

AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT

1944

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 1944.

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 1944. 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.

It is to be noted that the price index generally is high again in 1944 due to war time demands for all agricultural products. There have been two outstanding instances of partial or crippling failures. Brussels sprouts and green market peas both felt disastrous effects due to certain adverse conditions which are noted in the body of the report. As in 1943, we wish to call attention to the fact that although the price curve is high, the costs of production are also high, and therefore this fact must be taken into consideration in comparing income of the growers with that of prior years.

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

VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Asparagus	13	3,250 Asparagus boxes	\$ 9,750.00
Anise	8	14,025 Bunches	7,013.00
Artichokes	1,409	154,990 Boxes	581,213.00
Beans:			
Green	142	23,572 30# bu.	63,644.00
Dry	597	7,164 100# sax	42,984.00
Fava	219	3,942 100# sax	19,710.00
Beets, Table (Sacked)	147	29,400 100# sax	73,500.00
Beets, Table (Bunched)	220	70,400 Crates*	140,800.00
Broccoli (Sprouting)	251	52,710 Crates	118,598.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,000**	110,000 Crates	841,500.00
Cabbage	2,541	29,730 Tons	1,354,254.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	4	1,240 Crates	3,720.00
Cardoni	3	9,000 Heads	3,600.00
Carrots	467	115,816 Crates	231,632.00
Cauliflower	524	154,056 Crates	192,570.00
Celery	60	48,300 Half Crates	120,750.00
Celery Root	53	15,105 Crates	56,644.00
Chard	74	28,490 Crates	42,735.00
Corn	222	37,740 Crates	75,480.00
Dandelion root	11	4,730 Crates	9,460.00
Dill	2	6,000 lbs.	480.00
Garlic	29	1,102 100# sax	18,734.00
Kale	14	5,040 Crates	12,096.00
Kohlrabi	1	210 Crates	630.00
Leeks	27	11,610 Crates	46,440.00
Lettuce (All Var.)	1,131	482,540 Crates	793,984.00
Mushrooms	2	40,000 lbs.	34,000.00
Mustard Greens	13	4,875 Crates	14,625.00
Onions, Green	47	22,090 Crates	154,630.00
Onions, Dry	5	750 100# sax	2,250.00
Parsley	40	20,800 Crates	46,800.00
Parsnips	54	22,410 L. A. Lugs	31,374.00
Peas	1,597***	117,900 Hampers	181,659.00
Potatoes	590	102,660 100# sax	266,916.00
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TOTALS FORWARD	11,517		\$5,594,175.00

VEGETABLES CONTINUED

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
TOTALS FORWARD	11,517		\$5,594,175.00
Radish	166	33,200 Crates	83,000.00
Rutabagas	26	8,450 100# sax	25,350.00
Rhubarb	1	200 boxes	180.00
Salsify	5	1,500 Crates	4,500.00
Seasoning Plants	11	110,000 Bunches	71,500.00
Spinach	330	49,500 Crates	86,625.00
Squash:			
Summer	93	89,280 L. A. Lugs	111,600.00
Winter	8	80 tons	4,000.00
Tomatoes	249	62,250 L. A. Lugs	161,850.00
Turnips	101	22,725 Crates	51,131.00
Misc. Vegetables	13	-----	7,775.00
TOTALS	12,520		\$6,201,686.00

* "Crates" means standard lettuce crate

** 1,794 acres planted. Excessive loss from lack of labor and untimely early rains.

*** 3,194 acres planted. Excessive loss from aphid and demoralized early market. No harvest until late in season.

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	70	\$ 24,500.00
Alstroemeria	13	39,000.00
Asters	75	450,000.00
Calla Lily	41	164,000.00
Chrysanthemum	169	1,690,000.00
Dahlia	9	31,500.00
Gladiolus	62	248,000.00
Heather	179	358,000.00
Narcissus	20	70,000.00
Stock	43	103,200.00
Violets	23	138,000.00
Bedding Plants	16	48,000.00
Bulbs	*2,145,000	48,070.00
Miscellaneous Flowers	101	202,000.00
TOTALS	821	\$3,614,270.00

* Includes bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnations	158,564	\$ 317,128.00
Ferns	928,789	464,395.00
Gardenias	453,135	906,270.00
Roses	270,465	540,930.00
Potted Plants	214,379	428,758.00
Orchids	30,397	60,794.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	145,890	145,890.00
Bedding Plants	169,490	211,862.00
Greenhouse Tomatoes	70,025	28,010.00
Other Veg. Crops	26,190	10,476.00
TOTALS	2,467,324	\$3,114,513.00

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS - - - - - \$6,728,783.00

* Actual glass area - 2,479,846 sq. ft.

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	3,955	35,536 100# sax	\$ 88,840.00
Flax	776	11,916 Bu.	38,727.00
Hay	15,744	20,980 tons	555,970.00
Oats (Grain)	5,508	49,572 100# sax	148,716.00
Vetch (Seed)	1,513	6,117 100# sax	48,936.00
Miscellaneous	53	-----	3,222.00
TOTALS	27,549		\$884,411.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	59	7,846 boxes	19,615.00
Apricots	34	171 tons	16,416.00
Berries (Bush)	6	1,650 12-bsk.cr.	4,450.00
Pears	148	548 tons	46,580.00
Prunes (Dry)	151	200 tons	48,000.00
Strawberries	2	640 12-bsk.cr.	1,920.00
Walnuts (English)	97	24 tons	13,580.00
Miscellaneous	68	-----	8,650.00
TOTALS	565		\$159,211.00

BEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	1,906 colonies	\$ 7,860.00
Beef	2,785 head	77,760.00
Dairy	13,211 head	1,667,373.00
Hogs	55,349 head	1,593,847.00
Rabbits	17,062 head	17,414.00
Sheep	4,832 head	30,068.00
<u>Poultry</u>		
Chickens	62,000 birds	337,276.00
Ducks	184,691 birds	283,020.00
Pigeons	106,250 birds	62,825.00
Turkeys	10,000 birds	75,600.00
TOTAL VALUE		\$ 4,153,043.00

Note: 1. Figures obtained through the courtesy and assistance of State and County Milk and Livestock Inspectors, livestock producers and feed dealers, and the County Conservation Committee.

2. Number head includes breeding stock and increase.

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

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

Vegetables	\$	6,201,686.00
Flowers		6,728,733.00
Field Crops		884,411.00
Fruit & Nut Crops		159,211.00
Bees & Livestock		4,153,043.00

Total	\$	18,127,134.00
