

SAN BENITO COUNTY

1974

ANNUAL CROP REPORT

J. H. EDMONDSON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SAN BENITO COUNTY COURTHOUSE
HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA 95023

J. H. EDMONDSON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
SEALER OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Telephone (408) 637-5344

P. O. Box 699

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

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year ending December 31, 1974

L. T. Wallace, Director
State Department of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
San Benito County, California

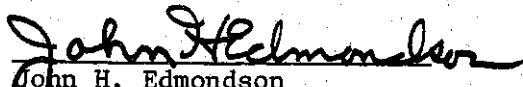
In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I hereby submit a report of the acreage, production and gross value of agricultural crops of San Benito County for the calendar year 1974.

The County's gross agricultural income was up slightly in 1974. Vegetable crops were up about 25% over 1973. Livestock returns were down about 50% due primarily to lower prices, no cattle being fed out in feed lots and a large carry over of animals which should have been sold in 1974 but were not.

Once again I would like to stress that these figures are for gross income, not net profit.

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
San Benito County

FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1974	13,600,000.00
	1973	14,262,000.00
VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS	1974	24,540,000.00
	1973	19,128,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1974	6,048,000.00
	1973	11,685,000.00
FIELD CROPS	1974	7,937,000.00
	1973	5,669,000.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1974	3,782,000.00
	1973	3,414,000.00
POULTRY	1974	1,623,000.00
	1973	1,590,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1974	57,530,000.00
	1973	55,751,000.00

#####

1965	24,470,800.00
1966	28,909,700.00
1967	34,100,000.00
1968	32,925,600.00
1969	35,324,000.00
1970	32,214,000.00
1971	35,973,200.00
1972	36,058,000.00
1973	55,751,000.00
1974	57,530,000.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			UNIT	VALUE PER	
		ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL		UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1974	280	11.4	3,190	tons	128.50	410,000.00
	1973	275	12.0	3,300	tons	125.00	412,000.00
Apricots	1974	3,150	2.9	9,100	tons		2,530,000.00
	1973	3,300	5.2	17,100	tons		2,720,000.00
canned	1974			6,800	tons	225.00	1,530,000.00 *
	1973			12,000	tons	135.00	1,620,000.00 *
dried	1974			400	tons	2,500.00	1,000,000.00 *
	1973			850	tons	1,300.00	1,100,000.00 *
Grapes (wine)	1974	4,720	3.2	15,100	tons	400.00	6,040,000.00
	1973	4,470	2.6	11,600	tons	500.00	5,800,000.00
Pears (Bartlett)	1974	660	5.9	3,900	tons	171.00	667,000.00
	1973	600	6.0	3,600	tons	115.00	414,000.00
Pears (Fall & Winter)	1974	230	7.5	1,700	tons	156.00	265,000.00
	1973	320	7.6	2,400	tons	110.00	264,000.00
Prunes (French)	1974	1,630	1.2	1,960	tons	460.00	902,000.00
	1973	1,700	1.5	2,600	tons	440.00	1,140,000.00
Walnuts	1974	4,940	1.03	5,090	tons	420.00	2,140,000.00
	1973	4,900	1.1	5,390	tons	620.00	3,340,000.00
Cherries	1974	220	5.9	1,300	tons	480.00	624,000.00
	1973	200	2.3	460	tons	375.00	172,000.00
TOTALS	1974						\$13,600,000.00
	1973						14,262,000.00

* Do not include these figures in total

VEGETABLE & ROW CROPS

PRODUCTION
HARVESTED PER

VALUE
PER

ITEM	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1974	890	.84	748	tons	708.00	529,000.00
	1973	865	.95	820	tons	430.00	353,000.00
Beans, Fresh	1974	150	2.52	378	tons	155.00	58,600.00
	1973	250	5.00	1,250	tons	120.00	150,000.00
Broccoli	1974	110	5.0	550	tons	280.00	154,000.00
	1973	450	2.9	1,300	tons	310.00	403,000.00
Carrots	1974	190	14.4	2,700	tons	160.00	432,000.00
	1973	200	20.0	4,000	tons	100.00	400,000.00
Cauliflower	1974	430	3.5	1,500	tons	316.00	474,000.00
	1973	390	1.5	585	tons	295.00	173,000.00
Cucumbers	1974	110	9.8	1,080	tons	83.00	89,600.00
	1973	150	9.6	1,440	tons	192.00	276,000.00
Garlic	1974	570	5.03	2,870	tons	360.00	1,030,000.00
	1973	575	5.8	3,340	tons	360.00	1,200,000.00
Lettuce	1974	2,360	11.4	26,900	tons	163.00	4,380,000.00
	1973	2,550	10.5	26,800	tons	160.00	4,290,000.00
Misc. Crops*	1974	230					308,000.00
	1973	280					335,000.00
Onion	1974	450	28.0	12,600	tons	150.00	1,890,000.00
	1973	500	24.0	12,000	tons	140.00	1,680,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1974	720	13.4	9,650	tons	233.00	2,250,000.00
	1973	750	11.6	8,700	tons	235.00	2,040,000.00
Potatoes	1974	70	15.0	1,050	tons	90.00	94,500.00
	1973	45	14.0	630	tons	77.00	48,000.00
Tomatoes	1974	8,500	27.0	229,500	tons	56.00	12,850,000.00
	1973	7,200	30.0	216,000	tons	36.00	7,780,000.00
TOTALS	1974						\$24,540,000.00
	1973						19,128,000.00

*Misc. Vegetables include: Annis, Boc choy, Brussel Sprouts, Chile Peppers
Cardoon, Chinese Cabbage, Mixed Lettuce, Mustard Greens,
Collard, and Peas.

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	(NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1974	53,265				5,505,000.00
	1973	106,110				10,662,000.00
Calves	1974	5,600	27,000	cwt.	29.75	803,000.00*
	1973	6,500	33,000	cwt.	57.00	1,880,000.00*
Yearlings	1974	2,240	16,000	cwt.	31.60	506,000.00*
	1973	1,800	14,000	cwt.	50.00	700,000.00*
Dry Cows	1974	1,800	18,000	cwt.	25.00	450,000.00*
	1973	1,700	17,000	cwt.	35.00	595,000.00*
Pasture & Stockers	1974	43,400	106,500	cwt.	34.00	3,621,000.00*
	1973	64,000	160,000	cwt.	46.00	7,360,000.00*
Stockers Feed Lot	1974					
	1973	32,000	19,200	cwt.	46.00	883,000.00
Bulls	1974	225	3,300	cwt.	38.00	125,000.00*
	1973	110	1,700	cwt.	42.00	71,000.00*
Hogs	1974	400	800	cwt.	37.00	30,000.00
	1973	800	1,600	cwt.	35.00	56,000.00
Lambs	1974	13,500	13,500	cwt.	38.00	513,000.00
	1973	4,000	4,000	cwt.	35.00	140,000.00
TOTALS	1974					\$ 6,048,000.00
	1973					\$ 11,685,000.00

* Do not include these figures in total.

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
		ACRES	ACRE			UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1974	1,100	8.0	8,800	tons	72.00	634,000.00
	1973	1,150	7.6	8,740	tons	50.00	437,000.00
Barley	1974	7,450	1.2	8,940	tons	105.00	939,000.00
	1973	7,500	1.4	10,500	tons	80.00	840,000.00
Corn Silage	1974	710	23.0	16,300	tons	13.00	212,000.00
	1973	800	20.0	16,000	tons	9.00	144,000.00
Misc. Field crops	1974	340					278,000.00***
	1973	40	.4	16	tons	700.00	11,000.00
Grain-Hay	1974	20,000	1.2	24,000	tons	55.00	1,320,000.00
	1973	18,000	1.0	18,000	tons	40.00	720,000.00
Nursery Stock	1974						1,510,000.00*
	1973						1,420,000.00*
Pasture & Range	1974	508,000			acres	2.25	1,140,000.00
	1973	508,000			acres	2.25	1,140,000.00
Permanent Pasture	1974	700			acres	200.00	140,000.00
	1973	500			acres	140.00	70,000.00
Seed Crops	1974	930					952,000.00**
	1973	720					613,000.00**
Sugar Beets	1974	670	21.5	14,400	tons	54.00	778,000.00
	1973	500	29.0	14,500	tons	18.00	260,000.00
Wheat	1974	200	1.2	240	tons	140.00	33,600.00
	1973	100	1.2	120	tons	120.00	14,000.00
TOTALS	1974						\$7,937,000.00
	1973						5,669,000.00

*Nursery Stock Includes: Nursery stock & cut flowers

** Seed Crops Include: Alfalfa, Beans, Cabbage, Misc. flowers, Pepper, Tomatoe, and squash.

***Misc Field Crops: Cotton, Safflower, Ornamental Corn & Gourds.

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens	1974	35,000		head	1.20	42,000.00
Hens	1973	25,000		head	1.00	25,000.00
Chickens	1974	425,000		head	2.50	1,062,000.00
Pullets	1973	500,000		head	2.50	1,250,000.00
Turkeys	1974	71,500	1,622,000	lbs.	.32	519,000.00
	1973	26,000	700,000	lbs.	.45	315,000.00
TOTALS	1974					\$1,623,000.00
	1973					1,590,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1974	239,000	cwt.	8.37	2,000,000.00
Market	1973	220,000	cwt.	6.87	1,510,000.00
Manufac-	1974	21,800	cwt.	6.61	144,000.00
turing	1973	21,700	cwt.	5.27	114,000.00
Eggs	1974	3,180,000	doz.	.48	1,530,000.00
Chicken & Turkey	1973	3,090,000	doz.	.57	1,760,000.00
*Wool	1974	135,000	lbs.	.80	108,000.00
	1973	40,000	lbs.	.75	30,000.00
TOTALS	1974				\$3,782,000.00
	1973				3,414,000.00

* Includes Government support payment.