

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER David Sanford AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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Dear Santa Cruz County Grower:

The Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has started the process of collecting agricultural production data for our 2023 Crop Report. As required under the California Food and Agricultural Codes 2272 & 2279, the annual Crop Report is prepared by the County Agricultural Commissioner for the State of California and for the County Board of Supervisors. The report is used by many agencies and industries, such as production forecasting, media, land-use planning, crop valuation, marketing, crop disaster insurance, and to inform the public about Santa Cruz County agriculture.

The annual Crop Report relies on your participation. It's only as good as the information you provide. Your participation is our main source of data and gives us the most accurate information possible. It provides a window into the hardworking agricultural community that drives economics throughout Santa Cruz County and is a good indicator of the health of the local farming community. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

California Government Code § 6254 protects the confidentiality of the production information you provide, and our department cannot share this information with any other individual or agency. The data is compiled and summarized to only report total countywide statistical averages.

Please complete the **enclosed survey** on the commercial agricultural commodities you produced in Santa Cruz County in 2023 and return it to our office at your earliest convenience.

You can also find our surveys on our website, as well as all previously published Crop Reports. https://www.agdept.com/

THANK YOU!

Your contribution helps to create a thorough and accurate report.

Surveys can be returned by any of the following methods:

- Fax the survey to: **(831)** 763-8255
- Email the survey to: <u>agc250@santacruzcountyca.gov</u>
- Over the phone by calling: (831) 763-8080
- Drop-off, or mail, the survey to our office:

Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner Attn: Crop Report 175 Westridge Dr. Watsonville, CA 95076