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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, 1977

Richard E. Rominger, Director  
State Department of Food and Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
San Benito County:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Food and Agriculture 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 1977.

While field crops and livestock productions were down in 1977, due principally to drought conditions which existed in 1976 and 1977, other categories of crops were up.

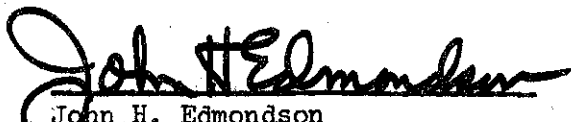
The tomato crop accounted for our largest amount of gains as yields were again up to normal and prices were up considerably from 1976.

Although the total value was up about 25 percent the actual return to growers was not as great as indicated because of inflation and the disastrous year in 1976 caused by the fall rains.

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

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS	1977	30,589,000.00
	1976	22,173,000.00
FRUIT and NUT CROPS	1977	17,165,000.00
	1976	9,734,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1977	8,747,000.00
	1976	9,499,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1977	4,867,000.00
	1976	5,752,500.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1977	3,316,000.00
	1976	2,928,500.00
POULTRY	1977	1,367,000.00
	1976	611,500.00
*GROSS TOTAL	1977	66,051,000.00
	1976	50,698,500.00

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1968	32,925,600.00
1969	35,324,000.00
1970	32,214,000.00
1971	35,973,200.00
1972	36,058,000.00
1973	55,751,000.00
1974	57,647,000.00
1975	59,217,500.00
1976	50,698,500.00
1977	66,051,000.00

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER				VALUE PER		
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1977	660	1.12	744	tons	812.00	604,000.00
	1976	690	.95	660	tons	677.00	447,000.00
Beans, Fresh	1977	100	5.0	500	tons	150.00	75,000.00
	1976	90	4.7	430	tons	150.00	65,000.00
Broccoli	1977	130	3.1	403	tons	320.00	129,000.00
	1976	(None)					
Carrots	1977	130	21.0	2,730	tons	174.00	475,000.00
	1976	130	10.2	1,330	tons	196.00	260,000.00
Cauliflower	1977	330	3.0	990	tons	408.00	404,000.00
	1976	480	3.2	1,540	tons	338.00	520,000.00
Cucumbers	1977	50	10.0	500	tons	210.00	105,000.00
	1976	90	8.2	740	tons	137.00	101,000.00
Garlic	1977	1,060	5.0	5,300	tons	516.00	2,730,000.00
	1976	825	4.5	3,712	tons	500.00	1,856,000.00
Lettuce	1977	2,600	12.8	33,300	tons	128.00	4,260,000.00
	1976	2,500	13.0	32,500	tons	155.00	5,038,000.00
*Misc. Crops	1977	220					400,000.00
	1976	430					770,000.00
Onions	1977	1,200	26.0	31,200	tons	114.00	3,560,000.00
	1976	790	22.6	17,900	tons	151.00	2,750,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1977	920	15.7	14,400	tons	304.00	4,380,000.00
	1976	1,000	10.2	10,200	tons	210.00	2,142,000.00
Peppers, Chili	1977	(None)					
	1976	200	4.1	820	tons	600.00	500,000.00
Potatoes	1977	240	15.3	3,670	tons	100.00	367,000.00
	1976	245	17.5	4,290	tons	110.00	472,000.00
Tomatoes (Canning)	1977	8,420	27.3	230,000	tons	57.00	13,100,000.00
	1976	7,300	19.2	141,000	tons	47.50	6,700,000.00
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	1977	(None)					
	1976	120	11.5	1,380	tons	400.00	552,000.00
TOTALS	1977						30,589,000.00
	1976						22,173,000.00

\*MISC. CROPS INCLUDE: - Annis, Boc Choy, Brussel Sprouts, Cardoon, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Mustard, Mixed Lettuce, Spinach, Squash, Sweet Corn, Chili Peppers and Turnip Greens

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

ITEM	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			<u>VALUE</u>			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1977	357	15.2	5,430	tons	157.00	852,000.00
	1976	285	11.6	3,300	tons	113.00	374,000.00
Apricots	1977	2,640	7.6	20,300	tons	185.00	3,760,000.00
	1976	2,736	5.0	13,680	tons	150.00	2,052,000.00
Cherries	1977	306	1.09	334	tons	381.00	127,000.00
	1976	308	4.3	1,320	tons	900.00	1,188,000.00
Grapes (wine)	1977	4,580	2.4	11,000	tons	435.00	4,780,000.00
	1976	4,524	1.5	6,790	tons	250.00	1,698,000.00
Pears (bartlett)	1977	647	6.7	4,340	tons	120.00	520,000.00
	1976	620	8.0	4,960	tons	105.00	521,000.00
Pears (fall and winter)	1977	209	13.5	2,820	tons	300.00	846,000.00
	1976	206	13.5	2,780	tons	250.00	695,000.00
Prunes	1977	911	4.7	4,280	tons	490.00	2,100,000.00
	1976	1,100	2.0	2,200	tons	280.00	616,000.00
Walnuts	1977	4,302	1.14	4,920	tons	850.00	4,180,000.00
	1976	4,639	.75	3,500	tons	740.00	2,590,000.00
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TOTALS	1977						17,165,000.00
	1976						9,734,000.00

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	<u>PRODUCTION</u>			UNITS	<u>VALUE</u>	
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1977	2,370	6.0	14,200	tons	60.00	852,000.00
	1976	1,000	8.0	8,000	tons	75.00	600,000.00
Barley	1977	4,500	.9	4,050	tons	85.00	344,000.00
	1976	6,500	.6	3,900	tons	105.00	410,000.00
Corn Silage	1977	418	22.4	9,360	tons	13.00	122,000.00
	1976	620	19.5	12,150	tons	11.50	139,500.00
Cotton	1977	980	.49	480	tons	1,170.00	562,000.00
	1976	(None)					
***Misc. Field Crops	1977	280					331,000.00
	1976	900					627,000.00
Grain/Hay	1977	15,000	.8	12,000	tons	56.00	672,000.00
	1976	13,000	.9	11,700	tons	80.00	936,000.00
*Nursery Stock	1977	287					1,250,000.00
	1976	260					1,940,000.00
Oat Silage	1977	350	13.1	4,600	tons	12.00	55,000.00
	1976	(None)					
Pasture and Range	1977	508,000			acres	4.00	2,030,000.00
	1976	508,000			acres	2.50	1,270,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1977	500			acres	180.00	90,000.00
	1976	500			acres	180.00	90,000.00
**Seed Crops	1977	1,310			acres	368.00	482,000.00
	1976	1,220			acres	610.00	744,000.00
Sugar Beets	1977	2,860	28.0	80,100	tons	24.00	1,922,000.00
	1976	3,554	39.3	133,000	tons	20.00	2,660,000.00
Wheat	1977	400	1.02	408	tons	85.00	35,000.00
	1976	675	1.09	740	tons	111.00	82,500.00
TOTALS	1977						8,747,000.00
	1976						9,499,000.00

\*NURSERY STOCK INCLUDES: - Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers

\*\*SEED CROPS INCLUDE: - Alfalfa, Beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Peppers, Tomatoes, Squash and Misc. Flowers

\*\*\*MISC FIELD CROPS INCLUDE: - Green Chop Alfalfa, Ornamental Corn and Ornamental Gourds

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. of HEAD	TOTAL UNITS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1977	32,650				4,598,000.00
	1976	44,660				5,558,000.00
*Calves	1977	9,500	45,400	cwt.	35.60	1,620,000.00*
	1976	10,700	41,000	cwt.	36.20	1,480,000.00*
*Yearlings	1977	2,000	14,000	cwt.	36.00	504,000.00*
	1976	4,560	28,800	cwt.	37.80	1,010,000.00*
*Cows	1977	3,000	30,000	cwt.	26.00	780,000.00*
	1976	9,000	81,000	cwt.	26.00	2,110,000.00*
*Pasture and Stockers	1977	18,000	45,000	cwt.	36.00	1,620,000.00*
	1976	20,000	20,000	cwt.	38.00	760,000.00*
*Bulls	1977	150	2,250	cwt.	33.00	74,000.00*
	1976	400	6,000	cwt.	33.00	198,000.00*
Hogs	1977	300	750	cwt.	41.00	31,000.00
	1976	200	500	cwt.	45.00	22,500.00
Lambs	1977	5,000	4,750	cwt.	50.00	238,000.00
	1976	5,000	3,750	cwt.	46.00	172,000.00
TOTALS	1977					4,867,000.00
	1976					5,752,500.00

\*Do not include these figures in total.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Milk/Market	1977	94,000	cwt.	9.96	936,000.00
	1976	144,000	cwt.	9.01	1,298,000.00
Milk/Manufacturing	1977	76,200	cwt.	7.79	594,000.00
	1976	31,400	cwt.	7.83	246,000.00
Eggs/Chickens and Turkeys	1977	3,130,000	doz.	.56	1,750,000.00
	1976	2,370,000	doz.	.57	1,351,000.00
*Wool	1977	50,000	lbs.	.73	36,000.00
	1976	50,000	lbs.	.67	33,500.00
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TOTALS	1977				3,316,000.00
	1976				2,928,500.00

\*INCLUDES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT:

POULTRY

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NO. of HEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Chickens	1977	30,000		head	.70	21,000.00
	1976	64,000		head	1.70	108,500.00
Turkeys	1977	188,000	3,845,000	lbs.	.35	1,346,000.00
	1976	91,000	1,584,000	lbs.	.31	503,000.00
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TOTALS	1977					1,367,000.00
	1976					611,500.00