

AGRICULTURAL

CROP REPORT

1943

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 1943.

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 1943. 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.

The general price index for agricultural products has risen very sharply during 1943. However, paralleling this curve there has been a sharp increase in costs of production and therefore the greatly increased returns noted for 1943 can not be compared equitably with those of preceding years unless the costs of production are taken into consideration. While the over-all income of the various branches of our agriculture shows great increase, certain individual crops have actually caused loss due to adverse marketing conditions when periods of oversupply developed. This was particularly true with vegetables. The market for our floral products was especially favorable not only for eastern shipments but locally, despite the fact that shipping facilities were curtailed sharply. Practically any quality of flower grown was sold and many of the varieties that were grown were never sold before. It was particularly interesting to note the heavy percentage of conversion by the flower growers to vegetable growing which materially increased production and values in truck crops. The flower growers were engaged almost one hundred per cent to one degree or another in the production of vegetables in 1943.

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
Anise	17	8,625 crates*	\$ 21,563.00
Artichokes	1,455	154,230 boxes	462,690.00
Beans:			
Green	154	25,564 30# bu.	71,579.00
Dry	1,420	10,650 100# sax	71,355.00
Fava	349	4,188 100# sax	25,128.00
Beets, Table	445	126,825 crates	253,650.00
Broccoli (Sprouting)	248	40,672 crates	101,680.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,638	208,845 crates	1,597,664.00
Cabbage	2,460	787,200 crates	1,771,200.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	6	1,705 crates	6,820.00
Carrots	477	118,296 crates	236,592.00
Cauliflower	415	132,800 crates	152,720.00
Celery	102	81,600 celery crts**	183,600.00
Celery Root	56	15,960 crates	45,486.00
Chard	79	30,415 crates	39,539.00
Corn	198	28,908 crates	28,908.00
Dandelion Root	13	5,590 crates	9,183.00
Dill	3	9,000 lbs.	900.00
Garlic	29	1,305 100# sax	15,269.00
Kale	17	5,940 crates	14,256.00
Leeks	29	12,470 crates	49,880.00
Lettuce (All var.)	1,188	366,050 crates	774,923.00
Mushrooms	2	94,700 lbs.	42,885.00
Onions, Green	52	21,917 crates	148,780.00
Parsley	55	27,500 crates	57,750.00
Parsnips	51	15,810 L. A. lugs	27,668.00
Peas	2,410	241,238 hampers	628,504.00
Potatoes, Irish	637	101,920 100# sax	377,104.00
Radish	137	27,400 crates	68,500.00
Seasoning Plants	7	70,000 bunches	45,500.00
Spinach	374	106,590 crates	159,885.00
Squash:			
Summer	95	95,000 L. A. lugs	61,750.00
Winter	21	210 tons	8,400.00
Tomatoes	202	60,600 L. A. lugs	157,560.00
Turnips	148	37,000 crates	75,850.00
Misc. Vegetables	55	-----	33,052.00

TOTALS 15,048 acres \$ 7,827,773.00

* "Crates" means standard lettuce crate

** Half crate

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	70	\$ 24,500.00
Alstroemeria	9	27,000.00
Asters	62	620,000.00
Calla Lily	38	136,800.00
Chrysanthemum	113	1,695,000.00
Dahlia	9	36,000.00
Gladiolus	61	244,000.00
Heather	175	262,500.00
Narcissus	28	100,800.00
Spanish Iris	6	24,000.00
Stock	44	88,000.00
Strawflowers	6	24,000.00
Violets	28	168,000.00
Miscellaneous flowers	99	198,000.00
Bedding Plants	14	42,000.00
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TOTALS	762 acres	\$ 3,690,600.00

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage	Total Value
Carnations	164,764	\$ 329,528.00
Ferns	924,354	462,177.00
Gardenias	462,885	925,770.00
Roses	272,865	545,730.00
Potted Plants	275,670	413,505.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	144,912	86,947.00
Bedding Plants	149,620	187,025.00
Greenhouse Tomatoes	139,515	55,806.00
Other Veg. Crops	49,690	19,876.00
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TOTALS	2,584,275 Sq. Ftge.	\$ 3,026,364.00

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS ----- \$ 6,716,964.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	3,280	29,192 100# sax	\$ 65,682.00
Hay	17,600	19,360 tons	542,080.00
Oats (Grain)	5,727	37,226 100# sax	85,619.00
Vetch	2,307	7,152 100# sax	35,760.00
Miscellaneous	477	-----	26,168.00
TOTALS	29,391 acres		\$ 755,309.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	56	11,200 boxes	\$ 16,800.00
Berries (Bush)	7	1,788 12-bsk.cr.	4,469.00
Pears	143	1,430 tons	85,800.00
Prunes (Dry)	158	461 tons	69,204.00
Strawberries	9	2,960 12-bsk.cr.	7,844.00
Walnuts (English)	98	45 tons	22,540.00
Miscellaneous	109	-----	10,515.00
TOTALS	580 acres		\$ 217,172.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	2,484 colonies	\$ 17,118.00
Beef	2,917 head	77,400.00
Dairy	11,895 head	2,053,540.00
Hogs	51,585 head	1,439,078.00
<u>Poultry</u>		
Chickens	80,620 birds	551,691.00
Ducks	171,200 birds	250,878.00
Pigeons	160,800 birds	100,069.00
Turkeys	9,513 birds	68,494.00
Rabbits	19,848 head	18,573.00
Sheep	4,313 head	22,119.00
TOTAL VALUE		\$ 4,598,960.00

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.

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

Vegetables	\$ 7,827,773.00
Flowers	6,716,964.00
Field Crops	755,309.00
Fruit & Nut Crops	217,172.00
Bees & Livestock	4,598,960.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,116,178.00
