

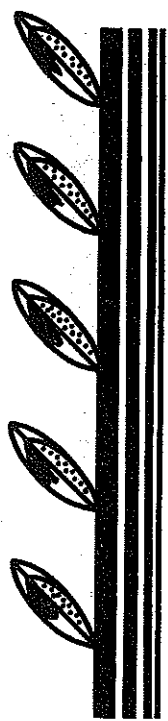
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# AGRICULTURAL

## *Crop & Acreage Report*

*No.  
County*



SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY

1952

DAVID T. RAYNER *Agricultural Commissioner*

HALL OF JUSTICE • 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, 1952

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FRANK H. THILL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Compiled By  
ALBERT M. FOSTER  
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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.
Avocados	2	3,000 Lbs.		.25	6,534,400 750.
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 Crates (523 Acres	1,900 Cts/ac Non-Bearing)	2.00	6,600,600.
Raspberries	115	138,000 Crates	1,200 Cts/ac	2.60	358,800.
Other Bush Berries	40	12,000 Flats		1.50	18,000.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83,937</b>				<b>\$35,767,367.</b>

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	<i>Russ</i> 400	<i>300</i> 145	Crates	58,000	<i>1.90</i> 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	<i>Russ</i> 140	<i>600</i> 790	50# Bags	110,600	<i>1300</i> 1.75	193,550.
Green Bunched	42	3,500	Bunches	147,000	<i>950</i> .55	80,850.
	50	<i>3,500</i>			<i>40</i>	
Peas, Spring	650	1.16	Tons	754	91.40	68,916.
Fall	450	122	Tubs	54,900	3.20	175,680.
Peppers, Bell	<i>4-55</i> 150	<i>350</i> 250	Crates	37,500	<i>150</i> 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.
Tumps	20	<i>12 handle (4 to 6)</i>			<i>60¢</i>	
Commercial Truck Gardens	3,000		Various		475.00	1,425,000.
Home Gardens	6,000					120,000.
Mushrooms			Lbs.	19,000	.40	7,600.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,237</b>					<b>\$11,587,016.</b>

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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	<i>1075 lb</i> <i>228 3/4</i> @	250.00	6,037,500.
Cows	20,750	<i>16 1/2</i> @	200.00	4,150,000.
Calves	17,200	<i>3 1/2</i> @	78.00	1,376,000.
Heifers	7,300	<i>9 1/2</i> @	185.00	1,350,500.
Hogs and Feeders	7,500	1,500,000 lbs. @	.19	285,000.
Horses, Race	<i>300</i>	<i>22 1/2</i>	<i>23</i>	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, Gull Hens				
Leghorns	275,000	825,000 lbs. @	.23 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 1/2	1,115,946.
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.
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,086,646.</b>

U. S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

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

BEEES

Rental Bees	3,500 Colony rentals		2.25	7,875.
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<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,376,861.</b>
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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.
Carnations (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.

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.

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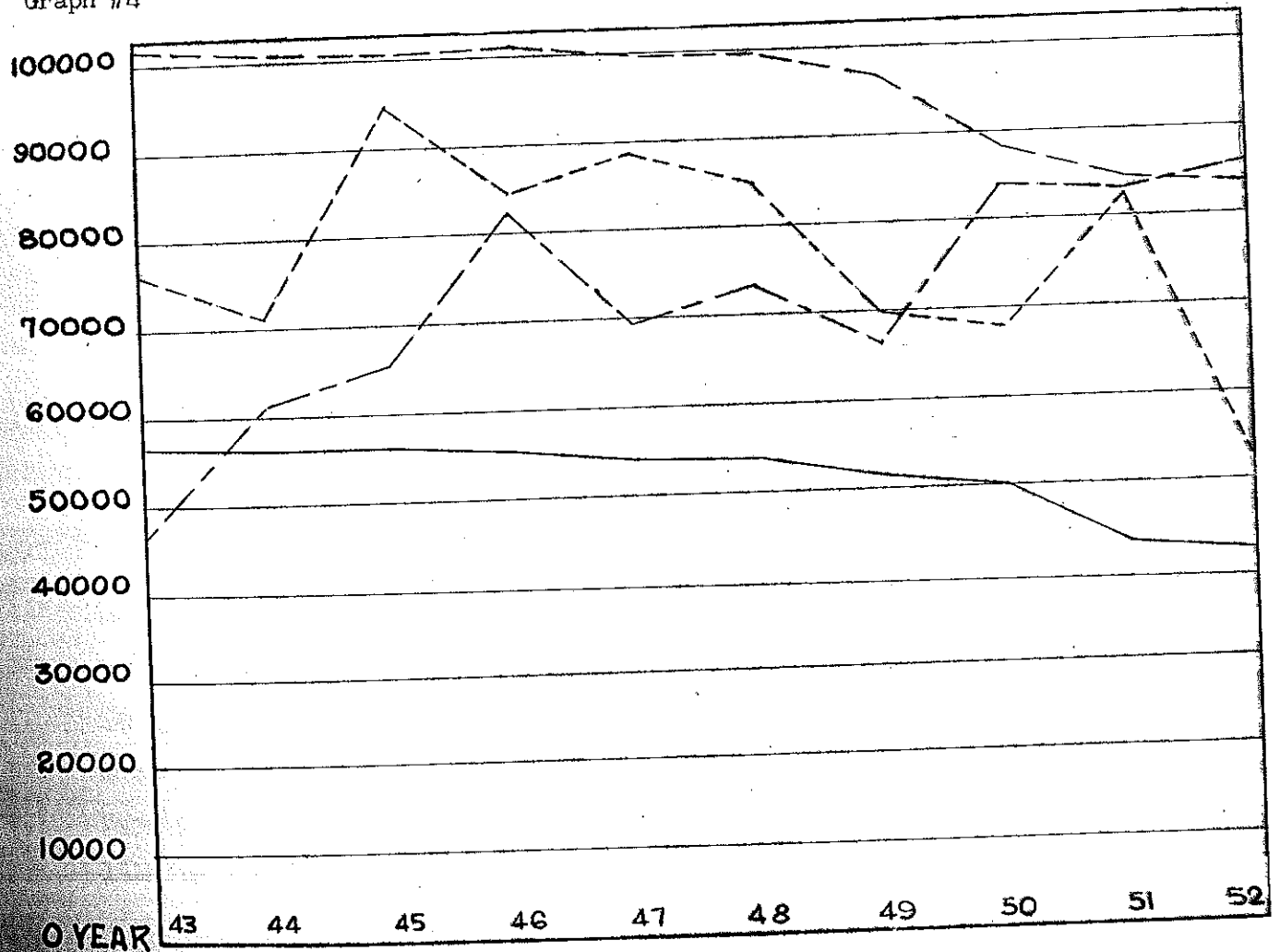
TOTAL

\$86,028,863.

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
Galero 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

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