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# *Santa Clara County Agricultural Crop Report 2005*



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It is my pleasure to submit the 2005 agricultural crop report for Santa Clara County. The efforts of our agricultural industry are displayed as the acreage, yield and gross value of commodities produced in Santa Clara County. The total gross value of Santa Clara County's agricultural production for 2005 is \$252,281,650, a decrease of 2% from the 2004 value of \$258,359,850.

Despite an \$8.4 million decline in gross value, nursery crops remained the County's number one agricultural crop in 2005 with a value of \$86,277,500. Intense market competition and shipping restrictions due to the Sudden Oak Death quarantine continues to affect local nursery production.

Mushrooms continued to be the number two crop with a value of \$58,081,000. In 2005, Santa Clara County mushroom growers reported increases acreage, yield and prices from 2004.

At \$9,142,000, bell peppers remained the County's third leading crop, despite a 26% decrease in value resulting from fewer acres and lower prices. Acreage planted to chili peppers also dropped significantly, resulting in a decline in crop value from \$11,635,000 in 2004 to \$4,168,000 in 2005.

For our beef producers, prolonged rainfall in Spring 2005 resulted in an extended grazing season and good weight gains for calves. Market price for cattle prices remained strong in 2005. The value of steers and heifers marketed in 2005 totaled \$8.3 million, and cows and bulls totaled \$969,000.

Please note the valuations in this report represent gross returns to producers and do not indicate net profit. In addition, some totals are subject to rounding.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the continuing cooperation of all individuals, growers, and agencies who contributed the information necessary to prepare this report. I wish to thank my staff and, in particular, acknowledge the efforts of Agricultural Biologist Lori Oleson, who made the publication of this report possible.

Sincerely,



Greg Van Wassenhove  
Agricultural Commissioner

## MILK AND EGGS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE PER ITEM	TOTAL
Milk (Market)	2005	73,336	CWT	\$13.80	\$1,012,000
	2004	96,033	CWT	\$14.12	\$1,356,000
Miscellaneous *	2005	----	----	----	\$718,200
	2004	----	----	----	\$1,770,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	2005				\$1,730,000
	2004				\$3,126,000

\* Includes Milk (Manufacturing) and Eggs

## SEED CROPS

CROP	YEAR	HARVEST ACREAGE	TOTAL
Vegetable and Flower	2005	331	\$802,550
	2004	317	\$621,000

## FOREST PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Timber	2005	2,705	MBF	\$1,752,800
	2004	67	MBF	\$71,200

# FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>Hay (Alfalfa)</b>	2005	575	8.6	4,945	TON	\$238	\$1,177,000
	2004	467	8.2	3,829	TON	\$198	\$758,000
<b>Hay (Grain)</b>	2005	3,163	2.5	7,908	TON	\$135	\$1,068,000
	2004	2,961	1.5	4,442	TON	\$152	\$675,000
<b>Pasture (Improved)</b>	2005	2,120	----	----	ACRE	\$40	\$84,800
	2004	2,531	----	----	ACRE	\$40	\$101,240
<b>Pasture (Irrigated)</b>	2005	615	----	----	ACRE	\$155	\$95,300
	2004	678	----	----	ACRE	\$195	\$132,210
<b>Range</b>	2005	174,000	----	----	ACRE	\$8	\$1,392,000
	2004	180,100	----	----	ACRE	\$9	\$1,620,900
<b>Miscellaneous *</b>	2005	477	----	----	----	----	\$123,000
	2004	617	----	----	----	----	\$146,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>180,950</b>					<b>\$3,940,100</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>187,354</b>					<b>\$3,433,350</b>

\*Includes Barley, Oats, Wheat, etc.



## NURSERY CROPS - INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GROWN PRODUCTION AREA

CROP	YEAR	HOUSE (SQ. FT.)	FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>Bedding Plants</b>	2005	2,735,800	49	4,072,500	FLATS	VARIOUS	\$36,178,000
	2004	2,781,000	43	3,573,750	FLATS	VARIOUS	\$34,578,000
<b>Christmas Trees</b>	2005	----	246	9,840	TREE	\$43	\$423,000
	2004	----	275	16,357	TREE	\$43	\$698,000
<b>Ornamental Trees, Roses &amp; Shrubs</b>	2005	82,000	232	908,249	PLANT	VARIOUS	\$17,047,000
	2004	17,150	231	1,446,000	PLANT	VARIOUS	\$15,446,000
<b>Miscellaneous *</b>	2005	1,664,500	247	----	----	----	\$32,629,500
	2004	1,918,000	229	----	----	----	\$43,966,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>						<b>\$86,277,500</b>
	<b>2004</b>						<b>\$94,688,000</b>

\* Includes Herbaceous Perennials, Indoor Decoratives, Propagative Materials, Turf, Vegetable Plants, etc.

## FLORAL CROPS - CUT FLOWERS

CROP	YEAR	HOUSE (SQ. FT.)	FIELD ACRES	SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>Carnations</b>	2005	323,000	----	2,909,000	BLOOM	\$0.17	\$495,000
	2004	466,000	----	3,810,000	BLOOM	\$0.16	\$610,000
<b>Chrysanthemums (all)</b>	2005	3,365,000	----	----	----	----	\$3,197,000
	2004	4,182,000	----	----	----	----	\$3,345,000
<b>Miscellaneous *</b>	2005	----	----	----	----	----	\$4,947,000
	2004	----	----	----	----	----	\$5,640,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>						<b>\$8,639,000</b>
	<b>2004</b>						<b>\$9,595,000</b>

\* Includes Asters, Delphiniums, Eucalyptus, Gardenias, Gerbera Daisy, Lisianthus, Roses, Snapdragons, Statice, Sunflowers, etc.

## FRUITS AND NUTS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apricots (Fresh)	2005	290	2.9	841.0	TON	\$342	\$288,000
	2004	294	4.2	1,234.8	TON	\$327	\$404,000
Cherries	2005	985	2.3	2,265.5	TON	\$1,908	\$4,323,000
	2004	965	2.9	2,798.5	TON	\$1,698	\$4,752,000
Grapes, Wine	2005	1,720	4.0	6,880.0	TON	\$1,061	\$7,300,000
	2004	1,870	3.3	6,171.0	TON	\$995	\$6,140,000
Prunes	2005	95	1.3	123.5	TON	\$1,204	\$149,000
	2004	95	0.0	0.0	TON	\$0	\$0
Walnuts	2005	220	1.3	286.0	TON	\$1,546	\$442,000
	2004	225	1.2	270.0	TON	\$1,450	\$392,000
Miscellaneous *	2005	104	----	----	----	----	\$519,600
	2004	94	----	----	----	----	\$344,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>3,414</b>					<b>\$13,021,600</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>3,543</b>					<b>\$12,032,000</b>

\* Includes Apples, Asian Pears, Kiwis, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Persimmons, Plums, etc.



## BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Bushberries	2005	32	3.6	115.2	TON	\$2,084	\$240,000
	2004	33	5.8	191.4	TON	\$2,601	\$498,000
Strawberries	2005	79.5	7.4	588.3	TON	\$1,575	\$926,600
	2004	63.2	13.6	859.5	TON	\$1,520	\$1,308,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>111.5</b>					<b>\$1,166,600</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>96.2</b>					<b>\$1,806,000</b>

# VEGETABLE CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TONS PER ACRE	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans	2005	1,059	4.3	4,553.7	TON	\$523	\$2,382,000
	2004	720	5.3	3,816.0	TON	\$823	\$3,141,000
Broccoli	2005	937	9.3	8,714.1	TON	\$483	\$4,209,000
	2004	749	6.4	4,793.6	TON	\$539	\$2,584,000
Cabbage	2005	117	14.7	1,719.9	TON	\$423	\$728,000
	2004	171	26.3	4,497.3	TON	\$371	\$1,668,000
Celery	2005	205	37.0	7,585.0	TON	\$189	\$1,434,000
	2004	195	35.0	6,825.0	TON	\$120	\$819,000
Chinese Vegetables	2005	688	22.0	15,136.0	TON	\$266	\$4,026,000
	2004	759	17.2	13,054.8	TON	\$337	\$4,399,000
Corn	2005	914	11.4	10,419.6	TON	\$287	\$2,990,000
	2004	933	9.4	8,770.2	TON	\$325	\$2,850,000
Cucumbers	2005	---	---	---	TON	---	---
	2004	128	5.6	716.8	TON	\$467	\$335,000
Garlic	2005	58	5.4	313.2	TON	\$660	\$207,000
	2004	73	8.3	605.9	TON	\$536	\$325,000
Lettuce (Leaf)	2005	1,875	5.1	9,562.5	TON	\$629	\$6,015,000
	2004	1,557	4.0	6,228.0	TON	\$720	\$4,484,000
Lettuce (Head)	2005	419	18.0	7,542.0	TON	\$145	\$1,094,000
	2004	777	14.0	10,878.0	TON	\$180	\$1,958,000
Lettuce (Romaine)	2005	984	9.5	9,348.0	TON	\$388	\$3,627,000
	2004	652	11.7	7,628.4	TON	\$368	\$2,807,000
Mushrooms	2005	143	147.0	21,021.0	TON	\$2,763	\$58,081,000
	2004	137	144.0	19,728.0	TON	\$2,733	\$53,917,000
Onions, Dry (Yellow & Red)	2005	538	22.2	11,943.6	TON	\$430	\$5,136,000
	2004	618	20.8	12,854.4	TON	\$310	\$3,985,000
Peppers (Bell)	2005	1,488	24.0	35,712.0	TON	\$256	\$9,142,000
	2004	1,730	21.0	36,330.0	TON	\$342	\$12,425,000
Peppers (Wax & Chili)	2005	558	18.0	10,044.0	TON	\$415	\$4,168,000
	2004	1,136	24.8	28,172.8	TON	\$413	\$11,635,000
Pumpkins	2005	105	4.5	472.5	TON	\$267	\$126,000
	2004	143	6.1	872.3	TON	\$464	\$405,000
Spinach	2005	1,098	7.2	7,905.6	TON	\$402	\$3,178,000
	2004	916	4.8	4,396.8	TON	\$639	\$2,810,000
Squash	2005	255	7.8	1,989.0	TON	\$395	\$786,000
	2004	175	4.4	770.0	TON	\$514	\$396,000
Tomatoes (Fresh)	2005	518	17.5	9,065.0	TON	\$498	\$4,514,000
	2004	425	6.9	2,932.5	TON	\$590	\$1,730,000
Tomatoes (Processed)	2005	0	0.0	0.0	TON	\$0	\$0
	2004	169	50.8	8,585.2	TON	\$50	\$429,000
Miscellaneous *	2005	1965	----	----	----	----	\$13,764,800
	2004	2023	----	----	----	----	\$11,490,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>13,924</b>					<b>\$125,607,800</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>14,186</b>					<b>\$124,592,000</b>

\* Artichokes, Basil, Cauliflower, Cilantro, Cucumber, Endive, Frisee, Melons, Mint, Parsley, Radicchio, Tomatillos, etc.



## COMPARISON OF ACREAGE EVERY 10 YEARS FROM 1975 TO 2005

	<b>1975</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Bushberry &amp; Strawberry Crops</b>	372	260	256	112
<b>Field Crops</b>	239,400	250,465	233,475	180,950
<b>Floral Crops - Cut Flowers</b>	905	766	1,069	85
<b>Fruit &amp; Nut Crops</b>	20,384	6,819	5,140	3,414
<b>Nursery Crops</b>	384	681	814	1,442
<b>Seed Crops</b>	1,362	900	950	331
<b>Vegetable Crops*</b>	15,617	10,789	11,610	13,924
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>278,424</b>	<b>270,680</b>	<b>253,314</b>	<b>199,693</b>

\*includes multiple crops at same site





## CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### Wednesday

Cambrian Park CFM

### Thursday

Los Altos CFM

Kaiser Santa Clara CFM

### Friday

San Jose Downtown CFM

Vallco CFM

Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM

### Saturday

Morgan Hill CFM

Palo Alto Downtown CFM

San Jose Willow Glen CFM

Santa Clara CFM

Saratoga CFM

Sunnyvale CFM

Farmers' Market on the Alameda

### Sunday

Los Gatos CFM

Mountain View CFM

San Jose Blossom Hill CFM

San Jose Japantown CFM

Campbell CFM

Santana Row CFM

Alum Rock CFM

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## ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Type of Organic Registrant	Number Registered	Acreage
Producers	17	619
Handlers	4	
Processors	6	

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER OF HEAD	UNIT	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL
<b>Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	2005	12,224	CWT	\$110.5	\$8,306,000
	2004	12,346	CWT	\$111.5	\$7,181,000
<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	2005	1,412	CWT	\$54.6	\$969,000
	2004	1,922	CWT	\$51.2	\$1,142,000
<b>Miscellaneous *</b>	2005	----	----	----	\$68,700
	2004	----	----	----	\$72,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>13,636</b>			<b>\$9,343,700</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>14,268</b>			<b>\$8,395,300</b>

\* Includes Apiary, Chickens, Goats, Hogs, Llamas, Ostriches, Pigs, Sheep, etc.

# MILLION DOLLAR CROPS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

**2004**

<u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1. Nursery Crops	\$94,688,000
2. Mushrooms	\$53,917,000
3. Peppers, Bell	\$10,383,000
4. Peppers, Wax & Chili	\$11,635,000
5. Cut Flowers	\$9,595,000
6. Steers & Heifers	\$7,181,000
7. Grapes, Wine	\$6,140,000
8. Cherries	\$4,752,000
9. Lettuce, Leaf	\$4,484,000
10. Chinese Vegetables	\$4,399,000
11. Onions, Dry	\$3,985,000
12. Beans, Snap	\$3,141,000
13. Corn	\$2,850,000
14. Spinach	\$2,810,000
15. Lettuce, Romaine	\$2,807,000
16. Broccoli	\$2,584,000
17. Lettuce, Head	\$1,958,000
18. Tomatoes, Fresh	\$1,730,000
19. Cabbage	\$1,668,000
20. Range	\$1,620,000
21. Milk, Market	\$1,356,000
22. Strawberries	\$1,308,000
23. Cows & Bulls	\$1,142,000

**Total Gross \$ 2004 Agriculture \$258,359,850**

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5. Steer & Heifers	\$8,306,000
6. Grapes, Wine	\$7,300,000
7. Lettuce, Leaf	\$6,015,000
8. Onions, Dry	\$5,136,000
9. Tomatoes, Fresh	\$4,514,000
10. Cherries	\$4,323,000
11. Broccoli	\$4,209,000
12. Peppers, Wax & Chili	\$4,168,000
13. Chinese Vegetables	\$4,026,000
14. Lettuce, Romaine	\$3,627,000
15. Spinach	\$3,178,000
16. Corn	\$2,990,000
17. Beans, All	\$2,382,000
18. Timber	\$1,752,800
19. Celery	\$1,434,000
20. Range	\$1,392,000
21. Hay, Alfalfa	\$1,177,000
22. Lettuce, Head	\$1,094,000
23. Hay, Grain	\$1,068,000
24. Milk, Market	\$1,012,000

**Total Gross \$ 2005 Agriculture \$252,281,650**

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