

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

MAX. J. LEONARD
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1953

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

and

W. C. Jacobsen, Acting 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 1953.

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 1953. 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 the 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	7	12,250 Bunches	\$ 6,738.00
Artichokes	1,941	194,100 Boxes	698,760.00
Bean			
Green	13	1,300 Crates	8,840.00
Dry	281	4,215 100# Sacks	42,571.00
Fava	60	1,560 100# Sacks	9,048.00
Beets	30	9,000 Crates	22,500.00
Broccoli, Sprouting	20	4,000 Crates	15,200.00
Brussels Sprouts	2,276	13,087 Ton	2,486,530.00
Cabbage	323	4,845 Ton	218,025.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	6	1,860 Crates	11,160.00
Cardoni	2	6,000 Heads	3,000.00
Carrots	29	7,105 Crates	17,762.00
Cauliflower	58	31,900 Crates	44,660.00
Celery	12	10,200 Crates	22,950.00
Celery Root	11	3,135 Crates	6,270.00
Chard	13	4,875 Crates	10,968.00
Corn	5	750 L.A. Lugs	1,425.00
Dandelion	4	1,720 Crates	4,300.00
Dill	7	14,000 lbs.	1,120.00
Garlic	6	180 100# Sacks	3,600.00
Kale	22	7,920 Crates	19,800.00
Leeks	7	3,080 Crates	7,700.00
Lettuce (All var.)	376	182,110 Crates	229,090.00
Mushrooms	2	94,152 lbs.	42,368.00
Mustard Greens	16	5,200 Crates	20,800.00
Onions, Green	13	5,850 Crates	32,175.00
Onions, Dry	3	1,350 50# Sacks	1,215.00
Parsley	23	11,500 Crates	40,250.00
Parsnips	7	2,905 L.A. Lugs	5,229.00
Peas, Market	383	19,150 Crates	109,155.00
Potatoes, Irish	189	33,075 100# Sacks	94,264.00
Radish	77	15,400 Crates	53,900.00
Totals Forward	6,222		\$4,291,373.00

VEGETABLES (CONTINUED)

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	6,222		\$4,291,373.00
Salsify	5	1,500 Crates	3,750.00
Seasoning Plants	5	50,000 Bunches	35,000.00
Spinach	28	4,900 Crates	9,310.00
Spinach, New Zealand	12	120 Ton	37,200.00
Squash, Winter	5	60 Ton	4,500.00
Squash, Summer	14	10,500 L.A. Lug	21,000.00
Tomatoes	4	3,240 L.A. Lug	6,156.00
Turnips	3	775 Crates	2,362.00
Misc. Vegetables	26		21,000.00
TOTALS	6,324		\$4,431,651.00

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	80	\$ 56,000.00
Alstroemeria	10	24,000.00
Asters	24	72,000.00
Calla Lily	54	175,500.00
Chrysanthemum	209	1,573,314.00
Gladiolus	42	136,500.00
Heather	385	664,125.00
Iris	30	49,500.00
Marguerites	28	58,800.00
Narcissus	65	68,250.00
Shasta Daisy	39	87,750.00
Stocks	117	210,600.00
Strawflowers	73	169,360.00
Violets	25	150,000.00
Bulbs (800,000*)		84,325.00
Misc. Flowers	132	165,300.00
TOTALS	1,313	\$3,745,324.00

*Includes bulbs, corms, tubers
and rhizomes sold.

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	518,029**	\$ 563,773.00
Chrysanthemum	109,750	84,375.00
Fern	727,827	378,471.00
Gardenia	231,950	245,867.00
Iris	20,608	13,601.00
Orchids	134,394	255,349.00
Roses	334,775	344,818.00
Snapdragons	108,010	86,408.00
Sweet Pea	40,583	24,350.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	66,090	42,063.00
Potted Plants	500,279	625,319.00
Bedding Plants	90,610	92,422.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	128,112	353,265.00
TOTALS	3,011,017	\$3,110,111.00

*Actual area covered by glass, 2,991,421 sq. ft. (290 growers, 134 Glass ranges)

**Includes 66,000 sq. ft. under cloth

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS \$6,855,435.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley	3,049	46,585 100# Sacks	\$ 129,438.00
Oats	5,782	70,610 100# Sacks	218,891.00
Wheat	191	1,823 100# Sacks	6,563.00
Flax	5,439	70,600 Bu.	254,160.00
Hay	9,132	11,886 Ton	309,036.00
Seed:			
Brussels Sprouts	---	440 lbs.	8,800.00
Peas	7	1,600 lbs.	96.00
Vetch	418	2,508 100# Sacks	15,048.00
TOTALS	24,018		\$ 942,032.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	78	9,411 Boxes	\$ 23,527.00
Apricots (Dry)	14	7 Ton	3,500.00
Berries (Bush)	18	25 Ton	7,515.00
Grapes	16	19 Ton	760.00
Peaches	8	600 Boxes	1,500.00
Pears	72	248 Ton	18,352.00
Prunes	53	88 Ton	21,120.00
Strawberries	23	31,200 Crates	74,880.00
Walnuts	116	26 Ton	10,400.00
TOTALS	398		\$ 161,554.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	1,031 Colonies	\$ 8,675.00
Beef	4,013 Head	137,920.00
Dairy	6,849 Head	892,325.00
Hogs	32,377 Head	2,035,495.00
Sheep	1,760 Head	15,225.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	151,503 Birds	193,658.00
Pigeons	8,400 Birds	40,328.00
Ducks	229,500 Birds	472,125.00
Turkeys	6,628 Birds	53,158.00
Rabbits	1,800 Head	2,635.00
<hr/> TOTAL VALUE		<hr/> \$3,851,544.00 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

Vegetables	\$4,431,651.00
Flowers	6,855,435.00
Field Crops	942,032.00
Fruit and Nut Crops	161,554.00
Bees and Livestock	3,851,544.00
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TOTAL	\$16,242,216.00
