



Napa County Agricultural  
Crop Report

1978

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Richard E. Rominger, Director  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
of Napa County

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I am happy to submit the 1978 Agricultural Crop Report for Napa County containing production and gross values of the agricultural products raised in Napa County.

Napa County had a good wine grape year, as predicted. As our leading crop, a record 72,837 tons was produced in 1978, with an estimated value of 39 million dollars, compared to 1977 production of 57,629 tons valued at 31 million dollars. The increase in value was due almost entirely to the additional 15,000 tons of production, since the average price per ton remained fairly constant. With new plantings and the maturing of young vineyards, Napa County wine grape production should continue to increase in future years.

Our cattle industry remained relatively stable, both in production and value, following the impact of two drought years. With the return of near normal rainfall, rangeland and pastures improved dramatically.

Other products reflected the changes of production emphasis or demand; such as poultry products, which had a substantial increase; and hay, which had an increase in production but little or no demand. Grapevine and nursery products continued to increase in 1978, as well as many new speciality crops.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of all who provided information to make this report not only possible but meaningful.

Sincerely,  
*Aldo Delfino*  
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Agricultural Commissioner

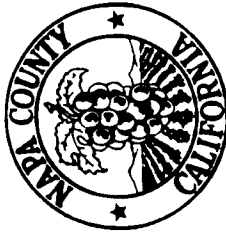
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## WHITE WINE GRAPES --- 1978

VARIETY	BEARING ACRES	NON- BEARING	TOTAL ACRES	TONS	PRICE PER TON
Burger	143	0	143	703.8	\$ 302.34
Chardonnay	2,667	540	3,207	5,344.9	896.50
Chenin blanc	1,392	313	1,705	5,853.0	601.86
Flora	91	0	91	446.9	387.27
Folle blanche	35	0	35	**	**
French Colombard	468	0	468	2,420.9	358.05
Gewurztraminer	358	72	430	1,164.0	733.91
Gray Riesling	316	127	443	1,205.7	561.66
Green Hungarian	78	0	78	360.8	362.85
Malvasia bianca	11	0	11	34.8	400.00
Muscat blanc	97	26	123	356.2	658.52
Palomino	89	0	89	225.0	290.03
Pinot blanc	135	39	174	70.9	748.35
Red Veltliner	23	0	23	**	**
St. Emilion (Ugni blanc)	51	0	51	**	**
Sauvignon blanc	691	314	1,005	2,375.2	583.38
Sauvignon vert	184	8	192	714.2	323.74
Semillon	83	0	83	369.2	404.51
Sylvaner	129	2	131	583.4	426.99
White Riesling	1,316	120	1,436	3,572.8	663.71
Other Whites	6	13	19	107.6	327.26
<b>TOTAL WHITES</b>	<b>8,363</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>9,937</b>	<b>25,934.2</b>	<b>\$ 619.50</b>

\* Included in other blacks or total blacks.  
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SUMMARY OF NAPA COUNTY  
CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION VALUES



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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1978	\$ 39,874,500
	1977	31,647,800
FIELD CROPS	1978	983,500
	1977	724,000
VEGETABLE CROPS	1978	55,000
	1977	51,000
FLORAL & NURSERY CROPS	1978	1,984,000
	1977	1,397,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	1978	3,138,000
	1977	3,161,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	1978	6,765,200
	1977	5,531,900
GRAND TOTAL	1978	\$ 52,800,200
	1977	42,512,700

Note: The values in this report represent estimated gross value regardless of utilization. No attempt is made to reflect net income to the producer or cost of production.

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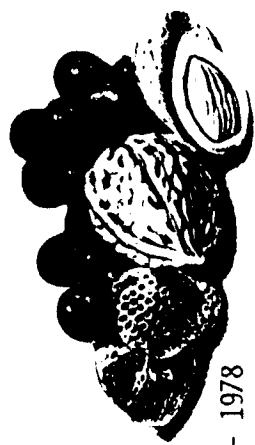
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BLACK WINE GRAPES --- 1978

VARIETY	BEARING ACRES	NON-BEARING	TOTAL ACRES	TONS	PRICE PER TON
Alicante Bouschet	26	0	26	*	\$ 250.50
Barbera	13	0	13	36.1	307.18
Cabernet franc	58	21	79	114.3	753.07
Cabernet Sauvignon	5,387	196	5,583	20,645.7	533.22
Carignane	286	0	286	1,038.3	288.96
Charbono	51	0	51	149.5	472.31
Early Burgundy	145	0	145	324.1	362.50
Gamay (Napa)	1,162	20	1,182	4,547.5	462.53
Gamay Beaujolais	564	2	566	1,136.4	363.61
Grand Noir	52	0	52	60.9	181.89
Grenache	34	0	34	213.2	300.98
Grignolino	33	0	33	87.3	*
Malbec	15	0	15	38.0	*
Mataro	9	0	9	*	*
Merlot	726	59	785	2,361.3	528.01
Petite Sirah	908	57	965	2,719.4	516.45
Piont noir	2,499	43	2,542	8,304.8	437.72
Pinot St. George	72	7	79	236.5	432.99
Refosco / Mondeuse	132	33	165	341.3	369.35
Ruby Cabernet	32	0	32	110.7	360.43
Salvador	20	0	20	*	*
Tannat	7	0	7	*	*
Zinfandel	1,949	309	2,258	4,187.3	540.62
Other Blacks	3	0	3	176.8	344.81
<b>TOTAL BLACKS</b>	<b>14,183</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>14,930</b>	<b>46,903.5</b>	<b>\$ 491.00</b>



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS --- 1977 - 1978

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	YIELD / ACRE	TOTAL	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
GRAPES, WINE BLACK	1978	14,183	3.31	46,903.5	TON \$ 491.00	\$ 23,028,000
	1977	13,322	2.64	35,213.6	" 519.00	18,276,000
WHITE	1978	8,363	3.10	25,934.2	" 619.50	16,067,000
	1977	7,494	2.99	22,416.1	" 579.00	12,983,000
TOTAL WINE GRAPES	1978	22,546	3.23	72,837.7	" 536.70	39,095,000
	1977	20,816	2.77	57,629.7	" 542.00	31,259,000
PRUNES	1978	88	1.74	153.0	" 650.00	99,500
	1977	138	1.09	150.0	" 500.00	75,000
WALNUTS	1978	932	0.41	382.0	" 1,309.00	500,000
	1977	982	0.21	206.0	" 678.00	139,600
MISC. FRUITS & NUTS	1978			(Apples, Cherries, Bushberries, Black Walnuts, Etc.)		180,000
	1977					174,200
TOTALS	1978					\$ 39,874,500
	1977					31,647,800

VEGETABLE CROPS --- 1977 - 1978

CROP	YEAR	TOTAL VALUE
ALL VEGETABLES	1978	\$ 55,000
	1977	51,000

FIELD CROPS --- 1977 - 1978

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	YIELD / ACRE	TOTAL	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
SMALL GRAINS	1978	500			\$	29,500
	1977	500	(Barley, Oats, and Wheat)			29,200
HAY	1978	4,400	2.00	8,800	TON \$ 27.50	242,000
	1977	3,900	1.75	6,800	" 64.00	436,000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1978	225		ACRE	80.00	34,000
	1977	400		"	60.00	24,000
RANGE	1978	120,000		"	5.25	630,000
	1977	61,000		"	3.00	183,000
MISC. FIELD CROPS	1978			48,000		48,000
	1977			51,000		51,000
TOTALS	1978				\$	983,500
	1977					724,000



FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS --- 1977 - 1978

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
FLORAL & NURSERY PRODUCTION	1978			\$	1,051,000
	1977				627,000
GRAPEVINE NURSERY STOCK	1978				816,000
	1977				641,000
CHRISTMAS TREES	1978	9,050	TREES	\$ 12.95	117,000
	1977	11,500	"	11.22	129,000
TOTALS	1978			\$	1,984,000
	1977				1,397,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY --- 1977 - 1978

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
CATTLE & CALVES	1978	56,000	CWT		\$ 2,688,000
	1977	63,000	"		2,560,000
SHEEP & LAMBS	1978	1,700	"	\$ 60.80	103,000
	1977	1,600	"	54.40	85,700
HOGS	1978	4,800	"	48.30	231,000
	1977	3,600	"	40.90	147,000
HENS	1978	322,000	POUNDS	0.08	25,000
	1977	582,000	"	0.077	45,000
TURKEYS	1978	249,600	"	0.355	91,000
	1977	1,033,500	"	0.31	323,300
TOTALS	1978			\$	3,138,000
	1977				3,161,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS --- 1977 - 1978

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
MARKET MILK	1978	272,000	CWT	\$ 10.35	\$ 2,815,000
	1977	283,300	"	9.87	2,822,600
EGGS, CHICKEN	1978	5,595,000	DOZEN	0.51	2,876,000
	1977	4,686,000	"	0.48	2,235,000
WOOL	1978	4,300	POUNDS	0.75	3,200
	1977	5,500	"	0.72	3,900
MISC. PRODUCTS (Includes Fertilizer, Rabbits, Hatching Eggs, Fryers, Etc.)	1978				1,071,000
	1977				471,000
TOTALS	1978				6,765,200
	1977				5,531,900