

Agricultural
CROP REPORT

1940

SAN MATEO COUNTY

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SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

March 1, 1941

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
Redwood City, California

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the Annual Crop Report of San Mateo County, as authorized by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, (Statutes 1939), which requires Agricultural Commissioners to compile such reports on acreage, production and value of the agricultural products in their counties.

In the past, this Office has undertaken to bring together figures on this subject, but not in such a full form as to constitute a bona fide document covering the points involved. There has been an active demand for such statistics from time to time, and an attempt has been made in this present compilation to satisfy such demands.

This Report brings together agricultural statistics in San Mateo County, including floriculture, horticulture, livestock, truck crops, field crops, and income accrued to growers during the year 1940. The value of these figures is based entirely on the accuracy of the information and the willingness of many cooperators to give this information. Since we are dependent upon the cooperation of growers, shippers and others to reveal true figures, individual items are held in strict confidence. We believe the figures presented here are as accurate as can be obtained and are true to the extent of our ability to find all sources and assemble the data.

The acreage figures include those lands which are planted two to three and sometimes four times per year to different crops, which will naturally make "production" acreage larger than "land" acreage in the total acreage devoted to agriculture. There is distinct handicap in obtaining figures of acreage, production and prices involved in San Mateo County in all lines

of agriculture, due to the fact that we have such a great volume of our produce moving by trucks directly from the grower either to local markets or out of county shipping points for further distribution. There are no central agencies such as packing houses which would facilitate the compiling of such figures. The figures for prices are based entirely on gross income to the growers, with no reference to net whatsoever, and in many instances where such figures were unobtainable, estimates had to be made, which we believe would be very much in line with absolute figures if such were obtainable.

Another factor presenting difficulties was the tremendous variety of products, both in truck crop and flower production, entailing many small acreages, which although small, have surprisingly large gross incomes. It is our belief that in these two grower activities mentioned, this County has the greatest diversification of any county in the State.

This Department is peculiarly indebted to many individuals and firms who have given information to our Agricultural Inspectors and Deputies who have compiled this Report. We express our appreciation to all those who have contributed so generously and willingly in order to make this as true a Report as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Max J. Leonard

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Department of Agriculture
San Mateo County

VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Anise	10	5,000 crates*	\$ 6,250.00
Artichokes	2,356	176,700 std. box.	309,225.00
Beans:			
Dry	1,068	11,476 100# sax	37,778.00
Green	3	27,000 lbs.	1,080.00
Beets, Table	174	52,200 crates	46,980.00
Broccoli, Sprouting	118	82,600 pony crates	43,365.00
Brussel Sprouts	2,071	138,757 crates	260,169.00
Cabbage(all varieties)	1,038	14,013 tons	196,182.00
Calabresi (chicory)	16	5,600 crates	7,000.00
Carrots, Table	370	148,000 crates	111,000.00
Cauliflower	361	174,400 pony crates	93,860.00
Celery	10	3,750 celery cr.	3,750.00
Celery Root	39	15,600 crates	19,500.00
Chard	41	16,400 crates	12,300.00
Corn	444	88,800 crates	44,400.00
Dandelion (root)	4	1,000 crates	2,500.00
Dill	5	15,000 pounds	450.00
Garlic	8	1,280 50# sax	9,600.00
Kale(Curley)	13	4,550 crates	8,190.00
Leeks	25	10,000 crates	10,000.00
Lettuce(All types)	1,430	421,000 crates	352,275.00
Mushrooms	46**	138,000 lbs.	27,600.00
Onions, Green	11	7,700 crates	19,250.00
Parsley	76	30,400 crates	45,600.00
Parsnips	18	4,500 crates	5,625.00
Peas	5,351	535,100 hampers	401,325.00
Potatoes	297	59,400 50# sax	59,400.00
Radishes	87	104,400 crates	156,600.00
Salsify	5	1,500 crates	3,000.00
Seasoning Plants	2	20,000 dz. bunches	10,000.00
Spinach	245	67,275 crates	60,637.00
Squash:			
Hard Table Varieties	7	36 tons	672.00
Summer & Zucchini	43	43,000 L.A. Lugs	25,500.00
Tomatoes	40	24,000 L.A. Lugs	14,400.00
Turnips	51	12,750 crates	11,475.00
Miscell. Vegetables	150	- - - - -	37,500.00
TOTALS	16,033 acres		\$ 2,454,438.00

* Crates = Standard Lettuce Crate

** 30 houses; 46 house crops.

CUT FLOWERS

Field Grown

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Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	50	\$ 20,000.00
Asters	103	257,500.00
Calla lily	24	21,600.00
Chrysanthemums	286	732,600.00
Gladiolus	124	136,400.00
Heather	127	83,820.00
Narcissus	30	42,000.00
Spanish Iris	7	8,500.00
Stock	55	51,975.00
Strawflowers	31½	38,367.00
Violets	59	118,000.00
Miscellaneous Flowers	65	65,000.00
Bedding Plants	9	10,800.00
TOTALS	970½ acres	\$1,586,562.00

Glass House Grown

Product	Square footage	Total Value
Carnations	163,030	\$ 81,515.00
+ Ferns	1,007,635 ✓	402,054.00
+ Gardenias	438,805	263,283.00
Roses	265,305	159,183.00
Potted Plants	312,663	156,531.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	78,166	39,083.00
Bedding Plants	46,425	23,212.00
TOTALS	2,312,029 Sq.Ftge 53.7 ACRES	\$1,125,661.00

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS - - - - - \$2,712,223.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	1,330	19,950 sax	\$ 15,507.00
Corn	100	500 tons	4,000.00
Hay	11,969	22,235 tons	196,249.00
Oats, Grain	5,592	55,920 sax	55,920.00
Sugar Beets	1,207 ✓	14,484 tons	115,872.00
Vetch: Seed	6,624 ✓	19,872 sax	49,680.00
Miscellaneous	104	-----	1,960.00
TOTALS:	26,926 acres		\$439,188.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	68	40,800 boxes	\$ 24,480.00
Berries, Bush	50	30,000 12-bsk.cr.	18,000.00
Walnuts	102	76½ tons	18,360.00
Pears	126	189 tons	5,670.00
Prunes	158	237 dry tons	7,110.00
Strawberries	64	128,000 12-bak.cr.	102,400.00
Miscellaneous	26½	-----	5,820.00
TOTALS:	594½ acres		\$181,840.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

Product	Total Yield	Total Value
Apiary	1,948 colonies	\$ 6,282.00
Beef	1,200 head	48,000.00
Dairy	13,575 head	911,168.00
Hogs	57,996 head	695,952.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	20,000 hens	35,000.00
Ducks	170,000 birds	192,000.00
Pigeons	12,000 birds	5,040.00
Turkeys	5,000 birds	10,000.00
Rabbits	48,000 head	17,280.00
Sheep	2,000 head	16,400.00
TOTAL VALUE		\$1,937,122.00

Note: Figures by courtesy State and County
Milk and Livestock Inspectors

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

Vegetables	\$ 2,454,438.00
Flowers	2,712,223.00
Field Crops	439,188.00
Fruit & Nuts	181,840.00
Bees and Livestock	1,937,122.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,724,811.00

Following is a brief summary of the activities of the County Department of Agriculture for the Calendar year 1940. This is a compilation of the monthly reports as turned in to the Board of Supervisors.

Plant Quarantine Inspections:	PASSED	REJECTED
Interstate shipments	5,554	31
parcels	48,823	471
plants	308,514	574
Intrastate shipments	9,133	62
parcels	42,182	113
plants	1,580,040	3,541
Total Quarantine Calls and Inspections:	23,909	

Standardization Inspections:

Standardization Calls	4,151	(pkges)
Outgoing Shipments Inspected:	2,405	91,391
Market Inspections: Produce	820	61,782
Eggs	891	102,206
Honey	763	3,365
Total Standardization Rejections:	140	6,783
Totals: Calls, 4,151	Inspections: 4,879	258,744

Pest Control Calls and Inspections:

Predatory Animals Taken:

COYOTES: 61

BOBCATS: 54

Nursery Inspections	2,466
Orchard Inspections	126
Field Inspections	1,208
Private Premise Inspections	3,321
Rodent Inspections	2,775
Acres Inspected	<u>1,69,898</u>
Acres Treated	<u>20,212</u>
Bee Inspections	195
Weed Inspections	95
Acres Inspected	<u>234</u>
Acres Treated	<u>6</u>
Meetings Attended	478
Laboratory Activities	298
Office and Phone Calls	7,817
Total Number of Pest Control Calls & Inspections:	18,779

Certificates Issued: Out of State Shipments;
(Plants & Floral Products) 18,237

Revenue, Sale of Poison Materials
and Truckload Certificates \$383.42