

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND  
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code requires that the Agricultural Commissioner compile a report covering conditions, acreage, production, and value of the agricultural products of his county, and Section 65 requires that the Agricultural Commissioner keep a record of his official acts and make an annual report to the Director of Agriculture on the conditions of the agricultural interests in his county as to what is being done to control pests and also as to quarantines against pests. This is the sixteenth annual report published by this Department.

Approximately one hundred commercial crops are covered in this report, and for your easy reference they are segregated as to their commercial use wherever possible.

Acreages of permanent crops are reported in actual bearing acreage only, and other crops are reported in actual planted acreage. Production is reported in units commonly used in the marketing of crops commercially in this county. Prices are reported on an F.O.B. basis. Cost of production, harvesting, packing, and other handling costs should be deducted to arrive at a true farm value.

As copies of this report are sent to a number of persons in other states, to federal, state, and county agencies throughout the United States, and to an increasing number of organizations and individuals within the state, the members of this Department have made every effort to make this report as accurate as possible by checking our figures with every known source of reliable information.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who have assisted my inspectors and deputies by furnishing necessary information to them which has made the compilation of this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF PERSONNEL

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|---------------------|--|-----------------|
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| Lester R. Brumbaugh | Chief Deputy Commissioner                  |                 |
| Lloyd V. Braghetta  | Senior Deputy Commissioner                 |                 |
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| Ralph A. Burlington | Linden District & Standardization          |                 |
| Tom E. Cheatham     | Weed Control                               |                 |
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| Floyd W. Hutchings  | Entomology and Plant Pathology             |                 |
| Kenneth W. Jones    | Quarantine Certification & Stockton Office |                 |
| Jean McConnell      | Intermediate Stenographer Clerk            |                 |
| Elmer T. Pahl       | Eggs, Fair Exhibit and Seed Inspection     |                 |
| John R. Solari      | Farmington District                        |                 |
| Donald E. Storz     | Robert Island District                     |                 |
| D. V. Widney        | Warehouse                                  |                 |

|                    |                               |          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Lodi Office        | Lodi City Hall                | Lodi 261 |
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| L. F. Ashley       | Elliott & Victor Districts    |          |
| Marvin Switzenberg | Terminus & Thornton Districts |          |
| C. W. Thompson     | City of Lodi                  |          |

|                 |                       |            |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Manteca Office  | Manteca City Hall     | Manteca 44 |
| Nick J. Wolter  | Supervising Inspector |            |
| Walton Bauer    | French Camp District  |            |
| Allen L. Bugbee | Escalon District      |            |
| Jess Grisham    | Manteca District      |            |

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|------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Tracy Office     | Tracy City Hall            | Tracy 1264 |
| Aage R. Tugel    | Senior Deputy Commissioner |            |
| Wilfred McDaniel | South Tracy District       |            |

SPECIAL WEED CONTROL PROJECT

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| James C. Posey   | Inspector |
| Richard R. Raney | Inspector |
| Walter Beck      | Mechanic  |

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|---------------|--------------|
| Elmer Henson  | Truck Driver |
| Charles Posey | Truck Driver |

## PLANT QUARANTINE AND CERTIFICATION

In order to prevent introduction and dissemination of detrimental agricultural pests, methodic procedures of inspection on all nursery stock, seeds and other plant material shipped into this county is maintained.

This involves the inspection of all post offices, vessels, freight, express, and truck line offices of all incoming and outgoing shipments of plant material that may carry injurious plant disease, insect pests, or noxious weeds. All such shipments are held for inspection by the common carrier. Most of these places are visited daily by inspectors, and containers of all shipments subject to quarantine are opened and examined for the presence of pests or prohibited material. Whenever shipments are found in violation, disposition of such plant material is either by treatment, destruction under the supervision of the inspector, or returning to place of origin.

The importance of plant quarantine work cannot be over-emphasized since San Joaquin County with its great diversification of agricultural crops is correspondingly vulnerable to a large array of insect and plant diseases. With the steady increase in population in San Joaquin County the traffic of plant material has increased extensively the last few years. This in turn has placed a greater responsibility and demand upon this department; so the populous of the county may be adequately served.

The following table shows the amount of quarantine work completed for this year:

### State Interior Quarantine Inspections

|                           | By<br>Truck | By<br>Mail | By Boat<br>or Rail | Total     |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| No. of shipments passed   | 815         | 3,024      | 62                 | 3,901     |
| No. of plants passed      | 1,707,191   | 404,650    | 53,104             | 2,164,945 |
| No. of shipments rejected | 65          | 12         | 0                  | 77        |
| No. of plants rejected    | 200,800     | 702        | 0                  | 201,502   |

### State Exterior Quarantine Inspections

|                           | By<br>Truck | By<br>Mail | By Boat<br>or Rail | Total   |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| No. of shipments passed   | 25          | 11,063     | 570                | 11,658  |
| No. of plants passed      | 60,262      | 503,115    | 261,986            | 825,363 |
| No. of shipments rejected | 1           | 44         | 7                  | 52      |
| No. of plants rejected    | 50          | 1,014      | 353                | 1,417   |

## Quarantine Violations

| <u>State Quarantines</u> | <u>Number of Violations</u> | <u>Federal Quarantines</u> | <u>Number of Violations</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Quarantine Proc. #10     | 7                           | Federal Quar. #63          | 1                           |
| Section 115              | 20                          | Federal Quar. #48          | 4                           |
| Section 124              | 78                          | Federal Quar. #38          | 2                           |
| Quarantine Proc. #12     | 4                           | Federal Quar. #45          | 1                           |
| Quarantine Proc. #11     | 2                           | Federal Quar. #37          | 4                           |
| Quarantine Proc. #19     | 1                           | Federal Quar. #56          | 2                           |
| Quarantine Proc. #21     | 2                           | Federal Quar. # 3          | 1                           |
| Quarantine Proc. # 1     | 15                          |                            |                             |
| Quarantine Proc. # 9     | 2                           |                            |                             |
| Quarantine Proc. #13     | 3                           |                            |                             |
| Quarantine Proc. #22     | 1                           |                            |                             |
| Section 125              | 1                           |                            |                             |
| Quarantine Proc. #20     | 6                           |                            |                             |
| Quarantine Proc. #16     | 1                           |                            |                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>143</b>                  | <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>15</b>                   |

### Ship Inspections

Ship inspection service is maintained at Port Stockton and United States Naval Annex to prevent the entry of harmful plant and animal pests known to exist in foreign and domestic areas. The personnel engaged in port inspection activities are appointed as collaborators of the Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

This year 63 ships were boarded and an examination was made of the cargo, food stores, baggage, officer's and crew's quarters, and garbage for injurious pests or quarantine law violations detrimental to the agricultural industry of this state.

Out of these 63 ships that were inspected, 26 ships were found with either food stuff or cargo in violation of quarantine regulations. The food stuff consisted of fruit and vegetables from foreign lands or other states that were under quarantine. This food which usually constituted part of the ship's store was sealed in the store room or the ship's refrigerator until the ship had left port. The cargoes consisting of equipment with adhering dirt was thoroughly cleaned before being released. In addition, ships which had foreign meat in storage lockers were sealed to prevent the possible introduction of the dreaded Hoof and Mouth disease.

### Certification

Another function of plant quarantine is that of certification as to pest conditions or pest treatments when such is officially required on out-going shipments. In addition to certification of shipments, shipping permits and certificates of inspection of nursery stock after thorough inspection were placed on interstate shipments.

The following certificates were issued and fees received:

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Sanitary Inspection Reports -----    | 54       |
| Potato Fumigation Certificates ----- | 283      |
| Fees Received -----                  | \$707.50 |
| Hay Inspection Reports -----         | 2        |

## PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT SURVEY

The purpose of this program is to locate any new agricultural pests which may have been introduced into this county. In the event a potentially serious pest is found, appropriate eradication or control measures are taken. To determine the extent of spread of these insects or plant diseases, survey work by trapping and visual inspection is carried out. The following is a summary of the most important pest surveys conducted by members of this department.

### PLANT DISEASES

**Grape Mosaic (Virus)** The introduction of contaminated experimental nursery stock made necessary the inspection of properties where this rootstock had been planted. Four diseased vines found this year in three locations were destroyed by burning.

**Onion Yellow Dwarf (Virus)** This onion disease caused by a virus is characterized by mottling of the leaves. Spot surveys were conducted in all onion-growing sections of the county, disclosing no diseased plants.

**Peach Wart (Virus)** The finding and destruction of one diseased tree in 1947 necessitated the starting of an annual survey for this disease. A tree to tree inspection was made at pre-harvest time of all Candoka peach trees. No diseased trees were found this year. State plant pathologists determined suspicious fruit submitted to them to be affected by other than this virus.

**Chestnut Blight** Endothia parasitica This is the fifteenth year eradication work has been carried on since the discovery of this pest. This year nine contaminated trees were found in two orchards and were destroyed by burning to prevent further spread.

**Onion Smut** Urocystis cepulae This fungus pest of onion seedlings was found to be present on onion sets in Stanislaus county late in 1949. Since this disease was not known to be present in California and is a pest in other states, a survey of the onion plantings of this county was made. Forty-five properties were inspected - - a total of ninety acres. Of this number, five were found to be infected, and hold notices were issued under authority of Section 128 of the Agricultural Code. Observations of this pest will continue.

**Golden Nematode** Heterodera rostochiensis  
and

**Potato Rot Nematode** Ditylenchus destructor Both of these nematodes work only below the soil surface. The golden nematode is found only in New York State. Potatoes are the primary host and tomatoes a secondary host. The potato rot nematode appears only in the state of Idaho, with potatoes as the only known host. A survey was conducted this past year in San Joaquin County in conjunction with Federal and State plant pathologists to determine the presence or absence of these pests. The potato-growing regions of this county were inspected with negative results.

Strawberry Spring Dwarf Nematode Aphelenchoides fragariae Since strawberries are the only known host plant of this pest, all commercial plantings of strawberry plants were inspected for the possible presence of this new nematode. Only one property was found to be infested with this pest. A hold notice was placed on this property under authority of Section 128 of the Agricultural Code.

Corky Spot (unknown cause) During the course of routine inspection work in 1948, a new malady of almonds was found which was identified by our state plant pathologists as corky spot of almonds. Immediately a survey was started in the surrounding properties and other commercial plantings to determine the possible area involved. A number of sick trees were found at several different locations. Further observations were made during 1949. No additional areas were found to be affected.

### INSECT PESTS

Cabbage Seedpod Weevil Ceutorhynchus assimilis A randomized check of related host plants in this county established its initial record here. This pest was introduced into California and is of importance in areas growing cabbage for seed.

Colorado Potato Beetle Leptinotarsa decemlineata Randomized checks were made throughout the county in both residential and large scale potato producing areas to determine whether or not this pest could be found. Negative results were obtained.

Crapemyrtle Aphid Myzocallis kahawaluokalani Survey work was conducted this year on numerous private plantings of crapemyrtle throughout this county. This pest was introduced into another section of California from Hawaii, and since this popular shrub is relatively pest-free, the extent of its spread was checked in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture. One shrub in Stockton revealed a light infestation. All aphids located were destroyed.

Hall Scale Nilotaspis halli With the discovery of Hall Scale in another part of the state, it became important to trace host material, both trees and scions, which had been moved from infested orchards in that locality to this county. According to the list furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture, several lots of trees and scions were moved into San Joaquin County. With the assistance of the U.S.D.A. and State Department, a careful check was made of the trees concerned. No Hall Scale was found.

Japanese Beetle Popillia japonica Survey work was carried on between May 15 and October 1, 1948. Twelve U.S.D.A. Japanese Beetle scouting traps were used with anethol and eugenol as attractants. These traps were located at strategic points around Stockton Field airport, the U.S. Naval Annex, and Lodi City Hall. No Japanese beetles were taken. Adults of the Desert June Beetle were among insects collected. The larvae of this insect damaged sod in one area of the county.



Naval Orangeworm Myelois venipars A county-wide survey was made to determine the extent of spread of this pest in San Joaquin County. This insect was introduced into Southern California several years ago from Arizona, where it was found to be a scavenger on fallen citrus. Since its introduction into this state, it has caused considerable apprehension due to its feeding in walnuts and almonds. This pest was found to be present in the Tracy area at one residential property and three almond orchards. Due to the spread of this insect beyond natural boundaries, a quarantine regulation prohibiting the shipment of untreated nuts from infested areas was revoked in October, 1949.

Oriental Fruit Fly Dacus dorsalis On March 29, 1949, traps were issued by the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of early interception of this serious pest should it appear in the United States from Hawaii. Twenty plastic vials containing citronella and water are located in San Joaquin County at strategic points and are inspected weekly. A very extensive program is under way at present in Hawaii and other parts of the world to discover effective measures for the control of this pest.

Sweet Potato Weevil Cylas formicarius elegantulus A thorough inspection was made of sweet potato fields, storage sheds, packing houses, and home gardens around Manteca, Ripon, and Escalon. No sweet potato weevils were found nor was damage to tubers characteristic of this insect noted.

#### NURSERY INSPECTION

The nurseries in San Joaquin County are inspected annually to determine the presence of absence of insects, mites, nematodes, plant diseases, or weeds which are considered to be pests. Since nursery stock is distributed to all parts of the county and to points outside of the county, the ideal place to destroy the plant pests is at the nurseries; thus, their spread is prevented. Cleaner nursery stock was observed in nurseries where control measures were diligently carried out throughout the year.

Nurseries (Ornamental) The inspection of nursery stock and premises in thirty-three nurseries was completed the latter part of the year and did not reveal the presence of any new pests. Pests found were controlled to meet the requirements outlined in regulations governing the issuance and use of inter-county nursery stock certificates under authority of Section 123.56 of the Agricultural Code of California. All pests found are of common occurrence throughout the state, with the exception of a soft scale, Asterolecanium arabidis, and striped mealybug, Ferrisiana virgata. Twenty-nine pittosporum plants infested with this scale were immediately destroyed by burning. This scale disfigures its host by pit formations. It is found on wild deer weed plants throughout several areas of the state, and it is of common occurrence of pittosporum and privet plants used for ornamental purposes. The striped mealybug was found on a small lot of plants in one nursery. As requested by the State Department of Agriculture Nursery Service, these plants were destroyed by burning.

Nurseries (Trees) During the winter months when the planting of fruit and nut trees is in progress, extensive inspection work is necessary. The young trees are closely inspected for injurious plant pests such as oak root fungus, nematode, and crown gall. Under our county ordinance, the roots of fruit trees are examined for split roots, crooked roots, dead roots, and freezing damage. Any plants that do not come up to specification or are infested with pests are rejected. One large nursery that specializes in deciduous fruit and nut trees requires the full-time services of an inspector for a period of three months.

Nurseries (Tomatoes) The tomato industry plants one of the largest crops in this county. This year it has been necessary for the County Department of Agriculture to reject 3,327,000 nematode-infested plants to prevent the spread of this pest to soil which is free of nematode. The number of plants rejected this year for nematode was substantially lower than the preceding year when a large number were found infested with this pest. This production of healthier plants undoubtedly can be attributed to a greater precaution of tomato growers in the growing of tomato plants in clean ground.

TOMATO INSPECTION FOR 1949  
(Co. Tomato plants only)

|              |        |             |                    |            |
|--------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| Total number | places | inspected   | - - - - -          | 131        |
| "            | "      | plants      | " - - - - -        | 59,987,500 |
| "            | "      | "           | passed - - - - -   | 56,660,500 |
| "            | "      | places      | rejected - - - - - | 28         |
| "            | "      | plants      | " - - - - -        | 3,327,000  |
| "            | "      | tomato beds | inspected - - -    | 2,219      |

ORCHARD AND FIELD INSPECTION

In order to more adequately protect the crops of this county, inspections of orchards and field crops for established injurious insects and plant diseases are carried out as often as it is deemed advisable. Established infestations are inspected periodically to observe current control measures, and if the present control measures are not adequate, more stringent measures may be enacted, especially when there is immediate danger of spread of the pest to adjoining properties.

Periodic inspections of orchards and field crops are necessary to guard against any new pest that may have been introduced into the county, and if present, immediate steps for the eradication or control may be undertaken. In order that such suppression measures will meet with the highest degree of success, field observations of current pest control operations must be observed.

However, if cooperation of the landowner involved is not secured and neighboring properties are menaced by these agricultural pests, measures as set forth in the California Agricultural Code are enacted. These measures include abatement or quarantine procedure. Whenever neglected or abandoned plants or crops are hosts to detri-

mental pests and endanger adjoining properties, such pests are abated by eradication or other appropriate methods. Following is a brief summary of some of the important pests to crops found in this county.

#### INSECTS AND MITES ON FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Codling Moth Carpocapsa pomonella A two spray program this year resulted in excellent control of this major pest of walnuts. Worm damage was lighter this year in most orchards. A heavy flight of codling moth adults was on time this year which aided in effective control.

Walnut Aphid Chromaphis juglandicola Population was high and many growers were compelled to dust as many as five times to combat this insect. Nicotine sulphate added to the codling moth spray was of value in reducing aphid population.

San Jose Scale Aspidiotus perniciosus continues to cause some injury to fruit trees, particularly cherries and peaches. Most growers are becoming aware of this scale insect and are holding it in check through the application of oil or lime sulfur sprays in the dormant season.

Peach Twig Borer Anarsia lineatella Although conditions were similar to those of previous years, infestations were heavier this year than last in most orchards.

Almond Mite Bryobia praetiosa was present in many orchards; however, heavy damage did not materialize. Moderate losses occurred in non-irrigated orchards. These mites are developing into a major pest of almonds.

Grape Erinose Mite Eriophyes vitis were numerous during the spring in many vineyards, but only in a few instances did damage result to buds and leaves from this mite.

Grape Bud Mite Eriophyes vitis a physiological strain of the above, was scattered throughout the main grape districts. Damage was very spotted. Only two vineyards, a total of 22 acres, were observed to have suffered loss from this pest.

Grape Phylloxera Dactylosphaera vitifoliae continues to be a problem in many vineyards. Growers are becoming more conscious of this insect each year due to its devastating effect on grapevine roots. Several new infestations were discovered during the year.

Grape Leafhopper Erythroneura comes The number of broods was normal this year. Many growers held damage to a minimum by using DDT in an early dusting program.

Pacific Mite Tetranychus pacificus Favorable weather conditions for the development of this mite caused more damage this year than last. There were some new materials

used against this pest with promising results. Foliage damage by this pest was not severe until after grapes had reached maturity.

#### PLANT DISEASES OF FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Brown Rot Sclerotinia fructicola & S. laxa Infestations of this fungus were light this year. The mild, dry weather which prevailed this year inhibited the development of this destructive disease.

Peach Blight Coryneum Beijerinckii Light damage was experienced this year except in a few apricot, peach, and almond orchards where no control measures were taken or where improper spray materials were applied.

Peach Leaf Curl Taphrina deformans Most varieties of peach trees showed a decreased amount of infection of this disease largely due to dry weather.

Crown Rot Phytophthora cactorum This fungus continues to be a problem in walnut orchards and individual trees in town. Most noticeable is the prevalence of this disease on trees located in poorly drained soil or where excessive surface moisture is maintained, as on and around lawns.

Oak-root Fungus Armillaria mellea A number of new infections were discovered through inspection of suspicious trees in orchards and by specimens brought in by farmers for identification. Many growers have been duly alarmed by this destructive fungus and have taken strong measures to stop the spread of this serious disease.

Powdery Mildew Sphaerotheca pannosa var. persicae This particular variety of powdery mildew which attacks peaches did a light amount of damage this year in some districts.

Powdery Mildew Uncinula necator on grapevines was not so prevalent as in some previous years. Four dustings this year held damage to a minimum.

Walnut Blight Phytophthora juglandis The most destructive disease of Payne variety walnuts was very light this year. Weather conditions were not favorable for the growth of this bacterial disease. There was a light drop of small nuts.

Cherry Diseases (virus) Numerous virus diseases have been seriously affecting cherry production in this and other cherry-producing counties. A program of selecting clean budwood has been inaugurated by the State Department of Agriculture as a long-range improvement program. This department assisted in field work in San Joaquin County.

#### INSECTS AND MITES OF VEGETABLE AND FIELD CROPS

Tomato Mite Phyllocoptes destructor This pest is sometimes referred

to as the silver mite due to its characteristic damage to tomato foliage. Growers are well aware of this pest and applied sulfur as a precautionary measure with good results. Some mites were observed in October.

Beet Webworm Loxostege sticticalis This pest developed to serious proportions this year in the southwestern part of San Joaquin County. It developed in most cases in combination with the yellow-striped armyworm in alfalfa fields. When such fields were cut, large numbers of these larvae moved out to attack adjoining fields. It was possible to stop such movement of yellow-striped armyworms, but the beet webworm was able to resist available control measures. This department cooperated with one of the sugar companies in conducting experiments with new materials and others not commonly in use against these pests. One of the new materials appeared promising for barrier application.

Corn Earworm Heliothis armigera No trouble of importance was experienced this year with this insect in tomato crops, for the timely application of the insecticide DDD (Dichloro-diphenyl-dichloroethane) gave splendid results; however, corn fields were hit as hard as ever where control was not practiced. DDD & DDT in combination gave good control of this insect in corn.

Tomato Hornworm Protoparce quinquemaculata

&  
Tobacco Hornworm P. sexta were light this year and the ones that did appear were effectively controlled with applications of DDD.

Darkling Ground Beetle (various species) were quickly controlled by DDT, DDD, and poisoned bran. In some cases where large numbers of these beetles were found, control measures were undertaken before the planting of the crop. This group of insects appeared to be less troublesome this year than last.

Flea Beetles (various species) had a general distribution. In a few cases control measures were necessary.

Grasshoppers (various species) Control measures were necessary in several areas of the county this year. In one locality in the southwest portion, two irrigation districts undertook extensive control and barrier measures to prevent the spread of large numbers of grasshoppers to adjoining properties. This department participated actively in this program with equipment and supervision.

Wireworms (various species) Farmers in the county found it advisable to treat more land than in previous years for this pest. In most cases the soil fumigant D-D (Dichloro-propene dichloropropane) was used; however, some farmers used EDB (Ethylene dibromide) soil fumigant material.

Celery Leaf-tier Phlyctaenia ferrugalis Damage to celery by this insect was negligible.

Celery Looper Autographa falcifera Infestations of this insect were light this year. This may be attributed to the many parasites present.

Cutworms (various species) These pests were prevalent in many localities this year. They caused light damage to plantings of tomatoes and other miscellaneous truck crops.

Yellow-striped Armyworm Prodenia ornithogalli Heavy infestations were present this year but not as heavy as in 1947. (Also see paragraph on the beet webworm.)

Sunflower Moth Homoeosoma electellum This pest was found to be present in damaging numbers in sunflower plantings this year. Seeds in the perimeter of mature heads were attacked by the larvae of this insect. Control of this pest is difficult. Materials used were DDT and TEPP.

#### VEGETABLE AND FIELD CROP DISEASES

Bacterial Canker Phytomonas michiganensis This bacterial organism was found infesting tomato plants in seven fields this year. Fermentation in separation of seed from fruit helps to destroy the bacteria and such seed should also be disinfected with corrosive sublimate before planting. Growers have been cautioned not to replant old tomato beds this coming year that have been contaminated by this destructive disease.

Western Yellow Blight (virus) This tomato disease, which is spread by the beet leafhopper, Eutettix tenellus, was heavier in 1949. However, it is fortunate that surrounding plants often filled in the area where plants had been killed by this disease, and thus, yield was not too seriously affected.

Tomato Mosaic Disease (virus) The effects of this disease were evident in numerous fields in the county, but infected tomato plants outgrew this disease in most cases, causing very little damage. In general, tomato mosaic was lighter this year.

Spotted Wilt (virus) This disease was found spotted throughout tomato fields in the county. Several fields suffered some loss from this virus. Three fields in the northern part of this county were noted in particular. Control measures should be directed against the thrips that carry this virus to plants in the seed bed and field.

Fusarium Wilt & Verticillium Wilt These two fungus diseases were evident to a certain extent in some tomato fields with very little damage occurring. Weather conditions were apparently unfavorable for the development of these diseases.

Western Celery Mosaic (virus) No serious losses were experienced from this disease in 1949. Infections were light throughout celery-growing areas of the county.

Aster Yellows (virus) This virus disease which is carried by the six-spotted leafhopper, Macrosteles divisus, stunted a small percentage of celery grown. The Golden varieties of celery suffered greater losses than other varieties.

Potato Diseases (various) Since growers are now using certified seed potatoes, losses from the various diseases of potatoes are negligible.

#### PEST CONTROL OPERATORS

Farmers of San Joaquin County each year carry out extensive pest control work of plant diseases and insect pests to protect their crops. The gradual introduction of numerous plant diseases, insect pests, and noxious weeds now require energetic measures of suppression or eradication to keep these pests from interfering with profitable crop production. To facilitate these control measures, many farmers employed commercial pest control operators to make the application of the chemicals used.

During the year, a number of new certificates were issued to individuals desiring to enter the business of pest control work. In accordance with Section 150 of the Agricultural Code, applicants were given written examinations and questioned orally to determine their qualifications to carry out pest control work.

Throughout the year, operators were required to send in monthly reports giving information on all work done. Also, in the case of the use of hazardous materials, 48 hours notice in advance of application was required to be filed at this office. The total number of such notices filed with the office this year was 298.

Whenever complaints were received by this department, inspections of the fields in question were made to gather evidence and to determine the extent of damage.

A wide variety of chemical materials have been used by pest control operators in this county. New materials such as parathion and HETP and chloradane were used. Greater use of the material cyanamide was made as a defoliant on tomato crops. In general, materials were applied as sprays or dusts either by ground rig or aircraft.

The acreage treated in San Joaquin County for this year by commercial pest control operators was substantially the same as the previous year, with a slight increase of approximately 1,000 acres. Of the 113,757 acres treated, 90% of this acreage was treated by aircraft.

This year, 59 persons were certified for pest control work, of which 32 were for aircraft spraying and dusting, 9 for orchard spraying and dusting, 7 for weed control, 5 for fumigation, 3 for ornamental and shade tree spraying, 2 for cattle or barn spraying, and 1 for fog machine operation.

Acres Treated in San Joaquin County by Commercial Operators

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Plant Diseases and Insect Pests |                     |
| Fruit and Nut Crops -----       | 47,731 acres        |
| Field Crops -----               | 11,770 acres        |
| Vegetable Crops -----           | 26,922 acres        |
|                                 | <u>86,432 acres</u> |
| Weed Control                    |                     |
| 2,4-D -----                     | 25,157 acres        |
| Contact Material -----          | 1,665 acres         |
|                                 | <u>26,822 acres</u> |
| Soil Fumigation                 |                     |
| D-D -----                       | 386 acres           |
| EDB -----                       | 126 acres           |
|                                 | <u>512 acres</u>    |
| Total Acres Treated -----       | 113,757 acres       |

HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN PESTS

Scarcely a day passes without this office receiving at least one call from someone requesting information for the control of insect pests either inside their house or in their garden. Many times the identification of the insect is not known or only a general description of the condition of the plant can be given by the person. Under these circumstances it is necessary to call on the party in question, and only after a positive identification can proper control measures be recommended. These calls are necessary not only to assist the party involved, but it is never known when a new pest to this county will be found that is of a serious nature to agricultural crops. By discovering such a pest before it has a chance to become established and spread to neighboring properties, methods of suppression or eradication may be effectively employed.

Many times the plants are suffering from a physiological condition. If this condition is suspicioned to be caused by soil irregularities, the soil is analyzed in our laboratory for injurious salts, for deficiency of some vital plant food materials, or for the pH (acid-base content) of the soil. Armed with this knowledge, soil corrections can be carried out in an intelligent manner by the application of proper fertilizers or readjusting the soil pH.

STANDARDIZATION

Fruit, Nut, Vegetable, Egg, and Honey

This activity of Standardization work is authorized under Chapter 2, Division 5, of the Agricultural Code. It has to do with the inspection of eggs, honey, walnuts, and thirty-two of the important fruits and vegetables, to see that they comply with the specific standards specified in the Code. It also includes all other fresh



fruits and vegetables, as they are also regulated as to serious decay and insect damage, and all dried fruits regulated as to deception and mislabeling.

This year the enforcement of the Standardization Laws was carried out by all members of the department in addition to performing their other duties. During the shipping season, a number of crops demanded a large number of inspectors to be on the job. Since commodities were delivered throughout the day and into the late evening to re-distribution centers, where it is more practical to maintain inspections, many hours of overtime were necessary to properly inspect this produce to maintain higher standards of quality and pack, and further, to protect the consumer from fraud, mislabeling, and deception of commodities. This procedure also assisted the truckers and shippers in getting their produce into the markets without unnecessary delay by further inspections at state-operated highway inspection stations.

Afternoon Market The afternoon market usually starts with the beginning of the cherry season and carries on until the fruit season is ended. All of the fruits and vegetables the farmers bring in are inspected before being loaded on trucks and taken to the larger sholesale markets, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. There are five loading docks that one inspector must cover. All loads are certified before leaving for their final destination.

Ranch Calls Throughout the year a number of ranch calls were made by inspectors of this department to packing sheds located on farms. Advice to the farmer or packer in the proper preparation of the produce under consideration is given. In this manner, the farmer is assured of a pack meeting all of the standardization requirements before it leaves the farm. Inspections of this type are welcomed by farmers and packers, for corrections in the packing and conditioning of fruits and vegetables may be made without undue expense or trouble to the grower.

Morning Market The morning wholesale market, which operates the year around, opens at 5:00 a.m., and the farmers of the county bring their fresh produce in to be sold to the retailers. This necessitates having one inspector assigned to the market to enforce the standardization laws. Many buyers from the county and other parts of the state are there getting the fresh produce in order to pass it on to the consumer. The peak of the season is reached during the summer months when the fresh fruits are ripening.

Wholesale Markets and Retail Stores It is necessary to maintain constant vigilance upon all wholesale stores because so many commodities are imported into the county from other parts of the state. In order to assure the retailer and consumer of high quality produce, daily inspections are made at all wholesale establishments.

Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable This has been an excellent growing season for most crops in San Joaquin County. The mild, warm weather has permitted farmers to grow and harvest their crops without the problems of wet, damp weather, which is conducive to rots, mold, and decay. Such factors have a direct bearing upon the problems

arising under the Standardizing Law in the preparation of proper packs. Most noticeable was the high quality of cherry packs as in contrast with the previous year when brown mold and cracked skins caused by wet weather prevailed. Peaches and nectarines, in a similar manner, were of excellent quality since split pits and especially brown rot were at a minimum.

However, the general run-of-the-mill violations were experienced throughout the year. The preparation of deceptive packs in such commodities as peaches, asparagus, and tomatoes was experienced. Variation of size and some slime in excess of the tolerance in a number of lettuce packs was found. A number of violations occurred due to improper label information or absence of required markings on packing boxes in such commodities as sweet potatoes, grapes, apples, and citrus. Some shipments of potatoes from out of state were found below the prescribed standards of the marked grade US#1, and a few lots were found deteriorating with soft and wet rot. During the water-melon season, a few loads were rejected for rind rot and immaturity.

Eggs Periodic inspections of eggs in retail stores were conducted throughout the year. Many times retailers had inadvertently held these eggs in storage for a period of time longer than considered advisable. Checking these eggs by portable candler revealed a number of eggs that did not meet required specifications of the grade indicated on the containers. In some cases, producers were found to be at fault when they delivered eggs which did not meet the requirements of size or quality standards for the grade given on the containers.

Honey Throughout the year, a number of calls have been received by this office for general information concerning honey grades and marking requirements. There have been several rejection notices given this year on containers of honey not being properly marked as to grade.

#### Standardization Statistics

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Number of containers inspected ----- | 8,631,752  |
| Certificates Issued -----            | 1,703      |
| Fees Received -----                  | \$1,820.50 |
| Violation Notices Issued -----       | 331        |
| Number of Containers Rejected -----  | 19,013     |
| Court Cases -----                    | 4          |
| Amount of Fines -----                | \$ 300.00  |

Grapes for By-Products Section 771 of the Agricultural Code provides that wineries purchasing grapes on which the price paid is based on the sugar content shall have an official test made on each load delivered by an authorized inspector from this department. This work was carried out with the aid of 17 extra men who made 36,344 official sugar tests and issued 20,119 certificates at 11 wineries by a scale set up by this Department. The following chart shows the wineries having inspections, the number of certificates issued and the cost of each certificate.

| Name of Winery           | No. of<br>Certificates | Cost          | Av. Cost Per<br>Certificate |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Acampo Winery            | 850                    | \$ 427.12     | .50                         |
| Cherokee Vineyard Ass'n. | 3,112                  | 681.70        | .22                         |
| Community Grape Corp.    | 3,894                  | 877.99        | .23                         |
| Del Rio Winery           | 3,225                  | 805.62        | .25                         |
| Franzia Bros. Winery     | 960                    | 370.24        | .39                         |
| Lockeford Winery         | 2,404                  | 608.70        | .25                         |
| Petri Wine Co.           | 2,150                  | 776.20        | .36                         |
| Roma Wine Co.            | 1,990                  | 707.84        | .36                         |
| Sebastiani Winery        | 768                    | 354.20        | .46                         |
| Shewan-Jones             | 128                    | 207.52        | 1.62                        |
| Village Winery           | <u>638</u>             | <u>502.80</u> | <u>.78</u>                  |
| Total                    | 20,119                 | \$6,319.93    | 5.42                        |

Certification To facilitate the transportation of agricultural commodities, many certificates of inspection are issued by this office on truckloads of produce stating that the load conforms to the provisions of the Agricultural Code relative to Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Standards. This certification is not mandatory, but is a service of considerable importance to the party transporting the produce; therefore, those receiving the service are very well pleased and willing to pay the charge of seventy-five cents for a 4,000 load or over. This year 1,703 certificates were issued.

The movement of produce by truck to out-of-state points is maintained by a veritable fleet of trucks. Fruits and vegetables from San Joaquin County find their way to nearly every state in the Union and some into Canada by way of truck transportation. Since trucks transporting agricultural produce are required to stop at inspection stations located within the state and at state borders, standardization certificates are of special benefit to the truckers. Those having certificates are permitted to proceed, while those not having certificates of inspection are detained for inspection of their load, and if it does not conform to the state standards, they are required to recondition the load or make other necessary disposition. Therefore, those having certificates are not inconvenienced in such a manner. Furthermore, it has been reported by a number of truck drivers that these certificates are honored by inspectors at destination in other states. The following report shows the amount of produce certified and the destination thereof.

Destination of Certified Truck Load Produce:

| *Commodity            | Southern California | San Francisco Bay Area | Balance of State | Out of State |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Apricots              | 10,267              | 501                    | 0                | 914          |
| Cherries              | 119,706             | 10,459                 | 4,446            | 7,074        |
| Figs                  | 1,343               | 1,119                  | 48               | 5            |
| Grapes                | 37,548              | 14,988                 | 3,493            | 459,557      |
| Nectarines            | 28,278              | 23,038                 | 912              | 417          |
| Peaches               | 18,324              | 281,660                | 22,959           | 2,964        |
| Plums                 | 22,833              | 9,352                  | 302              | 1,181        |
| Berries               | 6,647               | 504                    | 0                | 1,662        |
| Misc. Fruits and Nuts | 7,467               | 346                    | 3,637            | 1,370        |
| Asparagus             | 1,492               | 15,662                 | 747              | 43,118       |
| Celery                | 250                 | 0                      | 270              | 15,585       |
| Lettuce               | 50                  | 52                     | 0                | 1,492        |
| Onions                | 4,537               | 17,660                 | 2,914            | 2,863        |
| Potatoes              | 0                   | 4,149                  | 297              | 6,427        |
| Sw. Potatoes          | 100                 | 20                     | 143              | 39,642       |
| Tomatoes              | 519                 | 10,357                 | 4,273            | 4,768        |
| Watermelons **        | 316                 | 1,312                  | 1,264            | 1,044        |
| Other Melons          | 328                 | 1,470                  | 766              | 725          |
| Misc. Vegetables      | <u>964</u>          | <u>10,133</u>          | <u>8,617</u>     | <u>3,172</u> |
| TOTAL                 | 260,969             | 402,782                | 55,088           | 593,980      |

\*Unit container such as lug, crate, flat, box, or sack except where otherwise specified.

\*\*Indicates Tons

## Bird and Rodent Control

Bird Control Damage to crops by birds has been of minor significance in the county this year. Blackbirds and crows caused some damage to crops in the southern portion of the county. Some fields of ladino clover were damaged by mudhens. Wild pigeons fed upon newly germinated grain fields and caused some damage to buds of almond and apricot trees. One field of 50 acres of newly germinated onions which had been seeded directly in the field fell under the attack of hornlarks. English Sparrows were of a particular nuisance to home gardens and berry crops in several parts of the county. Linnets caused some damage to a few almond trees in blossom stage near river bottom areas.

Ground Squirrel Control In this county, rodent control work is concentrated almost exclusively on the ground squirrel. Other rodents are of minor importance and are regarded in comparison of minor significance as to destruction to crops in this county. Through the commendable cooperation of farmers, reclamation districts, irrigation districts, and railroads this year, the ground squirrel population of the county has been materially reduced. Many fields that once abounded with this pest have been virtually eradicated or only small isolated infestations remain. Also, all state and county roads were inspected for ground squirrel infestations and treated accordingly.

This year fourteen reclamation districts gave to this department the responsibility of carrying out the rodent control work on farms in their districts. This has eliminated the problem of contacting each land owner and making arrangements for control work. Furthermore, the Sheriff's Department supplied county prisoners as low-cost laborers to work under our supervision, which has facilitated the squirrel control work.

Throughout the year, weather permitting, a vigorous campaign on the destructive ground squirrel was carried out in this county. Wherever possible, farmers were assisted in their ground squirrel problems by members of this department by advice on proper methods of control or by actual field operations. Whenever the poisons "1080" or thallium were employed, the handling and distribution was under the direct supervision of this department as required by the code.

The main poisons employed in the control of ground squirrels were strychnine, "1080" (Sodium Fluoroacetate), and carbon disulphide. A small amount of thallium and zinc phosphide were used; however, cost, particularly in the case of thallium, has virtually eliminated the use of these materials. The old reliable carbon disulphide (CS<sub>2</sub>) has been a favorite material throughout the year wherever it was practical to apply this material. However, poison baits of "1080" have proven to be a very good material, both from the standpoint of cost and effectiveness.

Although ground squirrel control work has predominated in this county, some work was done on other rodents. For the most part, this has been in an advisory capacity on such rodents as rats, field mice, gophers, and rabbits; however, some farmers that requested assistance against severe infestations of rats were aided by this department. On the following page is a chart showing acres treated and materials used during the past year for squirrel control in this county.

Materials Used and Acres Treated in San Joaquin  
County for Squirrel Control Work

| Month     | Acres Treated | Pounds Strychnine Bait | Pounds Zinc Phosphide Bait | Pounds "1080" Bait | Gallons CS <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Bisulphide) |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| JANUARY   | 57,000        | 9                      | 10                         | 275                | 3,060                                       |
| FEBRUARY  | 80,000        | 74                     | 70                         | 637                | 3,332                                       |
| MARCH     | 125,000       | 110                    | 8                          | 310                | 4,641                                       |
| APRIL     | 121,000       | 225                    | 10                         | 1,486              | 5,686                                       |
| MAY       | 100,000       | 225                    | 10                         | 1,486              | 5,686                                       |
| JUNE      | 40,000        | 345                    | 20                         | 3,923              | 531   |
| JULY      | 25,000        | 190                    |                            | 845                | 820   |
| AUGUST    | 20,000        | 123                    | 20                         | 642                | 922   |
| SEPTEMBER | 30,000        | 440                    | 80                         | 651                | 873   |
| OCTOBER   | 73,000        | 180                    | 10                         | 1,981              | 1,413                                       |
| NOVEMBER  | 12,318        | 229                    | 95                         | 943                | 1,170                                       |
| DECEMBER  | <u>4,622</u>  | <u>100</u>             | <u>35</u>                  | <u>85</u>          | <u>1,380</u>                                |
| Total     | 687,940       | 2,250                  | 368                        | 13,264             | 29,514                                      |

WEED CONTROL

The suppression and eradication of undesirable weed pests has become one of the major pest control problems of this county. For many years, with the ever-increasing intensification of diversified agricultural activities, farmers have come to more fully recognize the importance of weed control work. The majority of farmers readily accepted the fact that only by curtailing the growth of weeds can their land be utilized to its fullest extent for crop production. However, the main problem is to inculcate in land owners the proper procedures in the control of specific noxious weeds that have been introduced into this county. Many farmers are inclined to place all weeds in the same category in weed control methods and disregard the individual problems connected with each species, especially of those weeds we regard and classify as noxious.

To educate and aid materially land owners in the county, a special weed control program was initiated in 1948. This year the program was greatly intensified so that a greater number of property owners would be unified in the county-wide program. The annual noxious weeds considered under this program were Yellow Star Thistle and Puncture Vine, with special emphasis upon infestations in areas relatively

free of these weeds. Perennial weeds given special consideration were Johnson Grass, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, and White Horsenettle.

First of all, to meet the needs of such an extensive program it was necessary for this department to substantially increase its staff with men trained in the problems of weed control. Since such men were not available, it became the task of the department to train men to meet this need. These men, supplemented with our regular inspector personnel, carried the program to landowners throughout the county.

It is the unfortunate circumstances of many small property owners that they are not able to afford the initial cost of necessary spray equipment to carry out effective measures of suppression and eradication of noxious weeds. This problem was overcome by furnishing spray equipment from this department free of charge. Three spray rigs mounted on four-wheel power trucks were available to farmers of this county for weed control work on their property. The only expense involved was the wage of a truck driver and of chemical materials supplied by this department.

With trained personnel and equipment to help farmers, a systematic program of contacting farmers and all other land owners throughout the county was carried out. Properties were inspected for noxious weeds, and the owners were urged to join in the program of controlling any infestations on their land. At the same time, Irrigation Districts, Reclamation Districts, Railroads, and any other agencies with property were contacted to gain their cooperation in this program. Other men were assigned the task of taking care of the state and county roads for roadside infestations.

The inspection of properties throughout the county gave a comprehensive survey of infestations of noxious weeds. Although the general locations of most of the noxious perennials were known to inspectors in their districts, the systematic inspection of all properties did reveal the presence of infestations hitherto unknown. This was exemplified in the new discovery of a number of small infestations of Klamath Weed. In the case of roadside infestations of such perennials as Johnson Grass, Russian Knapweed, and Hoary Cress, arrow markers were painted on the road to give the location for future treatment with soil sterilant during the winter months.

To supplement the educational work of ranch calls, a number of grange and farm center meetings were attended by members of this department. Talks were given on the problems of weed control, and the special weed control program was explained. Often these talks were supplemented with picture slides. Periodically throughout the year, local radio stations and newspapers publicized the problems of weed control.

The activity of weed control work in San Joaquin County has by no means restricted itself to the weeds concerned in the special weed control program. Farmers in many cases have come to recognize the advantages in the use of chemical weed control as contrasted with cultivation methods or where cultivation is not possible. Selective

spraying in such crops as grain, rice, celery, carrots, and alfalfa has been widely accepted in this county. Commercial pest control operators alone treated over 26,000 acres.

Weed Control Work Carried Out With County Equipment

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Private Property                              |         |
| Properties worked - - - - -                   | 184     |
| Acres treated with contact material - - - -   | 409     |
| Gallons of contact material applied - - - -   | 49,975  |
| Square rods treated with soil sterilants - -  | 4,755   |
| Pounds of soil sterilants applied - - - - -   | 47,745  |
| County Highways                               |         |
| Total miles inspected and treated - - - - -   | 39,544  |
| Gallons of contact material applied - - - - - | 141,860 |
| Pounds of soil sterilants applied - - - - -   | 16,440  |
| State Highways                                |         |
| Total miles inspected and treated - - - - -   | 5,741   |
| Gallons of contact material applied - - - - - | 25,493  |
| Pounds of soil sterilants applied - - - - -   | 880     |

SEED INSPECTION

One of the important duties of this office is to prevent the introduction of noxious weed seeds into this county. This is accomplished by inspecting all seed brought into the county for planting purposes or for any other purpose which may disseminate weed seeds. Shortly after notification by common carriers of the arrival of seed lots into the county, inspection is conducted for the presence of noxious weed seed or insect pests.

Grain Inspection During the year, numerous shipments of grain, both bulk and sacked, is brought into the county for stock feeding or seeding purposes. Quarantine samples are drawn for noxious weed seed content, and the general condition of the lot is inspected for foreign material such as cotton, corn cobs, or any other debris that may be capable of harboring insect pests. Grain lots found infested with pests are disposed of by appropriate methods of cleaning, grinding, burning, or fumigation.

|               | Lots Passed | Lots Rejected | Total Lots Inspected |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Interstate    |             |               |                      |
| Lot Inspected | 509         | 135           | 644                  |
| Intrastate    |             |               |                      |
| Lot Inspected | 15          | 3             | 18                   |



Lots Rejected in Tonnage

| Tonnage    | Reason for Rejection              | Disposition                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4,950 tons | Johnson Grass & White Horsenettle | Recleaned & Screenings Ground         |
| 100 tons   | Morning Glory                     | Recleaned & Screenings Ground         |
| 50 tons    | Russian Knapweed                  | Diverted Out of County                |
| 100 tons   | Quack Grass                       | Ground                                |
| 60 tons    | Canada Thistle                    | Recleaned, Screenings Ground & Burned |
| 200 tons   | European Corn Borer               | Debris Burned                         |
| 50 tons    | Yellow Star Thistle               | Recleaned & Screenings Ground         |

Agricultural and Vegetable Seed Inspection Under Chapter 5, Section 125, of the State Agricultural Law and under the California Seed Law, lots of agricultural and vegetable seed are inspected to see that they meet the provisions of these laws. Quarantine samples are drawn and inspected for noxious weed seed. Labels are scrutinized for correct information. Periodic inspection of seed houses is maintained throughout the year, especially to check the germination date, since it is effective only for a given length of time. This year, 270 lots of agricultural and vegetable seed were inspected in this county. Of this number, only three lots were rejected due to the presence of noxious weed seed. One lot was rejected for quack grass and the other two for yellow star thistle seed.

Screenings Throughout the year, screenings at the 28 warehouses were inspected for noxious weed seeds. Those lots found infested were rejected and the required sixty days was given to the owner to dispose of the lot by recleaning, grinding, or burning. Out of the 18,323 sacks of screenings inspected, 1,698 sacks were rejected for noxious weed seeds. These rejected sacks of screenings were disposed of by recleaning and grinding.

The following weed seeds were present in lots rejected:

| KIND OF SEED                       | NUMBER OF LOTS | NUMBER OF SACKS | DISPOSITION |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Morning Glory                      | 1              | 415             | Ground      |
| Yellow Star Thistle                | 3              | 786             | Recleaned   |
| Russian Knapweed                   | 2              | 177             | Ground      |
| Russian Knapweed,<br>Johnson Grass | 1              | 320             | Recleaned   |

## SEED CERTIFICATION

Under Section 916.1 of the California Seed Law, this office is authorized to supervise the harvesting, cleaning, and packing of seed eligible for certification and label and seal such lots which meet the requirements of certification. There are eight warehouses in the county which handle beans, clover, wheat, barley, alfalfa, Harding grass, Sudan grass, and milo for certification. Before a lot is cleaned for certification, the cleaner is thoroughly inspected for any foreign seeds which may infest the lot of seed to be cleaned. After the lot is cleaned, a representative sample is taken. The sample is divided, and one portion is sent to the seed certification agency and the other portion of the sample is retained by this office. When a lot passes certification, the lot is tagged and sealed under our supervision with tags and seals sent to this department by the seed certifying agency. During the season, 278 lots of beans were sampled, which comprised a total of 109,005 sacks. In addition, 37 other types of seed lots were drawn for certification, which represented 8,400 sacks of seed.

## APIARY

The purpose of bee inspection is to prevent the introduction and spread within the county of diseases injurious to bees. Colonies infested with American Foulbrood, a very infectious bee disease, are fumigated to kill the diseased bees and then burned to eradicate the disease.

This year, no one of this department was assigned officially the task of bee inspection in the county. Consequently, inspectors of the various districts carried out such inspections as necessary. Inspection of apiaries in the county revealed 12 colonies infested with American Foulbrood. These were destroyed according to prescribed methods under the law. Throughout the year, a number of requests for information at this office was received from novice beekeepers. Also, routine issuing of registration forms and queen certificates and the recording of bee movements were handled by this office.

## FAIRS AND EXHIBITS

Top honors were bestowed upon the exhibits of agricultural commodities from San Joaquin County, both at the California State Fair and the National Orange Show at San Bernardino. Along with the many trophies and ribbons received by this county, cash awards totaling \$4,000 were won at these two fairs.

AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR The theme of the '49 Gold Rush was portrayed by an animated exhibit featuring a pioneer couple riding a covered wagon pulled by a pair of oxen. Surrounding the elevated pioneer animation, a display of rich bountiful agricultural products gave proof that the reward of the West was indeed great. The fruits, nuts, vegetables, and vintager's delights in quality unsurpassed were given top awards for the best complete display artistically arranged, and for the best and most complete agricultural and horticultural exhibit.

Twelve first sweepstake prizes were received which included cling peaches, freestone peaches, shipping plums, walnuts, almonds, table grapes, barley, vegetable seed, root vegetables, plant vegetables, and tomatoes.

Second-place sweepstakes were won on prunes, canning plums, wine grapes, wheat, field seed, and melons. This exhibit was awarded 15 cups, 118 blue ribbons, 75 second-place ribbons, and 49 third-place ribbons. This year, five San Joaquin Wineries received 39 awards in the state-wide wine judgments in the open division and the new special division held for the first time. Gold, silver, bronze, and honorable-mention awards were offered in the open division, while special division awards were on a comparative basis. Thus, for the second consecutive year the California State Fair awarded the giant sweepstakes cup to San Joaquin County for the richest agricultural display at the fair.

AT THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW Top honors were bestowed upon San Joaquin County's exhibit. The theme "Out of This World" was depicted by a large revolving world surmounting the exhibit, with lesser globes centered on revolving tables covered with agricultural produce at each corner. Twelve miniature mechanical farmers in a circle on the central table moved in a harvest endeavor exemplifying that in San Joaquin County - "Any Time is Harvest Time".

AT THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FAIR Twelve districts, the largest number of districts ever to submit entries in any one year, participated with the 49'ers Gold Rush Days as the central theme.

The various districts represented displayed a great array of diversified crops produced in this county, showing that the early 49'er found a great wealth of the soil. Awards at the county fair were as follows: In the Community Display, Section I, the Escalon exhibit was awarded first prize. Linden followed in second place; Tracy, in third place; Thornton, fourth place, and Lodi, fifth. In the Community Display, Section II, Farmington was awarded first prize, followed by Clements in second place and Stockton in third place. In the Feature Display, French Camp took first prize; San Joaquin Delta, second; Ripon, third; Manteca, fourth; and Lockeford, fifth place.

#### COOPERATION WITH BUREAU OF MARKET ENFORCEMENT AND BUREAU OF MILK CONTROL

Unveiling the statistics on money recoveries and money adjustments shows that many farmers in this county took advantage of the services extended by these State Bureaus. Through investigations, hearings, and procedures set forth under the Produce Dealers Act, the Processor's Law and Milk Control Laws resulted in a net remittance of \$183,072.77 to growers of this county.

Whenever controversies arise between growers and dealers or processors, the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office extends every possible effort to aid the Bureau of Market Enforcement by collecting necessary evidence concerning these cases. With this evidence it is possible to offer a thorough presentation of facts on both sides which will result in a fair readjustment to all concerned. Many of these complaints are first received at this office and then all details concerning the complaint are transmitted to the Bureau.

All buyers of farm commodities must be licensed by the Bureau of Market Enforcement. This applies to cash buyers as well as others. The County Department assists the Bureau in seeing that all these buyers are properly licensed.

The following amounts were recovered:

|                 | Number of Participants | Amount Received     |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Produce Dealers | 94                     | \$ 42,421.28        |
| Processors      | 119                    | \$125,784.02        |
| Milk Recoveries | <u>39</u>              | <u>\$ 14,867.47</u> |
| Total           | 252                    | \$183,072.77        |

The County also maintains a special office in the Agricultural Building for State Officials for the purpose of holding hearings or any other activity which requires office space.

#### MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES

In order to extend better service to the farmers in this county and to more effectively carry out the duties of this department, members of this department have engaged in a number of miscellaneous activities. Some of the more important functions are as follows:

Entomology Class Paramount among pests that cause damage to agricultural crops are certain insects. In order that the inspector personnel of this department may become better acquainted in the identification of insects and recognize detrimental species, night classes on a voluntary basis were held once a week for a period of 3 months this year.

Identification of Insects, Diseases, and Plants Among the more important duties of this department is the proper identification of insects, diseases, and plants. In many cases it is obvious that such information be available before problems dealing with these insects, diseases, or plants can be solved. In case verification in the identification of these insects, diseases, or plants is necessary, specimens are prepared and sent to the taxonomist at the State Department of Agriculture.

Farm Bureau and Grange Meetings One of the best opportunities to contact farmers and pass on information pertinent to the work of this department is through the Farm Bureau and Grange meetings. Here, specific problems of that district can be discussed or educational methods employed. By having a member of the Department present, questions related to the work of the Department can be readily answered.

Photographic Work Each year, numerous pictures are taken and developed by this department. This year, 63 black and white films and 300 colored slides were prepared in our laboratory. This has provided a very convenient method of securing a record of agricultural facts found in this county. By developing the pictures in our own laboratory, time is saved and costs reduced. Employing the use of photographs as court evidence on several occasions this year has been most helpful. Most important of all has been the value of these pictures for visual education. At farm meetings, talks supplemented with slides portraying conditions in the county have been very helpful.

Salinity Test In many places in the delta area the salinity of water tends to become concentrated. Since this area relies on this water for irrigation of crops, it is of vital importance that farmers keep a close tab upon the salinity of the water. Consequently, a number of farmers brought in samples of water to have it tested for salt concentration. Whenever samples were submitted for examination, tests were run in our laboratory.

Soil Tests In answering calls from persons in rural and urban areas having plants growing improperly, it is often necessary to make a laboratory analysis of the soil in which such plants are growing. Frequently, alkali soil is found responsible for the adverse conditions; other tests revealed the deficiency of some vital food material. During this year, 51 samples of soil were submitted for examination.

Special Agricultural Reports Throughout the year, numerous requests are received by this department for statistical information on various crops grown in this county. These requests may include one crop or a number of different crops. This, in turn, may be for only a given section of the county. Since farmers and a host of agencies connected with the handling and processing of farm commodities are vitally interested in the production fluctuations of various crops, statistical information is of prime importance in planning for the future.

Spraying of County Shade Trees During the past year, it was necessary to spray certain sycamore and ash trees in the county. These trees were seriously attacked by the sycamore scale and the ash plant bug on their respective hosts. A total of 592 sycamore trees were sprayed, using 14,000 gallons of dormant oil spray mixture which was applied during January. The trees were observed to be greatly improved during the past summer. The ash trees were sprayed to kill the ash plant bug which kills off new foliage as it appears in the spring. Good control of this insect was obtained.

Shop Work Paramount among the activities of this department is the work carried out in the Department's shop. This year, with the extensive weed control program, it became necessary to secure adequate equipment to carry out this program. This, in turn, called for spray-rigs to meet special requirements of roadside spraying and private property work. This problem was solved by constructing this weed control equipment in our shop. In the case of rigs for roadside work, seats were mounted in locations that offered the workman the best position for locating and spraying weed infestations. Safety devices, such as red blinker lights and chain guards, were installed on the rigs in the shop. Throughout the season, repair and maintenance of this equipment was carried out in the shop.

Also in the shop, fair exhibits are designed and constructed. All of the mechanical and electrical devices required in running the moving objects are assembled in the shop. Since most of the parts that make up the construction of many of the exhibits are not available through commercial channels, it becomes the responsibility of the shop personnel to plan and build the necessary parts.

Spray Residue Along with the regular standardization work at ranches, markets, and shipping centers, inspector personnel are instructed to maintain a close look-out for crop commodities with spray residue present. Any fruits or vegetables with such residue or which are suspicioned to be contaminated with spray residue are sent to the Bureau of Chemistry of the State Department of Agriculture for analysis. This is an important duty of the inspectors, for many of the chemicals used in the control of fruit and vegetable pests are highly poisonous.

Staff Meetings Periodically throughout the year, meetings are held by members of the department. These meetings are convened to discuss current problems of the department with reference to standardized methods of inspection and changes in the laws. Also, reports are given by inspectors of activities in their respective districts. These meetings have been of vital importance in dissemination of information of departmental policies and county activities.

Sugar and Sugar-Acid Tests In order to aid grape growers at the beginning of the harvest season, Tokay grapes were given the sugar (degree Balling) or sugar-acid (Balling-acid ratio) test free of charge by this department. Since the acidity of the grapes is correlated with their eating quality as well as the sugar content, tests were sometimes run on both. This eliminated the guessing as to the proper time to pick the Tokay grapes; thus, premature pickings were held to a minimum. This season 222 sugar-acid tests were run.

Weather Reports During the year, weather reports on crop growing conditions in the county are filed with the United States Weather Bureau. These reports are submitted each week in the summer and once each month during the winter.

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1949

CLASSIFICATION

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Administrative   | \$ 23,458.83    |
| Plant Quarantine   | 15,235.21       |
| Fruit, Nut, Vegetable, Honey,<br>and Egg Standardization | 12,174.25       |
| Field, Orchard, and Nursery<br>Inspection                | 12,116.66       |
| Rodent Control   | 10,421.62       |
| Weed Control   | 8,226.10        |
| Crop Statistics  | 7,158.54        |
| Office Personnel   | 4,815.24        |
| Fairs and Exhibits                                       | 7,112.98        |
| Maintenance and Operation                                | 27,860.00       |
| Capital Outlay   | 820.00          |
| General  | <u>4,171.19</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES                                     | \$133,570.62    |

COLLECTIONS REMITTED TO COUNTY TREASURER

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Special Agricultural Inspection | \$ 3,518.25     |
| Wine Grape Inspection           | 11,137.08       |
| Fairs and Exhibits              | <u>5,478.50</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL CREDITS             | \$ 20,133.83    |

CROP SUMMARY  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
YEAR - 1949

Since success and failure in the production of many crops is directly effected by the fluctuations of weather conditions throughout the year, no crop report would be complete without a concise statement of the year's weather development.

Subnormally cold weather greeted the new year, 1949. The mercury sank to a new all-time record of 16.8 degrees. Truck crops suffered some freezing damage. The cold weather, combined with the lack of sufficient precipitation, retarded all growth in winter grains, vegetables, and grasses. Frozen ground delayed some plowing and planting operations. The sparsity of range and pasture feed necessitated supplemental feeding of livestock throughout the month of January. This condition continued until mid-February, then moderate to warm temperatures prevailed for the remainder of the month. The favorable temperature, coupled with light rains, stimulated the growth of such crops as spinach, peas, onions, grain, alfalfa, ladino clover, and pasture land. Cherry, apricot, plum, and early variety of peach trees had broken dormancy and buds began to swell.

March represented a month of unsettled weather. The near drought was sharply broken by heavy rains of nearly 6 inches during the month. Some farm operations were curtailed, especially the spraying of fruit trees. Temperatures were relatively mild and crops in general began to make more rapid advances in growth.

Warm dry weather prevailed in April, benefiting generally all crops except grain and pasture in non-irrigated areas which still needed additional rain. As a result of the dry weather, farmers found it necessary to irrigate fields and orchards. Irrigation was continued throughout the remainder of the season, for new rains never materialized, except very light rains in May.

Although the drought during the winter gave crops a slow start, the early spring of mild warm weather advanced the crops approximately a week ahead of normal. A minimum development of plant diseases along with a heavy set of fruit gave farmers crops of superior quality and quantity.

Throughout the summer and late into the fall, excellent weather prevailed for growing and harvesting of crops in San Joaquin County. Not until November 7 did the first light rain occur. However, this had no effect on harvest operations, and by the time the first precipitation of any appreciable amount occurred a month later, all crops susceptible to damp weather had been harvested, especially grapes and tomatoes. Abundance and excellent quality marked the theme for most crops during 1949 in San Joaquin County.



## Fruits and Nuts

Almonds The almond crop this season was of good quality. Although the crop was spotted in some areas, a heavier crop was produced. Harvesting problems were held to a minimum, since there were few almond stick-tight hulls. The almond mite prevalent in many orchards still represented a problem to growers.

Apricots The quality of the fruit was fair and production was spotted. There was an increase in fresh shipments, and tonnage to processors showed a decided drop. There was about a 50-ton increase in dried apricots over the previous year.

Cherries Most spectacular was the unusually high production tonnage this season. Although quality was good since splits and brown rot were at a minimum, the row size was increases sharply with the small fruit. In a number of cases, growers did not harvest their fruit since prices were appreciably reduced on small fruit in eastern markets and at canneries. Large-sized cherries, however, in eastern markets brought a good price.

Chestnuts Crop yield was about average or same as the previous year. The price was lower; also, the acreage decreased slightly. Shippers had some trouble with mold, which can probably be attributed to methods of harvest and packing.

Figs Due to the favorable weather, crop production was good, showing a decided increase over the year before. The price and acreage remained approximately the same this year.

Grapes This year the quality of both table and juice grapes was good. The excellent weather conditions during the harvest season permitted growers to pick their entire crop without any losses. Tokay growers thinned approximately 11,000 acres to produce better quality. Although the color of the Tokays was only fair, the sugar content was higher than the previous year. There was a sharp increase of nearly 1 1/2 million packages over last year to eastern markets. As might be expected, shipments to wineries were cut nearly in half.

Olives Crop production compared with last year decreased 50 percent. Only a small portion of the olives went to canneries; the bulk of the olives were crushed for oil.

Peaches, Cling There was a sharp increase in the cling peach tonnage, which comprised of an increase of 10,000 tons. The heavy yield resulted in a ring size change from 2 3/8 inches to 2 1/2 inches to lower the tonnage of acceptable fruit to the canneries and keep the price from dropping excessively. However, prices still declined \$25 per ton.

Peaches, Free Quality was good; however, the tonnage to processors decreased slightly. Prices were lower. This year some trouble was experienced with mildew and a small amount of brown rot. Shipments of fresh peaches decreased this year, mainly due to poor marketing conditions.

Pears Most notable about the pear crop was the drastic price reduction. The price per ton decreased from the \$125.00 level of the previous year to \$33.94, or a reduction of \$91.06. Most of the pears went to the canneries.

Plums Due to small size, production was lower this year. Along with the sharp price decline of about 45% under the previous year, many growers did not pick all of their crop.

Walnuts Tonnage bounced up 1,000 tons over the year before. However, the price fell from \$480 per ton to \$360 per ton this year. The size of walnuts stayed about the same and quality was good. There was also a smaller percentage of worm damage this year.

### Field Crops

Alfalfa In general, yield and quality were both good for the year. However, the 3rd and 4th cutting did suffer some worm damage. Prices declined some. Cold weather at the beginning of the season held back the crop temporarily; however, the number of cuttings averaged from 5 to 5 1/2 in the county.

Beans The bean acreage declined about 2,000 acres; however, yields improved some. Although there were acreage increases in a number of varieties, the over-all total acreage dropped with the drastic reduction in Black Eye Beans of nearly 4,500 acres. Varieties topping the list in acreage are Red Kidneys, 7,710 acres; Baby Limas, 6,375 acres; Pintos, 1,841 acres; Pinks, 1,832 acres; Black Eyes, 1,679 acres; and Dark Red Kidney, 1,101 acres.

Field Corn The acreage of field corn stayed about the same. Yield was good and harvest conditions were favorable; however, the price slumped to \$10 per ton.

Grain Sorghum This crop decreased 1,423 acres, bringing the county acreage down to 3,867. Yield per acre remained about the same, but price dropped 15¢ per hundred pounds.

Grain At the beginning of the season, grain crops suffered throughout the county due to insufficient rainfall. Conditions were finally improved; however, some stands on the Westside were sheeped-off. Grain in the Delta area and other areas where irrigation was carried out gave very good yields.

Hay The yield and price remained about the same. However, the acreage decreased 1,600 acres under last year's of 10,335 acres.

Sugar Beets The acreage increased 2,600 acres. Also, yields were slightly higher and the price rose some. The sugar beets had a higher sugar content this year.

Sunflower The quality of this crop was impaired by insect damage this year. Acreage increased 400 acres, but the price declined \$2 per 100 pound weight.

Sweet Potatoes The quality of this crop was good, but the size in general was smaller. This year, demands were good and prices firm. Most of the crops were sold in the field. Both yield and acreage showed an increase.

### Vegetable Crops

Asparagus This year, growers experienced a very good season. With the increased acreage of 6,706 acres and higher production there was nearly an 11,000 ton increase to canneries.

Carrots The acreage dwindled over 200 acres, decreasing the county acreage to 406 acres. This is below the ten-year average. Yield was normal.

Celery There was a slight increase in celery acreage in the county. Growers increased the yield considerably by planting more double rows, closer planting, and applying generous quantities of fertilizer. Market prices declined from \$2.30 to \$1.75 per crate. Near the end of the season a freeze caught about 200 acres still in the field, which required heavy trimming of the stalks.

Melons Acreage stayed about the same; however, the average yield declined some. Growers enjoyed a firm price and a steady demand.

Onions County acreage rose 400 acres to 2,876 acres. This year, the crop was lighter and quality only fair. Neck-rot was not as bad as in previous years, although some was evident in some fields. Premature harvesting caused some break-down in storage onions.

Peas There was a slight increase in shipping peas acreage, but processed pea acreage declined. Most noticeable was the large increase in yield, especially in shipping peas. The yield rose from 68 hampers of the previous year to 160 hampers. Processed peas also increased half a ton per acre.

Spinach Favorable growing conditions brought the yield up; also, the price increased some. There was an increase of 120 acres. Most of the spinach was irrigated. Aphis was no problem this year.

Strawberries The 63-acre increase of new strawberry plantings caused the average yield to decrease by approximately 300 crates per acre. Hot weather may have also contributed to this decrease in yield, for many blossoms were dropped.

Tomatoes This year, tomato growers enjoyed an excellent season. Consequently, the average yield rose sharply. Shipping tomatoes showed an increased yield of 400,000 packages. The tonnage of round tomatoes to the processors set a county record of 15.31 tons per acre. Sun scald was responsible for most of the damage to tomatoes. Damage by worms and mold were at a minimum.

FRUIT AND NUT CROP  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1949

| CROP                 | BEARING<br>ACREAGE | PRODUCTION |        |           | F.O.B. VALUE |              |           |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
|                      |                    | PER ACRE   | TOTAL  | UNIT      | PER UNIT     | TOTAL        |           |
| Almonds              | 8,014              | .68        | 5,450  | Ton       | \$ 309.63    | \$1,687,484. |           |
| Apricots             | (Shipping)         |            |        | 25-lb.    |              |              |           |
|                      | (Processed)        | 1,773      | 7.82   | 13,865    | pkge.        | 1.00         | 13,865    |
|                      | (Dried)            |            | 1.17   | 2,074     | Ton          | 42.50        | 88,145    |
|                      |                    |            |        | 301       | Ton          | 420.00       | 126,420   |
| Cherries (Royal Ann) | 1,084              | 6.24       | 6,764  | Ton       | 140.00       | 946,960      |           |
| Other (Shipping)     | 3,027              | 2.40       | 7,265  | Ton       | 346.92       | 2,520,374    |           |
| Cherries (Processed) |                    | 1.41       | 4,268  | Ton       | 140.00       | 597,520      |           |
| Chestnuts            | 132                | 1.52       | 201    | Ton       | 300.00       | 60,300       |           |
| Figs                 | (Shipping)         |            |        | 15        | Ton          | 142.00       | 2,130     |
|                      | (Processed)        | 500        | 1.10   | 550       | Ton          | 80.00        | 44,000    |
|                      | (Dried)            |            | .19    | 95        | Ton          | 160.00       | 15,200    |
| Juice Grapes         | (Shipping)         |            |        | 24,715    | Ton          | 75.00        | 1,853,625 |
|                      | (Wine)             | 33,398     | 2.41   | 80,489    | Ton          | 23.50        | 1,891,492 |
| Tokay Grapes         | (Shipping)         |            |        | 5,036,454 | 28-lb.       |              |           |
|                      | (Wine)             | 20,104     | 250.52 | 79,813    | pkge.        | 1.28         | 6,446,661 |
|                      |                    |            | 3.97   |           | Ton          | 22.50        | 1,795,793 |
| All Other Grapes     | (Shipping)         |            |        | 49,574    | 28-lb.       |              |           |
|                      | (Wine)             | 2,124      | 23.34  | 11,342    | pkge.        | 1.25         | 61,968    |
|                      |                    |            |        |           | Ton          | 22.50        | 255,195   |
| Mis'l. Orchards      | 679                |            |        | Acre      | 200.00       | 135,800      |           |
| Nectarines           |                    |            |        | 28-lb.    |              |              |           |
|                      | 195                | 310.00     | 60,450 | pkge.     | 1.10         | 66,495       |           |
| Olives               |                    |            |        | 20-lb.    |              |              |           |
|                      | 348                | .64        | 223    | Ton       | 118.58       | 26,443       |           |
| Peaches              | (Shipping)         |            |        | 465,202   | crate        | .90          | 418,682   |
|                      | (Processed)        | 3,123      | 148.96 | 8,089     | Ton          | 35.00        | 283,115   |
|                      | (Dried)            |            | .31    | 968       | Ton          | 240.00       | 232,320   |
| Peaches              | (Processed)        |            |        | 54,408    | Ton          | 40.00        | 2,176,320 |
|                      | (Dried)            | 5,403      | 10.07  | 8         | Ton          | 140.00       | 1,120     |
| Pears                | (Shipping)         |            |        | 82        | Ton          | 69.00        | 5,658     |
|                      | (Processed)        | 142        | 4.60   | 653       | Ton          | 33.95        | 22,169    |
| Plums                | (Shipping)         |            |        | 152,620   | 28-lb.       |              |           |
|                      | (Processed)        | 1,174      | 130.00 | 141       | crate        | 1.38         | 210,616   |
|                      |                    |            | .12    |           | Ton          | 30.00        | 4,230     |
| Prunes               | (Shipping)         |            |        | 42,567    | 28-lb.       |              |           |
|                      | (Dried)            | 673        | 63.25  | 182       | crate        | 1.38         | 58,742    |
|                      |                    | .27        |        | Ton       | 180.00       | 32,760       |           |
| Walnuts              | 9,720              | .86        | 8,359  | Ton       | 360.00       | 3,009,240    |           |
| TOTAL                |                    |            |        |           |              | \$25,090,842 |           |

FIELD CROPS  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1949

| CROP                      | BEARING<br>ACREAGE | PRODUCTION |           |                 | F.O.B. VALUE |                |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                           |                    | PER ACRE   | TOTAL     | UNIT            | PER UNIT     | TOTAL          |
| Alfalfa Hay               | 58,925             | 6.00       | 353,550   | Ton             | \$ 23.50     | 8,308,425.     |
| Barley                    | 90,966             | 16.50      | 1,500,939 | Cwt.            | 2.30         | 3,452,160.     |
| Beans, Dry                | 19,279             | 16.75      | 322,923   | Cwt.            | 7.71         | 2,489,736.     |
| Bean Straw                | 900                | 1.00       | 900       | Ton             | 16.50        | 14,850.        |
| Corn, Grain               | 10,735             | 1.25       | 13,419    | Ton             | 50.00        | 670,950.       |
| Corn Husks                |                    |            | 230       | Ton             | 600.00       | 138,000.       |
| Flax Seed                 | 96                 | 5.85       | 562       | Cwt.            | 7.42         | 4,170.         |
| Grain Sorghum             | 3,867              | 17.00      | 65,739    | Cwt.            | 2.45         | 161,061.       |
| Hay, Grain                | 9,308              | 1.30       | 12,100    | Ton             | 22.00        | 266,200.       |
| Hay, Wild                 | 8,699              | 1.00       | 8,699     | Ton             | 20.00        | 173,980.       |
| Mint                      | 650                | 48.00      | 31,200    | lbs.            | 5.00         | 156,000.       |
| Oats                      | 8,496              | 8.00       | 67,968    | Cwt.            | 2.25         | 152,928.       |
| Range                     | 226,151            |            |           | Acre            | 2.00         | 452,302.       |
| Clover                    | 57,104             |            |           | Acre            | 45.00        | 2,569,680.     |
| Pasture                   |                    |            |           |                 |              |                |
| Sudan Grass               | 1,350              |            |           | Acre            | 35.00        | 47,250.        |
| Stubble                   | 123,228            |            |           | Acre            | 1.25         | 154,035.       |
| Potatoes:                 |                    |            |           |                 |              |                |
| Market                    | 5,285              | 300.00     | 1,585,500 | Cwt.            | 2.05         | 3,250,275.     |
| Pumpkins (Canning)        | 471                | 5.00       | 2,355     | Ton             | 6.00         | 14,130.        |
| (Stock)                   |                    | 20.00      | 9,420     | Ton             | 3.00         | 28,260.        |
| Rice                      | 8,091              | 35.00      | 283,185   | Cwt.            | 3.40         | 962,829.       |
| Silage, Corn              | 874                | 14.00      | 12,236    | Ton             | 5.00         | 61,180.        |
| Sugar Beets*              | 10,655             | 16.50      | 175,808   | Ton             | 12.67        | 2,227,487.     |
| Sunflowers                | 1,464              | 12.40      | 18,154    | Cwt.            | 7.00         | 127,078.       |
| Sweet Potatoes            | 1,705              | 157.00     | 267,685   | 50 lb.<br>crate | 2.50         | 669,213.       |
| Wheat                     | 12,854             | 9.00       | 115,686   | Cwt.            | 3.30         | <u>381,764</u> |
| *Includes Federal Subsidy |                    |            |           |                 | TOTAL        | 26,933,943     |

VEGETABLE CROPS  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1949

| CROP                                | ACREAGE | PRODUCTION |           |                       | F.O.B. VALUE |                |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                     |         | PER ACRE   | TOTAL     | UNIT                  | PER UNIT     | TOTAL          |
| Asparagus (Shipping)<br>(Processed) | 51,836  | 15.46      | 801,384   | 30-lb.<br>crate       | 3.60         | 2,884,982.     |
|                                     |         | .80        | 41,544    | Ton                   | 178.40       | 7,411,450.     |
| Beets, Table                        | 14      | 8.90       | 125       | Ton                   | 60.00        | 7,500.         |
| Broccoli                            | 10      | 135.00     | 1,350     | Crate                 | 1.35         | 1,823.         |
| Cabbage                             | 48      | 275.00     | 13,200    | Crate                 | 1.15         | 15,180.        |
| Cauliflower                         | 22      | 250.00     | 5,500     | Crate                 | 1.15         | 6,325.         |
| Carrots                             | 406     | 12.40      | 5,034     | Ton                   | 60.00        | 302,040.       |
| Celery                              | 4,188   | 310.00     | 1,298,280 | Crate                 | 1.75         | 2,271,990.     |
| Corn, Sweet                         | 541     | 165.00     | 89,265    | Crate                 | 1.60         | 142,824.       |
| Cucumbers                           | 480     | 4.50       | 2,160     | Ton                   | 52.00        | 112,320.       |
| Garlic                              | 14      | 90.00      | 1,260     | Cwt.                  | 15.00        | 18,900.        |
| Lettuce                             | 197     | 150.00     | 29,550    | Crate                 | 1.50         | 44,325.        |
| Melons Cranshaws                    | 138     | 271.00     | 37,398    | Crate                 | 1.40         | 52,357.        |
| Cantaloupes                         | 395     | 215.00     | 84,925    | Crate                 | 1.96         | 166,453.       |
| Casabas                             | 321     | 7.25       | 2,327     | Ton                   | 26.25        | 61,084.        |
| Honeydews                           | 212     | 6.50       | 1,378     | Ton                   | 32.80        | 45,198.        |
| Persians                            | 82      | 6.50       | 533       | Ton                   | 32.80        | 17,482.        |
| Watermelons                         | 1,426   | 12.50      | 17,825    | Ton                   | 18.65        | 332,436.       |
| Onions (Early)                      | 2,018   | 450.00     | 908,100   | 50 lb.                | .75          | 681,075.       |
| (Late)                              | 858     | 475.00     | 407,550   | sack                  | .90          | 366,795.       |
| Peas (Shipping)                     | 162     | 160.00     | 25,920    | 30 lb.<br>tub         | 1.87         | 48,470.        |
| (Processed)                         | 695     | 1.75       | 1,216     | Ton                   | 57.00        | 69,312.        |
| Peppers                             | 89      | 11.00      | 979       | Ton                   | 40.00        | 39,160.        |
| Spinach                             | 680     | 4.07       | 2,768     | Ton                   | 26.36        | 72,964.        |
| Squash                              | 348     | 8.00       | 2,784     | Ton                   | 15.68        | 43,653.        |
| Strawberries                        | 275     | 885.00     | 243,375   | 12<br>basket<br>crate | 1.75         | 425,906.       |
| Tomatoes (Shipping)                 |         | 49.65      | 981,283   | 32 lb. lug            | 2.10         | 2,060,694.     |
| (Round)                             | 19,764  | 15.31      | 302,587   | Ton                   | 22.50        | 6,808,208.     |
| (Pear)                              | 2,953   | 13.74      | 40,574    | Ton                   | 28.00        | 1,136,072.     |
| Truck Garden                        | 1,045   |            |           | Acre                  | 200.00       | 209,000.       |
|                                     |         |            |           |                       | TOTAL        | \$ 25,855,978. |

SEED CROPS  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - 1949

| CROP                                   | BEARING<br>ACREAGE | PRODUCTION |         |        | F.O.B. VALUE |               |
|--|--------------------|------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------------|
|  |                    | PER ACRE   | TOTAL   | UNIT   | PER UNIT     | TOTAL         |
| Alfalfa Seed                           | 152                | 350.00     | 53,200  | lb. \$ | .25          | \$ 13,300.    |
| Asparagus Roots                        | 191                |            |         | Acre   | 400.00       | 76,400.       |
| Beans (Black Eyes)<br>(Certified)      | 18                 | 8.00       | 144     | Cwt.   | 15.00        | 2,160.        |
| Beans (Cranberry)<br>(Certified)       | 69                 | 16.90      | 1,166   | Cwt.   | 8.85         | 10,319.       |
| Beans (Dark Red Kidney)<br>(Certified) | 38                 | 16.00      | 608     | Cwt.   | 9.25         | 5,624.        |
| Beans (*Red Kidney)<br>(Certified)     | 3,195              | 18.00      | 57,510  | Cwt.   | 9.25         | 531,967.      |
| Carrot Seed                            | 20                 | 340.00     | 6,800   | lb.    | .40          | 2,720.        |
| Ladino Clover Seed                     | 1,658              | 90.00      | 149,220 | lb.    | 1.10         | 164,142.      |
| Milo Seed                              | 40                 | 19.00      | 760     | Cwt.   | 3.00         | 2,280.        |
| Nursery (Grape Vines)                  |                    |            |         |        |              | 16,650.       |
| Nursery (Others)                       |                    |            |         |        |              | 111,800.      |
| Nursery (Trees)                        |                    |            |         |        |              | 84,000.       |
| Onion Seed                             | 6                  | 310.00     | 1,860   | lb.    | 1.00         | 1,860.        |
| Potato (Certified)                     | 880                | 235.00     | 206,800 | Cwt.   | 3.00         | 620,400.      |
| Sudan Grass Seed                       | 128                | 9.00       | 1,152   | Cwt.   | 5.25         | 6,048.        |
| Squash Seed                            | 6                  | 300.00     | 1,800   | lb.    | .35          | 630.          |
| Watermelon Seed                        | 28                 | 222.00     | 6,216   | lb.    | .40          | 2,486.        |
|  |                    |            |         | Total  |              | \$ 1,652,786. |

\*Average selling price as of January 20, 1950

THE TREND OF PERMANENT CROPS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
YEAR - 1949

| CROP & VARIETY         | NON                |                    | CROP & VARIETY          | NON                |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                        | BEARING<br>ACREAGE | BEARING<br>ACREAGE |                         | BEARING<br>ACREAGE | BEARING<br>ACREAGE |
| <b>ALMONDS</b>         |                    |                    | <b>GRAPES (Table)</b>   |                    |                    |
| Drake                  | 5                  | 562                | Concord                 |                    | 10                 |
| I X L                  |                    | 210                | Emperor                 |                    | 255                |
| Eureka                 |                    | 2                  | Malaga                  |                    | 91                 |
| Jordanolo              | 140                | 509                | Ribier                  |                    | 172                |
| Ne Plus                | 48                 | 427                | Tokay                   | 306                | 20,104             |
| Nonpareil              | 643                | 3,199              | Other                   | 2                  | 709                |
| Peerless               | 65                 | 216                |                         |                    |                    |
| Mission (Texas)        | 541                | 2,743              |                         |                    |                    |
| Other                  | 2                  | 146                |                         |                    |                    |
|                        |                    |                    | Total                   | 308                | 21,341             |
| Total                  | 1,444              | 8,014              | <b>GRAPES (Wine)</b>    |                    |                    |
| <b>APPLES (All)</b>    |                    |                    | Alicante                | 75                 | 6,627              |
|                        |                    | 36                 | Burger                  | 8                  | 698                |
| <b>APRICOTS</b>        |                    |                    | Carignane               | 71                 | 7,312              |
| Blenheim & Royal       | 50                 | 913                | Golden Chasselas        | 10                 | 695                |
| Tilton                 | 33                 | 850                | Grenache                | 25                 | 436                |
| Other                  |                    | 10                 | Mission                 | 82                 | 1,720              |
| Total                  | 83                 | 1,773              | Petit Sirah             |                    | 578                |
| <b>CHERRIES</b>        |                    |                    | Zinfandel               | 211                | 14,649             |
| Bing                   | 331                | 1,614              | Other White             | 97                 | 347                |
| Black Republican       | 2                  | 99                 | Other Dark              | 27                 | 336                |
| Chapman                | 11                 | 147                | Total                   | 606                | 33,398             |
| Lambert                | 15                 | 290                | <b>NECTARINES (All)</b> |                    |                    |
| Royal Ann              | 147                | 1,084              |                         | 12                 | 195                |
| Tartarian              | 45                 | 767                | <b>OLIVES (All)</b>     |                    |                    |
| Other                  | 28                 | 110                |                         | 12                 | 348                |
| Total                  | 579                | 4,111              | <b>PEACHES (Cling)</b>  |                    |                    |
| <b>CHESTNUTS (All)</b> |                    |                    | Gaume                   | 67                 | 986                |
|                        | 2                  | 132                | Halford                 | 54                 | 1,142              |
| <b>FIGS (All)</b>      |                    |                    | Paloro                  | 102                | 1,393              |
|                        | 6                  | 500                | Peak                    | 12                 | 214                |
| <b>FILBERTS (All)</b>  |                    |                    | Phillips                | 10                 | 667                |
|                        |                    | 6                  | Tuscan                  |                    | 57                 |
| <b>GRAPES (Raisin)</b> |                    |                    | Walton                  |                    | 89                 |
| Muscat                 | 6                  | 85                 | Other                   | 324                | 855                |
| Thompson Seedless      |                    | 788                | Total                   | 569                | 5,403              |
| Zante Currants         |                    | 14                 | <b>PEACHES (Free)</b>   |                    |                    |
| Total                  | 6                  | 887                | Elberta                 | 114                | 713                |
|                        |                    |                    | J. H. Hale              | 23                 | 333                |
|                        |                    |                    | Lovell                  | 1                  | 526                |
|                        |                    |                    | Muir                    |                    | 372                |
|                        |                    |                    | Sälway                  |                    | 46                 |
|                        |                    |                    | Other                   | 110                | 1,133              |
|                        |                    |                    | Total                   | 248                | 3,123              |



| CROP & VARIETY   | NON BEARING ACREAGE | BEARING ACREAGE | CROP & VARIETY              | NON BEARING ACREAGE | BEARING ACREAGE |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| PEARS (All)      |                     | 142             | QUINCES (All)               |                     | 8               |
| PERSIMMONS (All) |                     | 14              | WALNUTS                     |                     |                 |
| PLUMS            |                     |                 | Concord                     |                     | 16              |
| Burbank          |                     | 51              | Eureka                      | 40                  | 2,239           |
| Climax           |                     | 7               | Franquette                  | 151                 | 1,934           |
| Duarte           | 47                  | 64              | Mayette                     | 15                  | 687             |
| Grand Duke       |                     | 34              | Payne                       | 138                 | 4,602           |
| Kelsey           |                     | 87              | Other                       | 407                 | 242             |
| President        | 2                   | 185             |                             |                     |                 |
| Santa Rosa       | 52                  | 214             |                             |                     |                 |
| Tragedy          | 8                   | 309             | Total                       | 751                 | 9,720           |
| Wickson          |                     | 25              | WALNUTS (Black)             |                     |                 |
| Other            | 57                  | 198             | (Including road-side trees) | 464                 | 623             |
|                  |                     |                 | ASPARAGUS                   | 2,163               | 51,836          |
| Total            | 166                 | 1,174           |                             |                     |                 |
| PRUNES           |                     |                 |                             |                     |                 |
| French           |                     | 209             |                             |                     |                 |
| Imperial         |                     | 53              |                             |                     |                 |
| Robe de Sargent  |                     | 56              |                             |                     |                 |
| Sugar            |                     | 348             |                             |                     |                 |
| Other            |                     | 7               |                             |                     |                 |
| Total            |                     | 673             |                             |                     |                 |

THE TREND OF FRUIT & NUT CROPS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS

BEARING ACREAGE

| CROP           | YEAR<br>1930 | YEAR<br>1935 | YEAR<br>1940 | YEAR<br>1945 | YEAR<br>1949 |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Almonds        | 2,697        | 3,613        | 4,221        | 6,502        | 8,014        |
| Apples         | 36           | 28           | 32           | 36           | 36           |
| Apricots       | 1,422        | 1,732        | 1,621        | 1,876        | 1,773        |
| Cherries       | 1,942        | 4,417        | 4,352        | 4,102        | 4,111        |
| Chestnuts      | 60           | 193          | 245          | 182          | 132          |
| Figs           | 2,088        | 547          | 458          | 510          | 500          |
| Grapes, Juice  | 32,600       | 33,932       | 33,893       | 32,400       | 33,398       |
| Grapes, Raisin | 852          | 702          | 979          | 1,003        | 887          |
| Grapes, Table  | 2,064        | 1,707        | 1,499        | 1,276        | 1,237        |
| Grapes, Tokay  | 17,041       | 17,255       | 17,925       | 18,110       | 20,104       |
| Nectarines     | 52           | 115          | 126          | 195          | 195          |
| Olives         | 286          | 318          | 364          | 351          | 348          |
| Peaches, Cling | 3,102        | 3,413        | 3,273        | 4,124        | 5,403        |
| Peaches, Free  | 2,640        | 2,802        | 2,781        | 3,181        | 3,123        |
| Pears          | 837          | 672          | 285          | 141          | 142          |
| Persimmons     | 2            | 7            | 5            | 13           | 14           |
| Plums          | 2,077        | 2,426        | 1,572        | 1,280        | 1,174        |
| Prunes         | 543          | 655          | 1,244        | 822          | 673          |
| Walnuts        | 5,284        | 8,818        | 9,084        | 9,229        | 9,720        |

THE TREND OF FIELD CROPS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS

| CROP                    | YEAR<br>1935 | YEAR<br>1940 | YEAR<br>1945 | YEAR<br>1949 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alfalfa Hay             | 38,633       | 47,822       | 50,505       | 58,925       |
| Barley                  | 137,725      | 92,483       | 91,199       | 90,966       |
| Beans                   | 36,316       | 25,090       | 11,469       | 19,279       |
| Corn (Grain)            | 27,650       | 16,583       | 14,564       | 10,735       |
| Flax Seed               | 416          | 1,276        | 520          | 96           |
| Grain Sorghum           | 11,832       | 14,057       | 4,187        | 3,867        |
| Hay (Grain)             | 25,493       | 22,966       | 22,101       | 9,308        |
| Hay (Wild)              | 2,817        | 10,839       | 24,573       | 8,699        |
| Oats                    | 16,611       | 10,043       | 7,480        | 8,496        |
| Pasture (Range)         | 242,916      | 238,381      | 219,625      | 226,151      |
| Pasture (Ladino Clover) | 6,016        | 17,898       | 30,313       | 57,104       |
| Potatoes                | 12,657       | 9,404        | 7,491        | 5,285        |
| Pumpkins                | 425          | 540          | 617          | 471          |
| Rice                    | 1,640        | 2,507        | 3,168        | 8,091        |
| Silage Corn             | 1,933        | 1,698        | 1,463        | 874          |
| Sugar Beets             | 10,245       | 20,485       | 4,597        | 10,655       |
| Sunflowers              | 3,523        | 3,182        | 3,175        | 1,464        |
| Sweet Potatoes          | 818          | 2,186        | 1,330        | 1,705        |
| Wheat                   | 47,353       | 38,392       | 21,661       | 12,854       |

THE TREND OF VEGETABLE CROPS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS

| CROP             | YEAR<br>1935 | YEAR<br>1940 | YEAR<br>1945 | YEAR<br>1949 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Asparagus        | 15,931       | 31,499       | 43,681       | 51,836       |
| Beets (Table)    | 30           | 22           | 63           | 14           |
| Broccoli         | 12           | 125          | 10           | 10           |
| Cabbage          | 30           | 11           | 26           | 48           |
| Cauliflower      | 10           | 15           | 20           | 22           |
| Carrots          | 308          | 786          | 1,386        | 406          |
| Celery           | 6,401        | 5,885        | 5,482        | 4,188        |
| Corn (Sweet)     | 541          | 345          | 432          | 541          |
| Garlic           | 11           | 5            | 27           | 14           |
| Lettuce          | 415          | 308          | 63           | 197          |
| Melons (All)     | 2,900        | 3,161        | 1,907        | 2,574        |
| Onions           | 1,968        | 1,280        | 2,464        | 2,876        |
| Peas             | 1,958        | 2,310        | 5,365        | 857          |
| Pepper           | 80           | 43           | 29           | 89           |
| Spinach          | 1,656        | 534          | 1,365        | 680          |
| Squash           | 461          | 320          | 351          | 348          |
| Strawberries     | 120          | 156          | 15           | 275          |
| Tomatoes (Round) |              | 5,036        | 18,595       | 19,764       |
| Tomatoes (Pear)  | 11,580       | 10,557       | 7,507        | 1,045        |

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

YEAR - 1949

APIARY PRODUCTS

|               |                |        |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------|--------------|
| Honey         | 579,700 lbs.   | @ .07  | \$ 40,579.00 |
| Bees Wax      | 8,290 lbs.     | @ .34  | 2,819.00     |
| Queen Bees    | 10,617 queens  | @ .90  | 9,555.00     |
| Pollenization | 5,100 colonies | @ 1.00 | 5,100.00     |
| Package Bees  | 850 one pound  | @ 1.20 | 1,020.00     |
|               |                |        | <hr/>        |
|               |                | Total  | \$ 59,072.00 |

DAIRY PRODUCTS

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Milk and Milk Products | \$ 11,201,520.00 |
|------------------------|------------------|

LIVESTOCK

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Beef Cattle and Calves | \$ 10,074,475.00 |
| Hogs                   | 1,553,567.00     |
| Sheep and Wool         | 2,114,598.00     |
|                        | <hr/>            |
| Total                  | \$ 13,742,640.00 |

POULTRY

|          |                |                 |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Chickens | 2,444,652 lbs. | \$ 605,040.00   |
| Eggs     | 3,950,539 doz. | 1,856,753.00    |
| Turkeys  | 3,014,455 lbs. | 907,373.00      |
|          |                | <hr/>           |
| Total    |                | \$ 3,369,166.00 |

SUMMARY

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Fruit and Nut Crops | \$ 25,090,842.00  |
| Field Crops         | 26,933,943.00     |
| Vegetable Crops     | 25,855,978.00     |
| Seed Crops          | 1,652,786.00      |
| Apiary Products     | 59,072.00         |
| Dairy Products      | 11,201,520.00     |
| Livestock           | 13,742,640.00     |
| Poultry Products    | 3,369,166.00      |
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| Grand Total         | \$ 107,905,947.00 |

