

AGRICULTURAL

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

and

Mr. 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 1946.

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 1946. 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 entirely on gross income to the grower.

There has been a decided drop in prices to growers for their products in 1946 compared with 1945 and prior war-time prices. Vegetables particularly suffered losses in almost all varieties with an average of a ten percent or better lower index than last year. Some varieties lost much more heavily than this. Also, certain crop yields were lower due to one cause or another. With flowers, Asters and Chrysanthemums particularly lost ground, the former being due to a disastrous growing season, and the latter due to conflicting market conditions with flower crops in the East. Generally speaking, flower prices stood up much better than vegetables. Prices for animal products stood up very well with a level equal to or better than 1945. Costs of production for all phases of agriculture still remained at an exceedingly high level to the growers.

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
Asparagus	3	750 Crates	\$ 2,438.00
Anise	10	16,575 Bunches	9,116.00
Artichokes	1,719	189,118 Boxes	472,794.00
Beans:			
Green	52	10,400 30# Bu.	31,200.00
Dry	405	4,857 100# Sax	58,284.00
Fava	229	3,428 100# Sax	20,565.00
Beets, Table	137	43,786 Crates*	109,464.00
Broccoli, (Sprouting)	312	65,468 Crates	130,935.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,848	203,280 Crates	1,463,616.00
Cabbage	1,417	17,007 Tons	765,315.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	2	543 Crates	2,170.00
Cardoni	1	3,750 Heads	1,875.00
Carrots	211	52,224 Crates	130,560.00
Cauliflower	231	67,767 Crates	152,476.00
Celery	27	21,936 Crates	54,840.00
Celery Root	34	9,619 Crates	36,071.00
Chard	62	23,870 Crates	47,740.00
Corn	35	5,950 L.A. Lugs	8,925.00
Dandelions	11	4,730 Crates	11,825.00
Garlic	24	903 100# Sax	16,245.00
Kale	10	3,690 Crates	10,148.00
Leek	22	9,245 Crates	32,358.00
Lettuce (all var.)	848	336,216 Crates	696,544.00
Mushrooms	4	169,582 Lbs.	109,232.00
Mustard Greens	16	5,813 Crates	18,600.00
Onions, Green	30	13,865 Crates	103,988.00
Parsley	29	15,080 Crates	45,240.00
Parsnips	28	11,620 L.A. Lugs	17,430.00
Peas	2,001	69,998 Crates	207,132.00
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TOTALS FORWARD	9,758		\$4,767,126.00

VEGETABLES CONTINUED

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS FORWARD	9,758		\$4,767,126.00
Potatoes, Irish	324	56,376 100# Sax	211,410.00
Radish	131	26,250 Crates	78,750.00
Salsify	4	1,200 Crates	3,000.00
Seasoning Plants	5	45,000 Bunches	22,500.00
Spinach	213	31,875 Crates	55,781.00
Squash:			
Summer	47	44,640 L.A.Lugs	58,032.00
Winter	14	140 Tons	5,600.00
Tomatoes	35	9,143 L.A.Lugs	3,657.00
Turnips	49	10,913 Crates	27,281.00
Miscellaneous Vegetables	36	-----	25,828.00
TOTALS	10,616		\$5,258,965.00

* "Crates" means standard lettuce crate.

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	70	\$ 28,000.00
Alstroemeria	20	38,800.00
Asters	93	136,400.00
Calla Lilies	70	213,675.00
Chrysanthemums	195	840,975.00
Gladioli	57	79,200.00
Heather*	265	400,500.00
Iris (Dutch)	11	21,450.00
Narcissi	44	82,800.00
Stocks	87	131,250.00
Strawflowers	52	97,031.00
Violets	25	153,000.00
Bedding Plants	4	12,000.00
Bulbs **1,449,500	--	158,800.00
Miscellaneous Flowers	130	195,000.00
TOTALS	1,123	\$2,588,881.00
* 222 Producing acres		
** Includes bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers.		

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnations	243,805	\$ 153,691.00
Ferns	868,098	416,687.00
Gardenias	475,240	760,384.00
Roses**	274,125	452,043.00
Orchids	97,788	122,168.00
Snapdragons	61,639	23,114.00
Sweet Peas	26,150	19,612.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	93,924	52,531.00
Potted Plants	222,355	206,790.00
Bedding Plants	136,198	156,627.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	35,218	135,420.00
TOTALS	2,534,540	\$2,499,067.00
TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS		\$5,087,948.00

* Actual Glass area - 2,526,107 sq. ft.

** Includes 36,900 sq. ft. of Baby Roses

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	1,223	15,593 100# Sax	\$ 46,780.00
Flax (Seed)	3,295	59,310 Bu.	141,158.00
Hay	10,642	14,154 Tons	424,616.00
Oats (Grain)	4,634	48,657 100# Sax	158,158.00
Vetch (Seed)	1,128	6,848 100# Sax	56,490.00
Miscellaneous	25	-----	904.00
TOTALS	20,947		\$ 828,106.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	69	8,974 Boxes	\$ 15,705.00
Apricots (Dry)	34	17 Tons	8,693.00
Berries (Bush)	9	3,150 12-bsk. cr.	6,300.00
Pears	75	300 Tons	33,000.00
Prunes (Dry)	150	210 Tons	46,200.00
Strawberries	2	600 12-bsk. cr.	1,950.00
Walnuts (English)	100	79 Tons	50,560.00
Miscellaneous	82	-----	10,229.00
TOTALS	521		\$ 172,637.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	1,453 Colonies	\$ 12,153.00
Beef	3,350 head	177,415.00
Dairy	12,829 head	2,792,297.00
Hogs	49,663 head	1,571,820.00
Rabbits	5,971 head	6,095.00
Sheep	3,344 head	23,967.00
<u>Poultry</u>		
Chickens	278,830 birds	717,563.00
Ducks	174,590 birds	290,598.00
Pigeons	114,400 birds	79,275.00
Turkeys	3,943 birds	25,905.00
TOTAL VALUE		\$5,697,088.00

- 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

Vegetables\$ 5,258,965.00
Flowers.	5,087,948.00
Field Crops.	828,106.00
Fruit and Nut Crops.	172,637.00
Bees and Livestock	5,697,088.00
	Total
	\$17,044,744.00
