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A N N U A L C R O P R E P O R T

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1973

C.B. Christensen, 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 1973.

The County's gross agricultural income was up a little over 50% in 1973. This was due primarily to good prices, a wet winter and adequate yields on most crops. 1973 was probably one of the best overall years for most growers in the history of this County.

Once again I would like to stress that these figures are for gross income, not net profit.

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	1973	14,262,000.00
	1972	8,066,000.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1973	19,128,000.00
	1972	15,005,900.00
LIVESTOCK	1973	11,685,000.00
	1972	6,866,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1973	5,669,000.00
	1972	3,672,250.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1973	3,417,000.00
	1972	2,245,500.00
POULTRY	1973	1,590,000.00
	1972	203,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1973	55,751,000.00
	1972	36,058,650.00

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1964	21,564,790.00
1965	<del>24</del> ,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
1973	55,751,000.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
		HARVESTED PER				PER	
Apples	1973	275	12.0	3,300	tons	125.00	412,000.00
	1972	265	9.5	2,520	tons	120.00	302,000.00
Apricots	1973	3,300	5.2	17,100	tons		2,720,000.00
	1972	3,490	3.6	12,600	tons		1,977,000.00
canned	1973			12,000	tons	135.00	1,620,000.00*
	1972			7,280	tons	115.00	837,000.00*
dried	1973			850	tons	1,300.00	1,100,000.00*
	1972			875	tons	1,300.00	1,140,000.00*
Grapes (Wine)	1973	4,470	2.6	11,600	tons	500.00	5,800,000.00
	1972	3,800	1.9	7,220	tons	450.00	3,250,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1973	600	6.0	3,600	tons	115.00	414,000.00
	1972	474	8.0	3,790	tons	110.00	333,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1973	320	7.6	2,400	tons	110.00	264,000.00
	1972	380	10.0	3,800	tons	120.00	456,000.00
Prunes (French)	1973	1,700	1.5	2,600	tons	440.00	1,140,000.00
	1972	1,840					522,000.00
Walnuts	1973	4,900	1.1	5,390	tons	620.00	3,340,000.00
	1972	4,820	.3	1,450	tons	620.00	899,000.00
Cherries	1973	200	2.3	460	tons	375.00	172,000.00
	1972	150					243,000.00
TOTALS							\$
	1973						14,262,000.00
	1972						8,066,000.00

\* Do not include these figures in total.

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			UNITS	VALUE PER	
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1973	865	.95	820	tons	430.00	353,000.00
	1972	750					
Beans, Fresh	1973	250	5.00	1,250	tons	120.00	150,000.00
	1972	380	3.40	1,300	tons	94.00	122,000.00
Broccoli	1973	450	2.9	1,300	tons	310.00	403,000.00
	1972	250					
Carrots	1973	200	20.0	4,000	tons	100.00	400,000.00
	1972						
Cauliflower	1973	390	1.5	585	tons	295.00	173,000.00
	1972	350	5.5	1,920	tons	187.00	359,000.00
Cucumbers	1973	150	9.6	1,440	tons	192.00	276,000.00
	1972	500	13.8	6,900	tons	76.00	524,000.00
Garlic	1973	575	5.8	3,340	tons	360.00	1,200,000.00
	1972	560	5.6	3,140	tons	360.00	1,130,000.00
Lettuce	1973	2,550	10.5	26,800	tons	160.00	4,290,000.00
	1972	2,860	11.4	32,600	tons	102.00	3,320,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1973	280					335,000.00
	1972	1,350					540,000.00
Onion	1973	500	24.0	12,000	tons	140.00	1,680,000.00
	1972	390	30.0	11,700	tons	110.00	1,287,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1973	750	11.6	8,700	tons	235.00	2,040,000.00
	1972	840	10.2	8,570	tons	210.00	1,800,000.00
Potatoes	1973	45	14.0	630	tons	77.00	48,000.00
	1972	45	15.0	675	tons	65.00	43,900.00
Tomatoes	1973	7,200	30.0	216,000	tons	36.00	7,780,000.00
	1972	7,100	29.5	210,000	tons	28.00	5,880,000.00
TOTALS	1973						\$ 19,128,000.00
	1972						15,005,900.00

\*Misc. Vegetables include: Annis, Boc choy, Brussel sprouts  
Cardoon, Celery, Gourds, Mixed  
lettuce, Ornamental corn.

## LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1973					10,662,000.00
	1972	61,160				6,761,000.00
Calves	1973	6,500	33,000	cwt.	57.00	1,880,000.00*
	1972	10,500	45,000	cwt.	41.00	1,840,000.00*
Yearlings	1973	1,800	14,000	cwt.	50.00	700,000.00*
	1972	5,900	37,000	cwt.	36.60	1,354,000.00*
Dry Cows	1973	1,700	17,000	cwt.	35.00	595,000.00*
	1972	6,400	64,000	cwt.	24.00	1,540,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1973	64,000	160,000	cwt.	46.00	7,360,000.00*
	1972	38,000	48,000	cwt.	38.00	1,820,000.00*
Stockers Feed Lot	1973	32,000	19,200	cwt.	46.00	883,000.00
	1972					
Bulls	1973	110	1,700	cwt.	42.00	71,000.00*
	1972	360	5,400	cwt.	31.00	167,000.00*
Hogs	1973	800	1,600	cwt.	35.00	56,000.00*
	1972	850	1,700	cwt.	28.00	48,000.00*
Lambs	1973	4,000	4,000	cwt.	35.00	140,000.00
	1972	2,100	1,900	cwt.	30.00	57,000.00
TOTALS	1973					\$ 11,685,000.00
	1972					6,866,000.00

\* Do not include these figures in total.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
		ACRES	ACRE			UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1973	1,150	7.6	8,740	tons	50.00	437,000.00
	1972	1,180	7.5	8,850	tons	37.00	327,450.00
Barley	1973	7,500	1.4	10,500	tons	80.00	840,000.00
	1972	1,500	.75	1,120	tons	56.00	62,700.00
Corn Silage	1973	800	20.0	16,000	tons	9.00	144,000.00
	1972	625	25.0	15,560	tons	12.00	187,200.00
Cotton	1973	40	.4	16	tons	700.00	11,000.00
Grain-Hay	1973	18,000	1.0	18,000	tons	40.00	720,000.00
	1972	9,000	.8	7,200	tons	32.00	230,400.00
Nursery Stock	1973						1,420,000.00*
	1972						940,000.00*
Pasture & Range	1973	508,000			acres	2.25	1,140,000.00
	1972	508,000			acres	1.80	610,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1973	500			acres	140.00	70,000.00
	1972	660			acres	120.00	79,200.00
Seed Crops	1973	720					613,000.00**
	1972	650					225,000.00**
Sugar Beets	1973	500	29.00	14,500	tons	18.00	260,000.00
	1972	2,320	27.00	62,600	tons	16.00	1,001,600.00
Wheat	1973	100	1.2	120	tons	120.00	14,000.00
	1972	150	1.00	150	tons	58.00	8,700.00
TOTALS	1973						\$ 5,669,000.00
	1972						3,672,250.00

\*Nursery stock includes : Nursery stock & cut flowers

\*\* Seed crops include: Alfalfa, Beans, Cabbage, Cordon Melon, Misc. flowers, pepper & Tomatoe.

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens	1973	25,000		head	1.00	25,000.00
Hens	1972					
Chickens	1973	500,000		head	2.50	1,250,000.00
Pullets	1972					
Turkeys	1973	26,000	700,000	lbs	.45	315,000.00
	1972	43,000	903,000	lbs	.225	203,000.00

TOTALS	1973					\$1,590,000.00
	1972					203,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1973	220,000	cwt.	6.87	1,510,000.00
Market	1972	244,000	cwt.	6.09	1,490,000.00
Manufacturing	1973	22,000	cwt.	5.31	117,000.00
	1972	22,600	cwt.	4.65	105,000.00
Eggs	1973	3,090,000	doz.	.57	1,760,000.00
Chicken & Turkey	1972	2,370,000	doz.	.27	640,000.00
*Wool	1973	40,000	lbs.	.75	30,000.00
	1972	21,000	lbs.	.50	10,500.00

TOTALS	1973					\$ 3,417,000.00
	1972					2,245,500.00

\* Includes Government support payment.