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AGRICULTURAL

CROP REPORT

1942

SAN MATEO COUNTY

ISSUED BY  
SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

and

Mr. W. J. Cecil, 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 1942.

This report brings together agricultural statistics of the county including floriculture, horticulture, livestock, truck crops, field crops and income accrued to the growers during the year 1942. 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 Inspectors and other members of this Department's staff. The figures for value are based entirely on gross income to the grower.

Gathering of figures of this nature for wartime crops presents many problems. There have been many fluctuations in prices and in acreages. With many products it has been difficult to arrive at a true evaluation. In flowers, particularly, has this been true. Prices, in many instances, have been higher in 1942 than in the last ten years but the acreage has decreased sharply, as is natural under the circumstances. Many of the flower growers and nurserymen converted heavily to vegetable growing as part of their production. Indications are that such conversions will be even much heavier for 1943.

In submitting the report we wish to express our appreciation to the many individuals and firms 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	7	3,375 crates*	\$ 2,531.00
Artichokes	1,822	207,708 boxes	830,832.00
Beans:			
Green	204	1,020,000 lbs.	81,600.00
Dry	1,710	17,100 100# sax	85,500.00
Fava	511	4,599 100# sax	18,396.00
Beets, Table	267	76,095 crates	133,166.00
Broccoli (Sprouting)	212	77,380 pony crates	185,712.00
Brussel Sprouts	1,329	155,493 crates	925,183.00
Cabbage (all var.)	1,527	488,640 crates	659,664.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	3	775 crates	1,550.00
Carrots	409	159,600 crates	264,860.00
Cauliflower	217	69,440 crates	76,384.00
Celery	53	42,400 celery crts**	127,200.00
Celery Root	58	16,530 crates	41,325.00
Chard	75	28,875 crates	36,094.00
Corn	224	32,704 crates	40,880.00
Dandelion Root	20	8,600 crates	10,750.00
Dill	2	6,750 lbs.	540.00
Garlic	24	105,750 lbs.	5,288.00
Kale	18	6,480 crates	12,960.00
Leeks	29	12,470 crates	31,175.00
Lettuce (all var.)	1,201	369,335 crates	875,890.00
Mushrooms	4	105,560 lbs.	20,008.00
Onions, Green	26	12,220 crates	73,320.00
Parsley	52	26,000 crates	52,000.00
Parsnips	32	9,920 L. A. Lugs	19,840.00
Peas	2,132	76,752 hampers	268,632.00
Potatoes, Irish	465	74,400 100# sax	279,000.00
Radish	125	25,000 crates	62,500.00
Seasoning Plants	5	47,500 bunches	28,500.00
Spinach	314	86,350 crates	215,875.00
Squash:			
Summer	72	72,000 L. A. Lugs	57,600.00
Winter	31	310 tons	4,650.00
Tomatoes	126	88,200 L. A. Lugs	70,560.00
Turnips	113	28,250 crates	53,675.00
Misc. Vegetables	60	-----	97,266.00
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TOTALS	13,479 acres		\$ 5,750,906.00

\* "Crates" means standard lettuce crate

\*\* Half celery crate

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	70	\$ 28,000.00
Asters	110	440,000.00
Calla Lily	30	36,000.00
Chrysanthemum	171	1,026,000.00
Gladiolus	73	109,500.00
Heather	166	124,500.00
Narcissus	28	50,400.00
Iris	8	16,000.00
Stock	48	57,600.00
Strawflowers	23	46,000.00
Violets	38	190,000.00
Miscellaneous flowers	116	139,200.00
Bedding Plants	12	18,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>893 acres</b>	<b>\$ 2,281,200.00</b>

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage	Total Value
Carnations	177,364	\$ 110,523.00
Ferns	940,900	254,043.00
Gardenias	467,385	331,415.00
Roses	272,865	165,304.00
Potted Plants	251,667	151,000.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	172,105	103,263.00
Bedding Plants	79,035	47,421.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,361,321 Sq. Ftge.</b>	<b>\$ 1,162,969.15</b>

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS - - - - - \$ 3,444,169.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley (Grain)	3,329	31,820 sax	\$ 47,730.00
Hay	11,556	17,134 tons	359,814.00
Oats (Grain)	7,041	62,173 sax	139,889.00
Sugar Beets	276	4,510 tons	45,100.00
Vetch	3,119	11,165 sax	55,825.00
Miscellaneous	263	-----	15,047.00
TOTALS	25,584 acres		\$ 663,405.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	56	11,200 boxes	\$ 8,400.00
Berries (Bush)	9	2,550 12-bsk.cr.	2,040.00
Pears	126	63 tons	3,150.00
Prunes	183	201 dry tons	20,100.00
Strawberries	17	5,500 12-bks.cr.	4,950.00
Walnuts (English)	98	59 tons	17,700.00
Miscellaneous	106	-----	8,555.00
TOTALS	595 acres		\$ 64,895.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

		Total Income
Apiary	1,664 colonies	\$ 7,256.00
Beef	2,963 head	41,400.00
Dairy	11,360 head	1,510,935.00
Hogs	47,929 head	1,083,325.00
<u>Poultry</u>		
Chickens	61,990 birds	341,503.00
Ducks	189,400 birds	230,640.00
Pigeons	126,221 birds	42,608.00
Turkeys	2,680 birds	14,124.00
Rabbits	17,725 head	15,075.00
Sheep	5,403 head	24,137.00
TOTAL VALUE		\$ 3,311,003.00

Note: 1 - Figures obtained with assistance of State and  
County Milk and Livestock Inspectors

2 - Number head includes breeding stock and increase

3 - "Income" includes only stock or products sold

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RECAPITULATION

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Production Values

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Vegetables	\$ 5,750,906.00
Flowers	3,444,169.00
Field Crops	663,405.00
Fruit & Nut Crops	64,895.00
Bees & Livestock	3,311,003.00
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TOTAL	\$ 13,234,378.00
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