



# Agricultural Crop Report

1953

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

TO W. C. JACOBSEN, Director of the California State Department of Agriculture, and the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, California.

The acreages shown in this report are the planted acres of fruit and orchard crops and harvested acres of field and vegetable crops. Yields are given in commercial packages or by weight. The value shown in this report is the F.O.B. value, which includes the costs of harvesting, grading and packaging, as well as the cost of production. The F.O.B. value is NOT the net income to the farmer

but is the gross valuation of agricultural production. Declining prices and decreased yields of many farm commodities have resulted in a substantial reduction of the gross valuation from that of the record high of last year.

My sincere thanks are extended to the many individuals, companies and organizations for their very fine cooperation in making available the necessary data from which this Crop Report is compiled.

Walter S. Cummings  
Agricultural Commissioner

## FIELD CROPS

	Acreage		Yield		F.O.B. Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Beans						
Baby Limas	1,621	3,028	16,178 cwt.	30,891 cwt.	\$ 105,475	\$ 262,574
Small Whites	6,190	7,240	70,010 cwt.	69,810 cwt.	560,080	610,838
Pinks	3,340	1,873	34,886 cwt.	22,018 cwt.	297,638	198,162
Common Limas	4,020	3,733	57,481 cwt.	51,854 cwt.	648,465	596,321
Garbanos	1,959	1,086	13,640 cwt.	7,247 cwt.	167,090	97,835
Seed Beans	6,403	4,223	97,493 cwt.	60,145 cwt.	1,364,902	842,030
Misc.	960	417	9,595 cwt.	4,607 cwt.	97,654	43,767
Sub total	24,513	21,600	299,283 cwt.	246,572 cwt.	3,241,304	2,651,527
Alfalfa	4,801	5,510	35,949 tons	40,799 tons	1,025,990	979,176
Alfalfa Seed		60		24 tons		12,000
Barley	11,008	11,940	163,711 cwt.	176,378 cwt.	515,858	485,469
Beets, Sugar	6,563	4,541	102,470 tons	81,147 tons	1,429,502**	1,158,546**
Chili Peppers, Canning	50	—	400 tons	—	30,000	—
Corn, Field	1,400	1,206	4,064 tons	2,770 tons	210,165	180,915
Cut Flowers	138	181	—	—	502,764	617,782
Grain Hay	13,410	11,640	21,950 tons	17,063 tons	674,000	446,683
Honey Products	—	—	—	—	25,000	8,000
Mustard	543	792	5,378 cwt.	7,920 cwt.	51,385	84,520
Nursery Stock	—	—	—	—	371,730	458,649
Oats	2,317	3,108	24,135 cwt.	30,455 cwt.	86,302	91,365
Onions, Dry	—	34	—	13,290 cwt.	—	23,924
Peppers, Dried	490	600	613 tons	750 tons	275,625	318,700
Potatoes	2,798	3,757	763,819 cwt.	717,937 cwt.	3,334,701	1,530,010
Seed, Flower	2,124	2,326	—	—	1,864,412	1,591,900
Seed, Vegetable	18	30	—	—	15,990	18,000
Tomatoes, Canning	—	69	—	329 tons	—	7,227
Wheat	13,390	12,940	118,291 cwt.	86,607 cwt.	432,950	312,805
Miscellaneous	922	543	—	—	55,096	43,536
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>84,485</b>	<b>80,877</b>			<b>\$14,212,774</b>	<b>\$11,020,734</b>

\*\* Includes Government Subsidy

## VEGETABLE CROPS

	Acreage		Yield		F.O.B. Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Anise	45	67	13,789 cmts.	21,948 cmts.	\$ 42,099	\$ 46,076
Artichokes	308	546	70,159 boxes	58,329 boxes	214,544	160,469
Bell Peppers	118	200	29,540 cmts.	42,968 cmts.	93,338	84,919
Broccoli (inc. Quick Freeze)	7,056	5,848	797,542 cmts. 4,094 tons	754,479 cmts. 984 tons	3,371,293	2,352,774
Cabbage	317	116	26,623 sacks 55,902 cmts.	— 30,730 cmts.	164,160	63,049
Carrots (inc. Canning)	1,822	1,298	223,411 cmts. 163,096 sacks 8,355 tons	69,991 cmts. 88,754 sacks 13,396 tons	1,118,840	598,785
Cauliflower (inc. Quick Freeze)	2,944	2,029	1,155,797 cmts. 4,218.6 tons	933,624 cmts. —	1,796,067	1,256,500
Celery	1,552	1,304	821,990 cmts.	690,374 cmts.	1,711,367	1,250,404
Corn, Sweet	34	55	4,450 cmts.	5,240 cmts.	9,325	11,500
Cucumbers	24	33	9,283 bags	6,880 bags	14,368	8,848
Endive	293	283	60,041 cmts.	40,220 cmts.	147,469	114,842
Green Limas, Quick Freeze	405	630	488 tons	620.5 tons	73,144	99,280
Lettuce	10,333	8,550	1,703,142 cmts.	1,937,178 cmts.	3,677,014	4,792,999
Peas	104	85	12,131 hampers	8,906 hampers	35,848	24,964
Romaine	47	61	11,812 cmts.	19,653 cmts.	27,234	47,164
Strawberries (inc. Quick Freeze)	760	664	649,476 trays 2,030 tons	533,471 trays 4,276 tons	1,919,099	2,542,009
Tomatoes	2,861	2,451	588,507 bags	408,178 bags	1,318,309	810,601
Mixed and Misc.	43	60	—	—	24,426	40,368
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29,060</b>	<b>24,300</b>			<b>\$15,757,944</b>	<b>\$14,305,551</b>

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	Planted Acreage		Yield		F.O.B. Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Avocados	1,078	1,246	677 tons	560 tons	\$ 181,794	\$ 213,901
Lemons	8,612	9,239	1,864,385 boxes	1,686,143 boxes	8,958,982	8,338,618
Oranges	105	88	22,480 boxes	21,545 boxes	21,988	21,805
Walnuts	3,944	2,909	1,282 tons	1,235 tons	719,247	512,525
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	23,697	10,149
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,839</b>	<b>13,482</b>			<b>\$ 9,905,708</b>	<b>\$ 9,096,998</b>

## ANIMAL INDUSTRY

	Nos. Sold 1952	Nos. Sold 1953	Value 1952	Value 1953
Beef Cattle & Calves	89,429	91,470	\$22,276,165	\$14,635,200
Hogs	12,500	5,737	562,135	162,237
Sheep and wool	3,849 & 31,250 lbs.	1,510 & 16,300 lbs.	70,810	34,372
Poultry	1,080,259	875,177	980,071	761,925
Turkeys	15,067	9,510	100,977	68,172
Eggs	1,108,810 doz.	1,053,590 doz.	539,652	607,729
Milk	2,127,000 lbs. fat	2,149,000 lbs. fat	3,143,850	3,074,000
Misc. Livestock	—	—	82,691	126,914
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$27,534,351</b>	<b>\$19,470,549</b>

## SUMMARY

	Acreage		*F.O.B. Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953
Fruit and Nut Crops	12,839	13,482	\$ 9,905,708	\$ 9,096,993
Animal Industry	610,000	610,000	27,584,351	19,470,549
Field Crops	84,485	80,877	14,212,774**	11,020,734**
Vegetable Crops	29,066	24,300	15,757,944	14,305,551
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>736,390</b>	<b>728,659</b>	<b>\$67,460,777</b>	<b>\$53,893,832</b>

\* This is NOT the farm value but includes value after being graded, packed and sold in Santa Barbara County points.

\*\* Includes Government Subsidy.

Total Number Farms 1950 Census	1,497
Total Value Agricultural Products	\$ 53,893,832
Total Acreage, including Channel Islands	1,681,200
Total Acreage, U.S. Forest	754,380
Total Population—1950 Census	98,220
Total Assessed Valuation Property, including real estate, improvements, personal property and utilities	\$247,521,822