



Dignity is what makes man stand tall, confident of his abilities and proud of his accomplishments. Few pursuits of life can surpass farming for summoning such dignity. Your contribution to the progress and prosperity of our great land is beyond calculation. You have honorably earned the esteem of your countrymen.

SAN MATEO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT 1985

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I am pleased to submit our 1985 Annual Crop Report for San Mateo County. The efforts of our agricultural industry are given as acreages, yields and gross values of commodities produced.

The total gross value of San Mateo County agriculture continued to increase over 1984, up approximately 6.5 million dollars or 3.7% to a record high of 180 million dollars.

Potted plants, San Mateo County's leading agricultural crop, continued to increase in value. The total production value rose to 93.6 million dollars in 1985, an increase of 4.5%.

Although artichokes showed a 21% increase in total value in 1985 due to better wholesale prices, brussels sprouts declined 11.5%. A labor strike at nearby processing plants forced many growers to channel their brussels sprouts into the fresh market, which drove wholesale prices downward.

While cut flower production values generally remained stable, rising production costs and foreign imports continue to plague our floricultural industry.

Fortunately, San Mateo County agriculture does not rely on government farm subsidies and therefore did not suffer the ill effects of 1985 funding cutbacks seen in other parts of the state and country.

I wish to express my thanks to the continuing cooperation of all individuals, growers and agencies who contributed the information necessary for the preparation of this report. Special thanks goes to my staff, particularly Agricultural Biologist Louis Masini, who helped compile this report.

Sincerely,

George Ginilo
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

SAN MATEO COUNTY

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit
Artichoke*	1985	1,150	3.25	3,740	Ton	\$ 950
	1984	1,150	2.96	3,400	Ton	863
Beans, Snap	1985	100	4.15	415	Ton	851
	1984	120	4.10	490	Ton	816
Brussels Sprouts*	1985	700	6.50	4,550	Ton	374
	1984	720	6.50	4,680	Ton	410
Lettuce, All Varieties	1985	160	6.75	1,080	Ton	445
	1984	190	6.65	1,264	Ton	435
Peas, Market	1985	600	2.00	1,200	Ton	700
	1984	400	2.25	900	Ton	732
Pumpkins	1985	515	12.40	6,400	Ton	225
	1984	525	12.96	6,800	Ton	225
Miscellaneous Vegetables - Field and Indoor Grown**	1985	300				22,850,000
	1984	300				21,520,000
TOTAL	1985	3,525				\$31,077,000
	1984	3,405				29,512,000

* Includes Processed

** Includes Cabbage, Celery, Mushrooms, Potatoes, Spinach, Swiss Chard, etc.

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS OUTDOOR GROWN

Item	Year	Acres	Production	VALUE	
				Unit	Per Unit
Heather	1985	225	310,000	Bunch	\$2.00
	1984	220	304,000	Bunch	1.85
Iris	1984	85	745,000	Bunch	2.10
	1984	85	637,500	Bunch	2.00
Daisies*	1985	510	5,025,000	Bunch	.52
	1984	500	4,900,000	Bunch	.52
Stawflowers**	1985	120	1,600,000		
	1984	150	2,000,000		
Miscellaneous Flowers***	1985	275			3,025,000
	1984	265			3,050,000
Sub-Total	1985	1,230			\$9,420,000
	1984	1,220			9,437,000
Ornamentals					
Herbaceous Perennials	1985	29			\$ 6,500,000
	1984	32			6,900,000
Christmas Trees	1985	400			5,200,000
	1984	410			5,000,000
Nursery Stock	1985	67			8,750,000
	1984	63			7,900,000
TOTAL	1985	1,756			\$29,870,000
	1984	1,725			29,317,000

** Includes all commercially grown varieties

*** Includes Fresh and Dried

*** Includes Calla Lily, Chrysanthemum, Cut Foliage, Stock, Violets, Yarrow, etc.

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS INDOOR GROWN

Item	Year	Square Feet	Production	VALUE	
				Unit	Per Unit
Cut Flowers					
Carnations	1985	900,000	16,700,000	Bloom	\$ 130
	1984	1,000,000	18,000,000	Bloom	127
Chrysanthemums	1985	3,500,000			3,282,000
	1984	3,800,000			3,619,000
Standard*	1985	(2,300,000)	5,566,000	Bloom	.340
	1984	(2,725,000)	6,020,000	Bloom	.340
Pom-pom	1985	(1,200,000)	1,110,000	Bunch	1.250
	1984	(1,075,000)	1,100,000	Bunch	1.250
Roses	1985	850,000	15,300,000	Bloom	.245
	1984***	850,000	17,800,000	Bloom	.240
Miscellaneous	1985	2,600,000			11,700,000
Cut Flowers	1984	2,500,000			10,625,000
* Includes Fujii Spiders, Dianthus, Anemone, etc.					
** Includes Fern, Freesia, Gardenias, Lilies, Orchids, Snapdragons, Stephanotis, etc.					
** Revised					
Potted Plants					
Flowering*	1985	5,100,000			\$ 43,500,000
	1984	5,200,000			41,500,000
Foliage	1985	4,100,000			50,100,000
	1984	4,000,000			48,000,000
Sub-Total	1985	16,900,000			\$114,532,000
	1984	17,500,000			109,816,000
Propagated					
Bedding Plants	1985	110,000			\$ 500,000
	1984	100,000			500,000
Cuttings and Liners	1985	300,000			500,000
	1984	290,000			420,000
TOTAL	1985	17,370,000			\$115,532,000
	1984	17,890,000			110,736,000
Total Glass and Plastic Area			9,100,000	Square Feet	

* Includes African Violets, Chrysanthemums, Lilies, Orchids, Poinsettias, etc.

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit
Beans, Dry Edible*	1985	40	.34	14	Ton	\$325.00
	1984	40	.34	14	Ton	300.00
Grain						
Barley	1985	400	.75	300	Ton	110.00
	1984	800	1.00	800	Ton	110.00
Oats	1985	1,800	.61	1,100	Ton	180.00
	1984	2,000	.70	1,400	Ton	280.00
Hay						
Cal	1985	2,400	2.00	4,800	Ton	75.00
	1984	2,200	1.90	4,200	Ton	75.00
Volunteer	1985	700	1.80	1,260	Ton	75.00
	1984	800	1.75	1,400	Ton	60.00
Pasture						
Irrigated	1985	300				140.00
	1984	500				70.00
Other	1985	34,000				7.00
	1984	34,000				7.00
TOTAL	1985	39,640				\$ 951.150
	1984	40,340				1,194.300

* Includes Fava Beans, Dry

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SEED CROPS

TOTAL	1985					\$ 60.00
	1984					60.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

TOTAL	1985					\$ 555.000
	1984					495.000

FOREST PRODUCTS

Timber, cut	1985*	2,489,000	1984	Board Feet		\$ 469,250
	1984	5,270,000	1985	Board Feet		877,000

* Board feet cut January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984

1985 production totals not available at time of publication

LIVESTOCK

Item	Year	Number Head	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves	1985	4,500	27,000	CWT	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,512,000
	1984	3,700	22,200	CWT	60.00	1,332,000
Sheep and Lambs	1985	650	650	CWT	65.00	42,300
	1984	400	400	CWT	59.70	23,900
Hogs and Pigs	1985	200	500	CWT	47.00	23,500
	1984	200	500	CWT	50.00	25,000
Poultry	1985	500				1,000
	1984	500				1,200
TOTAL	1985					\$ 1,578,800
	1984					1,382,100

LIVESTOCK AND APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	VALUE	
			Unit	Per Unit
Wool	1985	4,500	LB.	\$ 2.80
	1984	2,800	LB.	75
Honey	1985	36,500	LB.	.58
	1984	36,000	LB.	.55
Beeswax	1985	500	LB.	1.80
	1984	500	LB.	1.80
TOTAL	1985			\$ 25.700
	1984			22,800

JANUARY 1 INVENTORY OF LIVESTOCK—1985-1986

Item	January 1, 1985		January 1, 1986	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Cattle and Calves				
All		6,500		6,600
Milk Cows, 2 years and over		50		50
Sheep and Lambs		400		400
Hogs and Pigs*		100		100

* As of December 31, 1984 and 1985

RECAPITULATION

PRODUCTION VALUES

	1985	1984
Vegetable Crops	\$ 31,017,000	\$ 29,512,000
Flower and Nursery Crops	145,402,000	140,053,000*
Field Crops	951,150	1,194,300
Seed Crops	60,000	60,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	555,000	495,000
Forest Products	469,925	877,000
Livestock	1,578,800	1,382,100
Livestock and Apiary Products	25,700	22,800
TOTAL	\$180,059,575	\$173,596,100*

*Revised

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

Crop	1985	1984	Difference
Potted Plants	\$ 93,600,000	\$ 89,600,000	+ 4,000,000
Ornamental Nursery Stock	15,880,000	15,380,000	+ 500,000
Christmas Trees	5,200,000	5,000,000	+ 200,000
Roses	3,750,000	3,672,000	+ 78,000
Artichokes	3,553,000	2,933,000	+ 620,000
Chrysanthemums	3,282,000	3,619,000	- 337,000
Daisies	2,615,000	2,550,000	+ 65,000
Carnations	2,200,000	2,300,000	- 100,000
Brussels Sprouts	1,700,000	1,920,000	- 220,000
Strawflowers	1,600,000	2,000,000	- 400,000
Iris	1,565,000	1,275,000	+ 290,000
Cattle and Calves	1,512,000	1,332,000	+ 180,000
Pumpkins	1,440,000	1,530,000	- 90,000

Department of Agriculture

COASTSIDE RAIN STATIONS

	Half Moon Bay	Pescadero
1973/1974	35.99 inches	35.07 inches
1974/1975	21.37 inches	21.42 inches
1975/1976	10.39 inches	10.03 inches
1976/1977	14.58 inches	14.61 inches
1977/1978	36.21 inches	34.88 inches
1978/1979	24.37 inches	22.01 inches
1979/1980	30.07 inches	29.93 inches
1980/1981	33.03 inches	32.48 inches
1981/1982	42.49 inches	43.98 inches
1982/1983	50.95 inches	54.70 inches
1983/1984	25.87 inches	24.38 inches
1984/1985	27.39 inches	24.12 inches