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**Agricultural  
Crop Report**

*San Benito County*

*John H. Edmondson, Agricultural Commissioner*

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FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1971

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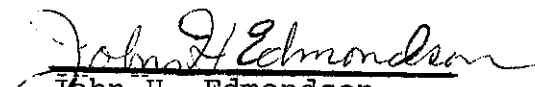
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
San Benito County, California

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 1971.

The County's gross agricultural income was up somewhat this year but some segments of our agriculture are still in serious trouble. Orchardists in particular, have been very heavily hit by low prices, short crops and high production costs. 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  
San Benito County

FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1971	\$ 7,969,000.00
	1970	6,637,000.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1971	13,902,000.00
	1970	11,402,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1971	6,343,000.00
	1970	5,938,700.00
FIELD CROPS	1971	4,589,000.00
	1970	3,995,100.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1971	2,209,200.00
	1970	2,218,200.00
POULTRY	1971	961,000.00
	1970	2,023,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1971	35,973,200.00
	1970	32,214,000.00

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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
1971	35,973,200.00

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ORCHARD ACREAGE

SAN BENITO COUNTY

Crop	Bearing Acres	Non-Bearing Acres	Total
Apples	248	73	321
Apricots	3,715	354	4,069
Cherries	127	208	335
Grapes	3,714	1,004	4,718
Pears (Bartlett)	421	319	740
Pears (Fall & Winter)	463	95	558
Prunes (French)	1,833	69	1,902
Prunes (Other)	242	-0-	242
Walnuts (English)	4,631	1,184	5,815
Walnuts (Black)	43	890	933
Pistachio		2	2
Plums	32	9	41
TOTAL	15,469	4,207	19,676

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNITS	VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER	TOTAL		PER	TOTAL
		ACRES	ACRE			UNIT	
Asparagus	1971	951		NON BEARING			
Beans, Fresh	1971	170	4.05	690	tons	89.00	61,000.00
	1970	162	.9	146	tons	254.00	37,000.00
Cauliflower	1971	100	7.4	740	tons	243.00	180,000.00
	1970	348	2.4	835	tons	188.00	157,000.00
Cucumbers	1971	380	12.95	4,920	tons	81.20	400,000.00
	1970	240	10.0	2,400	tons	85.00	204,000.00
Garlic	1971	438	5.0	2,190	tons	320.00	701,000.00
	1970	474	5.5	2,610	tons	240.00	626,000.00
Lettuce	1971	2,000	12.0	24,000	tons	117.50	2,820,000.00
	1970	2,250	11.5	25,900	tons	130.00	3,370,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1971	562					968,000.00
	1970	498					362,000.00
Onion	1971	632	25.0	15,800	tons	80.00	1,264,000.00
	1970	450	18.7	8,440	tons	60.00	506,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1971	718	10.5	7,539	tons	200.00	1,508,000.00
	1970	717	13.0	9,320	tons	181.00	1,690,000.00
Potatoes	1971	80	18.4	1,472	tons	60.00	88,000.00
	1970	127	12.5	1,590	tons	63.00	100,000.00
Tomatoes	1971	7,541	28.0	211,148	tons	28.00	5,912,000.00
	1970	6,610	26.3	174,148	tons	25.00	4,350,000.00
TOTALS	1971						\$13,902,000.00
	1970						\$11,402,000.00

\*Misc. Vegetables include: Squash, Gourds, Ornamental Corn, Red Lettuce, Romain, Peas, Carrots, Spinach, Mustard Greens, Favas, Cardoon, Pumpkins, Annis, Boc choy

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1971	248	9.0	2,230	tons	70.00	156,000.00
	1970	212	6.5	1,380	tons	110.00	152,000.00
Apricots	1970	3,715	5.1	19,000	tons		1,780,000.00
	1970	3,781	5.6	21,000	tons		2,290,000.00
canned	1971			12,300	tons	55.00	667,000.00*
	1970			9,650	tons	50.00	482,000.00*
dried	1971			1,075	tons	1000.00	1,075,000.00*
	1970			1,850	tons	960.00	1,780,000.00*
fresh	1971			260	tons	147.00	38,000.00*
	1970			250	tons	100.00	25,000.00*
Grapes (Wine)	1971	3,713	1.8	6,680	tons	390.00	2,600,000.00
	1970	3,335	1.6	5,340	tons	250.00	1,340,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1971	421	8.32	3,503	tons	95.00	333,000.00
	1970	356	12.0	4,270	tons	117.00	500,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1971	453	5.4	2,446	tons	93.00	228,000.00
	1970	389	13.0	5,060	tons	115.00	582,000.00
Prunes (French)	1971	1,833	1.6	2,930	tons	233.00	683,000.00**
	1970	1,858	1.6	2,970	tons	174.00	517,000.00
Prunes (Imp. & Sugar)	1971	240	1.3	312	tons	260.00	81,000.00**
	1970	273	1.4	380	tons	248.00	94,000.00
Walnuts	1971	4,631	.93	4,310	tons	440.00	1,900,000.00
	1970	4,354	.60	2,600	tons	440.00	1,140,000.00
Cherries & Strawberries	1971	127					208,000.00
	1970	92					22,000.00
TOTALS	1971						\$7,969,000.00
	1970						\$6,637,000.00

\*Do not include these figures in total.

\*\*Only 68% of Prunes paid for.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1971	992	5.5	5,456	tons	32.00	175,000.00
	1970	1,100	5.5	6,100	tons	28.50	174,000.00
Barley	1971	12,200	.9	10,980	tons	54.00	593,000.00
	1970	12,000	1.1	13,200	tons	43.00	568,000.00
Corn Silage	1971	653	18.5	12,080	tons	6.50	78,500.00
	1970	612	18.0	11,000	tons	6.00	66,000.00
Grain-Hay	1971	15,000	1.0	15,000	tons	28.50	428,000.00
	1970	15,000	1.3	19,500	tons	22.00	429,000.00
Nursery Stock	1971						1,100,000.00*
	1970						649,000.00*
Pasture & Range	1971	508,000			acres	1.80	914,000.00
	1970	508,000			acres	1.80	914,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1971	600			acres	80.00	48,000.00
	1970	620			acres	75.00	46,500.00
Seed Crops	1971	475					261,000.00*
	1970	600					390,000.00*
Sugar Beets	1971	2,660	25.3	67,300	tons	14.52	977,000.00
	1970	1,700	28.0	50,000	tons	15.00	750,000.00
Wheat	1971	200	1.25	250	tons	58.00	14,500.00
	1970	196	1.0	196	tons	44.00	8,620.00
TOTALS	1971						\$4,589,000.00
	1970						\$3,995,000.00

Seed Crops include: Alfalfa, Beans, Cabbage, Squash, Tomatoes, Zinnia

Nursery Stock includes: Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers

## LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1971	65,200				5,982,000.00
	1970	63,720				5,600,100.00
Calves	1971	5,200	25,200	cwt.	32.79	826,000.00
	1970	5,060	24,000	cwt.	31.75	775,000.00*
Yearlings	1971	5,960	43,700	cwt.	30.00	1,310,000.00*
	1970	8,900	39,100	cwt.	28.75	1,120,000.00*
Dry Cows	1971	3,800	38,000	cwt.	22.00	836,000.00*
	1970	3,500	35,000	cwt.	21.00	735,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1971	49,800	99,600	cwt.	29.00	2,890,000.00*
	1970	46,700	93,400	cwt.	28.00	2,620,000.00*
Fat Stock	1971	200	600	cwt.	32.00	19,000.00*
	1970	2,900	8,700	cwt.	30.00	261,000.00*
Bulls	1971	240	3,600	cwt.	28.00	101,000.00*
	1970	220	3,300	cwt.	27.00	89,100.00*
Hogs	1971	400	800	cwt.	19.00	15,000.00
	1970	100	200	cwt.	18.00	3,600.00
Lambs	1971	14,800	13,300	cwt.	26.00	346,000.00
	1970	14,300	12,900	cwt.	26.00	335,000.00
TOTALS	1971					\$6,343,000.00
	1970					\$5,938,700.00

\*Do not include these figures in total.



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
Turkeys	1971	164,000	4,180,000	lbs.	.23	961,000.00
	1970	196,000	5,020,000	lbs.	.227	1,140,000.00
TOTALS	1971					\$ 961,000.00
	1970					\$2,023,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1971	201,000	cwt.	5.87	1,180,000.00
Market	1970	186,000	cwt.	5.54	1,030,000.00
Manufacturing	1971	19,200	cwt.	4.54	87,000.00
	1970	17,400	cwt.	4.32	75,200.00
Eggs					
Chicken & Turkey	1971	2,520,000	doz.	.28	706,000.00
	1970	3,240,000	doz.	.33	1,070,000.00
*Wool	1971	148,000	lbs.	.38	56,200.00
	1970	143,000	lbs.	.43	61,500.00
TOTALS	1971				\$2,029,200.00
	1970				\$2,913,500.00

\*Includes Government support payment.