

# CROP REPORT

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COUNTY  
of  
SAN MATEO

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*San Mateo County  
Department of Agriculture*

SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Redwood City, California

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MAX J. LEONARD  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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# ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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For the year ending  
December 31, 1958

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo

and

W. C. Jacobsen, 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 1958.

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 1958. 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 on the gross income to the grower.

The sources of information for the figures contained herein for acreage, average yields and prices have been furnished through the cooperation of growers, grower associations, shippers and produce dealers. The commodity prices used, in addition, were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations.

In submitting this 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

VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Anise	3	2,250 bunches	\$ 4,140.00
Artichoke	1,357	233,404 boxes	571,840.00
Beans			
Green	28	2,100 crates	12,600.00
Dry	216	4,320 sacks	38,880.00
Fava	30	930 sacks	5,580.00
Beets	14	4,200 crates	14,700.00
Broccoli, Sprouting	264	713 ton	89,100.00
Brussels Sprouts	1,758	11,075 ton	1,882,818.00
Cabbage	232	3,480 ton	165,300.00
Calabresi	14	4,200 crates	25,200.00
Carrots	16	4,000 crates	14,000.00
Cauliflower	12	6,240 crates	8,798.00
Celery	12	12,300 crates	23,370.00
Celery Root	8	2,280 crates	6,270.00
Chard	40	14,800 crates	45,880.00
Chives	8	56,000 lbs.	29,120.00
Corn	15	2,775 crates	3,885.00
Dandelion Root	8	3,400 crates	7,990.00
Garlic	4	216 100# sacks	4,622.00
Green Leaf Veg.*	46	13,150 crates	21,370.00
Leeks	17	7,480 crates	27,377.00
Lettuce (all var.)	488	282,135 crates	445,186.00
Mushrooms	--	2,062,850 lbs.	724,825.00
Onions, Green	6	2,700 crates	11,475.00
Parsley	23	10,350 crates	36,225.00
Parsnips	3	1,245 crates	2,291.00
Peas, Market	349	25,128 crates	180,922.00
Potatoes, Irish	97	19,400 100# sacks	54,320.00
Radish	107	21,400 crates	90,950.00
Salsify	3	750 crates	3,450.00
Seasoning Plants	4	40,000 bunches	38,400.00
Spinach	58	10,150 crates	28,928.00
Spinach, New Zealand	27	270 ton	51,300.00
Squash, Winter	8	80 ton	5,280.00
Squash, Summer	15	11,250 LA lug	19,125.00
Turnips	4	900 crates	2,907.00
Misc. Vegetables			
Field Grown	19		15,950.00
Glasshouse Grown	12,840 Sq. ft.		8,346.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,313</b>		<b>\$4,722,720.00</b>

\*Includes: Kale, Collards, Mustard Greens, Rappini and Turnip Greens

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	95	\$ 104,500.00
Alstroemeria	5	11,000.00
Asters	12	62,400.00
Calla Lily	28	133,500.00
Chrysanthemum	132	977,725.00
Cut Foliage	61	85,200.00
Gladiolus	20	68,000.00
Heather	217	387,562.00
Iris	36	54,000.00
Marguerites	57	209,475.00
Narcissus	41	36,900.00
Shasta Daisy	60	171,000.00
Stocks	171	346,275.00
Strawflowers	95	343,140.00
Violets	17	127,500.00
Bulbs (980,000*)		89,922.00
Misc. Flowers	72	126,000.00
TOTALS	1,119	\$3,334,099.00

\*Includes bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes sold.

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	1,441,279**	\$1,657,471.00
Chrysanthemum	414,600	456,060.00
Fern	390,157	234,094.00
Gardenia	139,800	176,148.00
Iris	19,750	16,788.00
Orchids	219,775	377,106.00
Roses	318,775	366,591.00
Snapdragon	183,410	165,069.00
Sweet Pea	25,650	20,520.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	50,885	43,252.00
Potted Plants	762,150	1,158,468.00
Bedding Plants	40,400	37,137.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	162,128	705,797.00
TOTALS	4,168,759	\$5,414,501.00

\*Total glass and plastic area 4,180,069 sq. ft.  
157 glass or plastic ranges, 250 growers.  
\*\*Includes 290,400 sq. ft. under cloth or plastic

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS . . . . . \$8,748,600.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley	1,917	13,414 100# sacks	\$ 30,188.00
Oats	4,263	30,230 100# sacks	64,995.00
Flax	6,057	32,344 bu.	100,590.00
Hay	6,582	8,273 ton	190,279.00
Seed:			
Brussels Sprouts	--	450 lbs.	4,500.00
Vetch	120	4,500 100# sacks	3,618.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18,939</b>		<b>\$394,170.00</b>

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	87	10,683 boxes	\$ 30,588.00
Apricots	13	.62 ton	806.00
Bushberries	10	4,500 crates	15,750.00
Grapes	17	15 ton	840.00
Pears	38	198 ton	15,840.00
Prunes	40	19.5 ton	5,070.00
Strawberries	58	92,233 crates	193,689.00
Walnuts	116	34 ton	14,960.00
Misc. Fruits	2	202 boxes	435.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>381</b>		<b>\$277,978.00</b>

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

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		Total Income
Apiary	1,005 colonies	\$ 5,308.00
Beef	7,334 head	546,410.00
Dairy	6,622 head	764,270.00
Hogs	24,097 head	1,177,750.00
Sheep	3,490 head	33,935.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	80,955 birds	87,967.00
Ducks	190,333 birds	369,850.00
Pigeons	23,800 birds	16,422.00
Rabbits	7,322 head	8,971.00
<hr/> <b>Total Value</b>		<b>\$3,010,883.00</b>

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- NOTE: 1. Figures obtained through the courtesy and assistance of livestock producers and feed dealers.
2. Number of head or birds 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

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Vegetables	. . . . .	\$ 4,722,720.00
Flowers	. . . . .	8,748,600.00
Field Crops	. . . . .	394,170.00
Fruit and Nut Crops	. . . . .	277,978.00
Bees and Livestock	. . . . .	3,010,883.00
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TOTAL		\$ 17,154,351.00

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