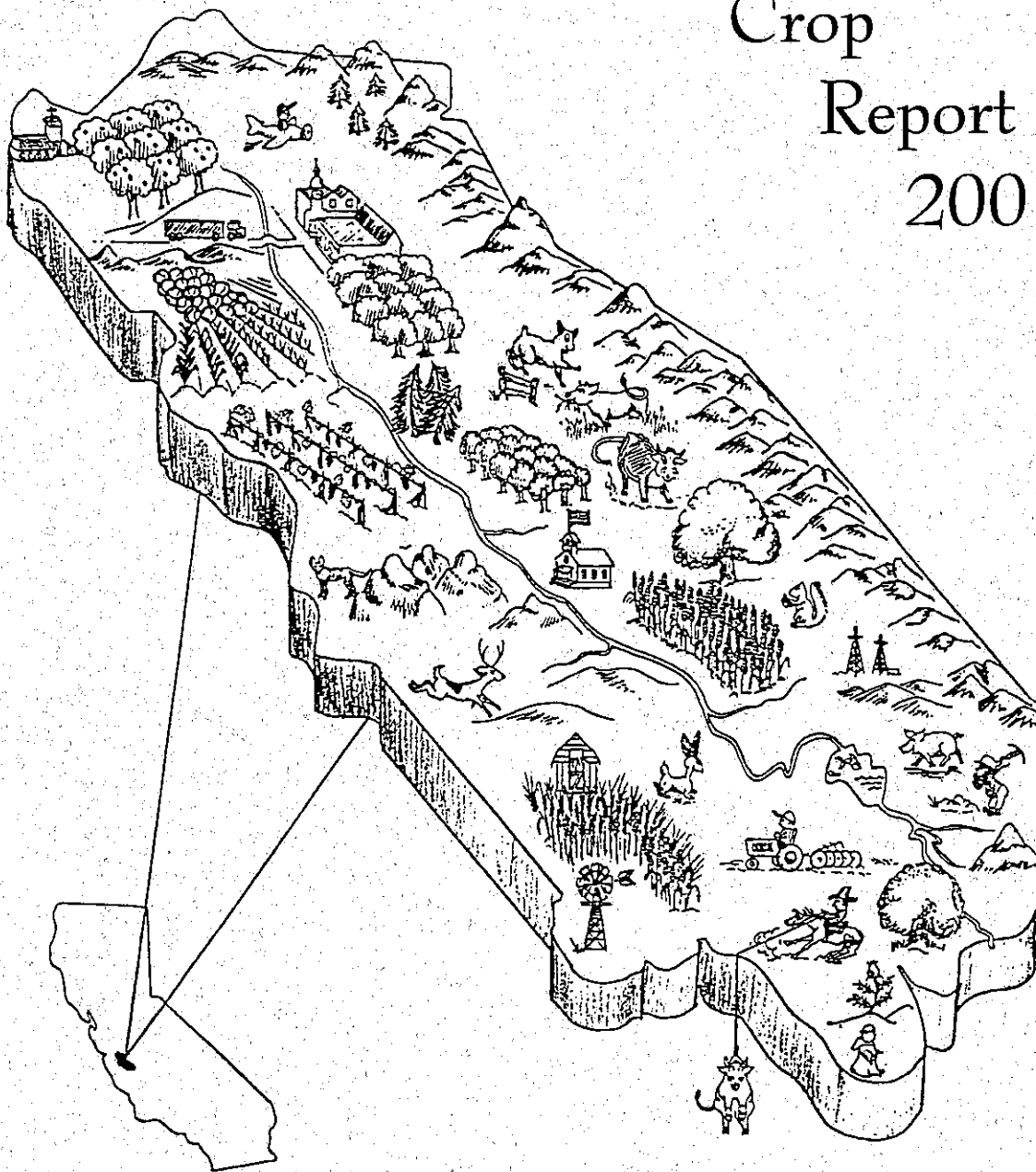


San Benito County

Annual Crop Report 2001





COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER and SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

May 30, 2002

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 2001 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 2001 gross value of \$208,718,000. This total is a slight decrease of less than 1% from the 2000 total.

The most significant change was Nursery Stock moved to the #1 crop in the County bringing in just over \$25 million, and the category of Other Livestock/Livestock & Poultry Products showed a substantial increase of 57% due mainly to an increase in both production and price of Milk and increased production of Turkey eggs.

San Benito County's 2001 agricultural income of nearly 209 million dollars again shows an important contribution to the county's 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 & Sally Boden who compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Tognazzini,
San Benito County
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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COMMODITY SUMMARY

Field Crops	2001	\$ 33,116,000
	2000	\$ 37,431,000
Vegetable and Row Crops	2001	\$110,896,000
	2000	\$115,186,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	2001	\$ 25,031,000
	2000	\$ 27,746,000
Cattle	2001	\$ 14,426,000
	2000	\$ 12,460,000
Other Livestock / Livestock & Poultry Products	2001	\$ 25,249,000
	2000	\$ 16,076,000
TOTALS	2001	\$208,718,000
	2000	\$208,899,000



CURRENT & PAST YEARS TOTALS

2001	\$208,718,000
2000	\$208,899,000
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

TOP 10 COMMODITIES / CATEGORIES

2001		2000	
NURSERY STOCK	\$ 25,207,000	BABY LETTUCE (salad)	\$ 32,711,000
LEAF LETTUCE (mixed)	\$ 17,702,000	NURSERY STOCK	\$ 28,428,000
GRAPES (wine)	\$ 15,856,000	GRAPES (wine)	\$ 18,071,000
BABY LETTUCE (salad)	\$ 15,418,000	LEAF LETTUCE (mixed)	\$ 14,534,000
PEPPERS (bell)	\$ 14,517,000	PEPPERS (bell)	\$ 13,972,000
HEAD LETTUCE (packed)	\$ 12,841,000	HEAD LETTUCE (packed)	\$ 12,934,000
MISC. VEG. & ROW CROPS	\$ 12,558,000	MISC. VEG. & ROW CROPS	\$ 8,714,000
PASTURE & STOCKERS	\$ 8,134,000	PASTURE & STOCKERS	\$ 6,696,000
ONIONS (dry bulb)	\$ 7,956,000	ONIONS (dry bulb)	\$ 5,921,000
CALVES	\$ 5,029,000	CALVES	\$ 4,590,000

FIELD CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	2001	405	5.98	2,422 tons	137	332,000
	2000	1,200	4.59	5,508 tons	105	578,000
Barley	2001	800	.83	664 tons	88	58,000
	2000	1,900	.99	1,862 tons	105	196,000
*Misc. Field Crops	2001	1,006				265,000
	2000	987				355,000
Grain Hay	2001	16,500	1.45	23,925 tons	63	1,507,000
	2000	18,000	1.27	22,860 tons	65	1,486,000
*Nursery Stock	2001	687				25,207,000
	2000	727				28,428,000
Pasture/Rangeland	2001	510,000		acres	8	4,080,000
	2000	510,000		acres	8	4,080,000
Permanent Pasture	2001	1,000		acres	300	300,000
	2000	1,000		acres	300	300,000
*Seed Crops	2001	424		acres	2,769	1,174,000
	2000	652		acres	2,725	1,777,000
Wheat	2001	1,500	1.38	2,070 tons	93	193,000
	2000	2,000	1.05	2,100 tons	110	231,000
TOTALS	2001					33,116,000
	2000					37,431,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Apples	2001	490	18.65	9,139 tons	214	1,956,000
	2000	505	14.72	7,434 tons	210	1,561,000
Apricots	2001	1,439	2.68	3,857 tons	387	1,493,000
	2000	1,700	4.79	8,143 tons	403	3,282,000
Cherries	2001	578	2.57	1,485 tons	1,512	2,245,000
	2000	509	1.29	657 tons	1,840	1,209,000
Grapes (wine)	2001	2,975	4.25	12,644 tons	1,254	15,856,000
	2000	2,563	4.33	11,100 tons	1,628	18,071,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	2001	94				1,301,000
	2000	140				1,748,000
Walnuts	2001	2,202	.782	1,722 tons	1,266	2,180,000
	2000	2,550	.634	1,616 tons	1,160	1,875,000
TOTALS	2001					25,031,000
	2000					27,746,000

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VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Beets (table)	2001	195	4.60	897 tons	599	537,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Broccoli	2001	1,250	5.36	6,700 tons	545	3,652,000
	2000	1,198	6.28	7,523 tons	598	4,499,000
Cabbage	2001	880	18.07	15,902 tons	177	2,815,000
	2000	590	25.05	14,780 tons	162	2,394,000
Carrots	2001	62	6.10	378 tons	1,754	663,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Cauliflower	2001	141	12.23	1,724 tons	409	705,000
	2000	110	10.01	1,101 tons	405	446,000
Celery	2001	363	35.77	12,985 tons	229	2,974,000
	2000	383	34.42	13,183 tons	342	4,509,000
Frisee	2001	389	8.72	3,392 tons	851	2,887,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	2001	3,383	6.84	23,140 tons	765	17,702,000
	2000	2,880	10.47	30,154 tons	482	14,534,000
**Baby Lettuce (salad)	2001	3,027	2.97	8,990 tons	1,715	15,418,000
	2000	6,682	2.34	15,636 tons	2,092	32,711,000
Head Lettuce (packed)	2001	2,709	18.81	50,956 tons	252	12,841,000
	2000	2,818	18.36	51,738 tons	250	12,934,000
Head Lettuce (bulk)	2001	1,227	15.34	18,822 tons	127	2,390,000
	2000	1,787	16.60	29,664 tons	148	4,390,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	2001	2,299				12,558,000
	2000	1,522				8,714,000
Onions (dry bulb)	2001	1,363	18.89	25,747 tons	309	7,956,000
	2000	1,270	19.59	24,879 tons	238	5,921,000

VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS (cont.)

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Peppers (bell)	2001	1,973	18.77	37,033 tons	392	14,517,000
	2000	2,053	17.23	35,373 tons	395	13,972,000
Peppers (chili)	2001	66	19.41	1,281 tons	326	418,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Pumpkins	2001	49	7.27	356 tons	264	94,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Radicchio	2001	640	3.67	2,349 tons	1,655	3,888,000
	2000	466	3.39	1,580 tons	1,262	1,994,000
Spinach	2001	996	3.57	3,556 tons	1,224	4,353,000
	2000	188	2.71	510 tons	1,014	517,000
Squash (summer)	2001	67	5.03	337 tons	718	242,000
	2000	187	17.14	3,206 tons	547	1,754,000
Squash (winter)	2001	114	7.62	869 tons	461	401,000
	2000	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Sweet Corn	2001	408	10.89	4,443 tons	337	1,497,000
	2000	448	10.40	4,659 tons	269	1,253,000
Tomatoes (canning)	2001	960	48.77	46,819 tons	51	2,388,000
	2000	1,166	54.77	63,862 tons	52	3,321,000
Tomatoes (market)	2001	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	2000	272	12.07	3,283 tons	403	1,323,000
TOTALS	2001				110,896,000	
	2000				115,186,000	

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** The significant differences in this category from the previous year was due in part to greater detail in reporting.

CATTLE

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	\$ TOTAL
All Cattle	2001	41,640			
	2000	44,101			
Calves	2001	10,780	51,320 cwt.	98.00	5,029,000
	2000	11,251	54,000 cwt.	85.00	4,590,000
Pasture and Stockers	2001	28,000	98,000 cwt.	83.00	8,134,000
	2000	30,000	93,000 cwt.	72.00	6,696,000
Cows	2001	2,700	29,700 cwt.	39.00	1,158,000
	2000	2,625	28,870 cwt.	36.00	1,039,000
Bulls	2001	160	2,240 cwt.	47.00	105,000
	2000	225	3,150 cwt.	43.00	135,000
TOTALS	2001				14,426,000
	2000				12,460,000

OTHER LIVESTOCK / LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	\$ TOTAL
*Misc. Livestock & Poultry Products	2001	(SEE MISC. LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS)			25,249,000
	2000				16,076,000
TOTALS	2001				25,249,000
	2000				16,076,000

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MISCELLANEOUS CROPS AND PRODUCTS

*Commodities in these categories are combined with other similar products because the number of producers of each commodity were less than three, or one producer is responsible for 60 percent or more of the product. This is to avoid disclosure of the business affairs of the firms involved.

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Artichokes	Asparagus	Beans, (green & string)	Bok Choy
Braising Mix	Broccolini	Burdock	Cantaloupe
Celery Roots	Chinese Cabbage	Cilantro	Collards
Corn, indian	Cucumber	Eggplant	Fennel
Garlic	Garlic greens	Gourds	Herbs
Kale	Kohl Rabi	Leeks	Melons
Micromix	Mizuna	Mushrooms	Mustard
Oriental Kale	Onions (green)	Parsley	Parsnips
Peas	Peas, snap	Potatoes	Pumpkins, mini
Radishes	Rucola	Rutabaga	Shallots
Tat Soi	Swiss Chard	Tomatoes, market	Turnips
Watermelons			

FIELD CROPS

Beets, Sugar	Forage Mix	Oats	Safflower
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FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Pears	Raspberries	Strawberries
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SEED CROPS

Flowers	Vegetable Crops	Vine Crops	Field Crops
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NURSERY STOCK

Flowers (cut, fresh)	Flowers (cut, dry)	Mushroom Spawn	Nursery Plants & Trees
Orchids	Raspberry Transplants	Turf	Vegetable Transplants

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs (turkey)	Hogs	Lambs	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 Weevil <u>Bangasternus orientalis</u> & <u>Eustenopus Villosus</u>	6 previous releases/ colonies now established 13 previous releases/ ongoing collection & relocation

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	4 sites

PEST DETECTION

There are up to 809 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has 42 organic growers, growing 44 different crops on approximately 3,684 acres.