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UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL CENSUS - 1940

Land area in Monterey County		2,200,000 acres
Land in farms		1,329,341 "
Cultivated land cropped	216,115	
Cultivated land fallowed or not cropped	64,107	
Plowable pasture land	70,932	
Total land available for crops		351,194 "
Irrigated land		135,000 "
Value farms and buildings		66,426,711 "
Value implements & machinery		4,741,702 "
Farms operated by full owners	964	
Farms operated by part owners	262	
Farms operated by managers	54	
Farms operated by tenants	719	
Number individual farm units		1,999 "

DAIRYING, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Gross Farm Return</u>
Beef Cattle	70,000	\$3,510,000.00
Dairy Cattle	23,000	
Cows	12,000	
Beef & Veal	4,800	120,000.00
Butterfat	3,045,025 lbs.	2,801,423.00
Sheep	10,000	182,000.00
Hogs	17,000	420,000.00
Turkeys	15,000	90,000.00
Poultry (hens)	625,000	1,093,750.00
Meat	250,000	155,000.00
Eggs	6,510,417 doz.	2,604,167.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$10,976,340.00</u>

FRUIT

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Gross Farm Return</u>
Almonds	3,360	1,968,500 lbs.	\$ 551,230.00
Apples	773	789,600 bxs.	1,531,824.00
Apricots	1,699	244,900 bxs.	538,780.00
Cherries	63	15,460 lugs	47,200.00
Grapes	104	24,200 lugs	20,690.00
Pears	224	64,040 bxs.	160,000.00
Strawberries	236	283,200 crates	679,680.00
Bush Berries	104	93,200 crates	130,480.00
Walnuts	443	684,000 lbs.	191,520.00
TOTALS	<u>7,006</u>		<u>\$3,851,404.00</u>
Apiary	5,505 colonies	38,000 lbs.	\$ 4,560.00

FIELD CROPS

1945

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>F. O. B. Value</u>
			\$
Artichokes	4,000	460,000 boxes	1,495,000
Beans			
Small Whites	20,961	314,415 sacks	2,232,346
Pinks	1,832	27,480 "	195,108
Cranberries	853	13,648 "	94,853
Pintos	83	996 "	6,723
Black Eyes	412	2,060 "	12,978
Baby Limas	962	14,430 "	115,440
Broccoli			
Shipping	2,436	365,400 crates	1,370,250
Freezing	1,235	3,087 tons	370,500
Cabbage	3,671		
Shipping	250	4,500 tons	180,000
Dehydrating	4,100	73,800 "	1,476,000
Carrots			
Shipping - Bunched	6,000	1,800,000 crates	4,950,000
" - Topped	2,000	40,000 tons	1,600,000
Dehydrating	2,500	60,000 "	1,200,000
Cauliflower			
Shipping	95	33,250 crates	66,500
Freezing	125	312 tons	50,000
Celery	2,200	1,320,000 crates	3,960,000
Cucumbers	125	862 tons	37,014
Endive	230	69,000 crates	172,500
Garlic	750	52,500 cwt.	918,750
Lettuce - Spring	17,904	2,685,600 crates	7,786,500
Summer	13,489	3,507,400 "	10,872,940
Fall	19,935	2,990,250 "	8,223,187
Onions			
Shipping	1,583	237,450 cwt.	831,075
Dehydrating	571	142,750 "	321,187
Peas	550	35,000 bu.	75,000
Potatoes	350	105,000 cwt.	262,500
Snap Beans	150	7,500 bu.	20,625
Spinach	1,962	13,880 tons	357,223
Sprouts	300	1,200 "	210,000
Sugar Beets	20,947	457,012 "	6,686,085
Tomatoes			
Shipping	1,000	250,000 lugs	330,973
Canning	2,275	34,125 tons	873,600
Miscellaneous Seeds			
Seed Beans	6,934	76,274 sacks	648,329
" Peas	5,485	60,335 "	377,094
" Radish	600	4,650 "	83,700
Other Seed	1,150		217,300
Wheat	20,000	160,000 cwt.	416,000
Barley	52,000	780,000 "	1,755,000
Oats	3,500		
Grain Hay	20,000	25,000 tons	475,000
Guayule Rubber - Harvested	1,628	488,400 lbs.	88,000
Unharvested	7,420		
TOTAL	250,882		\$ 61,415,280

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 76,247,584