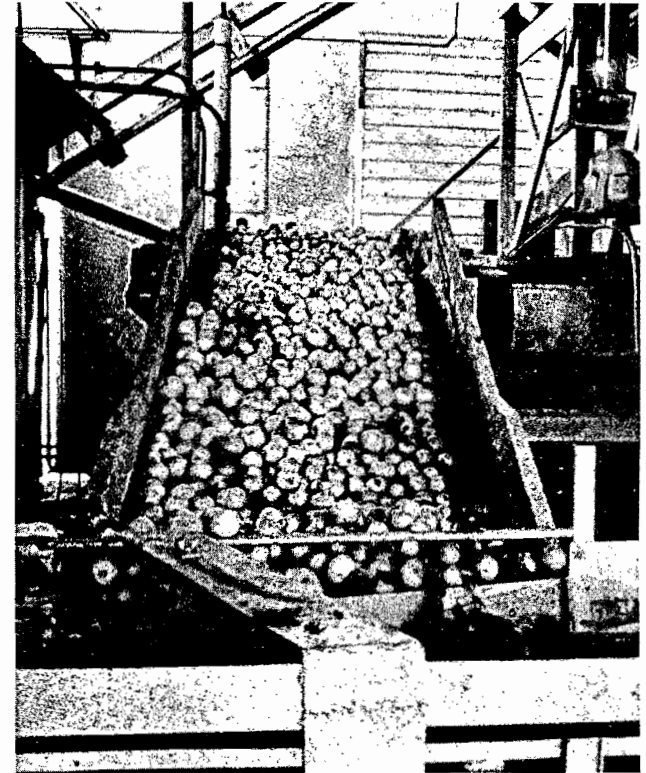


# apple production



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Sonoma County is one of the more colorful counties in the state of California insofar as history is associated with agriculture. Many firsts were here as was irrigated agriculture and most of the major deciduous fruits.

The apple industries of the Sebastopol area, which was established around the turn of the century, saw the Gravenstein apple brought in from the middle west as grafting stock only to find some years later, that this variety was brought in by the Russians many years earlier. Sonoma County will continue to make history, no doubt, insofar as tree fruit production because it is in a favored area of study and development. With time and demand for other varieties, Sonoma County now produces most varieties asked for by the consumer.

There is very little value in categorizing counties other than to impress people. If the fact that we are the second largest prune producing county in California with a strong likelihood it may be in number one position in the not too distant future means anything, then our number one position in apples and a growing industry in pears, too, is important. The area is climatically very well suited for other tree fruits, plums, sweet and sour cherries, but because of man's preference and diseases, these crops have not grown to any significant importance. Sweet cherry was important as a crop in the county not too many years back and, we feel, will be again when research finds ways to control these diseases.

APPLE ACREAGES & PRICE SHEET-1966

	<u>Production (in tons)</u>		<u>Value</u>	
	<u>Bearing Acreage</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Total</u>
APPLES, ALL	8,570	126,500	\$56.66	\$7,168,000
Gravenstein	4,399	69,000	56.26	3,882,200
Fresh		4,480	110.00	493,000
Canned		30,300	61.20	1,854,000
Juice Cider		15,100	40.00	604,000
Dried		18,800	49.00	921,000
Misc.		320	32.00	10,200
LATE APPLES	4,171	57,500	57.14	3,285,800
Fresh		3,700	102.00	377,000
Canned		18,900	55.60	1,051,000
Juice Cider		8,780	39.00	342,000
Dried		24,900	58.90	1,467,000
Misc.		1,220	40.00	48,800

ESTIMATED APPLE ACREAGES AND VARIETIES-1968

	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Gravenstein	5,086	287	5,373
Delicious	756	88	844
Delicious, Golden	579	174	753
Jonathan	707	25	732
Newtown	95	5	100
Rome	1,235	387	1,622
All Others	581	74	655
TOTAL	9,039	1,040	10,079