

SAN BENITO COUNTY

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for

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Year Ending

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RICHARD E. ROMINGER, DIRECTOR
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

AND

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SAN BENITO COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

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 1978.

Although the total value was up about 19 percent the actual return to growers was not as great as indicated because of inflation.

Once again I would like to stress that these figures are for Gross Income only, not Net Profit to the grower.

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, without their help this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN H. EDMONDSON
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VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS	1978	37,082,000.00
	1977	30,589,000.00
FRUIT and NUT CROPS	1978	18,609,000.00
	1977 (Revised)	15,682,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1978	11,610,000.00
	1977	8,747,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1978	7,907,000.00
	1977	4,867,000.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1978	3,549,000.00
	1977	3,316,000.00
POULTRY	1978	931,000.00
	1977	1,367,000.00
*GROSS TOTAL	1978	79,688,000.00
	1977 (Revised)	64,568,000.00

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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	59,217,000.00
1976	50,698,000.00
1977 (Revised)	64,568,000.00
1978	79,688,000.00

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER		TOTAL	UNITS	VALUE PER	
		ACRES	ACRE			UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1978	660	.80	530	tons	800.00	424,000.00
	1977	660	1.12	744	tons	812.00	604,000.00
Beans, Fresh	1978	160	4.6	740	tons	180.00	133,000.00
	1977	100	5.0	500	tons	150.00	75,000.00
Broccoli	1978	350	3.4	1,190	tons	380.00	452,000.00
	1977	130	3.1	403	tons	320.00	129,000.00
Carrots	1978	120	17.5	2,100	tons	156.00	328,000.00
	1977	130	21.0	2,730	tons	174.00	475,000.00
Cauliflower	1978	370	2.9	1,070	tons	360.00	385,000.00
	1977	330	3.0	990	tons	408.00	404,000.00
Cucumbers	1978	30	22.5	675	tons	330.00	223,000.00
	1977	50	10.0	500	tons	210.00	105,000.00
Garlic	1978	1,100	5.7	6,300	tons	520.00	3,276,000.00
	1977	1,060	5.0	5,300	tons	516.00	2,730,000.00
Lettuce	1978	3,700	14.3	52,710	tons	212.00	11,175,000.00
	1977	2,600	12.8	33,300	tons	128.00	4,260,000.00
*Misc. Crops	1978	300					585,000.00
	1977	220					400,000.00
Onions	1978	1,200	22.2	26,640	tons	140.00	3,730,000.00
	1977	1,200	26.0	31,200	tons	114.00	3,560,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1978	1,200	10.7	12,840	tons	371.00	4,764,000.00
	1977	920	15.7	14,400	tons	304.00	4,380,000.00
Potatoes	1978	250	16.5	4,125	tons	86.00	355,000.00
	1977	240	15.3	3,670	tons	100.00	367,000.00
Tomatoes (Canning)	1978	6,800	27.9	190,000	tons	54.50	10,355,000.00
	1977	8,420	27.3	230,000	tons	57.00	13,100,000.00
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	1978	130	15.0	1,950	tons	460.00	897,000.00
	1977	(none)					
TOTALS	1978						37,082,000.00
	1977						30,589,000.00

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

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

ITEM	<u>PRODUCTION</u> <u>HARVESTED PER</u>			<u>VALUE</u> <u>PER</u>			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1978	370	15.1	5,600	tons	182.00	1,019,000.00
	1977	357	15.2	5,430	tons	157.00	852,000.00
Apricots	1978	2,590	5.2	13,500	tons	262.00	3,537,000.00
	1977	2,640	7.6	20,300	tons	185.00	3,760,000.00
Cherries	1978	300	.70	210	tons	1,640.00	344,000.00
	1977	306	1.09	334	tons	381.00	127,000.00
Grapes (Wine)	1978	4,580	2.9	13,300	tons	450.00	5,985,000.00
	1977	4,580	2.4	11,000	tons	435.00	4,780,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1978	630	4.6	2,900	tons	182.00	528,000.00
	1977	647	6.7	4,340	tons	120.00	520,000.00
Pears (fall and winter)	1978	204	6.6	1,350	tons	300.00	405,000.00
	1977	209	13.5	2,820	tons	300.00	846,000.00
Prunes (Revised)	1978	826	1.1	910	tons	500.00	455,000.00
	1977	846	1.5	1,260	tons	490.00	617,000.00
Walnuts	1978	4,110	1.07	4,400	tons	1,440.00	6,336,000.00
	1977	4,302	1.14	4,920	tons	850.00	4,180,000.00
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TOTALS	1978						18,609,000.00
(Revised)	1977						15,682,000.00

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER		TOTAL	UNITS	VALUE PER	
		ACRES	ACRE			UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1978	2,300	6.5	14,950	tons	68.00	1,017,000.00
	1977	2,370	6.0	14,200	tons	60.00	852,000.00
Barley	1978	7,500	1.3	9,750	tons	90.00	878,000.00
	1977	4,500	.9	4,050	tons	85.00	344,000.00
Corn Silage	1978	1,600	22.5	36,000	tons	12.00	432,000.00
	1977	418	22.4	9,360	tons	13.00	122,000.00
Cotton	1978	1,132	.20	226	tons	1,300.00	294,000.00
	1977	980	.49	480	tons	1,170.00	562,000.00
***Misc. Field Crops	1978	950					415,000.00
	1977	280					331,000.00
Grain/Hay	1978	20,000	1.2	24,000	tons	40.00	960,000.00
	1977	15,000	.8	12,000	tons	56.00	672,000.00
*Nursery Stock	1978	320					2,985,000.00
	1977	287					1,250,000.00
Green Chop (Alfalfa/Oats)	1978	1,050	15.9	16,700	tons	11.00	184,000.00
	1977	350	13.1	4,600	tons	12.00	55,000.00
Pasture and Range	1978	508,000			acres	5.00	2,540,000.00
	1977	508,000			acres	4.00	2,030,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1978	500			acres	160.00	80,000.00
	1977	500			acres	180.00	90,000.00
**Seed Crops	1978	1,000			acres	550.00	550,000.00
	1977	1,310			acres	368.00	482,000.00
Sugar Beets	1978	1,900	25.6	48,700	tons	25.00	1,218,000.00
	1977	2,860	28.0	80,100	tons	24.00	1,922,000.00
Wheat	1978	500	1.2	600	tons	95.00	57,000.00
	1977	400	1.02	408	tons	85.00	35,000.00
TOTALS	1978						11,610,000.00
	1977						8,747,000.00

*NURSERY STOCK INCLUDES: Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers

**SEED CROPS INCLUDE: Alfalfa, Beans, Pea, Cauliflower, Peppers, Tomatoes, Squash & Misc. Flowers

***MISC. FIELD CROPS INCLUDE: Safflower, Crazy Corn, Ornamental Corn & Ornamental Gourds

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	No. of HEAD	TOTAL UNITS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1978	48,700				7,289,000.00
	1977	32,650				4,598,000.00
Calves	1978	4,500	22,800	cwt.	52.00	1,190,000.00
	1977	9,500	45,400	cwt.	35.60	1,620,000.00*
*Yearlings	1978	None				-0-
	1977	2,000	14,000	cwt.	36.00	504,000.00*
Cows	1978	1,500	16,500	cwt.	34.00	561,000.00
	1977	3,000	30,000	cwt.	26.00	780,000.00*
Pasture and Stockers	1978	42,500	106,000	cwt.	51.00	5,400,000.00
	1977	18,000	45,000	cwt.	36.00	1,620,000.00*
Bulls	1978	200	3,000	cwt.	46.00	138,000.00
	1977	150	2,250	cwt.	33.00	74,000.00*
Hogs	1978	400	1,000	cwt.	48.00	48,000.00
	1977	300	750	cwt.	41.00	31,000.00
Lambs	1978	10,000	9,500	cwt.	60.00	570,000.00
	1977	5,000	4,750	cwt.	50.00	238,000.00
TOTALS						
	1978					7,907,000.00
	1977					4,867,000.00

* Do not include these figures in total

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk/Market	1978	129,000	cwt.	10.35	1,335,000.00
	1977	94,000	cwt	9.96	936,000.00
Milk/Manufacturing	1978	44,000	cwt.	8.56	377,000.00
	1977	76,200	cwt.	7.79	594,000.00
Eggs/Chickens and Turkeys	1978	2,990,000	doz.	.59	1,764,000.00
	1977	3,130,000	doz.	.56	1,750,000.00
Wool	1978	100,000	lbs.	.73	73,000.00
	1977	50,000	lbs.	.73	36,000.00
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TOTALS	1978				3,549,000.00
	1977				3,316,000.00

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	No. of HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens	1978	44,000		head	.34	15,000.00
	1977	30,000		head	.70	21,000.00
Turkeys	1978	90,000	2,036,000	lbs.	.45	916,000.00
	1977	188,000	3,845,000	lbs.	.35	1,346,000.00
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TOTALS	1978					931,000.00
	1977					1,367,000.00