

2024 Sonoma County Crop Report

SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Agriculture in Sonoma County: A Feathered History

- Once known as the egg basket of the world with over 4,000 egg farms and 612 million eggs laid per year
- Poultry Industry remains an integral part of our community providing local, sustainable, and wholesome food.
- Industry faces challenges including rising costs, potential threats from ballot measures, and outbreaks from Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza (HPAI)
- HPAI caused the loss of 1.2 million birds and a 26.8% decrease in livestock and poultry value compared to 2023.

2024 Crop Review

- Total value for 2024 was \$857,620,400, a 9.3% decrease from 2023
- Overall winegrape value decreased 12.59%
 - > Value per ton decreased to \$2,962 per ton
 - Overall tonnage decreased 12.21% from 2023
- Overall apple value increase of 21.0%
 - Overall tonnage increase of 9.2% from 2023
- Livestock and poultry products increased by 1.97%
- ► Nursery product value decreased 7.3%



Department Highlights

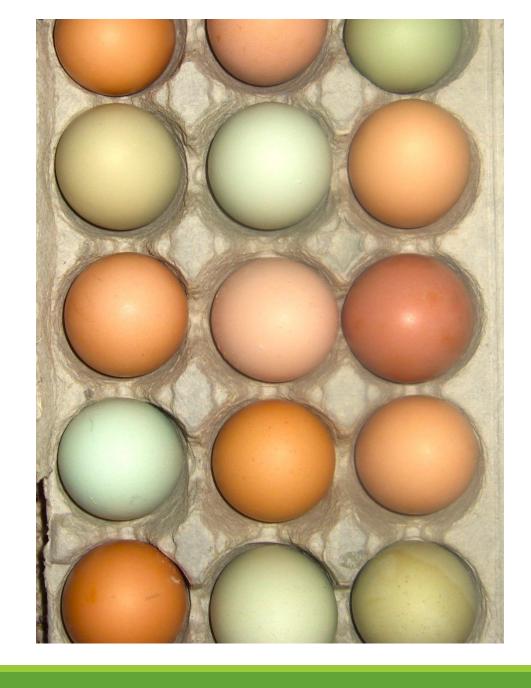
- Agriculture Division
 - Conducted over 3,000 inspections related to commercial agriculture
 - > Placed 4,472 traps for exotic/invasive pests; traps serviced 45,499 times
- Weights & Measures Division
 - Registered more than 1,915 local businesses operating over 33,000 commercial devices
 - Inspected 10,297 weighing and measuring devices and conducted over 950 price verifications
- Land Stewardship Division
 - Reviewed 126 vineyard/orchard development projects on over 3,100 acres



Winegrapes

- ▶ 2024 was a mild winegrape growing season with heat spikes late in harvest
- Tonnage in 2024 was 211,511, a 12.21% decrease from 2023
- Price per ton decreased to \$2,962
- ► Total value for 2024 was \$626,550,200, a 12.59% decrease from 2023





Livestock and Poultry / Livestock and Poultry Products

- Livestock and poultry total value decreased by 26.8% compared to 2023
- Livestock and poultry products value increased by 1.97% compared to 2023
 - Milk production value increased 37.4% from 2023 due to an increase in organic milk production of 49.5% yet conventional milk saw a decrease of 19.45% in production
 - Egg production value decreased 49% from 2023



Nursery Products





- Overall value of nursery products decreased 7.3% from 2023
 - Total value for ornamentals remained steady while bedding plants decreased 9.6%
 - Cut flowers increased 8.6% due to less disease pressure

Cannabis and Hemp Production

- Cannabis Production
 - Overall total value of \$12,197,400 in 2024 including outdoor, indoor, and mixed-light cultivation
 - > 13.46 total acres of Cannabis produced
- Hemp Production
 - > 6 total acres of Hemp harvested



Questions?











