



Agricultural Crop  
Report

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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.

well as the cost of production. The P.O.B. value is NOT the net income to the farmer but is the gross valuation of agricultural production.

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 P.O.B. value, which includes the cost of harvesting, grading and packaging, as

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FIELD CROPS

|                    | Acreage |        | Yield       |             | F.O.B. Value  |               |
|--------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | 1955    | 1956   | 1955        | 1956        | 1955          | 1956          |
| Beans              |         |        |             |             |               |               |
| Baby limas         | 566     | 463    | 4,531 cwt   | 5,554 cwt   | \$ 35,114.    | \$ 33,324.    |
| Small whites       | 10,647  | 6,111  | 102,088 cwt | 76,833 cwt  | 760,065.      | 537,818.      |
| Pinks              | 943     | 336    | 8,307 cwt   | 3,491 cwt   | 56,440.       | 24,700.       |
| Limas              | 3,734   | 3,914  | 49,657 cwt  | 60,820 cwt  | 497,456.      | 638,611.      |
| Garbanzos          | 4,423   | 6,307  | 20,183 cwt  | 49,115 cwt  | 207,329.      | 397,470.      |
| Pinto              | 249     | 47     | 1,999 cwt   | 395 cwt     | 11,461.       | 2,568.        |
| Seed beans         | 8,450   | 7,989  | 96,857 cwt  | 120,325 cwt | 1,162,284.    | 1,443,900.    |
| Misc.              | 586     | 212    | 4,244 cwt   | 2,076 cwt   | 25,161.       | 13,978.       |
| SUB TOTAL          | 29,598  | 25,379 | 287,866 cwt | 318,609 cwt | 2,755,310.    | 3,092,369.    |
| Alfalfa            | 7,026   | 6,730  | 53,767 tns  | 44,972 tns  | 1,523,458.    | 1,124,300.    |
| Barley             | 14,605  | 13,927 | 211,598 cwt | 199,902 cwt | 456,614.      | 491,759.      |
| Beets, Sugar       | 4,928   | 4,492  | 94,498 tns  | 91,273 tns  | 1,215,894.    | 1,275,490.    |
| Corn, Field        | 1,335   | 340    | 3,695 tns   | 939 tns     | 208,325.      | 54,648.       |
| Corn, Silage       | 1,231   | 1,950  | 29,775 tns  | 51,507 tns  | 290,475.      | 526,345.      |
| Cut flowers        | 378     | 328    | ---         | ---         | 848,735.      | 1,013,986.    |
| Grain Hay          | 13,510  | 14,065 | 19,991 tns  | 20,965 tns  | 556,457.      | 548,920.      |
| Honey & Wax        | ---     | ---    | ---         | ---         | 15,744.       | 40,000.       |
| Mustard            | 1,060   | 2,255  | 10,600 cwt  | 22,905 cwt  | 116,600.      | 160,335.      |
| Nursery Stock      | ---     | ---    | ---         | ---         | 668,022.      | 962,451.      |
| Oats               | 2,255   | 2,825  | 28,316 cwt  | 45,623 cwt  | 85,982.       | 125,358.      |
| Pasture, permanent | 4,585   | 4,590  | ---         | ---         | 160,475.      | 183,600.      |
| Peppers, Dried     | 410     | 508    | 545 tns     | 762 tns     | 231,620.      | 281,250.      |
| Seed, Flower       | 2,503   | 2,301  | ---         | ---         | 1,977,100.    | 2,083,500.    |
| Seed, Vegetable    | 38      | 35     | ---         | ---         | 22,800.       | 30,000.       |
| Wheat              | 8,939   | 7,130  | 52,905 cwt  | 52,560 cwt  | 191,888.      | 184,964.      |
| Misc.              | 245     | 688    | ---         | ---         | 41,265.       | 42,325.       |
| TOTALS             | 92,646  | 87,543 |             |             | \$11,366,764. | \$12,221,600. |

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

|               | Planted Acreage |               | Yield          |                | F.O.B. Value        |                      |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|               | 1955            | 1956          | 1955           | 1956           | 1955                | 1956                 |
| Avocados      | 1,446           | 1,490         | 1,930,474 lbs  | 2,414,430 lbs  | \$ 185,325.         | \$ 500,923.          |
| Lemons        | 8,784           | 9,130         | 2,898,804 ctns | 3,233,125 ctns | 7,352,143.          | 8,885,267.           |
| By-products   |                 |               | 22,319 tons    | 17,592 tons    | 669,570.            | 676,476.             |
| Oranges       | 72              | 72            | 9,521 bxs      | 21,600 bxs     | 20,023.             | 43,200.              |
| Walnuts       | 2,924           | 2,910         | 1,032 tons     | 904 tons       | 990,943.            | 622,453.             |
| Misc.         | 104             | 111           |                |                | 34,096.             | 39,231.              |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>13,330</b>   | <b>13,713</b> |                |                | <b>\$9,252,100.</b> | <b>\$10,767,550.</b> |

VEGETABLE CROPS

|                 | Acreage       |               | Yield          |               | F.O.B. Value         |                      |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | 1955          | 1956          | 1955           | 1956          | 1955                 | 1956                 |
| Anise           | 54            | 51            | 17,656 crts    | 16,712 crts   | \$ 39,462.           | \$ 50,875.           |
| Artichokes      | 943           | 1,063         | 288,705 bxs    | 160,500 bxs   | 439,558.             | 402,396.             |
| Beans, string   | 16            | 21            | 4,533 crts     | 3,379 crts    | 27,792.              | 15,661.              |
| processed       | 144           | 91            | 916 tons       | 577 tons      | 100,740.             | 61,235.              |
| Beans, lima,    |               |               |                |               |                      |                      |
| quick freeze    | ---           | 458           | ---            | 492 tons      | ---                  | 73,773.              |
| Bell peppers    | 80            | 30            | 18,167 crts    | 5,203 crts    | 50,360.              | 8,121.               |
| Broccoli (incl. | 5,146         | 4,656         | 638,082 crts   | 575,545 crts  | 2,424,183.           | 1,950,034.           |
| quick freeze)   |               |               | 2,269 tons     | 317 tons      | 246,877.             | 405,302.             |
| Cabbage         | 214           | 158           | 65,963 crts    | 42,991 crts   | 168,752.             | 81,498.              |
| Carrots         | 1,550         | 1,535         | 105,288 crts   | 149,654 crts  | 334,342.             | 405,278.             |
|                 |               |               | 22,361 sxs     | 54,325 sxs    | 24,698.              | 45,925.              |
|                 |               |               | 18,763 tons    | 10,808 tons   | 772,987.             | 227,990.             |
| Cauliflower     | 2,355         | 1,777         | 873,534 crts   | 644,612 crts  | 1,295,947.           | 1,062,856.           |
| quick freeze    |               |               | 2,438 tons     | 2,300 tons    | 80,703.              | 87,284.              |
| Celery          | 1,174         | 1,026         | 950,518 crts   | 873,402 crts  | 2,279,019.           | 1,833,154.           |
| Corn            | 13            | 25            | 3,370 crts     | 7,250 crts    | 10,803.              | 23,563.              |
| Cucumbers       | 30            | 22            | 15,029 lugs    | 8,560 lugs    | 26,344.              | 15,273.              |
| pickling        | 30            | 56            | 411 tons       | 739 tons      | 18,885.              | 31,688.              |
| Endive          | 230           | 327           | 46,091 crts    | 53,946 crts   | 131,104.             | 154,950.             |
| Lettuce         | 7,128         | 5,091         | 1,172,994 crts | 728,324 crts  | 2,822,145.           | 1,322,203.           |
|                 |               |               | 452,933 ctns   | 579,352 ctns  | 676,474.             | 684,368.             |
| Peas            | 227           | 66            | 17,005 hmprs   | 4,763 hmprs   | 45,755.              | 14,464.              |
| Peppers, chili  | 33            | 35            | 264 tons       | 271 tons      | 18,720.              | 16,260.              |
| Potatoes        | 3,440         | 3,094         | 769,606 sxs    | 881,842 sxs   | 1,696,460.           | 2,505,844.           |
| Romaine         | 77            | 36            | 24,440 crts    | 11,222 crts   | 42,252.              | 20,824.              |
| Strawberries    | 772           | 1,203         | 642,450 trays  | 870,281 trays | 1,606,125.           | 2,037,947.           |
| quick freeze    |               |               | 6,188 tons     | 5,207 tons    | 2,227,500.           | 1,941,141.           |
| Tomatoes        | 2,284         | 1,945         | 461,645 lugs   | 483,412 lugs  | 869,123.             | 813,755.             |
| canning         | 40            | 189           | 1,492 tons     | 2,677 tons    | 35,748.              | 56,217.              |
| Mixed & Misc.   | 62            | 471           | ---            | ---           | 36,631.              | 93,596.              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   | <b>26,042</b> | <b>23,426</b> |                |               | <b>\$18,549,489.</b> | <b>\$16,443,275.</b> |

**ANIMAL INDUSTRY**

|                        | Number Sold        |                    | F. O. B. Value        |                      |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                        | 1955               | 1956               | 1955                  | 1956                 |
| Beef Cattle and Calves | 86,621             | 76,202             | \$ 11,716,293.        | \$ 11,034,03         |
| Hogs                   | 7,651              | 7,098              | 211,528.              | 187,51               |
| Sheep                  | 8,154              | 13,288             | 84,941.               | 144,36               |
| Wool                   | 77,735 lbs.        | 52,687 lbs.        | 32,353.               | 29,79                |
| Poultry                | 730,492            | 637,593            | 616,280.              | 409,51               |
| Turkeys                | 21,310             | 34,766             | 124,642.              | 211,69               |
| Eggs                   | 1,442,519 doz.     | 1,916,694 doz.     | 712,557.              | 859,17               |
| Milk                   | 2,410,000 lbs. fat | 2,608,000 lbs. fat | 2,912,000.            | 3,287,00             |
| Misc. Livestock        | ---                | ---                | 58,379.               | 116,87               |
| <b>TOTALS</b>          |                    |                    | <b>\$ 16,468,973.</b> | <b>\$ 16,280,076</b> |

**SUMMARY**

|                     | Acreage        |                | ★ F. O. B. Value      |                     |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                     | 1955           | 1956           | 1955                  | 1956                |
| Fruit and Nut Crops | 13,330         | 13,713         | \$ 9,252,100.         | \$ 10,767,554       |
| Animal Industry     | 610,000        | 610,000        | 16,468,973.           | 16,280,071          |
| Field Crops         | 92,646         | 87,543         | 11,366,764.           | 12,221,604          |
| Vegetable Crops     | 26,042         | 23,426         | 18,549,489.           | 16,443,271          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>       | <b>742,018</b> | <b>734,682</b> | <b>\$ 55,637,326.</b> | <b>\$ 55,712,50</b> |

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

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|---|--------------|
| Total Number Farms 1954 Census  | 1,37         |
| Total Value Agricultural Products   | \$ 55,712,50 |
| Total Acreage, including Channel Islands  | 1,683,20     |
| Total Acreage, U. S. Forest   | 754,38       |
| Total Population (estimate) 1956  | 117,00       |
| Total Assessed Valuation Property, including real estate, improvements, personal property and utilities | \$277,345,63 |