## AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS & MEASURES



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San Mateo County Growers:

The San Mateo County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures <u>needs your help</u> to create the annual county crop report.

Last year, the department determined that the 2023 agricultural production value in San Mateo County was \$99 million. This calculation was made possible thanks to all the producers who voluntarily provided their valuable data to our department. This year, we are again seeking your assistance to determine the 2024 agricultural production value as part of the annual county crop report.

The crop report, required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, is a publication that focuses on the gross value of production within San Mateo County. It is used by industry and agencies for purposes such as: disaster declarations, insurance estimations, farm loan programs, production forecasting, crop valuation, and land-use planning. All production data within the report is aggregated to protect individual producer information.

The department relies on your responses to the attached crop report survey(s) to create an accurate report. All information provided is confidential by law and cannot be disclosed to any other government agency or private entity. Please complete the attached surveys and return by March 7, 2025, using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. If preferred, you may download and complete this form electronically (www.smcgov.org/agwm/cropsurveys) and email to smateoag@smcgov.org. Please use "Crop Report Survey" in email subject line.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these surveys, please contact Michael Wong at <a href="mjwong@smcgov.org">mjwong@smcgov.org</a> or (650) 363-4700. Examples of previous crop reports can be viewed at our website <a href="(www.smcgov.org/agwm/agricultural-crop-report">(www.smcgov.org/agwm/agricultural-crop-report</a>). Growers that return the survey(s) will receive a hard copy of the 2024 Agricultural Crop Report once it is completed. Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely,

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