



# City and County of San Francisco 2013 Agricultural Report



## Agriculture Program



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City and County of San Francisco

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miguel A. Monroy".

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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*



## 2013 San Francisco County Agriculture Report

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





## 2013 Agricultural Report

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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



*Sunday—*  
Divisadero  
Fort Mason  
Glen Park  
Heart of the City  
Inner Sunset  
Clement  
Stonestown  
Excelsior Community Market

# Weights and Measures Program

## *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.



## Weights and Measures Program

### *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.

*Weights and Measures inspectors examined the repair and installation of 1239 devices in 2013.*



## Weights and Measures Program

### *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.*

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## Weights and Measures Program

### *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.*



## Weights and Measures Program

### *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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