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California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

# Santa Clara County

## 1981

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1981

County of Santa Clara

California

February 26, 1982

TO: RICHARD ROMINGER, DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD  
AND AGRICULTURE AND THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA:

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THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

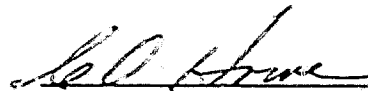
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Submitted herewith is the estimated report of acreage, yield, and value of agricultural production in Santa Clara County for 1981 as required by section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

The report figures represent gross F.O.B. values for products whether sold or used on the farm where grown. They do not represent actual profit to the producer.

The report is based on information accumulated by members of the department with assistance and cooperation from firms and individuals engaged in the production and distribution of agricultural products in this county.

Respectfully submitted



C. O. Howe  
Agricultural Commissioner

COH:jb

SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FRUITS AND NUTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1981	1,086	4.00	4,340	Ton	\$ 600.	\$ 2,604,000.
	1980	1,552	2.50	3,880	Ton	560.	2,173,000.
Peaches	1981	710	1.00	510	Ton	1,050.	540,000.
	1980	734	1.50	1,100	Ton	935.	1,018,000.
Pears	1981	1,423	2.25	3,200	Ton	485.	1,552,000.
	1980	1,716	3.00	5,150	Ton	460.	2,364,000.
Almonds	1981	25	5.00	125	Ton	2,400.	300,000.
	1980	26	2.50	65	Ton	2,350.	153,000.
Walnuts	1981	621	2.00	1,240	Ton	180.	2,232,000.
	1980	452	3.80	1,720	Ton	160.	275,000.
Figs	1981	2,305	2.00	4,610	Ton	520.	2,397,000.
	1980	3,577	1.40	5,010	Ton	655.	3,332,000.
Raspberries	1981	1,717	1.00	1,717	Ton	950.	1,631,000.
	1980	2,051	0.50	1,025	Ton	800.	820,000.
Blackberries	1981	175					170,000.
	1980	250					230,000.
TOTAL	1981	7,261					19,837,000.
	1980	10,251					11,557,000.

BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

ITEM	YEAR	ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Raspberries	1981	10	3.00	30	Ton	\$ 2,000.	\$ 60,000.
	1980	9	3.00	27	Ton	3,330.	89,900.
Strawberries	1981	250	15.00	3,750	Ton	700.	2,625,000.
	1980	290	19.00	5,510	Ton	610.	3,361,000.
TOTALS	1981	260					2,705,000.
	1980	299					3,450,900.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

VEGETABLE CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cauliflower	1981	80	5.00	400	Ton	\$ 360.	\$ 144,000.
	1980	50	4.50	225	Ton	370.	83,200.
Cabbage	1981	100	11.00	1,100	Ton	150.	165,000.
	1980	150	9.00	1,350	Ton	130.	176,000.
Carrot	1981	350	4.50	1,575	Ton	360.	567,000.
	1980	340	4.00	1,360	Ton	420.	571,000.
Green Beans	1981	500	11.00	5,500	Ton	165.	908,000.
	1980	500	16.00	8,000	Ton	140.	1,120,000.
Lettuce	1981	350	5.00	1,750	Ton	240.	420,000.
	1980	340	4.50	1,530	Ton	220.	337,000.
Peas	1981	1,500	13.00	19,500	Ton	180.	3,510,000.
	1980	1,300	13.00	16,900	Ton	150.	2,535,000.
Spinach	1981	250	6.00	1,500	Ton	800.	1,200,000.
	1980	240	6.00	1,440	Ton	525.	1,442,000.
Tomato, Beef	1981	1,200	11.00	13,200	Ton	180.	2,376,000.
	1980	1,610	9.00	14,500	Ton	185.	2,682,000.
Tomato, Leaf	1981	200	3.50	700	Ton	220.	154,000.
	1980	357	4.00	1,428	Ton	230.	329,400.
Mushrooms	1981	100	18.00	1,800	Ton	1,400.	2,520,000.
	1980	71	8.00	568	Ton	1,850.	1,050,800.
Mushrooms, Button	1981	50	3.00	150	Ton	300.	45,000.
	1980	55	5.00	275	Ton	400.	110,000.
Onion	1981	300	14.00	4,200	Ton	210.	882,000.
	1980	310	14.00	4,340	Ton	150.	651,000.
Pepper, Bell	1981	1,200	11.00	13,200	Ton	230.	3,036,000.
	1980	1,500	10.00	15,000	Ton	280.	4,200,000.
Pepper, Wax	1981	250	6.50	1,625	Ton	550.	893,750.
	1980	340	6.50	2,210	Ton	445.	983,050.
Squash	1981	130	6.00	780	Ton	400.	312,000.
	1980	150	5.00	750	Ton	375.	281,250.
Zucchini	1981	50	4.00	200	Ton	300.	60,000.
	1980	70	2.00	140	Ton	245.	34,300.

ANTA CLAPA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

VEGETABLE CROPS - CONTINUED

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
	1971	120	16.0	1,920	Ton	\$ 250.	\$ 480,000.
	1972	180	14.0	2,520	Ton	295.	743,400.
	1973	3,000	28.0	84,000	Ton	50.	4,200,000.
	1974	4,500	29.0	130,500	Ton	48.	6,285,000.
	1975	75	23.0	1,725	Ton	500.	745,000.
	1976	70	23.0	1,610	Ton	375.	791,000.
	1977	1,500					4,500,000.
	1978	1,000					3,225,000.
TOTALS	1971-1978	11,470					37,824,000.
	1980	13,674					42,574,200.

NOT REPORTED SEPARATELY TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA.

SEED CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION TONS	TOTAL
	1971	1,000	1,000	\$ 1,900,000.
	1972	1,000	1,000	1,924,000.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT		TOTAL
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL	
	1971	400	1.50	1,440	Ton	\$ 140.	\$ 201,600.	
	1972	1,000	1.50	1,500	Ton	125.	195,000.	
	1973	200	5.00	1,000	Ton	45.	85,000.	
	1974	200	5.00	1,000	Ton	45.	112,000.	
	1975	3,000	1.00	3,000	Ton	100.	300,000.	
	1976	3,000	1.00	3,000	Ton	100.	300,000.	
	1977	1,000			Acre	10.	100,000.	
	1978	3,000			Acre	35.	105,000.	
	1979	1,000			Acre	200.	200,000.	
	1980	1,000			Acre	200.	200,000.	
	1971	100,000			Acre	10.	1,000,000.	
	1972	100,000			Acre	8.	7,920,000.	
	1973	3,333	35.00	117,250	Ton	35.	3,235,000.	
	1974	1,111	37.00	41,000	Ton	37.	2,427,000.	
	1975	1,110	2.00	2,220	Ton	140.	308,000.	
TOTALS	1971-1978	14,700					8,187,000.	
	1980	13,674					6,793,000.	

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NURSERY PRODUCTS - CUT FLOWERS

	YEAR	HOUSE SQ. FT.	FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
						PER UNIT	TOTAL
Asters	1981		16	3,350,000	Bloom	\$ .12	\$ 402,000.
	1980		16	3,360,000	Bloom	.105	353,000.
Carnations							
Standard	1981	2,935,000		48,000,000	Bloom	.10	4,800,000.
	1980	3,054,000		54,972,000	Bloom	.090	4,947,000.
Mixture	1981	600,000		1,600,000	Bunch	1.45	2,320,000.
	1980	593,000		1,324,000	Bunch	1.50	1,986,000.
Proseantherums	1981						
Standard		4,600,000		24,000,000	Bloom	.20	5,800,000.
Other Types		8,600,000		25,800,000	Bloom	.20	5,160,000.
Bunch		11,000,000		7,000,000	Bunch	.80	5,600,000.
Total		24,200,000					16,560,000.
Proseantherums	1980						
Standard		9,632,000		28,696,000	Bloom	.28	7,513,000.
Other Types		8,601,000		25,800,000	Bloom	.18	4,644,000.
Bunch		12,086,000		7,856,000	Bunch	1.10	8,642,000.
Total		30,319,000					20,799,000.
Miscellaneous	1981						700,000.
	1980						694,000.
TOTALS	1981						24,782,000.
	1980						28,774,000.

1. Includes Agapanthus, Gypsophila, Iris, Roses, Statice, Yarrow, etc.

NURSERY PRODUCTS - NURSERY STOCK

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION AREA HOUSE SQ. FT.	FIELD ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
						PER UNIT	TOTAL
Bedding Plants	1981	699,000	9.0	800,000	Flats	Various	\$ 2,700,000.
	1980	260,000	9.0	665,000	Flats	Various	1,916,000.
Conifers	1981		200.0	16,000	Tree	15.00	240,000.
	1980		224.0	18,800	Tree	15.70	295,000.
Ornamental Trees, Shrubs & Strubs	1981	6,300	190.0	1,280,000	Plant	Various	8,800,000.
	1980	5,750	170.0	1,164,000	Plant	Various	7,810,000.
Miscellaneous	1981	780,000	28.0	1,400,000	Plant	Various	3,180,000.
	1980	869,000	31.0	1,544,000	Plant	Various	3,536,000.
TOTALS	1981						15,766,000.
	1980						13,557,000.

2. Includes Indoor Decoratives, Propagative Materials, Vegetable Plants and Herbaceous Perennials.



ANTA ALASKA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
	1941	52,500	Lb.	\$ 1.00	\$ 52,500.
	1942	97,000	Lb.	1.10	106,700.
	1943	1,125	Lb.	1.90	2,140.
	1944	1,550	Lb.	1.95	3,020.
ALTOGETHER	1941-1944				54,640.
					106,940.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM 1/	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	PRODUCTION TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wool & Hides	1941	12,000	85,000	Cwt.	\$ 65.	\$5,720,000.
	1942	12,700	84,000	Cwt.	35.	\$4,310,000.
Meat & Bones	1941	55		Ea.	850.	46,750.
	1942	52		Ea.	400.	20,800.
Wool & Hides	1941	1,000	1,000	Cwt.	75.	75,000.
	1942	950	400	Cwt.	75.	71,000.
Hides & Bones	1941	1,000	1,000	Cwt.	50.	50,000.
	1942	900	1,000	Cwt.	50.	50,000.
	1943	1,000	1,000	Lb.	1.10	1,100.
	1944	1,000	1,000	Lb.	1.17	1,170.
TOTAL	1941-1944	27,650	171,400			6,174,000.
						7,743,000.

1/ The above figures are based on average weight and average selling price of all animals. The figures show only total net weight gain of animals originally purchased.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1981	700,000	Cwt.	\$ 13.65	\$ 9,555,000.
	1980	649,000	Cwt.	13.15	8,534,000.
Milkfat	1981	300	Cwt.	11.55	2,475.
	1980	None	Cwt.	None	None
Eggs	1981	None	Lb.	None	None
	1980	None	Lb.	None	None
Poultry	1981	12,250,000	Doz	.47	5,757,500.
	1980	13,492,000	Doz	.44	5,956,480.
TOTALS	1981				15,047,500.
	1980				15,001,000.

Includes market and farm retail eggs.

INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
In Number of Head

ITEM	January 1, 1981	January 1, 1980
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,100	4,100
Cows and heifers that have not calved	10,100	10,100
Total Cows and Heifers	14,200	14,200
Swine	1,100	1,100
Poultry	1,100	1,100
Total Poultry and Swine	2,200	2,200

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF AGRICULTURAL VALUES

	1960	1970	1975	1980	1981
Number of Acres Producing Nuts, All Berries	64,453	38,614	20,754	11,150	8,224
Vegetable Acres	14,220	15,815	15,815	11,504	11,495
Producing Nuts, Berries, etc.	\$49,451,475	\$16,060,600	\$18,495,500	\$15,010,900	\$13,540,800
Vegetable Crops	7,524,000	13,869,700	20,819,700	42,674,200	38,524,000
Producing Fruit and Vegetables	17,290,240	18,281,550	17,122,400	22,123,000	20,511,700
Producing Fruit and Vegetables	2,137,400	2,137,300	4,411,300	5,894,000	4,321,400
Producing Fruit and Vegetables	16,152,840	17,283,250	31,746,700	44,119,000	41,150,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,213,510</b>	<b>\$65,536,350</b>	<b>\$73,914,800</b>	<b>\$117,495,000</b>	<b>\$123,581,140</b>

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT	1981 VALUE //	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT	1980 VALUE //
1. Cat Fowers	\$ 14,765,000	1. Cat Fowers	\$ 12,774,000
2. Nuts	14,819,000	2. Nuts	11,029,000
3. Vegetables	14,788,000	3. Nursery Stock	11,517,000
4. Milk	4,555,000	4. Milk	5,514,000
5. Eggs & Poultry	3,720,000	5. Eggs & Poultry	4,240,000
6. Fruit - Apples	2,490,000	6. Tomatoes - Processing	2,177,000
7. Fruit - Strawberries	4,219,000	7. Cattle & Calves	2,110,000
8. Fruit - Berries	3,635,000	8. Bell Peppers	1,810,000
9. Fruit - Peaches	3,510,000	9. Strawberries	2,510,000
10. Fruit - Pears	3,036,000	10. Fruit	2,510,000

// - Value of quantity harvested for export and value of quantity harvested for local and poultry products.

ALL CROPS AND NON-  
CROPS ACREAGE OF  
AGRICULTURAL LAND

	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1951 LOSS OR GAIN
...	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	- 000
...	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	+ 000
...	7,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	- 000
...	...	...	...	...	...	+ 000
...	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	- 000
...	40,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	- 9,000
...	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	- 000
...	...	...	...	...	...	+ 000
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE OF ALL AGRICULTURAL LAND</b>		<b>70,000</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>- 3,000</b>

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ACREAGE OF MAJOR FRUIT AND NUT CROPS  
NORTH COUNTY VS. SOUTH COUNTY\*

		<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Bearing</u>
Apricots	N Co	18	750
	S Co	<u>53</u>	<u>336</u>
	Total	71	1086
Cherries, Bing	N Co	10	157
	S Co	<u>427</u>	<u>251</u>
	Total	437	408
Cherries, Royal Ann	N Co	2	37
	S Co	<u>13</u>	<u>101</u>
	Total	15	138
Cherries, All	N Co	13	209
	S Co	<u>458</u>	<u>401</u>
	Total	471	610
Grapes	N Co	12	587
	S Co	<u>81</u>	<u>836</u>
	Total	93	1423
Pears, Bartlett	N Co	15	308
	S Co	<u>19</u>	<u>201</u>
	Total	34	509
Pears, All	N Co	33	414
	S Co	<u>29</u>	<u>207</u>
	Total	62	621
Prunes, French	N Co	18	359
	S Co	<u>99</u>	<u>1818</u>
	Total	117	2177
Prunes, Imperial	N Co	0	8
	S Co	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	0	15
Prunes, Sugar	N Co	0	3
	S Co	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>
	Total	0	35
Prunes, All	N Co	18	392
	S Co	<u>103</u>	<u>1915</u>
	Total	121	2307
Walnuts, English	N Co	4	452
	S Co	<u>66</u>	<u>1265</u>
	Total	70	1717

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		<u>Non-Bearing</u>	<u>Bearing</u>
TOTALS OF ABOVE	North County	98	2804
	South County	790	4960

\* Town of Coyote is used as the dividing point between North County and South County.

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