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no medicine, if not first there was farming.  
Farming is the guarantee, the security that  
gives us time to pursue all else."

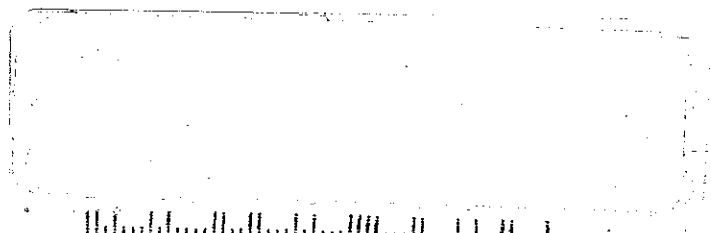
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**SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT  
1991**

No. County

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It is my pleasure to submit the 1991 Crop Report. The efforts of our agricultural industry are given below as acreage, yield, and gross value of commodities produced.

The total gross value of Santa Clara County's agriculture for 1991 was \$151,758,275, a healthy increase of \$10 million from 1990. The County's top three major crops remained the same as nursery crops, mushrooms and cut flowers occupied the number one, two and three positions, respectively.

Part of the reason for the total gross value increase was due to the 1991 cherry crop which totaled \$7,680,000, an increase of over \$5 million from 1990. This change results from a slight increase in acreage, and a significant increase in yield over the previous year.

The total value of the County's vegetable crops increased from \$56 million in 1990 to over \$64 million in 1991. A marked increase in acreage was a major factor in the dollar increase for vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, chinese vegetables, corn, garlic and processed tomatoes. Celery, onions, and pumpkins showed a loss from their 1990 values. Most fruit, nut, and berry crops had minor fluctuations in value, except the value of the strawberry crop, which dropped considerably due to a weak market.

Livestock and poultry products declined from \$12 million in 1990 to \$10.7 million in 1991 because of the continuing drought's effect on feed prices.

Once again, I would like to express my thanks for the continuing cooperation of all individuals, growers, and agencies who have contributed the information necessary for the preparation of this report. I would especially like to acknowledge the contributions of my staff who compiled this report.

Sincerely,



Greg Van Wassenhove  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

**FRUITS AND NUTS**

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value	
						Per Unit	Total
Apricots	1991	700	3.00	2,100	TON	\$ 710.	\$ 1,491,000.
	1990	700	3.75	2,625	TON	750.	1,969,000.
Cherries	1991	920	4.50	4,140	TON	1,855.	7,680,000.
	1990	900	1.10	990	TON	2,280.	2,257,000.
Grapes	1991	1,475	2.50	3,688	TON	570.	2,102,000.
	1990	1,550	2.50	3,875	TON	555.	2,151,000.
Kiwi	1991	49	4.50	221	TON	2,000.	442,000.
	1990	49	4.50	221	TON	1,960.	433,000.
Pears	1991	125	11.00	1,375	TON	225.	309,000.
	1990	100	10.50	1,050	TON	200.	210,000.
Prunes	1991	800	3.00	2,400	TON	870.	2,088,000.
	1990	900	2.50	2,250	TON	710.	1,598,000.
Walnuts	1991	1,000	1.15	1,150	TON	980.	1,127,000.
	1990	1,120	1.15	1,288	TON	1,000.	1,288,000.
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	1991	100					330,000.
	1990	145					200,000.
TOTAL	1991	5,169					\$ 15,569,000.
	1990	5,464					10,106,000.

<sup>1</sup>Includes Apples, Peaches, Nectarines, etc.

### VEGETABLE CROPS

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Beans, Snap <sup>1</sup>	1991	200	5.00	1,000	TON	\$ 940.	\$ 940,000.
	1990	700	5.10	3,570	TON	340.	1,214,000.
Broccoli	1991	465	5.00	2,325	TON	345.	802,000.
	1990	375	4.50	1,688	TON	300.	506,000.
Cabbage	1991	300	15.00	4,500	TON	280.	1,260,000.
	1990	115	14.00	1,610	TON	200.	322,000.
Celery	1991	160	25.00	4,000	TON	125.	500,000.
	1990	170	30.00	5,100	TON	235.	1,199,000.
Chinese Vegetables	1991	430	15.00	6,450	TON	300.	1,935,000.
	1990	300	7.00	2,100	TON	510.	1,071,000.
Corn	1991	1,300	7.25	9,425	TON	360.	3,393,000.
	1990	1,100	6.75	7,425	TON	300.	2,228,000.
Cucumbers	1991	745	16.00	11,920	TON	255.	3,040,000.
	1990	850	17.00	14,450	TON	225.	3,251,000.
Garlic	1991	800	8.00	6,400	TON	800.	5,120,000.
	1990	475	6.50	3,008	TON	800.	2,470,000.
Lettuce Leaf	1991	1,130	10.50	11,865	TON	305.	3,619,000.
	1990	1,300	10.00	13,000	TON	240.	3,120,000.
Head	1991	270	14.00	3,780	TON	250.	945,000.
	1990	215	8.00	1,720	TON	250.	430,000.
Romaine	1991	80	11.00	880	TON	250.	220,000.
	1990	85	13.00	1,105	TON	250.	276,000.
Mushrooms	1991	99	130.00	12,870	TON	2,000.	25,740,000.
	1990	96	131.00	12,576	TON	1,920.	24,146,000.
Mustard Greens	1991	50	4.00	200	TON	665.	133,000.
	1990	40	5.00	200	TON	650.	130,000.
Onions, Dry (Yellow & Red)	1991	330	12.50	4,125	TON	200.	825,000.
	1990	350	13.00	4,550	TON	300.	1,365,000.
Peppers Bell	1991	1,200	16.00	19,200	TON	235.	4,512,000.
	1990	1,185	15.00	17,775	TON	235.	4,177,000.
Wax & Chili	1991	610	10.00	6,100	TON	500.	3,050,000.
	1990	575	12.00	6,900	TON	555.	3,830,000.
Pumpkins	1991	125	15.00	1,875	TON	120.	225,000.
	1990	200	15.00	3,000	TON	140.	420,000.
Spinach	1991	35	5.50	193	TON	560.	108,000.
	1990	40	6.00	240	TON	650.	156,000.
Squash	1991	200	10.50	2,100	TON	295.	620,000.
	1990	185	8.50	1,573	TON	215.	338,000.
Tomatoes Fresh	1991	310	14.00	4,340	TON	360.	1,562,000.
	1990	200	15.00	3,000	TON	450.	1,350,000.
Processed	1991	2,500	36.00	90,000	TON	54.	4,860,000.
	1990	1,900	32.00	60,800	TON	54.	3,283,000.
Cherry	1991	45	6.75	304	TON	400.	122,000.
	1990	50	7.00	350	TON	565.	198,000.
Miscellaneous <sup>2</sup>	1991	475					1,116,000.
	1990	325					580,000.
TOTAL	1991	11,859					\$ 64,647,000.
	1990	10,831					56,060,000.

<sup>1</sup> Fresh Only

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cauliflower, Parsley, Carrots, Leeks, Beets, etc.

### SEED CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Total
Vegetable and Flower	1991	1,100	\$ 2,000,000.
	1990	1,000	2,630,000.

### BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Bushberries	1991	31	5.50	171	TON	\$ 2,040.	\$ 349,000.
	1990	28	5.20	146	TON	2,680.	391,000.
Strawberries	1991	200	18.00	3,600	TON	440.	1,584,000.
	1990	205	17.00	3,485	TON	710.	2,474,000.
TOTAL	1991	231					\$ 1,933,000.
	1990	233					2,865,000.

### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item	Year	Number of Head	Production Total Live Weight	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves	1991	11,000	60,500	CWT	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,840,000.
	1990	10,500	57,750	CWT	80.00	4,620,000.
Breeding Stock	1991	760		EA	800.00	608,000.
	1990	700		EA	700.00	490,000.
Sheep & Lambs	1991	1,650	1,980	CWT	60.00	119,000.
	1990	1,600	1,920	CWT	70.00	134,000.
Hogs & Pigs	1991	750	1,500	CWT	45.00	67,500.
	1990	700	1,400	CWT	70.00	98,000.
Chickens <sup>1</sup>	1991	80,000	320,000	LBS	0.03	9,600.
	1990	70,000	280,000	LBS	0.04	11,200.
TOTAL	1991	94,160				\$ 5,644,100.
	1990	83,500				5,353,200.

<sup>1</sup> Includes cull hens and other chickens from egg producers.

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Milk					
	Fresh	1991	203,444	CWT	\$ 11.15
1990		222,402	CWT	11.97	2,622,000.
Processed	1991		CWT		
	1990	1,032	CWT	10.32	11,000.
Eggs, Chicken	1991	4,740,000	DOZ	.65	3,081,000.
	1990	5,800,000	DOZ	.70	4,060,000.
TOTAL	1991				\$ 5,349,000.
	1990				6,693,000.

### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (INVENTORIES)

ITEM	JANUARY 1, 1991 Number of Head	JANUARY 1, 1992 Number of Head
Milk Cows & Heifers that have calved	3,800	2,800
Other Cattle and Calves	67,200	61,000
Sheep and Lambs	4,400	4,200
Hogs and Pigs	100	100
Hens and Pullets of Laying Age	300,000	350,000

### NURSERY CROPS (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GROWN)

Crop	Year	Production Area Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Sold By Producers	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Bedding Plants	1991	650,000	18.00	825,000	FLAT	VARIOUS	\$ 6,610,000.
	1990	640,000	15.00	700,000	FLAT	VARIOUS	6,009,000.
Christmas Trees	1991		380.00	84,000	TREE	\$ 27.00	2,268,000.
	1990		400.00	90,000	TREE	27.50	2,475,000.
Ornamental Trees, Roses & Shrubs	1991	15,000	380.00	2,475,000	PLANT	VARIOUS	16,360,000.
	1990	15,000	415.00	2,700,000	PLANT	VARIOUS	17,865,000.
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	1991	710,000	100.00				3,090,000.
	1990	725,000	25.00				2,740,000.
TOTAL	1991						\$ 28,328,000.
	1990						29,089,000.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Indoor Decoratives, Propagative Materials, Vegetable Plants & Herbaceous Perennials

### FIELD CROPS

Item	Year	Harvested Acreage	Tons Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Barley	1991	150	1.70	255	TON	\$ 85.	\$ 21,675.
	1990	900	0.75	675	TON	100.	67,500.
Oats	1991	5,400	2.00	10,800	TON	80.	864,000.
	1990	5,400	1.50	8,100	TON	100.	810,000.
Hay							
Alfalfa	1991	650	8.00	5,200	TON	115.	598,000.
	1990	800	7.00	5,600	TON	130.	728,000.
Grain	1991	9,000	2.70	24,300	TON	85.	2,066,000.
	1990	9,000	2.00	18,000	TON	90.	1,620,000.
Safflower	1991	550	1.20	660	TON	275.	182,000.
	1990	650	1.50	975	TON	275.	268,000.
Pasture							
Improved	1991	4,500			ACRE	50.	225,000.
	1990	4,500			ACRE	50.	225,000.
Irrigated	1991	2,500			ACRE	250.	625,000.
	1990	2,500			ACRE	250.	625,000.
Range	1991	215,000			ACRE	10.	2,150,000.
	1990	215,000			ACRE	10.	2,150,000.
Wheat	1991	3,500	2.45	8,575	TON	120.	1,029,000.
	1990	4,000	2.00	8,000	TON	125.	1,000,000.
Dry Beans	1991				TON		
	1990	965	1.10	1,062	TON	880.	935,000.
Sugar Beets	1991	517	33.60	17,371	TON	39.	678,000.
	1990	826	34.00	28,084	TON	39.	1,095,000.
Cornuts	1991	200	5.25	1,050	TON	200.	210,000.
	1990	285	5.00	1,425	TON	200.	285,000.
Miscellaneous	1991						68,000.
TOTAL	1991	241,967					\$ 8,716,675.
	1990	244,826					9,808,500.

### FLORAL CROPS

Crop	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Sold By Producers	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Asters	1991		37	3,900,000	BLOOM	\$ 0.08	\$ 312,000.
	1990		37	4,000,000	BLOOM	0.09	360,000.
Carnations							
Standard	1991	1,605,000		17,650,000	BLOOM	0.20	3,530,000.
	1990	1,605,000		17,670,000	BLOOM	0.11	1,944,000.
Miniature	1991	515,000		905,000	BUNCH	1.75	1,584,000.
	1990	515,000		907,000	BUNCH	2.00	1,814,000.
Roses							
Hybrid	1991	510,000		6,000,000	BLOOM	0.185	1,110,000.
	1990	510,000		6,125,000	BLOOM	0.21	1,286,000.
Baby	1991	7,500		150,000	BLOOM	0.05	7,500.
	1990	7,500		155,000	BLOOM	0.055	8,525.
Chrysanthemums							
Standard	1991	7,705,000		20,808,000	BLOOM	0.21	4,370,000.
	1990	7,850,000		21,200,000	BLOOM	0.22	4,664,000.
Pompon	1991	7,805,000		4,310,000	BUNCH	0.64	2,758,000.
	1990	7,950,000		4,390,000	BUNCH	0.66	2,897,000.
Other Types	1991	9,300,000		25,140,000	BLOOM	0.11	2,765,000.
	1990	9,400,000		25,410,000	BLOOM	0.12	3,049,000.
TOTAL	1991	24,810,000					9,893,000.
	1990	25,200,000					10,610,000.
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	1991						3,135,000.
	1990						3,110,000.
TOTAL	1991						\$19,571,500.
	1990						19,132,525.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Agapanthus, Gypsophila, Iris, Statice, Yarrow, Turf, etc.

### RECAPITULATION PRODUCTION VALUE

	1960	1970	1980	1990	1991
Fruit, Nut, Berry Crops	\$49,451,475.	\$16,060,600.	\$15,017,900.	\$12,971,000.	\$17,502,000.
Vegetable Crops	8,624,480.	13,869,700.	42,694,200.	56,060,000.	64,647,000.
Livestock, Poultry & Products	17,050,595.	16,281,550.	22,123,000.	12,046,200.	10,993,100.
Field & Seed Crops	3,459,025.	2,623,200.	7,717,000.	12,438,500.	10,716,675.
Apiary	20,400.	12,100.	106,940.	—	—
Cut Flowers	9,354,700.	14,867,800.	28,779,000.	19,132,525.	19,571,500.
Nursery Crops	3,342,835.	1,821,400.	13,557,000.	29,089,000.	28,328,000.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$91,303,510.</b>	<b>\$65,536,350.</b>	<b>\$129,995,040.</b>	<b>\$141,737,225.</b>	<b>\$151,758,275.</b>

### COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE

	1960	1970	1980	1990	1991
Fruits, Nuts, and Berries <sup>1</sup>	64,453	38,614	11,150	5,697	5,400
Vegetables	14,220	15,615	13,624	10,831	11,859

<sup>1</sup> Bearing acreages only

### MILLION DOLLAR CROPS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

1990		1991	
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT	VALUE	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT	VALUE
1. Nursery Crops	\$29,089,000.	1. Nursery Crops	\$28,328,000.
2. Mushrooms	24,146,000.	2. Mushrooms	25,740,000.
3. Cut Flowers	19,132,525.	3. Cut Flowers	19,571,500.
4. Cattle & Calves	4,620,000.	4. Cherries	7,680,000.
5. Peppers, Bell	4,177,000.	5. Garlic	5,120,000.
6. Eggs, Chicken	4,060,000.	6. Tomatoes, Processed	4,860,000.
7. Peppers, Wax & Chili	3,830,000.	7. Cattle & Calves	4,840,000.
8. Tomatoes, Processed	3,283,000.	8. Peppers, Bell	4,512,000.
9. Cucumbers	3,251,000.	9. Lettuce, Leaf	3,619,000.
10. Lettuce, Leaf	3,120,000.	10. Corn	3,393,000.
11. Milk, Fresh	2,662,000.	11. Eggs, Chicken	3,081,000.
12. Vegetable & Flower Seed	2,630,000.	12. Peppers, Wax & Chili	3,050,000.
13. Strawberries	2,474,000.	13. Cucumbers	3,040,000.
14. Garlic	2,470,000.	14. Milk, Fresh	2,268,000.
15. Cherries	2,257,000.	15. Range	2,150,000.
16. Corn	2,228,000.	16. Grapes	2,102,000.
17. Grapes	2,151,000.	17. Prunes	2,088,000.
18. Range	2,150,000.	18. Hay, Grain	2,066,000.
19. Apricots	1,969,000.	19. Vegetable & Flower Seed	2,000,000.
20. Hay, Grain	1,620,000.	20. Chinese Vegetables	1,935,000.
21. Prunes	1,598,000.	21. Tomatoes, Fresh	1,562,000.
22. Onions, Dry	1,365,000.	22. Strawberries	1,584,000.
23. Tomatoes, Fresh	1,350,000.	23. Apricots	1,491,000.
24. Walnuts	1,288,000.	24. Cabbage	1,260,000.
25. Beans, Snap	1,214,000.	25. Walnuts	1,127,000.
26. Celery	1,199,000.	26. Wheat	1,029,000.
27. Sugar Beets	1,095,000.		
28. Chinese Vegetables	1,071,000.		
29. Wheat	1,000,000.		