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California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County

I am pleased to submit this 1992 Crop Report for San Benito County, which indicates agricultural and livestock production values.

Agriculture continues to be the county's major producing industry with a 1992 gross value of \$ 132,714,000. The overall value was down 2.3 percent from 1991, amounting to just under three million dollars.

The most significant changes were in Vegetable and Row Crops where head lettuce was up just over four million dollars and canning tomatoes were down just over four million dollars. The categories of Livestock and Livestock Products were the areas where most of the decreases were indicated.

Despite the slight decrease in Agricultural and Livestock production, this industry continues to be the single most important industry in San Benito County, and also provides the environment which enriches the quality of life for its residents.

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,

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Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer  
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SUMMARY

Field Crops	1992	\$ 29,009,000
	1991	\$ 31,254,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1992	\$ 65,523,000
	1991	\$ 64,056,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1992	\$ 18,268,000
	1991	\$ 16,725,000
Livestock	1992	\$ 11,784,000
	1991	\$ 13,280,000
Livestock Products	1992	\$ 7,628,000
	1991	\$ 9,644,000
Poultry	1992	\$ 502,000
	1991	\$ 693,000
TOTAL	1992	\$ 132,714,000
	1991	\$ 135,652,000

LAST TEN YEARS

1983	\$ 97,173,000
1984	\$ 106,099,000
1985	\$ 99,793,000
1986	\$ 105,998,000
1987	\$ 111,082,000
1988	\$ 115,407,000
1989	\$ 123,412,000
1990 (Revised)	\$ 128,359,000
1991	\$ 135,652,000
1992	\$ 132,714,000

TOP TEN COMMODITIES

1992		1991	
Nursery	\$ 18,598,000	Nursery	\$ 20,000,000
Lettuce (head)	\$ 16,317,000	Lettuce (head)	\$ 12,138,000
Broccoli	\$ 8,654,000	Peppers (bell)	\$ 9,482,000
Peppers	\$ 7,687,000	Eggs	\$ 8,032,000
Misc. (veg.)	\$ 7,220,000	Tomatoes	\$ 7,838,000
Eggs	\$ 5,824,000	Misc. (veg.)	\$ 6,248,000
Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 5,704,000	Walnuts	\$ 6,097,000
Grapes (wine)	\$ 5,669,000	Broccoli	\$ 5,618,000
Lettuce (leaf)	\$ 4,834,000	Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 5,487,000
Walnuts	\$ 4,786,000	Calves	\$ 4,439,000

FIELD CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		per acres	per acre	TOTAL				
Alfalfa	1992	1,950	5.3	10,335	tons	95.00	982,000	
	1991	2,900	6.4	18,560	tons	98.00	1,819,000	
Barley	1992	5,200	1.28	6,656	tons	101.00	672,000	
	1991	4,500	1.08	4,860	tons	95.00	462,000	
*Misc. Field Crops	1992	1,105					520,000	
	1991	1,370					676,000	
Grain Hay	1992	18,500	1.17	21,645	tons	65.00	1,407,000	
	1991	18,000	1.11	19,980	tons	60.00	1,199,000	
**Nursery Stock	1992	447					18,598,000	
	1991	409					20,000,000	
Green Chop (forage mix)	1992	3,313	7.01	23,224	tons	17.50	406,000	
	1991	2,155	7.7	16,593	tons	18.00	299,000	
Pasture/ Rangeland	1992	511,000			acres	8.00	4,088,000	
	1991	511,000			acres	8.00	4,088,000	
Permanent Pasture	1992	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000	
	1991	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000	
***Seed Crops	1992	190			acres	3003.00	571,000	
	1991	271			acres	2095.00	568,000	
Sugar Beets	1992	1,057	30.1	31,816	tons	36.00	1,145,000	
	1991	1,177	33.0	38,841	tons	39.00	1,515,000	
Wheat	1992	1,800	1.88	3,384	tons	102.00	345,000	
	1991	2,000	1.8	3,600	tons	98.00	353,000	
Totals	1992						29,009,000	
	1991						31,254,000	

\* Misc. Field Crops includes: Corn Silage, 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

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		per acres	per acre	TOTAL				
Broccoli	1992	2,733	6.32	17,273	tons	501.00	8,654,000	
	1991	1,904	6.16	11,729	tons	479.00	5,618,000	
Cabbage	1992	1,085	19.81	21,494	tons	179.00	3,847,000	
	1991	971	19.8	19,226	tons	197.00	3,788,000	
Cauliflower	1992	270	6.88	1,858	tons	570.00	1,059,000	
	1991	493	5.72	2,820	tons	453.00	1,277,000	
Celery	1992	450	34.81	15,664	tons	239.00	3,744,000	
	1991	781	32.5	25,382	tons	145.00	3,680,000	
Garlic	1992	639	7.33	4,684	tons	900.00	4,216,000	
	1991	652	7.48	4,877	tons	1,224.00	5,969,000	
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1992	1,212	9.97	12,084	tons	400.00	4,834,000	
	1991	908	11.8	10,714	tons	339.00	3,632,000	
Lettuce (head)	1992	4,583	15.15	69,432	tons	235.00	16,317,000	
	1991	3,297	18.5	60,994	tons	199.00	12,138,000	
*Misc. Crops	1992	1,427					7,220,000	
	1991	1,574					6,248,000	
Onions (dry bulb)	1992	1,163	20.61	23,969	tons	177.00	4,243,000	
	1991	1,066	20.27	21,608	tons	203.00	4,386,000	
Peppers (bell)	1992	1,611	17.87	28,789	tons	267.00	7,687,000	
	1991	1,669	19.0	31,711	tons	299.00	9,482,000	
Tomatoes (canning)	1992	1,984	39.7	78,765	tons	47.00	3,702,000	
	1991	3,544	38.8	137,507	tons	57.00	7,838,000	
TOTALS	1992						65,523,000	
	1991						64,056,000	

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

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per ton	TOTAL
Apples	1992	535	14.97	8,009	tons	190.00	1,522,000
	1991	535	14.46	7,736	tons	176.00	1,362,000
Apricots	1992	2,025	3.66	7,411	tons	349.00	2,586,000
	1991	2,050	4.11	8,425	tons	319.00	2,688,000
Cherries	1992	360	2.51	904	tons	1,988.00	1,797,000
	1991	360	3.02	1,087	tons	1,895.00	2,060,000
Grapes (wine)	1992	2,025	4.62	9,355	tons	606.00	5,669,000
	1991	1,773	4.19	7,429	tons	512.00	3,804,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1992	264					1,908,000
	1991	190					714,000
Walnuts	1992	4,300	.742	3,191	tons	1,500.00	4,786,000
	1991	4,325	1.11	4,801	tons	1,270.00	6,097,000
TOTALS	1992						18,268,000
	1991						16,725,000

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

LIVESTOCK

		** PRODUCTION **			\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		no. of head	TOTAL cwt.		per cwt.	TOTAL
All Cattle	1992	52,500				
	1991	54,540				
Calves	1992	9,000	40,500	cwt.	90.00	3,645,000
	1991	10,490	48,254	cwt.	92.00	4,439,000
Yearlings	1992	1,800	12,600	cwt.	75.00	945,000
	1991	2,400	16,800	cwt.	76.00	1,277,000
Pasture and Stockers	1992	39,000	76,050	cwt.	75.00	5,704,000
	1991	38,000	72,200	cwt.	76.00	5,487,000
Cows	1992	2,500	25,000	cwt.	46.00	1,150,000
	1991	3,400	34,000	cwt.	48.00	1,632,000
Bulls	1992	200	2,800	cwt.	58.00	162,000
	1991	250	3,500	cwt.	60.00	210,000
*Hogs	1992	500	1,000	cwt.	52.00	52,000
	1991	600	1,200	cwt.	58.00	70,000
*Lambs	1992	2,000	1,800	cwt.	70.00	126,000
	1991	3,000	3,000	cwt.	55.00	165,000
TOTALS	1992					11,784,000
	1991					13,280,000

\* These figures are not included in Cattle total

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		units		unit	TOTAL
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Milk	1992	125,000	cwt.	11.61	1,451,000
(market)	1991	115,000	cwt.	11.00	1,265,000
Milk	1992	31,000	cwt.	10.94	339,000
(manufacturing)	1991	31,000	cwt.	10.50	325,000
Eggs (chicken/ turkey)	1992	7,280,000	doz.	.80	5,824,000
	1991	10,709,000	doz.	.75	8,032,000
Wool	1992	18,000	lbs.	.77	14,000
	1991	30,000	lbs.	.72	22,000
TOTALS	1992				7,628,000
	1991				9,644,000

P O U L T R Y

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$ VALUE \$\$	
		no. of	TOTAL	per	TOTAL
		head	units	unit	
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Chickens	1992	12,000		head	-0-
	1991	16,000		head	.125
Turkeys	1992	87,000	2,284,000	lbs.	.22
	1991	122,000	3,371,000	lbs.	.205
TOTALS	1992				502,000
	1991				693,000

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

PEST	AGENT	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
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<u>Puncture Vine</u> <u>Tribulus terrestris</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Microlarinus lareynii</u> & Stem Mining Weevil <u>Microlarinus lypriformis</u>	Countywide
<u>Yellow Starthistle</u> <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u>	2 sites
<u>Italian Thistle</u> <u>Carduus pycnocephalus</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Rhinocyllus conicus</u>	2 releases

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

PEST DETECTION

There are up to 342 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has eight organic growers, growing 30 different crops on a total of 788 acres.