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**Santa Clara  
County  
Agricultural  
Crop Report 2008**





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It is my pleasure to submit the 2008 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 2008 is \$247,950,400, a 2.7% decrease from the 2007 value of \$254,926,200.

Once again, nursery crops were the County's number one agricultural crop in 2008 with a value of \$87,319,900. Despite a weakened market for real estate, nursery production remained stable.

Mushrooms continued to be the number two crop with a value of \$57,938,000, a small increase from the 2007 value of \$57,701,000. In 2008, a slight decline in price was offset by increases in both yield and acreage.

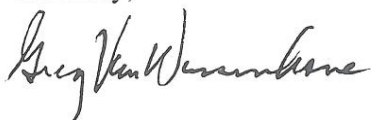
At \$15,595,000, bell peppers remained the County's third leading crop. Yield increased from 27.9 tons per acre in 2007 to 32.5 tons per acre in 2008. For chili peppers, acreage and yield increases boosted crop value from \$4,547,000 in 2007 to \$6,041,000 in 2008.

In 2008, more than 25 different fruit, vegetable and field crops exceeded \$1,000,000 in crop value. Santa Clara County's cherry crop value rose from \$6,555,000 in 2007 to \$8,090,000 in 2008 primarily due to a significant increase in yield. Garlic acreage doubled from 148 acres in 2007 to 297 acres in 2008. The value of the garlic crop in 2008 totaled \$1,018,000.

Please be advised 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 Biologists Lori Oleson and Nancy Barrera, who made the publication of this report possible.

Sincerely,



Greg Van Wassenhove  
Agricultural Commissioner

## SEED CROPS

| CROP                 | YEAR | HARVEST ACREAGE | TOTAL       |
|----------------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| Vegetable and Flower | 2008 | 450             | \$1,401,000 |
|                      | 2007 | 348             | \$870,000   |



## FOREST PRODUCTS

| ITEM   | YEAR | PRODUCTION TOTAL | UNIT | TOTAL VALUE |
|--------|------|------------------|------|-------------|
| Timber | 2008 | 847              | MBF  | \$517,800   |
|        | 2007 | 558              | MBF  | \$443,800   |

## FIELD CROPS

| ITEM                | YEAR        | HARVESTED<br>ACREAGE | TONS PER<br>ACRE | PRODUCTION<br>TOTAL | UNIT | VALUE<br>PER UNIT | TOTAL              |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Hay (Alfalfa)       | 2008        | 556                  | 7.3              | 4,059               | TON  | \$248             | \$1,007,000        |
|                     | 2007        | 583                  | 7.6              | 4,431               | TON  | \$259             | \$1,148,000        |
| Hay (Grain)         | 2008        | 4,143                | 1.8              | 7,457               | TON  | \$171             | \$1,275,000        |
|                     | 2007        | 3,402                | 1.6              | 5,443               | TON  | \$186             | \$1,012,000        |
| Pasture (Irrigated) | 2008        | 478                  | ---              | ---                 | ACRE | \$180             | \$86,000           |
|                     | 2007        | 550                  | ---              | ---                 | ACRE | \$160             | \$88,000           |
| Range               | 2008        | 206,753              | ---              | ---                 | ACRE | \$9               | \$1,860,800        |
|                     | 2007        | 181,075              | ---              | ---                 | ACRE | \$9               | \$1,629,700        |
| Miscellaneous *     | 2008        | 570                  | ---              | ---                 | ---  | ---               | \$175,300          |
|                     | 2007        | 200                  | ---              | ---                 | ---  | ---               | \$117,800          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>2008</b> | <b>212,500</b>       |                  |                     |      |                   | <b>\$4,404,100</b> |
|                     | <b>2007</b> | <b>185,810</b>       |                  |                     |      |                   | <b>\$3,995,500</b> |

\*Includes Barley, Oats, Safflower, Triticale, Wheat, etc.





**NURSERY CROPS  
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GROWN**

| CROP                              | YEAR        | HOUSE (SQ. FT.) | FIELD ACRES | SOLD BY PRODUCERS | UNIT  | VALUE PER UNIT | TOTAL               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------|
| Bedding Plants                    | 2008        | 3,145,500       | 49          | 4,151,932         | FLATS | VARIOUS        | \$37,353,900        |
|                                   | 2007        | 3,329,800       | 51          | 3,689,862         | FLATS | VARIOUS        | \$32,801,500        |
| Christmas Trees                   | 2008        | ----            | 249         | 7,585             | TREE  | \$47           | \$356,000           |
|                                   | 2007        | ----            | 258         | 13,277            | TREE  | \$44           | \$509,100           |
| Ornamental, Trees, Roses & Shrubs | 2008        | 89,000          | 244         | 1,029,675         | PLANT | VARIOUS        | \$25,284,000        |
|                                   | 2007        | 91,000          | 251         | 1,220,724         | PLANT | VARIOUS        | \$30,923,000        |
| Miscellaneous *                   | 2008        | 1,497,000       | 226         | ----              | ----  | ----           | \$24,326,000        |
|                                   | 2007        | 1,525,400       | 219         | ----              | ----  | ----           | \$23,658,100        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>2008</b> |                 |             |                   |       |                | <b>\$87,319,900</b> |
|                                   | <b>2007</b> |                 |             |                   |       |                | <b>\$87,891,700</b> |

\* Includes Herbaceous Perennials, Indoor Decoratives, Orchids, 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              |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| Chrysanthemums  | 2008        | 1,749,475       | ----        | ----              | ---- | ----           | \$1,448,600        |
|                 | 2007        | 2,102,052       | ----        | ----              | ---- | ----           | \$2,045,200        |
| Miscellaneous * | 2008        | ----            | ----        | ----              | ---- | ----           | \$5,092,700        |
|                 | 2007        | ----            | ----        | ----              | ---- | ----           | \$3,530,900        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>2008</b> |                 |             |                   |      |                | <b>\$6,541,300</b> |
|                 | <b>2007</b> |                 |             |                   |      |                | <b>\$5,576,100</b> |

\* Includes Asters, Carnations, Delphiniums, Eucalyptus, Gardenias, Lisianthus, Roses, Snapdragons, Statice, Stephanotis, Sunflowers, etc.

## FRUITS AND NUTS

| ITEM             | YEAR        | HARVESTED ACREAGE | TONS PER ACRE | PRODUCTION TOTAL | UNIT | VALUE PER UNIT | TOTAL               |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------|----------------|---------------------|
| Apricots (Fresh) | 2008        | 285               | 3.3           | 940.5            | TON  | \$477          | \$449,000           |
|                  | 2007        | 290               | 4.9           | 1,421.0          | TON  | \$422          | \$600,000           |
| Cherries         | 2008        | 999               | 5.3           | 5,294.7          | TON  | \$1,528        | \$8,090,000         |
|                  | 2007        | 995               | 4.0           | 3,980.0          | TON  | \$1,647        | \$6,555,000         |
| Grapes, Wine     | 2008        | 1,510             | 3.0           | 4,530.0          | TON  | \$1,426        | \$6,460,000         |
|                  | 2007        | 1,550             | 3.0           | 4,650.0          | TON  | \$1,314        | \$6,110,000         |
| Prunes           | 2008        | 81                | 1.0           | 81.0             | TON  | \$1,471        | \$119,000           |
|                  | 2007        | 81                | 0.2           | 12.2             | TON  | \$1,250        | \$15,000            |
| Walnuts          | 2008        | 185               | 1.5           | 277.5            | TON  | \$2,916        | \$809,000           |
|                  | 2007        | 220               | 1.0           | 220.0            | TON  | \$1,980        | \$436,000           |
| Miscellaneous *  | 2008        | 166               | ----          | ----             | ---- | ----           | \$400,000           |
|                  | 2007        | 160               | ----          | ----             | ---- | ----           | \$660,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>2008</b> | <b>3,226</b>      |               |                  |      |                | <b>\$16,327,000</b> |
|                  | <b>2007</b> | <b>3,296</b>      |               |                  |      |                | <b>\$14,376,000</b> |

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



## BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

| ITEM         | YEAR        | HARVESTED ACREAGE | TONS PER ACRE | PRODUCTION TOTAL | UNIT | VALUE PER UNIT | TOTAL              |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| Bushberries  | 2008        | 33.3              | 1.5           | 50.0             | TON  | \$3,495        | \$175,000          |
|              | 2007        | 37                | 8.6           | 318.2            | TON  | \$1,783        | \$567,000          |
| Strawberries | 2008        | 54                | 14.1          | 761.4            | TON  | \$2,024        | \$1,541,100        |
|              | 2007        | 79                | 14.8          | 1,169.2          | TON  | \$1,816        | \$2,123,300        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>87.3</b>       |               |                  |      |                | <b>\$1,716,100</b> |
|              | <b>2007</b> | <b>116</b>        |               |                  |      |                | <b>\$2,690,300</b> |

## VEGETABLE CROPS

| ITEM                             | YEAR        | HARVESTED<br>ACREAGE | TONS PER<br>ACRE | PRODUCTION<br>TOTAL | UNIT | VALUE<br>PER UNIT | TOTAL                |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Beans                            | 2008        | 899                  | 1.1              | 988.9               | TON  | \$1,253           | \$1,239,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 924                  | 2.8              | 2,587.2             | TON  | \$824             | \$2,132,000          |
| Broccoli                         | 2008        | 453                  | 8.4              | 3,805.2             | TON  | \$560             | \$2,131,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 436                  | 10.5             | 4,578.0             | TON  | \$371             | \$1,698,000          |
| Cabbage                          | 2008        | 466                  | 24.9             | 11,603.4            | TON  | \$235             | \$2,727,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 483                  | 22.6             | 10,915.8            | TON  | \$264             | \$2,882,000          |
| Celery                           | 2008        | 221                  | 37.4             | 8,265.4             | TON  | \$193             | \$1,595,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 285                  | 49.8             | 14,193.0            | TON  | \$125             | \$1,774,000          |
| Chinese Vegetables               | 2008        | 463                  | 21.4             | 9,908.2             | TON  | \$415             | \$4,112,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 450                  | 25.0             | 11,250.0            | TON  | \$400             | \$4,500,000          |
| Corn                             | 2008        | 1,106                | 9.7              | 10,728.2            | TON  | \$466             | \$4,999,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 1,170                | 9.8              | 11,466.0            | TON  | \$319             | \$3,658,000          |
| Garlic                           | 2008        | 297                  | 6.0              | 1,782.0             | TON  | \$571             | \$1,018,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 148                  | 11.2             | 1,657.6             | TON  | \$659             | \$1,092,000          |
| Salad Greens *                   | 2008        | 1,122                | 2.9              | 3,253.8             | TON  | \$909             | \$2,958,000          |
| Lettuce (Romaine, Leaf,<br>Head) | 2008        | 2,491                | 16.1             | 40,105.1            | TON  | \$224             | \$8,984,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 1,013                | 12.3             | 12,459.9            | TON  | \$462             | \$5,756,000          |
| Mushrooms                        | 2008        | 151                  | 140.6            | 21,230.6            | TON  | \$2,729           | \$57,938,000         |
|                                  | 2007        | 149                  | 139.2            | 20,740.8            | TON  | \$2,782           | \$57,701,000         |
| Onions, Dry                      | 2008        | 354                  | 23.4             | 8,283.6             | TON  | \$230             | \$1,905,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 475                  | 25.0             | 11,875.0            | TON  | \$395             | \$4,691,000          |
| Peppers (Bell)                   | 2008        | 1,563                | 32.5             | 50,797.5            | TON  | \$307             | \$15,595,000         |
|                                  | 2007        | 1,678                | 27.9             | 46,816.2            | TON  | \$315             | \$14,747,000         |
| Peppers (Wax & Chili)            | 2008        | 519                  | 26.1             | 13,545.9            | TON  | \$446             | \$6,041,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 478                  | 21.0             | 10,038.0            | TON  | \$453             | \$4,547,000          |
| Pumpkins                         | 2008        | 97                   | 3.2              | 310.4               | TON  | \$324             | \$101,000            |
|                                  | 2007        | 132                  | 10.3             | 1,359.6             | TON  | \$201             | \$273,000            |
| Spinach                          | 2008        | 793                  | 2.2              | 1,744.6             | TON  | \$1,174           | \$2,048,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 492                  | 3.1              | 1,525.2             | TON  | \$862             | \$1,315,000          |
| Squash                           | 2008        | 345                  | 7.0              | 2,415.0             | TON  | \$692             | \$1,671,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 315                  | 6.1              | 1,921.5             | TON  | \$682             | \$1,310,000          |
| Tomatoes (Fresh)                 | 2008        | 619                  | 17.3             | 10,708.7            | TON  | \$491             | \$5,258,000          |
|                                  | 2007        | 520                  | 21.5             | 11,180.0            | TON  | \$664             | \$7,424,000          |
| Miscellaneous **                 | 2008        | 469                  | ----             | ----                | ---- | ----              | \$2,723,800          |
|                                  | 2007        | 1,462                | ----             | ----                | ---- | ----              | \$13,067,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>2008</b> | <b>12,428</b>        |                  |                     |      |                   | <b>\$123,043,800</b> |
|                                  | <b>2007</b> | <b>11,780</b>        |                  |                     |      |                   | <b>\$130,361,000</b> |

\* Arugula, Endive, Frisee, Mizuna, Mustard, Radicchio, Spring Mix, Swiss Chard

\*\* Artichokes, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Herbs, Parsley, Shallots, etc.





## HISTORICAL COMPARISON OF ACREAGE

|   | 1958           | 1978           | 1998           | 2008           |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Bushberry &amp; Strawberry Crops</b> | 2,636          | 254            | 234            | 87             |
| <b>Field Crops</b>                      | 255,129        | 232,835        | 224,935        | 212,500        |
| <b>Floral Crops - Cut Flowers</b>       | 142            | 898            | 369            | 40             |
| <b>Fruit &amp; Nut Crops</b>            | 71,113         | 13,111         | 4,515          | 3,226          |
| <b>Nursery Crops</b>                    | n/a            | 355            | 933            | 877            |
| <b>Seed Crops</b>                       | 732            | 1,310          | 575            | 450            |
| <b>Vegetable Crops*</b>                 | 18,830         | 13,030         | 11,229         | 12,428         |
| <b>Total Acres</b>                      | <b>348,582</b> | <b>261,793</b> | <b>242,790</b> | <b>229,608</b> |

\*includes multiple crops at same site





## CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### Tuesday

San Jose City Hall Farmers' Market

### Wednesday

Evergreen Farmers' Market  
Cambrian Park Farmers' Market

### Thursday

Kaiser Santa Clara CFM  
Los Altos CFM

### Friday

Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM  
Cupertino Square CFM  
San Jose Downtown CFM

### Saturday

Berryessa CFM  
Farmers' Market on the Alameda  
Morgan Hill CFM  
Palo Alto Downtown CFM  
Kaiser Santa Teresa CFM  
San Jose Willow Glen CFM  
Santa Clara CFM  
Saratoga CFM  
Sunnyvale CFM

### Sunday

Great Mall CFM  
Milpitas CFM  
Los Gatos CFM  
Mountain View CFM  
South Palo Alto CFM  
San Jose Blossom Hill CFM  
San Jose Japantown CFM  
Campbell CFM  
Santana Row CFM  
Alum Rock CFM  
Evergreen CFM

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## ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

| Type of Organic Registrant | Number Registered | Acreage |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Producers                  | 15                | 377.38  |
| Handlers                   | 2                 |         |
| Processors                 | 4                 |         |



## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

| ITEM             | YEAR | NUMBER OF HEAD | PRODUCTION TOTAL (LIVE WEIGHT) | UNIT | VALUE PER UNIT | TOTAL       |
|------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| Steers & Heifers | 2008 | 10,182         | 59,061                         | CWT  | \$93.7         | \$5,534,000 |
|                  | 2007 | 11,967         | 71,851                         | CWT  | \$102.0        | \$7,329,000 |
| Cows & Bulls     | 2008 | 1,660          | 18,284                         | CWT  | \$47.5         | \$868,000   |
|                  | 2007 | 1,648          | 19,578                         | CWT  | \$52.0         | \$1,018,000 |
| Miscellaneous *  | 2008 | ----           | ----                           | ---- | ----           | \$277,400   |
|                  | 2007 | ----           | ----                           | ---- | ----           | \$68,600    |
| TOTAL            | 2008 |                |                                |      |                | \$6,679,400 |
|                  | 2007 |                |                                |      |                | \$8,415,600 |

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

## MILLION DOLLAR CROPS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

**2007**

| <u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT</u> | <u>VALUE</u>        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nursery Crops            | \$87,891,700        |
| 2. Mushrooms                | \$57,701,000        |
| 3. Peppers, Bell            | \$14,747,000        |
| 4. Tomatoes, Fresh          | \$7,424,000         |
| 5. Steers & Heifers         | \$7,329,000         |
| 6. Cherries                 | \$6,555,000         |
| 7. Grapes, Wine             | \$6,110,000         |
| 8. Lettuce, Romaine         | \$5,756,000         |
| 9. Cut Flowers              | \$5,576,100         |
| 10. Onions, Dry             | \$4,691,000         |
| 11. Peppers, Wax & Chili    | \$4,547,000         |
| 12. Chinese Vegetables      | \$4,500,000         |
| 13. Corn                    | \$3,658,000         |
| 14. Cabbage                 | \$2,882,000         |
| 15. Beans                   | \$2,132,000         |
| 16. Strawberries            | \$2,123,300         |
| 17. Lettuce, Leaf           | \$1,794,000         |
| 18. Celery                  | \$1,774,000         |
| 19. Broccoli                | \$1,698,000         |
| 20. Range                   | \$1,629,700         |
| 21. Spinach                 | \$1,315,000         |
| 22. Squash                  | \$1,310,000         |
| 23. Hay, Alfalfa            | \$1,148,000         |
| 24. Garlic                  | \$1,092,000         |
| 25. Cows & Bulls            | \$1,018,000         |
| 26. Hay, Grain              | \$1,012,000         |
| <b>All Other Crops</b>      | <b>\$17,512,400</b> |

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| <b>Total Gross \$ 2007 Agriculture</b> | <b>\$254,926,200</b> |
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**2008**

| <u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT</u> | <u>VALUE</u>       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Nursery Crops            | \$87,319,900       |
| 2. Mushrooms                | \$57,938,000       |
| 3. Peppers, Bell            | \$15,595,000       |
| 4. Lettuce, All             | \$8,984,000        |
| 5. Cherries                 | \$8,090,000        |
| 6. Cut Flowers              | \$6,541,300        |
| 7. Grapes, Wine             | \$6,460,000        |
| 8. Peppers, Wax & Chili     | \$6,041,000        |
| 9. Steers & Heifers         | \$5,534,000        |
| 10. Tomatoes, Fresh         | \$5,258,000        |
| 11. Corn                    | \$4,999,000        |
| 12. Chinese Vegetables      | \$4,112,000        |
| 13. Salad Greens            | \$2,958,000        |
| 14. Cabbage                 | \$2,727,000        |
| 15. Broccoli                | \$2,131,000        |
| 16. Spinach                 | \$2,048,000        |
| 17. Onions, Dry             | \$1,905,000        |
| 18. Range                   | \$1,860,800        |
| 19. Squash                  | \$1,671,000        |
| 20. Celery                  | \$1,595,000        |
| 21. Strawberries            | \$1,541,100        |
| 22. Seed Crops              | \$1,401,000        |
| 23. Hay, Grain              | \$1,275,000        |
| 24. Beans                   | \$1,239,000        |
| 25. Garlic                  | \$1,018,000        |
| 26. Hay, Alfalfa            | \$1,007,000        |
| <b>All Other Crops</b>      | <b>\$6,701,300</b> |

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| <b>Total Gross \$ 2008 Agriculture</b> | <b>\$247,950,400</b> |
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