

# 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, 1956

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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County of San Mateo

and

W. C. Jacobsen, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

Gentlemen:

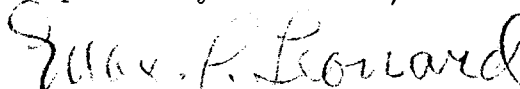
In accordance with the provisions of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit to you a report of the acreage, production and value of agricultural products for San Mateo County for the year 1956.

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 1956. 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, Commissicner  
Department of Agriculture  
San Mateo County

VEGETABLES

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Anise	3	5,400 bunches	\$ 3,402.00
Artichokes	1,270	158,750 7" boxes	444,500.00
Beans			
Green	10	1,120 crates	8,064.00
Dry	180	3,240 sacks	25,920.00
Fava	150	3,750 sacks	20,625.00
Beets	17	5,100 crates	17,850.00
Broccoli, Sprouting	242	775 ton	108,416.00
Brussels Sprouts	2,590	13,468 ton	2,154,880.00
Cabbage	195	2,925 ton	155,025.00
Calabresi (Chicory)	11	3,410 crates	22,165.00
Carrots	16	4,000 crates	11,200.00
Cauliflower	23	12,650 crates	17,078.00
Celery	11	8,800 crates	15,840.00
Celery Root	5	1,425 crates	3,990.00
Chard	33	12,375 crates	32,794.00
Chives	6	42,000 lbs.	23,100.00
Corn	3	555 crates	1,166.00
Dandelion Root	5	2,150 crates	5,053.00
Dill	2	4,000 lbs.	520.00
Garlic	4	200 100# sack	3,600.00
Kale	24	8,640 crates	29,030.00
Leeks	12	5,280 crates	19,008.00
Lettuce (all var.)	511	291,750 crates	439,045.00
Mushrooms	34,900 sq. ft.	66,000 lbs.	28,380.00
Mustard Greens	32	10,400 crates	57,200.00
Onions, Green	3	1,350 crates	5,400.00
Parsley	21	10,500 crates	39,900.00
Parsnips	3	1,245 crates	2,241.00
Peas, Market	217	17,360 crates	111,104.00
Potatoes, Irish	96	21,024 100# sack	63,072.00
Radish	121	24,200 crates	91,960.00
Salsify	3	900 crates	3,600.00
Seasoning Plants	3	30,000 bunches	24,000.00
Spinach	33	5,775 crates	12,994.00
Spinach, New Zealand	25	250 ton	48,750.00
Squash, Winter	6	60 ton	3,900.00
Squash, Summer	8	6,000 LA lug	10,500.00
Turnips	4	900 crates	3,510.00
Misc. vegetables			
Field grown	25		21,178.00
Glasshouse grown	59,690 sq. ft.		36,544.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,923</b>		<b>\$ 4,126,504.00</b>

CUT FLOWERS

FIELD GROWN

Product	Acreage	Total Value
Acacia	90	\$ 81,000.00
Alstroemeria	6	18,000.00
Aster	40	171,600.00
Calla Lily	24	120,435.00
Chrysanthemum	168	1,269,895.00
Cut Foliage	67	60,300.00
Gladiolus	31	108,500.00
Heather	325	568,100.00
Iris	29	52,200.00
Marguerite	45	204,750.00
Narcissus	44	46,200.00
Shasta Daisy	47	141,000.00
Stock	208	421,200.00
Strawflower	58	168,200.00
Violet	20	150,000.00
Bulbs (910,000*)		78,950.00
Misc. Flowers	78	124,800.00
TOTALS	1,280	\$3,785,130.00

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

GLASS HOUSE GROWN

Product	Square Footage*	Total Value
Carnation	1,080,482**	\$1,090,889.00
Chrysanthemum	202,000	212,100.00
Fern	503,309	281,853.00
Gardenia	164,750	207,585.00
Iris	28,050	22,440.00
Orchid	177,225	319,005.00
Rose	291,275	332,054.00
Snapdragon	175,520	149,192.00
Sweet Pea	37,850	26,495.00
Misc. Cut Flowers	33,590	26,872.00
Potted Plants	686,204	940,100.00
Bedding Plants	39,320	28,512.00
Propagated Nursery Stock	123,723	425,569.00
TOTALS	3,537,498	\$4,062,666.00

\*Total glass and plastic area 3,514,876 sq. ft.  
146 glass or plastic ranges, 291 growers.  
\*\* Includes 274,160 sq. ft. under cloth or plastic.

TOTAL VALUE, ALL FLOWERS . . . . . \$7,847,796.00

FIELD CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Barley	2,270	33,118 100# sks.	\$ 76,171.00
Oats	3,909	47,833 100# sks.	126,758.00
Wheat	27	426 100# sks.	1,427.00
Flax	7,145	93,199 bu.	316,877.00
Hay	9,135	12,789 ton	319,725.00
Seed:			
Brussels Sprouts		580 lbs.	5,800.00
Peas	69	880 100# sks.	10,560.00
Vetch	243	1,403 100# sks.	8,418.00
TOTALS	22,798		\$ 865,736.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Product	Acreage	Total Yield	Total Value
Apples	90	13,500 boxes	\$ 40,500.00
Apricots	17	5 ton	4,400.00
Bushberries	9	1,305 trays	3,915.00
Grapes	16	10 ton	450.00
Peaches	7	325 boxes	569.00
Pears	38	177 ton	12,125.00
Plums	2	205 boxes	513.00
Prunes	51	106 ton	20,140.00
Strawberries	68	68,000 trays	156,400.00
Walnuts	130	23 ton	11,500.00
TOTALS	428		\$ 250,512.00

BEEES AND LIVESTOCK

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		Total Income
Apiary	1,005 colonies	\$ 6,573.00
Beef	6,229 head	427,690.00
Dairy	7,341 head	714,471.00
Hogs	19,436 head	844,910.00
Sheep	3,055 head	28,582.00
<u>Poultry:</u>		
Chickens	250,190 birds	194,616.00
Ducks	233,453 birds	417,280.00
Pigeons	41,300 birds	29,028.00
Turkeys	5,496 birds	35,017.00
Rabbits	2,577 head	2,642.00
<hr/> <b>Total Value</b>		<hr/> <b>\$2,700,809.00</b> <hr/>

- 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.

RECAPITULATION

Production Values

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Vegetables . . . . .	\$ 4,126,504.00
Flowers . . . . .	7,847,796.00
Field Crops . . . . .	865,736.00
Fruit and Nut Crops . . . . .	250,512.00
Bees and Livestock . . . . .	2,700,809.00
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TOTAL	\$ 15,791,357.00

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