

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, 1955

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and

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Gentlemen:

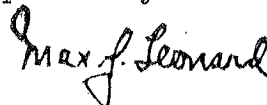
In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit to you a report of the acreage, production and value of agricultural products for San Mateo County for the year 1955.

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 1955. 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	3	5,250 bunches	\$ 2,888.00
Artichokes	1,760	308,000 7" boxes	739,200.00
Beans			
Green	27	3,024 crates	19,051.00
Dry	153	2,601 sacks	23,799.00
Fava	237	7,347 sacks	51,429.00
Beets	21	6,300 crates	18,900.00
Broccoli, sprouting	300	840 ton	121,800.00
Brussels sprouts	1,829	7,499 ton	1,162,330.00
Cabbage	330	4,950 ton	217,800.00
Calabresi (chicory)	10	3,100 crates	18,600.00
Carrots	27	6,615 crates	15,876.00
Cauliflower	100	55,000 crates	77,000.00
Celery	11	6,325 crates	12,650.00
Celery root	9	2,565 crates	5,771.00
Chard	20	7,500 crates	16,875.00
Corn	13	2,405 crates	3,608.00
Dandelion root	6	2,580 crates	5,418.00
Dil	2	4,000 lbs.	400.00
Garlic	8	320 100# sks.	5,504.00
Kale	26	9,360 crates	29,016.00
Leeks	13	5,720 crates	16,302.00
Lettuce (all var.)	528	292,870 crates	391,537.00
Mushrooms	2	97,550 lbs.	39,020.00
Mustard greens	14	4,550 crates	18,200.00
Onions, green	6	2,700 crates	11,340.00
Parsley	32	16,000 crates	60,000.00
Parsnips	7	2,905 crates	5,374.00
Peas, market	241	19,280 crates	127,248.00
Potatoes, Irish	179	34,010 100# sks.	102,030.00
Radish	78	15,600 crates	58,500.00
Salsify	6	1,800 crates	5,400.00
Seasoning plants	3	30,000 bunches	22,500.00
Spinach	52	9,100 crates	20,020.00
Spinach, New Zealand	22	220 ton	40,700.00
Squash, winter	4	48 ton	2,880.00
Squash, summer	22	16,500 LA lug	31,350.00
Turnips	3	675 crates	2,160.00
Misc. vegetables			
Field grown	26		20,244.00
Glasshouse grown	79,870 sq. ft.		37,880.00
TOTALS	6,129		\$3,560,600.00

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	90	\$ 72,000.00
Alstromeria	6	18,000.00
Aster	48	187,200.00
Calla Lily	38	148,000.00
Chrysanthemum	191	1,504,038.00
Cut Foliage	64	54,400.00
Gladiolus	28	105,000.00
Heather	302	500,112.00
Iris	32	57,600.00
Marguerites	42	161,700.00
Narcissus	44	46,200.00
Shasta Daisy	49	110,250.00
Stocks	126	226,800.00
Strawflowers	53	132,500.00
Violets	23	154,560.00
Bulbs (795,000*)		73,725.00
Misc. Flowers	98	151,900.00
TOTALS	1,234	\$ 3,703,985.00

*Includes bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes sold

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	778,772**	\$ 918,951.00
Chrysanthemum	155,750	163,538.00
Fern	581,075	302,159.00
Gardenia	178,750	193,050.00
Iris	39,400	30,338.00
Orchids	178,932	295,238.00
Roses	285,775	328,641.00
Snapdragon	153,070	130,110.00
Sweet Pea	13,800	8,970.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	27,190	21,752.00
Potted Plants	634,841	842,647.00
Bedding Plants	58,320	67,702.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	101,314	409,150.00
TOTALS	3,186,989	\$ 3,712,246.00

*Total glass and plastic area 3,258,495 sq. ft. (281 growers, 138 glass ranges)

**Includes 236,600 sq. ft. under cloth or plastic

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS \$ 7,416,231.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley	2,454	40,491 100# sks.	\$ 95,154.00
Oats	4,329	57,576 100# sks.	149,698.00
Wheat	16	600 100# sks.	2,400.00
Flax	6,439	95,619 bu.	319,367.00
Hay	8,235	12,353 ton	308,825.00
Seed:			
Brussels sprouts	--	400 lbs.	4,000.00
Peas	20	20 100# sks.	400.00
Vetch	818	5,399 100# sks.	53,990.00
TOTALS	24,291		\$ 933,834.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	81	6,215 boxes	\$ 13,362.00
Apricots	17	8 ton	5,424.00
Grapes	16	11 ton	392.00
Peaches	7	240 boxes	420.00
Pears	43	350 ton	23,975.00
Prunes	47	75 ton	20,625.00
Strawberries	44	50,800 trays	145,796.00
Walnuts	123	17 ton	9,265.00
Misc. fruits	2	136 boxes	300.00
TOTALS	380		\$ 219,559.00

BEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	850 colonies	\$ 8,883.00
Beef	5,856 head	285,210.00
Dairy	7,600 head	704,659.00
Hogs	19,296 head	805,950.00
Sheep	2,870 head	31,011.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	187,110 birds	176,340.00
Pigeons	69,300 birds	53,120.00
Ducks	283,278 birds	441,950.00
Turkeys	7,460 birds	49,774.00
Rabbits	1,550 head	2,635.00
Total Value		\$ 2,559,532.00

- 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.

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

Production Values

Vegetables	\$ 3,560,600.00
Flowers	7,416,231.00
Field Crops	933,834.00
Fruit and Nut Crops	219,559.00
Bees and Livestock	2,559,532.00
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TOTAL	\$ 14,689,756.00
