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## A N N U A L C R O P R E P O R T

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year Ending December 31, 1979

Richard E. Rominger, Director  
State Department of Food & Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
San Benito County:

Gentlemen:


In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Food and Agriculture Code of the State of California, I hereby submit a report of the acreage, production and gross value of agricultural crops of San Benito County for the calendar year 1979.

Although vegetable and row crops, which account for 38% of our gross revenue were down by 15%, our total income grew by about 6 million dollars. This was primarily due to our livestock industry recovery from severe drought conditions of several years ago, and some of the highest ever reported beef prices.

Once again I would like to stress that these figures are for Gross Income only, not Net Profit to the grower.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many growers and handlers of agricultural products and personnel of other government agencies for their assistance in obtaining these figures, without their help this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John H. Edmondson  
Agricultural Commissioner  
San Benito County

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VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS	1979	32,166,000.00
	1978	37,082,000.00
FRUIT and NUT CROPS	1979	21,283,000.00
	1978	18,609,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1979	14,935,500.00
	1978	7,907,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1979	13,385,000.00
	1978	11,610,000.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1979	3,842,500.00
	1978	3,549,000.00
POULTRY	1979	296,000.00
	1978	931,000.00
*GROSS TOTAL	1979	85,908,000.00
	1978	79,688,000.00

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1970	32,324,000.00
1971	35,973,200.00
1972	36,058,000.00
1973	55,751,000.00
1974	57,647,000.00
1975	59,217,000.00
1976	50,698,000.00
1977 (Revised)	64,568,000.00
1978	79,688,000.00
1979	85,908,000.00

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			VALUE PER			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1979	660	.4	264	tons	1,358.00	359,000.00
	1978	660	.80	530	tons	800.00	424,000.00
Beans (Fresh)	1979	150	2.3	350	tons	175.00	61,000.00
	1978	160	4.6	740	tons	180.00	133,000.00
Broccoli	1979	375	2.2	825	tons	380.00	314,000.00
	1978	350	3.4	1,190	tons	380.00	452,000.00
Carrots	1979	(Misc. Crop)					
	1978	120	17.5	2,100	tons	156.00	328,000.00
Cauliflower	1979	510	4.9	2,500	tons	442.00	1,105,000.00
	1978	370	2.9	1,070	tons	360.00	385,000.00
Celery	1979	107	25.0	2,675	tons	118.00	316,000.00
	1978	(Misc. Crop)					
Cucumbers	1979	100	16.9	1,690	tons	130.00	220,000.00
	1978	30	22.5	675	tons	330.00	223,000.00
Garlic	1979	1,000	6.5	6,500	tons	460.00	2,990,000.00
	1978	1,100	5.7	6,300	tons	520.00	3,276,000.00
Lettuce	1979	3,575	13.9	49,700	tons	147.00	7,304,000.00
	1978	3,700	14.3	52,710	tons	212.00	11,175,000.00
*Misc. Crops	1979	1,180					3,830,000.00
	1978	300					585,000.00
Onions	1979	1,075	18.9	20,400	tons	111.00	2,264,000.00
	1978	1,200	22.2	26,640	tons	140.00	3,730,000.00
Peppers (Bell)	1979	1,242	9.5	11,800	tons	263.00	3,103,000.00
	1978	1,200	10.7	12,840	tons	371.00	4,764,000.00
Potatoes	1979	(Misc. Crop)					
	1978	250	16.5	4,125	tons	86.00	355,000.00
Tomatoes (Canning)	1979	6,510	27.9	181,630	tons	56.70	10,300,000.00
	1978	6,800	27.9	190,000	tons	54.50	10,355,000.00
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	1979	(Misc. Crop)					
	1978	130	15.0	1,950	tons	460.00	897,000.00
TOTALS	1979						32,166,000.00
	1978						37,082,000.00

\*MISC. CROPS INCLUDES: - Annis, Boc Choy, Brussel Sprouts, Cardoon, Carrots, Chili Peppers, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Market Tomatoes, Mixed Lettuce, Mustard, Peas, Potatoes, Snap Beans, Sweet Corn and Turnip Greens

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	<u>PRODUCTION</u> HARVESTED PER			<u>VALUE</u> PER		
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1979	370	15.8	5,850	tons	183.00	1,070,000.00
	1978	370	15.1	5,600	tons	182.00	1,019,000.00
Apricots	1979	2,549	7.0	17,840	tons	286.00	5,102,000.00
	1978	2,590	5.2	13,500	tons	262.00	3,537,000.00
Cherries	1979	300	2.3	690	tons	781.00	539,000.00
	1978	300	.70	210	tons	1,640.00	344,000.00
Grapes (Wine)	1979	4,537	4.1	18,600	tons	448.00	8,333,000.00
	1978	4,580	2.9	13,300	tons	450.00	5,985,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1979	630	7.1	4,470	tons	165.00	738,000.00
	1978	630	4.6	2,900	tons	182.00	528,000.00
Pears (Fall and Winter)	1979	204	7.6	1,550	tons	225.00	349,000.00
	1978	204	6.6	1,350	tons	300.00	405,000.00
Prunes	1979	820	1.8	1,480	tons	720.00	1,066,000.00
	1978	826	1.1	910	tons	500.00	455,000.00
Walnuts	1979	4,086	1.0	4,086	tons	1,000.00	4,086,000.00
	1978	4,110	1.07	4,400	tons	1,440.00	6,336,000.00
TOTALS	1979						21,283,000.00
	1978						18,609,000.00

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. of HEAD	TOTAL UNITS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1979	61,200				14,609,000.00
	1978	48,700				7,289,000.00
*Calves	1979	10,000	49,500	cwt.	75.00	3,710,000.00*
	1978	4,500	22,800	cwt.	52.00	1,190,000.00*
*Yearlings	1979	3,000	21,000	cwt.	75.00	1,580,000.00*
	1978		(None)			-0-
*Pasture and Stockers	1979	45,000	101,000	cwt.	75.00	7,580,000.00*
	1978	42,500	106,000	cwt.	51.00	5,400,000.00*
*Cows	1979	3,000	33,000	cwt.	47.00	1,550,000.00*
	1978	1,500	16,500	cwt.	34.00	561,000.00*
*Bulls	1979	200	3,000	cwt.	63.00	189,000.00*
	1978	200	3,000	cwt.	46.00	138,000.00*
Hogs	1979	300	750	cwt.	46.00	34,500.00
	1978	400	1,000	cwt.	48.00	48,000.00
Lambs	1979	5,000	4,500	cwt.	65.00	292,000.00
	1978	10,000	9,500	cwt.	60.00	570,000.00
TOTALS	1979					14,935,500.00
	1978					7,907,000.00

\*Do Not Include These Figures In Total

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			VALUE PER			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1979	2,200	5.9	13,000	tons	87.00	1,131,000.00
	1978	2,300	6.5	14,950	tons	68.00	1,017,000.00
Barley	1979	9,000	1.4	12,600	tons	100.00	1,260,000.00
	1978	7,500	1.3	9,750	tons	90.00	878,000.00
Corn Silage	1979	1,500	24.8	37,200	tons	13.00	484,000.00
	1978	1,600	22.5	36,000	tons	12.00	432,000.00
Cotton	1979	990	.50	495	tons	1,360.00	673,000.00
	1978	1,132	.20	226	tons	1,300.00	294,000.00
***Misc. Field Crops	1979	1,105					233,000.00
	1978	950					415,000.00
Grain/Hay	1979	21,000	1.2	25,200	tons	60.00	1,512,000.00
	1978	20,000	1.2	24,000	tons	40.00	960,000.00
*Nursery Stock	1979	290					2,740,000.00
	1978	320					2,985,000.00
Green Chop (Alfalfa/Oats)	1979	1,100	13.0	14,300	tons	12.00	172,000.00
	1978	1,050	15.9	16,700	tons	11.00	184,000.00
Pasture and Range	1979	508,000			acres	5.00	2,540,000.00
	1978	508,000			acres	5.00	2,540,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1979	500			acres	165.00	82,000.00
	1978	500			acres	160.00	80,000.00
**Seed Crops	1979	650			acres	871.00	566,000.00
	1978	1,000			acres	550.00	550,000.00
Sugar Beets	1979	2,931	24.5	71,800	tons	27.00	1,939,000.00
	1978	1,900	25.6	48,700	tons	25.00	1,218,000.00
Wheat	1979	400	1.1	440	tons	120.00	53,000.00
	1978	500	1.2	600	tons	95.00	57,000.00
TOTALS	1979						13,385,000.00
	1978						11,610,000.00

\*NURSERY STOCK INCLUDES: - Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers

\*\*SEED CROPS INCLUDES: - Alfalfa, Beans, Pea, Cauliflower, Peppers Tomatoes, Squash and Misc. Flowers

\*\*\*MISC. FIELD CROPS INCLUDES: - Safflower, Crazy Corn, Ornamental Corn and Ornamental Gourds



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Milk/Market	1979	151,000	cwt.	11.46	1,730,000.00
	1978	129,000	cwt.	10.35	1,335,000.00
Milk/Manufacturing	1979	1,800	cwt.	10.60	19,000.00
	1978	44,000	cwt.	8.56	377,000.00
Eggs/Chickens and Turkeys	1979	3,370,000	doz.	.61	2,056,000.00
	1978	2,990,000	doz.	.59	1,764,000.00
Wool	1979	50,000	lbs.	.75	37,500.00
	1978	100,000	lbs.	.73	73,000.00
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TOTALS	1979				3,842,500.00
	1978				3,549,000.00

POULTRY

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NO. of HEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Chickens	1979	55,000		head	.40	22,000.00
	1978	44,000		head	.34	15,000.00
Turkeys	1979	29,000	652,000	lbs.	.42	274,000.00
	1978	90,000	2,036,000	lbs.	.45	916,000.00
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TOTALS	1979					296,000.00
	1978					931,000.00