

# CROP REPORT

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COUNTY  
of  
SAN MATEO

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*San Mateo County  
Department of Agriculture*

SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

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MAX J. LEONARD  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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# ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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For the year ending  
December 31, 1959

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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

and

William E. Warne, 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 1959 with a comparison of the figures of 1958.

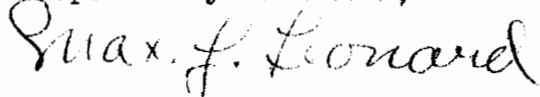
The method of compiling data in this report has been changed and enlarged over previous reports in order to follow an accepted form as agreed upon between the State Department of Agriculture and other counties.

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 1959. 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  
County of San Mateo

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VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Anise	1959	2	14.0	28	Ton	116.10 \$	3,251.00
	1958	3	14.0	42	"	98.57	4,140.00
Artichoke Total	1959	1,310	2.33	3,955	"	148.61	587,750.00 ✓
	1958	1,357	2.15	2,917	"	196.00	571,840.00
Fresh Mkt.	1959	1,310	3.02	3,054	"	160.00	488,640.00
	1958	1,357	2.15	2,917	"	196.00	571,840.00
Processing	1959 *1958			901	"	110.00	99,110.00
Beans, Green	1959	26	2.70	54	"	225.00	12,150.00
	1958	28	2.25	63	"	200.00	12,600.00
Beets, Table	1959	14		8.3	"	156.00	18,252.00
	1958	14		7.5	"	140.00	14,700.00
Broccoli, Sprouting	1959	12	2.75	33	"	120.00	3,960.00
	1958	264	2.70	713	"	125.00	89,100.00
Brussels Sprouts Total	1959	1,944	5.50	10,656	"	178.50	1,902,080.00 ✓
	1958	1,758	6.30	11,075	"	170.00	1,882,818.00
Fresh Mkt.	1959 *1958			800	"	160.00	128,000.00
Freezer	1959	1,944	5.50	9,856	"	180.00	1,774,080.00
	1958	1,758	6.30	11,075	"	170.00	1,882,818.00
Cabbage	1959	210	16.0	3,360	"	47.75	160,440.00
	1958	232	15.0	3,480	"	47.50	165,300.00
Calabresi	1959	14	3.40	48.1	"	420.00	20,202.00
	1958	14	3.75	52.5	"	480.00	25,200.00
Carrots	1959	23	8.26	190	"	118.00	22,420.00
	1958	16	7.50	120	"	116.60	14,000.00

\* Statistics not available

VEGETABLE CROPS

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Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cauliflower	1959	12	10.58	127	Ton	81.50 \$	10,350.00
	1958	12	10.40	124.8	"	70.50	8,798.00
Celery	1959	11	48.60	535	"	61.42	32,860.00
	1958	12	36.20	430.5	"	54.28	23,370.00
Celery Root	1959	14	4.27	59.8	"	150.00	8,970.00
	1958	8	4.19	33.5	"	187.00	6,270.00
Chives	1959	8	3.25	26	"	1080.00	28,080.00
	1958	8	3.50	28	"	1040.00	29,120.00
Chard	1959	39	13.10	512	"	85.00	43,520.00
	1958	40	13.80	555	"	82.67	45,880.00
Corn	1959	5	4.50	22.5	"	88.80	1,998.00
	1958	15	4.16	624	"	62.26	3,885.00
Dandelion Root	1959	7	6.00	42	"	150.00	6,300.00
	1958	8	6.30	51	"	156.67	7,990.00
Garlic	1959	2	2.50	5.0	"	400.00	2,000.00
	1958	4	2.70	10.8	"	428.00	4,622.00
Green Leaf Vegetables	**1959	27	6.00	163.0	"	93.60	15,162.00
	1958	46	6.10	280.6	"	76.16	21,370.00
Leeks	1959	16	17.6	281.6	"	95.00	26,752.00
	1958	17	17.6	299.2	"	93.69	27,377.00
Lettuce (all var.)	1959	324	9.5	3,081	"	91.32	282,054.00
	1958	488	8.4	4,112	"	108.26	445,186.00
Mushrooms	1959			1,500.0	"	700.00	1,050,000.00
	1958			1,031.6	"	700.00	724,825.00
Onions, Green	1959	3	10.11	30.35	"	182.20	5,530.00
	1958	6	10.11	60.75	"	188.88	11,475.00
Parsley	1959	22	10.0	220	"	195.00	42,900.00
	1958	23	9.0	207	"	175.00	36,225.00

\*\* Includes: Collards, Kale, Mustard Greens, Rappini and Turnip Greens

VEGETABLE CROPS (cont'd.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Parsnips	1959	1	6.37	6.37	Ton	113.34 \$	722.00
	1958	3	6.22	18.67	"	122.67	2,291.00
Peas, Market	1959	536	2.48	1,334.6	"	270.00	360,342.00
	1958	349	2.16	753.8	"	240.00	180,922.00
Potatoes	1959	79	10.5	829.5	"	70.00	58,065.00
	1958	97	10.0	970.0	"	56.00	54,320.00
Radish	1959	81	12.5	1,012.5	"	90.00	91,125.00
	1958	107	10.0	1,070.0	"	85.00	90,950.00
Salsify	1959	1	5.60	5.6	"	205.00	1,148.00
	1958	3	5.66	17.0	"	202.94	3,450.00
Seasoning Plants	1959	4	2.5	10	"	4000.00	40,000.00
	1958	4	2.5	10	"	3840.00	38,400.00
Spinach	1959	23	2.24	51.7	"	180.00	9,306.00
	1958	58	2.18	126.8	"	228.13	28,928.00
Spinach New Zealand	1959	24	12.0	288	"	200.00	57,600.00
	1958	27	10.0	270	"	190.00	51,300.00
Squash Winter	1959	8	10.0	80	"	73.00	5,840.00
	1958	8	10.0	80	"	66.00	5,280.00
Summer	1959	10	11.2	112.0	"	157.12	17,597.00
	1958	15	10.5	157.5	"	121.42	19,125.00
Turnips	1959	5	5.0	25.0	"	154.00	3,850.00
	1958	4	5.6	22.5	"	129.20	2,907.00
Misc. Veg. Field Grown	1959	18					15,300.00
	1958	19					15,950.00
Glasshouse Grown	1959	4,200 Sq. ft.					3,150.00
	1958	12,840 Sq. ft.					8,346.00
TOTAL	1959	4,837					\$4,951,026.00
	1958	5,067					\$4,678,260.00

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<b>Beans</b>							
Dry Edible	1959	174	.75	131.5	Ton	156.00	\$ 20,514.00
	1958	216	1.00	216.0	"	180.00	38,880.00
Fava	1959	93	1.0	93.0	"	115.00	10,695.00
	1958	30	1.5	46.5	"	120.00	5,580.00
Barley	1959	3,169	.75	2,377.0	"	41.60	98,883.00
	1958	1,917	.35	670.8	"	45.00	30,188.00
Flaxseed	1959	3,479	7.1	24,700	Bu.	3.10	76,570.00
	1958	6,057	5.3	32,344	"	3.11	100,590.00
<b>Hay</b>							
Grain	1959	5,366	1.36	7,298	Ton	25.00	182,450.00
	1958	6,582	1.25	8,273	"	23.00	190,279.00
Other tame	1959	209	1.25	262	"	23.00	6,026.00
	*1958						
Oats	1959	5,469	.69	3,800.0	"	46.80	177,840.00
	1958	4,263	.35	1,511.5	"	43.00	64,995.00
<b>Pasture</b>							
Irrigated	1959	1,115			Acre	38.00	42,370.00
	*1958						
Other	1959	32,016			"	3.70	118,459.00
	*1958						
Wheat	1959	10	.65	6.5	Ton	61.00	396.00
	1958	None					
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TOTAL	1959	51,100					\$ 734,203.00
	1958	19,065					\$ 430,512.00

\* Statistics not available

SEED CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	
Brussels Sprouts	1959			500	Lb.	10.00	\$	5,000.00
	1958			450	"	10.00		4,500.00
Flax	1959 *1958	119	7.1	848	Bu.	3.25		2,756.00
Vetch	1959	368	.15	57.0	Ton	150.00		8,550.00
	1958	120	.19	22.6	"	160.00		3,618.00
TOTAL	1959	607					\$	16,306.00
	1958	120					\$	8,118.00

\* Statistics not available



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<b>Apples</b>							
Fresh Mkt.	1959	108	2.0	216	Ton	153.00	\$ 33,048.00
	1958	87	2.1	181	"	167.40	30,300.00
Processing	1959			39.0	"	22.50	878.00
	1958			12.8	"	22.50	288.00
<b>Apricots, dry</b>							
	1959	12	.35	4.20	"	975.00	4,095.00
	1958	13	.05	.62	"	1300.00	806.00
<b>Bushberries</b>							
	1959	10	3.6	36.00	"	778.00	28,000.00
	1958	10	2.20	20.25	"	778.00	15,750.00
<b>Grapes</b>							
	1959	20	.60	12	"	57.00	684.00
	1958	17	.75	15	"	56.00	840.00
<b>Pears</b>							
	1959	25	3.25	81	"	75.00	6,075.00
	1958	38	5.20	198	"	80.00	15,840.00
<b>Prunes</b>							
	1959	41	2.09	86.0	"	314.00	27,004.00
	1958	40	4.87	19.5	"	260.00	5,070.00
<b>Strawberries</b>							
Fresh Mkt.	1959	51	4.57	235	"	380.00	89,300.00
	1958	58	10.36	601	"	322.00	193,689.00
Processing	1959			204	"	280.00	57,120.00
	*1958						
<b>Walnuts</b>							
	1959	113	.380	43	"	500.00	21,500.00
	1958	116	.287	34	"	440.00	14,960.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
	1959	2					2,011.00
	1958	2					435.00
<b>TOTAL</b>							
	1959	382					\$ 268,715.00
	1958	381					\$ 277,978.00

\*Statistics not available

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS OUTDOOR GROWN

Item	Year	Prod. Area Acres	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Acacia	1959	95	9,500	Tree	12.00	\$ 114,000.00
	1958	95	9,500	"	11.00	104,500.00
Agapanthus	1959 *1958	5	14,000	Dz.	.75	10,500.00
Asters	1959	17	3,400,000	Bloom	.033	112,200.00
	1958	12	2,400,000	"	.026	62,400.00
Calla Lily	1959	34	208,750	Dz.	.706	147,500.00
	1958	28	171,250	"	.779	133,500.00
Chrysanthemum Total	1959	88				869,544.00
	1958	132				977,725.00
Standard	1959	16.8	806,400	Bloom	.13	104,832.00
	1958	20.4	969,600	"	.11	106,656.00
Medium	1959	30.0	3,585,860	Bloom	.086	308,231.00
	1958	47.8	5,383,532	"	.071	386,334.00
Pompons	1959	41.4	895,450	Bunch	.51	456,481.00
	1958	63.8	1,306,185	"	.37	484,735.00
Cut Foliage	1959	68				99,700.00
	1958	61				85,200.00
Gladiolus	1959	17	88,400	Dz.	.71	62,764.00
	1958	20	100,000	"	.68	68,000.00
Heather	1959	194	931,200	Bunch	.40	372,480.00
	1958	217	1,019,900	"	.38	387,562.00
Iris	1959	20	65,000	Dz.	.47	30,550.00
	1958	36	108,000	"	.50	54,000.00
Marguerites	1959	49	857,500	Bunch	.20	171,500.00
	1958	57	997,500	"	.21	209,475.00
Narcissus	1959	38	2,660,000	Bloom	.015	39,900.00
	1958	41	2,460,000	"	.015	36,900.00

\* Statistics not available

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS OUTDOOR GROWN (cont'd.)

Item	Year	Prod. Area Acres	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
Shasta Daisy	1959	61	8,540,000	Bloom	.021	179,340.00
	1958	60	9,000,000	"	.019	171,000.00
Stock	1959	139	625,000	Dz.	.465	290,858.00
	1958	171	769,500	"	.45	346,275.00
Strawflowers	1959	103	34,505	Box	9.60	331,249.00
	1958	95	32,300	"	10.62	343,140.00
Violets	1959	16	96,000	Bunch	1.25	120,000.00
	1958	17	102,000	"	1.25	127,500.00
Msc. Flowers	1959	51				91,800.00
	1958	77				137,000.00
Bulbs	1959		962,000	Bulbs		88,700.00
	1958		980,000	"		89,922.00
Herbaceous Perennials	1959 *1958	9	1,395,000	Plants	.075	104,400.00
TOTAL	1959	1,004				\$3,236,985.00
	1958	1,119				\$3,334,099.00

\* Statistics not available

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS GLASSHOUSE GROWN

Item	Year	Prod. Area Sq. Ft.	Production	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
<b>Cut Flowers</b>						
Carnations	1959	1,605,139	33,486,989	Bloom	.053	\$1,774,810.00
	1958	1,441,279	33,149,420	"	.050	1,657,471.00
<b>Chrysanthemums</b>						
Total	1959	576,800	3,946,550	Bloom	.141	559,583.00
	*1958	414,600		Sq. Ft.	1.10	456,060.00
Standard	1959	289,300	2,509,250	Bloom	.16	401,480.00
	*1958					
Medium	1959	287,460	1,437,300	Bloom	.11	158,103.00
	*1958					
Fern	1959	358,032	2,327,208	Bunch	.10	232,721.00
	1958	390,157	2,340,094	"	.10	234,094.00
Gardenias	1959	135,800	2,145,640	Bloom	.0825	177,015.00
	1958	139,800	2,166,900	"	.081	176,148.00
Iris	1959	22,750	31,850	Dz.	.65	20,703.00
	1958	19,750	27,980	"	.60	16,788.00
Orchids	1959	220,825	607,269	Bloom	.65	394,725.00
	1958	219,775	593,868	"	.635	377,106.00
Roses	1959	336,775	6,264,015	Bloom	.063	394,633.00
	1958	318,775	6,109,850	"	.06	366,591.00
Snapdragon	1959	91,945	68,958	Bunch	1.20	82,750.00
	1958	183,410	137,557	"	1.20	165,069.00
Sweet Peas	1959	20,830	124,980	Bunch	.16	19,997.00
	1958	25,650	136,800	"	.15	20,520.00
Miscellaneous Cut Flowers	1959	59,365		Sq. Ft.	.96	56,990.00
	1958	50,885		"	.85	43,252.00
Flowering Pot Plants	1959	875,790	1,696,910	Plants	.844	1,432,121.00
	1958	762,150		Sq. Ft.	1.52	1,158,468.00

\* Statistics not available

FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS GLASSHOUSE GROWN (cont'd.)

Item	Year	Prod. Area Sq. Ft.	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value		
							Total	
Propagated								
Bedding	1959	47,300	27,550	Flats	2.02	\$	55,585.00	
Plants	1958	40,400	25,150	"	1.48		37,137.00	
Ornamental	1959	376,252	11,215,750	Plants	.056		625,040.00	
Nrsy. Stock	1958	162,128					705,797.00	
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TOTAL	1959	4,727,603					\$5,826,673.00	
	1958	4,168,759					\$5,414,501.00	
Total glass and plastic area 4,445,785 sq. ft. 164 glass or plastic ranges, 248 growers								
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TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLORAL AND NURSERY CROPS							1959	\$9,063,658.00
							1958	\$8,748,600.00

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight			Total
Cattle and Calves	1959	3,466	26,316	Cwt.	23.56	\$ 619,934.00
	1958	4,314	*	Head	139.89	603,510.00
Milkers sold	1959	1,094		Head	245.00	268,030.00
	1958	1,331		"	235.00	312,785.00
Sheep and Lambs	1959	1,331	1,361	Cwt.	17.89	24,349.00
	1958	1,499		Head	19.25	28,862.00
Hogs and Pigs	1959	23,584	52,291	Cwt.	16.97	887,300.00
	1958	23,973		Head	49.13	1,177,750.00
Broilers and Fryers	1959	1,015	2,030	Lb.	.196	398.00
	1958	69,355	142,768	"	.221	31,551.00
Other Chickens	1959	4,960	19,840	Lb.	.085	1,686.00
	*1958					
Ducks	1959	92,790	516,756	Lb.	.34	175,697.00
	1958	185,833	1,034,887	"	.34	353,811.00
Pigeons	1959	3,600	3,600	Lb.	.85	3,060.00
	1958	20,400	20,400	"	.805	16,422.00
Rabbits	1959	4,544	22,720	Lb.	.26	5,907.00
	1958	7,072	35,360	"	.254	8,971.00
TOTAL	1959					\$1,986,361.00
	1958					\$2,533,662.00

\* Statistics not available

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Milk, Market	1959	143,121	Cwt.	4.85	\$	694,137.00
	1958	72,066	"	4.80		345,920.00
Milk Manufacturing	1959	16,702	Cwt.	3.08		51,442.00
	1958	15,890	"	3.05		48,465.00
Wool	1959	15,008	Lb.	.350		5,253.00
	1958	15,144	"	.335		5,073.00
Eggs Chicken	1959	111,184	Dz.	.31		34,467.00
	1958	165,929	"	.34		56,416.00
Duck	1959	15,000	Dz.	.50		7,500.00
	1958	32,078	"	.50		16,039.00
Honey	1959	47,500	Lb.	.08		3,800.00
	1958	44,000	"	.085		3,740.00
Beeswax	1959	2,375	Lb.	.40		950.00
	1958	3,015	"	.52		1,568.00
TOTAL	1959				\$	797,549.00
	1958				\$	477,221.00

JAN. 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1959--1960

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Item	Jan. 1, 1959	Jan. 1, 1960
Cattle and calves		
All	No	8,836
Milk cows 2 yrs. and over	Inventory taken	1,650
Cattle and calves on feed	In 1959	7,186
Sheep and lambs		
All		1,887
Stock sheep		650
Sheep and lambs on feed		1,237
Hogs and pigs		12,739
Horses		65
Hens and pullets		12,519

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RECAPITULATION  
PRODUCTION VALUES

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	1959	1958
Vegetable crops	\$ 4,951,026.00 ✓	\$ 4,678,260.00
Flower & Nrsy. Crops	9,063,658.00 ✓	8,748,600.00
Field Crops	734,203.00	430,512.00
Seed Crops	16,306.00	8,118.00
Fruit & Nut Crops	268,715.00	277,978.00
Livestock & Poultry	1,986,361.00	2,533,662.00
Livestock, Poultry and Apiary Production	797,549.00	477,221.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,817,818.00</b>	<b>\$17,154,351.00</b>

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