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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SAN BENITO COUNTY

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA

COURT HOUSE

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COMMISSIONER
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CROPS TOP \$15,000,000 FOR SECOND YEAR HERE

San Benito County agricultural products brought gross returns of over \$16,000,000 in 1945 for the second year in succession, according to preliminary estimates reported this week by Agricultural Commissioner Ward B. Saunders.

Estimates placed the gross income to county farmers at \$16,860,276.00, ~~only~~ slightly ~~less~~ ^{more} than last year's \$15,444,900.00, and the final figures may be even higher.

The report, which is required annually by the Agricultural Code, shows six crops which returned more than a million dollars, apricots, prunes, lettuce, beets, beef, and turkeys; barley, garlic, and pears brought about \$800,000 each.

The 1945 crop year was generally a profitable one for the producer. However, it was not a good growing year because of the extreme variation of temperatures plants were subjected to, states Saunders. Labor was scarce and expensive and difficult to deal with, and the crops that required the least amount of labor were the most profitable as a rule.

There were no serious losses due to either insects or plant diseases.

Conditions for 1946, says Saunders, are favorable for an excellent year.

Crop incomes, as compiled by the agricultural commissioner's office, follow:

FRUIT CROP

Crop	Acres	Gross Value
Apricots	5056	\$1,825,600.00
Apples	182	209,200.00
Almonds	54	4,080.00
Cherries	53	23,500.00
Grapes	1709	223,648.00
Peaches	108	42,120.00
Pears	786	768,880.00
Prunes	4391	1,223,880.00
Walnuts	1209	624,400.00

Total \$4,945,308.00

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TRUCK CROPS

Crop	Acres	Gross Value
Sugar Beets	5055	\$1,194,240.00
Carrots	612	183,000.00
Cabbage	475	209,000.00
Cauliflower	250	100,000.00
Garlic	558	837,000.00
Lettuce	4460	1,150,000.00
Onions.	372	115,850.00
Lima Beans.	260	50,000.00
Peas.	135	20,250.00
Potatoes.	625	312,500.00
Spinach	600	52,000.00
Seeds	1200	480,000.00
Tomatoes.	2109	342,170.00
Other Crops	500	100,000.00
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Total\$5,074,752.00

GENERAL FARM CROPS

Crop	Acres	Gross Value
Barley	24,500	\$ 889,350.00
Wheat	2,836	134,274.00
Oats	3,088	118,272.00
Hay.	12,847	316,480.00
Corn	444	22,200.00
Beef and Calves		2,550,000.00
Hogs		63,000.00
Sheep.		312,000.00
Dairy.		612,000.00
Eggs		255,000.00
Poultry Meat		25,500.00
Turkeys		1,512,000.00
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Total\$6,810,176.00

Summary:

Fruit Crops	\$ 4,945,308.00
Truck Crops	5,074,752.00
General	<hr/> 6,810,176.00
Total\$16,830,236.00

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1945 Crops-----Fruit

Apricots	5,056	acres	\$1,825,600.00
Apples	182	"	209,200.00
Almonds	54	"	4,080.00
Cherries	43	"	23,500.00
Grapes	1,709	"	223,648.00
Peaches	108	"	42,120.00
Pears	786	"	768,880.00
Prunes	4,391	"	1,223,880.00
Walnuts	1,209	"	540,000.00
Total Fruit			\$4,375,108.00