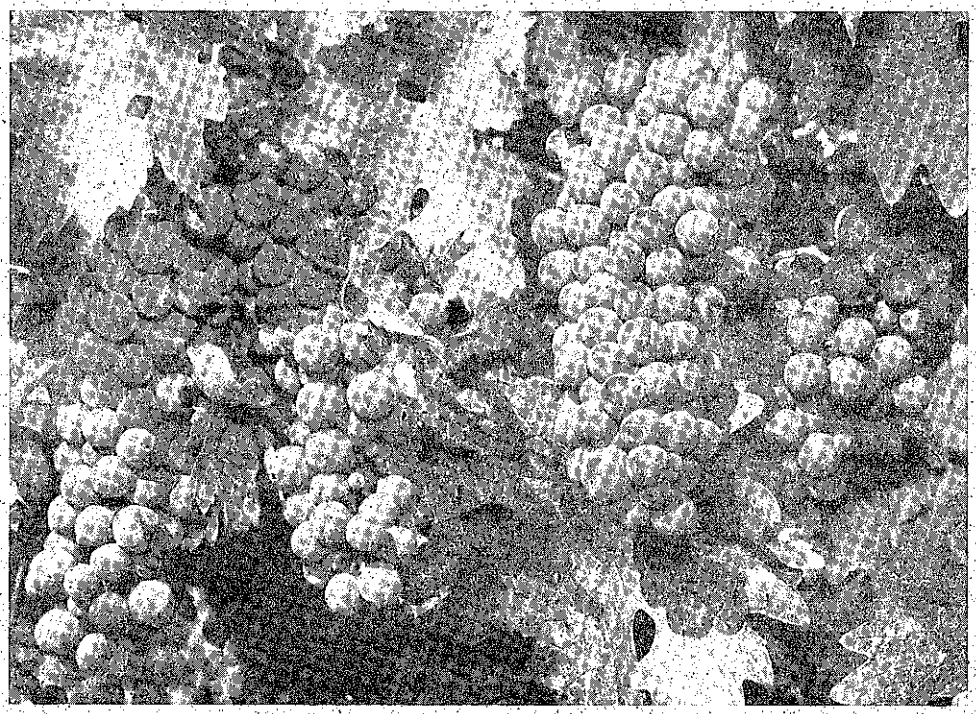
San Benito County

Annual Crop Report

1997



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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May 1, 1998

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 1997 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 1997 gross value of $164,792,000.00. This total is a record high for the county, it is also an increase of almost 3% from the 1996 total.

The most significant change occurred in Wine Grapes Production, which was up 35%, reflecting increases in tonnage and price. Livestock had an increase of 13% due mainly to a slight increase in prices. Walnuts showed an increase of 22% because of higher yields. Vegetable and Row Crops were down 2% mainly because of various changes in yields and prices.

San Benito County's 1997 agricultural income is a new record high, indicative of its important contribution to the county's economic base and the quality of life of it's residents.

Please bear in mind that these figures are for gross income only, and 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,
San Benito County
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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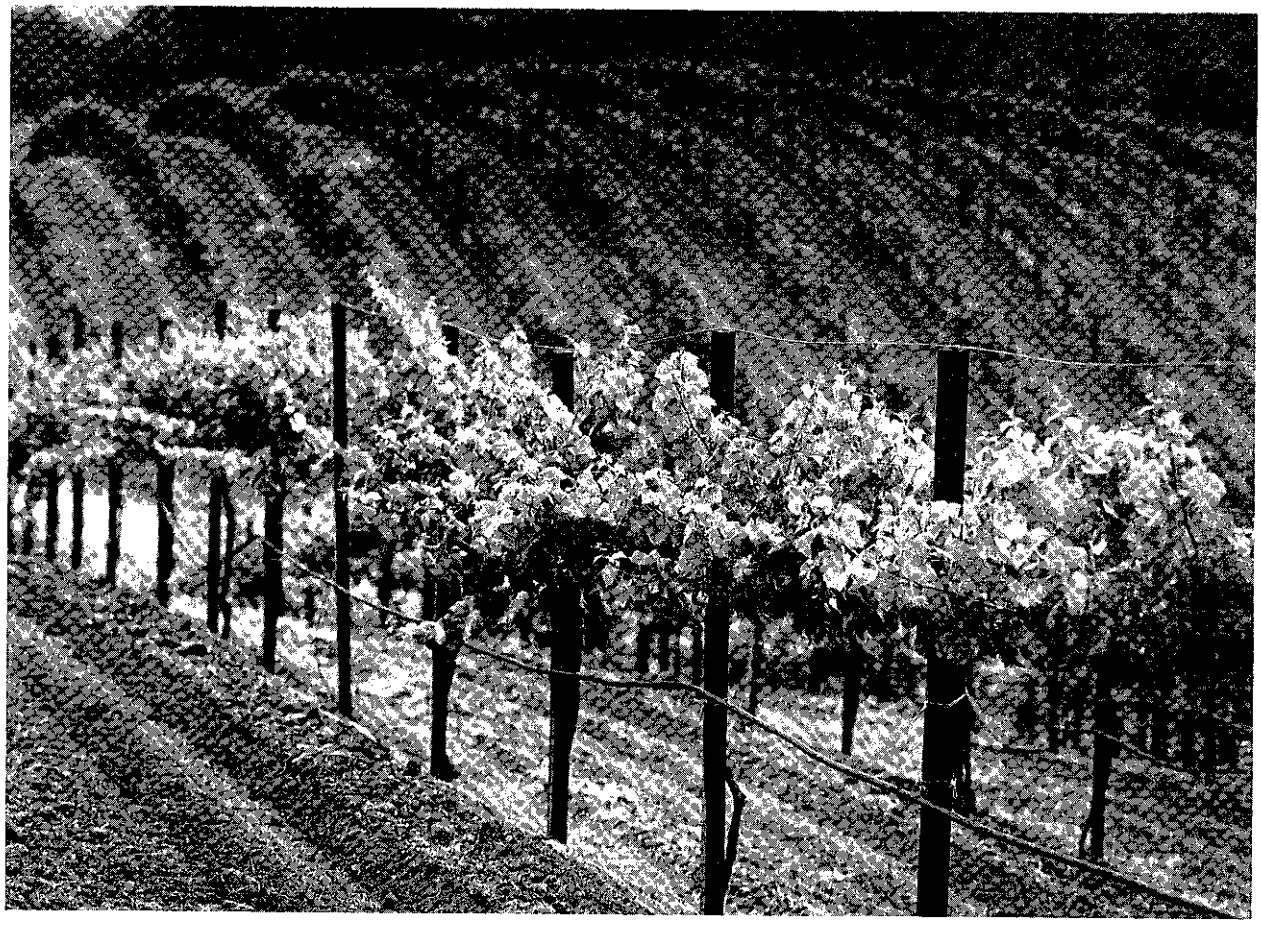
TOP 10 COMMODITIES

1997		1996	
GRAPES (Wine)	$16,288,000	LETTUCE (Head)	$16,674,000
LETTUCE (Head)	$15,995,000	NURSERY STOCK	$15,350,000
LETTUCE (Salad)	$15,838,000	PEPPERS (Bell)	$14,600,000
NURSERY STOCK	$15,668,000	LETTUCE (Leaf)	$12,052,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	$12,303,000	GRAPES (Wine)	$ 9,685,000
LETTUCE (Leaf)	$ 7,569,000	EGGS	$ 9,558,000
EGGS	$ 7,548,000	LETTUCE (Salad)	$ 8,740,000
BROCCOLI	$ 6,813,000	BROCCOLI	$ 6,838,000
ONIONS (Dry)	$ 5,922,000	ONIONS (Dry)	$ 6,625,000
LIVESTOCK (Pasture & Stockers)	$ 5,040,000	CABBAGE	$ 5,147,000



COMMODITY SUMMARY

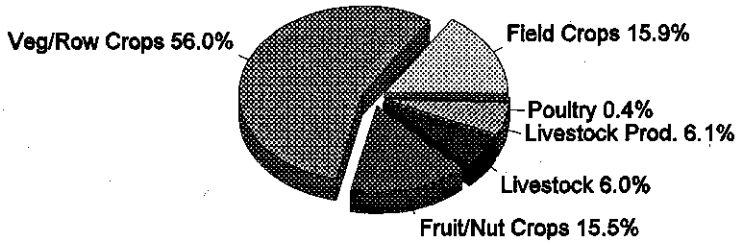
Field Crops	1997	$ 26,268,000
	1996	$ 25,445,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1997	$ 92,284,000
	1996	$ 94,413,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1997	$ 25,561,000
	1996	$ 18,082,000
Livestock	1997	$ 9,922,000
	1996	$ 8,591,000
Livestock Products	1997	$ 10,127,000
	1996	$ 12,519,000
Poultry	1997	$ 630,000
	1996	$ 849,000
TOTALS	**1997**	**$164,792,000**
	1996	**$159,899,000**

CURRENT & PAST YEARS TOTALS

1997	$164,792,000
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

1997 Commodity Summary

Total Value $164,792,000



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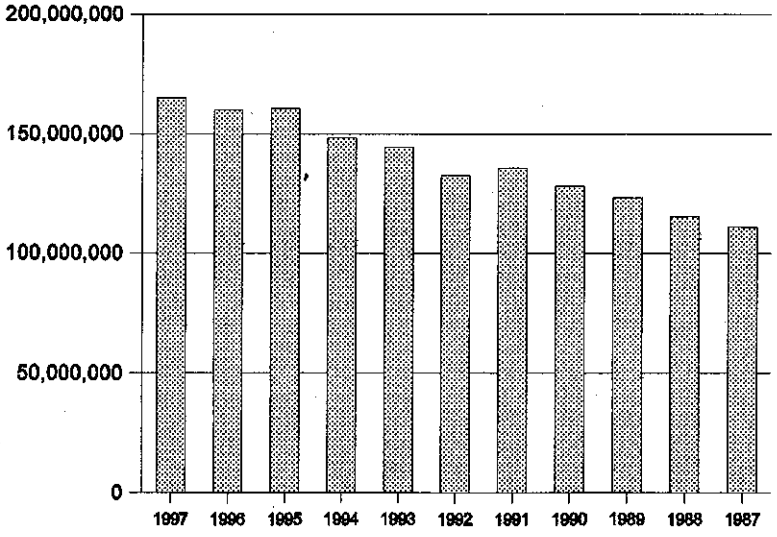
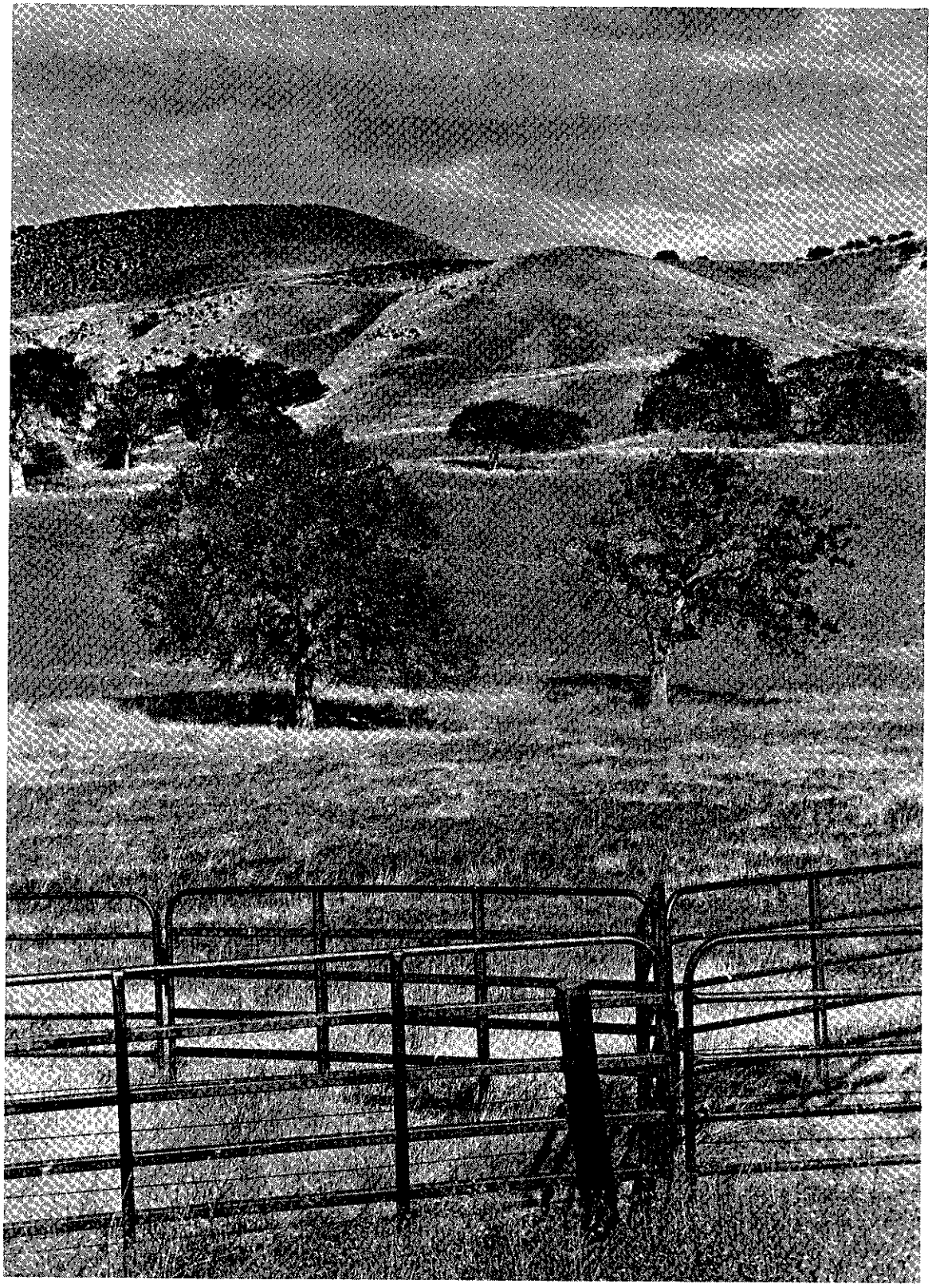


FIELD CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	1997	1,500	5.95	8,925 tons	122	1,089,000
	1996	1,500	7.21	10,815 tons	124	1,341,000
Barley	1997	5,000	.77	3,850 tons	129	497,000
	1996	5,100	1.21	6,171 tons	133	821,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1997	2,086				1,260,000
	1996	1,367				792,000
Grain Hay	1997	16,500	1.24	20,460 tons	70	1,432,000
	1996	17,000	1.11	18,870 tons	57	1,076,000
*Nursery Stock	1997	515				15,668,000
	1996	531				15,350,000
Pasture/Rangeland	1997	510,500			8	4,084,000
	1996	510,500			8	4,084,000
Permanent Pasture	1997	1,200			275	330,000
	1996	1,200			275	330,000
*Seed Crops	1997	388			3,030	1,176,000
	1996	585			2,039	1,201,000
Wheat	1997	3,000	1.78	5,340 tons	137	732,000
	1996	2,500	1.47	3,100 tons	145	450,000
TOTALS	**1997**					**26,268,000**
	1996					**25,445,000**

*SEE MISCELLANEOUS CROPS FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.



VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Broccoli	1997	2,725	4.99	13,598 tons	501	6,813,000
	1996	2,342	5.28	12,366 tons	553	6,838,000
Cabbage	1997	770	22.64	17,433 tons	180	3,138,000
	1996	1,133	22.49	25,481 tons	202	5,147,000
Cauliflower	1997	198	7.44	1,473 tons	491	723,000
	1996	(Reported in Misc. Veg. & Row Crops)				
Celery	1997	507	31.89	16,169 tons	215	3,476,000
	1996	394	32.68	12,876 tons	228	2,936,000
Cucumbers	1997	850	12.69	10,787 tons	160	1,726,000
	1996	614	17.92	11,002 tons	174	1,914,000
Garlic	1997	227	7.34	1,666 tons	1,988	3,312,000
	1996	320	7.83	2,506 tons	1,322	3,313,000
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1997	1,944	9.52	18,507 tons	409	7,569,000
	1996	3,044	10.10	30,744 tons	392	12,052,000
Lettuce (salad)	1997	3,020	1.67	5,044 tons	3,140	15,838,000
	1996	2,800	1.25	3,500 tons	2,497	8,740,000
Lettuce (head)	1997	4,808	19.01	91,400 tons	175	15,995,000
	1996	5,590	18.76	104,868 tons	159	16,674,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1997	1,015				3,893,000
	1996	1,418				4,587,000
Onions (dry bulb)	1997	1,267	21.44	27,165 tons	218	5,922,000
	1996	1,212	22.68	27,488 tons	241	6,625,000
Peppers (bell)	1997	2,299	18.91	43,474 tons	283	12,303,000
	1996	3,574	16.34	58,399 tons	250	14,600,000
Spinach	1997	725	4.01	2,907 tons	1,111	3,223,000
	1996	204	5.78	1,179 tons	544	641,000

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Sweet Corn	1997	447	7.39	3,303 tons	319	1,054,000
	1996	612	8.65	5,294 tons	391	2,070,000
Tomatoes (canning)	1997	1,312	46.29	60,733 tons	52½	3,188,000
	1996	1,365	46.74	63,800 tons	53	3,381,000
Tomatoes	1997	515	14.92	7,684 tons	535	4,111,000
	1996	651	14.86	9,674 tons	506	4,895,000
TOTALS	**1997**					**92,284,000**
	1996					**94,413,000**

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Apples	1997	548	14.39	7,886 tons	231	1,822,000
	1996	568	13.54	7,691 tons	240	1,846,000
Apricots	1997	1,895	4.04	7,656 tons	348	2,664,000
	1996	1,915	3.49	6,683 tons	347	2,319,000
Cherries	1997	505	.41	207 tons	2,743	568,000
	1996	505	.19	96 tons	3,211	308,000
Grapes (Wine)	1997	2,125	5.55	11,794 tons	1,381	16,288,000
	1996	2,125	3.62	7,693 tons	1,259	9,685,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1997	160				696,000
	1996	173				1,189,000
Walnuts	1997	3,875	.579	2,244 tons	1,570	3,523,000
	1996	3,875	.410	1,588 tons	1,722	2,735,000
TOTALS	**1997**					**25,561,000**
	1996					**18,082,000**

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LIVESTOCK

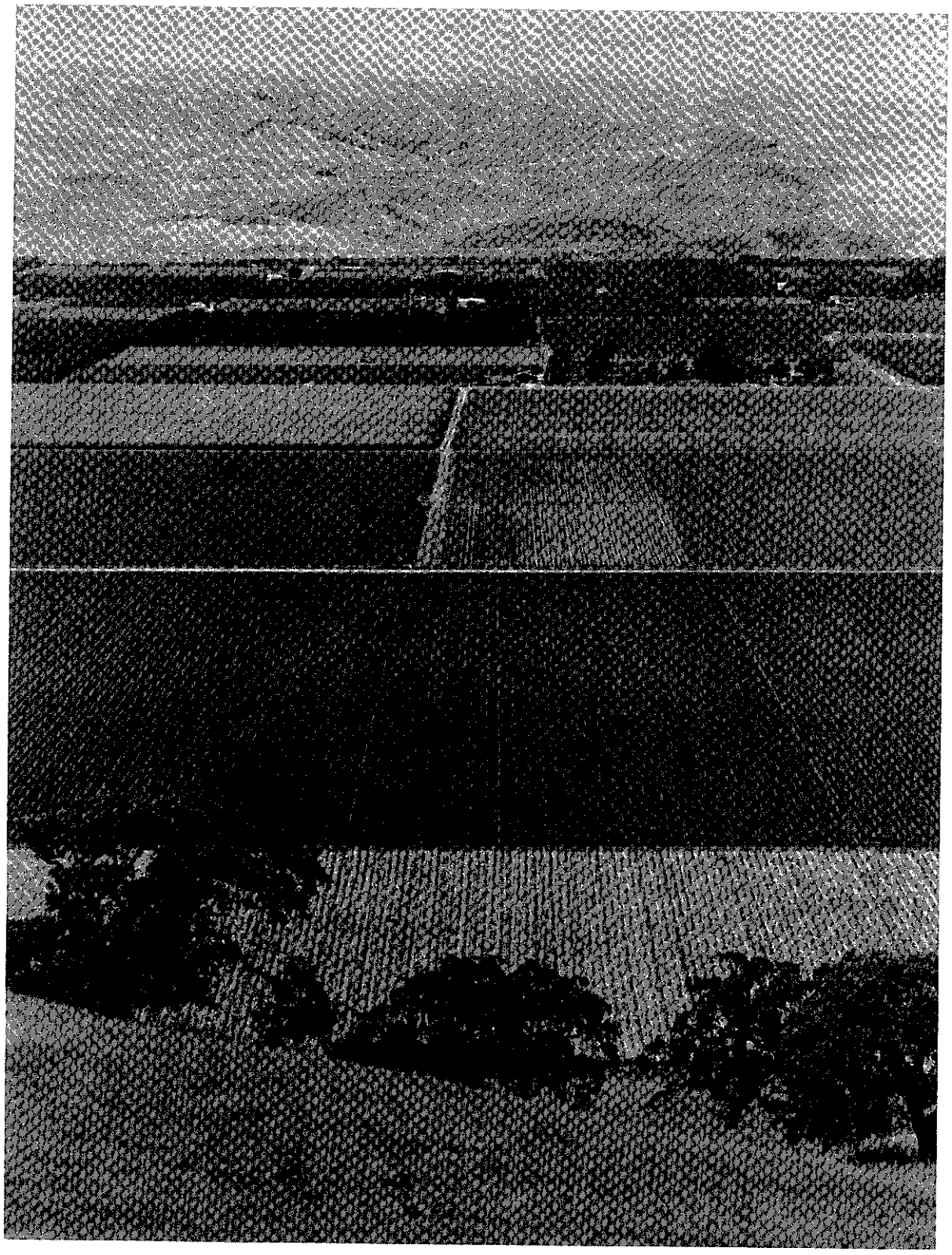
		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	$ Per Cwt.	$ TOTAL
ALL CATTLE:	1997	45,480			
	1996	48,082			
Calves	1997	11,580	57,440 cwt.	68.00	3,906,000
	1996	11,282	55,850 cwt.	56.00	3,128,000
Pasture and Stockers	1997	32,000	80,000 cwt.	63.00	5,040,000
	1996	35,000	87,500 cwt.	52.50	4,594,000
Cows	1997	1,700	18,700 cwt.	34.00	636,000
	1996	1,600	17,600 cwt.	30.50	537,000
Bulls	1997	200	2,800 cwt.	40.00	112,000
	1996	200	2,800 cwt.	40.00	112,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK:					
Hogs	1997	400	800 cwt.	55.00	44,000
	1996	400	800 cwt.	52.00	42,000
Lambs	1997	2,000	2,000 cwt.	92.00	184,000
	1996	2,000	2,000 cwt.	89.00	178,000
TOTALS	**1997**				**9,922,000**
	1996				**8,591,000**

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		PRODUCTION	VALUE	
		Units	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Milk (market)	1997	204,747 (cwt.)	12.42	2,543,000
	1996	184,015 (cwt.)	13.52	2,488,000
Milk (manufacturing)	1997	1,795 (cwt.)	11.42	20,000
	1996	33,623 (cwt.)	13.63	458,000
Eggs (Chicken & Turkey)	1997	8,387,000 (doz.)	.90	7,548,000
	1996	11,947,988 (doz.)	.80	9,558,000
Wool	1997	20,000 (lbs.)	.79	16,000
	1996	20,000 (lbs.)	.74	15,000
TOTALS	**1997**			**10,127,000**
	1996			**12,519,000**

POULTRY

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Units	$ Per Unit	$ TOTAL
Chickens	1997	25,000	(head)	.75	19,000
	1996	(NONE)			
Turkeys	1997	115,500	2,657,000 (lbs)	.23	611,000
	1996	139,400	3,857,000 (lbs)	.22	849,000
TOTALS	**1997**				**630,000**
	1996				**849,000**



MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Anise
Arugula
Asparagus
Beans
Beets
Bok Choy
Cantaloupe
Carrots
Cauliflower
Chili Peppers
Cilantro
Edible Flowers
Escarole
Endive
Fennel
Frissee
Green Onions
Herbs
Kale
Kiwanos
Leafy Greens
Leeks
Melons
Mushrooms
Mustard
Napa
Oriental Kale
Parsnips
Peas
Potatoes
Radicchio
Squash (summer)
Squash (winter)
Watermelons

FIELD CROPS

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

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

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

SEED CROPS

Flowers
Vegetable Crops
Vine Crops
Field Crops

NURSERY STOCK

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

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

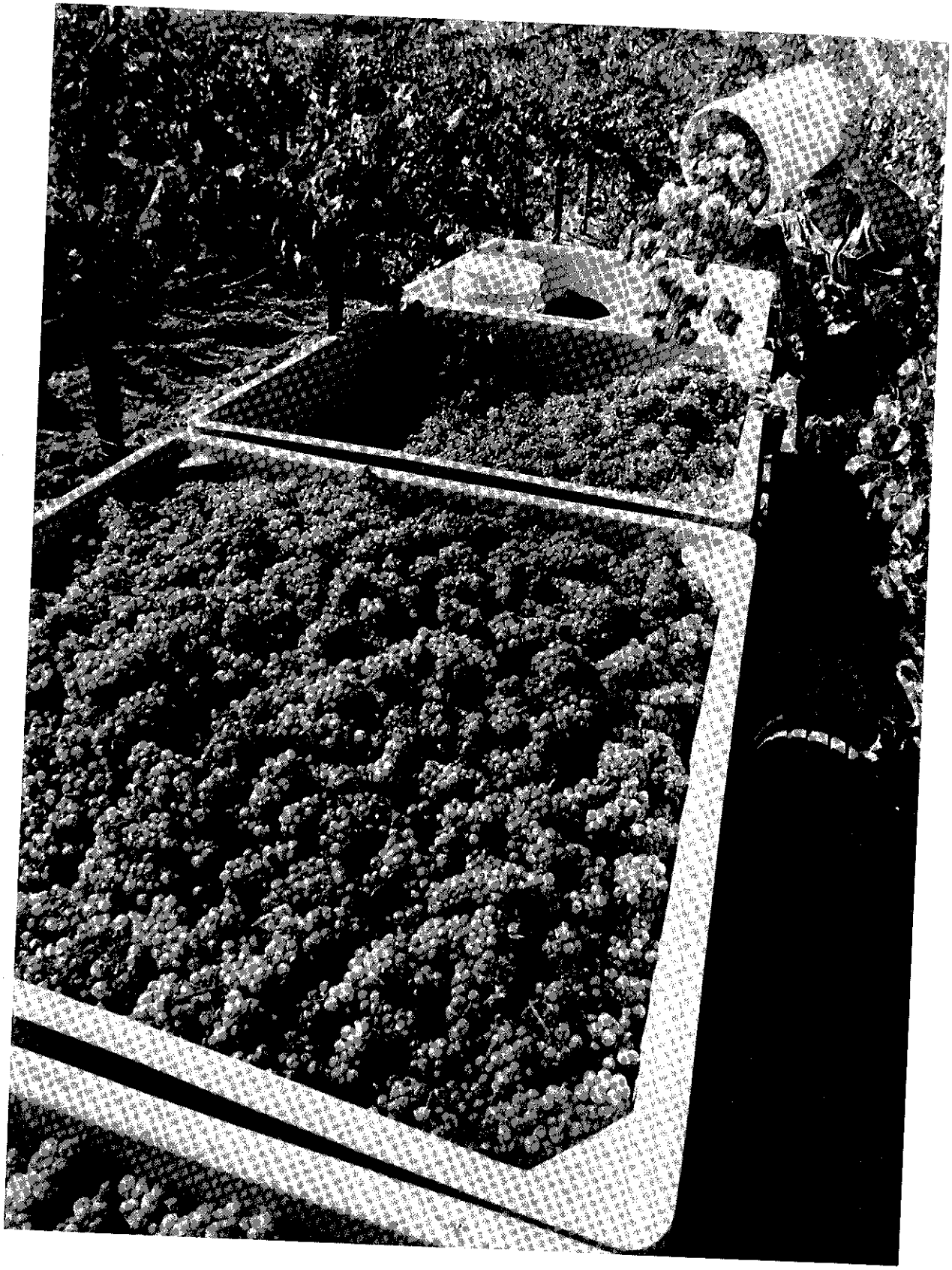
PEST	AGENT	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
Yellow Starthistle Centaurea solstitialis	Seed Head Weevile Bangasternus orientalis & Eustenopus Villosus	3 sites 2 sites
Italian Thistle Carduus pycnocephalus	Seed Head Weevil Rhinocyllus conicus	2 sites

ERADICATION

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

PEST DETECTION

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

ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has 36 organic growers, growing 39 different crops on a total of 3,497 acres.