

City and County of San Francisco 2013 Agricultural Report



Agriculture Program





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In compliance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code, I respectfully submit this report of the agricultural production for the City and County of San Francisco for the calendar year 2013. This report represents the gross value for crops produced in the County and does not reflect net farm income or profit and loss value for these commodities.

My appreciation goes to the individuals and growers for their cooperation in providing the necessary information for the preparation of this crop report. I also especially thank the members of my staff for their assistance in compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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2013 San Francisco County Sustainable Agriculture Report



Inspected 5,479 Incoming Shipments for Invasive Pests
Issued 133 Federal Phytosanitary Certificates for Outgoing Shipments
Issued 292 State Phytosanitary Certificates for Outgoing Shipments
Inspected 258 Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Traps
Inspected 252 Outgoing Shipments for Light Brown Apple Moth
Regulatory Compliance
Inspected 31 Certified Farmers Markets
Approved 25 Certified Farmers Markets
Registered 19 Organic Handlers



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Misc.	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Gross Value
Farm Products	5,500	\$1,335,750
Orchids	25,500	\$375,000
Total	31,000	\$1,710,750







In 1869, the estate of the prominent businessman, land baron, and patron of the sciences, James Lick—the namesake of Bay Area schools, highways, and scientific institutions—was sold, the origins of the Conservatory among Lick's effects. The Conservatory was gifted to the Park Commission by a group of civic-minded businessmen and construction on the iconic glass and wood structure began promptly. In 1879 the Conservatory of flowers opened to the public, and was inundated by San Franciscans caught in the excitement of Victorian exoticism, exploration, and globalization. The Conservatory would burn down for the first time from a boiler explosion in 1883, but railroad tycoon Charles Crocker donated funds to have the building swiftly repaired. The Conservatory miraculously survived the 1906 earthquake, but was destroyed and repaired several more times in the following century.

The Conservatory currently houses 4 permanent exhibits (Aquatic Plants, Highland Tropics, Lowland Tropics, and Potted Plants), as well as one rotating special exhibit. The Lowland Tropics exhibit houses the most prized specimens, including a 100-year-old Giant Philodendron and a Kapok Tree, native to Central and South America. Housing exotic plant life requires special care in terms of pest control and plant management. The Conservatory employs Nursery Specialists to undertake a variety of pest control activities and maintain the Conservatory in addition to an army of geckoes that helps mitigate the insect population.

San Francisco Farmers Markets

Monday— 50 Fremont

Tuesday— Crocker Galleria Ferry Plaza Yerba Buena





Wednesday—
Castro
Heart of the City
Mission Bay
San Francisco Kaiser
San Francisco VA
Second Street
UCSF Parnassus
Upper Haight

Thursday—
Crocker Galleria
Ferry Plaza
SF State University
Mission Community
Friday—
Heart of the City
Mint Plaza
Saturday—
Ferry Plaza
Alemany
Noe Valley
Fillmore



SundayDivisadero
Fort Mason
Glen Park
Heart of the City
Inner Sunset
Clement
Stonestown
Excelsior Community Market

Device Inspection Program



The San Francisco County Sealer of Weights and Measures is responsible for the inspection, testing, and certification of all commercial scales and meters within the City and County of San Francisco.

The goal of the Weights and Measures Program is to ensure and enforce fair competition for industry, protect consumers, and guarantee accurate value comparisons.

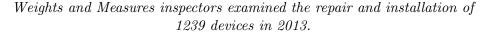
There are several programs that seek to offer protection for consumers: the Device Program, the Device Repairman Program, the Quantity Control Program, The Weighmaster Program, and the Petroleum Program. The Device Inspection Program monitors the accuracy of commercial weighing and measuring devices to ensure equity in transactions. Staff inspected and sealed a total of 3084 weighing and measuring devices in 2013.

Device Repairman Program

All persons, firms, or associations that repair commercial measuring or weighing devices for payment of any kind must be registered with the Department of Food and Agriculture Division of Measurement Standards as a service agency. The aforementioned agency must notify the County Sealer of Weights and Measures of all repairs in writing within 24 hours with a "Placed in Service" report.

All employees of the Service Agency that repair, service, install, or recondition commercial measuring and weighing devices must be licensed by the State of California. All servicepersons are examined to ensure knowledge of weights and measures laws and regulations.

Inspectors from the Department of Weights and Measures inspect the work of service agents to ensure that all serviced devices are accurate and meet all tolerance and specification requirements.





Weighmaster Enforcement Program
Weighmasters are persons that weigh and measure bulk
commodities and issue weigh master certificates of
accuracy. This includes jewelry dealers who buy and sell
non-ferrous precious scrap metal, gold, silver, and
platinum.

Weighmasters and their deputies are licensed by the the State of California Division of Measurement Standards and are subject to inspections of documentation and accuracy of measurement.



Weights and Measures inspectors conducted 21 weighmaster audits at 32 licensed weigh master locations in 2013.

Quantity Control Program

The purpose of the Quantity Control Program is to guarantee equity and accuracy in all commercial transactions that involve quantity representations at retail establishments, wholesale locations, and manufacturing locations including warehouses, packaging plants, feed mills, shipping companies, and lumber yards. The Quantity Control Program is also responsible for the enforcement of the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. The Fair Packaging and Labeling Act prevents deceptive packaging practices and ensure that customers receive the information they need to compare values.

Weights and Measures Inspectors work diligently to protect consumers, businesses, and manufacturers from unfair practices—the Labeling Program, the Test Purchase Program, the Package Inspection Program, and the Price Verification Program are such programs.

The Price Verification Program, also known as the Automated Point of Sale Inspection Program, requires that all retail stores using automated point-of-sale systems (scanners, Price Look Up, SKU codes) register with the San Francisco County Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Weights and Measures inspectors conducted inspections at 2798 locations using point-of-sale systems and verified the price accuracy of transactions. There were 99 overcharges and 210 undercharges. A total of 106 Notices of Violation were issued.



Petroleum Inspection Program

The Petroleum Inspection Program monitors compliance with quality standards for the majority of automotive products such as gasoline, oxygenated blends, motor oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, diesel fluid, antifreeze, and alternative engine fuels sold and used in the City and County of San Francisco. Additionally, the Program responds to complaints that involve the advertising and labeling of the aforementioned products.

Weights and Measures Inspectors conducted 146 inspections of gas stations and issued 34 Notices of Violation in 2013.



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