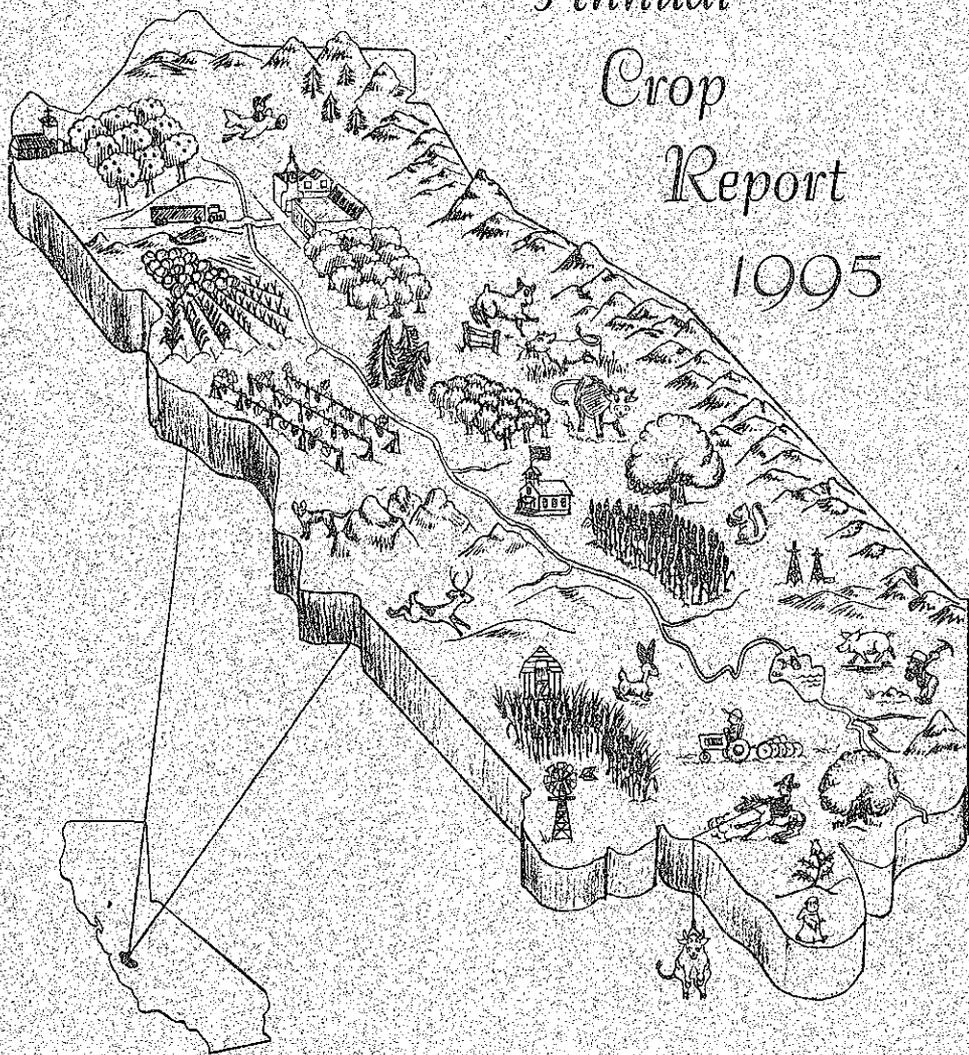


San Benito County

Annual Crop Report 1995





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Ann M. Veneman, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County

I am pleased to submit this 1995 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 1995 gross value of \$160,474,000. This increase, which is in excess of 7% from last year, makes 1995 a new record high for San Benito County's agricultural income, indicative of its importance in the county's economic base and the quality of life for its residents.

The most significant changes were in Vegetable and Row Crops with an increase of thirteen and one half million dollars, Fruit and Nut Crops with a two million dollar increase and Livestock Products increased nine hundred thousand dollars. These changes were mainly due to increased prices for lettuce, leaf lettuce, bell peppers, cabbage, cherries and walnuts.

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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SUMMARY

Field Crops	1995	\$ 25,340,000
	1994	\$ 29,507,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1995	\$ 96,622,000
	1994	\$ 83,046,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1995	\$ 17,592,000
	1994	\$ 15,005,000
Livestock	1995	\$ 9,867,000
	1994	\$ 11,144,000
Livestock Products	1995	\$ 9,736,000
	1994	\$ 8,802,000
Poultry	1995	\$ 1,317,000
	1994	\$ 786,000
TOTAL	1995	\$ 160,474,000
	1994	\$ 148,290,000

LAST TEN YEARS

1995	\$ 160,474,000
1994	\$ 148,290,000
1993	\$ 144,420,000
1992	\$ 132,714,000
1991	\$ 135,652,000
1990	\$ 128,359,000
1989	\$ 123,412,000
1988	\$ 115,407,000
1987	\$ 111,082,000
1986	\$ 105,998,000

TOP TEN COMMODITIES

1995		1994	
Lettuce (head)	\$ 22,549,000	Lettuce (head)	\$ 19,489,000
Peppers (bell)	\$ 16,346,000	Nursery Stock	\$ 19,384,000
Nursery Stock	\$ 14,992,000	Lettuce (baby)	\$ 12,862,000
Lettuce (baby)	\$ 10,298,000	Peppers (bell)	\$ 9,606,000
Lettuce (leaf)	\$ 8,909,000	Misc. Veg.	\$ 7,811,000
Cabbage	\$ 7,728,000	Eggs	\$ 7,298,000
Eggs	\$ 7,471,000	Broccoli	\$ 6,680,000
Grapes (wine)	\$ 6,789,000	Onions (dry)	\$ 6,303,000
Misc. (veget.)	\$ 6,058,000	Pasture/Stckrs	\$ 6,160,000
Onions (dry)	\$ 5,837,000	Lettuce (leaf)	\$ 5,640,000

FIELD CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per unit	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1995	1,550	6.09	9,440	tons	121.00	1,142,000
	1994	1,616	5.21	8,419	tons	120.00	1,010,000
Barley	1995	5,300	1.31	6,943	tons	131.00	910,000
	1994	5,500	1.30	7,150	tons	105.00	751,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1995	1,908					821,000
	1994	1,281					546,000
Grain Hay	1995	18,000	1.61	28,980	tons	55.00	1,594,000
	1994	17,750	1.55	27,513	tons	49.00	1,348,000
**Nursery Stock	1995	436					14,992,000
	1994	475					19,384,000
Green Chop (forage mix)	1995	1,289	8.14	10,492	tons	19.00	199,000
	1994	(Misc. Field Crops)					
Pasture/Rangeland	1995	510,750			acres	8.00	4,086,000
	1994	510,750			acres	8.00	4,086,000
Permanent Pasture	1995	1,200			acres	275.00	330,000
	1994	1,000			acres	275.00	275,000
***Seed Crops	1995	249			acres	3269.00	814,000
	1994	162			acres	2883.00	370,000
Sugar Beets	1995	(Misc. Field Crops)					
	1994	722	38.41	27,732	tons	37.00	1,026,000
Wheat	1995	2,400	1.47	3,528	tons	128.00	452,000
	1994	3,500	1.88	6,580	tons	108.00	711,000
Totals	1995						25,340,000
	1994						29,507,000

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		acres	/acre	TOTAL		/unit	TOTAL	
Broccoli	1995	1,316	6.27	8,251	tons	538.00	4,439,000	
	1994	1,752	6.18	10,827	tons	617.00	6,680,000	
Cabbage	1995	1,675	21.56	36,113	tons	214.00	7,728,000	
	1994	686	22.49	15,428	tons	169.00	2,607,000	
Celery	1995	212	31.41	6,659	tons	221.00	1,472,000	
	1994	221	34.26	7,571	tons	228.00	1,726,000	
Garlic	1995	406	6.86	2,785	tons	1,457.00	4,058,000	
	1994	332	7.25	2,407	tons	1,375.00	3,310,000	
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1995	2,128	10.04	21,365	tons	417.00	8,909,000	
	1994	1,595	10.22	16,301	tons	346.00	5,640,000	
Lettuce (baby)	1995	2,967	1.16	3,442	tons	2,992.00	10,298,000	
	1994	3,515	.89	3,128	tons	4,112.00	12,862,000	
Lettuce (head)	1995	5,053	18.44	93,177	tons	242.00	22,549,000	
	1994	5,590	17.52	97,937	tons	199.00	19,489,000	
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1995	1,856					6,058,000	
	1994	1,643					7,810,000	
Onions (dry bulb)	1995	1,368	19.94	27,278	tons	214.00	5,837,000	
	1994	1,441	21.98	31,673	tons	199.00	6,303,000	
Peppers (bell)	1995	2,181	18.28	39,869	tons	410.00	16,346,000	
	1994	1,866	16.99	31,703	tons	303.00	9,606,000	
Spinach	1995	198	8.08	1,600	tons	464.00	742,000	
	1994	382	11.77	4,496	tons	279.00	1,254,000	
Sweet' Corn	1995	619	8.57	5,305	tons	300.00	1,592,000	
	1994	666	7.77	5,175	tons	250.00	1,294,000	

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

* 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
(Continued)

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	/acre	TOTAL		/unit	TOTAL
Tomatoes (canning)	1995	1,916	40.11	76,851	tons	52.00	3,996,000
	1994	2,188	40.01	87,542	tons	51.00	4,465,000
Tomatoes	1995	611	11.19	6,837	tons	380.00	2,598,000
	1994	(Misc. Crops)					
TOTALS	1995						96,622,000
	1994						83,046,000

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per ton	TOTAL
Apples	1995	568	13.53	7,685	tons	243.00	1,867,000
	1994	556	14.44	8,029	tons	154.00	1,236,000
Apricots	1995	1,915	2.63	5,036	tons	365.00	1,838,000
	1994	2,000	5.23	10,460	tons	344.00	3,598,000
Cherries	1995	505	1.46	737	tons	4,091.00	3,015,000
	1994	377	3.96	1,493	tons	1,071.00	1,599,000
Grapes (wine)	1995	2,125	3.57	7,586	tons	895.00	6,789,000
	1994	1,665	3.96	6,593	tons	808.00	5,327,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1995	162					553,000
	1994	156					374,000
Walnuts	1995	3,950	.581	2,295	tons	1,538.00	3,530,000
	1994	3,950	.668	2,639	tons	1,088.00	2,871,000
TOTALS	1995						17,592,000
	1994						15,005,000

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

LIVESTOCK

		** PRODUCTION **			\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$		
		no. of head	TOTAL cwt.		per cwt.	TOTAL	
All Cattle	1995	48,686					
	1994	54,978					
Calves	1995	11,186	54,250	cwt.	69.50	3,770,000	
	1994	8,028	40,910	cwt.	85.00	3,477,000	
Pasture and Stockers	1995	36,000	90,000	cwt.	59.00	5,310,000	
	1994	44,000	88,000	cwt.	70.00	6,160,000	
Cows	1995	1,300	14,300	cwt.	33.50	479,000	
	1994	2,800	30,800	cwt.	41.00	1,263,000	
Bulls	1995	200	2,800	cwt.	42.00	118,000	
	1994	150	2,100	cwt.	51.00	107,000	
*Hogs	1995	400	800	cwt.	40.00	32,000	
	1994	400	800	cwt.	48.00	38,000	
*Lambs	1995	2,000	2,000	cwt.	79.00	158,000	
	1994	1,500	1,500	cwt.	66.00	99,000	
TOTALS	1995						9,867,000
	1994						11,144,000

* These figures are not included in Cattle total

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$\$ VALUE \$\$\$	
		units		unit	TOTAL
Milk	1995	196,734	cwt.	11.44	2,251,000
(market)	1994	131,000	cwt.	11.33	1,484,000
Milk	1995	(None)			
(manufacturing)	1994	1,000	cwt.	10.44	10,000
Eggs (chicken/	1995	9,578,205	doz.	.78	7,471,000
turkey)	1994	9,123,000	doz.	.80	7,298,000
Wool	1995	20,000	lbs.	.72	14,000
	1994	15,000	lbs.	.66	10,000
TOTALS	1995				9,736,000
	1994				8,802,000

P O U L T R Y

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$ VALUE \$\$	
		no. of	TOTAL	per	TOTAL
		head	units	unit	
Chickens	1995	40,000		head	2.75 110,000
	1994	10,000		head	.10 1,000
Turkeys	1995	136,197	3,657,000	lbs.	.33 1,207,000
	1994	104,000	2,906,000	lbs.	.27 785,000
TOTALS	1995				1,317,000
	1994				786,000

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

FIELD CROPS

Corn Silage
Oats
Ornamental Corn
Ornamental Gourds
Pumpkins
Sudangrass
Sugar Beets
Safflower

SEED CROPS

Flowers
Vegetable Crops
Vine Crops

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Artichokes
Arugula
Asparagus
Beans
Beets
Bok Choy
Carrots
Cauliflower
Chili Peppers
Cilantro
Cucumbers
Endive
Escarole
Fennel
Frissee
Herbs
Kiwanos
Leafy Greens
Melons
Mushrooms
Mustard
Napa
Oriental Kale
Parsley
Peas
Potatoes
Radicchio
Squash (summer)
Squash (winter)
Watermelons

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Avocados
Pears (Asian)
Pears (Bartlett)
Pears (Winter)
Prunes
Raspberries
Strawberries

NURSERY STOCK

Christmas Trees
Flowers (cut)
Flowers (dry)
Mushroom Spawn
Orchids
Plants (potted)
Plants (vegetable)
Turf

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

<u>PEST</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Yellow Starthistle <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevils <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u>	3 sites
	& <u>Eustenopus Villosus</u>	2 sites
Italian Thistle <u>Carduus pycnocephalus</u>	Seed Head Weevil <u>Rhinocyllus conicus</u>	2 sites

ERADICATION

<u>PEST</u>	<u>MECHANISM</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Scotch Thistle <u>Onopordum Acanthium</u>	Mechanical/Chemical	2 sites
Artichoke Thistle <u>Cynara Cardunculus</u>	Chemical	1 site

PEST DETECTION

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

ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has 22 organic growers, growing 35 different crops on a total of 4,242 acres.