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AGRICULTURAL

Crop & Acreage Report

No. County

Santa Clara

County

1953

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, 1953

FRANK H. THILL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INTERESTING STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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

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.

Compared with 100 leading counties Santa Clara County rated 23rd 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 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.
Avocados	2	-	300 Lbs.		.35	9,710 ⁰⁰ 105.
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	200 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.

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.

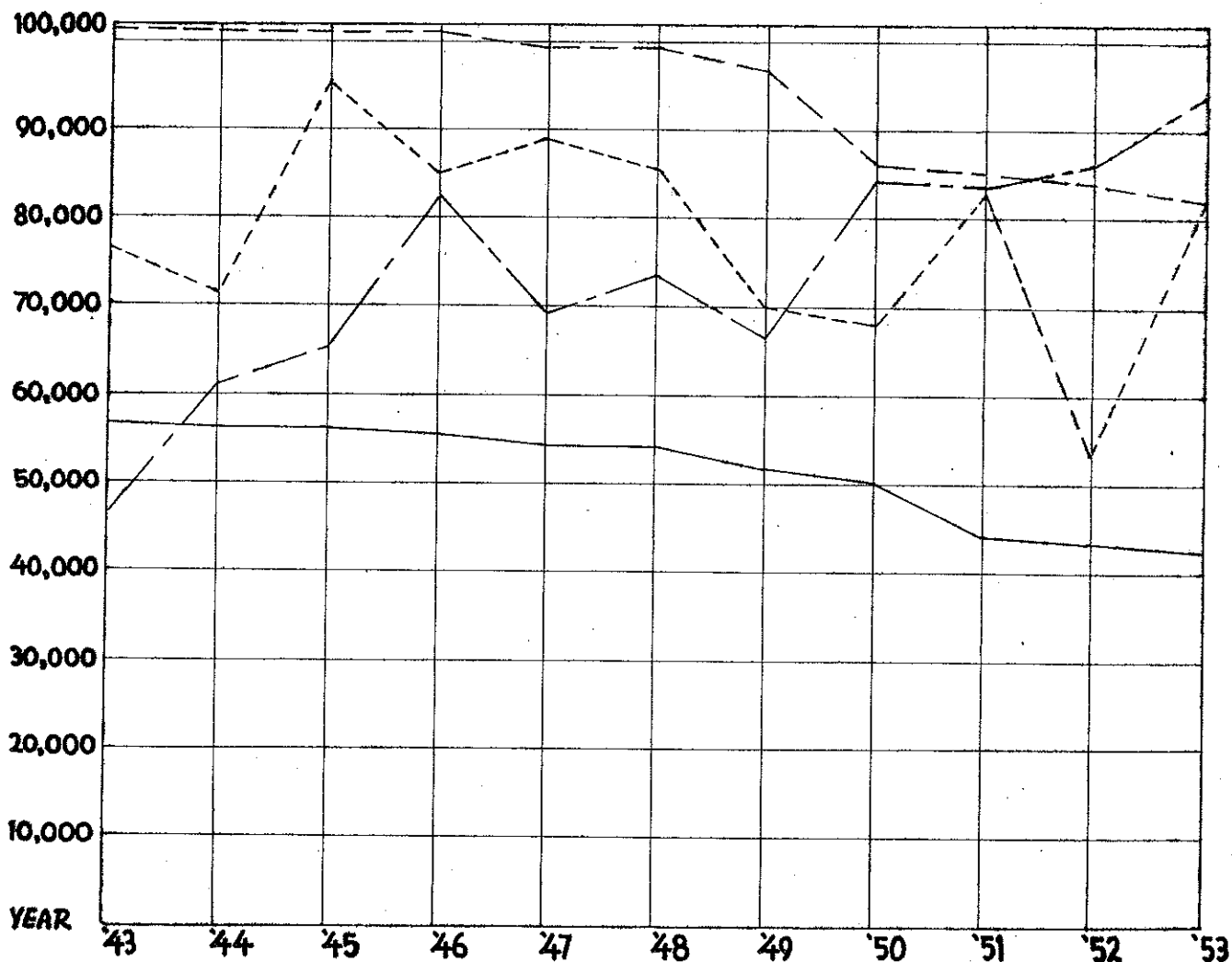
TOTAL

\$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	83,937	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
- Graph #3 - - - - - Prunes Produced - Dried Tons
- Graph #4 - - - - - Gross Value all Agricultural Crops in Millions of Dollars



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 SHED</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.