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Santa Clara County

1950-1957

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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, 1950

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ALBERT M. FOSTER

Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

C O U N T Y O F S A N T A C L A R A

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hall of Justice
San Jose, California
March 1, 1951

Mr. A. A. Brock,
State Director of Agriculture

And

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

This Agricultural Report shows production and value of all crops grown in the County for the year 1950. It is issued in compliance with Section 65.5 of the State Agricultural Code.

The production is reported in units commonly used in the marketing of crops commercially in this County. The income given is based on the price received by farmers at roadside. It does not include costs of packing or shipping. To get a true net the farmer must deduct his cost of production.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each individual who has assisted in the compilation of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Rayner

DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS - 1950

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CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	NOTES	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almonds	175	52 Tons		\$480.00	\$ 24,960.
Apples	144	1,100 Tons		85.00	93,500.
Apricots	16,048	77,430 Tons	Total		
		52,680 Tons	Fresh	75.00	3,951,000.
		5,068 Tons	Dried	620.00	3,142,160.
		4,300 Tons	Pits	50.00	215,000.
Cherries	2,562	8,175 Tons	Shipped	320.00	2,616,000.
		6,640 Tons	Canned & Ebl'd.	210.00	1,394,400.
Citrus	43	10,400 Boxes		2.25	23,400.
Figs	6	4,500 Boxes		2.25	10,125.
Grapes	5,150	9,785 Tons		80.00	782,800.
Olives	21				100.
Peaches	281	1,686		87.50	147,525.
Pears	6,490	63,250 Tons	Canned	70.00	4,427,500.
		5,050 Tons	Shipped	75.00	378,750.
Persimmons	6	45 Tons		200.00	9,000.
Plums	201	750 Tons		265.00	198,750.
Prunes	45,012	68,000 Tons	Dried	242.00	16,456,000.
Walnuts	8,194	3,866 Tons		415.00	1,604,390.
<u>SMALL FRUITS:</u>					
Strawberries	1,560	1,750 Cts/ac	2,730,000 cts.	2.40	6,552,000.
Raspberries	95	1,100 Cts/ac	104,500 cts.	2.35	245,575.
Other Bush Fruits	27	1,700 Cts/ac	45,900 cts.	1.20	55,080.
TOTALS	86,015				\$42,328,015.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1950

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Anise	150	500 Crates	75,000	.90	\$ 67,500.
Beans, Snap and Canned	1,417	7 Tons	9,919	91.00	902,629.
Limas for Freezer	3,865	1.4 Tons	5,411	150.00	811,650.
Beets, Sugar	4,787	17.2 Tons	82,461	10.50	845,225.
Broccoli	3,350	2 Tons	6,700	120.00	804,000.
Carrots	700	25 Tons	17,500	17.50	306,250.
Cauliflower	650	2.5 Tons	1,625	120.00	195,000.
Celery	1,135	1,100 Crates	1,248,500	1.20	1,498,200.
Corn	175	185 Crates	32,375	1.80	58,275.
Cucumbers	480	9 Tons	4,320	48.00	207,360.
Endive	55	200 Crates	11,000	3.00	33,000.
Garlic	838	7,900 Lbs.	6,620,200	.085	562,717
Lettuce	2,142	145 Crates	330,590	.40	132,236.
Onions	165	350 Bags	57,750	.90	51,975.
Peas, Fall	850	135 Hampers	114,750	2.20	252,450.
Spring	450	1,700 Lbs.	765,000	.05	38,250.
Peppers, Bell	250	250 Crates	62,500	2.00	125,000.
Wax	65	8 Tons	520	1.40	72,800.
Spinach	678	6 Tons	4,068	22.50	91,530.
Tomatoes	875	11 Tons	9,625	22.50	216,563.
General Truck Crops	3,200			475.00	1,520,000.
Home Gardens					50,000.
Mushrooms		18,000 Lbs.		.50	9,000.
TOTALS	26,277				8,851,610.

LIVE STOCK

Milk Cows	19,725 Head			
Market Milk		6,061,000 lbs. @ \$ 1.12		\$ 6,788,320.
Mfg. Milk		112,000 lbs. @ .35		95,200.
Steers	20,500	@ 275.00		5,637,500.
Cows	17,500	@ 180.00		3,150,000.
Calves	14,250	@ 70.00		997,500.
Heifers	6,200	@ 210.00		1,302,000.
Hogs	9,995	2,493,800 lbs. @ .215		537,242.
Horse, Race				35,000.
Saddle				104,600.
Lambs	750	@ 30.00		22,500.
Wool	6,750 Lbs.	@ .85		5,537.
Manure	600,000 Yards	@ 1.75		1,050,000.
SUB TOTAL				\$19,725,399.

POULTRY & RABBITS

Laying Hens	660,000	330,000 cases eggs @ \$14.50		\$ 4,785,000.
Heavy Fryers	1,000,000	3,000,000 lbs. @ .29		870,000.
Leghorn, Broilers	3,000,000	525,000 lbs. @ .27		141,750.
Fowl, Cull Hens	500,000	1,750,000 lbs. @ .22		385,000.
Turkeys	75,000	1,350,000 lbs. @ .47		634,500.
Turkey Eggs	150,000	@ .32		48,000.
Turkey Poults	75,000	@ .75		56,250.
Baby Chicks	5,000,000	@ .22		1,100,000.
Squabs	22,500	22,000 lbs. @ 1.00		22,000.
Rabbits	100,000	200,000 lbs. @ .58		116,000.
Pelts		100,000 pelts @ .20		2,000.
SUB TOTAL				\$ 8,160,500.
TOTAL				\$27,885,899.

FIELD CROPS AND BEES - 1950

CROP	ACRES	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Alfalfa	915	6,405 Tons	\$24.50	\$ 156,923.
Volunteer Hay	1,117	1,117 Tons	19.00	21,223.
Grain Hay	7,130	10,695 Tons	24.00	256,680.
Barley	6,400	103,800 Sacks	2.25	244,800.
Wheat	850	11,050 Sacks	3.40	37,570.
Oats	450	9,000 Sacks	2.90	26,100.
SUB TOTAL				\$ 743,296
Rental Bees & Honey		3,000 Colonies		4,500.
TOTAL				747,796.

NURSERY STOCK & SEED - 1950

Ornamental, Fruit Trees And Cut Flowers	\$3,625,000.
Seed Crops (631 Acres)	258,165.
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TOTAL	\$3,883,165.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS
TO GROWERS

*Sugar Beet Payments	\$225,133.
A.C.P. Payments	217,195.
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TOTAL	\$442,328.
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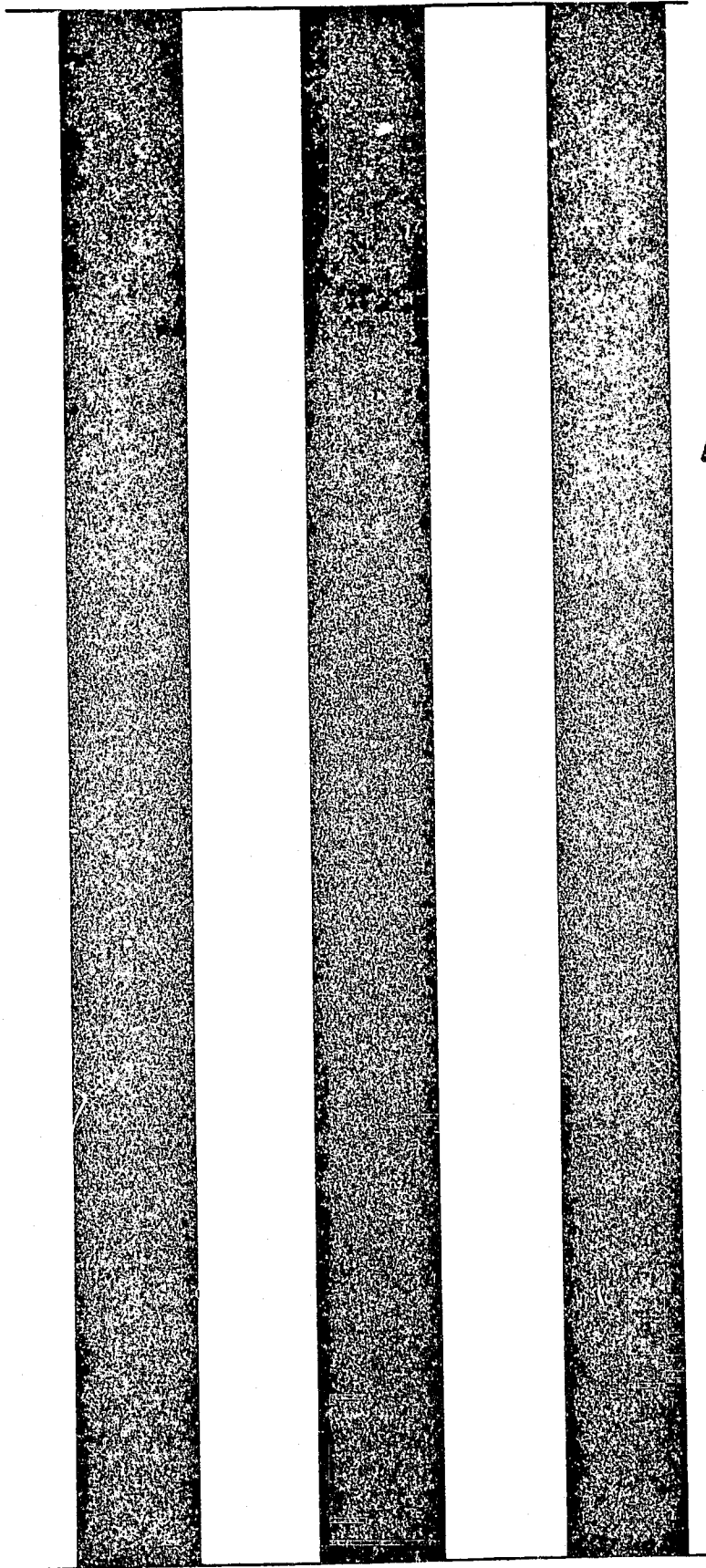
*Wet soil has delayed sugar beet digging. Some adjustment has been made to include beets still unharvested. Further payments will be made by the U. S. Government.

SUMMARY

Fruits & Nuts	\$42,328,015.
Vegetables	8,851,610.
Animal Industries	
Live Stock	19,725,399.
Poultry & Rabbits	8,160,500.
Field Crops & Bees	747,796.
Nursery Stock & Seed	3,883,165.
U. S. Government Payments To Growers	442,328.
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TOTAL	\$84,138,813.
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YEAR	TOTAL BEARING ACREAGE		PRUNE PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE	
	Fruits & Nuts	Prunes	Dried Tons	Fruits & Nuts	Agricultural Products
1943	101,606	56,546	76,600	\$25,988,766.	\$46,334,508.
1944	101,039	56,115	71,400	37,092,685.	61,061,172.
1945	100,770	56,115	95,000	39,870,475.	65,255,971.
1946	101,030	55,665	85,000	50,686,450.	82,664,453.
1947	92,203	54,414	89,000	31,361,198.	69,336,459.
1948	99,198	54,170	85,450	33,684,737.	73,579,805.
1949	96,971	51,590	70,000	26,933,350.	66,413,561.
*1950			68,000	42,328,015.	84,138,813.

* The acreage figures are still in the process of being checked in the field. There is a substantial reduction in both total acreage, and in the prune acreage.



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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS - 1951

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	NOTES	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almonds	188	25 Tons		\$470.00	\$ 11,750.
Apples	147	1,200 Tons		75.00	90,000.
Apricots	15,725	63,500 Tons 50,500 Tons 2,360 Tons 4,100 Tons	Total Fresh Dried Pits	115.00 600.00 35.00	5,807,500. 1,416,000. 143,500.
Cherries	2,611	3,055 Tons 3,510 Tons	Shipped Canned & Bbl'd.	600.00 370.00	1,833,000. 1,298,700.
Citrus	43	11,900 Boxes		2.00	23,800.
Figs	6	4,675 Flats		2.25	10,519.
Grapes	5,034	8,325 Tons		50.00	416,250.
Olives	21				100.
Peaches	289	1,288 Tons		85.00	109,480.
Pears	6,394	71,570 Tons 64,750 Tons 6,820 Tons	Total Canned Shipped	88.50 60.00	5,730,375. 409,200.
Persimmons	6	36,000 Lbs.		.05	1,800.
Plums	206	960 Tons		85.00	82,080.
Prunes	44,255	82,900 Tons		155.00	12,849,500.
Walnuts	8,235	4,097 Tons		470.00	1,925,590.
<u>SMALL FRUITS:</u>					
Strawberries	1,787	1,800 Cts/ac (272 Acres)	3,216,600 Cts. Non-Bearing)	2.35	7,559,010.
Raspberries	90	1,100 Cts/ac	99,000 Cts.	2.40	237,600.
Other Bush Berries	25	1,500 Cts/ac	37,500 Cts.	1.30	48,750.
TOTALS	85,062				\$40,004,504.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1951

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE		TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Anise	65	500	Crates	32,500	\$ 3.00	\$ 97,500.
Beans, Green						
Canned	1,190	6.3	Tons	7,497	98.50	738,455.
Market & Frozen	292	6	Tons	1,752	110.00	192,720.
Lima, Frozen	4,927	1.35	Tons	6,660	158.00	1,052,075.
Beets, Sugar	3,890	17.9	Tons	69,669	10.50	731,525.
Broccoli	2,000	2.4	Tons	4,800	140.00	672,000.
Carrots	258	30	Tons	7,740	18.00	139,320.
Cauliflower, Market	125	400	Crates	50,000	1.00	50,000.
Frozen	125	3	Tons	375	140.00	52,500.
Celery	1,170	800	Crates	936,000	1.20	1,123,200.
Corn, Sweet	180	180	Crates	32,400	2.00	64,800.
Cucumbers	550	8	Tons	4,400	52.50	231,000.
Dill	6	8	Tons	48	60.00	2,880.
Endive	150	200	Lbs.	30,000	2.25	67,500.
Garlic	825	7,200	Lbs.	5,940,000	.08	475,200.
Lettuce	1,450	200	Crates	290,000	2.50	725,000.
Onions	122	320	Bags	39,040	3.25	126,880.
Peas, Fall	540	123	Tubs	66,960	1.70	113,832.
Spring	890	2,250	Lbs.	2,002,500	.04	80,100.
Peppers, Bell	150	250	Crates	37,500	4.00	150,000.
Wax	25	3	Tons	75	160.00	12,000.
Spinach						
Canned & Frozen	915	4.18	Tons	3,825	24.00	98,100.
Tomatoes	4,400	14	Tons	61,600	30.00	1,848,000.
Garden Truck Crops	2,950				450.00	1,327,500.
Home Gardens						75,000.
Mushrooms			Lbs.	19,000	.40	7,600.
TOTALS	27,195					10,162,437.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1951LIVE STOCK

Milk Cows	20,196 Head			
Market Milk		115,232,690 lbs. @	\$ 5.29	\$6,095,809.
Mfg. Milk		191,000 lbs. @	.97	185,270.
Steers	21,000		@ 310.00	6,510,000.
Cows	18,050		@ 215.00	3,880,750.
Calves	15,000		@ 75.00	1,125,000.
Heifers	6,350		@ 260.00	1,651,000.
Hogs (Feeders 80%)	11,000	2,310,000 lbs. @	.2075	479,325.
Horses, Race				35,000.
Saddle				75,000.
Lambs	1,100		@ 30.00	33,000.
Wool	10,000 Lbs.		@ .85	8,500.
Manure	240,000 Yards		@ 1.75	420,000.
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>				<u>\$20,498,654.</u>

POULTRY & RABBITS

Laying Hens	600,000	300,000 cases eggs @	\$15.00	\$4,500,000.
Heavy Fryers	1,400,000	4,700,000 lbs. @	.29	1,092,000.
Leghorn, Broilers	300,000	475,000 lbs. @	.24	114,000.
Fowl, Cull Hens	450,000	1,575,000 lbs. @	.20	315,000.
Turkeys	75,000	1,350,000 lbs. @	.50	675,000.
Turkey Eggs	180,000		@ .28	50,400.
Turkey Poults	75,000		@ .75	56,250.
Baby Chicks	7,000,000		@ .18	1,260,000.
Squabs	31,500	23,625 lbs. @	.90	21,262
Rabbits	50,000	225,000 lbs. @	.30	67,500.
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>				<u>\$8,151,412.</u>

TOTAL\$28,650,066.

FIELD CROPS AND BEES - 1951

CROP	ACRES	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Alfalfa	900	7,200 Tons	\$31.50	\$226,800.
Volunteer Hay	4,265	5,310 Tons	25.00	132,750.
Grain Hay	4,925	8,126 Tons	30.00	243,780.
Permanent Pasture Hay	250	250 Tons	28.00	7,000.
Barley	3,575	57,200 Sacks	3.10	178,320.
Wheat	400	4,400 Sacks	3.70	16,280.
Oats	415	6,640 Sacks	3.70	24,568.
SUB TOTAL				\$829,498.
Rental Bees	3,200 Colony rentals		\$ 2.25	7,200.
TOTAL				\$836,698.

NURSERY STOCK - CUT FLOWERS - SEED

Nursery Stock		\$2,537,500.
Licensed Nurseries - 244		
Cut Flowers		
Greenhouses - 505,780 sq. ft.		509,268.
Cut Flowers - field and lath - 18 acres		187,100.
Seed Crops - 1,018 acres	751,815 lbs. @ \$.28	214,267.
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TOTAL		\$3,448,135.
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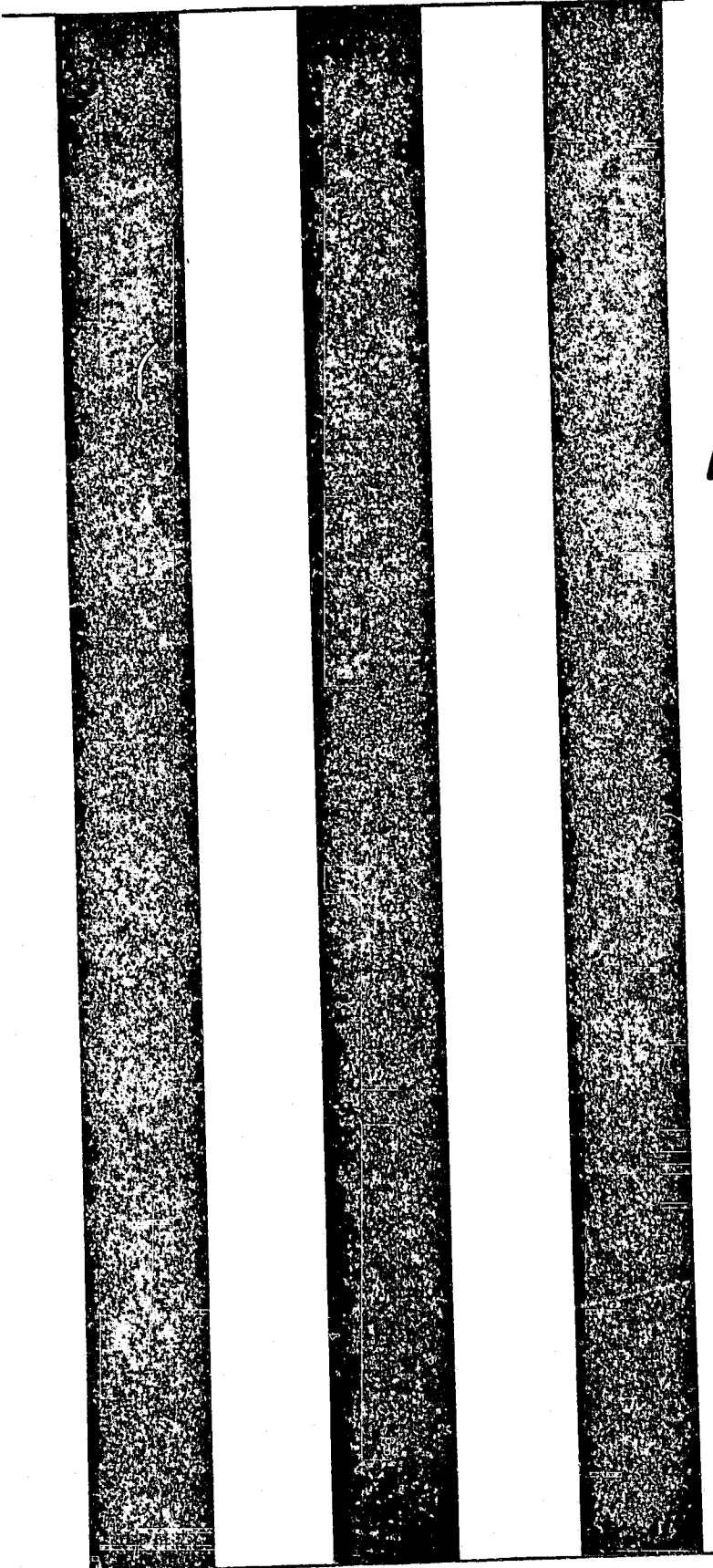
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS
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Sugar Beets		\$172,826.
A.C.P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)		203,485.
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TOTAL		\$376,311.
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SUMMARY

Fruits & Nuts	\$40,004,504.
Vegetable	10,162,437.
Animal Industries	
Live Stock	20,498,654.
Poultry & Rabbits	8,151,412.
Field Crops & Bees	836,698.
Nursery Stocks & Seed	3,448,135.
U. S. Government Payments To Growers	376,311.
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TOTAL	\$83,478,151.
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YEAR	TOTAL BEARING ACREAGE		PRUNE PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE	
	Fruits & Nuts	Prunes	Dried Tons	Fruits & Nuts	Agricultural Products
1943	101,696	56,546	76,600	\$25,988,766.	\$46,334,508.
1944	101,039	56,115	71,400	37,092,685.	61,061,172.
1945	100,770	56,115	95,000	39,870,475.	65,255,971.
1946	101,030	55,665	85,000	50,686,450.	82,664,453.
1947	99,203	54,414	89,000	31,361,198.	69,336,459.
1948	99,198	54,170	85,450	33,684,737.	73,579,805.
1949	96,971	51,590	70,000	26,933,350.	66,413,561.
1950	86,015	50,012	68,000	42,328,015.	84,138,813.
1951	85,062	44,255	82,900	40,004,504.	83,478,151.



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hall of Justice
San Jose, California
March 30, 1953

Mr. A. A. Brock,
State Director of Agriculture

And

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the 1952 Agricultural Crop Report. It is issued in compliance with Section 65.5 of the State Agricultural Code.

The production is reported in units commonly used in the marketing of crops commercially in this County. The income given is based on the price received by farmers at roadside. It does not include costs of packing or shipping. To get a true net the farmer must deduct his cost of production.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each individual who has so willingly assisted in the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Rayner.

DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS - 1952

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	NOTES	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Almonds	181	32.5 Tons		\$465.00	\$ 15,112.
Apples	164	1,395 Tons		85.00	118,575.
Apricots	15,465	55,600 Tons 39,650 Tons 2,900 Tons 3,480 Tons	Total Canned & Shipped Dried Pits	100.00 850.00 30.00	3,965,000. 2,465,000. 104,400.
Avocadoes	2	3,000 Lbs.		.25	750.
Cherries	2,615	13,957 Tons 7,553 Tons 6,404 Tons	Total Shipped Canned & Bbld.	440.00 210.00	3,323,320. 1,344,840.
Citrus	32	6,600 Boxes		1.60	10,560.
Figs	6	4,150 Flats		1.90	7,885.
Grapes	5,026	10,000 Tons		35.00	350,000.
Peaches	308	1,390 Tons		85.00	118,150.
Pears	6,357	65,650 Tons 61,700 Tons 3,950 Tons	Total Canned Shipped Fresh	40.00 70.00	2,468,000. 276,500.
Prickly Pears	40	12,000 Flats		1.50	18,000.
Persimmons	6	1,650 Lugs		1.50	2,475.
Plums	193	212 Tons		200.00	42,400.
Prunes	43,385	53,000 Tons		230.00	12,190,000.
Walnuts	8,265	4,475 Tons		440.00	1,969,000.
<u>SMALL FRUITS:</u>					
Strawberries	1,737	3,300,300 Grates (523 Acres	1,900 Cts/ac Non-Bearing)	2.00	6,600,600.
Raspberries	115	138,000 Grates	1,200 Cts/ac	2.60	358,800.
Other Bush Berries	40	12,000 Flats		1.50	18,000.
TOTALS	83,937				\$35,767,367.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1952

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE		TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Sweet Anise	95	390	Crates	37,050	\$ 3.10	\$ 114,855.
Beans, Green						
Canned	763	6	Tons	4,578	112.50	515,025.
Market & Frozen	154	6.5	Tons	1,001	115.00	115,115.
Lima, Frozen	6,000	1.75	Tons	10,500	158.50	1,664,250.
Broccoli	2,500	2.5	Tons	6,250	140.00	875,000.
Carrots	185	26	Tons	4,800	20.00	96,000.
Cauliflower	820	4	Tons	3,280	140.00	459,200.
Celery, Fresh	1,500	800	Crates	1,200,000	2.75	3,300,000.
Canned	6	8.7	Tons	52	75.00	3,900.
Sweet Corn	400	145	Crates	58,000	1.75	101,500.
Cucumbers	600	8.8	Tons	5,280	54.00	285,120.
Dill	7	8	Tons	56	55.00	3,000.
Endive	150	200	Crates	30,000	2.15	64,500.
Garlic	575	6,600	Lbs.	3,795,000	.12	455,400.
Lettuce	1,075	183	Crates	196,725	1.00	196,725.
Onions, Dry	140	790	50# Bags	110,600	1.75	193,550.
Green Bunched	42	3,500	Bunches	147,000	.55	80,850.
Peas, Spring	650	1.16	Tons	754	91.40	68,916.
Fall	450	122	Tubs	54,900	3.20	175,680.
Peppers, Bell	150	250	Crates	37,500	1.50	56,250.
Wax	50	5	Tons	250	140.00	35,000.
Spinach	200	6	Tons	1,200	25.00	30,000.
Tomatoes	2,725	16.8	Tons	45,780	25.00	1,144,500.
Commercial Truck Gardens	3,000		Various		475.00	1,425,000.
Home Gardens	6,000					120,000.
Mushrooms			Lbs.	19,000	.40	7,600.
TOTALS	28,237					\$11,587,016.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1952

LIVESTOCK

Milk Cows	20,000 Head			
Market Milk		6,160,000 lbs.	@ \$ 1.48	\$9,116,800.
Mfg. Milk		152,000 lbs.	@ 1.14	173,280.
Steers	24,150		@ 250.00	6,037,500.
Cows	20,750		@ 200.00	4,150,000.
Calves	17,200		@ 78.00	1,376,000.
Heifers	7,300		@ 185.00	1,350,500.
Hogs and Feeders	7,500	1,500,000 lbs.	@ .19	285,000.
Horses, Race				93,850.
Saddle				55,000.
Lambs	1,280	115,200 lbs.	@ .25	28,800.
Wool	12,000 Lbs.		@ .80	9,600.
Manure	250,000 Yards		@ 1.75	437,500.
SUB TOTAL				\$23,113,830.

POULTRY & RABBITS

Laying Hens	650,000	325,000 cases eggs	@ \$14.50	\$4,712,500.
Heavy Fryers	1,400,000	4,200,000 lbs.	@ .29	1,218,000.
Broilers	325,000	650,000 lbs.	@ .28	182,000.
Fowl, Cull Hens				
Leghorns	275,000	825,000 lbs.	@ .23 $\frac{1}{2}$	193,875.
Heavy Breeds	45,000	190,000 lbs.	@ .31	58,900.
Turkeys	52,250	1,123,375 lbs.	@ .45	505,518.
Turkey Poults	2,500		@ .65	1,625.
Baby Chicks	6,194,300		@ .18 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,145,946.
Squabs	33,000	29,700 lbs.	@ .90	26,730.
Rabbits	40,000	170,000 lbs.	@ .29	49,300.
SUB TOTAL				\$8,094,394.
TOTAL				\$31,208,224.

FIELD CROPS, U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND BEES

FIELD CROPS	ACRES	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Alfalfa	1,000	6,350 Tons	\$35.50	\$225,425.
Volunteer Hay	6,400	9,600 Tons	24.50	235,200.
Grain Hay	7,600	15,600 Tons	32.00	486,400.
Permanent Pasture Hay	1,750	Value reflected in live stock sales		
Barley	4,400	81,400 Sacks	3.35	272,690.
Wheat	1,050	17,100 Sacks	3.85	65,835.
Oats	460	7,000 Sacks	3.95	27,650.
Sugar Beets	3,850	68,145 Tons	11.35	773,446.
SUB TOTAL				\$2,086,646.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

Sugar Beets (Government Payments)				\$137,583.
A.C.P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)				144,757.
SUB TOTAL				\$282,340.

BEES

Rental Bees	3,500 Colony rentals		2.25	7,875.
TOTAL				\$3,376,861.

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS, SEED AND SUMMARY

NURSERY STOCK

Licensed Nurseries - 246		
Gross Sales		\$3,447,500.

CUT FLOWERS: Wholesale Growers

Field (F), Lath (L), Greenhouses (G), and Cloth (C)		
Asters (F)	36 acres	\$ 99,000.
Garnations (C) & (G):		
	(G) 305,800 square feet	152,900.
	(G) 297,850 square feet	327,635.
Chrysanthemums (L)	74 acres	666,000.
Gladiolus (F)	25 acres	56,250.
Roses (G)	230,000 square feet	230,000.
Snapdragons (G)	25,000 square feet	20,000.
Stephanotis (G)	5,000 square feet	18,500.
Miscellaneous Cut Flowers		7,500.
		<u>\$1,577,785.</u>

SEED CROPS	368,452 lbs.	\$ 64,110.
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TOTAL		\$5,089,395.
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SUMMARY

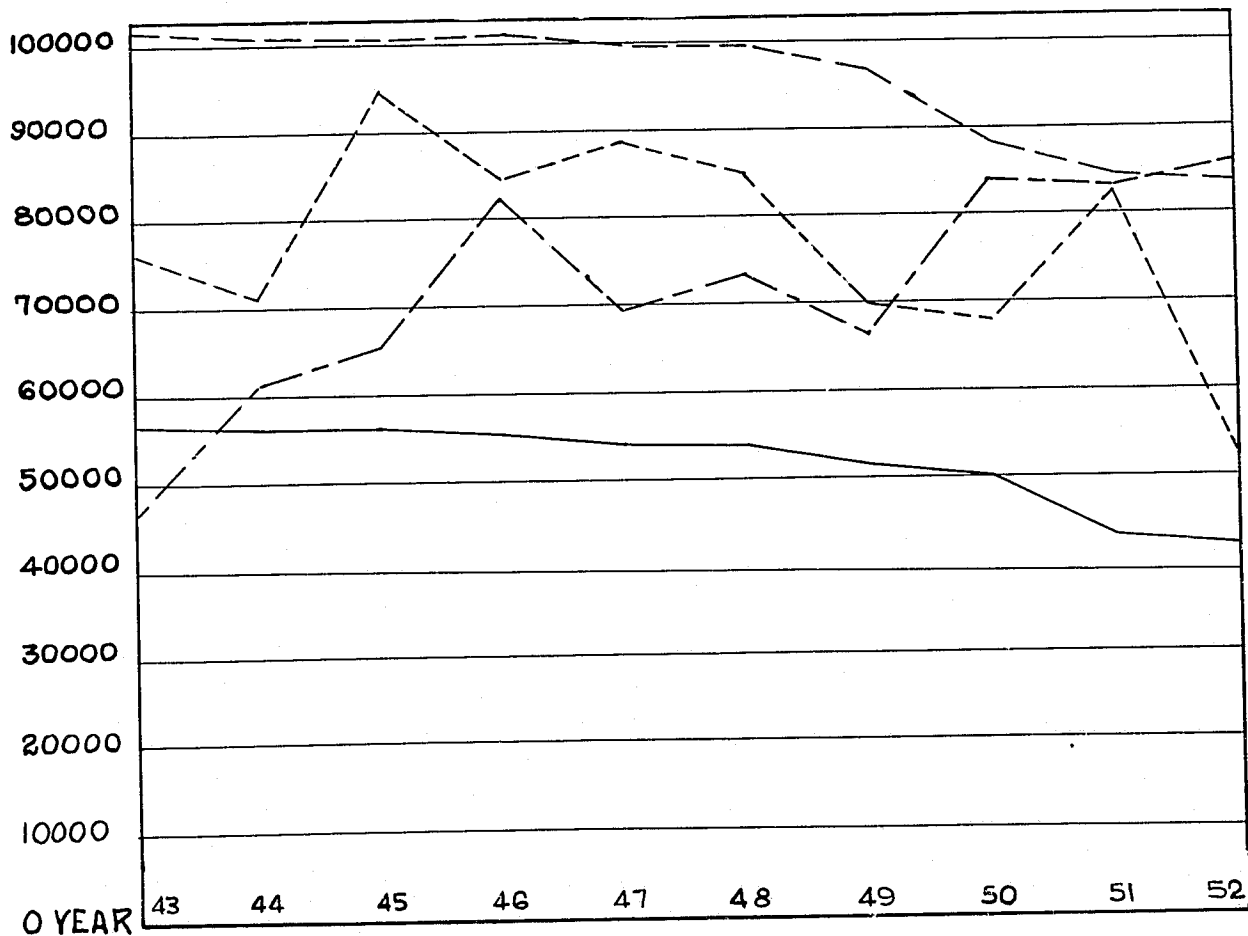
Fruits & Nuts	\$35,767,367.
Vegetables	11,587,016.
Animal Industries	
Livestock	23,113,830.
Poultry & Rabbits	8,094,394.
Field Crops & Bees	2,094,521.
U. S. Government Payments	282,340.
Nursery Stock, Cut Flowers & Seed	5,089,395.
	<u>\$86,028,863.</u>

TOTAL

YEAR	TOTAL BEARING ACREAGE		PRUNE PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE	
	Fruits & Nuts	Prunes	Dried Tons	Fruits & Nuts	Agricultural Products
1943	101,696	56,546	76,600	\$25,988,766.	\$46,334,508.
1944	101,039	56,115	71,400	37,092,685.	61,061,172.
1945	100,770	56,115	95,000	39,870,475.	65,255,971.
1946	101,030	55,665	85,000	50,686,450.	82,664,453.
1947	99,203	54,414	89,000	31,361,198.	69,336,459.
1948	99,198	54,170	85,450	33,684,737.	73,579,805.
1949	96,971	51,590	70,000	26,933,350.	66,413,561.
1950	86,015	50,012	68,000	42,328,015.	84,138,813.
1951	85,062	44,255	82,900	40,004,504.	83,478,151.
1952	83,937	43,385	53,000	37,767,367.	86,028,863.

GRAPHS 1943 - 1952

- Graph #1 — — — — Total Bearing Acreage in Fruits & Nuts
- Graph #2 ————— Bearing Acreage in Prunes
- Graph #3 - - - - - Prunes Produced - Dried Tons
- Graph #4 - - - - - Gross Value all Agricultural Crops in Millions of Dollars



SUPPLEMENTARY DATA FOR 1952 ANNUAL REPORT

Information furnished by: Mr. Walter G. Hunt, Engineer
Santa Clara County Water Conservation Office

	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAX. CAPACITY</u>	<u>AREA OF WATER SHED</u>
Anderson Reservoir	1,450 acres	75,000 ac. ft.	195 sq. miles
Coyote Reservoir	688 acres	25,000 ac. ft.	120 sq. miles
Lexington Reservoir	450 acres	25,000 ac. ft.	38 sq. miles
Stevens Creek Reservoir	95 acres	4,000 ac. ft.	16.86 sq. miles
Guadalupe Reservoir	75 acres	3,500 ac. ft.	6.28 sq. miles
Calero Reservoir	329 acres	9,500 ac. ft.	7.08 sq. miles
Almaden Percolation Pond	20 acres		
Vasona Percolation Pond	79 acres	400 ac. ft.	
	<u>3,186 acres</u>	<u>142,400 ac. ft.</u>	<u>383.22 sq. miles</u>

Information furnished by: Mr. Lloyd Weber, Research & Publicity Manager
San Jose Chamber of Commerce
Taken from 1950 Census

Number of farms	5,282
Total acres in County	835,000
Crop land harvested	172,508
Acres in hay crops	22,133
Acres in irrigated pasture	6,149
Total pasture including range land and irrigated pasture	317,345
Wood land total	123,066

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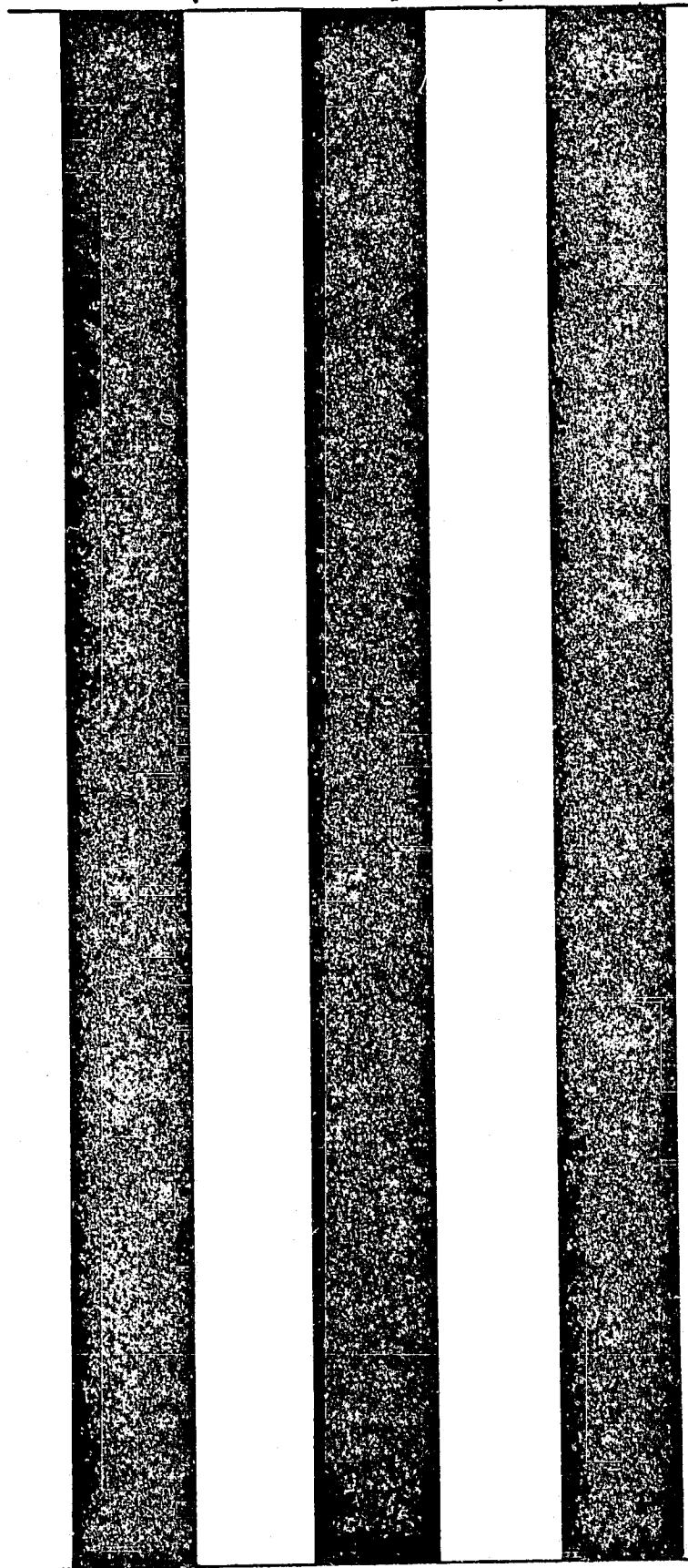
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1953

FRANK H. THILL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INTERESTING STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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Development in new industries from 1944 to 1953 incl.:

Total number of new industries - 143	
Capitol investment	\$153,122,000.
Number of new jobs	14,073
Estimated annual payroll	\$ 43,229,920.

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Information from the Controller's Office:

The total assessed valuation of property of the county, including real estate, improvements, personal property and utilities - \$494,335,730.00

May 17, 1954

Mr. W. C. Jacobsen, Acting
State Director of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the Agricultural Crop Report for the year 1953. The report is compiled as required by Section 65.5 of the State Agricultural Code.

As has been our custom in the past, the figures are the gross returns to producers of Agricultural products. The units of production are the ones commonly used for the commodity reported. In some instances various sizes of containers used in packaging will have to be taken into account when arriving at the average unit value.

The total gross receipts show a substantial gain over the 1952 report and favorably expresses the strong position of Agriculture in the County.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the individuals who furnish information that makes the report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Rayner

DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS

CROP	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION	NOTES	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	BEARING	NON-B.				
Almonds	179	7	43 Tons		\$435.00	\$ 18,705.
Apples	160	33	1,760 Tons		62.50	110,000.
Apricots	14,949	299	84,000 Tons	Total		
			41,100 Tons	Canned & Shipped	98.00	4,027,800.
			7,800 Tons	Dried	710.00	5,538,000.
			5,000 Tons	Pits	30.00	150,000.
Avocadoes	2	-	300 Lbs.		.35	105.
Cherries	2,672	896	11,147 Tons	Total		
			5,402 Tons	Shipped	660.00	3,565,320.
			5,035 Tons	Canned	260.00	1,309,100.
			710 Tons	Bld.	240.00	170,400.
Citrus	27	-	4,800 Boxes		1.75	8,400.
Figs	5	-	3,000 Flats		1.80	5,400.
Grapes	4,974	176	7,250 Tons		35.00	253,750.
Peaches	274	15	750 Tons		56.00	42,000.
Pears	6,276	634	75,125 Tons	Total		
			68,543 Tons	Canned	67.00	4,592,381.
			6,582 Tons	Shipped Fresh	50.00	329,100.
Prickly Pears	40	-	20,000 Flats		1.50	30,000.
Persimmons	6	-	10,000 Lbs.		.18	1,800.
Plums	178	4	33 Tons	Canned	55.00	1,815.
			28,825 Cts.	Shipped	3.65	105,211.
Prunes	42,262	1,678	82,000 Tons		205.00	16,810,000.
Walnuts	8,280	908	3,650 Tons		400.00	1,460,000.
<u>SMALL FRUITS:</u>						
Strawberries	1,745	522	3,141,000 Cts.	1,800 Cts/ac	2.25	7,067,250.
Raspberries	127	-	177,800 Cts.		2.90	515,620.
Other Bush Berries	18	-	239,400 Lbs.		.14	33,516.
TOTALS	82,174	5,172				\$46,145,673.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1953

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Asparagus	70	400 Lbs.	28,000	\$.10	\$ 2,800.
Sweet Anise	95	250 Crates	23,750	2.00	47,500.
Beans, Green					
Canned	640	6.5 Tons	4,160	128.00	532,480.
Market & Frozen	228	6.6 Tons	1,505	140.00	210,700.
Lima, Frozen	5,860	1.6 Tons	9,376	150.00	1,406,400.
Broccoli	2,600	2 Tons	5,200	130.00	676,000.
Carrots	236	16 Tons	3,428	18.00	61,704.
Cauliflower	800	4 Tons	3,200	140.00	448,000.
Celery, Fresh	1,500	900 Crates	1,350,000	1.35	1,822,500.
Canned	7	26 Tons	182	70.00	12,740.
Sweet Corn	493	225 Crates	110,925	1.25	138,656.
Cucumbers	650	9 Tons	5,850	53.50	312,975.
Dill	8	10 Tons	80	40.00	3,200.
Endive	200	175 Crates	35,000	1.00	35,000.
Garlic	480	8,600 Lbs.	4,128,000	.145	598,560.
Lettuce	1,360	227 Crates	308,720	1.40	432,208.
Onions, Dry	340	313 100# Bags	106,300	1.88	199,844.
Peas, Spring	600	1.25 Tons	750	80.00	60,000.
Fall	420	123 Tubs	51,660	3.50	180,810.
Peppers, Bell	160	700 Crates	32,000	1.50	48,000.
Wax	42	5 Tons	210	1.40	29,400.
Hot	7	6 Tons	42	1.60	6,720.
Spinach	614	7 Tons	4,298	25.00	107,450.
Tomatoes	1,700	21 Tons	37,380	22.50	861,200.
Commercial Truck Gardens	3,150			460.00	1,449,000.
Mushrooms	48,200 Sq. Ft. Beds		48,200	.50	24,100.
TOTALS	22,259				\$9,707,947.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1953

LIVESTOCK

Milk Cows				
Market Milk		5,840,000 lbs.	@ \$ 1.42	\$8,293,800.
Mfg. Milk		219,000 lbs.	@ .98	215,000.
Steers	24,500		@ 225.00	5,512,500.
Cows	21,270		@ 160.00	3,403,200.
Calves	16,800		@ 61.00	1,024,800.
Heifers	7,100		@ 165.00	1,171,500.
Hogs and Feeders	4,250	956,250 lbs.	@ .21	200,813.
Horses, Race				45,000.
Saddle				25,000.
Lambs	1,500	135,000 lbs.	@ .21	28,350.
Wool		15,000 lbs.	@ .55	8,250.
Manure		250,000 yards	@ 1.75	437,500.
SUB TOTAL				\$20,365,713.

POULTRY & RABBITS

Laying Hens	675,000	335,000 cases	eggs @ \$15.50	5,192,500.
Heavy Fryers	1,750,000	7,000,000 lbs.	@ .29	2,030,000.
Broilers	375,000	750,000 lbs.	@ .25	187,500.
Fowl, Cull Hens				
Leghorns	280,000	840,000 lbs.	@ .23	273,200.
Heavy Breeds	50,000	200,000 lbs.	@ .32	64,000.
Turkeys	64,000	1,408,000 lbs.	@ .47	661,760.
Baby Chicks	5,750,000		@ .20	1,121,250.
Squabs	35,000	34,000 lbs.	@ .95	32,728.
Rabbits	80,080	340,340 lbs.	@ .24½	83,383.
SUB TOTAL				\$9,646,321.
TOTAL				\$30,012,034.

FIELD CROPS, U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND BEES

<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS</u>
Alfalfa	600	3,750 Tons	\$30.00	\$112,500.
Volunteer Hay	6,500	9,500 Tons	20.00	190,000.
Grain Hay	7,300	14,600 Tons	28.00	409,800.
Permanent Pasture Hay	2,250	Value reflected in livestock sales		
Barley	4,900	78,400 Sacks	2.75	215,600.
Wheat	1,300	15,600 Sacks	3.60	56,160.
Oats	750	10,500 Sacks	3.50	36,750.
Sugar Beets	4,035	82,718 Tons	11.50	950,257.
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>				<u>\$1,971,067.</u>

U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

Sugar Beets (Government Payments)	\$173,688.
A.C.P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)	140,000.
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u>\$313,688.</u>

BEES

Rental Bees	4,250 Colony rentals	\$2.25	9,563.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$2,294,318.</u>		

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS, SEED AND SUMMARY

NURSERY STOCK

Licensed Nurseries - 261 Branches 23
Gross Sales \$4,068,050.

CUT FLOWERS: Wholesale Growers
Field (f), Lath (L), Greenhouse (G), and Cloth (C)

Asters (F)	-	
Carnations (C) & (G)	-	
Chrysanthemums (L)	-	
Gladiolus (F)	-	
Roses (G)	-	- - Total sales
Snapdragons (G)	-	\$1,893,325.
Stephanotis (G)	-	
Miscellaneous Cut Flowers	-	

SEED CROPS \$ 38,470.

TOTAL \$5,998,845.

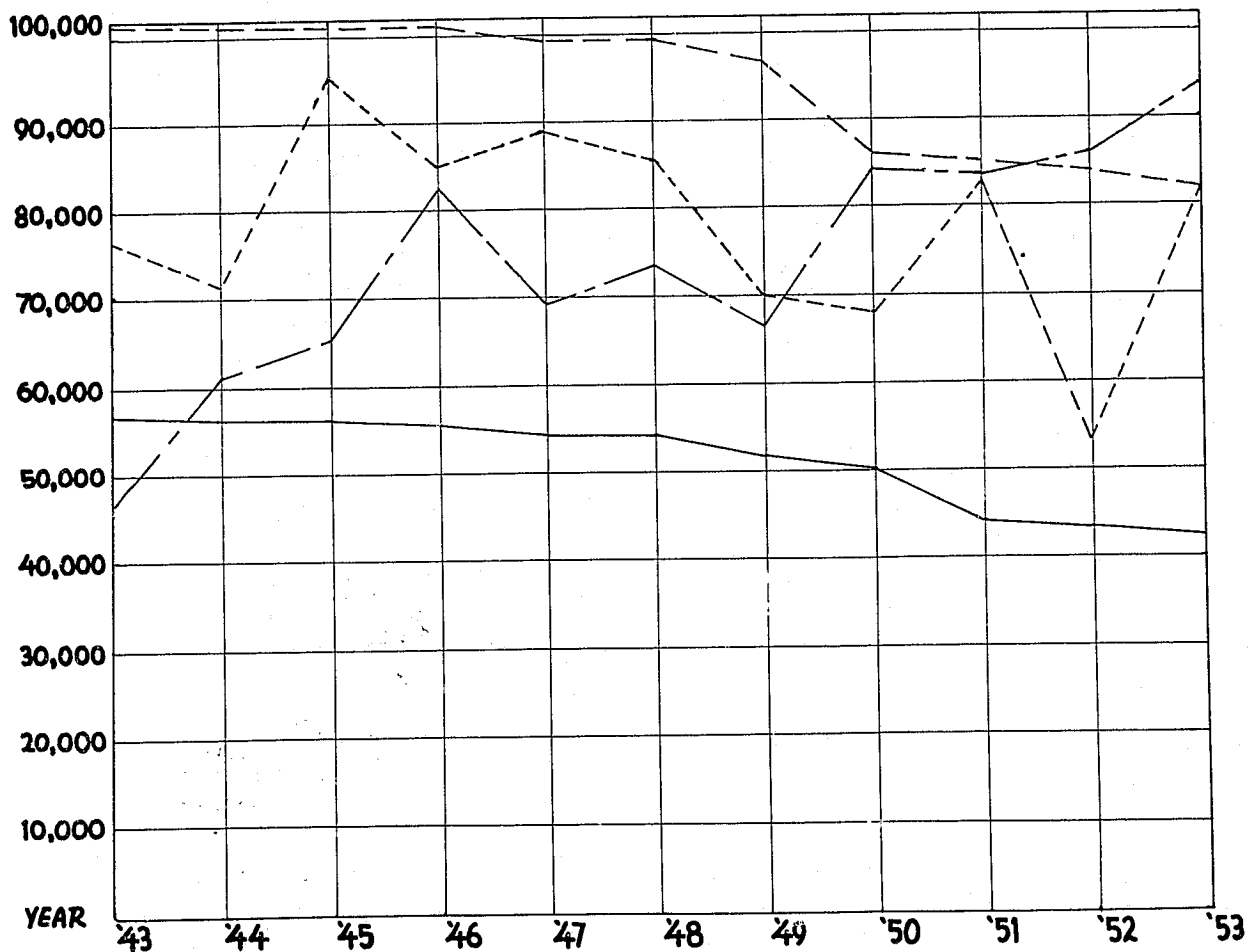
SUMMARY

Fruits & Nuts	\$46,145,673.
Vegetables	9,707,947.
Animal Industries	
Livestock	20,365,713.
Poultry & Rabbits	9,646,321.
Field Crops & Bees	1,980,630.
U. S. Government Payments	313,688.
Nursery Stock, Cut Flowers & Seed	5,998,845.
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TOTAL	\$94,158,817.

YEAR	TOTAL BEARING ACREAGE		PRUNE PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE	
	Fruits & Nuts	Prunes	Dried Tons	Fruits & Nuts	Agricultural Products
1943	101,696	56,546	76,600	\$25,988,766.	\$46,334,508.
1944	101,039	56,115	71,400	37,092,685.	61,061,172.
1945	100,770	56,115	95,000	39,870,475.	65,255,971.
1946	101,030	55,665	85,000	50,686,450.	82,664,453.
1947	99,203	54,414	89,000	31,361,198.	69,336,459.
1948	99,198	54,170	85,450	33,684,737.	73,579,805.
1949	96,971	51,590	70,000	26,933,350.	66,413,561.
1950	86,015	50,012	68,000	42,328,015.	84,138,813.
1951	85,062	44,255	82,900	40,004,504.	83,478,151.
1952	83,957	43,385	53,000	37,767,367.	86,028,863.
1953	82,174	42,262	82,000	46,145,673.	94,158,817.

GRAPHS 1943 - 1953

- Graph #1 — — — Total Bearing Acreage in Fruits & Nuts
- Graph #2 ————— Bearing Acreage in Prunes
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COUNTY WATER DEVELOPMENT

Data furnished by: Mr. J. Robert Roll, Engineer
Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District

STORAGE RESERVOIRS:

	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAX. CAPACITY</u>	<u>AREA OF WATER SHEED</u>
Leroy Anderson Reservoir	1,450 acres	75,000 ac. ft.	195 sq. mi.
Coyote Reservoir	688 acres	24,560 ac. ft.	120 sq. mi.
Lexington Reservoir	450 acres	25,000 ac. ft.	38 sq. mi.
Calero Reservoir	329 acres	9,200 ac. ft.	7.08 sq. mi.
Stevens Creek Reservoir	95 acres	4,000 ac. ft.	16.86 sq. mi.
Guadalupe Reservoir	75 acres	3,500 ac. ft.	6.28 sq. mi.
Almaden Reservoir	62 acres	2,000 ac. ft.	11.88 sq. mi.
	<u>3,149 acres</u>	<u>143,260 ac. ft.</u>	<u>395.14 sq. mi.</u>

PERCOLATION RESERVOIRS:

Alamitos Percolation Pond	17 acres
Coyote Percolation Reservoir	32 acres
Vasona Percolation Reservoir	59 acres
Penitencia Percolation Ponds	4.1 acres
Page Ditch Percolation Ponds	3 acres

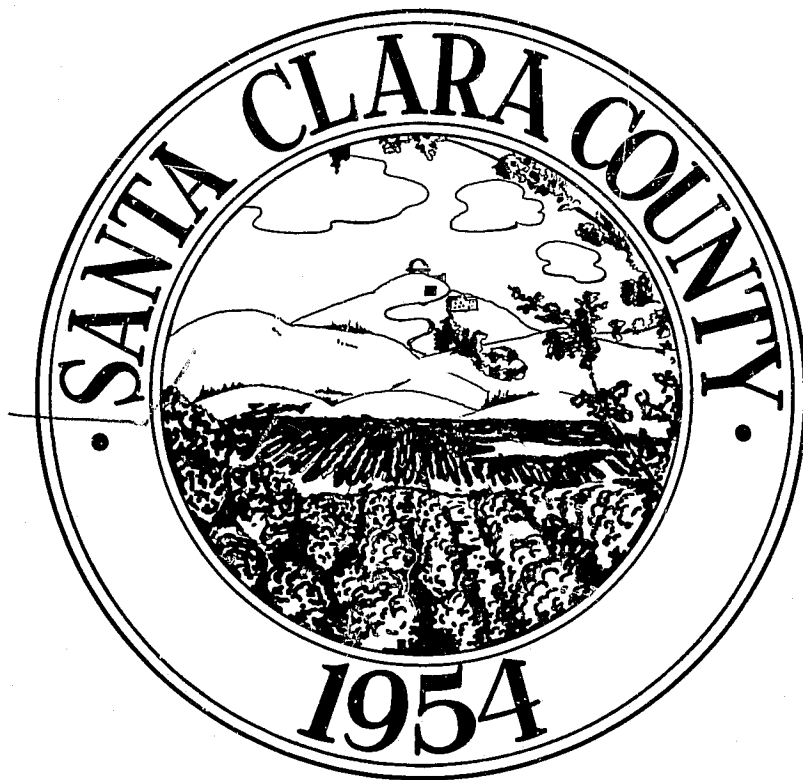
CANALS:

	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>MAX. CAPACITY</u>
Coyote Canal	8 miles	100 cu. ft. per sec.
Coyote Canal Extension	5½ miles	60/10 cu. ft. per sec.
Coyote Alamitos Canal	9 miles	50 cu. ft. per sec.
Evergreen Canal (under construction)	10 miles	10 cu. ft. per sec.
Almaden Calero Canal	4½ miles	100 cu. ft. per sec.
Vasona Canal	2½ miles	75 cu. ft. per sec.
Vasona Canal Extension (pipeline)	2 miles	15 cu. ft. per sec.
Upper Page Ditch	2 miles	40 cu. ft. per sec.



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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1954

Compiled by
ALBERT M. FOSTER
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

FRANK H. THILL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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STATISTICAL DATA

Information furnished by Mr. Lloyd Weber and Mr. Sal Milan of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, and from the County Controller's office.

Information taken from the 1950 Census:

Number of farms	5,282
Total acres in County	835,000
Crop land harvested	172,508
Acres in hay crops	22,133
Acres in irrigated pasture	6,149
Total pasture including range land and irrigated pasture	317,345
Wood land total	123,066

Development in new industries from 1944 to 1954 incl.:

Total number of new industries - 179	
Capitol investment	\$167,700,000
Number of new jobs created	16,612
Estimated annual payroll	\$ 53,385,920

Compared with 100 leading counties Santa Clara County ranks 20th in nation

1st in Strawberries - Quantity produced
1st in Prunes - Total value and acreage
3rd in Pears - Acreage and yield
6th in Fruits, Berries, Small fruits and Nuts - By dollar value
Cherries - 6th in quantity and 8th in acreage
Vegetables - 8th in dollar value and 13th in acreage
15th in Grapes - Number of vines

Information from Controller's office:

The total assessed valuation of property of the County, including real estate, improvements, personal property and utilities - \$552,184,985.

C O U N T Y O F S A N T A C L A R A

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hall of Justice
San Jose, California
May 10, 1955

Mr. W. C. Jacobsen, Director
State Department of Agriculture

and

Board of Supervisors of
Santa Clara County

Gentlemen:

The following report is hereby submitted, and is in compliance with Section 65.5 of the State Agricultural Code.

The report covers acreage, production, and value of all fruit, nut, vegetable, and seed crops; also, livestock and livestock products, and bees.

The total returns for 1954 are somewhat less than in 1953. The difference is largely centered in poultry and livestock returns, and in the very light crop of apricots, which is our second largest fruit crop.

The figures were compiled from reports received from persons familiar with the produce concerned. I believe they fairly well reflect the gross value to producers.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to each individual who made this report possible.

Very truly yours,

David T. Rayner
DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS

CROP	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION	NOTES	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	BEARING	NON-B				
Almonds	178	5	36 Tons		\$ 500.00	\$ 18,000.
Apples	161	36	1,288 Tons		70.00	90,160.
Apricots	14,586	288	45,500 Tons	Total		
			25,000 Tons	Canned & Shipped	110.00	2,750,000.
			3,727 Tons	Dried	800.00	2,981,600.
			2,700 Tons	Pits	35.00	94,500.
Avocadoes	2	1	1,000 Lbs.		.30	300.
Cherries	2,754	821	10,010 Tons	Total		
			4,580 Tons	Shipped	680.00	3,114,400.
			4,680 Tons	Canned	340.00	1,591,200.
			750 Tons	Bld.	298.00	223,500.
Citrus	29	0	3,625 Boxes		2.15	7,794.
Figs	2	0	3,030 Flats		2.40	7,272.
Grapes	4,413	125	13,248 Tons		35.00	463,680.
Peaches	289	29	1,445 Tons		55.00	79,475.
Pears	6,277	508	87,379 Tons	Total		
			79,720 Tons	Canned	67.75	5,241,590.
			7,660 Tons	Shipped Fresh	68.50	523,710.
Prickly Pears	60	0	25,000 Flats		1.50	37,500.
Persimmons	6	0	42,000 Lbs.		.11	4,620.
Plums	180	2	208 Tons	Canned	50.00	10,400.
			384 Tons	Shipped	185.00	71,040.
Prunes	41,160	1,640	90,800 Tons		195.00	17,706,000.
Walnuts	8,422	654	3,910 Tons		420.00	1,642,200.
<u>SMALL FRUITS:</u>						
Strawberries	2,249	696	3,352,500 Cts.		2.30	7,710,700.
Raspberries	116		150,800 Cts.		2.80	422,240.
Other Bush Berries			338,000 Lbs.		.13	43,940.
TOTALS	80,884	4,805			\$ 3,920.94	\$ 44,835,821.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1954

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE		TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Asparagus	150	330	Lbs.	49,500	\$.10	\$ 4,950.
Sweet Anise	80	350	Crates	28,000	1.75	49,000.
Beans, Green						
Canned	1,866	7.66	Tons	14,283	125.00	1,785,375.
Market & Frozen	270	6.0	Tons	1,620	167.50	271,350.
Lima, Frozen	3,600	1.1275	Tons	4,059	152.00	616,968.
Broccoli						
Quick-Frozen	2,000	2.0	Tons	4,000	140.00	560,000.
Carrots	206	24.5	Tons	5,047	18.00	90,846.
Cauliflower	700	3.5	Tons	2,450	145.00	355,250.
Celery, Fresh	1,500	800	Crates	12,000,000	1.10	1,320,000.
Sweet Corn	460	270	Crates	124,200	1.70	211,140.
Cucumbers	600	10	Tons	6,000	55.00	330,000.
Dill	10	9	Tons	90	40.00	3,600.
Endive	150	175	Crates	26,250	.75	19,687.
Garlic	760	7,400	Lbs.	5,624,000	.12	674,880.
Lettuce	1,640	240	Crates	393,600	2.75	1,082,400.
Onions, Dry	230	455	100# Bags	104,650	1.75	183,137.
Peas, Spring	280	2,050	Lbs.	574,000	.045	25,830.
Fall	300	155	Tubs	46,500	3.40	158,100.
Peppers, Bell	165	215	Crates	35,475	1.65	58,534.
Wax	37	4	Tons	148	140.00	20,720.
Hot	6	6	Tons	36	165.00	5,940.
Spinach	256	5.25	Tons	1,344	23.50	31,584.
Tomatoes	1,070	18	Tons	19,260	20.85	401,571.
Commercial Truck Gardens	2,400		per acre		600.00	1,440,000.
Mushrooms	110,000 sq. ft.		Beds	100,000#	.50	50,000.
TOTALS	18,736					9,750,862.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1954

LIVESTOCK

Milk Cows (20,000)					
Market Milk, grade A	Butterfat-	5,520,000 lbs.	@ \$ 1.28	\$	7,065,600.
Mfg. Milk, grade B	"	294,000 lbs.	@ .84		246,960.
Steers	25,000 head		@ 180.00		4,500,000.
Cows	19,600 head		@ 142.00		2,783,200.
Calves	15,600 head		@ 45.00		702,000.
Heifers	7,500 head		@ 150.00		1,125,000.
Hogs and Feeders	4,500 head - 990,000 lbs.		@ .24		237,600.
Horses, Race					37,600.
Saddle					10,000.
Lambs	1,350 head - 121,500 lbs. (Note: There are 162 boys and girls who are members of the 4H Club owning one or more lambs)		@ .20		24,300.
Wool	13,500 lbs.		@ .50		6,750.
Manure	300,000 yds.		@ 2.00		600,000.
				Sub Total	\$ 17,339,010.

POULTRY AND RABBIT

Laying Hens	650,000	305,000 cases eggs	@ \$13.25	\$	4,041,250.
Heavy Fryers	1,330,000	4,987,500 lbs.	@ .26		1,296,750.
Broilers	383,000	861,750 lbs.	@ .255		219,746.
Fowl, Cull Hens					
Leghorns	325,000	1,056,250 lbs.	@ .15		158,437.
Heavy Breeds	40,000	160,000 lbs.	@ .23		36,800.
Turkeys	19,800	396,000 lbs.	@ .27		106,920.
Baby Chicks	5,793,000		@ .18		1,042,740.
Squabs	32,000	32,000 lbs.	@ 1.00		32,000.
Rabbits	35,000	157,500 lbs.	@ .235		37,013.
				Sub Total	\$ 6,971,656.

TOTAL \$ 24,310,666.

FIELD CROPS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND BEES

<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS</u>
Alfalfa	500	3,000 Tons	\$24.00	\$ 72,000.
Volunteer Hay	6,750	6,750 Tons	20.00	135,000.
Grain Hay	7,020	10,530 Tons	21.00	221,130.
Permanent Pasture	(Fed to Producers' Livestock)			
Barley	4,600	89,260 Sacks	2.40	214,224.
Wheat	600	9,000 Sacks	3.60	32,400.
Oats	400	7,040 Sacks	3.70	26,048.
Sugar Beets	4,545	86,175 Tons	10.90	939,307.
SUB TOTAL				\$1,640,109.
<u>U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS</u>				
Sugar Beets				\$ 201,907.
A.G.P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)				67,672.
SUB TOTAL				\$ 269,579.
<u>BEES</u>				
Rental Bees	5,000 Colonies for Rental Purposes			\$ 11,250.
TOTAL				\$1,920,938.

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS, AND SEED

NURSERY STOCK

Licensed Nurseries - 300
Gross Sales (Stocks Grown in this County) \$ 4,500,000.

CUT FLOWERS: Wholesale Growers

Chrysanthemums	Acreage	Unit Value	
Approximately 40 Growers	100	\$ 13,000.00	1,300,000.

Asters			
Approximately 20 Growers	78	8,000.00	624,000.

Note: Chrysanthemum and aster growers use "rooms" as a unit of measurement, which requires 1000 square feet. They also use 40 rooms to denote the equal of one acre.

Carnations			
Approximately 10 growers. Net square feet under glass, 638,680, valued at 0.955 per sq. ft.			609,939.

Roses, Iris, Gladiolus, and greens			366,061.
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SUB TOTAL	\$ 7,100,000.
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SEED CROPS

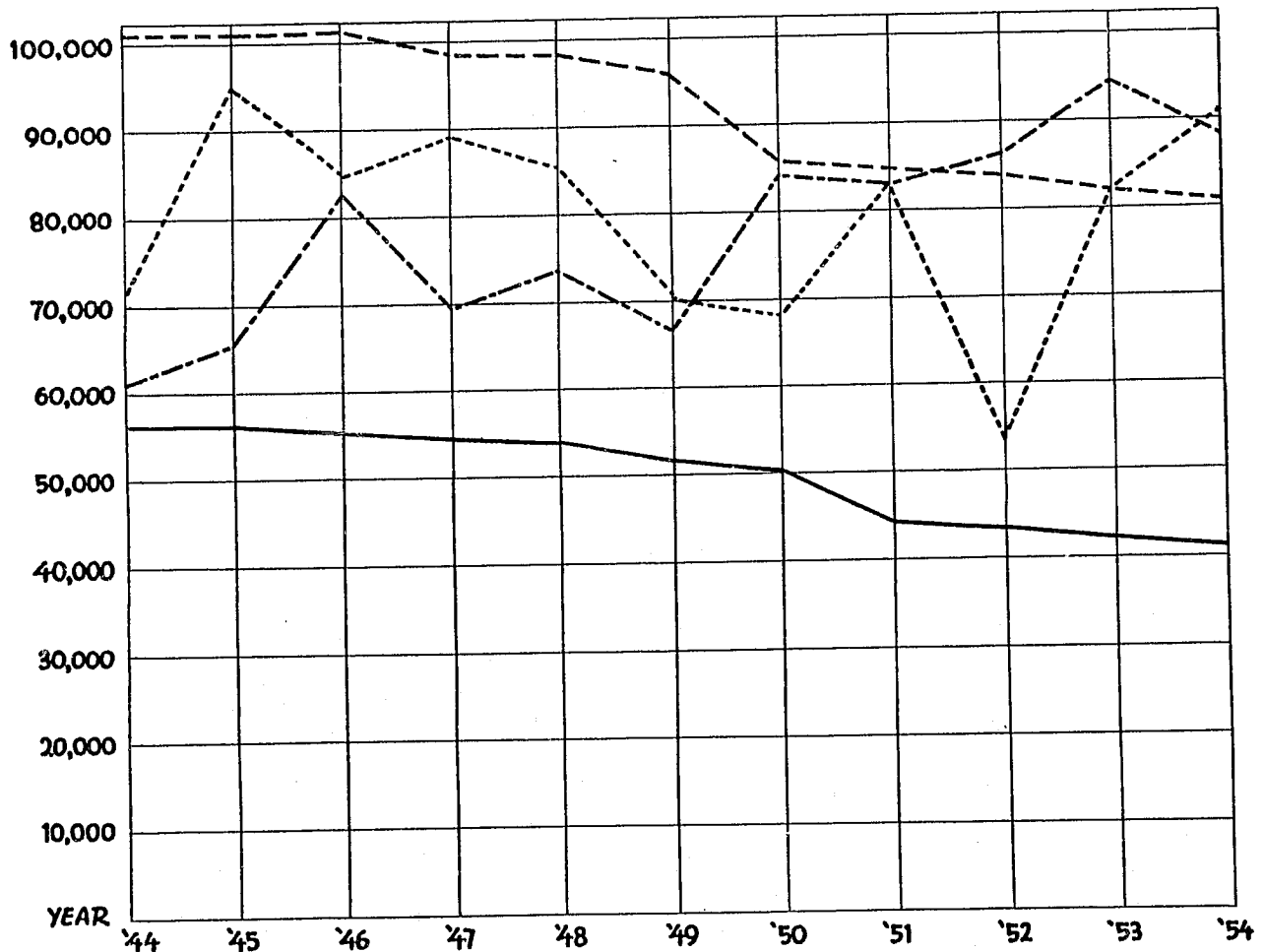
Number of seed stocks grown - 14. 750 acres under cultivation, yielding 830,468 pounds valued at .186 per lb.	154,467.
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,554,467.
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GRAPHS 1944 - 1954

- Graph #1 --- Total Bearing Acreage in Fruits and Nuts
- Graph #2 - - - - - Bearing Acreage in Prunes
- Graph #3 - - - - - Prunes Produced - Dried Tons
- Graph #4 - - - - - Gross Value all Agricultural Crops in Millions of Dollars



SANTA CLARA COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION

Data furnished by: Mr. J. Robert Roll, Engineer
Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District

NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY

STORAGE RESERVOIRS - 7

	Year Completed	Area	Maximum Capacity	Area of Watershed
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CANALS AND PIPELINES - 10

	Length	Maximum Capacity
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Coyote Canal Extension	5½ Miles	60/10 Cubic Feet per Second
Coyote Alamitos Canal	9 Miles	50 Cubic Feet per Second
Evergreen Canal	10 Miles	10 Cubic Feet per Second
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Vasona Canal Extension (pipeline)	2 Miles	15 Cubic Feet per Second
Upper Page Ditch	2 Miles	40 Cubic Feet per Second
Lower Page Ditch and Pipeline	2 Miles	10 Cubic Feet per Second
Main Ave. Percolation Pond Pipeline	1 Mile	25 Cubic Feet per Second

SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY

Elmer J. Chesbro Reservoir

Proposed Uvas Reservoir on Uvas Creek

Total estimated capacity of the reservoirs
when completed is approximately 17,500 Ac. Ft.

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Information furnished by Harry Mitchell, Director of P.M.A. office:

Private Installations

Stock Water Reservoirs - 329	Capacity, 1272 Ac. Ft.
Irrigation Reservoirs - 65	Capacity, 1102 Ac. Ft.

SUMMARY

Fruits and Nuts \$ 44,835,821

Vegetables 9,750,862

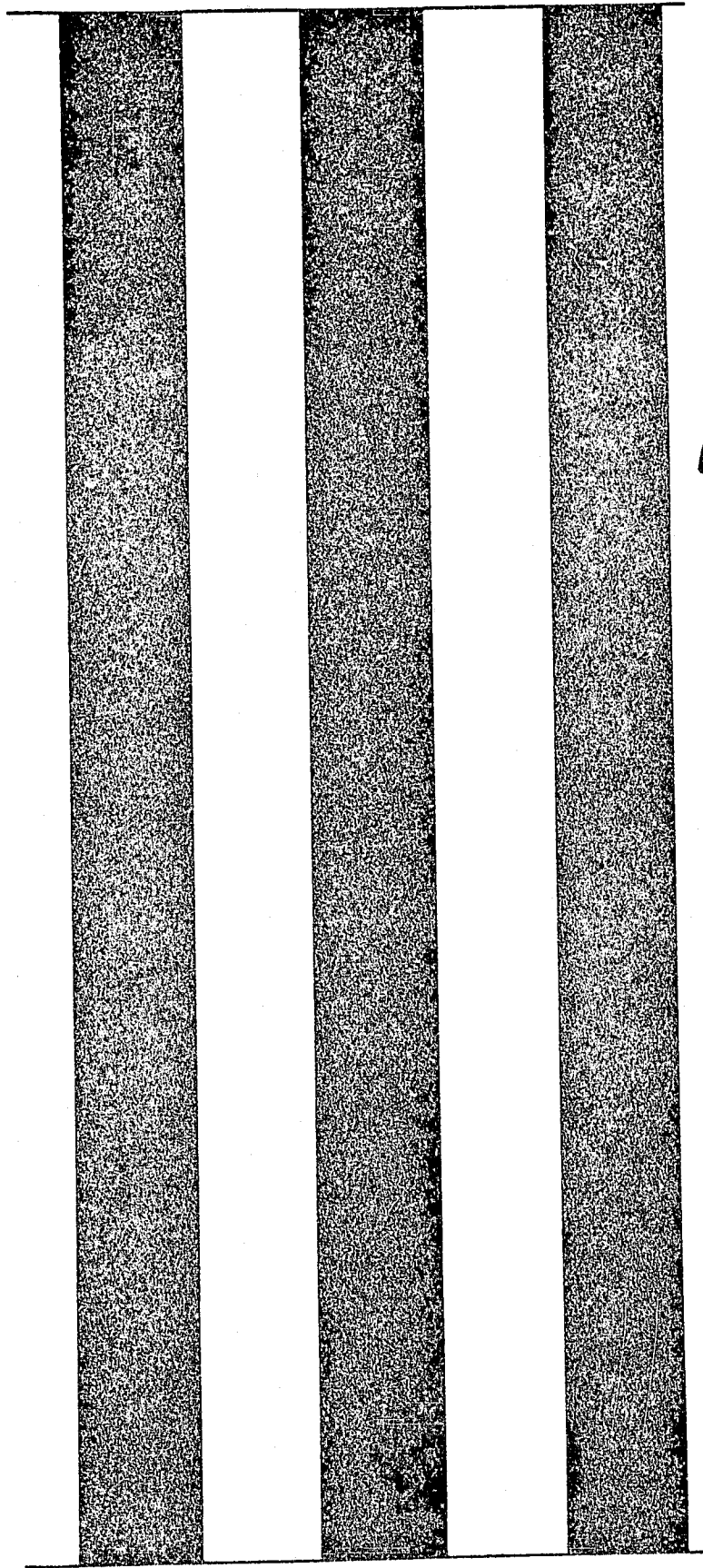
Animal Industries
Livestock 17,339,010
Poultry and Rabbits 6,971,656

Field Crops and Bees 1,651,359

U.S. Government Payments 269,579

Nursery Stock, Cut Flowers and Seed 7,554,467

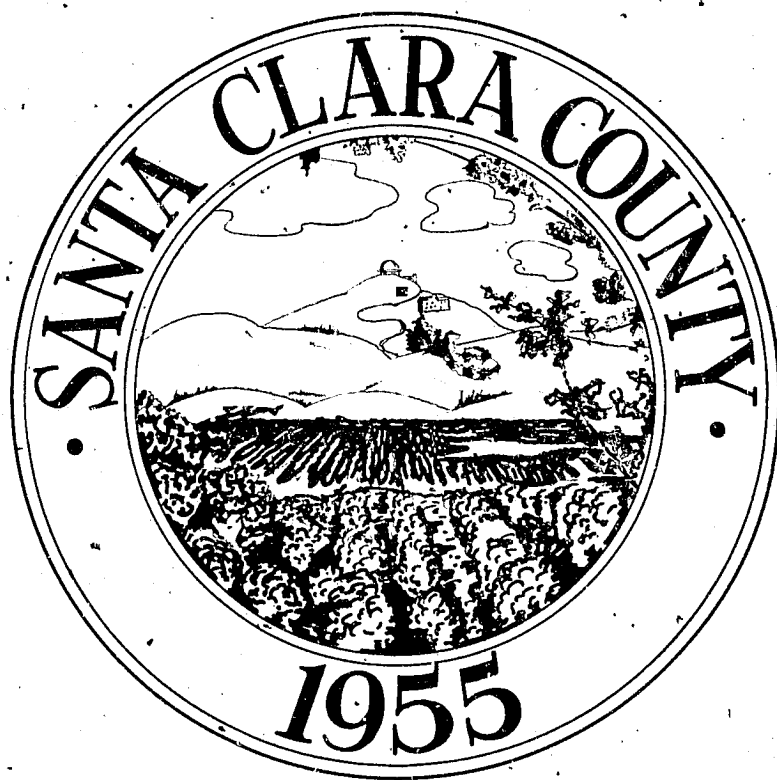
TOTAL \$ 88,372,754



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Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
T. J. Moniz

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S U M M A R Y

Fruits and Nuts	\$ 54,855,280.
Vegetables	9,790,014.
Animal Industries	
Livestock Products	17,143,695.
Poultry and Rabbits	8,684,503.
Field Crops and U.S. Government Payments	2,332,508.
Nursery Stock, Cut Flowers, and Seed	8,111,102.
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TOTAL	\$100,917,102.
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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DAVID T. RAYNER

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND
STATE PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICER

HALL OF JUSTICE

SAN JOSE 13, CALIFORNIA

PHONE CYPRESS 5-1050

April 18, 1956

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

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code, I am submitting the annual crop report for the calendar year 1955.

This report covers acreage, production, and values of fruits, nuts, truck crops, field crops, animal industry, nursery, and miscellaneous crops.

The total agricultural income for 1955 is the highest in history for Santa Clara County, principally due to larger crops and increased prices for many of the commodities. The value shown in this report is predicated on the price paid the producer for roadside delivery, or first point of delivery. The figures do not represent the net income to the producer, but do represent the gross valuation.

I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to the many individuals, companies, and organizations for their cooperation and assistance in submitting data to make this report possible.

Very truly yours,

David T. Rayner

DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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FRUITS AND NUTS - 1955

CROP	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
	BEARING	NON-B		VALUE	
Almonds	78	4	15 Tons	\$700.00	\$ 10,500.
Apples	134	43	930 Tons-Canned and Shipped	65.00	60,450.
Apricots	13,347	770	90,600 Tons Total		
			49,000 Tons Canned	90.00	4,410,000.
			1,100 Tons Shipped	130.00	143,000.
			5,500 "Dried(30,250 Tons Green)	660.00	3,630,000.
			10,250 Tons By-Prod. and Frozen	70.00	717,000.
			5,000 Tons Pits	40.00	200,000.
Avocadoes	2	2	375 Flats	3.00	1,125.
Cherries	3,008	1,490	15,210 Tons Total		
			7,250 Tons Canned	280.00	2,030,000.
			7,080 Tons Shipped	500.00	3,540,000.
			880 Tons Barreled	210.00	184,800.
Citrus	34	0	8,300 Boxes	2.75	22,825.
Figs	2	0	3,000 Flats	2.35	7,050.
Grapes	4,858	162	15,786 Tons	42.00	663,012.
Peaches	249	33	1,245 Tons	65.00	80,925.
Pears	6,622	681	77,820 Tons Total		
			70,520 Tons Canned	67.00	4,724,840.
			7,300 Tons Shipped	60.00	438,000.
Prickly Pears	60	0	28,500 Flats	1.55	44,175.
Persimmons	6	0	2,000 Lbs. (Crop Failure)	.12	240.
Plums	126	18	543 Tons Total		
			175 Tons Canned	60.00	10,500.
			368 Tons Shipped	240.00	88,320.
Prunes	38,308	2,661	68,500 Tons Dry	260.00	17,810,000.
Walnuts	8,512	1,990	3,875 Tons	580.00	2,247,500.
Strawberries	2,297	710	1,010,680 Crates Shipped	2.68	2,708,622.
			60,640,800 Lbs. Frozen	.17	10,308,936.
Raspberries	145		217,500 Crates, Frozen and Shipped	3.00	652,500.
Other Bush Berries	48		57,600 Crates, Frozen and Shipped	2.10	120,960.
TOTALS	77,826	8,564			\$54,855,280.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1955

CROP	NO. ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Asparagus	180	25 Crates	4,500	\$ 4.00	\$ 18,000.
Sweet Anise	129	325 Crates	41,925	1.85	77,561.
Beans, Green					
Canned	750	8 Tons	6,000	120.00	720,000.
Mkt. & Frozen	600	8 Tons	4,800	120.00	576,000.
Lima, Frozen	3460	1.5 Tons	5,190	160.00	830,400.
Beets, Canned	57	10 Tons	570	25.00	14,250.
Broccoli					
Quick Frozen	2740	2 Tons	5,480	140.00	767,200.
Cabbage	200	350 Crates	70,000	1.50	105,000.
Carrots	69	37 Crates	2,553	20.00	51,060.
Cauliflower	1195	3.25 Crates	3,884	135.00	524,340.
Celery, Fresh	1245	900 Crates	1,120,500	1.10	1,232,550.
Sweet Corn	356	265 Crates	94,340	1.05	99,057.
Cucumbers	638	10 Tons	6,380	54.00	344,520.
Dill	7	10 Tons	70	40.00	2,800.
Endive	80	285 Crates	22,800	1.35	30,780.
Garlic	1120	7,800 Lbs.	8,736,000	.10	873,600.
Lettuce	2178	240 Crates	522,720	1.75	914,760.
Onions, Dry	310	1,000 - 50# Bags	310,000	1.25	387,500.
Peas	365	1 Ton	365	80.00	29,200.
Peppers, Bell	112	600 Crates	67,200	2.00	134,400.
Wax	32	7 Tons	224	147.00	32,928.
Hot	14	7 Tons	98	168.00	16,464.
Spinach	731	7 Tons	5,117	22.50	115,132.
Tomatoes	3340	21 Tons	70,140	22.50	1,578,150.
Commercial Truck Crops	2400		Value per Acre	1,000.00	240,000.
Mushrooms	83000 Sq. Ft. Beds		165,250 Lbs.	.45	74,362.
TOTALS	22,310				\$9,790,014.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES - 1955

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS				
Milk Cows (21,000)				
Grade A - Market Milk - Butterfat	6,120,000 lbs.	@ \$ 1.22		\$ 7,466,400.
Grade B - Mfg. Milk	288,000 lbs.	@ .84		241,920.
Steers	23,500 Head	@ 180.00		4,230,000.
Cows	20,000 Head	@ 125.00		2,500,000.
Calves	16,000 Head	@ 64.00		1,024,000.
Heifers	8,000 Head	@ 98.00		784,000.
Hogs	4,300 Head - 967,500 lbs.	@ .25		241,875.
Lambs	2,000 Head - 2000,000 lbs.	@ .18		36,000.
Wool	14,000 lbs.	@ .50		7,000.
Manure	350,000 yards	@ 1.75		612,500.
		Sub Total		\$17,143,695.
POULTRY AND RABBITS				
Laying Hens	781,700	441,479 cases eggs	@ \$ 12.89	\$ 5,690,664.
Heavy Fryers	1,402,250	4,907,875 lbs.	@ .26	1,276,047.
Broilers	407,000	1,017,500 lbs.	@ .26	264,550.
Cull Hens				
Leghorns	353,650	1,414,600 lbs.	@ .15	212,190.
Heavy Breeds	50,000	250,000 lbs.	@ .24	60,000.
Turkeys	11,000	220,000 lbs.	@ .35	77,000.
Baby Chicks	5,850,900		@ .175	1,023,907.
Squabs	36,500	36,500 lbs.	@ 1.03	37,595.
Rabbits	34,800	170,200 lbs.	@ .25	42,550.
		Sub Total		\$ 8,684,503.
		TOTAL		\$25,828,198.

FIELD CROPS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS - 1955

FIELD CROPS	ACRES	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE TO PRODUCERS
Alfalfa	1,930	11,580 Tons	\$ 28.00	\$ 324,240.
Grain Hay	10,360	12,950 Tons	23.00	297,850.
Permanent Pasture	5,800	Value Per Acre	125.00	725,000.
Barley	2,550	2,290 Tons	2.20 Cwt.	100,760.
Wheat	75	45 Tons	3.50 Cwt.	3,150.
Oats	130	135 Tons	2.75 Cwt.	7,425.
Sugar Beets	3,350	65,325 Tons	10.50	685,912.
			Sub Total	\$2,144,337.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

Sugar Beets (Sugar Act Payment)	\$ 150,126.
A. C. P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)	38,045.

Sub Total	\$ 188,171.
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,332,508.

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS, AND SEED - 1955

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Licensed Nurseries - 284
Gross Income (Stock Grown in this County) \$ 4,650,000.

CUT FLOWERS

Asters

Approximately 26 Growers
112 Acres @ \$4,500. per acre 504,000.

Carnations

Approximately 18 Growers
444,350 sq. ft. producing area under glass
@ .96 per sq. ft. 397,776.

589,500 sq. ft. producing area under plexiglass
@ .55 per sq. ft. 324,225.

Chrysanthemums

Approximately 73 Growers
134 acres @ \$12,000. per acre 1,608,000.

Miscellaneous

Roses, Iris, Gladiolus, Snapdragons,
Stephanotus, Ferns, etc. 395,000.

Sub Total \$ 7,879,001.

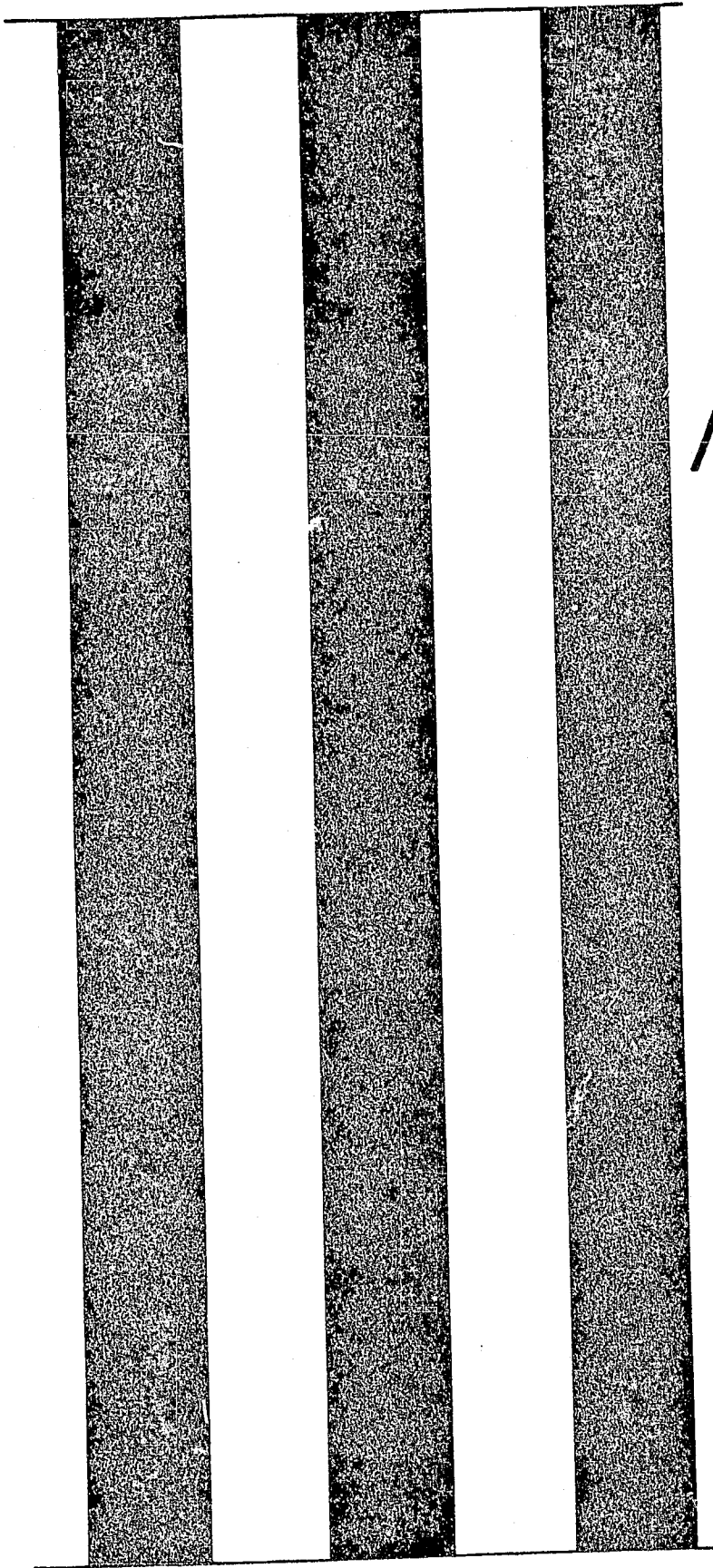
SEED CROPS

Number of vegetable and flower seed stock grown - 21
Acres under cultivation 674
Total pounds produced 627,300
Average value per pound to grower .37 \$ 232,101.

GRAND TOTAL \$ 8,111,102.

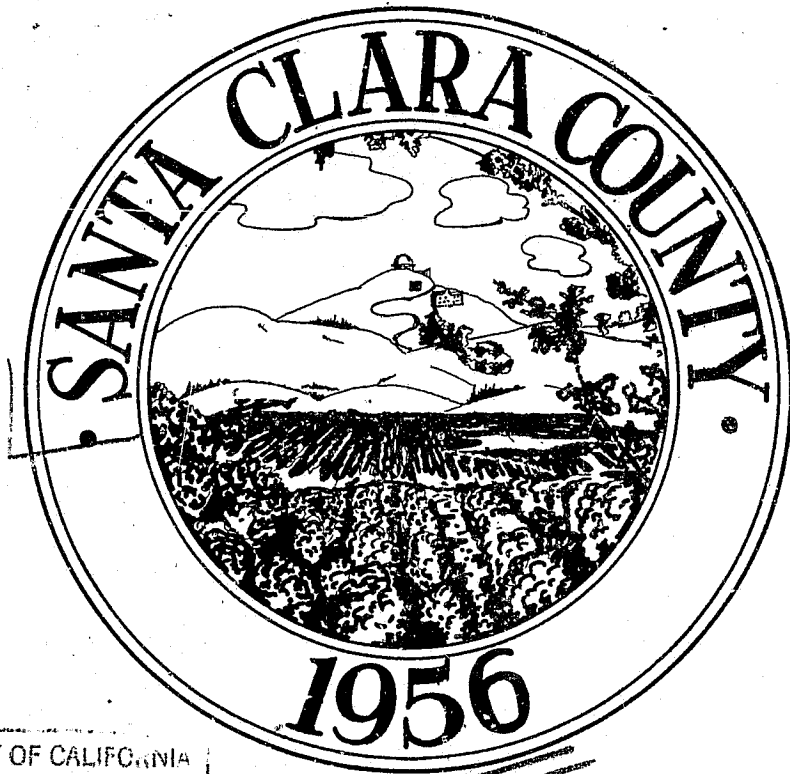
COMPARATIVE FIGURES
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AGRICULTURAL VALUES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

YEAR	FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		VEGETABLE CROPS		ANIMAL INDUSTRIES		FIELD CROPS AND BEES		NURSERY STOCKS		TOTALS
1940	\$10,060,783.	\$3,511,575.	4,023,001.	7,928,252.	\$7,041,850.	\$423,200.	\$510,000.	562,500.	27,249,098.	21,547,408.	
1941	13,755,910.	4,023,001.	7,928,252.	8,957,922.	979,435.	2,020,354.	660,000.	738,000.	38,861,984.		
1942	20,802,645.	6,421,063.	8,957,922.	11,323,005.	1,942,986.	2,049,270.	1,000,000.	1,075,000.	46,334,508.		
1943	25,988,776.	6,341,741.	12,909,953.	14,947,712.	2,574,203.	2,490,886.	1,423,034.	1,500,592.	61,061,172.		
1944	37,092,685.	8,009,264.	14,947,712.	18,891,315.	2,574,203.	2,490,886.	1,423,034.	1,500,592.	65,255,971.		
1945	39,870,475.	6,788,581.	18,891,315.	24,409,614.	2,490,886.	2,490,886.	1,423,034.	1,500,592.	82,664,453.		
1946	50,686,450.	9,172,768.	24,409,614.	26,958,422.	1,276,797.	1,874,671.	1,527,700.	3,338,867.	69,336,459.		
1947	31,361,198.	10,788,258.	26,958,422.	25,119,084.	1,396,661.	1,874,671.	1,527,700.	3,338,867.	73,579,805.		
1948	33,684,737.	9,534,275.	27,885,899.	28,650,066.	1,190,124.	1,396,661.	3,338,867.	3,883,165.	66,413,561.		
1949	26,933,350.	9,625,597.	28,650,066.	31,208,224.	1,213,009.	1,396,661.	3,338,867.	3,883,165.	84,138,813.		
1950	42,328,015.	8,851,610.	31,208,224.	30,012,034.	2,376,861.	2,376,861.	5,089,395.	5,089,395.	83,478,151.		
1951	40,004,504.	10,162,437.	30,012,034.	24,310,666.	2,294,318.	1,920,938.	7,554,467.	7,554,467.	86,028,863.		
1952	35,767,367.	11,587,016.	24,310,666.	25,828,198.	2,332,508.	2,332,508.	8,111,102.	8,111,102.	94,158,817.		
1953	46,145,673.	9,707,947.	25,828,198.						88,372,754.		
1954	44,835,821.	9,750,862.							100,917,102.		
1955	54,855,280.	9,790,014.									



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

227 NORTH FIRST STREET
SAN JOSE 13, CALIFORNIA

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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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	793 498 295	Total Tons T. Canned T. Shipped	62.50 115.00*	31,125. 33,925.
Apricots	13,120	735	61,115 34,640 650 20,625 5,200 3,078	Total Tons T. Canned T. Shipped T. (Dried-3750) T. By-Products and Frozen 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 6,520 8,500 1,010 1,400	Total Tons T. Canned T. Shipped T. Barreled 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 60,690 8,230 3,880	Total Tons T. Canned T. Shipped T. By-Products	73.00 70.00+ 52.00	4,430,375. 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 VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Persimmons	6	0	30,000	Pounds	\$.12	\$ 3,600.
Plums	117	12	415	Total Tons	50.00	3,750.
			75	T. Canned	175.00*	59,500.
			340	T. Shipped		
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.
Walnuts	8,309	1,115	4,750	Tons	460.00	2,185,000.
Strawberries	2,587	930	1,852,200	Crates Shipped	2.35*	4,352,670.
			80,000	Crates	2.75+	220,000.
			61,683,300	Pounds Processed	.145	8,944,078.
Raspberries	89	55	80,700	Crates Shipped	3.35*	270,345.
			5,800	Crates	3.50+	20,300.
			265,000	Pounds Processed	.22	58,300.
Blackberries	20	1	3,500	Crates	2.40**	8,400.
			210,000	Pounds Processed	.14	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.	
Limas	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								159,250.
Leghorns	325,000	" " 3.50 "	1,137,500 "	@ .14 "				50,050.
Heavy Breeds	45,500	" " 5. "	227,500 "	@ .22 "				928,000.
Baby Chicks	5,800,000	" "		@ .16 ea.				
Turkeys								128,466.
Toms	18,300	" " 27. "	494,000 "	@ .26 lb.				61,344.
Hens	14,200	" " 16. "	227,200 "	@ .27 "				46,515.
Squabs	44,300	" " 1. "	44,300 "	@ 1.05 ea.				
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.
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Sub Total	\$ 228,317.
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,270,102.

NURSERY STOCK, CUT FLOWERS AND SEED - 1956

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Licensed Nurseries - 322 \$5,315,000.
 Gross Income (Stock Grown in Santa Clara County)

CUT FLOWERS

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

Carnations:
 25 Growers

	<u>Producing Area</u>	
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

	<u>Producing Area</u>	
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 55,000.
 Ferns, Tulips, Camellias, etc.

Sub Total \$8,347,304.

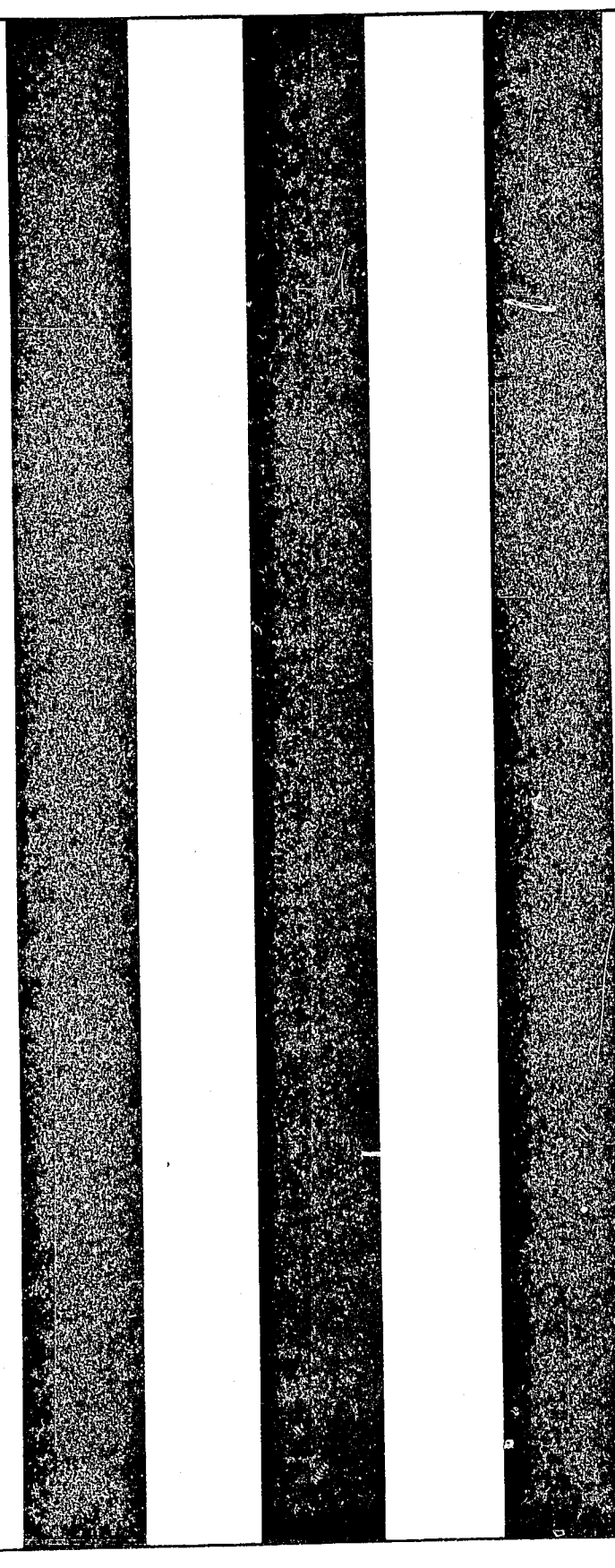
SEED CROPS

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.

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND
STATE PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

227 NORTH FIRST STREET
SAN JOSE 13, CALIFORNIA

April 30, 1958

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

Gentlemen:

Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code requires the Agricultural Commissioner to compile a report on the condition, acreage, production and value of the agricultural products of the county. In accordance with this requirement, I am submitting the 1957 Agricultural Crop Report for Santa Clara County.

The figures shown in this year's report represent the gross receipts to the grower at the point of production. The values received are for the products only, and do not include container costs.

On this basis, the gross return to the producers for the commodities listed in this 1957 report amounts to \$86,579,979, as compared to \$98,268,345 for 1956. The strikingly large decrease in the total value of our 1957 agricultural production was due mainly to lower prices, and in some instances, lower production due to decrease in acreage and considerable crop damage from adverse weather conditions. It reflects, also, the deletion of the cost of containers which was previously included in the value of many crops.

Increased production and better prices accounted for higher values in some crops. Namely, peaches, plums, walnuts, pole beans, cucumbers and cut flowers.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many individuals and organizations who so willingly contributed the information which made the compilation of this report possible.

Very truly yours,

David T. Rayner
DAVID T. RAYNER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

Of The

County of Santa Clara

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1957

DAVID T. RAYNER
Agricultural Commissioner

Compiled by
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
T. J. Moniz

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C R O P S U M M A R Y

APRICOTS: The apricot tonnage was slightly higher on a slightly lower bearing acreage, with total crop value down \$2,330,660 from the previous year. This is due to considerably lower prices.

There was a small increase in dried tonnage because of the low fresh fruit prices.

CHERRIES: Cherries realized an increase in bearing acreage, but production was much lower than in 1956. The lower tonnage coupled with a lower shipping return caused considerable reduction in grower returns. Total crop value dropped from \$5,809,900 to \$3,759,200; however, the exclusion of container costs this year accounts for approximately \$216,000 of this difference. Unseasonal heavy late spring rains caused severe damage to ripening fruit and were responsible for the reduced production. The Bing variety, which is the main shipping cherry, was most affected. Overall quality reduction, particularly breakdown of fruit in transit was also caused by the rains, and was a strong contributing factor for reduced shipping unit prices.

PEARS: Pear production was greater, accompanied with a slight increase in bearing acreage. Total crop value shows a decrease of \$645,105 from 1956. This is due, primarily, to considerable reduction of prices paid by processors. Shipping returns were also a little lower than in 1956. There was some crop loss, principally to the Hardy variety, because of processors' reluctance to pack this variety.

PRUNES: The decrease in prune acreage due to displacement by urban development continues to lead all other fruit crops. This is partially responsible for the decreased production this year. Prices show little advance over the previous year and failed to compensate for the lower tonnage

produced. Consequently, the lower total crop value this year. The slightly lower production of small size prunes and the fact that a considerable tonnage of small fruit was unharvested, also contributed to the decrease in crop value.

WALNUTS: Walnuts show a bearing acreage and production decrease. However, higher prices paid by processors brought the total crop value above that of 1956. Blight incidence increased considerably, and some orchards were severely affected, further explaining the lower production.

STRAWBERRIES: A heavy packed carryover caused a low opening price of eight cents per pound to be offered by the processors. Unseasonal late spring rains eliminated a good portion of the early crop to ease the situation somewhat with processing prices advancing slightly. The lower processor's prices paid this year caused a much greater volume of the crop to be shipped to fresh markets serving to lower average returns from this outlet. This year container costs were not included in the unit value of strawberries shipped, and this accounts for an additional decrease in total value amounting to \$1,101,540. This should also be taken into account when noting the variance in total returns from 1956 which were \$13,516,748, compared to \$8,356,980 for 1957.

VEGETABLES: Total vegetable acreage decreased about 4,900 acres from the previous year. The total crop valuation dropped approximately \$1,723,000 from the \$12,252,000 total in 1956. This was due mainly to a combination of slightly lower yields and low prices received for most of the crops. Total valuation of all vegetable crops was \$10,528,162.

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: We believe the estimated figures shown in this report, which were obtained from several sources are about the best available. A slight increase in valuation of \$31,180 over the previous year was due to higher prices received for most of the cattle, even

though there was a decrease in the number of animals sold in 1957, compared to those sold in 1956.

POULTRY AND RABBITS: Even though there was an increase of producing hens, which in turn increased the egg production and a substantial increase in production and sale of all meat birds, the total revenue of \$7,111,748 was \$15,692 lower than in 1956. This was due mainly to much lower prices received by the producer.

FIELD CROPS: There was an increase in field crop acreage of 2,970 acres over 1956, due primarily to the increased planting of sugar beets, grain, and hay. The prices paid the producer were about the same as for 1956. The increased value over 1956 was \$306,530 for all field crops.

CUT FLOWERS: The major increase in valuation of a single crop was in chrysanthemum production. An increase of \$1,891,300 over the 1956 value, was due chiefly to considerably higher production, brought about by double cropping in heated plastic and glasshouses. A sizable increase in producing area brought about by the addition of nine new growers to the industry, and realization of a slightly higher price for the product also contributed to the increased valuation. The total revenue for this crop was \$3,308,800.

Asters, carnations, roses and other cut flowers also showed a good gain in revenue. The combined total increased value of these flowers was \$369,504 over that of 1956. This gain in value was due principally to additional production on a larger area by more growers, and by a very small increase in price.

FRUITS AND NUTS - 1957

CROP	ACREAGE BEARING	ACREAGE NON-B	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Almonds	75	18	18	Tons	\$490.	\$ 8,820.	\$ 8,820.
Apples	160	16	390 <u>495</u> 885	Tons Canned+ Tons Shipped* Total Tons	42.50 70.	16,575. <u>34,650.</u>	51,225.
Apricots	12,690	667	32,650 1,200 22,200 3,400 <u>2,900</u> 62,350	Tons Canned Tons Shipped & Local* Tons Dried (3700) Tons By-Products** Tons Pits Total Tons	90. 225. 760. 70. 60.	2,938,500. 270,000. 2,812,000. 238,000. <u>174,000.</u>	6,432,500.
Avocados	2	0	585	Flats	4.	2,340.	2,340.
Cherries	3,130	1,064	5,150 780 5,400 <u>600</u> 11,930	Tons Canned Tons Barreled Tons Shipped* Tons By-Products** Total Tons	280. 240. 370. 220.	1,442,000. 187,200. 1,598,000. <u>132,000.</u>	3,759,200.
Citrus	33	0	8,300	Boxes	4.75	29,425.	39,425.
Figs	2	0	2,900	Flats	2.25	6,525.	6,525.
Grapes	4,709	47	16,500	Tons	50.	825,000.	825,000.
Sub-Totals	20,801	1,812					\$11,125,035.

* Includes tons for juice.

* Includes sold at local stores and roadside stands.

** Includes strained foods, nectar or frozen.

FRUITS AND NUTS - 1957
CONTINUED

CROP	ACREAGE BEARING	NON-B	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Peaches	203	13	1,050	Tons Freestones***	\$ 75.	\$ 78,750.	\$ 128,350.
			800	Tons Cling***	62.	49,600.	
			<u>1,850</u>	Total Tons			
Pears	6,711	483	66,000	Tons Canned**	58.	3,828,000.	4,563,125.
			8,725	Tons Shipped*	65.	567,125.	
			4,200	Tons Baby Food	40.	160,000.	
			<u>78,925</u>	Total Tons			
Persimmons	3	0	20,000	Pounds	.08	1,600.	1,600.
Plums	109	10	30	Tons Canned	52.	1,560.	68,060.
			350	Tons Shipped*	190.	66,500.	
			<u>380</u>	Total Tons			
Prickly Pears	60	0	25,000	Flats	1.55	38,750.	38,750.
Prunes	33,034	2,489	70,150	Tons Dry+	172.	12,065,800.	13,073,300.
			1,800	Tons Dry	310.	558,000.	
			1,450	Tons Dry	310.	449,500.	
			<u>73,300</u>	Total Tons			
Walnuts	8,267	847	4,300	Tons	540.	2,322,000.	2,322,000.
GRAND TOTALS	72,156	5,710					\$31,320,220.

- + Includes tons for juice.
- * Includes sold at local stores and roadside stands.
- ** Includes strained foods, nectar or frozen.
- *** Includes tons canned, shipped, and/or sold at local stores and roadside stands.

STRAWBERRIES AND BUSHBERRIES - 1957

CROP	ACREAGE BEARING	NON-B	PRODUCTION	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Strawberries	3,137	391	29,361,800 3,388,000	Pounds Processed+ Crates Shipped*	\$.10 1.60	\$2,936,180. <u>5,420,800.</u>	\$8,356,980.
Raspberries	95	62	930,000 65,000	Pounds Processed+ Crates Shipped*	.18 2.40	167,400. <u>156,000.</u>	323,400.
Blackberries	20	0	195,000 8,200	Pounds Processed+ Crates Shipped*	.11 1.80	21,450. <u>14,760.</u>	36,210.
Olallieberries	10	0	85,000 5,200	Pounds Processed+ Crates Shipped*	.11 1.85	9,350. <u>9,620.</u>	18,970.
Boysenberries	4	3	3,500	Crates*	2.00	7,000.	7,000.
Loganberries	6	0	4,800	Crates*	2.25	10,800.	10,800.
TOTALS	3,272	456					\$8,753,360.

+ Includes pounds of berries for juice.

* Includes sold at local stores and roadside stands.

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1957

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Anise, Sweet	100	400	Crates	40,000	\$ 1.50	\$ 60,000.	\$ 60,000.
Beans, Snap							
Fresh Market	40	6	Tons	240	140.	33,600.	
Canned	950	8.25	Tons	7,837	124.	971,788.	
Frozen	410	8.25	Tons	3,382	118.	<u>399,076.</u>	1,404,464.
	<u>1,400</u>						
Beans, Lima	3,775	1.25	Tons	4,719	160.	755,042.	755,042.
Broccoli	2,650	2	Tons	5,300	135.	715,500.	715,500.
Carrots	70	30	Tons	2,100	20.	42,000.	42,000.
Cauliflower	980	3	Tons	2,940	130.	382,200.	382,200.
Celery	1,025	900	Crates	922,500	1.	922,500.	922,500.
Corn, Sweet	450	275	Crates	123,750	1.05	129,935.	129,935.
Cucumbers	685	10.5	Tons	7,192	62.	445,904.	445,904.
Dill	7	10	Tons	70	40.	2,800.	2,800.
Endive	80	600	Crab. - (2 Doz.)	48,000	.80	38,400.	38,400.
Garlic	927	8,600	Pounds	7,972,200	.105	837,081.	837,081.
Lettuce							
Head	200	230	Crates (4 Doz.)	46,000	1.60	73,600.	
Head	1,450	460	Crates (2 Doz.)	667,000	.80	533,600.	
Leaf	115	450	Crates (2 Doz.)	51,750	1.	<u>51,750.</u>	658,950.
	<u>1,765</u>						

Sub-Totals 13,914 \$6,394,776

VEGETABLE CROPS - 1957

CONTINUED

CROP	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Onions, Dry	180	850	Bags--50 Lbs.	153,000	\$.75	\$ 114,750.	\$ 114,750.
Peas							
Spring	25	140	Hampers	3,500	1.35	4,725.	
Fall	335	160	Hampers	53,600	1.25	<u>67,000.</u>	71,725.
<u> </u>	<u>360</u>						
Peppers							
Bell	215	1,00	Crates	86,000	1.	86,000.	
Wax	<u>50</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>135.</u>	<u>57,375.</u>	143,375.
<u> </u>	<u>265</u>						97,796.
Spinach	630	6.75	Tons	4,252	23.	97,796.	
Tomatoes							
Cannery	2,850	20.	Tons	57,000	22.50	1,282,500.	
Pole	<u>150</u>	<u>4250</u>	<u>Lugs</u>	<u>637,000</u>	<u>1.05</u>	<u>669,375.</u>	1,951,875.
<u> </u>	<u>3,000</u>						
Misc. Commercial Truck Crops	2,500		Income per Acre		650.	1,625,000.	1,625,000.
Mushrooms	111,300 Sq. Ft.	1.9 Pounds per Sq. Ft.		268,470	.48		128,865.
GRAND TOTALS	20,849						\$10,528,162.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS - 1957

PRODUCT	PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
MILK (18,000 Cows)				
Grade A - Market - Butterfat	6,100,000 Lbs.	\$ 1.25 Lb.	\$7,625,000.	
Grade B - Manufacturing	235,000 Lbs.	.90 Lb.	<u>211,500.</u>	\$ 7,836,500.
CATTLE				
Cows (Dairy and Beef)	9,800 Head Av. Wt. 1,150 Lbs.	.15 Lb.	1,690,500.	
Steers	20,000 " " 1,000 Lbs.	.20 Lb.	4,000,000.	
Heifers	5,500 " " 900 Lbs.	.18 Lb.	891,000.	
Calves, Weaners	4,000 " " 400 Lbs.	.19 Lb.	304,000.	
Calves, Veal	10,800 " " 175 Lbs.	.19 Lb.	359,100.	
Bulls, Breeding	160 " " "	400.00 Ea.	<u>64,000.</u>	7,244,600.
SWINE				
Lambs	17,500 " " 225 Lbs.	.19 Lb.	748,125.	748,125.
SHEEP				
Lambs	1,900 " " 100 Lbs.	.19 Lb.	36,100.	
Ewes	400 " " "	5.00 Ea.	2,000.	
Wool	19,700 Lbs.	.55 Lb.*	<u>10,835.</u>	48,935.
MANURE (Animal and Poultry)	500,000 Cu. Yds. 1.00 Cu. Yd.		500,000.	500,000.
			TOTAL	\$16,378,160.

* Does not include Wool Incentive Payment.

POULTRY AND RABBITS - 1957

PRODUCT	PRODUCTION			UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Laying Hens	718,000	410,000 Cases	Eggs	\$11.80 Case	\$4,838,000.	\$4,838,000.
Heavy Fryers	1,475,000	Av. Wt. 3.25 Lbs.	4,793,750 Lbs.	.18 Lb.	862,875.	862,875.
Broilers	330,000	" " 1.75 Lbs.	577,500 Lbs.	.21 Lb.	121,275.	121,275.
Gull Hens	358,000	" " 3.50 Lbs.	1,253,000 Lbs.	.12 Lb.	150,260.	
Leghorns	45,500	" " 5.00 Lbs.	227,500 Lbs.	.18 Lb.	40,950.	
Heavy Breeds						191,310.
Baby Chicks	5,900,000			.15 Ea.	885,000.	885,000.
Turkeys						
Toms	20,150	" " 27.00 Lbs.	544,050 Lbs.	.18 Lb.	97,929.	
Hens	16,850	" " 16.00 Lbs.	269,600 Lbs.	.21 Lb.	56,616.	154,545.
Squabs	47,500	" " 1.00 Lb.	47,500 Lbs.	1.00 Ea.	47,500.	47,500.
Rabbits						
Fryers	10,000	" " 4.00 Lbs.	40,000 Lbs.	.25 Lb.	10,000.	
Stewers	350	" " 8.50 Lbs.	2,975 Lbs.	.10 Lb.	298.	
Laboratory Animals	700	" " 5.00 Lbs.	3,500 Lbs.	.27 Lb.	945.	11,243.
TOTAL					\$7,111,748.	

APIARY PRODUCTS - 1957

Pollination Rental	1,500 Hives	@ \$3.50 Ea.	\$ 5,250.
Honey	120,000 Lbs.	@ .12 Lb.	14,400.
TOTAL			\$19,650.

FIELD CROPS - 1957

CROPS	ACRES	AV. YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	GROSS FARM VALUE	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1,700	5 Tons	8,500 Tons	\$ 27.00	\$ 229,500.	
Grain Hay	9,500	1 Ton	9,500 Tons	25.00	237,500.	
Volunteer Hay	2,000	.75 Ton	1,500 Tons	17.50	26,250.	
Permanent Pasture	5,000	Value per Acre		125.00	625,000.	
Barley	2,500	1,800 Lbs.	2,250 Tons	2.05 Cwt.	92,250	
Oats	175	1,600 Lbs.	140 Tons	2.20 Cwt.	6,160.	
Wheat	68	1,800 Lbs.	61 Tons	3.75 Cwt.	4,575.	
Sugar Beets	4,667	23 Tons	107,341 Tons	10.50	1,127,080.	
				TOTAL	\$2,348,315.	

U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS - 1957

Sugar Beets (Sugar Act Payment)	\$176,506.
A. C. P. (Agricultural Conservation Program)	43,430.
Wool Incentive Payment (Estimated for 1957)	3,940.
Soil Bank (Acreage Reserve--22 Acres)	691.
TOTAL	\$224,567.

CUT FLOWERS - 1957

PRODUCT	PRODUCING AREA	UNIT VALUE	GROSS VALUE	TOTAL
Asters 22 Growers	90 Acres	\$3,350.	\$ 301,500.	\$ 301,500.
Carnations 26 Growers	Glasshouses - 576,000 Sq. Ft. Plastic Houses - 688,000 Sq. Ft. Cloth Houses - 258,000 Sq. Ft. <u>1,522,000 Sq. Ft.</u>	.93 per Sq. Ft. .87 per Sq. Ft. .55 per Sq. Ft.	535,680. 598,560. <u>141,900.</u>	1,276,140.
Chrysanthemums 92 Growers	Glasshouses - 180 Rooms Plastic Houses - 1,750 Rooms Cloth Houses - 7,320 Rooms <u>9,250 Rooms</u>	800. per Room 700. per Room 265. per Room	144,000. 1,225,000. <u>1,939,800.</u>	3,308,800.
Roses 3 Growers	Glasshouses - 201,000 Sq. Ft.	1.65 per Sq. Ft.	331,650.	331,650.
Miscellaneous Cut Flowers			75,000.	75,000.
			TOTAL	\$5,293,090.
<u>NURSERY STOCK</u>				
Grown and Sold - 312 Licensed Nurseries			TOTAL	\$4,325,000.
<u>SEED STOCK</u>				
Miscellaneous Agricultural and Vegetable Seed 525 Acres Produced	528,155 Lbs. @ .50 per Pound		264,077.	
Miscellaneous Flower Seed 40 Acres Produced	9,400 Lbs. @ \$1.50 per Pound		<u>13,630.</u>	
			TOTAL	\$ 277,707.

RECAPITULATION

VALUATION

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
FRUITS AND NUTS	\$37,700,782.	\$31,320,220.
STRAWBERRIES AND BUSHBERRIES	13,921,173.	8,753,360.
VEGETABLES	12,252,637.	10,528,162.
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	16,347,977.	16,378,160.
POULTRY AND RABBITS	7,127,445.	7,111,748.
FIELD CROPS	2,041,785.	2,348,315.
U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	228,317.	224,567.
APIARY	None Reported	19,650.
CUT FLOWERS	3,032,304.	5,293,090.
NURSERY STOCK	5,315,000.	4,325,000.
SEEDS	300,925.	277,707.
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TOTALS	\$98,268,345.	\$86,579,979.

TREND OF MAJOR FRUIT CROP ACREAGE SHOWING
EFFECT OF URBANIZATION DURING ELEVEN YEARS

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958*</u>	Addition or Deduction
APRICOTS	19,964	16,511	14,117	13,855	13,357	12,985	- 372
CHERRIES	3,427	3,544	4,498	4,248	4,194	4,153	- 41
GRAPES	6,901	5,626	5,020	4,807	4,756	4,660	- 96
PEARS	6,954	7,160	7,303	7,223	7,194	7,065	- 129
PRUNES	57,056	47,780	40,909	39,341	38,639	37,384	- 1,255
WALNUTS	9,623	9,619	10,502	9,289	9,114	8,836	- 278
STRAWBERRIES	636	1,947	3,007	3,517	3,479	3,250	- 229

NUMBER OF SEPARATE PARCELS

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
	6,178	5,960	5,703	5,495

REASONS FOR PULLING TREES

SUBDIVISION	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
STRAWBERRIES		1,686	1,066	1,452
INDUSTRIAL		415	133	128
MISCELLANEOUS (Schools, Churches, Hospitals, Pasture, Flowers, Commercial, Nurseries)		364	34	12
		1,262	319	585
TOTAL ACREAGE REMOVED		3,727	1,552	2,177
TOTAL ACREAGE OF ALL TREES AND VINES	83,190	79,490	77,939	75,761

* Recently completed acreage survey accounts for 1958 figures.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES INCLUDING ACREAGES FOR
FRUIT, NUT, BERRY, AND VEGETABLE CROPS

OF
AGRICULTURAL VALUES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

YEAR	BEARING ACRES FRUITS, NUTS, BERRIES	FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE ACREAGE	VEGETABLE CROPS	ANIMAL INDUSTRIES	FIELD CROPS U.S. PAYMENTS AND BEES	NURSERY STOCKS CUT FLOWERS AND SEED	TOTALS
1943	101,696	\$25,988,776	20,985	\$6,341,741	\$11,323,005	\$1,942,986	\$ 738,000	\$46,334,508
1944	101,039	37,092,685	24,477	8,009,264	12,909,953	2,049,270	1,000,000	61,061,172
1945	100,770	39,870,475	16,573	6,788,581	14,947,712	2,574,203	1,075,000	65,255,971
1946	101,030	50,696,450	24,278	9,172,768	18,891,315	2,490,886	1,423,034	82,664,453
1947	99,203	31,361,198	25,155	10,788,258	24,409,614	1,276,797	1,500,592	69,336,459
1948	99,198	33,684,737	26,209	9,534,275	26,958,422	1,874,671	1,527,700	73,579,805
1949	96,971	26,933,350	26,707	9,625,597	25,119,084	1,396,661	3,338,867	66,413,561
1950	86,015	42,328,015	26,277	8,851,610	27,885,899	1,190,124	3,883,165	84,138,813
1951	85,062	40,004,504	27,195	10,162,437	28,650,066	1,213,009	3,448,135	83,478,151
1952	83,937	35,767,367	28,237	11,587,016	31,208,224	2,376,861	5,089,395	86,028,863
1953	82,174	46,145,673	22,259	9,707,947	30,012,034	2,294,318	5,998,845	94,158,817
1954	80,884	44,835,821	18,736	9,750,862	24,310,666	1,920,938	7,554,467	88,372,754
1955	77,826	54,855,280	22,310	9,790,014	25,828,198	2,332,508	8,111,102	100,917,102
1956	75,984	51,621,955	25,746	12,252,637	23,475,422	2,270,102	8,648,229	98,268,345
1957	75,428	40,073,580	20,849	10,528,162	23,489,908	2,592,532	9,895,797	86,579,979