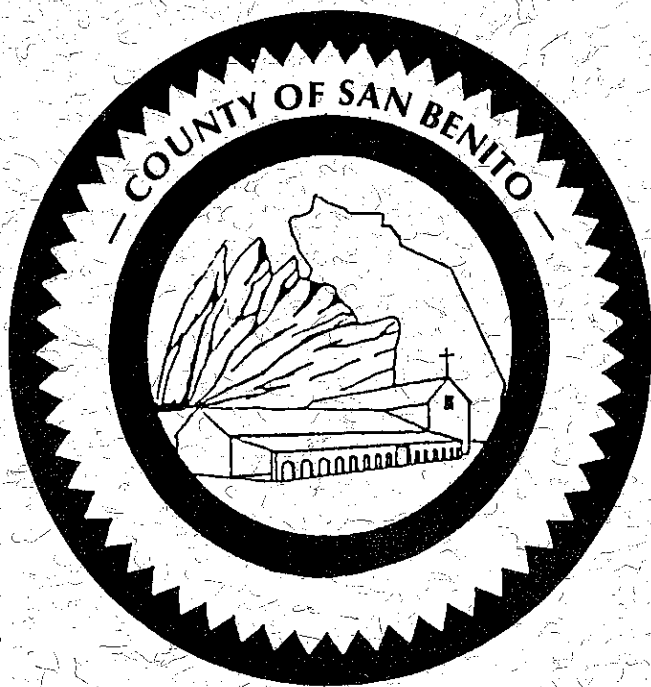


1993  
**AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT**



**OFFICE OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**



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

I am pleased to submit this 1993 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 1993 gross value of \$ 144,420,000. This increase, which is in excess of 9%, makes 1993 a new record high for San Benito County's agricultural income.

The most significant change was in the Vegetable and Row Crops category which saw almost seven million dollars of the increase. The balance of the gain was in the area of Field Crops.

This significant increase is an indication of Agriculture's importance in the county's economic base and the quality of life for it's residents.

Please bear in mind 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	1993	\$ 33,298,000
	1992	\$ 29,009,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1993	\$ 72,999,000
	1992	\$ 65,523,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1993	\$ 18,052,000
	1992	\$ 18,268,000
Livestock	1993	\$ 11,610,000
	1992	\$ 11,784,000
Livestock Products	1993	\$ 7,705,000
	1992	\$ 7,628,000
Poultry	1993	\$ 756,000
	1992	\$ 502,000
TOTAL	1993	\$ 144,420,000
	1992	\$ 132,714,000

LAST TEN YEARS

1993		\$ 144,420,000
1992		\$ 132,714,000
1991		\$ 135,652,000
1990	(Revised)	\$ 128,359,000
1989		\$ 123,412,000
1988		\$ 115,407,000
1987		\$ 111,082,000
1986		\$ 105,998,000
1985		\$ 99,793,000
1984		\$ 106,099,000

TOP TEN COMMODITIES

	1993	1992
Nursery Stock	\$ 23,364,000	Nursery Stock \$ 18,598,000
Lettuce (head)	\$ 18,102,000	Lettuce (head) \$ 16,317,000
Peppers (bell)	\$ 10,314,000	Broccoli \$ 8,654,000
Onions	\$ 8,147,000	Peppers \$ 7,687,000
Lettuce (leaf)	\$ 7,112,000	Misc. (veg.) \$ 7,220,000
Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 6,552,000	Eggs \$ 5,824,000
Eggs	\$ 6,131,000	Pasture/Stckrs \$ 5,704,000
Misc. (veg.)	\$ 5,625,000	Grapes (wine) \$ 5,669,000
Grapes (wine)	\$ 5,371,000	Lettuce (leaf) \$ 4,834,000
Salad Products	\$ 5,213,000	Walnuts \$ 4,786,000

FIELD CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per unit	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1993	1,800	4.97	8,946	tons	107.00	957,000
	1992	1,950	5.30	10,335	tons	95.00	982,000
Barley	1993	6,000	1.48	8,880	tons	95.00	844,000
	1992	5,200	1.28	6,656	tons	101.00	672,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1993	1,451					562,000
	1992	1,105					520,000
Grain Hay	1993	17,000	1.68	28,560	tons	50.00	1,428,000
	1992	18,500	1.17	21,645	tons	65.00	1,407,000
**Nursery Stock	1993	498					23,364,000
	1992	447					18,598,000
Green Chop (forage mix)	1993	2,710	7.00	18,970	tons	16.00	304,000
	1992	3,313	7.01	23,224	tons	17.50	406,000
Pasture/Rangeland	1993	511,000			acres	8.00	4,088,000
	1992	511,000			acres	8.00	4,088,000
Permanent Pasture	1993	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000
	1992	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000
***Seed Crops	1993	102			acres	3009.00	307,000
	1992	190			acres	3003.00	571,000
Sugar Beets	1993	602	27.20	16,374	tons	39.00	639,000
	1992	1,057	30.10	31,816	tons	36.00	1,145,000
Wheat	1993	2,600	2.00	5,200	tons	102.00	530,000
	1992	1,800	1.88	3,384	tons	102.00	345,000
Totals	1993						33,298,000
	1992						29,009,000

\* See page 10 for a list of Miscellaneous Field Crops

\*\* See page 10 for a list of Nursery Stock

\*\*\* See page 10 for a list of Seed Crops

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	/acre	TOTAL		/unit	TOTAL
Broccoli	1993	1,824	4.86	8,865	tons	440.00	3,901,000
	1992	2,733	6.32	17,273	tons	501.00	8,654,000
Cabbage	1993	707	21.22	15,003	tons	193.00	2,896,000
	1992	1,085	19.81	21,494	tons	179.00	3,847,000
Cauliflower (Misc. Crops)	1993	270	6.88	1,858	tons	570.00	1,059,000
	1992						
Celery	1993	322	34.95	11,254	tons	161.00	1,812,000
	1992	450	34.81	15,664	tons	239.00	3,744,000
Garlic	1993	548	7.22	3,957	tons	932.00	3,688,000
	1992	639	7.33	4,684	tons	900.00	4,216,000
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1993	1,953	10.87	21,229	tons	335.00	7,112,000
	1992	1,212	9.97	12,084	tons	400.00	4,834,000
Lettuce (head)	1993	4,564	17.17	78,364	tons	231.00	18,102,000
	1992	4,583	15.15	69,432	tons	235.00	16,317,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1993	1,183					5,625,000
	1992	1,427					7,220,000
Onions (dry bulb)	1993	1,307	21.57	28,192	tons	289.00	8,147,000
	1992	1,163	20.61	23,969	tons	177.00	4,243,000
Peppers (bell)	1993	1,759	19.10	33,597	tons	307.00	10,314,000
	1992	1,611	17.87	28,789	tons	267.00	7,687,000
Salad Products (Misc. Crops)	1993	491	3.76	1,846	tons	2,824.00	5,213,000
	1992						
Spinach (Misc. Crops)	1993	163	11.33	1,847	tons	361.00	667,000
	1992						
Sweet Corn (Misc. Crops)	1993	703	6.48	4,555	tons	273.00	1,244,000
	1992						
Tomatoes (canning)	1993	2,322	38.38	89,118	tons	48.00	4,278,000
	1992	1,984	39.70	78,765	tons	47.00	3,702,000
TOTALS	1993						72,999,000
	1992						65,523,000

\* See page 10 for a list of Miscellaneous Vegetable & Row Crops

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***			\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		acres	per acre	TOTAL	per ton	TOTAL	
Apples	1993	556	14.17	7,879	tons	172.00	1,355,000
	1992	535	14.97	8,009	tons	190.00	1,522,000
Apricots	1993	2,025	4.01	8,120	tons	387.00	3,142,000
	1992	2,025	3.66	7,411	tons	349.00	2,586,000
Cherries	1993	377	1.086	409	tons	2,249.00	920,000
	1992	360	2.51	904	tons	1,988.00	1,797,000
Grapes (wine)	1993	1,753	4.08	7,152	tons	751.00	5,371,000
	1992	2,025	4.62	9,355	tons	606.00	5,669,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1993	264					2,331,000
	1992	264					1,908,000
Walnuts	1993	4,225	.739	3,122	tons	1,580.00	4,933,000
	1992	4,300	.742	3,191	tons	1,500.00	4,786,000
TOTALS	1993						18,052,000
	1992						18,268,000

\* See page 10 for a list of Miscellaneous Fruits & Nuts

LIVESTOCK

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		no. of head	TOTAL cwt.	per cwt.	TOTAL	
All Cattle	1993	50,626				
	1992	52,500				
Calves	1993	7,826	36,280	cwt.	93.00	3,374,000
	1992	9,000	40,500	cwt.	90.00	3,645,000
Yearlings	1993	(Combined with Pasture & Stockers)				
	1992	1,800	12,600	cwt.	75.00	945,000
Pasture and Stockers	1993	40,000	84,000	cwt.	78.00	6,552,000
	1992	39,000	76,050	cwt.	75.00	5,704,000
Cows	1993	2,650	29,150	cwt.	46.00	1,341,000
	1992	2,500	25,000	cwt.	46.00	1,150,000
Bulls	1993	150	2,100	cwt.	56.00	118,000
	1992	200	2,800	cwt.	58.00	162,000
*Hogs	1993	500	1,000	cwt.	50.00	50,000
	1992	500	1,000	cwt.	52.00	52,000
*Lambs	1993	2,500	2,500	cwt.	70.00	175,000
	1992	2,000	1,800	cwt.	70.00	126,000
TOTALS	1993					11,610,000
	1992					11,784,000

\* 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	1993	133,000	cwt.	11.42	1,519,000	
(market)	1992	125,000	cwt.	11.61	1,451,000	
Milk	1993	3,000	cwt.	11.05	33,000	
(manufacturing)	1992	31,000	cwt.	10.94	339,000	
Eggs (chicken/	1993	8,174,000	doz.	.75	6,131,000	
turkey)	1992	7,280,000	doz.	.80	5,824,000	
Wool	1993	28,000	lbs.	.77	22,000	
	1992	18,000	lbs.	.77	14,000	
TOTALS	1993				7,705,000	
	1992				7,628,000	

P O U L T R Y

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$	VALUE	\$\$
		no. of	TOTAL	per	TOTAL	
		head	units	unit	-----	
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Chickens	1993	8,000	head	.12	1,000	
	1992	12,000	head	-0-	-0-	
Turkeys	1993	104,000	2,796,000 lbs.	.27	755,000	
	1992	87,000	2,284,000 lbs.	.22	502,000	
TOTALS	1993				756,000	
	1992				502,000	

M I S C E L L A N E O U S C R O P S

FIELD CROPS

Corn Silage  
Oats  
Ornamental Corn  
Ornamental Gourds  
Pumpkins  
Straw (Oat)  
Sudangrass

SEED CROPS

Beans  
Broccoli  
Cabbage  
Carrots  
Cauliflower  
Celery  
Cucumbers  
Flowers (Various)  
Lettuce  
Melons (Various)  
Onion  
Pepper  
Pumpkins  
Squash  
Tomatoes

VEGETABLE &  
ROW CROPS

Arugula  
Artichokes  
Beets  
Bok Choy  
Cantaloupes  
Carrots  
Cilantro  
Crenshaws  
Endive  
Escarole  
Herbs  
Kiwanos  
Mushrooms  
Mustard  
Napa  
Oriental Kale  
Parsley  
Peas  
Potatoes  
Radicchio  
Radishes  
Squash (Various)  
Tomatoes (Market)  
Watermelons

FRUIT & NUT  
CROPS

Almonds  
Pears, Asian  
Pears, Bartlett  
Pears, Winter  
Prunes  
Raspberries  
Strawberries

NURSERY STOCK

Christmas Trees  
Potted Plants  
Vegetable Plants  
Orchids  
Turf  
Mushroom Spawn  
Cut Flowers

# 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

## BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

PEST -----	AGENT -----	SCOPE OF PROGRAM -----
<u>Puncture Vine</u> <u>Tribulus terrestris</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Microlarinus lareynii</u> & Stem Mining Weevil <u>Microlarinus lypriformis</u>	Established countywide
<u>Yellow Starthistle</u> <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u>	5 sites
<u>Italian Thistle</u> <u>Carduus pycnocephalus</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Rhinocyllus conicus</u>	Established countywide

## ERADICATION

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

## PEST DETECTION

There are up to 378 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

## ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has eight organic growers, growing 35 different crops on a total of 891 acres.