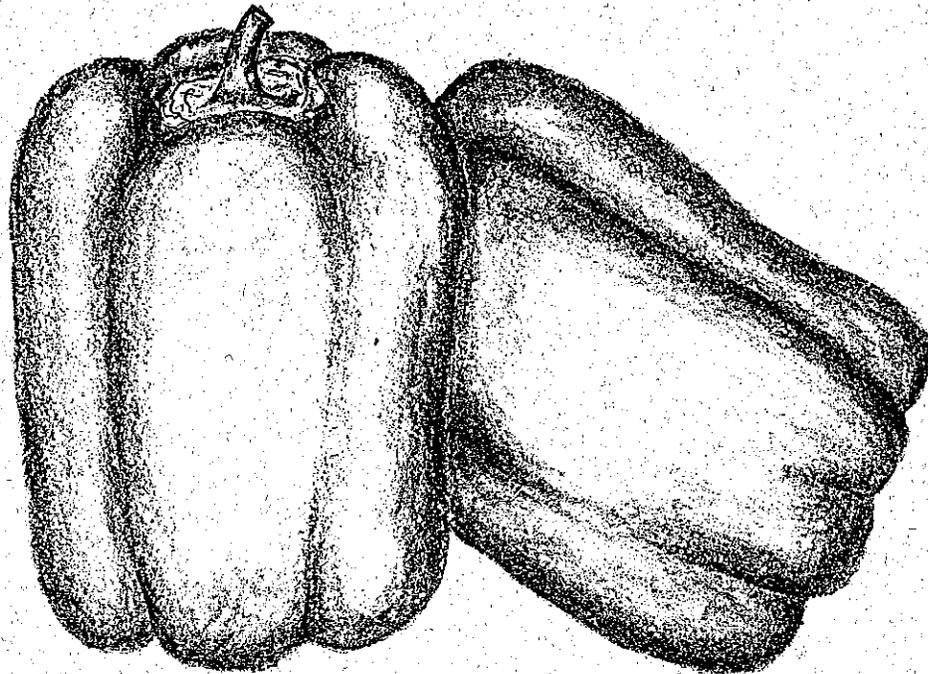


San Benito County

Annual Crop Report

1999





COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER and SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

June 1, 2000

William J. Lyons, Jr., Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County

I am pleased to submit this 1999 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 1999 gross value of \$179,848,000. This total is an increase of 12% over the 1998 total, which is a new county record high production.

The most significant changes were Bell Peppers moved to the #1 crop in the County bringing in nearly \$20 million, and the category of Fruit and Nut Crops increased by 24% due mainly to an increase in yields. The general category of Vegetable and Row Crops also had an increase of 10%.

San Benito County's 1999 agricultural income of nearly 180 million dollars again shows the important contribution to the county economic base and the quality of life of its 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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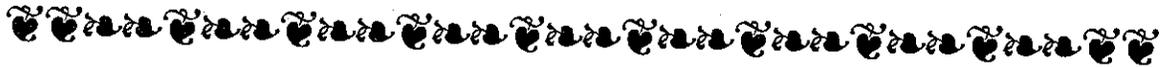
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TOP 10 COMMODITIES

	<u>1999</u>		<u>1998</u>
PEPPERS (Bell)	\$19,723,000	NURSERY STOCK	\$16,985,000
NURSERY STOCK	\$19,682,000	LETTUCE (Head)	\$15,693,000
LETTUCE (Salad)	\$18,106,000	PEPPERS (Bell)	\$15,496,000
LETTUCE (Head/Packed)	\$15,960,000	LETTUCE (Salad)	\$13,203,000
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$13,596,000	GRAPES (Wine)	\$10,359,000
GRAPES (Wine)	\$13,455,000	EGGS	\$ 9,797,000
LETTUCE (Leaf)	\$ 8,531,000	MISC. CROPS	\$ 7,814,000
ONIONS (Bulb)	\$ 7,930,000	LETTUCE (Leaf)	\$ 7,702,000
MISC. CROPS (Vegetable)	\$ 7,015,000	LIVESTOCK (Pasture & Stockers)	\$ 6,961,000
LIVESTOCK (Pasture & Stockers)	\$ 5,360,000	LETTUCE (Bulk)	\$ 6,607,000

COMMODITY SUMMARY

Field Crops	1999	\$ 28,188,000
	1998	\$ 25,424,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1999	\$105,330,000
	1998	\$ 93,834,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1999	\$ 22,479,000
	1998	\$ 17,046,000
Livestock	1999	\$ 10,255,000
	1998	\$ 11,586,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	1999	\$ 13,596,000
	1998	\$ 12,757,000
TOTALS	1999	\$179,848,000
	1998	\$160,647,000



CURRENT & PAST YEARS TOTALS

1999	\$179,848,000
1998	\$160,647,000
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

FIELD CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	1999	1,275	4.22	5,380 tons	90	484,000
	1998	1,500	3.11	4,665 tons	120	560,000
Barley	1999	3,100	.97	3,007 tons	105	316,000
	1998	3,500	.79	2,765 tons	100	277,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1999	747				166,000
	1998	1,064				326,000
Grain Hay	1999	17,000	1.48	25,160	69	1,736,000
	1998	17,000	1.69	28,730 tons	60	1,724,000
*Nursery Stock	1999	649				19,682,000
	1998	580				16,985,000
Pasture/Rangeland	1999	510,000			8	4,080,000
	1998	510,000			8	4,080,000
Permanent Pasture	1999	1,000			300	300,000
	1998	1,000			300	300,000
*Seed Crops	1999	338			3,690	1,247,000
	1998	348			2,700	940,000
Wheat	1999	1,500	1.07	1,605	110	177,000
	1998	2,000	1.01	2,020 tons	115	232,000
TOTALS	1999					28,188,000
	1998					25,424,000

*SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Apples	1999	525	19.19	10,074 tons	189	1,904,000
	1998	525	12.28	6,447 tons	207	1,335,000
Apricots	1999	1,750	2.63	4,603 tons	357	1,643,000
	1998	1,775	2.52	4,473 tons	335	1,498,000
Cherries	1999	479	3.77	1,806 tons	1,028	1,857,000
	1998	495	1.88	930 tons	1,007	937,000
Grapes (Wine)	1999	2,494	3.66	9,128 tons	1,474	13,455,000
	1998	2,255	3.19	7,194 tons	1,440	10,359,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1999	135				1,201,000
	1998	148				1,361,000
Walnuts	1999	2,775	.974	2,703 tons	895	2,419,000
	1998	3,125	.498	1,556 tons	1,000	1,556,000
TOTALS	1999					22,479,000
	1998					17,046,000

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VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Broccoli	1999	1,479	5.44	8,045 tons	477	3,837,000
	1998	1,490	5.54	8,255 tons	369	3,046,000
Cabbage	1999	887	21.07	18,689 tons	182	3,401,000
	1998	909	18.77	17,062 tons	195	3,327,000
Cauliflower	1999	169	6.66	1,126 tons	677	762,000
	1998	166	7.77	1,290 tons	601	775,000
Celery	1999	511	34.04	17,394 tons	217	3,774,000
	1998	509	32.48	16,532 tons	214	3,538,000
Cucumbers	1999	NONE				
	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Garlic	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1999	2,007	9.66	19,388 tons	440	8,531,000
	1998	2,002	8.31	16,636 tons	463	7,702,000
Baby Lettuce (salad)	1999	4,479	2.14	9,585 tons	1,889	18,106,000
	1998	3,598	1.73	6,225 tons	2,121	13,203,000
Head Lettuce (packed)	1999	4,206	18.51	77,853 tons	205	15,960,000
	1998	3,257	17.27	56,248 tons	279	15,693,000
Head Lettuce (bulk)	1999	1,860	17.18	31,955 tons	157	5,017,000
	1998	2,477	15.33	37,972 tons	174	6,607,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1999	1,774				7,015,000
	1998	1,825				7,815,000
Onions (dry bulb)	1999	1,217	27.15	33,042 tons	240	7,930,000
	1998	1,191	20.51	24,427 tons	262	6,400,000
Peppers (bell)	1999	2,424	19.19	46,517 tons	424	19,723,000
	1998	2,211	18.11	40,041 tons	387	15,496,000

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Radicchio	1999	522	4.71	2,459 tons	1,251	3,076,000
	1998	449	2.78	1,247 tons	1,679	2,094,000
Spinach	1999	1,411	2.58	3,640 tons	1,466	5,336,000
	1998	1,196	2.49	2,978 tons	1,729	5,149,000
Sweet Corn	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1998	417	6.88	2,869 tons	249	714,000
Tomatoes (canning)	1999	965	47.07	45,423 tons	63	2,862,000
	1998	998	39.99	39,910 tons	57	2,275,000
Tomatoes	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
TOTALS	1999					105,330,000
	1998					93,834,000

*SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

LIVESTOCK

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	\$ TOTAL
<u>ALL CATTLE:</u>	1999	46,796			
	1998	47,198			
Calves	1999	10,146	47,730 cwt.	75.00	3,580,000
	1998	10,248	47,750 cwt.	69.00	3,295,000
Pasture and Stockers	1999	35,000	80,000 cwt.	67.00	5,360,000
	1998	34,000	110,500 cwt.	63.00	6,961,000
Cows	1999	2,400	26,400 cwt.	35.00	924,000
	1998	2,700	29,700 cwt.	33.00	980,000
Bulls	1999	250	3,500 cwt.	42.00	147,000
	1998	250	3,500 cwt.	41.00	143,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK:</u>					
Hogs	1999	400	800 cwt.	35.00	28,000
	1998	300	600 cwt.	33.00	20,000
Lambs	1999	2,800	2,800 cwt.	77.00	216,000
	1998	2,500	2,500 cwt.	75.00	187,000
TOTALS	1999				10,255,000
	1998				11,586,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Units		\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
*Misc. Products	1999				13,596,000
Milk (market)	1999 1998	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) 163,400 (cwt.)		14.20	2,320,000
Eggs (Chicken & Turkey)	1999 1998	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) 15,073,000 (doz)		.65	9,797,000
Wool	1999 1998	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) 25,000 (lbs.)		.80	20,000
		# of Head	Total Units	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Turkeys	1999 1998	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) 93,000 2,697,000 (lbs.)		.23	620,000
TOTALS	1999 1998				13,596,000 12,757,000

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MISCELLANEOUS CROPS AND PRODUCTS

*Commodities in these categories were listed together because the number of growers in each commodity were less than three, which requires us to list the commodities by their combined total.

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Artichokes	Arugula	Asparagus	Beans
Beets	Bok Choy	Burdock	Braising Beans
Cantaloupe	Carrots	Chinese Cabbage	Cilantro
Escarole	Endive	Fennel	Frissee
Garlic	Melons	Mushrooms	Mustard
Market Tomatoes	Napa (Chinese Cabbage)	Oriental Kale	Peas
Sweet Corn	Swiss Chard	Summer Squash	Watermelons
Winter Squash			

FIELD CROPS

Corn Silage	Ornamental Corn	Ornamental Gourds	Pumpkins
Safflower	Forage Mix		

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Pears (Asian)	Pears (Bartlett)	Prunes
Raspberries	Strawberries	

SEED CROPS

Flowers	Vegetable Crops	Vine Crops	Field Crops
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NURSERY STOCK

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

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs (chicken)	Milk (market)	Turkeys	Wool
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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORT

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

<u>PEST</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Yellow Starthistle <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Seed Head Weevile <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u> & <u>Eustenopus Villosus</u>	6 sites 8 sites
	Flower Weevile <u>Larinus Curtus</u>	1 site
	Gall Fly <u>Urophora Sirunaseva</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 37 organic growers, growing 35 different crops on a total of 3,651 acres.