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Crop Report

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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DAVID T. RAYNER

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND
STATE PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICER

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April 18, 1957

Mr. W. C. Jacobson, Director
State Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of
Santa Clara County

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code, I am submitting the Annual Crop Report for all crops grown in Santa Clara County during the year 1956, including animal industry and its products, nursery and the cut flower business.

An earnest effort has been made to make this report as accurate as possible, by checking our figures with many sources of information, and in presenting it in a form that would be most helpful. Your attention is directed to the detailed information given for each crop. We have given the bearing and non-bearing acreage of all fruit crops, acreage of other crops, average yield per acre, total production, average unit value, and total value.

The total agricultural income for 1956 was slightly lower than the previous year, due mainly to lower prices received for walnuts, and a large crop of small prunes. The gross income for the animal industry was also affected by lower prices.

The valuation figures shown in this report are the gross receipts which the producer received for roadside or point of first delivery. The cost of the containers is included in the unit value of some commodities. They are readily identified by the asterisk immediately following the unit value figure.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to all who have made this report possible by making their records and data available to the members of my Department.

Very truly yours,

David T. Rayner

DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

DAVID T. RAYNER
Agricultural Commissioner

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1956

Compiled by
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
T. J. Moniz

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1957
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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S U M M A R Y

Fruits and Nuts	\$51,621,955.
Vegetables	12,252,637.
Animal Industries	
Livestock Products	16,347,977.
Poultry and Rabbits	7,127,445.
Field Crops and U.S. Government Payments	2,270,102.
Nursery Stock, Cut Flowers, and Seed	8,648,229.
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TOTAL	\$98,268,345.
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FRUITS AND NUTS - 1956

CROP	BEARING	NON-B	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almonds	78	26	13.5 Tons	\$775.00	\$ 10,462.
Apples	151	26	793 Total Tons 498 T. Canned 295 T. Shipped	62.50 115.00*	31,125. 33,925.
Apricots	13,120	735	61,115 Total Tons 34,640 T. Canned 650 T. Shipped 20,625 T. (Dried-3750) 5,200 T. By-Products and Frozen 3,078 T. Pits	120.00 140.00*+ 960.00 105.00 120.00	4,156,800. 91,000. 3,600,000. 546,000. 369,360.
Avocados	2	2	400 Flats	4.50	1,800.
Cherries	2,991	1,257	17,430 Total Tons 6,520 T. Canned 8,500 T. Shipped 1,010 T. Barreled 1,400 T. By-Products	260.00 425.00*+ 220.00 200.00	1,695,200. 3,612,500. 222,200. 280,000.
Citrus	30	0	7,500 Boxes	4.00	30,000.
Figs	2	0	1,750 Flats	2.70	4,725.
Grapes	4,784	23	19,136 Tons	45.00	861,120.
Peaches	134	7	1,695 Tons	63.00	106,785.
Pears	6,673	553	72,800 Total Tons 60,690 T. Canned 8,230 T. Shipped 3,880 T. By-Products	73.00 70.00*+ 52.00	4,430,370. 576,100. 201,760.
Sub Totals	27,965	2,629			\$20,861,232.

* Includes Container Cost.

+ Indicates Shipped, and/or sold at local stores and roadside stands.

FRUITS AND NUTS - 1956

CONTINUED

CROP	BEARING	NON-B	PRODUCTION		TOTAL	TOTAL VALUE
					VALUE	VALUE
Persimmons	6	0	30,000	Pounds	\$.12	\$ 3,600.
Plums	117	12	415 75 340	Total Tons T. Canned T. Shipped	50.00 175.00*	3,750. 59,500.
Prickly Pears	60	0	34,000	Flats	1.55*	52,700.
Prunes, Fr.	33,844	2,341	80,000	Tons Dry	165.00	13,200,000.
Sug.	1,824	42	2,200	Tons Dry	300.00	660,000.
Imp.	1,159	30	2,250	Tons Dry	300.00	675,000.
	36,827					
Walnuts	8,309	1,115	4,750	Tons	460.00	2,185,000.
Strawberries	2,587	930	1,852,200 80,000 61,683,300	Crates Shipped Crates Pounds Processed	2.35* 2.75* .145	4,352,670. 220,000. 8,944,078.
Raspberries	89	55	80,700 5,800 265,000	Crates Shipped Crates Pounds Processed	3.35* 3.50* .22	270,345. 20,300. 58,300.
Blackberries	20	1	3,500 210,000	Crates Pounds Processed	2.40** .14	8,400. 29,400.
Youngberries	3	0	5,100	Crates	2.60**	13,260.
Boysenberries	1	0	1,700	Crates	2.60**	4,420.
TOTALS	75,984	7,155				\$51,621,955.

* Includes Container Cost.

** Indicates Shipped, and/or sold at local stores and roadside stands.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1956

CROP	NO. ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Anise, Sweet	95	400 Crates	38,000	\$ 1.50*	\$ 57,000.
Beans, Green					
Canned	880	8 Tons	7,040	117.00	823,680.
Mkt. & Frozen	450	8 Tons	3,600	118.00	424,800.
Limbs	3,950	1.75 Tons	6,913	160.00	1,106,080.
Beets, Canned	27	7 Tons	189	25.00	4,725.
Broccoli	2,900	2 Tons	5,800	130.00	754,000.
Cabbage	220	350 Crates	77,000	1.25*	96,250.
Carrots	90	40 Tons	3,600	20.00	72,000.
Cauliflower	1,350	3 Tons	4,050	130.00	526,500.
Celery	1,300	900 Crates	1,170,000	1.00*	1,170,000.
Corn, Sweet	325	250 Crates	81,250	1.00*	81,250.
Cucumbers	700	10 Tons	70,000	55.00	385,000.
Dill	4	10 Tons	40	40.00	1,600.
Endive	90	600 Crates 2 Dz.	54,000	.85*	45,900.
Garlic	1,080	8300 Pounds	8,964,000	.10	896,400.
Lettuce, Head	2,500	250 Crates 4 Dz.	625,000	1.35*	843,750.
Leaf	250	500 Crates 2 Dz.	125,000	.90*	112,500.
Onions, Dry	300	1000-50# Bags	300,000	1.00*	300,000.
Peas	1,620	1.3 Tons	2,160	85.00	183,600.
Peppers, Bell	135	260 Crates	35,100	1.40*	49,000.
Wax	28	7 Tons	196	140.00	27,440.
Hot	9	7 Tons	63	110.00	6,930.
Spinach	675	7.3 Tons	4,928	24.00	118,272.
Tomatoes					
Cannery	4,300	19 Tons	81,700	22.50	1,838,250.
Pole	165	4500 Lugs	742,500	1.00*	742,500.
Misc. Commercial Truck Crops	2,300			Income per Acre 650.00	1,495,000.
Mushrooms	115,300 Sq. Ft. Beds		187,939 Lbs.	.48*	90,210.
TOTALS	25,746				\$12,252,637.

*Includes Container Cost

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1956

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Milk (20,750 Cows)							
Grade A - Market Milk - Butterfat	6,100,000 lbs.			@ \$1.30 lb.	\$ 7,930,000.		
Grade B - Mfg. Milk	235,000 lbs.			@ .90 lb.	211,500.		
Steers	22,000 Head	Av. Wt. 950 lbs.	20,900,000 lbs@	.17 lb.	3,553,000.		
Cows	18,500	" " " 1050 "	19,425,000 "	@ .10 "	1,942,500.		
Heifers	7,800	"(Yrlng) " 675 "	5,265,000 "	@ .16 "	842,400.		
Calves	12,500	"(Wnrs.) " 400 "	5,000,000 "	@ .17 "	850,000.		
Vealer Calves	2,000	" " 175 "	350,000 "	@ .20 "	70,000.		
Hogs	3,800	" " 225 "	855,000 "	@ .175 "	149,625.		
Lambs	1,800	" " 100 "	180,000 "	@ .18 "	32,400.		
Wool			12,600 "	@ .52 "	6,552.		
Manure			380,000 yds@	2.00 yd.	760,000.		
Sub Total						\$16,347,977.	

POULTRY AND RABBITS

Laying Hens	680,000		387,000 cases eggs	@ \$11.80	\$ 4,573,680.		
Heavy Fryers	1,350,000	Av. Wt. 3.25 lbs.	4,387,500 lbs.@	.23 lb.	1,009,125.		
Broilers	360,000	" " 1.75 "	630,000 "	@ .22 "	138,600.		
Cull Hens							
Leghorns	325,000	" " 3.50 "	1,137,500 "	@ .14 "	159,250.		
Heavy Breeds	45,500	" " 5. "	227,500 "	@ .22 "	50,050.		
Baby Chicks	5,800,000	" "		@ .16 ea.	928,000.		
Turkeys							
Toms	18,300	" " 27. "	494,000 "	@ .26 lb.	128,466.		
Hens	14,200	" " 16. "	227,200 "	@ .27 "	61,344.		
Squabs	44,300	" " 1. "	44,300 "	@ 1.05 ea.	46,515.		
Rabbits, Fryers	30,000	" " 4.25 "	127,500 "	@ .25 lb.	31,875.		
Stewers	600	" " 9. "	5,400 "	@ .10 "	540.		
Sub Total						\$ 7,127,445.	

TOTAL \$23,475,422.

FIELD CROPS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS - 1956

FIELD CROPS	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS TO PRODUCERS
Alfalfa	1,875	5 Tons	9,375 Tons	\$ 27.00	\$ 253,125.
Grain Hay	9,250	1 Ton	9,250 Tons	25.00	231,250.
Permanent Pasture	5,600	Value Per Acre		125.00	700,000.
Barley	2,400	1500 Lbs.	1,800 Tons	2.25 Cwt.	81,000.
Oats	120	1500 Lbs.	90 Tons	3.00 Cwt.	5,400.
Wheat	58	1700 Lbs.	50 Tons	3.50 Cwt.	3,500.
Sugar Beets	3,337	23 Tons	76,751 Tons	10.00	767,510.
				Sub Total	\$2,041,785.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

Sugar Beets (Sugar Act Payment)	\$ 139,766.
A. C. P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)	88,551.
Sub Total \$ 228,317.	
GRAND TOTAL \$2,270,102.	

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS AND SEED - 1956

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Licensed Nurseries - 322

Gross Income (Stock Grown in Santa Clara County) \$5,315,000.

CUT FLOWERS

Asters:

21 Growers
86 Acres @ \$3,250. per acre 279,500.

Carnations:

25 Growers
Producing Area
Glasshouses - 557,000 sq. ft. @ .80 per sq. ft. 445,600.
Plastic Houses- 672,000 sq. ft. @ .67 per sq. ft. 450,240.
Cloth Houses - 244,000 sq. ft. @ .45 per sq. ft. 109,800.

Chrysanthemums

83 Growers
Producing Area
Glasshouses - 141,000 sq. ft.)
Plastic Houses- 892,000 sq. ft.) 189 acres @ \$7,500. per acre 1,417,500.
Cloth Houses - 7,230,000 sq. ft.)

Roses

3 Growers
Glasshouses - 180,700 sq. ft. @ \$1.52 per sq. ft. 274,664.

Miscellaneous

Iris, Gladiolus, Snapdragons, Stephonotus
Ferns, Tulips, Camellias, etc. 55,000.

Sub Total \$8,347,304.

SEED CROPS

Number of agricultural, vegetable, and flower seed stock grown - 26
Acres under cultivation 595
Total Pounds Produced 699,825
Average value per pound to grower .43 \$ 300,925.

GRAND TOTAL \$8,648,229.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES
OF
AGRICULTURAL VALUES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

YEAR	FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	ANIMAL INDUSTRIES	FIELD CROPS U.S. PAYMENTS AND BEES	NURSERY STOCKS CUT FLOWERS AND SEED	TOTALS
1942	\$20,802,645.	\$ 6,421,063.	\$ 8,957,922.	\$2,020,354.	\$ 660,000.	\$ 38,861,984.
1943	25,988,776.	6,341,741.	11,323,005.	1,942,986.	738,000.	46,334,508.
1944	37,092,685.	8,009,264.	12,909,953.	2,049,270.	1,000,000.	61,061,172.
1945	39,870,475.	6,788,581.	14,947,712.	2,574,203.	1,075,000.	65,255,971.
1946	50,686,450.	9,172,768.	18,891,315.	2,490,886.	1,423,034.	82,664,453.
1947	31,361,198.	10,788,258.	24,409,614.	1,276,797.	1,500,592.	69,336,459.
1948	33,684,737.	9,534,275.	26,958,422.	1,874,671.	1,527,700.	73,579,805.
1949	26,933,350.	9,625,597.	25,119,084.	1,396,661.	3,338,867.	66,413,561.
1950	42,328,015.	8,851,610.	27,885,899.	1,190,124.	3,883,165.	84,138,813.
1951	40,004,504.	10,162,437.	28,650,066.	1,213,009.	3,448,135.	83,478,151.
1952	35,767,367.	11,587,016.	31,208,224.	2,376,861.	5,089,395.	86,028,863.
1953	46,145,673.	9,707,947.	30,012,034.	2,294,318.	5,998,845.	94,158,817.
1954	44,835,821.	9,750,862.	24,310,666.	1,920,938.	7,554,467.	88,372,754.
1955	54,855,280.	9,790,014.	25,828,198.	2,332,508.	8,111,102.	100,917,102.
1956	51,621,955.	12,252,637.	23,475,422.	2,270,102.	8,648,229.	98,268,345.