

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR 1958

The duties of the Sealer of Weights and Measures include the testing of all types of measuring and weighing equipment. This year the following scales and measuring equipment was tested.

Counter Scales-----	35
Spring Scales-----	28
Computing Scales-----	116
Platform and Dormant Scales-----	57
Hopper Scales-----	12
Livestock Scales-----	65
Truck Scales-----	17
Meat Beam Scales-----	3
Monorail Scales-----	8
Weights-----	406
Truck Tank Meters-----	18
Retail Gasoline Pumps-----	160
Liquid Measures-----	103
Lubricating Oil Bottles-----	157
TOTAL-----	1185

There was a total of 1185 pieces of weighting and measuring equipment tested. There was 1050 sealed as correct, 104 were sealed after correction, and 31 were found out of order and needed major repair or were condemned.

There were 518 packages weighed to determine whether or not they contained the amount that was marked on the package. It was found that only 18 were below the marked weight, and 155 weighed over the stated weight.

## 1959 PROSPECTS

Any forecast of the crops for 1959 has to take into consideration the possible rainfall and as this is written in February, prospects are good for satisfactory crops.

Most of the counties grain, hay, sheep and cattle are dependant on feed produced on unirrigated land.

Normally livestock and grain receipts account for about one-third of the total gross income from farming and a dry year would reduce the income from these sources drastically.

Lettuce packers and growers have indicated that some increase in this crop in the county is likely, in spite of a rather poor price year in 1958.

Some growers are planning to plant some of their row crop land in orchards, and both apricots, prunes and walnut planting will increase, in 1959. A total of 500 acres of new orchard is likely to be planted this year.

If normal weather prevails, larger apricot, prune and pear crops in 1959 are likely.

The low temperature which occurred suddenly in November caused some injury to any immature walnut growth, particularly grafts in their first years growth.

The high temperatures fruit trees have been subjected to during late October, November and December, in locations where soil moisture was deficient, will probably result in a delayed and scattered blooming period.

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Beef and Calves-----	18,000 head-----	204.00 per head-----	3,672,000.00
Lambs-----	7,000 at 20.00-----		140,000.00
Wool-----	70,500# at \$.62-----		43,710.00
Dairy Products-----			403,000.00
Broilers & Chickens-----			621,864.00
Eggs-----	61,887 at 12.00-----		742,644.00
Turkeys-----	229,000-----		1,069,815.00
Hogs-----	1,250-----		55,000.00
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY-----			6,748,033.00

## HAY AND GRAIN

Barley-----	18,000 acres-----	225,000 sks at 2.07---	465,750.00
Wheat-----	1,042 acres-----	11,462 sks at 3.00---	34,386.00
Hay-All-----	10,000 acres-----	10,000 tons at 23.00--	230,000.00
<span style="font-size: small; margin-right: 10px;">291,042</span> TOTAL HAY AND GRAIN-----			730,136.00

Fruit and Nut Crops-----			5,369,025.00
Row Crops-----			4,629,034.00
Livestock and Poultry-----			6,748,033.00
Hay and Grain-----			730,136.00
Total-----			17,476,228.00

Miscellaneous crops are peas, table beets, bell peppers, onions, sweet corn, bush berries, cauliflower, cotton, squash, strawberries, and broccoli.

Seed crops include seed beans, hybrid seed corn, mustard, tomatoes, radish, broccoli, celery, squash, peppers, brussel sprouts, sweet peas, salisfy, onions, cabbage, lettuce, parsley, carrots, stock zinnia, aster, larkspur and centaurea.

PRELIMINARY 1958 CROP REPORT

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Apricots-----	3993 acres----	5625 tons canned at 150.00-----	843,750.00
		435 dried tons at 1320.00-----	574,200.00
		20 fresh market at 250.00-----	5,000.00
		Total crop fresh bases 7800 tons-----	1,422,950.00
Apples-----	194 acres----	3000 tons at 40.00 & 45.00-----	148,950.00
Grapes (Wine)--	857-acres----	1771 tons at 50.00 & 90.00-----	248,410.00
Pears Bartlett-	257 acres----	3855 tons at 83.00-----	319,965.00
Pears, Fall & Winter--	473 acres----	3442 tons at 40.00 & 120.00----	343,290.00
Prunes French--	2489 acres----	5219 tons at 340.00-----	1,774,460.00
Prunes Imperials & Sugars---	513 acres----	175 tons at 400.00-----	70,000.00
Prunes-----	Total-----	3002 acres-----	5394 tons-----
			1,844,460.00
Walnuts-----	2070 acres----	2200 tons at 460.00-----	1,012,000.00
Peaches-----canned )			
Peaches-----dried )			
Cherries			
Almonds			
			29,000.00
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS-----			5,369,025.00

ROW CROPS

Sugar Beets-----	2962 acres----	60,721 tons at 13.00-----	789,373.00
Garlic-----	528 acres----	36,960 cwt at 11.00-----	406,560.00
Potatoes-----	1762 acres----	290,730 cwt at 2.20-----	639,606.00
Tomatoes-----	2850 acres----	68,140 tons at 22.50-----	1,533,150.00
Lettuce-----	931 acres at 300.00 per acre-----		279,300.00
Seed Crops-----	1622 acres at 250.00 per acre-----		405,500.00
Misc. Crops-----	1002 acres-----		575,545.00
TOTAL ROW CROPS-----			4,629,034.00

## PEST PROBLEMS

Apricot trees dropped their leaves early in some orchards due to mildew. However the damage to the 1959 crop is not likely to be severe as most orchards had a very light crop.

Winter nelis and Comice pears crops were severely damaged by scab in spite of a great deal of spraying.

Walnut Aphid damage was less than normal. The abundance of lady bird beetles in many orchards reduced spraying costs a great deal.

The spraying for the control of Codlin Moth Worms in walnuts was satisfactory.

Lady bird beetles were also helpfull in controlling the aphids on prunes.

The lettuce crop had to have repeated spraying for worms and mildew.

Apparently the climatic conditions that were favorable for growing tomatoes was also favorable for these pests development.

Potato growers suffered heavy losses to their crop from potato tuber moth worms, and blight.

The use of D.D.T. dusts which were effective in past years, failed to give satisfactory control. Endrin and Metocide were not very satisfactory either. This pest is becoming more of a pest problem and some growers reported the worm in their tomatoes late in the season.

There were a greater number of Apricots trees planted in the county in 1958 than usual, walnut planting continued at about the same rate as in past years.

The cattle men had one of their best years. Good feed and good prices made this one of the best years of record.

## GENERAL CROP GROWING CONDITIONS 1958

In general growing conditions for all crops in San Benito County were not as good as usual.

The rainfall was above normal by nearly a third. Heavy rains during the blooming period of Apricots, Winter Nelis, Comice and D'Anjou pears and the Imperial Prunes interfered with pollenization and resulted in very poor crops for these fruits.

The later blooming Hardy, Bartlett pears, and French prunes had more favorable blossoming weather and crops of these fruits were more nearly normal.

The grain yields were below normal, again the result of excessive rainfall during a part of the season and a lack of rain during a part of the late stages of growth.

The year was marked by the above normal temperatures during the night time hours, which was very favorable for the growth of tomatoes.

The dry fall and absence of early frosts enabled tomato growers to harvest almost all of the crops.

The sugar beet harvest was also completed without any wet fields, but the sugar content of the beets was disappointing.

The potato growers delayed harvesting some of the potato crop on account of the bruising they developed in digging potatoes in the dry, heavier soils.

The dry fall also allowed farmers to get their ground in condition for planting fall and early winter crops.

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Agric Statistics  
County

ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year Ending December 31, 1958

Agricultural Code: Duties of the Commissioner SECTION 65.6  
STATISTICS----The Commissioner shall compile reports of the  
condition, acreage, production and value of the Agricultural  
Products in his county. The commissioner may publish such  
reports, and shall transmit a copy to the Director.

In accordance with this provision of the Agricultural Code of  
the State of California, this report is

Respectfully Submitted

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1958 REPORT ON CROPS-SAN BENITO COUNTY

The office wishes to thank the producers, packers, and buyers  
for furnishing the figures contained in this report. This is the  
story as we found it.

1954-----	16,113,207.00
1955-----	16,914,097.00
1956-----	18,016,688.00
1957-----	16,186,989.00
1958-----	17,476,228.00

The gross income for 1958 by crops follows. Remember these  
are gross figures and ONLY REPRESENT SALES and NOT NET PROFIT.  
In fact some crops were produced at very small profit or none  
at all