

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
California Agricultural Statistics Service



## SAN BENITO CALIFORNIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 600,073 acres in 1992 to 511,571 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 982 acres in 1992 to 910 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 319 farms in 1992 to 310 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

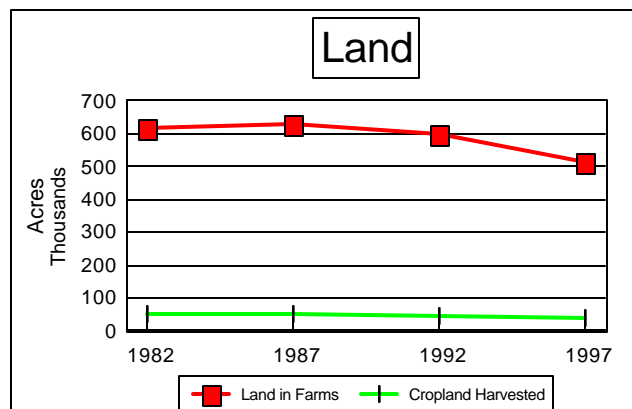
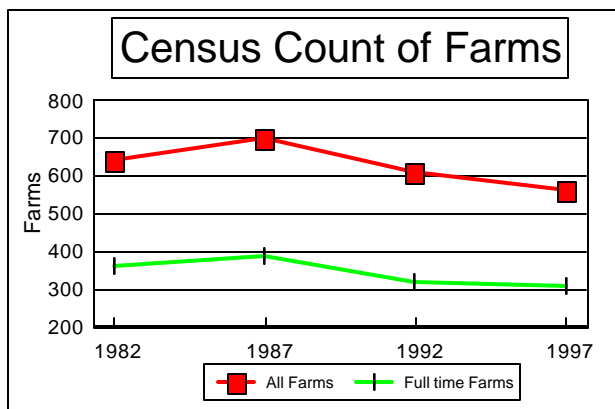
Increased 45 percent to \$156,707,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 57 percent from \$177,446 in 1992 to \$278,838 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	156,707	30	58	221	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	132,867	30	58	85	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	23,840	23	57	1,081	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	105,773	11	56	16	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	19,447	31	55	88	2,547
Cattle and calves	13,510	23	57	673	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,006	34	58	328	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	4,823	18	55	610	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	154,580	10	38	219	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	47	642	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	30,553	22	57	624	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,374	26	56	401	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	21	56	1,586	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	85,524	10	52	185	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	56,841	22	57	497	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,382	28	56	347	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,247	33	57	531	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	542	23	56	1,843	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land used for vegetables-acres	19,529	15	56	32	2,741
Hay crops-acres	8,481	31	57	1,857	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	8,431	29	56	84	2,693
Safflower-acres	812	15	27	35	104
Barley-acres	600	24	36	465	1,411

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	249	316	-21
\$10,000 or more .....	313	295	6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	112,587	88,393	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	200,333	144,669	38
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	43,768	24,503	79
Average per farm .....dollars..	77,879	40,103	94
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	423	463	-9
Partnership or corporation .....	132	141	-6
Other .....	7	7	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	310	319	-3
Other .....	252	292	-14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	482	533	-10
Female .....	80	78	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	518	568	-9
Black and other races .....	44	43	2
Average age of operator .....	56.1	55.3	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.