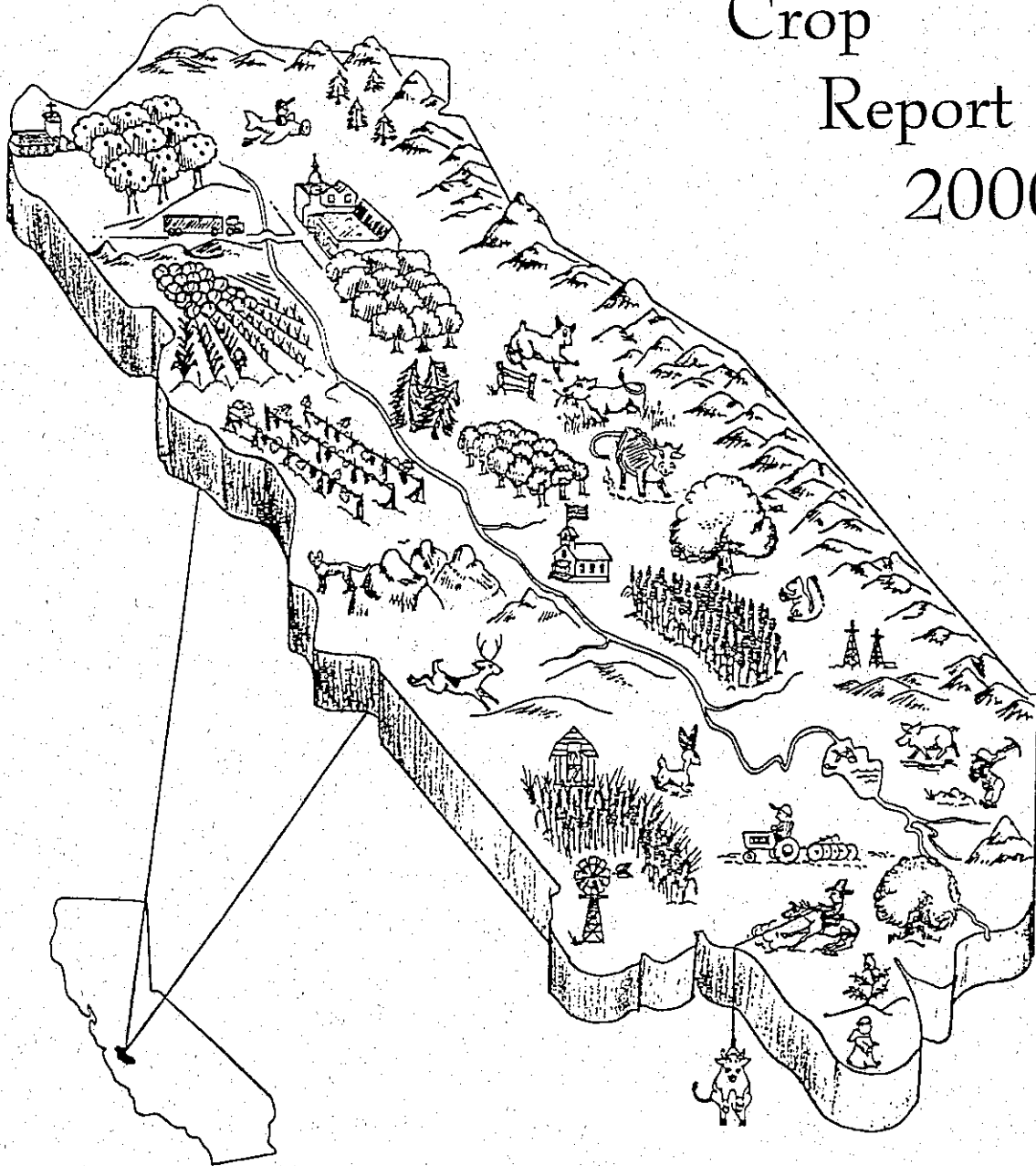


San Benito County

Annual Crop Report 2000





COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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May 18, 2001

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 2000 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 2000 gross value of \$208,899,000. This total is an increase of 16% over the 1999 total, which is a new county record high production.

The most significant change was Salad Products moved to the #1 crop in the County bringing in nearly \$33 million, and the category of Fruit and Nut Crops increased by 23% due mainly to an increase in prices. The general category of Vegetable and Row Crops also had an increase of 9%.

San Benito County's 2000 agricultural income of nearly 210 million dollars again shows the important contribution to the county 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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COMMODITY SUMMARY

Field Crops	2000	\$ 37,431,000
	1999	\$ 28,188,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	2000	\$115,186,000
	1999	\$105,330,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	2000	\$ 27,746,000
	1999	\$ 22,479,000
Livestock	2000	\$ 12,747,000
	1999	\$ 10,255,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	2000	\$ 15,789,000
	1999	\$ 13,596,000
TOTALS	2000	\$208,899,000
	1999	\$179,848,000



CURRENT & PAST YEARS TOTALS

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
1988	\$115,407,000
1987	\$111,082,000

FIELD CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	2000	1,200	4.59	5,508 tons	105	578,000
	1999	1,275	4.22	5,380 tons	90	484,000
Barley	2000	1,900	.99	1,862 tons	105	196,000
	1999	3,100	.97	3,007 tons	105	316,000
*Misc. Field Crops	2000	987				355,000
	1999	747				166,000
Grain Hay	2000	18,000	1.27	22,860 tons	65	1,486,000
	1999	17,000	1.48	25,160 tons	69	1,736,000
*Nursery Stock	2000	727				28,428,000
	1999	649				19,682,000
Pasture/Rangeland	2000	510,000		acres	8	4,080,000
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Permanent Pasture	2000	1,000		acres	300	300,000
	1999	1,000		acres	300	300,000
*Seed Crops	2000	652		acres	2,725	1,777,000
	1999	338		acres	3,690	1,247,000
Wheat	2000	2,000	1.05	2,100 tons	110	231,000
	1999	1,500	1.07	1,605 tons	110	177,000
TOTALS	2000					37,431,000
	1999					28,188,000

*SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Apples	2000	505	14.72	7,434 tons	210	1,561,000
	1999	525	19.19	10,074 tons	189	1,904,000
Apricots	2000	1,700	4.79	8,143 tons	403	3,282,000
	1999	1,750	2.63	4,603 tons	357	1,643,000
Cherries	2000	509	1.29	657 tons	1,840	1,209,000
	1999	479	3.77	1,806 tons	1,028	1,857,000
Grapes (Wine)	2000	2,563	4.33	11,100 tons	1,628	18,071,000
	1999	2,494	3.66	9,128 tons	1,474	13,455,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	2000	140				1,748,000
	1999	135				1,201,000
Walnuts	2000	2,550	.634	1,616 tons	1,160	1,875,000
	1999	2,775	.974	2,703 tons	895	2,419,000
TOTALS	2000					27,746,000
	1999					22,479,000

*SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Broccoli	2000	1,198	6.28	7,523 tons	598	4,499,000
	1999	1,479	5.44	8,045 tons	477	3,837,000
Cabbage	2000	590	25.05	14,780 tons	162	2,394,000
	1999	887	21.07	18,689 tons	182	3,401,000
Cauliflower	2000	110	10.01	1,101 tons	405	446,000
	1999	169	6.66	1,126 tons	677	762,000
Celery	2000	383	34.42	13,183 tons	342	4,509,000
	1999	511	34.04	17,394 tons	217	3,774,000
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	2000	2,880	10.47	30,154 tons	482	14,534,000
	1999	2,007	9.66	19,388 tons	440	8,531,000
Baby Lettuce (salad)	2000	6,682	2.34	15,636 tons	2,092	32,711,000
	1999	4,479	2.14	9,585 tons	1,889	18,106,000
Head Lettuce (packed)	2000	2,818	18.36	51,738 tons	250	12,934,000
	1999	4,206	18.51	77,853 tons	205	15,960,000
Head Lettuce (bulk)	2000	1,787	16.60	29,664 tons	148	4,390,000
	1999	1,860	17.18	31,955 tons	157	5,017,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	2000	1,522				8,714,000
	1999	1,774				7,015,000
Onions (dry bulb)	2000	1,270	19.59	24,879 tons	238	5,921,000
	1999	1,217	27.15	33,042 tons	240	7,930,000
Peppers (bell)	2000	2,053	17.23	35,373 tons	395	13,972,000
	1999	2,424	19.19	46,517 tons	424	19,723,000
Radicchio	2000	466	3.39	1,580 tons	1,262	1,994,000
	1999	522	4.71	2,459 tons	1,251	3,076,000
Spinach	2000	188	2.71	510 tons	1,014	517,000
	1999	1,411	2.58	3,640 tons	1,466	5,336,000

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Sweet Corn	2000	448	10.40	4,659 tons	269	1,253,000
	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Squash (summer)	2000	187	17.14	3,206 tons	547	1,754,000
	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Tomatoes (canning)	2000	1,166	54.77	63,862 tons	52	3,321,000
	1999	965	47.07	45,423 tons	63	2,862,000
Tomatoes (market)	2000	272	12.07	3,283 tons	403	1,323,000
	1999	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
TOTALS	2000					115,186,000
	1999					105,330,000

*SEE PAGE 10 FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

LIVESTOCK

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	\$ TOTAL
<u>ALL CATTLE:</u>	2000	44,101			
	1999	46,796			
Calves	2000	11,251	54,000 cwt.	85.00	4,590,000
	1999	10,146	47,730 cwt.	75.00	3,580,000
Pasture and Stockers	2000	30,000	93,000 cwt.	72.00	6,696,000
	1999	35,000	80,000 cwt.	67.00	5,360,000
Cows	2000	2,625	28,870 cwt.	36.00	1,039,000
	1999	2,400	26,400 cwt.	35.00	924,000
Bulls	2000	225	3,150 cwt.	43.00	135,000
	1999	250	3,500 cwt.	42.00	147,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK:</u>					
Hogs	2000	1,200	1,200 cwt.	44.00	53,000
	1999	400	800 cwt.	35.00	28,000
Lambs	2000	3,000	3,000 cwt.	78.00	234,000
	1999	2,800	2,800 cwt.	77.00	216,000
TOTALS	2000				12,747,000
	1999				10,255,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

		P R O D U C T I O N		V A L U E	
		Units		\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Milk (market)	2000 1999	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) (SEE MISC. PRODUCTS)			
Eggs (Chicken & Turkey)	1999 2000	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) (SEE MISC. PRODUCTS)			
Wool	2000 1999	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) (SEE MISC. PRODUCTS)			
		# of Head	Total Units	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Turkeys	2000 1999	(SEE MISC. PRODUCTS) (SEE MISC. PRODUCTS)			
TOTALS	2000 1999				15,789,000 13,596,000

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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	Asparagus	Beans	Beets
Bok Choy	Braising Mix	Burdock	Carrots
Cantaloupe	Celery Roots	Chinese Cabbage	Cilantro
Collards	Eggplant	Endive	Fennel
Frissee	Kale	Kohl Rabi	Leeks
Melons	Mushrooms	Mustard	Peas
Oriental Kale	Napa (Chinese Cabbage)	Onions (green)	Parsley
Parsnips	Peppers (Chili)	Potatoes	Radishes
Romaine Hearts	Shallots	Surchokes	Swiss Chard
Summer Squash	Tomatillo	Turnips	Watermelons
Winter Squash			

FIELD CROPS

Beets, Sugar	Corn Silage	Pumpkins	Safflower	Forage Mix
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FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Pears (Asian)	Pears (Bosc)	Prunes	Raspberries	Strawberries
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SEED CROPS

Flowers	Vegetable Crops	Vine Crops	Field Crops
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NURSERY STOCK

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

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

Eggs (turkey)	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 releases 13 releases
	Flower Weevile <u>Larinus Curtus</u>	1 release
	Gall Fly <u>Urophora Sirunaseva</u>	2 releases

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	3 sites

PEST DETECTION

There are up to 774 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

ORGANIC FARM STATISTICS

The county has 38 organic growers, growing 44 different crops on a total of 3,881 acres.