

# SONOMA COUNTY

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## SONOMA COUNTY HIGH LIGHTS

Occupying a position on an arm of San Francisco Bay, and with sixty miles of coast line on the Pacific Ocean, Sonoma County embraces 1577 square miles, or 992,000 acres.

The fisheries along the ocean coast supply a great deal of the local demand.

With 1800 miles of county roads it is possible to reach all manner of Sonoma County life, from the metropolitan cities and smaller towns to the most secluded mountain spot; many mineral springs and health resorts entertain thousands of annual visitors.

Of the county roads, 600 miles are graveled and macadamized, 43 miles paved with concrete and 60 miles more under construction. In addition to this, the county contains 47 miles of paved State highway.

## ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Santa Rosa is sometimes termed "The Highway Hub", which indicates that highways radiate in every direction from this central city. The famous "Redwood Highway" traverses its center from north to south, while the State's unit of the Lincoln Highway crosses it from east to west. County roads lead from Santa Rosa to every Sonoma County point.

## AGRICULTURE

Nature meets the farmer half way in his agricultural pursuits in Sonoma County. Agriculture in the county surrounding Santa Rosa means practically all the soil products of the temperate and semi-tropical zones.

No irrigation is necessary where Nature has provided so amply for sub-irrigation and proper drainage. A "crop failure" in Sonoma County is practically unheard of. So diversified are the soil products that a "light year" in one crop has little effect on the prosperity of the community.

Every month is "harvest time" in Sonoma County. In January there are olives, in February the oranges and in March the early shipment of asparagus. Cherries and early berries begin in April, and May sees the very height of the berry season; in June the beginning of apricots. The haying season falls in June, while in July come the famous Sonoma County prunes and other deciduous fruits. In July and August the Gravenstein apples are being packed and dried; September and October find the harvesters busy in the vineyards and hop fields, and the calendar year is filled out with the harvest of late apples and nuts.

Stock raising and the poultry industry claim their share of year around income, while there are many other crops raised and marketed commercially, such as nursery stock, hay and grain, potatoes, tomatoes and green vegetables.

The total agricultural produce valuation for 1921 was over \$41,500,000.00—nearly 90 per cent of the assessed property valuation of the county.

## HORTICULTURE

Sonoma County does not claim more than it is entitled to for its fruits, but it does stand ready to authenticate the following statements regarding its horticultural products:

**Prunes**—More prunes to the acre than any county in the State, and they rank among the best grown anywhere. Five million dollars' worth grown here annually, Sonoma County ranking second in the State in quantity, and leading all in quality in California.

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