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Agricultural
Crop Report

San Benito County

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1970

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 1970.

As you will note, our total values are down approximately three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00). Most of this is in the value of fruit and nut tree crops. Apricots and Prunes were the hardest hit. 1970 was probably one of the worst years in apricot history of this County. Actually, a large volume of the apricot tonnage we reported as dried was sold by growers at a low price to dryers and we were unable to separate this figure out from the total tonnage. High costs, both production expense and taxes, are continuing to hurt all growers. 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 other at very little profit to the producers.

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
Agricultural Commissioner

FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1970	\$ 6,637,000.00
	1969	9,243,200.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1970	11,402,000.00
	1969	11,505,500.00
LIVESTOCK	1970	5,938,700.00
	1969	6,458,800.00
FIELD CROPS	1970	3,995,100.00
	1969	3,629,700.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1970	2,218,200.00
	1969	2,147,800.00
POULTRY	1970	2,023,000.00
	1969	2,339,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1970	32,214,000.00
	1969	35,324,000.00

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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
1970	\$32,214,000.00

1970

ORCHARD ACREAGE

SAN BENITO COUNTY

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Non-bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apples	212	109	321
Apricots	3,781	370	4,151
Cherries	88	247	335
Grapes	3,714	1,004	4,718
Pears (Bartlett)	356	405	761
Pears (Fall & Winter)	389	137	526
Prunes (French)	1,858	108	1,966
Prunes (Other)	273	13	286
Walnuts (English)	4,354	1,461	5,815
Walnuts (Black)	43	890	933
Pistachio		31	31
<hr/> TOTAL	15,068	4,775	19,843

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1970	212	6.5	1,380	tons	110.00	152,000.00
	1969	228	6.4	1,460	tons	100.00	146,000.00
Apricots	1970	3,781	5.6	21,000	tons		2,290,000.00
	1969	4,290	6.2	27,000	tons		3,774,200.00
canned	1970			9,650	tons	50.00	482,000.00*
	1969			18,500	tons	125.00	2,312,000.00*
dried	1970			1,850	tons	960.00	1,780,000.00*
	1969			720	tons	1300.00	1,144,000.00*
fresh	1970			250	tons	100.00	25,000.00*
	1969			270	tons	145.00	39,200.00*
Grapes (Wine)	1970	3,335	1.6	5,340	tons	250.00	1,340,000.00
	1969	3,335	2.4	8,000	tons	212.00	1,696,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1970	356	12.0	4,270	tons	117.00	500,000.00
	1969	357	10.0	3,570	tons	85.00	303,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1970	389	13.0	5,060	tons	115.00	582,000.00
	1969	396	10.0	3,960	tons	90.00	356,000.00
Prunes (French)	1970	1,858	1.6	2,970	tons	174.00	517,000.00**
	1969	2,448	1.09	2,670	tons	250.00	668,000.00
Prunes (Imp. & Sugar)	1970	273	1.4	380	tons	248.00	94,000.00**
	1969	313	1.3	400	tons	400.00	160,000.00
Walnuts	1970	4,354	.60	2,600	tons	440.00	1,140,000.00
	1969	4,176	1.0	4,180	tons	470.00	1,965,000.00
Cherries & Strawberries	1970	92					22,000.00
	1969	90					175,000.00
TOTALS	1970						\$6,637,000.00
	1969						\$9,243,200.00

* Do not include these figures in total.

** Only 63% of Prunes paid for.

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			TOTAL UNITS	VALUE	
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Fresh	1970	162	.9	146	tons	254.00	37,000.00
	1969	200	2.5	500	tons	100.00	
Cauliflower	1970	348	2.4	835	tons	188.00	157,000.00
Cucumbers	1970	240	10.0	2,400	tons	85.00	204,000.00
	1969	303	12.5	3,790	tons	100.00	
Garlic	1970	474	5.5	2,610	tons	240.00	626,000.00
	1969	927	5.7	5,280	tons	200.00	
Lettuce	1970	2,250	11.5	25,900	tons	130.00	3,370,000.00
	1969	1,810	9.1	16,500	tons	104.00	
Misc. Crops*	1970	498					362,000.00
	1969	610					
Onion	1970	450	18.7	8,440	tons	60.00	506,000.00
	1969	490	20.0	9,800	tons	100.00	
Peppers, Bell	1970	717	13.0	9,320	tons	181.00	1,690,000.00
	1969	675	11.4	7,700	tons	220.00	
Potatoes	1970	127	12.5	1,590	tons	63.00	100,000.00
	1969	145	12.0	1,740	tons	52.00	
Tomatoes	1970	6,610	26.3	174,000	tons	25.00	4,350,000.00
	1969	6,600	24.9	164,000	tons	27.50	
TOTALS	1970						\$11,402,000.00
	1969						\$11,505,500.00

*Misc. Vegetables include: Squash, Gourds, Ornamental Corn, Red Lettuce, Romain, Peas, Carrots, Spinach, Mustard Greens, Favas.

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1970	63,720				
	1969	68,810				\$5,600,100.00
						6,087,600.00
Calves	1970	5,060	24,000	cwt.	31.75	775,000.00*
	1969	4,990	24,100	cwt.	30.80	742,000.00*
Yearlings	1970	8,900	39,100	cwt.	28.75	1,120,000.00*
	1969	5,210	38,200	cwt.	27.00	1,031,000.00*
Dry Cows	1970	3,500	35,000	cwt.	21.00	735,000.00*
	1969	4,100	41,000	cwt.	20.00	820,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1970	46,700	93,400	cwt.	28.00	2,620,000.00*
	1969	42,100	84,200	cwt.	28.00	2,358,000.00*
Fat Stock	1970	2,900	8,700	cwt.	30.00	261,000.00*
	1969	12,200	36,600	cwt.	29.00	1,061,000.00*
Bulls	1970	220	3,300	cwt.	27.00	89,100.00*
	1969	210	3,150	cwt.	24.00	75,600.00*
Hogs	1970	100	200	cwt.	18.00	3,600.00
	1969	100	200	cwt.	26.00	5,200.00
Lambs	1970	14,300	12,900	cwt.	26.00	335,000.00
	1969	13,500	12,200	cwt.	30.00	366,000.00
TOTALS	1970					\$5,938,700.00
	1969					\$6,458,800.00

*Do not include these figures in total.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL			TOTAL
Alfalfa	1970	1,100	5.5	6,100	tons	28.50	174,000.00
	1969	1,950	5.5	10,700	tons	28.50	305,000.00
Barley	1970	12,000	1.1	13,200	tons	43.00	568,000.00
	1969	11,500	1.3	15,000	tons	51.00	765,000.00
Corn Silage	1970	612	18.0	11,000	tons	6.00	66,000.00
Grain - Hay	1970	15,000	1.3	19,500	tons	22.00	429,000.00
	1969	15,000	1.3	19,500	tons	22.00	429,000.00
Nursery Stock	1970						649,000.00*
Pasture & Range	1970	508,000			acres	1.80	914,000.00
	1969	508,000			acres	1.70	864,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1970	620			acres	75.00	46,500.00
	1969	650			acres	50.00	32,500.00
Seed Crops	1970	600					390,000.00*
	1969	1,100					781,000.00
Sugar Beets	1970	1,770	28.0	50,000	tons	15.00	750,000.00
	1969	1,100	21.7	23,900	tons	14.10	337,000.00
Wheat	1970	196	1.0	196	tons	44.00	8,620.00
	1969	340	1.1	374	tons	50.00	18,700.00
TOTALS	1970						\$3,995,100.00
	1969						\$3,629,700.00

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

Nursery Stock includes: Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Broilers & Chickens	1970	1,460,000	5,590,000	lbs.	.158	883,000.00
	1969	1,660,000	6,390,000	lbs.	.173	1,105,000.00
Turkeys	1970	196,000	5,020,000	lbs.	.227	1,140,000.00
	1969	214,000	5,140,000	lbs.	.24	1,234,000.00
TOTALS	1970					\$2,023,000.00
	1969					\$2,339,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Market	1970	192,000	cwt.	5.37	1,030,000.00
	1969	190,000	cwt.	5.44	1,034,000.00
Manufacturing	1970	14,800	cwt.	3.83	56,700.00
	1969	14,600	cwt.	3.82	55,800.00
Eggs Chicken & Turkey	1970	3,240,000	doz.	.33	1,070,000.00
	1969	2,940,000	doz.	.34	1,000,000.00
Wool	1970	143,000	lbs.	.43	61,500.00
	1969	135,000	lbs.	.43	58,000.00
TOTALS	1970				\$2,218,200.00
	1969				\$2,147,800.00