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and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County

I am pleased to submit this 1996 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 1996 gross value of \$159,899,000. This total is a slight decrease of less than 1% from last years record high. Even though there was a slight decrease in gross value, the agricultural industry's contribution to the county's economic base and the quality of life for it's residents.

The most significant changes were in Lettuce category where the acreage and production were up, but the income was down. Fresh Tomatoes, Broccoli, Onions and Sweet Corn were up. The increase in Winegrapes was off set by the loss in the Cherry Production.

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 and Sally Evans who compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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S U M M A R Y

Field Crops	1996	\$ 25,445,000
	1995	\$ 25,340,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1996	\$ 94,413,000
	1995	\$ 96,622,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1996	\$ 18,082,000
	1995	\$ 17,592,000
Livestock	1996	\$ 8,591,000
	1995	\$ 9,867,000
Livestock Products	1996	\$ 12,519,000
	1995	\$ 9,736,000
Poultry	1996	\$ 849,000
	1995	\$ 1,317,000
TOTAL	1996	\$ 159,899,000
	1995	\$ 160,474,000

LAST TEN YEARS

1996	\$ 159,899,000
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

TOP TEN COMMODITIES

	1996	1995
Lettuce (head)	\$ 16,674,000	\$ 22,549,000
Nursery Stock	\$ 15,350,000	\$ 16,346,000
Peppers (bell)	\$ 14,600,000	\$ 14,992,000
Lettuce (leaf)	\$ 12,052,000	\$ 10,298,000
Grapes (wine)	\$ 9,685,000	\$ 8,909,000
Eggs	\$ 9,558,000	\$ 7,728,000
Lettuce (salad)	\$ 8,740,000	\$ 7,471,000
Broccoli	\$ 6,838,000	\$ 6,789,000
Onions (dry)	\$ 6,625,000	\$ 6,058,000
Cabbage	\$ 5,147,000	\$ 5,837,000

FIELD CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		per	per	per		per	TOTAL	TOTAL
		acres	acre	TOTAL	unit			
Alfalfa	1996	1,500	7.21	10,815	tons	124.00	1,341,000	
	1995	1,550	6.09	9,440	tons	121.00	1,142,000	
Barley	1996	5,100	1.21	6,171	tons	133.00	821,000	
	1995	5,300	1.31	6,943	tons	131.00	910,000	
*Misc. Field Crops	1996	1,367					792,000	
	1995	1,908					821,000	
Grain Hay	1996	17,000	1.11	18,870	tons	57.00	1,076,000	
	1995	18,000	1.61	28,980	tons	55.00	1,594,000	
**Nursery Stock	1996	531					15,350,000	
	1995	436					14,992,000	
Green Chop (forage mix)	1996	(Misc. Field Crops)						
	1995	1,289	8.14	10,492	tons	19.00	199,000	
Pasture/Rangeland	1996	510,500			acres	8.00	4,084,000	
	1995	510,750			acres	8.00	4,086,000	
Permanent Pasture	1996	1,200			acres	275.00	330,000	
	1995	1,200			acres	275.00	330,000	
***Seed Crops	1996	585			acres	2039.00	1,201,000	
	1995	249			acres	3269.00	814,000	
Wheat	1996	2,500	1.47	3,100	tons	145.00	450,000	
	1995	2,400	1.47	3,528	tons	128.00	452,000	
Totals	1996						25,445,000	
	1995						25,340,000	

* 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	TOTAL
Broccoli	1996	2,342	5.28	12,366	tons	553.00	6,838,000	
	1995	1,316	6.27	8,251	tons	538.00	4,439,000	
Cabbage	1996	1,133	22.49	25,481	tons	202.00	5,147,000	
	1995	1,675	21.56	36,113	tons	214.00	7,728,000	
Celery	1996	394	32.68	12,876	tons	228.00	2,936,000	
	1995	212	31.41	6,659	tons	221.00	1,472,000	
Cucumbers	1996	614	17.92	11,002	tons	174.00	1,914,000	
	1995	(miscellaneous vegetable & row crops)						
Garlic	1996	320	7.83	2,506	tons	1,322.00	3,313,000	
	1995	406	6.86	2,785	tons	1,457.00	4,058,000	
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1996	3,044	10.10	30,744	tons	392.00	12,052,000	
	1995	2,128	10.04	21,365	tons	417.00	8,909,000	
Lettuce (salad)	1996	2,800	1.25	3,500	tons	2,497.00	8,740,000	
	1995	2,967	1.16	3,442	tons	2,992.00	10,298,000	
Lettuce (head)	1996	5,590	18.76	104,868	tons	159.00	16,674,000	
	1995	5,053	18.44	93,177	tons	242.00	22,549,000	
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1996	1,418					4,587,000	
	1995	1,856					6,058,000	
Onions (dry bulb)	1996	1,212	22.68	27,488	tons	241.00	6,625,000	
	1995	1,368	19.94	27,278	tons	214.00	5,837,000	
Peppers (bell)	1996	3,574	16.34	58,399	tons	250.00	14,600,000	
	1995	2,181	18.28	39,869	tons	410.00	16,346,000	
Spinach	1996	204	5.78	1,179	tons	544.00	641,000	
	1995	198	8.08	1,600	tons	464.00	742,000	
Sweet Corn	1996	612	8.65	5,294	tons	391.00	2,070,000	
	1995	619	8.57	5,305	tons	300.00	1,592,000	

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

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS
(Continued)

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		acres	/acre	TOTAL		/unit	TOTAL	TOTAL
Tomatoes (canning)	1996	1,365	46.74	63,800	tons	53.00	3,381,000	
	1995	1,916	40.11	76,851	tons	52.00	3,996,000	
Tomatoes	1996	651	14.86	9,674	tons	506.00	4,895,000	
	1995	611	11.19	6,837	tons	380.00	2,598,000	
TOTALS	1996						94,413,000	
	1995						96,622,000	

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

		*** PRODUCTION ***				\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		acres	per acre	TOTAL		per ton	TOTAL	TOTAL
Apples	1996	568	13.54	7,691	tons	240.00	1,846,000	
	1995	568	13.53	7,685	tons	243.00	1,867,000	
Apricots	1996	1,915	3.49	6,683	tons	347.00	2,319,000	
	1995	1,915	2.63	5,036	tons	365.00	1,838,000	
Cherries	1996	505	.19	96	tons	3,211.00	308,000	
	1995	505	1.46	737	tons	4,091.00	3,015,000	
Grapes (wine)	1996	2,125	3.62	7,693	tons	1,259.00	9,685,000	
	1995	2,125	3.57	7,586	tons	895.00	6,789,000	
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1996	173					1,189,000	
	1995	162					553,000	
Walnuts	1996	3,875	.410	1,588	tons	1,722.00	2,735,000	
	1995	3,950	.581	2,295	tons	1,538.00	3,530,000	
TOTALS	1996						18,082,000	
	1995						17,592,000	

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

LIVESTOCK

		** PRODUCTION **			\$\$\$	VALUE	\$\$\$
		no. of head	TOTAL cwt.		per cwt.	TOTAL	TOTAL
All Cattle	1996		48,082				
	1995		48,686				
Calves	1996	11,282	55,850	cwt.	56.00	3,128,000	
	1995	11,186	54,250	cwt.	69.50	3,770,000	
Pasture and Stockers	1996	35,000	87,500	cwt.	52.50	4,594,000	
	1995	36,000	90,000	cwt.	59.00	5,310,000	
Cows	1996	1,600	17,600	cwt.	30.50	537,000	
	1995	1,300	14,300	cwt.	33.50	479,000	
Bulls	1996	200	2,800	cwt.	40.00	112,000	
	1995	200	2,800	cwt.	42.00	118,000	
*Hogs	1996	400	800	cwt.	52.00	42,000	
	1995	400	800	cwt.	40.00	32,000	
*Lambs	1996	2,000	2,000	cwt.	89.00	178,000	
	1995	2,000	2,000	cwt.	79.00	158,000	
TOTALS	1996					8,591,000	
	1995					9,867,000	

* 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	1996	184,015	cwt.	13.52	2,488,000	
(market)	1995	196,734	cwt.	11.44	2,251,000	
Milk	1996	33,623	cwt.	13.63	458,000	
(manufacturing)	1995	(None)				
Eggs (chicken/	1996	11,947,988	doz.	.80	9,558,000	
turkey)	1995	9,578,205	doz.	.78	7,471,000	
Wool	1996	20,000	lbs.	.74	15,000	
	1995	20,000	lbs.	.72	14,000	
TOTALS	1996				12,519,000	
	1995				9,736,000	

P O U L T R Y

		** PRODUCTION **		\$\$	VALUE	\$\$
		no. of	TOTAL	per	TOTAL	
		head	units	unit		
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Chickens	1996	(None)				
	1995	40,000	head	2.75	110,000	
Turkeys	1996	139,400	3,857,000	lbs.	.22	849,000
	1995	136,197	3,657,000	lbs.	.33	1,207,000
TOTALS	1996				849,000	
	1995				1,317,000	

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

FIELD CROPS

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

SEED CROPS

Flowers
 Field Crops (wheat)
 Vegetable Crops
 Vine Crops

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Anise
 Arugula
 Asparagus
 Beans
 Beets
 Bok Choy
 Cardoon
 Carrots
 Cauliflower
 Chard
 Chili Peppers
 Edible Flowers
 Endive
 Escarole
 Fennel
 Gr. Onions
 Herbs
 Kale
 Kiwanos
 Leafy Greens
 Leeks
 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

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

PEST -----	AGENT -----	SCOPE OF PROGRAM -----
Yellow Starthistle <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevils <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u> & <u>Eustenopus Villosus</u>	1 sites 3 sites

ERADICATION

PEST -----	MECHANISM -----	SCOPE OF PROGRAM -----
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 24 organic growers, growing 36 different crops on a total of 4,402 acres.