

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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1944

| | Acreage | | *F.O.B. Value | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 |
| Fruit and Nut Crops | 13,217 | 13,501 | \$ 7,864,412 | \$ 8,148,022 |
| Animal Industry | 610,000 | 610,000 | 10,364,911 | 10,269,032 |
| Field Crops | 99,852 | 105,112 | 8,269,064 | 8,567,878 |
| Vegetable Crops | 28,475 | 28,875 | 14,445,762 | 15,121,804 |
| Total | 751,544 | 757,488 | \$40,944,149 | \$42,106,736 |

*THIS IS NOT THE FARM VALUE but includes value after being graded, packed and sold in Santa Barbara County points.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

| | Planted Acreage | | Yield | | F.O.B. Value | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 |
| Apricots, fresh..... | ... | 28 | .... | 12 cars & 18 tons | \$ | \$ 32,263 |
| Avocados..... | 352 | 357 | 356 tons | 366 " | 77,047 | 84,423 |
| Lemons..... | 8,768 | 8,907 | 5,198 cars | 3,950 cars | 6,888,484 | 7,267,751 |
| Misc. Fruits..... | 21 | 46 | 3 " | 5 " | 12,940 | 13,779 |
| Olives..... | 265 | 266 | 66 tons | 196 tons | 8,158 | 36,720 |
| Oranges..... | 261 | 261 | 108 cars | 112 cars | 139,735 | 148,624 |
| Peaches..... | 57 | 57 | 4 " | 2 " | 18,400 | 16,382 |
| Walnuts..... | 3,493 | 3,579 | 1,353 tons | 1,054 tons | 719,648 | 548,080 |
| Total | 13,217 | 13,501 | | | \$7,864,412 | \$8,148,022 |

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

| | Nos. Sold 1943 | Nos. Sold 1944 | Value 1943 | Value 1944 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| *Beef Cattle and Calves..... | 61,164 | 59,685 | \$ 7,028,237 | \$ 6,664,245 |
| Hogs..... | 11,924 | 7,921 | 325,650 | 213,669 |
| Sheep and Wool..... | 4,245 & 66,401 lbs. | 3,594 & 55,240 lbs. | 63,208 | 50,944 |
| Poultry..... | 237,326 | 138,279 | 306,152 | 189,532 |
| Eggs..... | 905,254 doz. | 1,014,343 doz. | 387,849 | 405,737 |
| Turkey Eggs..... | ..... | 3,333 doz. | ..... | 10,400 |
| Dairy Products..... | 2,477,222 lbs. fat | 2,516,082 lbs. fat | 2,188,815 | **2,667,505 |
| Misc. Livestock..... | ..... | ..... | 65,000 | 67,000 |
| | | | \$10,364,911 | \$10,269,032 |

*Includes sale of feeders and all cattle sold.

**Includes Government subsidy.

FIELD CROPS

| | Acreage | | Yield | | F.O.B. Value | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 |
| Beans | | | | | | |
| Baby Limas..... | 8,546 | 5,087 | 66,973 cwt. | 37,778 cwt. | \$ 488,903 | \$ 227,558 |
| Small Whites..... | 14,766 | 13,511 | 118,131 " | 108,498 " | 744,225 | 643,661 |
| Pinks..... | 3,256 | 3,565 | 17,291 " | 18,193 " | 109,870 | 116,100 |
| Common Limas..... | 5,708 | 5,417 | 57,873 " | 54,417 " | 439,840 | 441,545 |
| Garbanzos..... | 3,100 | 2,846 | 22,498 " | 11,383 " | 140,613 | 72,841 |
| Seed Beans..... | 6,122 | 9,649 | 61,853 " | 96,178 " | 649,975 | 961,262 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 734 | 498 | 4,922 " | 3,042 " | 31,009 | 21,302 |
| Total | 42,230 | 40,572 | 349,531 " | 329,487 " | \$2,003,435 | \$2,484,269 |
| *Beets, Sugar..... | | | | | | |
| Beets, Sugar..... | 922 | 1,222 | 13,618 tons | 21,937 tons | 176,858 | 320,346 |
| Beets Processed..... | 1,951 | 2,433 | 33,045 " | 46,396 " | 410,755 | 536,143 |
| Total | 2,873 | 3,655 | 46,663 " | 68,333 " | \$ 587,613 | \$ 856,489 |
| Alfalfa..... | 5,695 | 4,567 | 39,495 " | 20,000 " | 912,375 | 440,000 |
| Barley..... | 14,523 | 15,098 | 188,414 cwt. | 199,761 cwt. | 447,309 | 449,463 |
| Cabbage, Canned & dried..... | 325 | 528 | 7,163 tons | 10,847 tons | 128,934 | 193,645 |
| Carrots, Canned & dried..... | 57 | ..... | 980 " | ..... | 17,427 | ..... |
| Grain Hay..... | 12,300 | 13,028 | 21,270 " | 25,053 tons | 424,453 | 579,764 |
| Honey Products..... | ..... | ..... | 167 " | 22 " | 45,103 | 7,725 |
| Packet Bees..... | ..... | ..... | 744 pkges. | 910 pkges. | 3,747 | 5,066 |
| and Queens..... | ..... | ..... | & 1,143 queens | & 1,501 queens | ..... | ..... |
| Mustard..... | 2,385 | 5,494 | 23,552 cwt. | 54,310 cwt. | 280,968 | 385,258 |
| Oats..... | 4,161 | 6,310 | 36,896 " | 54,821 " | 111,673 | 142,534 |
| Onions..... | 345 | 41 | 15,226 " | 2,608 " | 54,889 | 6,092 |
| Peppers, Canning & dried..... | 477 | 657 | 504 tons | 493 tons | 232,450 | 246,375 |
| Potatoes..... | 3,751 | 2,383 | 502,188 cwt. | 469,149 cwt. | 1,130,918 | 1,186,533 |
| Seed, Flower..... | 1,172 | 1,464 | ..... | ..... | 470,100 | 567,947 |
| Seed, Vegetables..... | 1,278 | 1,791 | ..... | ..... | 365,992 | 405,028 |
| Spinach, Canning..... | 326 | 227 | 2,397 tons | 1,420 tons | 55,925 | 42,580 |
| Tomatoes..... | 696 | 784 | 8,806 " | 11,914 " | 228,279 | 327,635 |
| Wheat..... | 7,216 | 8,469 | 48,772 cwt. | 75,674 cwt. | 121,931 | 189,185 |
| Wild Sage..... | ..... | ..... | 1,460 " | 1,196 " | 43,800 | 41,550 |
| Misc. Field Crops..... | 42 | 24 | ..... | ..... | 1,860 | 10,740 |
| Total | 57,622 | 64,540 | | | \$5,665,629 | \$6,083,609 |

VEGETABLE CROPS

| | Acreage | | Yield (Cars) | | F.O.B. Value | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 | 1943 | 1944 |
| Anise | 48 | 64 | 32 | 39 | \$ 29,920 | \$ 31,262 |
| Artichokes | 359 | 335 | 122 | 88 | 141,460 | 97,141 |
| Asparagus | 257 | 134 | 18 | 16 | 28,421 | 23,625 |
| Bell Peppers | 71 | 58 | 31 | 17 | 72,784 | 37,742 |
| Chili Peppers | 31 | 69 | 12 | 14 | 20,544 | 19,932 |
| Broccoli | 3,089 | 2,419 | 953 | 780 | 1,707,078 | 1,122,780 |
| Cabbage | 1,358 | 655 | 653 | 403 | 510,104 | 198,321 |
| Carrots | 2,425 | 2,378 | 1,329 | 1,723 | 1,204,139 | 1,576,979 |
| Cauliflower | 5,415 | 5,394 | 3,169 | 4,531 | 3,154,878 | 3,753,897 |
| Celery | 1,886 | 1,382 | 1,233 | 1,525 | 1,481,053 | 1,354,313 |
| Chicory | 150 | 410 | 79 | 103 | 81,683 | 92,577 |
| Corn | .. | 53 | .. | 6 | .. | 7,875 |
| Cucumbers | 27 | 44 | 12 | 28 | 12,091 | 27,611 |
| Green Limas | 391 | 549 | 78 | 77 | 160,295 | 159,893 |
| Lettuce | 8,509 | 10,566 | 4,314 | 5,253 | 4,387,119 | 4,591,154 |
| Mixed and Misc. | 392 | 77 | 107 | 27 | 105,433 | 27,239 |
| Green Onions | 16 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5,074 | 6,010 |
| Peas | 1,724 | 1,230 | 105 | 123 | 169,230 | 161,666 |
| Radishes | .. | 12 | .. | 10 | .. | 10,938 |
| Romaine | 40 | 18 | 15 | 6 | 10,560 | 3,392 |
| Spinach | 70 | 61 | 40 | 31 | 33,342 | 7,936 |
| Squash | 57 | 133 | 7 | 19 | 8,358 | 17,800 |
| String Beans | 154 | 203 | 24 | 48 | 32,702 | 63,172 |
| Tomatoes | 1,911 | 2,612 | 829 | 894 | 1,083,736 | 1,721,150 |
| Turnips | 5 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 5,558 | 7,409 |
| Total | 28,475 | 28,875 | 13,178 | 15,778 | \$14,445,762 | \$15,121,804 |

NOTE: Farmers in Santa Barbara County are to be congratulated in maintaining and even increasing production of food in face of increased costs and shortages of labor, machinery, fertilizers, pest control materials, etc.

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| Total Number Farms, estimated..... | 1,500 |
| Total Value Agricultural Products..... | \$42,106,736 |
| Total Acreage, including Channel Islands..... | 1,683,200 |
| Total Acreage, U. S. Forest..... | 754,380 |
| Total Population (1940 Census - 70,555) Present Estimate..... | 84,000 |
| Total Population Outside Incorporated Cities, estimated..... | 25,000 |
| Total Assessed Valuation Property, including real estate, improvements, personal property and utilities..... | \$123,790,679 |