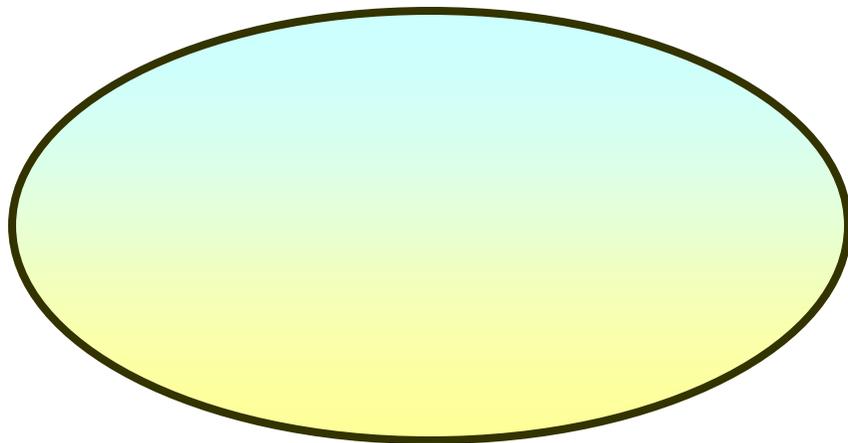


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2009 Santa Clara County  
Agricultural Crop Report

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It is my pleasure to submit the 2009 agricultural crop report for Santa Clara County. The efforts of our agricultural growers are displayed as the acreage, yield and gross value of commodities produced in Santa Clara County. The valuations in this report represent gross returns to producers and do not indicate net profit.

The total gross value of Santa Clara County's agricultural production for 2009 is \$260,717,300, an increase of 4.9% from the 2008 value of \$247,950,400.

Once again, the County's top three crops are nursery crops (\$88.6 million), mushrooms (\$50 million), and bell peppers (\$10.8 million). In 2009, more than 25 different agricultural commodities grown in Santa Clara County exceeded \$1,000,000 in crop value.

Last year saw the return of processing tomatoes to Santa Clara County as water use restrictions were imposed in the Central Valley due to ongoing drought conditions. In 2009, the County's 1,160 acres of processing tomatoes were valued at approximately \$6 million.

Chili peppers (\$9.3 million), cherries (\$10.7 million) and salad greens (\$9.5 million) all showed significant increases in crop value in 2009. Broccoli (\$0.3 million), steers and heifers (\$5.0 million) and alfalfa hay (\$0.6 million) declined in value compared to 2008.

In 2009, Santa Clara County consumers enjoyed the benefits of purchasing directly from growers by shopping at 33 Certified Farmers Markets operating in Santa Clara County. More information on certified markets and other direct marketing opportunities is available by visiting our website at [www.sccagriculture.org](http://www.sccagriculture.org).

I would like to express my gratitude for the continuing cooperation of all individuals, growers, and agencies who contribute the information necessary to prepare this report. I wish to thank my staff and, in particular, acknowledge the efforts of Agricultural Biologists Lori Oleson and Nancy Barrera, who made the publication of this report possible.

I encourage consumers to support our local agricultural producers and enjoy the quality and variety of farm products produced in Santa Clara County – "Buy Fresh, Buy Local!"

Sincerely,



Kevin O'Day  
Acting Agricultural Commissioner

## SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVEST ACREAGE	TOTAL
Vegetable and Flower	2009	398	\$1,600,000
	2008	450	\$1,401,000



## FOREST PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	2009	1,083	MBF	\$578,600
	2008	847	MBF	\$517,800

## FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay (Alfalfa)	2009	469	7.6	3,564	TON	\$185	\$659,000
	2008	556	7.3	4,059	TON	\$248	\$1,007,000
Hay (Grain)	2009	4,530	2.1	9,513	TON	\$123	\$1,170,000
	2008	4,143	1.8	7,457	TON	\$171	\$1,275,000
Pasture (Irrigated)	2009	488	---	---	ACRE	\$180	\$87,800
	2008	478	---	---	ACRE	\$180	\$86,000
Range	2009	208,000	---	---	ACRE	\$10	\$2,080,000
	2008	206,753	---	---	ACRE	\$9	\$1,860,800
Miscellaneous *	2009	385	---	---	---	---	\$143,300
	2008	570	---	---	---	---	\$175,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>213,872</b>					<b>\$4,140,100</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>212,500</b>					<b>\$4,404,100</b>

\*Includes Barley, Oats, Safflower, Triticale, Wheat, etc.



**NURSERY CROPS  
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GROWN**

CROP	YEAR	HOUSE (SQ. FT.)	FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Bedding Plants	2009	2,936,400	51	3,917,664	FLATS	VARIOUS	\$35,234,400
	2008	3,145,500	49	4,151,932	FLATS	VARIOUS	\$37,353,900
Christmas Trees	2009	----	237	8,421	TREE	\$48	\$404,200
	2008	----	249	7,585	TREE	\$47	\$356,000
Ornamental, Trees, Roses & Shrubs	2009	84,000	244	915,183	PLANT	VARIOUS	\$23,644,900
	2008	89,000	244	1,029,675	PLANT	VARIOUS	\$25,284,000
Miscellaneous *	2009	1,453,600	220	----	----	----	\$29,323,900
	2008	1,497,000	226	----	----	----	\$24,326,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>						<b>\$88,607,400</b>
	<b>2008</b>						<b>\$87,319,900</b>

\* Includes Herbaceous Perennials, Indoor Decoratives, Orchids, Propagative Materials, Turf, Vegetable Plants, etc.



**FLORAL CROPS - CUT FLOWERS**

CROP	YEAR	HOUSE (SQ. FT.)	FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chrysanthemums	2009	1,770,700	----	----	----	----	\$1,876,900
	2008	1,749,475	----	----	----	----	\$1,448,600
Miscellaneous *	2009	----	----	----	----	----	\$5,103,400
	2008	----	----	----	----	----	\$5,092,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>						<b>\$6,980,300</b>
	<b>2008</b>						<b>\$6,541,300</b>

\* Includes Asters, Carnations, Delphiniums, Eucalyptus, Gardenias, Lisianthus, Roses, Snapdragons, Statice, Stephanotis, Sunflowers, etc.

## FRUITS AND NUTS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apricots (Fresh)	2009	230	3.7	851.0	TON	\$511	\$435,000
	2008	285	3.3	940.5	TON	\$477	\$449,000
Cherries	2009	941	5.2	4,893.2	TON	\$2,180	\$10,667,000
	2008	999	5.3	5,294.7	TON	\$1,528	\$8,090,000
Grapes, Wine	2009	1,516	3.7	5,609.2	TON	\$1,245	\$6,983,000
	2008	1,510	3.0	4,530.0	TON	\$1,426	\$6,460,000
Prunes	2009	0	0.0	0.0	TON	\$0	\$0
	2008	81	1.0	81.0	TON	\$1,471	\$119,000
Walnuts	2009	185	1.1	203.5	TON	\$1,874	\$381,000
	2008	185	1.5	277.5	TON	\$2,916	\$809,000
Miscellaneous *	2009	164	----	----	----	----	\$969,000
	2008	166	----	----	----	----	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3,036</b>					<b>\$19,435,000</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>3,226</b>					<b>\$16,327,000</b>

\* Includes Apples, Asian Pears, Kiwis, Nectarines, Olives, Peaches, Persimmons, Plums, etc.



## BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Bushberries	2009	32.8	3.5	114.8	TON	\$3,478	\$399,000
	2008	33.3	1.5	50.0	TON	\$3,495	\$175,000
Strawberries	2009	72	13.8	993.6	TON	\$2,091	\$2,077,600
	2008	54	14.1	761.4	TON	\$2,024	\$1,541,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>104.8</b>					<b>\$2,476,600</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>87.3</b>					<b>\$1,716,100</b>

## VEGETABLE CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans	2009	622	3.6	2,239.2	TON	\$1,083	\$2,425,000
	2008	899	1.1	988.9	TON	\$1,253	\$1,239,000
Broccoli	2009	47	9.5	446.5	TON	\$660	\$295,000
	2008	453	8.4	3,805.2	TON	\$560	\$2,131,000
Cabbage	2009	222	20.0	4,440.0	TON	\$300	\$1,332,000
	2008	466	24.9	11,603.4	TON	\$235	\$2,727,000
Celery	2009	215	40.3	8,664.5	TON	\$373	\$3,232,000
	2008	221	37.4	8,265.4	TON	\$193	\$1,595,000
Chinese Vegetables	2009	402	24.0	9,648.0	TON	\$365	\$3,522,000
	2008	463	21.4	9,908.2	TON	\$415	\$4,112,000
Corn	2009	1,310	10.0	13,100.0	TON	\$423	\$5,541,000
	2008	1,106	9.7	10,728.2	TON	\$466	\$4,999,000
Garlic	2009	454	5.9	2,678.6	TON	\$945	\$2,531,000
	2008	297	6.0	1,782.0	TON	\$571	\$1,018,000
Salad Greens *	2009	1,535	5.6	8,596.0	TON	\$1,110	\$9,542,000
	2008	1,122	2.9	3,253.8	TON	\$909	\$2,958,000
Lettuce (Romaine, Leaf, Head)	2009	1,653	10.4	17,191.2	TON	\$500	\$8,596,000
	2008	2,491	16.1	40,105.1	TON	\$224	\$8,984,000
Mushrooms	2009	151	136.4	20,596.4	TON	\$2,429	\$50,029,000
	2008	151	140.6	21,230.6	TON	\$2,729	\$57,938,000
Onions, Dry	2009	341	24.7	8,422.7	TON	\$388	\$3,268,000
	2008	354	23.4	8,283.6	TON	\$230	\$1,905,000
Peppers (Bell)	2009	1,572	25.3	39,771.6	TON	\$271	\$10,778,000
	2008	1,563	32.5	50,797.5	TON	\$307	\$15,595,000
Peppers (Wax & Chili)	2009	921	26.6	24,498.6	TON	\$381	\$9,334,000
	2008	519	26.1	13,545.9	TON	\$446	\$6,041,000
Pumpkins	2009	106	13.2	1,399.2	TON	\$279	\$390,000
	2008	97	3.2	310.4	TON	\$324	\$101,000
Spinach	2009	854	4.5	3,843.0	TON	\$1,033	\$3,970,000
	2008	793	2.2	1,744.6	TON	\$1,174	\$2,048,000
Squash	2009	377	6.0	2,262.0	TON	\$547	\$1,237,000
	2008	345	7.0	2,415.0	TON	\$692	\$1,671,000
Tomatoes (Fresh)	2009	589	19.8	11,662.2	TON	\$496	\$5,784,000
	2008	619	17.3	10,708.7	TON	\$491	\$5,258,000
Tomatoes (Processing)	2009	1,160	66.8	77,488.0	TON	\$78	\$6,044,000
	2008						
Miscellaneous **	2009	281	----	----	----	----	\$2,923,900
	2008	469	----	----	----	----	\$2,723,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>12,812</b>					<b>\$130,773,900</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>12,428</b>					<b>\$123,043,800</b>

\* Arugula, Endive, Frisee, Mizuna, Mustard, Radicchio, Spring Mix, Swiss Chard

\*\* Artichokes, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Herbs, Parsley, Shallots, etc.



Pumpkins



Corn

## HISTORICAL COMPARISON OF ACREAGE

	1949	1969	1989	2009
<b>Bushberry &amp; Strawberry Crops</b>	1,503	390	230	105
<b>Field Crops*</b>	17,545	245,110	242,160	213,872
<b>Floral Crops - Cut Flowers</b>	n/a	475	669	159
<b>Fruit &amp; Nut Crops</b>	95,468	41,818	5,524	3,036
<b>Nursery Crops</b>	n/a	210	870	855
<b>Seed Crops</b>	375	1,433	950	398
<b>Vegetable Crops**</b>	26,707	15,751	10,495	12,812
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>141,598</b>	<b>305,187</b>	<b>260,898</b>	<b>231,237</b>

\*1949 Field Crops does not include Range or Pasture

\*\*includes multiple crops at same site



## CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### Tuesday

San Jose City Hall Farmers' Market

### Wednesday

Evergreen Farmers' Market  
Cambrian Park Farmers' Market  
VA Palo Alto Health Care CFM  
Palo Alto Community Farm Shop  
County Fairgrounds CFM

### Thursday

Los Altos CFM  
Kaiser Santa Clara CFM  
Garden Accents CFM

### Friday

Cupertino Square CFM  
San Jose Downtown CFM  
Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM

### Saturday

Berryessa CFM  
Oakridge Mall CFM  
Morgan Hill CFM  
Palo Alto Downtown CFM  
Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM  
San Jose Willow Glen CFM  
Santa Clara CFM  
Saratoga CFM  
Sunnyvale CFM  
Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM

### Sunday

Evergreen CFM  
Milpitas CFM  
Los Gatos CFM  
Mountain View CFM  
South Palo Alto CFM  
San Jose Blossom Hill CFM  
San Jose Japantown CFM  
Campbell CFM  
Santana Row CFM  
Alum Rock CFM  
Great Mall CFM

For more information on Farmers' Markets, please visit our website at [www.sccagriculture.org](http://www.sccagriculture.org)

## ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Type of Organic Registrant	Number Registered	Acreage
Producers	19	372.13
Handlers	6	
Processors	5	



## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	PRODUCTION TOTAL (LIVE WEIGHT)	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Steers & Heifers	2009	8,793	52,778	CWT	\$94.4	\$4,982,000
	2008	10,182	59,061	CWT	\$93.7	\$5,534,000
Cows & Bulls	2009	1,558	17,980	CWT	\$47.1	\$847,000
	2008	1,660	18,284	CWT	\$47.5	\$868,000
Miscellaneous *	2009	----	----	----	----	\$296,400
	2008	----	----	----	----	\$277,400
TOTAL	2009					\$6,125,400
	2008					\$6,679,400

\* Includes Chickens Eggs, Goats, Llamas, Ostriches, Pigs, Sheep, etc.

## MILLION DOLLAR CROPS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

**2008**

<u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1. Nursery Crops	\$87,319,900
2. Mushrooms	\$57,938,000
3. Peppers, Bell	\$15,595,000
4. Lettuce, All	\$8,984,000
5. Cherries	\$8,090,000
6. Cut Flowers	\$6,541,300
7. Grapes, Wine	\$6,460,000
8. Peppers, Wax & Chili	\$6,041,000
9. Steers & Heifers	\$5,534,000
10. Tomatoes, Fresh	\$5,258,000
11. Corn	\$4,999,000
12. Chinese Vegetables	\$4,112,000
13. Salad Greens	\$2,958,000
14. Cabbage	\$2,727,000
15. Broccoli	\$2,131,000
16. Spinach	\$2,048,000
17. Onions, Dry	\$1,905,000
18. Range	\$1,860,800
19. Squash	\$1,671,000
20. Celery	\$1,595,000
21. Strawberries	\$1,541,100
22. Seed Crops	\$1,401,000
23. Hay, Grain	\$1,275,000
24. Beans	\$1,239,000
25. Garlic	\$1,018,000
26. Hay, Alfalfa	\$1,007,000
<b>All Other Crops</b>	<b>\$6,701,300</b>

<b>Total Gross \$ 2008 Agriculture</b>	<b>\$247,950,400</b>
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**2009**

<u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1. Nursery Crops	\$88,607,400
2. Mushrooms	\$50,029,000
3. Peppers, Bell	\$10,778,000
4. Cherries	\$10,667,000
5. Salad Greens	\$9,542,000
6. Peppers, Wax & Chili	\$9,334,000
7. Lettuce, All	\$8,596,000
8. Grapes, Wine	\$6,983,000
9. Cut Flowers	\$6,980,300
10. Tomatoes, Processing	\$6,044,000
11. Tomatoes, Fresh	\$5,784,000
12. Corn	\$5,541,000
13. Steers & Heifers	\$4,982,000
14. Spinach	\$3,970,000
15. Chinese Vegetable	\$3,522,000
16. Onions, Dry	\$3,268,000
17. Celery	\$3,232,000
18. Garlic	\$2,531,000
19. Beans	\$2,425,000
20. Range	\$2,080,000
21. Strawberries	\$2,077,600
22. Seed Crops	\$1,600,000
23. Cabbage	\$1,332,000
24. Squash	\$1,237,000
25. Hay, Grain	\$1,170,000
<b>All Other Crops</b>	<b>\$8,405,000</b>

<b>Total Gross \$ 2009 Agriculture</b>	<b>\$260,717,300</b>
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