

AGRICULTURAL

CROP REPORT

1945

SAN MATEO COUNTY

ISSUED BY
SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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 1945.

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 1945. 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.

I wish to call to your attention the fact that for 1945 prices are again high for agricultural products in comparison with the pre-war index. All varieties of vegetables, particularly, have commanded greater income to the grower on a practically even percentage basis. Growing conditions and yields have been very favorable also throughout the year. In the production of floral products there have been many seasonal peaks and depressions in regard to prices of some varieties caused by demand and supply factors connected with other growing areas in the United States. Costs of production for all phases of agriculture are still very high 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	13	3,250 Crates	\$ 10,562.00
Anise	8	13,600 Bunches	6,800.00
Artichokes	1,675	184,250 Boxes	783,063.00
Beans:			
Green	177	29,382 30# Bu.	88,146.00
Dry	523	6,276 100# Sax	40,794.00
Fava	135	2,025 100# Sax	8,100.00
Beets, Table	222	71,040 Crates*	195,360.00
Broccoli (Sprouting)	237	49,770 Crates	159,264.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,304	143,440 Crates	1,290,960.00
Cabbage	2,541	29,730 Tons	1,486,500.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	3	930 Crates	3,720.00
Cardoni	2	6,000 Heads	3,000.00
Carrots	336	83,328 Crates	229,152.00
Cauliflower	333	97,902 Crates	244,755.00
Celery	32	25,760 Crates	90,160.00
Celery Root	45	12,825 Crates	54,506.00
Chard	76	29,260 Crates	58,520.00
Corn	72	12,240 Crates	30,600.00
Dandelions	12	5,160 Crates	12,900.00
Garlic	23	874 100# Sax	24,472.00
Kale	14	5,040 Crates	13,860.00
Leeks	24	10,320 Crates	49,020.00
Lettuce (all var.)	1,133	490,700 Crates	1,123,030.00
Mushrooms	5	90,205 Lbs.	70,590.00
Mustard Greens	35	13,125 Crates	45,937.00
Onions, Green	39	18,330 Crates	146,640.00
Parsley	34	17,680 Crates	53,040.00
Parsnips	48	19,920 L.A.Lugs	31,872.00
Peas	1,824	65,308 Crates	342,754.00
TOTALS FORWARD	10,925		\$6,698,077.00

VEGETABLES CONTINUED

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS FORWARD	10,925		\$6,698,077.00
Potatoes, Irish	590	112,660 100# Sax	307,980.00
Radish	179	35,800 Crates	107,400.00
Salsify	3	900 Crates	3,150.00
Seasoning Plants	9	90,000 Bunches	90,000.00
Spinach	292	43,800 Crates	98,550.00
Squash:			
Summer	71	68,160 L.A. Lugs	109,056.00
Winter	25	250 Tons	12,500.00
Tomatoes	122	32,330 L.A. Lugs	88,907.00
Turnips	138	31,050 Crates	93,150.00
Miscellaneous Vegetables	30	-----	18,742.00
TOTALS	12,384		\$7,627,512.00

* "Crates" means standard lettuce crate

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	70	\$ 28,000.00
Alstroemeria	14	19,950.00
Asters	97	427,900.00
Calla Lily	57	177,119.00
Chrysanthemum	154	1,698,650.00
Gladiolus	59	154,050.00
Heather*	214	352,000.00
Iris (Dutch)	9	27,750.00
Narcissus	32	93,000.00
Stocks	47	104,500.00
Strawflowers	18	40,400.00
Violets	19	115,500.00
Bedding Plants	10	30,000.00
Bulbs **1,015,660	—	52,224.00
Miscellaneous Flowers	87	174,000.00
TOTALS	887	\$3,495,043.00

* 176 producing acres

** Includes bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnations	168,764	\$ 236,269.00
Ferns	900,859	441,400.00
Gardenias	451,956	813,520.00
Roses**	212,015	462,430.00
Orchids	61,179	113,287.00
Potted Plants	236,211	236,211.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	139,086	139,086.00
Bedding Plants	115,260	115,260.00
Greenhouse Vegetables	70,947	17,736.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	25,311	60,000.00
TOTALS	2,381,588	\$2,635,199.00

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS. \$6,130,242.00

* Actual Glass area - 2,462,126 sq. ft.

** Includes 38,400 sq. ft. of Baby Roses

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreeage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	2,308	27,119 100# Sax	\$ 62,374.00
Flax (Seed)	3,028	16,654 Bu.	60,621.00
Hay	13,679	19,151 Tons	430,888.00
Oats (Grain)	5,657	50,913 100# Sax	152,739.00
Vetch (Seed)	1,235	5,187 100# Sax	41,496.00
Miscellaneous	31	-----	4,185.00
TOTALS	25,938		\$752,303.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreeage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	59	5,015 Boxes	\$ 11,284.00
Apricots	34	20 Tons	2,244.00
Berries (Bush)	6	1,500 12-bsk. cr.	4,275.00
Walnuts (English)	97	24 $\frac{1}{4}$ Tons	14,550.00
Pears	140	574 Tons	41,902.00
Prunes (Dry)	150	225 Tons	91,125.00
Strawberries	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	750 12-bsk. cr.	2,437.00
Miscellaneous	40		3,305.00
TOTALS	528		\$171,122.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	1,877 colonies	\$ 11,790.00
Beef	3,059 head	125,944.00
Dairy	12,703 head	2,082,815.00
Hogs	53,325 head	1,597,780.00
Rabbits	11,943 head	12,190.00
Sheep	4,679 head	34,728.00
<u>Poultry</u>		
Chickens	225,000 birds	737,750.00
Ducks	195,840 birds	299,267.00
Pigeons	63,350 birds	43,440.00
Turkeys	25,500 birds	126,000.00
<hr/> TOTAL VALUE		<hr/> \$5,071,704.00 <hr/>

- Note: 1. Figures obtained through the courtesy and assistance of State and County Milk and Livestock Inspectors, livestock producers and feed dealers.
2. Number head 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\$ 7,627,512.00
Flowers.	6,130,242.00
Field Crops.	752,303.00
Fruit & Nut Crops.	171,122.00
Bees & Livestock.	5,071,704.00
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	Total
	\$19,752,883.00
