

CROP REPORT

COUNTY
of
SAN MATEO

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*San Mateo County
Department of Agriculture*

SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Redwood City, California

M A X. J. L E O N A R D
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1954

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

and

W. C. Jacobsen, Director
State Department of Agriculture

Gentlemen:


In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit to you a report of the acreage, production and value of agricultural products for San Mateo County for the year 1954.

This report brings together agricultural statistics of the county, including floriculture, horticulture, livestock, truck crops and field crops, and income accrued to the growers during the year 1954. The value of these figures is based entirely on the accuracy of information given by many cooperators and their willingness to give this information, together with investigations and detailed surveys made by members of this Department's staff. The figures for value are based on the gross income to the grower.

The sources of information for the figures contained herein for acreage, average yields and prices have been furnished through the cooperation of growers, grower associations, shippers and produce dealers. The commodity prices used, in addition, were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations.

In submitting this report, we wish to express our appreciation to the many individuals, firms, official agencies and growers who have given information and otherwise helped us in this compilation.

Respectfully submitted,



Max. J. Leonard, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
San Mateo County

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VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Anise	6	10,500 bunches	\$ 5,250.00
Artichoke	1,791	189,846 boxes	873,292.00
Bean			
Green	15	1,500 crates	9,000.00
Dry	220	3,740 sacks	34,034.00
Fava	141	3,948 sacks	21,714.00
Beets	22	6,600 crates	17,160.00
Broccoli, sprouting	12	2,520 crates	6,930.00
Brussels sprouts	2,738	10,268 ton	1,233,438.00
Cabbage	329	4,935 ton	207,270.00
Calabresi (chicory)	6	1,860 crates	10,974.00
Cardoni	3	9,000 heads	4,500.00
Carrots	40	9,800 crates	23,030.00
Cauliflower	35	19,250 crates	24,062.00
Celery	13	11,050 crates	20,995.00
Celery root	11	3,135 crates	6,897.00
Chard	17	6,375 crates	12,750.00
Corn	6	1,200 LA lug	2,160.00
Dandelion root	11	4,840 crates	9,680.00
Dill	3	6,000 lbs.	540.00
Garlic	5	180 100# sacks	3,060.00
Kale	32	11,520 crates	31,680.00
Leeks	12	5,280 crates	13,464.00
Lettuce (all var.)	487	248,280 crates	318,961.00
Mushrooms	2	99,630 lbs.	41,844.00
Mustard greens	15	4,875 crates	20,475.00
Onions, green	9	4,050 crates	21,870.00
Parsley	33	16,500 crates	54,450.00
Parsnips	8	3,320 crates	5,810.00
Peas, market	283	14,150 crates	81,363.00
Potatoes, Irish	180	31,500 100# sacks	81,900.00
Radish	75	15,000 crates	51,000.00
Salsify	4	1,200 crates	3,600.00
Totals Forward	6,564		\$ 3,253,153.00

VEGETABLES (CONTINUED)

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	6,564		\$ 3,253,153.00
Seasoning plants	6	60,000 bunches	45,000.00
Spinach	41	7,175 crates	15,068.00
Spinach, New Zealand	24	240 ton	43,200.00
Squash, winter	4	48 ton	2,880.00
Squash, summer	19	14,250 LA lug	26,363.00
Turnips	9	2,025 crates	5,569.00
Misc. vegetables			
Field grown	29		24,129.00
Glasshouse grown (88,870 sq. ft.)			38,465.00
TOTALS	6,696		\$ 3,453,827.00

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	85	\$ 63,750.00
Alstroemeria	9	21,600.00
Asters	43	141,900.00
Calla Lily	50	168,750.00
Chrysanthemum	196	1,604,080.00
Cut Foliage	34	27,200.00
Gladiolus	34	119,000.00
Heather	353	568,330.00
Iris	26	42,900.00
Marguerites	27	56,700.00
Narcissus	53	39,750.00
Shasta Daisy	48	108,000.00
Stocks	122	219,600.00
Strawflowers	65	140,725.00
Violets	26	156,000.00
Bulbs (610,000*)		75,825.00
Misc. Flowers	108	156,600.00
TOTALS	1,279	\$ 3,710,710.00

*Includes bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes sold

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	566,204**	\$ 668,121.00
Chrysanthemum	118,000	129,800.00
Fern	675,343	351,178.00
Gardenia	198,950	208,898.00
Iris	14,175	10,631.00
Orchids	153,744	269,052.00
Roses	327,175	327,175.00
Snapdragons	160,470	128,376.00
Sweet Pea	21,600	14,040.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	23,590	17,693.00
Potted Plants	534,923	695,400.00
Bedding Plants	99,690	102,866.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	87,818	325,788.00
TOTALS	2,981,682	\$ 3,249,018.00

*Actual area covered by glass 2,970,342 sq. ft. (288 growers, 137 glass ranges)

**Includes 102,000 sq. ft. under cloth

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS \$ 6,959,728.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley	4,396	60,665 100# sacks	\$ 139,529.00
Oats	5,290	66,125 100# sacks	168,619.00
Wheat	232	3,039 100# sacks	11,092.00
Flax	5,586	79,321 bu.	265,726.00
Hay	7,560	11,340 ton	249,480.00
Seed:			
Brussels sprouts	--	500 lbs.	4,500.00
Vetch	570	3,306 100# sacks	16,860.00
TOTALS	23,634		\$ 855,806.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	76	12,095 boxes	\$ 29,028.00
Apricots (dry)	12	4 ton	2,384.00
Bushberries	6	11 ton	3,080.00
Grapes	16	7.5 ton	345.00
Peaches	8	608 boxes	1,460.00
Pears	77	301 ton	21,823.00
Prunes	47	88 ton	19,008.00
Strawberries	21	49,900 crates	137,225.00
Walnuts	115	22 ton	8,800.00
TOTALS	378		\$ 223,153.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	881 colonies	\$ 5,875.00
Beef	4,906 head	226,775.00
Dairy	7,012 head	778,140.00
Hogs	26,261 head	1,302,556.00
Sheep	1,949 head	15,002.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	141,500 birds	188,800.00
Pigeons	52,000 birds	38,400.00
Ducks	220,732 birds	446,615.00
Turkeys	6,570 birds	46,000.00
Rabbits	1,700 head	3,270.00
<hr/> TOTAL VALUE		<hr/> \$ 3,051,433.00 <hr/>

- NOTE: 1. Figures obtained through the courtesy and assistance of livestock producers and feed dealers.
2. Number of head or birds includes breeding stock and increase.
3. "Income" includes only stock or products sold.

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

Vegetables	6,696	\$ 3,453,827.00
Flowers	1248	6,959,728.00
Field Crops	23,634	855,806.00
Fruit and Nut Crops378	223,153.00
Bees and Livestock	32,56	3,051,433.00
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TOTAL		\$14,543,947.00
