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**1969**  
**Agricultural**  
**Crop Report**

*San Benito County*

**John H. Edmondson,**  
**Agricultural Commissioner**

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## ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1969

Jerry Fielder, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
San Benito County, California

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I hereby submit a report of the acreage, production and gross value of Agricultural Crops of San Benito County for the calendar year of 1969.

I must stress again this year that these figures represent gross value, not profit. In fact, some of the crops were produced at a loss and others at very little profit to the producers. Because of our policy of not publishing specific figures for crops where there are less than three growers, without these growers consent, we are beginning to have larger acreages and values in miscellaneous crops.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many growers and handlers of agricultural products and personnel of other government agencies for their assistance in obtaining these figures.

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. Edmondson*  
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FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1969	\$ 9,243,200.00
	1968	7,597,000.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1969	11,505,500.00
	1968	12,140,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1969	6,458,800.00
	1968	5,962,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1969	3,629,700.00
	1968	3,292,400.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1969	2,147,800.00
	1968	2,057,200.00
POULTRY	1969	2,339,000.00
	1968	1,877,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1969	35,324,000.00
	1968	32,925,600.00

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1961	\$21,193,294.00
1962	\$23,422,000.00
1963	\$24,007,000.00
1964	\$21,564,790.00
1965	\$24,470,800.00
1966	\$28,909,700.00
1967	\$34,100,000.00
1968	\$32,925,600.00
1969	\$35,324,000.00

1969

ORCHARD ACREAGE

SAN BENITO COUNTY

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apples	228	86	314
Apricots	4,290	69	4,359
Cherries	72	115	187
Grapes	3,335	1,379	4,714
Pears (Bartlett)	357	288	645
Pears (Fall & Winter)	396	88	484
Prunes (French)	2,448	113	2,561
Prunes (Other)	313	4	317
Walnuts (English)	4,176	744	4,920
Walnuts (Black)	-0-	1,183	1,183
<hr/> TOTAL	15,615	4,069	19,684

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1969	228	6.4	1,460 tons	100.00	146,000.00
	1968	214	5.4	1,160 tons	110.00	127,000.00
Apricots	1969	4,290	6.2	27,000 tons		3,774,200.00
	1968	4,244	3.9	16,000 tons		2,840,000.00
canned	1969			18,500 tons	125.00	2,312,000.00*
	1968			11,700 tons	155.00	1,814,000.00*
dried	1969			880 tons	1,300.00	1,144,000.00*
	1968			720 tons	1,300.00	936,000.00*
sold for drying	1969			3,100 tons	90.00	279,000.00*
	1968			-0-	-0-	-0-
fresh	1969			270 tons	145.00	39,200.00*
	1968			450 tons	200.00	90,000.00*
Grapes (Wine)	1969	3,335	2.4	8,000 tons	212.00	1,696,000.00
	1968	2,778	1.1	3,100 tons	210.00	651,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1969	357	10.0	3,570 tons	85.00	303,000.00
	1968	307	8.1	2,490 tons	116.00	289,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1969	396	10.0	3,960 tons	90.00	356,000.00
	1968	352	11.6	4,080 tons	125.00	510,000.00
Prunes (French)	1969	2,448	1.09	2,670 tons	250.00	668,000.00
	1968	2,446	1.5	3,670 tons	220.00	807,000.00
Prunes (Imp. & Sugar)	1969	313	1.3	400 tons	400.00	160,000.00
	1968	333	2.0	660 tons	360.00	240,000.00
Walnuts	1969	4,176	1.00	4,180 tons	470.00	1,965,000.00
	1968	3,723	.69	2,570 tons	760.00	1,953,000.00
Cherries & Strawberries	1969	90				175,000.00
	1968	83				180,000.00
TOTALS	1969					\$9,243,200.00
	1968					\$7,597,000.00

\*Do not include these figures in total.

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNITS	VALUE	
		ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER ACRE	TOTAL
Beans, Snap	1969	200	2.5	500	tons	100.00	50,000.00
	1968	490	3.1	1,520	tons	94.00	143,000.00
Cucumbers	1969	303	12.5	3,790	tons	100.00	379,000.00
	1968	143	14.5	2,070	tons	90.00	186,000.00
Garlic	1969	927	5.7	5,280	tons	200.00	1,056,000.00
	1968	861	5.1	4,390	tons	250.00	1,098,000.00
Lettuce	1969	1,810	9.1	16,500	tons	104.00	1,716,000.00
	1968	1,400	10.3	14,400	tons	96.00	1,380,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1969	610					1,030,000.00
	1968	540					400,800.00
Onion	1969	490	20.0	9,800	tons	100.00	980,000.00
	1968	410	25.0	10,200	tons	70.00	714,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1969	675	11.4	7,700	tons	220.00	1,694,000.00
	1968	435	14.6	6,350	tons	170.00	1,080,000.00
Potatoes	1969	145	12.0	1,740	tons	52.00	90,500.00
	1968	120	11.7	1,400	tons	48.50	67,900.00
Spinach	1969	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	1968	180	8.6	1,550	tons	26.00	40,300.00
Tomatoes	1969	6,600	24.9	164,000	tons	27.50	4,510,000.00
	1968	7,100	26.0	185,000	tons	38.00	7,030,000.00
TOTALS	1969						\$11,505,500.00
	1968						\$12,140,000.00

\*Misc. Vegetables include: Lima Beans, Squash, Gourds, Ornamental Corn, Red Lettuce, Romain, Peas, Carrots, Cauliflower and cut flowers.

## LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER ACRE	TOTAL
Cattle	1969	68,810				\$6,087,600.00
	1968	65,870				5,626,000.00
Calves	1969	4,990	24,100	cwt.	30.80	742,000.00*
	1968	5,460	26,400	cwt.	27.10	715,000.00*
Yearlings	1969	5,210	38,200	cwt.	27.00	1,031,000.00*
	1968	5,150	37,800	cwt.	24.70	934,000.00*
Dry Cows	1969	4,100	41,000	cwt.	20.00	820,000.00*
	1968	6,540	65,400	cwt.	18.00	1,180,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1969	42,100	84,200	cwt.	28.00	2,358,000.00*
	1968	39,400	78,800	cwt.	25.00	1,970,000.00*
Fat Stock	1969	12,200	36,600	cwt.	29.00	1,061,000.00*
	1968	9,100	27,300	cwt.	27.50	751,000.00*
Bulls	1969	210	3,150	cwt.	24.00	75,600.00*
	1968	220	3,300	cwt.	23.00	76,000.00*
Hogs	1969	100	200	cwt.	26.00	5,200.00
	1968	200	400	cwt.	20.00	8,000.00
Lambs	1969	13,500	12,200	cwt.	30.00	366,000.00
	1968	14,820	12,600	cwt.	26.00	328,000.00
TOTAL	1969					\$6,458,800.00
	1968					\$5,962,000.00

\*Do not include these figures in total.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED PER ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1969	1,950	5.5	10,700	tons	28.50	305,000.00
	1968	2,100	5.6	11,800	tons	26.00	307,000.00
Barley	1969	11,500	1.3	15,000	tons	51.00	765,000.00
	1968	13,000	1.0	13,000	tons	45.00	585,000.00
Hay-Grain	1969	15,000	1.3	19,500	tons	22.00	429,000.00
	1968	18,000	1.0	18,000	tons	22.00	396,000.00
Misc. Field Crops	1969	390					97,500.00
	1968	240					78,000.00
Pasture & Range	1969	508,000			acres	1.70	864,000.00
	1968	508,000			acres	1.50	762,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1969	650			acres	50.00	32,500.00
	1968	900			acres	50.00	45,000.00
Seed Crops	1969	1,100					781,000.00
	1968	1,250					909,000.00
Sugar Beets	1969	1,100	21.7	23,900	tons	14.10	337,000.00
	1968	560	24.5	13,700	tons	14.25	195,000.00
Wheat	1969	340	1.1	374	tons	50.00	18,700.00
	1968	300	.9	270	tons	57.00	15,400.00
TOTALS	1969						\$3,629,700.00
	1968						\$3,292,400.00

Seed Crops include: Alfalfa, Beans, Cabbage, Cucumber, Peppers, Squash, Tomatoes, Alyssum, Stock, Antirrhinum, Carnation, Geranium, Verbena, Zinnia

Misc. Field Crops include: Cotton, Silage and Oats.



POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Broilers & Chickens	1969	1,660,000	6,390,000	lbs.	.173	1,105,000.00
	1968	1,500,000	5,250,000	lbs.	.172	903,000.00
Turkeys	1969	214,000	5,140,000	lbs.	.24	1,234,000.00
	1968	220,000	4,870,000	lbs.	.20	974,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						
	1969					\$2,339,000.00
	1968					\$1,877,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk					
	Market				
	1969	190,000	cwt.	5.44	1,034,000.00
	1968	191,000	cwt.	5.10	991,000.00
Manufacturing	1969	14,600	cwt.	3.82	55,800.00
	1968	16,400	cwt.	3.73	61,200.00
Eggs					
	Chickens				
	1969	2,940,000	doz.	.34	1,000,000.00
	1968	2,920,000	doz.	.29	847,000.00
Turkey Hatching	1969	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	1968	392,000	each	.24	94,000.00
Wool	1969	135,000	lbs.	.43	58,000.00
	1968	148,000	lbs.	.43	64,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					
	1969				\$2,147,800.00
	1968				\$2,057,200.00