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2005 Agricultural Crop Report

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FERRY BUILDING

The Ferry Building is conveniently located on the Embarcadero at the end of Market Street. In 1892, a bond issued to build a new Ferry Building was passed by the voters of California. Included was a 240-foot-tall clock tower modeled after the 12th century bell tower in the Seville Cathedral in Spain to serve as a welcoming beacon on the Bay. Construction was started in 1896, on the site of the 1875 wooden Ferry House, and the Union Depot and Ferry House- quickly shortened by public use to the Ferry Building- received its first scheduled arrival in July 1898. Passengers off the boats passed through an elegant two-story public area with repeating interior arches and overhead skylights. At its peak, as many as 50,000 people a day commuted by ferry. The Ferry Building's foundation- which has supported the entire steel-framed structure in such a remarkably dependable manner through two major earthquakes (1906 and 1989)- became the largest such foundation for a building over water anywhere in the world.

As the iconic landmark of the San Francisco waterfront, the Ferry Building became the transportation focal point for anyone arriving by train from the East, as well as from all the East Bay and Marin residents who worked in the city. From the Gold Rush until the 1930s, arrival by ferryboat became the only way travelers and commuters- except those coming from the Peninsula-could reach the city.

The opening of the Bay Bridge in 1936, and the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937, along with mass use of the automobile, rendered the daily commute by ferryboat obsolete. By the 1950's, the Ferry Building was used very little. Much of the historic interior, with its mosaic floor and dramatic brick and ceramic arches, was lost in 1955, when much of the large open hall was filled in to accommodate standard office space with some retail and general public use on the ground floor.

In addition, the double-deck Embarcadero Freeway was built across the face of the Ferry Building in 1957, and remained for 35 years. By the 1970's, automobile traffic overwhelmed thoroughfares in and out of the city. Marin ferry service resumed to provide transportation alternatives. In 1989, the Loma Prieta Earthquake caused extensive damage to the Embarcadero Freeway, providing the impetus to tear it down in 1991. The Ferry Building and the central waterfront were once again visible and ready to embrace a bright future.

Today, the Ferry Building houses a Marketplace and serves residents and travelers alike. Large and small shops celebrate food on all its form, offering everything from artisan cheeses to freshest of local fish with restaurants and cafes serving cuisines representing the quality and cultural diversity of San Francisco's best.



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In compliance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I respectfully submit this report of the agricultural production for San Francisco County for the calendar year 2005. This report deals with the gross value of production and does not attempt to reflect net farm income nor cost of production and marketing.

I wish to express my appreciation to the producers, processors, government agencies and others who contributed the information to make the report. I would also like to thank the members of my staff who assisted in gathering the information to compile this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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NURSERY AND FARM PRODUCTS



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Heart of the City Farmers' Market, Market St., San Francisco

NURSERY PRODUCTS	AREA	GROSS VALUE
<i>Cut Flower & Indoor Decorative</i>		
Orchids	27,500 sq ft	\$513,925.00
Cuttings	45,000 sq ft	\$ 22,500.00
<i>NURSERY TOTAL</i>	<i>72,500 sq ft</i>	<i>\$536,425.00</i>
MISCELLANEOUS FARM PRODUCTS	AREA	GROSS VALUE
Bean Sprouts	5,500 sq ft	\$429,000.00
Soybean Sprouts	5,500 sq ft	\$104,000.00
Alfalfa Sprouts	3,000 sq ft	\$ 26,000.00
<i>MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL</i>	<i>14,000 sq ft</i>	<i>\$559,000.00</i>
PROCESSED PRODUCTS	AREA	GROSS VALUE
Tofu	3,000 sq ft	\$1,228,000.00
Cabbage (Salad)	4,800 sq ft	\$ 10,400.00
Lettuce (Salad)	4,800 sq ft	\$ 26,000.00
<i>PROCESSED TOTAL</i>	<i>12,600 sq ft</i>	<i>\$1,264,400.00</i>
NURSERY PRODUCTION	1.7 ACRES	\$ 536,425.00
MISCELLANEOUS & PROCESSED	0.6 ACRES	\$1,823,400.00
TOTAL	2.3 ACRES	\$2,400,000.00