

# 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

For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1952

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County Manager

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

and

A. A. Brock, 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 1952.

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 1952. 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*

Max. J. Leonard, Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture  
San Mateo County

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VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Anise	5	8,750 Bunches	\$ 4,375.00
Artichokes	1,844	202,840 Boxes	983,744.00
Asparagus	3	270 Crates	1,121.00
Beans			
Green	25	3,125 Crates	21,563.00
Dry	64	1,088 100# sack	10,336.00
Fava	55	825 100# sack	4,868.00
Beets	46	13,800 Crates	41,400.00
Broccoli (Sprouting)	265	53,000 Crates	212,000.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,606	6,424 Ton	1,156,320.00
Cabbage	430	6,020 Ton	361,200.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	8	2,480 Crates	12,648.00
Cardoni	3	9,000 Heads	4,500.00
Carrots	66	15,840 Crates	39,600.00
Cauliflower	102	56,100 Crates	92,565.00
Celery	7	4,900 Crates	9,800.00
Celery Root	14	3,990 Crates	9,377.00
Chard	27	10,395 Crates	24,948.00
Corn	3	450 L.A. Crates	833.00
Dandelion	7	3,010 Crates	7,525.00
Dill	2	4,000 Lbs.	280.00
Garlic	14	448 100# sacks	8,064.00
Kale	19	6,840 Crates	20,520.00
Leeks	14	6,160 Crates	18,480.00
Lettuce (all var.)	305	162,560 Crates	224,830.00
Mushrooms	2	90,168 Lbs.	36,067.00
Mustard Greens	16	5,200 Crates	18,720.00
Onions, Green	14	6,300 Crates	37,800.00
Onions, Dry	2	370 50# sack	925.00
Parsley	31	15,500 Crates	69,750.00
Parsnips	13	5,395 Crates	9,981.00
Peas, Market	333	23,310 Crates	125,874.00
Peas, Processing	403	403 Ton	32,240.00
Potatoes, Irish	173	31,140 100# sacks	116,775.00
Radish	70	14,000 Crates	58,800.00

Totals Forward

5,991

\$3,777,829.00



VEGETABLES (CONTINUED)

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD 5,991			\$3,777,829.00
Salsify	3	900 Crates	2,160.00
Seasoning Plants	4	40,000 Bunches	30,000.00
Spinach	75	13,125 Crates	26,250.00
Spinach, New Zealand	20	300 Ton	96,000.00
Squash, Winter	10	100 Ton	7,500.00
Squash, Summer	25	18,750 L.A. Lug	42,188.00
Tomatoes	12	7,800 L.A. Lug	16,380.00
Turnips	5	1,125 Crates	4,050.00
Misc. Vegetables	32		25,278.00
TOTALS 6,177			\$4,027,635.00

CUT FLOWERSFIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	85	\$ 55,250.00
Alstroemeria	10	18,000.00
Asters	21	69,300.00
Calla Lily	75	239,000.00
Chrysanthemum	200	1,727,409.00
Gladiolus	53	159,000.00
Heather	415	747,000.00
Iris	41	61,500.00
Marguerites	28	58,800.00
Narcissus	59	70,800.00
Shasta Daisy	26	58,500.00
Stocks	132	219,780.00
Strawflowers	54	105,840.00
Violets	35	210,000.00
Bulbs (850,000*)		91,075.00
Miscellaneous Flowers	133	177,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>\$4,068,254.00</b>

\*Includes bulbs, corms, tubers  
and rhizomes sold.

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	362,034**	\$ 390,997.00
Fern	789,213	410,390.00
Gardenia	393,095	432,405.00
Iris	22,575	15,351.00
Orchids	141,594	283,188.00
Roses	303,175	318,334.00
Snapdragons	119,710	119,710.00
Sweet Pea	36,725	22,035.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	93,790	70,343.00
Potted Plants	471,662	660,327.00
Bedding Plants	100,380	102,388.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	145,363	296,995.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,979,316</b>	<b>\$3,122,463.00</b>

\*Actual area covered by glass, 2,981,146 sq. ft. (303 growers, 134 Glass ranges)

\*\*Includes 49,000 sq. ft. under cloth

**TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS . . . . . \$7,190,717.00**

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	2,368	29,808 100# Sacks	\$ 91,375.00
Flax	6,862	80,972 Bu.	323,886.00
Hay	9,627	14,441 Ton	418,774.00
Oats	3,382	41,260 100# Sacks	148,537.00
Wheat	207	2,277 100# Sacks	8,425.00
Seed:			
Brussels Sprouts	-----	400 Lbs.	8,000.00
Vetch	479	3,209 100# Sacks	28,844.00
TOTALS	22,925		\$1,027,841.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	59	162 Ton	\$ 16,225.00
Apricots (Dry)	13	4 Ton	360.00
Berries (Bush)	20	35 Ton	9,100.00
Grapes	15	14 Ton	420.00
Peaches	9	4 Ton	240.00
Pears	69	270 Ton	10,800.00
Prunes	65	96 Ton	21,120.00
Strawberries	22	23,100 Crates	57,750.00
Walnuts	125	18 Ton	7,560.00
TOTALS	397		\$ 123,575.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

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		Total Income
Apiary	1,047 Colonies	\$ 9,418.00
Beef	2,866 Head	151,320.00
Dairy	6,822 Head	1,364,174.00
Hogs	25,094 Head	1,154,612.00
Sheep	926 Head	11,919.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	147,177 Birds	196,481.00
Ducks	230,100 Birds	471,782.00
Pigeons	8,500 Birds	40,800.00
Turkeys	6,000 Birds	26,760.00
Rabbits	1,945 Head	2,891.00
<hr/> <b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		<hr/> <b>\$3,430,157.00</b> <hr/>

NOTE: 1. Figures obtained through the courtesy and assistance of livestock producers and feed dealers.

2. Number head includes breeding stock and increase.

3. "Income" includes only stock or products sold.

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

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Vegetables . . . . .	\$ 4,027,635.00
Flowers . . . . .	7,190,717.00
Field Crops . . . . .	1,027,841.00
Fruit and Nut Crops . . . . .	123,575.00
Bees and Livestock . . . . .	3,430,157.00
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TOTAL . . . . .	\$15,799,925.00

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