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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, 1972

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and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
San Benito County, California

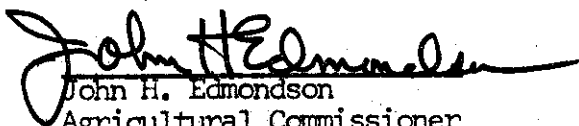
In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I hereby submit a report of the acreage, production and gross value of Agricultural Crops of San Benito County for the calendar year of 1972.

The County's gross agricultural income was up somewhat again this year, but some segments of our agriculture were severely hurt by the heavy freezes in the spring and the general drought condition in the winter. Orchard people, mainly apricot, walnuts and prunes suffered major damage from the freezes. Prices were generally higher for these crops but many growers did not have crops to harvest. Drought conditions forced livestock producers to market stock at shorter weight and in some cases to sell off cow herds. Feed was so short in some areas that stock was never put on the grass. Stock prices were about the highest on record which helped producers offset weight losses.

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	1972	8,066,000.00
	1971	7,969,000.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1972	15,005,900.00
	1971	13,902,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1972	6,866,000.00
	1971	6,343,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1972	3,672,250.00
	1971	4,589,000.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1972	2,245,500.00
	1971	2,209,200.00
POULTRY	1972	203,000.00
	1971	961,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1972	36,058,650.00
	1971	35,973,200.00

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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
1972	36,058,650.00

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION				VALUE		
	YEAR	HARVESTED PER ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Fresh	1972	380	3.40	1,300	tons	94.00	122,000.00
	1971	170	4.05	690	tons	89.00	61,000.00
Cauliflower	1972	350	5.5	1,920	tons	187.00	359,000.00
	1971	100	7.4	740	tons	243.00	180,000.00
Cucumbers	1972	500	13.8	6,900	tons	76.00	524,000.00
	1971	380	12.95	4,920	tons	81.20	400,000.00
Garlic	1972	560	5.6	3,140	tons	360.00	1,130,000.00
	1971	438	5.0	2,190	tons	320.00	701,000.00
Lettuce	1972	2,860	11.4	32,600	tons	102.00	3,320,000.00
	1971	2,000	12.0	24,000	tons	117.50	2,820,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1972	1,350					540,000.00
	1971	562					968,000.00
Onion	1972	390	30.0	11,700	tons	110.00	1,287,000.00
	1971	632	25.0	15,800	tons	80.00	1,264,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1972	840	10.2	8,570	tons	210.00	1,800,000.00
	1971	718	10.5	7,539	tons	200.00	1,508,000.00
Potatoes	1972	45	15.0	675	tons	65.00	43,900.00
	1971	80	18.4	1,472	tons	60.00	88,000.00
Tomatoes	1972	7,100	29.5	210,000	tons	28.00	5,880,000.00
	1971	7,541	28.0	211,148	tons	28.00	5,912,000.00
TOTALS	1972						\$ 15,005,900.00
	1971						13,902,000.00

*Misc. Vegetables include: Gourds, Ornamental Corn, Red Lettuce, Romain, Peas, Spinach, Favas, Cardoon, Pumpkins, Annis, Boc choy, Cotton, Endive, Cabbage, Borccoli, Brussel sprouts, and 700 acres of non bearing asparagus.

1972

ORCHARD ACREAGE

SAN BENITO COUNTY

Crop	Bearing Acres	Non-Bearing Acres	Total
Apples	265	57	322
Apricots	3,490	210	3,700
Cherries	156	171	327
Grapes	3,799	841	4,640
Pears (Bartlett)	474	275	749
Pears (Fall & Winter)	390	46	436
Prunes (French)	1,628	54	1,682
Prunes (Other)	213	-0-	213
Walnuts (English)	4,820	876	5,696
Walnuts (Black)	111	822	933
TOTAL	15,346	3,352	18,698

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1972	265	9.5	2,520	tons	120.00	302,000.00
	1971	248	9.0	2,230	tons	70.00	156,000.00
Apricots	1972	3,490	3.6	12,600	tons		1,977,000.00
	1971	3,715	5.1	19,000	tons		1,780,000.00
canned	1972			7,280	tons	115.00	837,000.00*
	1971			12,300	tons	55.00	667,000.00*
dried	1972			875	tons	1,300.00	1,140,000.00*
	1971			1,075	tons	1,000.00	1,075,000.00*
Grapes (wine)	1972	3,800	1.9	7,220	tons	450.00	3,250,000.00
	1971	3,713	1.8	6,680	tons	390.00	2,600,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1972	474	8.0	3,790	tons	110.00	417,000.00
	1971	421	8.32	3,503	tons	95.00	333,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1972	380	10.0	3,800	tons	120.00	456,000.00
	1971	453	5.4	2,446	tons	93.00	228,000.00
Prunes (French)	1972	1,628	.9	1,460	tons	340.00	496,000.00
	1971	1,833	1.6	2,930	tons	233.00	683,000.00
Prunes (Imp. & Sugar)	1972	213	.3	71	tons	360.00	26,000.00
	1971	240	1.3	312	tons	260.00	81,000.00
Walnuts	1972	4,820	.3	1,450	tons	620.00	899,000.00
	1971	4,631	.93	4,310	tons	440.00	1,900,000.00
Cherries & Strawberries	1972	156					243,000.00
	1971	127					208,000.00
TOTALS	1972						\$ 8,066,000.00
	1971						7,969,000.00

* Do not include these figures in total.

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1972	61,160				6,761,000.00
	1971	65,200				5,982,000.00
Calves	1972	10,500	45,000	cwt.	41.00	1,840,000.00*
	1971	5,200	25,200	cwt.	32.79	826,000.00*
Yearlings	1972	5,900	37,000	cwt.	36.60	1,354,000.00*
	1971	5,960	43,700	cwt.	30.00	1,310,000.00*
Dry Cows	1972	6,400	64,000	cwt.	24.00	1,540,000.00*
	1971	3,800	38,000	cwt.	22.00	836,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1972	38,000	48,000	cwt.	38.00	1,820,000.00*
	1971	49,800	99,600	cwt.	29.00	2,890,000.00*
Bulls	1972	360	5,400	cwt.	31.00	167,000.00*
	1971	240	3,600	cwt.	28.00	101,000.00*
Hogs	1972	850	1,700	cwt.	28.00	48,000.00
	1971	400	800	cwt.	19.00	15,000.00
Lambs	1972	2,100	1,900	cwt.	30.00	57,000.00
	1971	14,800	13,300	cwt.	26.00	346,000.00
TOTALS	1972					\$6,866,000.00
	1971					6,343,000.00

* Do not include these figures in total.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION				VALUE		
	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1972	1,180	7.5	8,850	tons	37.00	327,450.00
	1971	992	5.5	5,456	tons	32.00	175,000.00
Barley	1972	1,500	.75	1,120	tons	56.00	62,700.00
	1971	12,200	.9	10,980	tons	54.00	593,000.00
Corn Silage	1972	625	25.0	15,600	tons	12.00	187,200.00
	1971	653	18.5	12,080	tons	6.50	78,500.00
Grain-Hay	1972	9,000	.8	7,200	tons	32.00	230,400.00
	1971	15,000	1.0	15,000	tons	28.50	428,000.00
Nursery Stock	1972						940,000.00*
	1971						1,100,000.00*
Pasture & Range	1972	508,000			acres	1.20	610,000.00
	1971	508,000			acres	1.80	914,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1972	660			acres	120.00	79,200.00
	1971	600			acres	80.00	48,000.00
Seed Crops	1972	650					225,000.00**
	1971	475					261,000.00**
Sugar Beets	1972	2,320	27.00	62,600	tons	16.00	1,001,600.00
	1971	2,660	25.3	67,300	tons	14.52	977,000.00
Wheat	1972	150	1.00	150	tons	58.00	8,700.00
	1971	200	1.25	250	tons	58.00	14,500.00
TOTALS	1972						\$ 3,672,250.00
	1971						4,589,000.00

* Nursery stock includes : Nursery stock & cut flowers

ITEM	YEAR	POULTRY		UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT			
TURKEYS	1972	43,000	903,000	lbs.	.225	203,000.00
	1971	164,000	4,180,000	lbs.	.23	961,000.00
TOTALS	1972					\$203,000.00
	1971					961,000.00

ITEM	YEAR	LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS		UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
		PRODUCTION				
Milk Market	1972	244,000		cwt.	6.09	1,490,000.00
	1971	201,000		cwt.	5.87	1,180,000.00
Manufac- turing	1972	22,600		cwt.	4.65	105,000.00
	1971	19,200		cwt.	4.54	87,000.00
Eggs Chicken & Turkey	1972	2,370,000		doz.	.27	640,000.00
	1971	2,520,000		doz.	.28	706,000.00
*Wool	1972	21,000		lbs.	.50	10,500.00
	1971	148,000		lbs.	.38	56,200.00
TOTALS	1972					\$ 2,245,500.00
	1971					2,029,000.00

* Includes Government support payment.