field Peas	884,500	Lbs.	.04	\$ 35380.00
Alfalfa	3,950	Lbs.	.24	948.00
Ladino Clover				
Certified	11,141	Lbs.	2.00	22282.00
Commercial	15,991	Lbs.	1.50	23986.50
Pumpkin	8,500	Lbs.	.48	4080.00
Watermelon	1,850	Lbs.	.50	925.00
Squash	85,710	Lbs.	.50	42855.00
Cucumber	46,705	Lbs.	.63	29424.15
Vetch	120,000	Lbs.	.11	13200.00
Melon (Miscl.)	19,240	Lbs.	.50	9620.00
Milo	1,875,000	Lbs.	.43	806250.00
				\$ 988950.65

APIARY				
Crop	Production		Price	Value
Wax	16,240	Lbs.	.49	\$ 7957.60
Package Bees	35,000	Pkg.	5.50	192500.00
Queens	5,835		1.25	7293.75
Honey	305	Tons	.14 lb.	85400.00
Pollination	7,500		1.50	11250.00
Bees in County	19,937	Col.	10.00	199370.00
				\$ 503771.35

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS		Value
Kind		
Deciduous		\$ 187800.00
Ornamentals		110000.00
Cut Flowers		11500.00
Miscl. Nursery Stock		17000.00
Bulbs		1500.00
		\$ 327800.00

SUMMARY

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Fruit and Nut	5	\$ 14082405.67	\$ 11881561.28
Livestock	6	3728253.70	4253004.85
Dairy Products	6	3298721.48	2390954.00
Poultry	7	2141984.70	1650716.80
Truck Crops	7	2723488.75	3737547.50
Payments Under A.A.A.	8	526200.76	325318.44
Apiary	9	411455.56	503771.35
Nursery Stock	9	173266.16	327800.00
Seed Crops	9	638843.85	988950.65
Field Crops	8	14837502.21	20627099.90
Total for Butte County		<u>42562123.84</u>	<u>46686724.77</u>