



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## San Benito, California



### Number of farms

677 farms in 2002, 693 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

578,351 acres in 2002, 536,613 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

854 acres in 2002, 774 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$197,894,000 in 2002, \$162,140,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$159,539,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,355,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

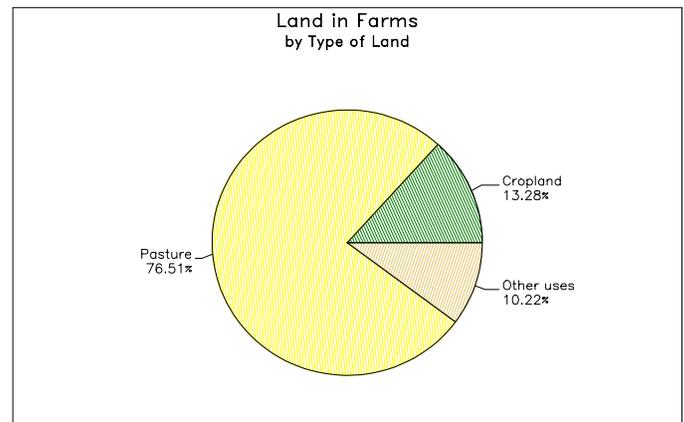
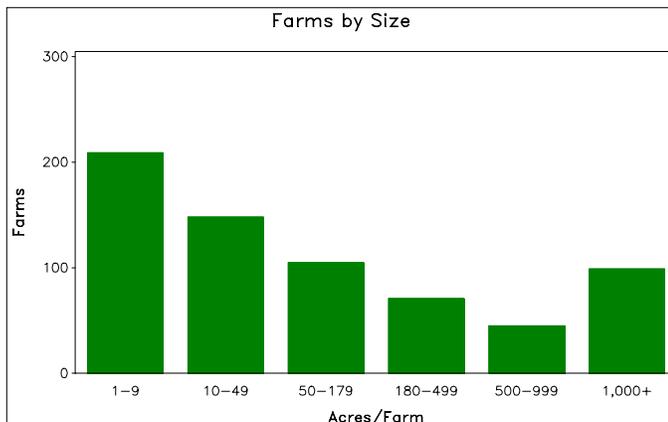
\$292,311 in 2002, \$233,969 in 1997, up 25 percent.

### Government Payments

\$304,000 in 2002, \$272,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,519 in 2002, \$4,849 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 58 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	197,894	29	58	154	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	159,539	29	58	66	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,355	17	58	764	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	95,641	13	56	24	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	934	36	57	1,303	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,996	24	57	855	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	99	18	53	1,455	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	246	31	56	353	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	468	21	56	422	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	9	48	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	39,397	24	57	791	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,318	26	57	259	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,634	30	57	665	3,065
Colonies of bees	865	38	54	483	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Vegetables harvested	22,180	14	56	28	2,710
Lettuce	9,339	6	45	7	654
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,782	33	57	2,088	3,059
English Walnuts	2,911	18	49	18	213
Bell peppers	2,680	2	46	4	1,379

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	187
\$1,000 to \$2,499	94
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25
\$100,000 to \$249,999	48
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32
\$500,000 or more	53
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	163,961
Average per farm (\$)	240,765
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	35,014
Average per farm (\$)	51,415

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	383
Other	294
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	546
Female	131
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	998
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	24
More than one race	10
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	165

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.