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Crop Report**

*San Benito County*

**John H. Edmondson, Agricultural Commissioner**

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**ANNUAL CROP REPORT**

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1968

Earl Coke, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
San Benito County, California

In accordance with the requirements of Section 65.5 of the Agricultural 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 of 1968.

I must stress again this year that these figures represent gross value, not profit. In fact, some of the crops were produced at a loss and others at very little profit to the producers.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Edmondson  
Agricultural Commissioner

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ORCHARD ACREAGE  
SAN BENITO COUNTY

Crop	Bearing Acres	Non-bearing Acres	Total
Apples	203	101	304
Apricots	4,248	121	4,369
Cherries	72	115	187
Grapes	2,721	1,832	4,553
Pears (Bartlett)	341	304	645
Pears (Fall & Winter)	351	137	488
Prunes (French)	2,538	143	2,681
Prunes (Others)	314	5	319
Walnuts (English)	3,723	1,127	4,850
Walnuts (Black)	0	1,183	1,183
TOTAL	14,511	5,068	19,579

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION				VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1968	214	5.4	1,160	tons	110.00	127,000.00
	1967	244	6.0	1,460	tons	70.00	102,000.00
Apricots	1968	4,244	3.9	16,600	tons		2,840,000.00
	1967	4,290	4.3	18,500	tons		2,505,000.00
canned	1968			11,700	tons	155.00	1,814,000.00*
	1967			13,000	tons	125.00	1,625,000.00*
dried	1968			720	tons	1,300.00	936,000.00*
	1967			820	tons	1,000.00	820,000.00*
fresh	1968			450	tons	200.00	90,000.00*
	1967			400	tons	150.00	60,000.00*
Grapes (wine)	1968	2,778	1.1	3,100	tons	210.00	651,000.00
	1967	2,720	2.2	5,980	tons	210.00	1,256,000.00
Pears (bartlett)	1968	307	8.1	2,490	tons	116.00	289,000.00
	1967	318	3.0	954	tons	178.00	170,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1968	352	11.6	4,080	tons	125.00	510,000.00
	1967	343	6.2	2,130	tons	162.00	345,000.00
Prunes (french)	1968	2,446	1.5	3,670	tons	220.00	807,000.00
	1967	2,490	1.4	3,490	tons	230.00	803,000.00
Prunes (imp. & sugar)	1968	333	2.0	666	tons	360.00	240,000.00
	1967	328	2.4	787	tons	320.00	252,000.00
Walnuts	1968	3,723	.69	2,570	tons	760.00	1,953,000.00
	1967	3,580	1.08	3,870	tons	640.00	2,477,000.00
Cherries & Strawberries	1968	83					180,000.00
	1967	88					181,000.00
TOTALS	1968						\$7,597,000.00
	1967						8,091,000.00

\* Do not include these figures in total

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNITS	VALUE	
		ACRES	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Bean, Lima	1968	310	1.4	434	tons	200.00	86,800.00
	1967	467	1.3	607	tons	194.00	118,000.00
Bean, Snap	1968	490	3.1	1,520	tons	94.00	143,000.00
	1967	520	2.5	1,300	tons	88.00	114,000.00
Cucumbers	1968	143	14.5	2,070	tons	90.00	186,000.00
	1967	154	16.5	2,540	tons	99.60	253,000.00
Garlic	1968	861	5.1	4,390	tons	250.00	1,098,000.00
	1967	724	5.3	3,840	tons	430.00	1,651,000.00
Lettuce	1968	1,400	10.3	14,400	tons	96.00	1,380,000.00
	1967	954	8.7	8,300	tons	130.00	1,079,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1968	230					314,000.00
	1967	326					268,000.00
Onion	1968	410	25.0	10,200	tons	70.00	714,000.00
	1967	348	20.0	6,960	tons	70.00	487,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1968	435	14.6	6,350	tons	170.00	1,080,000.00
	1967	533	12.9	6,880	tons	216.00	1,486,000.00
Potatoes	1968	120	11.7	1,400	tons	48.50	67,900.00
	1967	315	10.8	3,400	tons	37.40	127,000.00
Spinach	1968	180	8.6	1,550	tons	26.00	40,300.00
	1967	340	9.7	3,300	tons	28.50	94,000.00
Tomatoes	1968	7,100	26.0	185,000	tons	38.00	7,030,000.00
	1967	5,690	29.4	167,000	tons	41.00	6,847,000.00
TOTALS	1968						\$12,140,000.00
	1967						12,524,000.00

\*Misc. Vegetables include: Squash, Gourds, Ornamental Corn  
Red Lettuce, Romain, Peas and  
Cut flowers.

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1968	80,890				\$
	1967	59,440				
Calves	1968	5,460	26,400	cwt.	27.10	715,000.00
	1967	5,240	26,100	cwt.	26.00	679,000.00
Yearlings	1968	5,150	37,800	cwt.	24.70	934,000.00
	1967	7,560	52,900	cwt.	24.60	1,301,000.00
Dry Cows	1968	6,540	65,400	cwt.	18.00	1,180,000.00
	1967	4,230	42,300	cwt.	18.00	761,000.00
Pasture & Stockers	1968	39,400	78,800	cwt.	25.00	1,970,000.00
	1967	35,500	79,600	cwt.	25.00	1,990,000.00
Fat Stock	1968	9,100	27,300	cwt.	27.50	751,000.00
	1967	6,650	20,000	cwt.	26.50	530,000.00
Bulls	1968	220	3,300	cwt.	23.00	76,000.00
	1967	260	3,900	cwt.	20.00	78,000.00
Hogs	1968	200	400	cwt.	20.00	8,000.00
	1967	200	500	cwt.	20.10	10,000.00
Lambs	1968	14,820	12,600	cwt.	26.00	328,000.00
	1967	17,200	16,300	cwt.	26.00	424,000.00
TOTALS	1968					\$5,962,000.00
	1967					\$5,773,000.00

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
		HARVESTED ACRE	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1968	2,100	5.6	11,800	tons	26.00	307,000.00
	1967	2,250	5.3	11,900	tons	29.00	345,000.00
Barley	1968	13,000	1.0	13,000	tons	45.00	585,000.00
	1967	15,000	1.2	18,000	tons	47.00	846,000.00
Hay-Grain	1968	18,000	1.0	18,000	tons	22.00	396,000.00
	1967	16,500	1.3	21,500	tons	23.00	494,000.00
Misc. Field Crops	1968	240					78,000.00
	1967	320					98,000.00
Pasture & Range	1968	508,000			acres	1.50	762,000.00
	1967	508,000			acres	1.80	914,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1968	900			acres	50.00	45,000.00
	1967	1,000			acres	50.00	50,000.00
Seed Crops	1968	1,250					909,000.00
	1967	1,330					980,000.00
Sugar Beets	1968	560	24.5	13,700	tons	14.25	195,000.00
	1967	625	22.6	14,000	tons	14.50	204,000.00
Wheat	1968	300	9.0	270	tons	57.00	15,400.00
	1967	500	1.0	500	tons	59.00	29,500.00
TOTALS	1968						\$3,292,400.00
	1967						3,960,500.00

Seed Crops include: Beans, Cabbage, Cucumber, Pepper, Squash, Tomatoes, Alyssum, Stock, Antirrhinum, Carnation, Geranium, Eschsch Oltzia, Verbena, Zinnia

Misc. Field Crops include: Cotton, Silage, and Oats

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Broilers & Chickens	1968	1,500,000	5,250,000	lbs.	.172	903,000.00
	1967	1,720,000	6,209,000	lbs.	.173	1,074,000.00
Turkeys	1968	200,000	4,400,000	lbs.	.20	880,000.00
	1967	210,000	4,620,000	lbs.	.17	785,000.00
TOTALS	1968					1,783,000.00
	1967					1,859,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Milk	Market	1968	187,000	cwt.	5.14	961,000.00
		1967	190,000	cwt.	4.79	910,000.00
	Manufacturing	1968	16,700	cwt.	3.72	62,000.00
		1967	17,000	cwt.	3.69	63,000.00
Eggs	Chickens	1968	2,920,000	doz.	.29	847,000.00
		1967	3,070,000	doz.	.23	706,000.00
	Turkey Hatching	1968	392,000	each	.24	94,000.00
		1967	642,000	each	.22	141,000.00
Wool	1968	148,000	lbs.	.43	64,000.00	
	1967	172,000	lbs.	.43	74,000.00	
TOTALS	1968				2,028,000.00	
	1967				1,894,000.00	