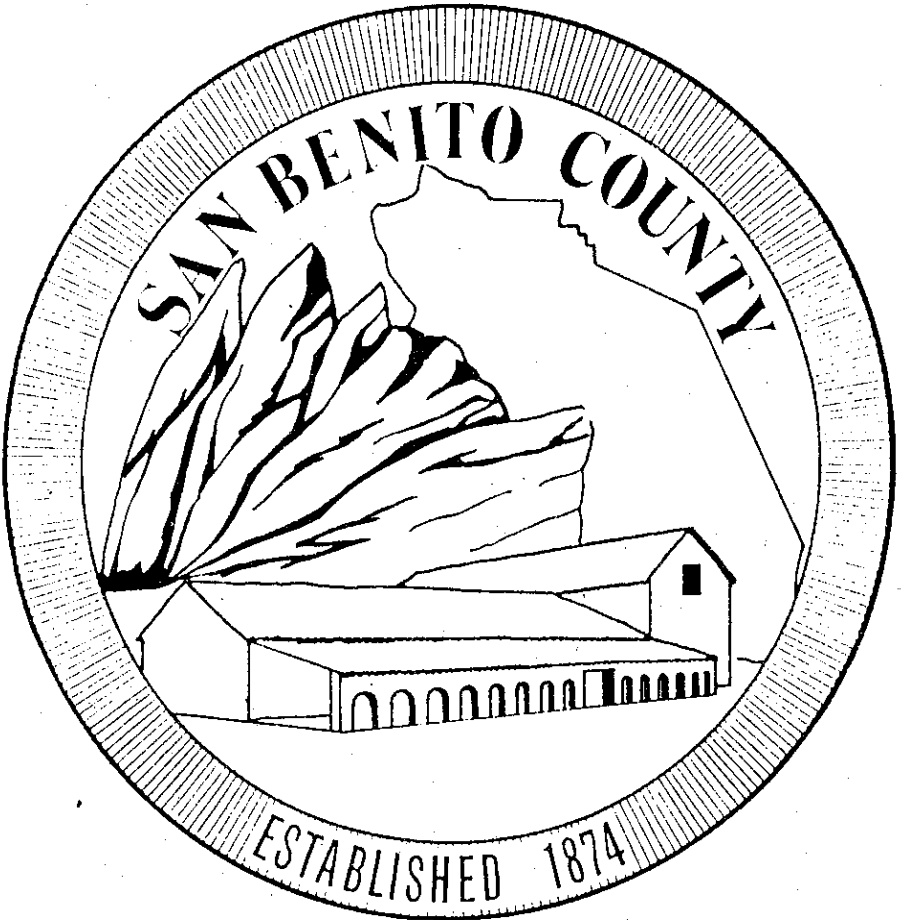


1991

**AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT**



OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER



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Henry J. Voss, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County

I am pleased to submit this 1991 Crop Report for San Benito County, as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

The 1991 gross value of production was up over seven million dollars, which is in excess of 5.6 percent more from 1990. The dramatic increases were in two categories: Vegetable and Row crops, in which garlic and onion values account for the majority of the gain; and in Fruit and Nut Crops, where Walnuts took a big jump in production totals. The categories of Livestock Products (up over 1.6 million) and Poultry, (up slightly) makes for the balance of the gains. The Field Crops category had a slightly lower gross income along with Livestock declining 1.8 million dollars.

I would like to stress that these figures are for gross income only, not net profit to the grower. In some cases, crops are actually produced at a loss.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many growers and handlers of agricultural products, and personnel of other governmental agencies for their assistance in obtaining these figures; without their help, this report would not have been possible. I would also like to acknowledge my staff, and in particular Paul Matulich who compiled this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark A. Tognazzini
Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer
San Benito County

S A N B E N I T O C O U N T Y
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Mike Graves	District Five

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S U M M A R Y

Field Crops	1991	\$ 31,254,000
	1990	\$ 31,313,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1991	\$ 64,056,000
	1990	\$ 59,608,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1991	\$ 16,725,000
	1990 (Revised)	\$ 13,807,000
Livestock	1991	\$ 13,280,000
	1990	\$ 15,080,000
Livestock Products	1991	\$ 9,644,000
	1990	\$ 8,019,000
Poultry	1991	\$ 693,000
	1990	\$ 532,000
TOTAL	1991	\$ 135,652,000
	1990 (Revised)	\$ 128,359,000

L A S T T E N Y E A R S

1 9 8 2	\$ 92,818,000
1 9 8 3	\$ 97,173,000
1 9 8 4	\$ 106,099,000
1 9 8 5	\$ 99,793,000
1 9 8 6	\$ 105,998,000
1 9 8 7	\$ 111,082,000
1 9 8 8	\$ 115,407,000
1 9 8 9	\$ 123,412,000
1 9 9 0 (Revised)	\$ 128,359,000
1 9 9 1	\$ 135,652,000

T O P T E N C O M M O D I T I E S

1 9 9 1		1 9 9 0	
Nursery	\$ 20,000,000	Nursery	\$ 18,375,000
Lettuce (head)	\$ 12,138,000	Lettuce (head)	\$ 12,774,000
Peppers (bell)	\$ 9,482,000	Peppers (bell)	\$ 10,509,000
Eggs	\$ 8,032,000	Misc. (veg.)	\$ 7,139,000
Tomatoes	\$ 7,838,000	Tomatoes	\$ 6,806,000
Misc. (veg.)	\$ 6,248,000	Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 6,320,000
Walnuts	\$ 6,097,000	Eggs	\$ 6,281,000
Broccoli	\$ 5,618,000	Broccoli	\$ 5,860,000
Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 5,487,000	Walnuts	\$ 4,414,000
Calves	\$ 4,439,000	Calves	\$ 3,985,000

FIELD CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per unit	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1991	2,900	6.4	18,560	tons	98.00	1,819,000
	1990	3,200	6.1	19,520	tons	110.00	2,147,000
Barley	1991	4,500	1.08	4,860	tons	95.00	462,000
	1990	7,500	.77	5,775	tons	108.00	624,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1991	1,370					676,000
	1990	691					589,000
Grain Hay	1991	18,000	1.11	19,980	tons	60.00	1,199,000
	1990	20,000	1.21	24,200	tons	77.00	1,863,000
**Nursery Stock	1991	409					20,000,000
	1990	415					18,375,000
Green Chop (forage mix)	1991	2,155	7.7	16,593	tons	18.00	299,000
	1990	3,630	6.2	22,506	tons	17.00	383,000
Pasture/Rangeland	1991	511,000			acres	8.00	4,088,000
	1990	507,000			acres	8.00	4,056,000
Permanent Pasture	1991	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000
	1990	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000
***Seed Crops	1991	271			acres	2095.00	568,000
	1990	266			acres	3012.00	801,000
Sugar Beets	1991	1,177	33.0	38,841	tons	39.00	1,515,000
	1990	1,003	34.4	34,503	tons	41.00	1,415,000
Wheat	1991	2,000	1.8	3,600	tons	98.00	353,000
	1990	5,000	1.44	7,200	tons	109.00	785,000
Totals	1991						31,254,000
	1990						31,313,000

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per unit	TOTAL
Broccoli	1991	1,904	6.16	11,729	tons	479.00	5,618,000
	1990	1,785	6.7	11,960	tons	490.00	5,860,000
Cabbage	1991	971	19.8	19,226	tons	197.00	3,788,000
	1990	804	21.4	17,206	tons	179.00	3,080,000
Cauliflower	1991	493	5.72	2,820	tons	453.00	1,277,000
	1990	(Misc. Crops)					
Celery	1991	781	32.5	25,382	tons	145.00	3,680,000
	1990	664	29.4	19,522	tons	197.00	3,846,000
Garlic	1991	652	7.48	4,877	tons	1,224.00	5,969,000
	1990	623	7.1	4,423	tons	760.00	3,361,000
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1991	908	11.8	10,714	tons	339.00	3,632,000
	1990	857	10.9	9,341	tons	341.00	3,185,000
Lettuce (head)	1991	3,297	18.5	60,994	tons	199.00	12,138,000
	1990	3,623	16.1	58,330	tons	219.00	12,774,000
*Misc. Crops	1991	1,574					6,248,000
	1990	1,562					7,139,000
Onions (dry bulb)	1991	1,066	20.27	21,608	tons	203.00	4,386,000
	1990	907	22.4	20,317	tons	150.00	3,048,000
Peppers (bell)	1991	1,669	19.0	31,711	tons	299.00	9,482,000
	1990	1,885	19.7	37,135	tons	283.00	10,509,000
Tomatoes (canning)	1991	3,544	38.8	137,507	tons	57.00	7,838,000
	1990	3,597	35.7	128,413	tons	53.00	6,806,000
TOTALS	1991						64,056,000
	1990						59,608,000

* Misc. Field Crops includes: Corn Silage, Safflower, Oats, Ornamental Corn, Ornamental Gourds, Pumpkins, and Sudan Grass
 ** Nursery Stock includes: Christmas Trees, Cut Flowers, Mushroom Spawn, Nursery Stock, Orchids, Turf, and Vegetable Plants
 *** Seed Crops include: Barley, Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumber, Lettuce, Misc. Flowers, Onions, Pepper, Pumpkin, Tomato, Squash, Watermelon, and Wheat

*Misc. Crops Include: Argula, Beans, Beets, Bok Choy, Cherry Tomatoes, Chili Peppers, Chives, Cilantro, Cucumbers, Endive, Escarole, Fresh Market Tomatoes, Green Onions, Herbs, Leeks, Mixed Vegetables, Melons, Mustard, Napa, Oriental Kale, Parsley, Peas, Pimentos, Radishes, Spinach, Squash, and Sweet Corn

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***			\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		acres	per acre	TOTAL	per ton	TOTAL	
Apples	1991	535	14.46	7,736	tons	176.00	1,362,000
	(Rev.) 1990	535	14.5	7,757	tons	170.00	1,319,000
		(was 605)					
Apricots	1991	2,050	4.11	8,425	tons	319.00	2,688,000
	(Rev.) 1990	2,060	4.32	8,899	tons	300.00	2,670,000
		(was 2,365)					
Cherries	1991	360	3.02	1,087	tons	1,895.00	2,060,000
	(Rev.) 1990	360	2.98	1,073	tons	1,725.00	1,851,000
		(was 400)					
Grapes (wine)	1991	1,773	4.19	7,429	tons	512.00	3,804,000
	1990	1,800	3.65	6,570	tons	495.00	3,252,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1991	190					714,000
	1990	156					301,000
Walnuts	1991	4,325	1.11	4,801	tons	1,270.00	6,097,000
	1990	4,325	.81	3,503	tons	1,260.00	4,414,000
TOTALS	1991						16,725,000
	(Rev.) 1990						13,807,000

(Revisions are due to incorrect acreage figures in Apples, Apricots & Cherries.)

* Misc. Fruits & Nuts include: Almonds, Asian Pears, Bartlett Pears, Prunes, Raspberries, Strawberries and Winter Pears

L I V E S T O C K

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		no. of head	TOTAL cwt.	per cwt.	TOTAL	
All Cattle	1991	54,540				
	1990	58,850				
Calves	1991	10,490	48,254	cwt.	92.00	4,439,000
	1990	10,800	44,280	cwt.	90.00	3,985,000
Yearlings	1991	2,400	16,800	cwt.	76.00	1,277,000
	1990	2,700	18,630	cwt.	80.00	1,490,000
Pasture and Stockers	1991	38,000	72,200	cwt.	76.00	5,487,000
	1990	39,500	79,000	cwt.	80.00	6,320,000
Cows	1991	3,400	34,000	cwt.	48.00	1,632,000
	1990	5,600	56,000	cwt.	51.00	2,856,000
Bulls	1991	250	3,500	cwt.	60.00	210,000
	1990	250	3,500	cwt.	64.00	224,000
*Hogs	1991	600	1,200	cwt.	58.00	70,000
	1990	700	1,400	cwt.	58.00	81,000
*Lambs	1991	3,000	3,000	cwt.	55.00	165,000
	1990	2,000	2,000	cwt.	62.00	124,000
TOTALS	1991					13,280,000
	1990					15,080,000

* These figures are not included in Cattle total

L I V E S T O C K P R O D U C T S

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		units		unit	TOTAL
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Milk (market)	1991	115,000	cwt.	11.00	1,265,000
	1990	120,000	cwt.	11.97	1,436,000
Milk (manufacturing)	1991	31,000	cwt.	10.50	325,000
	1990	26,000	cwt.	10.92	284,000
Eggs (chicken/ turkey)	1991	10,709,000	doz.	.75	8,032,000
	1990	7,220,000	doz.	.87	6,281,000
Wool	1991	30,000	lbs.	.72	22,000
	1990	20,000	lbs.	.91	18,000
TOTALS	1991				9,644,000
	1990				8,019,000

P O U L T R Y

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$ VALUE \$\$	
		no. of head	TOTAL units	per unit	TOTAL
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Chickens	1991	16,000	head	.125	2,000
	1990	15,000	head	.25	4,000
Turkeys	1991	122,000	3,371,000 lbs.	.205	691,000
	1990	88,000	2,112,000 lbs.	.25	528,000
TOTALS	1991				693,000
	1990				532,000

S U S T A I N A B L E A G R I C U L T U R A L R E P O R T

B I O L O G I C A L C O N T R O L

PEST	AGENT	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
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Puncture Vine <u>Tribulus terrestris</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Microlarinus lareynii</u> & Stem Mining Weevil <u>Microlarinus lypriformis</u>	Countywide
Yellow Starthistle <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u>	2 sites
Ash Whitefly <u>Siponinus Phillyreae</u>	Parasitic Wasp <u>Encarsia Inaron</u>	3 releases

E R A D I C A T I O N

PEST	MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
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Scotch Thistle <u>Onopordum Acanthium</u>	Mechanical/Chemical	2 sites
Artichoke Thistle <u>Cynara Cardunculus</u>	Mechanical/Chemical	4 sites

P E S T D E T E C T I O N

There are up to 385 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

O R G A N I C F A R M S T A T I S T I C S

The county has eleven organic growers growing 29 different crops on a total of 688 acres.