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FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

Year Ending December 31, 1976

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

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
San Benito County:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the Food and 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 1976.

All categories of crops were down in value last year. Apricots and walnuts accounted for the major part of the loss in tree fruits because of a smaller crop and prices for apricots were down.

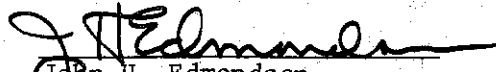
Tomatoes, our largest crop was down 6 and one half million dollars because of unusually large amounts of rain which fell in late summer and early fall. In fact at least 1,200 acres were not harvested. A good crop year for lettuce brought row crop returns up somewhat.

Total livestock returns were about the same but only because at least half of our cow herd were sold because of the drought.

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 and NUT CROPS	1976	9,734,000.00
	1975	12,363,000.00
VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS	1976	22,173,000.00
	1975	24,386,000.00
LIVESTOCK	1976	5,752,500.00
	1975	5,968,500.00
FIELD CROPS	1976	10,769,000.00
	1975	12,099,000.00
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1976	2,890,500.00
	1975	3,723,000.00
POULTRY	1976	611,500.00
	1975	678,000.00
GROSS TOTAL	1976	51,930,500.00
	1975	59,217,500.00

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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	57,647,000.00
1975	59,217,500.00
1976	51,930,500.00

FRUIT and NUT CROPS

ITEM	<u>PRODUCTION</u> HARVESTED PER			<u>VALUE</u> PER			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1976	285	11.6	3,300	tons	113.00	374,000.00
	1975	280	16.9	4,700	tons	86.00	404,000.00
Apricots	1976	2,736	5.0	13,680	tons	150.00	2,052,000.00
	1975	2,820	6.6	18,600	tons	215.00	4,040,000.00
Cherries	1976	308	4.3	1,320	tons	900.00	1,188,000.00
	1975	200	4.1	820	tons	400.00	328,000.00
Grapes (wine)	1976	4,524	1.5	6,790	tons	250.00	1,698,000.00
	1975	4,510	3.5	15,780	tons	185.00	2,920,000.00
Pears (bartlett)	1976	620	8.0	4,960	tons	105.00	521,000.00
	1975	620	6.5	4,030	tons	125.00	504,000.00
Pears (fall and winter)	1976	206	13.5	2,780	tons	250.00	695,000.00
	1975	210	8.7	1,830	tons	232.00	425,000.00
Prunes	1976	1,100	2.0	2,200	tons	280.00	616,000.00
	1975	1,170	2.5	2,920	tons	350.00	1,022,000.00
Walnuts	1976	4,639	.75	3,500	tons	740.00	2,590,000.00
	1975	4,720	1.15	5,430	tons	500.00	2,720,000.00
TOTALS	1976						9,734,000.00
	1975						12,363,000.00

VEGETABLE and ROW CROPS

ITEM	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			VALUE PER			
	YEAR	ACRES	ACRE	TOTAL	UNITS	UNIT	TOTAL
Asparagus	1976	690	.95	660	tons	677.00	447,000.00
	1975	680	1.1	750	tons	780.00	585,000.00
Beans, Fresh	1976	90	4.7	430	tons	150.00	65,000.00
	1975	70	4.3	300	tons	170.00	51,000.00
Carrots	1976	130	10.2	1,330	tons	196.00	260,000.00
	1975	180	30.0	5,400	tons	35.00	189,000.00
Cauliflower	1976	480	3.2	1,540	tons	338.00	520,000.00
	1975	430	4.1	1,760	tons	255.00	449,000.00
Cucumbers	1976	90	8.2	740	tons	137.00	101,000.00
	1975	200	6.9	1,390	tons	111.00	154,000.00
Garlic	1976	825	4.5	3,712	tons	500.00	1,856,000.00
	1975	610	5.5	3,360	tons	200.00	672,000.00
Lettuce	1976	2,500	13.0	32,500	tons	155.00	5,038,000.00
	1975	2,580	11.5	29,700	tons	120.00	3,560,000.00
*Misc. Crops	1976	430					770,000.00
	1975	250					444,000.00
Onions	1976	790	22.6	17,900	tons	154.00	2,750,000.00
	1975	445	23.0	10,200	tons	215.00	2,190,000.00
Peppers, Bell	1976	1,000	10.2	10,200	tons	210.00	2,142,000.00
	1975	770	11.5	8,850	tons	275.00	2,440,000.00
Peppers, Chili	1976	200	4.1	820	tons	600.00	500,000.00
	1975						
Potatoes	1976	245	17.5	4,290	tons	110.00	472,000.00
	1975	240	15.0	3,600	tons	70.00	252,000.00
Tomatoes (Canning)	1976	7,300	19.2	141,000	tons	47.50	6,700,000.00
	1975	9,500	25.0	238,000	tons	56.50	13,400,000.00
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	1976	120	11.5	1,380	tons	400.00	552,000.00
	1975						
TOTALS	1976						22,173,000.00
	1975						24,386,000.00

* - MISC. VEGETABLES INCLUDE: Annis, Boc Choy, Brussel Sprouts, Cardoon, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Mixed Lettuce, Spinach, Squash, Strawberries and Sweet Corn

LIVESTOCK

ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL UNITS	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle	1976	44,660				5,558,000.00
	1975	43,250				5,660,000.00
Calves	1976	10,700	41,000	cwt.	36.20	1,480,000.00*
	1975	5,300	25,800	cwt.	28.50	735,000.00*
Yearlings	1976	4,560	28,800	cwt.	37.80	1,010,000.00*
	1975	4,700	34,300	cwt.	31.90	1,090,000.00*
Cows	1976	9,000	81,000	cwt.	26.00	2,110,000.00*
	1975	3,000	30,000	cwt.	22.00	660,000.00*
Pasture and Stockers	1976	20,000	20,000	cwt.	38.00	760,000.00*
	1975	30,000	90,000	cwt.	34.10	3,070,000.00*
Bulls	1976	400	6,000	cwt.	33.00	198,000.00*
	1975	250	3,750	cwt.	28.00	105,000.00*
Hogs	1976	200	500	cwt.	45.00	22,500.00
	1975	250	500	cwt.	55.00	27,500.00
Lambs	1976	5,000	3,750	cwt.	46.00	172,000.00
	1975	7,500	6,380	cwt.	44.00	281,000.00
TOTALS	1976					5,752,500.00
	1975					5,968,500.00

* Do not include these figures in total

FIELD CROPS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION HARVESTED PER			TOTAL	UNITS	VALUE PER	
		ACRES	ACRE	ACRE			UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1976	1,000	8.0	8,000	tons	75.00	600,000.00	
	1975	900	7.6	6,840	tons	75.00	513,000.00	
Barley	1976	6,500	.6	3,900	tons	105.00	410,000.00	
	1975	12,800	1.6	20,500	tons	108.00	2,210,000.00	
Corn Silage	1976	620	19.5	12,150	tons	11.50	139,500.00	
	1975	550	21.7	11,900	tons	13.00	155,000.00	
***Misc. Field Crops	1976	900					627,000.00	
	1975	520					323,000.00	
Grain - Hay	1976	13,000	.9	11,700	tons	80.00	936,000.00	
	1975	24,000	1.25	30,000	tons	55.00	1,650,000.00	
*Nursery Stock	1976	510					3,210,000.00	
	1975	275					1,910,000.00	
Pasture and Range	1976	508,000			acres	2.50	1,270,000.00	
	1975	508,000			acres	3.00	1,520,000.00	
Permanent Pasture	1976	500			acres	180.00	90,000.00	
	1975	500			acres	180.00	90,000.00	
**Seed Crops	1976	1,220			acres	610.00	744,000.00	
	1975	1,000			acres	550.00	550,000.00	
Sugar Beets	1976	3,554	39.3	133,000	tons	20.00	2,660,000.00	
	1975	3,610	29.3	106,000	tons	29.50	3,123,000.00	
Wheat	1976	675	1.09	740	tons	111.00	82,500.00	
	1975	480	1.0	480	tons	115.00	55,000.00	
TOTALS	1976						10,769,000.00	
	1975						12,099,000.00	

* - NURSERY STOCK INCLUDES: Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers

** - SEED CROPS INCLUDE: Alfalfa, Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Misc. Flowers, Peppers, Tomatoes and Squash

*** - MISC. FIELD CROPS INCLUDE: Cotton, Ornamental Corn and Ornamental Gourds

POULTRY

ITEM	YEAR	NO OF HEAD	TOTAL UNIT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Chickens	1976	64,000		head	1.70	108,500.00
	1975	46,500		head	1.50	70,000.00
Turkeys	1976	91,000	1,584,000	lbs.	.31	503,000.00
	1975	89,000	1,690,000	lbs.	.36	608,000.00
TOTALS	1976					611,500.00
	1975					678,000.00

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk	1976	140,000	cwt.	9.01	1,260,000.00
Market	1975	262,000	cwt.	9.54	2,499,000.00
Manufac- turing	1976	31,400	cwt.	7.83	246,000.00
	1975	24,100	cwt.	7.01	169,000.00
Eggs Chickens & Turkeys	1976	2,370,000	doz.	.57	1,351,000.00
	1975	2,140,000	doz.	.47	1,010,000.00
*Wool	1976	50,000	lbs.	.67	33,500.00
	1975	75,000	lbs.	.60	45,000.00
TOTALS	1976				2,890,500.00
	1975				3,723,000.00

* - INCLUDES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT.