



San Benito County
ANNUAL CROP REPORT
2004





COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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A.J. Kawamura, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture,
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Benito County, and
Susan Lyons, Acting County Administrative Officer

It is my pleasure to submit the 2004 Crop Report for San Benito County. This report is produced in accordance with Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, which indicates agricultural and livestock production values.

Agriculture continues to be the county's major producing industry with a 2004 gross value of \$266,007,000. This is an increase of more than 11% from the 2003 total.

Lettuce for salad made it as the county's top crop for the year, bringing in more than 48 million dollars. This is an increase of over 22 million from 2003 and was due to a production increase of nearly 1500 acres. Nursery Stock ran a distant second with over 26 million, up slightly from the previous year.

San Benito County's 2004 agricultural income of nearly \$266 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 Sally Boden who compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Matulich
San Benito County
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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Commodity Summary

Field Crops	2004	\$34,707,000
	2003	\$41,344,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	2004	\$25,599,000
	2003	\$28,637,000
Vegetable and Row Crops	2004	\$183,164,000
	2003	\$148,597,000
Cattle	2004	\$13,448,000
	2003	\$11,441,000
Other Livestock/ Livestock & Poultry Products	2004	\$9,089,000
	2003	\$8,748,000
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TOTALS	2004	\$266,007,000
	2003	\$238,767,000

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Current & Past Years Totals

2004	\$266,007,000
2003	\$238,767,000
2002	\$214,841,000
2001	\$201,580,000
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

Top 10 Commodities / Categories

2004		2003	
Baby Lettuce (salad)	\$48,293,000	Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	\$30,039,000
Nursery Stock	\$26,449,000	Nursery Stock	\$29,792,000
Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	\$22,515,000	Baby Lettuce (salad)	\$25,645,000
Peppers (bell)	\$20,705,000	Grapes (wine)	\$21,827,000
Grapes (wine)	\$18,917,000	Peppers (bell)	\$18,144,000
Spinach	\$14,647,000	Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	\$15,613,000
Lettuce, leaf (mixed)	\$13,974,000	Head Lettuce (packed)	\$12,529,000
Onion (dry bulb)	\$11,473,000	Onions (dry bulb)	\$11,743,000
Lettuce, Romaine	\$10,307,000	Spinach	\$10,392,000
Mustard	\$10,069,000	Pasture & Stockers	\$6,221,000

Field Crops

		<u><i>Production</i></u>			<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	2004	269	4.00	1,076 tons	130	\$140,000
	2003	445	6.75	3,004 tons	100	\$300,000
Barley	2004	550	0.63	347 tons	110	\$38,000
	2003	1,380	1.44	1,987 tons	105	\$209,000
*Misc. Field Crops	2004	1,350				\$340,000
	2003	630				\$412,000
Grain Hay	2004	13,146	1.60	21,034 tons	89	\$1,872,000
	2003	15,270	2.38	36,343 tons	86	\$3,125,000
*Nursery Stock	2004	628				\$26,449,000
	2003	662				\$29,792,000
Pasture/Rangeland	2004	510,000		acres	9	\$4,590,000
	2003	510,000		acres	8	\$4,080,000
Permanent Pasture	2004	1,000		acres	300	\$300,000
	2003	1,000		acres	300	\$300,000
*Seed Crops	2004	240		acres	3,296	\$791,000
	2003	608		acres	4,834	\$2,939,000
Wheat	2004	1,000	1.29	1,548 tons	121	\$187,000
	2003	1,000	1.56	1,560 tons	120	\$187,000
TOTALS	2004					\$34,707,000
	2003					\$41,344,000

*See page 10 for specific list

Vegetable and Row Crops

		<u><i>Production</i></u>			<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Beets (table)	2004	291	3.78	1,100 tons	1,075	\$1,183,000
	2003	178	2.64	470 tons	1,029	\$484,000
Broccoli	2004	667	9.00	6,003 tons	686	\$4,118,000
	2003	820	7.00	5,740 tons	644	\$3,697,000
Cabbage	2004	(See Misc. Crops)				
	2003	665	21.51	14,304 tons	272	\$3,891,000
Cauliflower	2004	118	10.12	1,194 tons	577	\$689,000
	2003	192	8.77	1,684 tons	697	\$1,174,000
Celery	2004	542	38.19	20,699 tons	302	\$6,251,000
	2003	464	37.44	17,372 tons	280	\$4,864,000
Lettuce, iceberg (bulk)	2004	(Incl. in Lettuce, iceberg-packed)				
	2003	999	16.20	16,184 tons	139	\$2,250,000
Lettuce, iceberg (packed)	2004	2,048	18.60	38,093 tons	200	\$7,619,000
	2003	1,494	23.23	34,706 tons	361	\$12,529,000
Lettuce, leaf (mixed)	2004	2,191	14.73	32,273 tons	433	\$13,974,000
	2003	4,679	10.70	50,065 tons	600	\$30,039,000
Lettuce, romaine	2004	2,469	10.20	25,184 tons	409	\$10,307,000
	2003	(Incl. in Lettuce, leaf-mixed)				
Lettuce, salad	2004	5,074	2.40	12,178 tons	3,966	\$48,293,000
	2003	3,588	2.66	9,544 tons	2,687	\$25,645,000
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	2004	3,471				\$22,515,000
	2003	2,749				\$15,613,000
Mustard	2004	2,089	1.73	3,614 tons	2,786	\$10,069,000
	2003	(See Misc. Crops)				

Vegetable and Row Crops (cont.)

		<u><i>Production</i></u>			<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Onions (dry bulb)	2004	1,490	24.60	36,654 tons	313	\$11,473,000
	2003	1,653	23.92	39,540 tons	297	\$11,743,000
Peppers (bell)	2004	1,833	20.23	37,086 tons	558	\$20,705,000
	2003	1,785	21.72	38,770 tons	468	\$18,144,000
Pumpkins	2004	(See Misc. Crops)				
	2003	101	9.91	1,001 tons	324	\$324,000
Radicchio	2004	323	5.79	1,870 tons	2,225	\$4,161,000
	2003	304	4.72	1,435 tons	1,550	\$2,224,000
Spinach	2004	2,339	2.70	6,315 tons	2,319	\$14,647,000
	2003	1,678	3.16	5,302 tons	1,960	\$10,392,000
Squash (summer)	2004	128	8.35	1,069 tons	728	\$778,000
	2003	52	5.53	288 tons	663	\$191,000
Squash (winter)	2004	53	9.09	482 tons	718	\$346,000
	2003	121	5.07	613 tons	785	\$481,000
Sweet Corn	2004	(See Misc. Crops)				
	2003	475	8.67	4,118 tons	431	\$1,775,000
Tomatoes (canning)	2004	1,053	51.88	54,630 tons	49	\$2,677,000
	2003	1,330	48.13	64,013 tons	49	\$3,137,000
Tomatoes (market)	2004	405	11.81	4,478 tons	702	\$3,359,000
	2003	(See Misc. Crops)				
TOTALS	2004				\$183,164,000	
	2003				\$148,597,000	

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Fruit and Nut Crops

		<u><i>Production</i></u>			<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Apples	2004	490	14.05	6,885 tons	218	\$1,501,000
	2003	490	17.4	8,526 tons	212	\$1,808,000
Apricots	2004	1,222	3.35	4,094 tons	287	\$1,175,000
	2003	1,262	1.04	1,312 tons	259	\$340,000
Cherries	2004	513	2.03	1,041 tons	1,157	\$1,204,000
	2003	605	1.74	1,053 tons	1,240	\$1,306,000
Grapes (wine)	2004	3,636	3.32	12,072 tons	1,567	\$18,917,000
	2003	3,163	4.57	14,455 tons	1,510	\$21,827,000
*Misc.Fruits & Nuts	2004	116				\$1,000,000
	2003	145				\$1,692,000
Walnuts	2004	1,915	0.638	1,222 tons	1,475	\$1,802,000
	2003	1,915	0.672	1,287 tons	1,293	\$1,664,000
TOTALS	2004					\$25,599,000
	2003					\$28,637,000

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Cattle

		<u><i>Production</i></u>		<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		# of Head	Total Cwt	\$ per Cwt	\$ Total
All Cattle	2004	47,800			
	2003	39,464			
Calves	2004	8,496	47,068 cwt.	107.00	\$5,036,000
	2003	11,038	52,099 cwt.	87.00	\$4,533,000
Pasture and Stockers	2004	28,000	77,560 cwt.	87.00	\$6,748,000
	2003	27,000	77,760 cwt.	80.00	\$6,221,000
Cows	2004	3,000	33,000 cwt.	45.00	\$1,485,000
	2003	1,226	13,486 cwt.	41.00	\$553,000
Bulls	2004	250	3,500 cwt.	51.00	\$179,000
	2003	200	2,800 cwt.	48.00	\$134,000
TOTALS	2004				\$13,448,000
	2003				\$11,441,000

Other Livestock / Livestock & Poultry Products

		<u><i>Production</i></u>		<u><i>Value</i></u>	
		# of Head	Total Cwt	\$ per Cwt	\$ Total
*Misc.Livestock & Poultry Products	2004				\$9,089,000
	2003				\$8,748,000
TOTALS	2004				\$9,089,000
	2003				\$8,748,000

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2004 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

Amaranth	Artichokes	Arugula	Asian Greens
Asparagus	Beans (green,string & fava)	Bok Choy	Burdock
Cabbage	Cantaloupe	Carrots	Celery Root
Chard	Chinese Cabbage	Chinese Greens	Cilantro
Collards	Corn, Ornamental	Corn, Sweet	Cucumber
Endive	Escarole	Fennel	Flowers, edible
Frisee	Garlic	Garlic, green	Gourds
Herbs	Kabocha	Kale	Kohlrabi
Leafy Greens	Leeks	Melons	Micromix
Mushrooms	Onions, green	Oriental Kale	Parsley
Parsnips	Peas	Peas, snap	Peppergrass
Peppers, chili	Potatoes	Rabes	Radishes
Rapini	Root Vegetables	Rutabaga	Shallots
Watermelons			

Field Crops

Forage Mix	Honey & Pollination	Safflower
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Fruit & Nut Crops

Kiwi	Lemons	Olives	Peaches
Persimmons	Plums	Raspberries	Strawberries

Seed Crops

Flowers	Vegetable Crops	Vine Crops	Field Crops
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Nursery Stock

Cut Flowers (dry & fresh)	Mushroom Spawn	Nursery Plants & Trees	Raspberry Transplants
Turf	Vegetable Transplants	Christmas Trees	

Livestock & Poultry Products

Eggs (turkey)	Hogs	Lambs	Milk (market)
Turkeys	Wool		

Sustainable Agricultural Report

Biological Control

<u>PEST</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>SCOPE OF PROGRAM</u>
Yellow Starthistle <u>Centaurea solstitialis</u>	Rust Fungus <u>Puccinia jaceae var. solstitialis</u> & Hairy Weevil <u>Eustenopus Villosus</u>	3 releases 16 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	3 sites

Pest Detection

There are up to 815 pest detection traps placed throughout the county.

Organic Farm Statistics

The county has approximately 30 organic growers, growing 50 different crops on 4,000 acres.

Notes