

# *San Benito County*

## Annual Crop Report

1998





# COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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June 1, 1999

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 1998 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 1998 gross value of \$160,647,000. This total is a decrease of almost 3% from the 1997 total.

The most significant changes occurred first in wine grape production, which was down 36.4% reflecting the impact of El Niño. The remaining fruit and nut crops decreased 27.8% from 1997. Livestock products and vegetable and row crops increased a total of 3.4% over 1997 totals.

San Benito County's 1998 agricultural income in excess of 160 million dollars again shows the important contribution to the county economic base and the quality of life of it's residents.

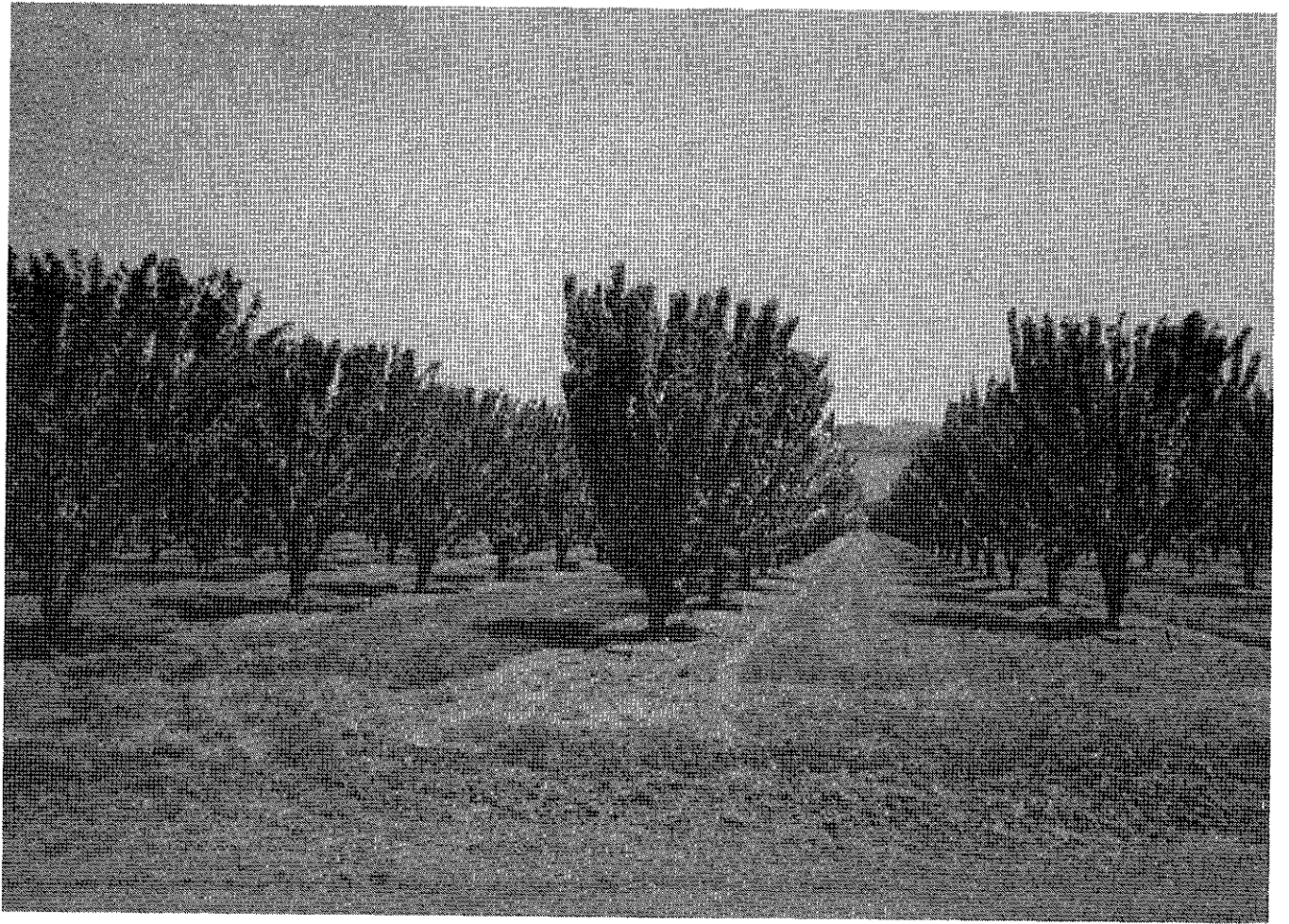
Please bear in mind that these figures are for gross income only, and not net profit to the grower. In some cases, crops are actually produced at a loss.

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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# **SAN BENITO COUNTY**

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Richard Place	District 2
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Ronald Rodrigues	District 4
Robert Cruz	District 5

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Lee Collins

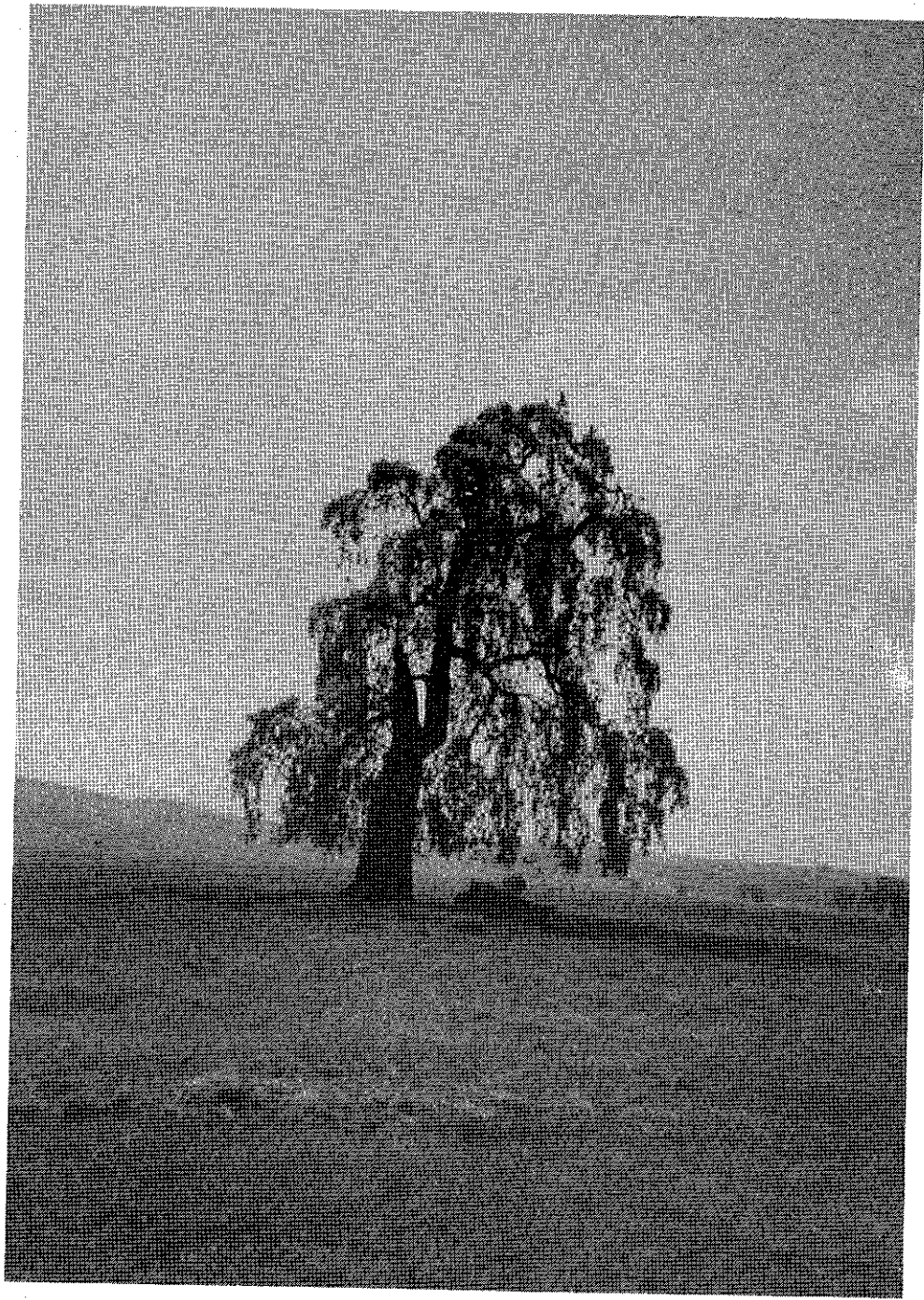
## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/ SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Mark A. Tognazzini	Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures
Paul J. Matulich	Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/ Deputy Sealer of Weights & Measures
Gordon McClelland	Senior Agricultural Biologist/Inspector
Ronald Ross	Senior Agricultural Biologist/Inspector
Sally McCain	Agricultural Biologist/Inspector
Mary Bornholdt	Secretary
Liz Pearson	Typist Clerk
Linda Roma	Pest Detection Trapper
Joseph Spencer	Produce Inspector
Maria Sandstrom	Produce Inspector

## TOP 10 COMMODITIES

	1998		1997
NURSERY STOCK	\$16,985,000	GRAPES (Wine)	\$16,288,000
LETTUCE (Head)	\$15,693,000	LETTUCE (Head)	\$15,995,000
PEPPERS (Bell)	\$15,496,000	LETTUCE (Salad)	\$15,838,000
LETTUCE (Salad)	\$13,203,000	NURSERY STOCK	\$15,668,000
GRAPES (Wine)	\$10,359,000	PEPPERS (Bell)	\$12,303,000
EGGS	\$ 9,797,000	LETTUCE (Leaf)	\$ 7,569,000
MISC. CROPS	\$ 7,814,000	EGGS	\$ 7,548,000
LETTUCE (Leaf)	\$ 7,702,000	BROCCOLI	\$ 6,813,000
LIVESTOCK (Pasture & Stockers)	\$ 6,961,000	ONIONS (Dry)	\$ 5,922,000
LETTUCE (Bulk)	\$ 6,607,000	LIVESTOCK (Pasture & Stockers)	\$ 5,040,000





## COMMODITY SUMMARY

Field Crops	1998	\$ 25,424,000
	1997	\$ 26,268,000
Vegetables and Row Crops	1998	\$ 93,834,000
	1997	\$ 92,284,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1998	\$ 17,046,000
	1997	\$ 25,561,000
Livestock	1998	\$ 11,586,000
	1997	\$ 9,922,000
Livestock Products	1998	\$ 12,137,000
	1997	\$ 10,127,000
Poultry	1998	\$ 620,000
	1997	\$ 630,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>\$160,647,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>	<b>\$164,792,000</b>

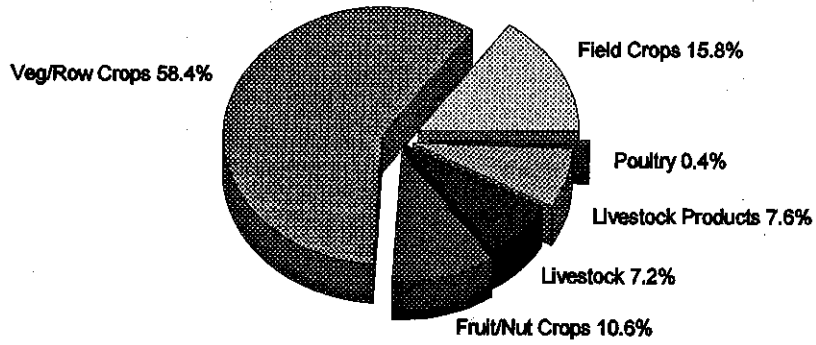


## CURRENT & PAST YEARS TOTALS

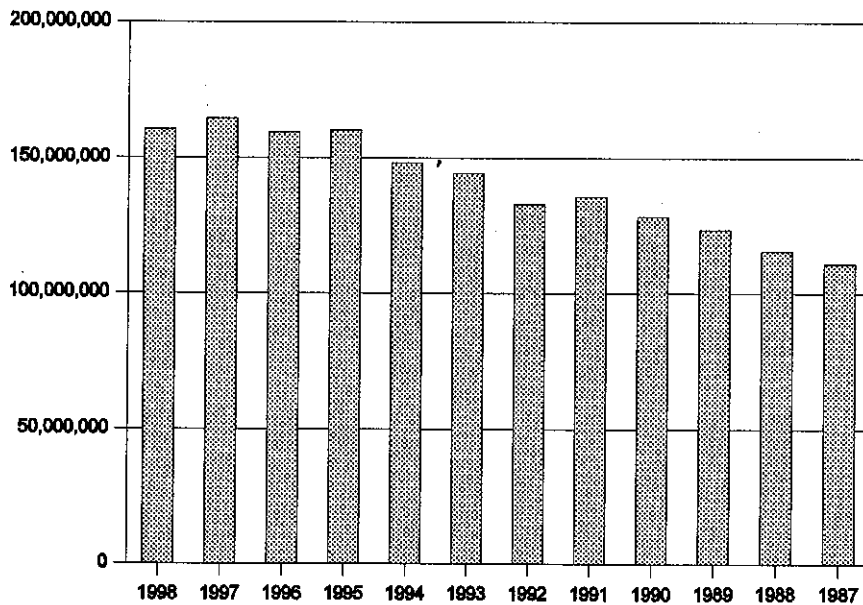
1998	\$160,647,000
1997	\$164,792,000
1996	\$159,899,000
1995	\$160,474,000
1994	\$148,290,000
1993	\$144,420,000
1992	\$132,714,000
1991	\$135,652,000
1990	\$128,359,000
1989	\$123,412,000
1988	\$115,407,000
1987	\$111,082,000

# 1998 COMMODITY SUMMARY

Total Value \$160,647,000



## CURRENT & PAST YEARS





# FIELD CROPS

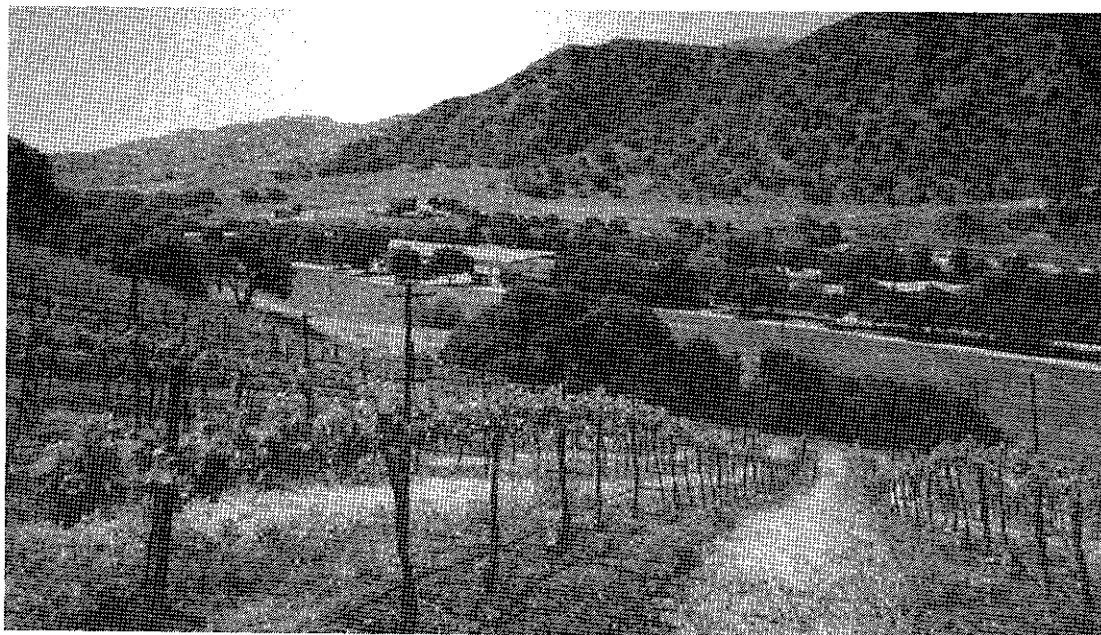
		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Alfalfa	1998	1,500	3.11	4,665 tons	120	560,000
	1997	1,500	5.95	8,925 tons	122	1,089,000
Barley	1998	3,500	.79	2,765 tons	100	227,000
	1997	5,000	.77	3,850 tons	129	497,000
*Misc. Field Crops	1998	1,064				326,000
	1997	2,086				1,260,000
Grain Hay	1998	17,000	1.69	28,730 tons	60	1,724,000
	1997	16,500	1.24	20,460 tons	70	1,432,000
*Nursery Stock	1998	580				16,985,000
	1997	515				15,668,000
Pasture/Rangeland	1998	510,000			8	4,080,000
	1997	510,500			8	4,084,000
Permanent Pasture	1998	1,000			300	300,000
	1997	1,200			275	330,000
*Seed Crops	1998	348			2,700	940,000
	1997	388			3,030	1,176,000
Wheat	1998	2,000	1.01	2,020 tons	115	232,000
	1997	3,000	1.78	5,340 tons	137	732,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1997</b>					<b>25,424,000</b>
	<b>1996</b>					<b>25,445,000</b>

\*SEE MISCELLANEOUS CROPS FOR SPECIFIC LISTS.

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Apples	1998	525	12.28	6,447 tons	207	1,335,000
	1997	548	14.39	7,886 tons	231	1,822,000
Apricots	1998	1,775	2.52	4,473 tons	335	1,498,000
	1997	1,895	4.04	7,656 tons	348	2,664,000
Cherries	1998	495	1.88	930 tons	1,007	937,000
	1997	505	.41	207 tons	2,743	568,000
Grapes (Wine)	1998	2,255	3.19	7,194 tons	1,440	10,359,000
	1997	2,125	5.55	11,794 tons	1,381	16,288,000
*Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1998	148				1,361,000
	1997	160				696,000
Walnuts	1998	3,125	.498	1,556 tons	1,000	1,556,000
	1997	3,875	.579	2,244 tons	1,570	3,523,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>					<b>17,046,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>					<b>25,561,000</b>

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# VEGETABLE AND ROW CROPS

		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Broccoli	1998	1,490	5.54	8,255 tons	369	3,046,000
	1997	2,725	4.99	13,598 tons	501	6,813,000
Cabbage	1998	909	18.77	17,062 tons	195	3,327,000
	1997	770	22.64	17,433 tons	180	3,138,000
Cauliflower	1998	166	7.77	1,290 tons	601	775,000
	1997	198	7.44	1,473 tons	491	723,000
Celery	1998	509	32.48	16,532 tons	214	3,538,000
	1997	507	31.89	16,169 tons	215	3,476,000
Cucumbers	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1997	850	12.69	10,787 tons	160	1,726,000
Garlic	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1997	227	7.34	1,666 tons	1,988	3,312,000
Leaf Lettuce (mixed)	1998	2,002	8.31	16,636 tons	463	7,702,000
	1997	1,944	9.52	18,507 tons	409	7,569,000
Baby Lettuce (salad)	1998	3,598	1.73	6,225 tons	2,121	13,203,000
	1997	3,020	1.67	5,044 tons	3,140	15,838,000
Head Lettuce (packed)	1998	3,257	17.27	56,248 tons	279	15,693,000
	1997	4,808	19.01	91,400 tons	175	15,995,000
Head Lettuce (bulk)	1998	2,477	15.33	37,972 tons	174	6,607,000
	1997	(Combined with packed lettuce)				
*Misc. Veg. & Row Crops	1998	1,825				7,815,000
	1997	1,015				3,893,000
Onions (dry bulb)	1998	1,191	20.51	24,427 tons	262	6,400,000
	1997	1,267	21.44	27,165 tons	218	5,922,000
Peppers (bell)	1998	2,211	18.11	40,041 tons	387	15,496,000
	1997	2,299	18.91	43,474 tons	283	12,303,000

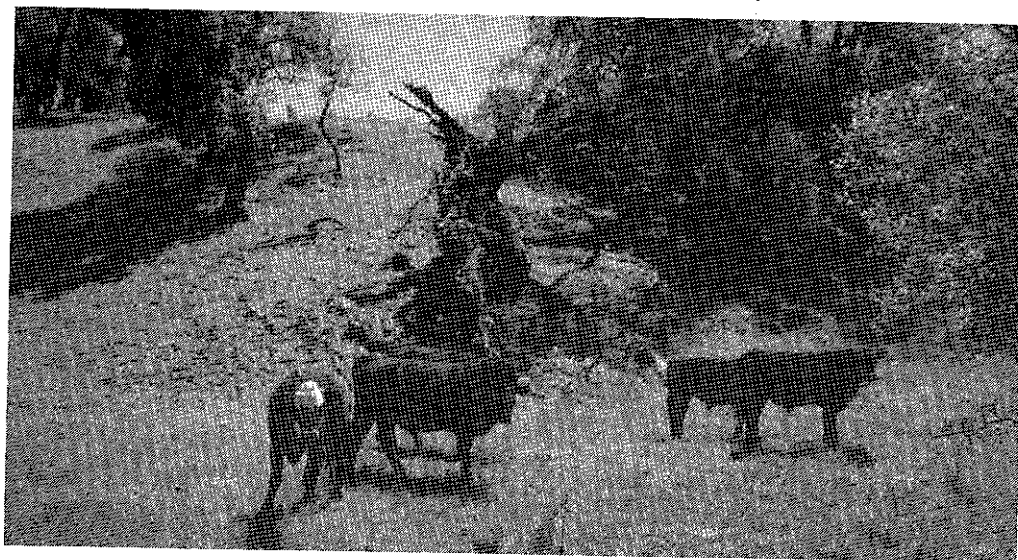
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		Acres	Per Acre	TOTAL	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Radicchio	1998	449	2.78	1,247 tons	1,679	2,094,000
	1997	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
Spinach	1998	1,196	2.49	2,978 tons	1,729	5,149,000
	1997	725	4.01	2,907 tons	1,111	3,223,000
Sweet Corn	1998	417	6.88	2,869 tons	249	714,000
	1997	447	7.39	3,303 tons	319	1,054,000
Tomatoes (canning)	1998	998	39.99	39,910 tons	57	2,275,000
	1997	1,312	46.29	60,733 tons	52½	3,188,000
Tomatoes	1998	(SEE MISC. CROPS)				
	1997	515	14.92	7,684 tons	535	4,111,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>					<b>93,834,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>					<b>92,284,000</b>

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# LIVESTOCK

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	\$ TOTAL
<b><u>ALL CATTLE:</u></b>	1998	47,198			
	1997	45,480			
Calves	1998	10,248	47,750 cwt.	69.00	3,295,000
	1997	11,580	57,440 cwt.	68.00	3,906,000
Pasture and Stockers	1998	34,000	110,500 cwt.	63.00	6,961,000
	1997	32,000	80,000 cwt.	63.00	5,040,000
Cows	1998	2,700	29,700 cwt.	33.00	980,000
	1997	1,700	18,700 cwt.	34.00	636,000
Bulls	1998	250	3,500 cwt.	41.00	143,000
	1997	200	2,800 cwt.	40.00	112,000
<b><u>OTHER LIVESTOCK:</u></b>					
Hogs	1998	300	600 cwt.	33.00	20,000
	1997	400	800 cwt.	55.00	44,000
Lambs	1998	2,500	2,500 cwt.	75.00	187,000
	1997	2,000	2,000 cwt.	92.00	184,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>				<b>11,586,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>				<b>9,922,000</b>



## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Units		\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Milk (market)	1998	163,400 (cwt.)		14.20	2,320,000
	1997	204,747 (cwt.)		12.42	2,543,000
Milk (manufacturing)	1998	(none)		-0-	-0-
	1997	1,795 (cwt.)		11.42	20,000
Eggs (Chicken & Turkey)	1998	15,073,000 (doz)		.65	9,797,000
	1997	8,387,000 (doz.)		.90	7,548,000
Wool	1998	25,000 (lbs.)		.80	20,000
	1997	20,000 (lbs.)		.79	16,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>				<b>12,137,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>				<b>10,127,000</b>

## POULTRY

		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		# of Head	Total Units	\$ Per Unit	\$ TOTAL
Chickens	1998	(none)		-0-	-0-
	1997	25,000	(head)	.75	19,000
Turkeys	1998	93,000	2,697,000 (lbs.)	.23	620,000
	1997	115,500	2,657,000 (lbs.)	.23	611,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1998</b>				<b>620,000</b>
	<b>1997</b>				<b>630,000</b>

# MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

## VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

Anise	Arugula	Asparagus	Beans
Beets	Bok Choy	Burdock	Carrots
Cherry Tomatoes	Chili Peppers	Collards	Escarole
Endive	Fennel	Frissee	Herbs
Kale	Kiwanos	Melons	Mushrooms
Mustard	Napa (Chinese Cabbage)	Oriental Kale	Parsley
Peas	Shallots	Squash (summer)	Squash (winter)
Tomatillos	Watermelons	Wax Peppers	

## FIELD CROPS

Corn Silage	Oats	Ornamental Corn	Ornamental Gourds
Pumpkins	Safflower	Forage Mix	

## FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Avocados	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)	Mushroom Spawn
Orchids	Plants (potted)	Plants (vegetable)
Turf		

# 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 34 organic growers, growing 44 different crops on a total of 3,181 acres.





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