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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

DAVID T. RAYNER  
Agricultural Commissioner

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1955

Compiled by  
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

DAVID T. RAYNER

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND  
STATE PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICER

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HALL OF JUSTICE  
SAN JOSE 13, CALIFORNIA

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 VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	BEARING	NON-B			
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.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>77,826</b>	<b>8,564</b>			<b>\$54,855,280.</b>

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.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22,310</b>				<b>\$9,790,014.</b>

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

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NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

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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  
414,350 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.

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Sub Total \$ 7,879,001.

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SEED CROPS

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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.

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GRAND TOTAL \$ 8,111,102.

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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
1940	\$10,060,783.	\$ 3,511,575.	\$ 7,041,850.	\$ 423,200.	\$ 510,000.	\$ 21,547,408.
1941	13,755,910.	4,023,001.	7,928,252.	979,435.	562,500.	27,249,098.
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	46,445,673.	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.