



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Agriculture / Weights & Measures



**Date:** May 28, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 1, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Fred Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

**Subject:** 2013 Annual San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report and Economic Contributions of San Mateo County Agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the 2013 San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report, and Economic Contributions Report prepared by the Agricultural Commissioner.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sections 2279 and 2272 of the California Food and Agricultural Code require that each California Agricultural Commissioner prepare an annual crop report as well as a sustainable agriculture report. The San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner commissioned a study on the economic impacts of agriculture in San Mateo County which was completed in November of 2013.

**DISCUSSION:**

Each county agricultural commissioner is required to annually prepare a summary of the county's agricultural crop production as well as a sustainable agriculture report. This information is provided to the Secretary of Agriculture at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service to track agricultural production as well as commodity values. Attached is the 2013 San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report providing information on yields and values of local crops, including nursery, vegetable and field crops, livestock, dairy, and forest products, as well as the summary of sustainable agriculture information, including farmers' markets, organic producers, and local pest management and pest exclusion programs.

The Economic Contributions of San Mateo County Agriculture report provides a brief overview on the economic state of San Mateo County agriculture.

Acceptance of the 2013 San Mateo County Agricultural Crop Report and Economic Contributions Report contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision outcome of an

Environmentally Conscious Community by providing information on the County's agricultural industry and methods used to protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into California.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The preparation of the crop report and the Economic Contributions report have no impact on the Department's Net County Cost.