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# 1982 CROP REPORT

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**SANTA BARBARA  
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**AGRICULTURAL  
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*The cover . . . .*

*. . . . depicts the multi-million dollar commercial bean industry of Santa Barbara County.*

*From antiquity beans have been used for food. Missionaries and early settlers brought to California many kinds of crop seed, including beans. Some of these early bean varieties are still produced commercially.*

*In 1872, Robert McAlister planted lima beans on his ranch in the Carpinteria Valley. This led the way for the first selected seed to be grown under contract in California.*

*At the turn of the century, Pasqual Scolari, a Swiss farmer in the Lompoc Valley, recognized and propagated a new strain of the small white bean. This blue pod bean has retained its superiority and is today extensively planted throughout the country.*

*From these early beginnings, Santa Barbara County attained worldwide recognition for quality produced bean seed. The county leads the state in certified export shipments, comprising 30 seed varieties, with over 4,000 tons grown and exported annually.*

*The drawing for this 1982 Agricultural Crop Report was done by Nat D. Fast of Santa Maria.*

Clare Berryhill, Director  
Department of Food and Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County

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Gentlemen:

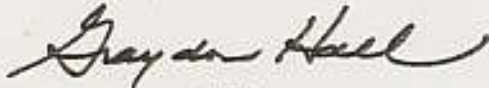
Agriculture continues to be the major producing industry in Santa Barbara County, with a gross production value for 1982 of \$317,356,795. This is an increase over the 1981 value of over 13½ million dollars.

The diversity of our agriculture provides a strong economic base with this production value through its multiplier effect, having an impact on our local economy of over three-quarters of a billion dollars. This diversity is illustrated by the 35 different commodities grown in Santa Barbara County which exceed a million dollars in value.

The figures in this report are gross values and in no way reflect net income. Inflation, especially in the area of energy costs, continues to drastically increase the production costs of agriculture, and these costs must be subtracted from the gross values to determine the net income.

I wish to express my appreciation for the continuing cooperation of all the growers and organizations who contributed the information necessary for the report, and a special thanks to members of my staff who assisted in compiling it.

Sincerely,



Graydon B. Hall  
Agricultural Commissioner

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## VEGETABLE CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Artichokes	1982	498	5.00	2,490	TON	\$668.00	\$ 1,663,320
	1981	504	5.25	2,646	TON	692.00	1,831,032
Broccoli, Total	1982	19,125	4.67	89,285	TON	401.50	35,848,052
	1981	15,475	4.38	67,785	TON	399.52	27,081,350
Market	1982			43,810	TON	434.20	19,022,302
	1981			29,425	TON	438.00	12,888,150
Frozen	1982			45,475	TON	370.00	16,825,750
	1981			38,360	TON	370.00	14,193,200
Cabbage	1982	2,730	20.10	54,873	TON	141.00	7,737,093
	1981	2,250	18.80	42,300	TON	102.00	4,314,600
Carrots	1982	1,661	32.83	54,531	TON	28.75	1,567,766
	1981	1,460	31.50	45,990	TON	42.00	1,931,580
Cauliflower, Total	1982	4,985	6.58	32,824	TON	518.91	17,032,664
	1981	6,675	5.51	36,790	TON	457.85	16,844,200
Market	1982			27,764	TON	526.00	14,603,864
	1981			20,490	TON	480.00	9,835,200
Frozen	1982			5,060	TON	480.00	2,428,800
	1981			16,300	TON	430.00	7,009,000
Celery	1982	2,932	28.50	83,562	TON	163.00	13,620,606
	1981	2,710	28.00	75,880	TON	197.50	14,986,300
Corn, Sweet	1982	208	7.50	1,560	TON	220.00	343,200
	1981	220	7.50	1,650	TON	252.00	415,800
Lettuce, Leaf	1982	1,110	12.50	13,875	TON	232.00	3,219,000
	1981	1,550	13.74	21,297	TON	236.00	5,026,092
Lettuce, Head	1982	7,854	18.00	141,372	TON	162.00	22,902,264
	1981	7,980	18.50	147,630	TON	212.00	31,297,560
Peppers, Dehydrated	1982	810	1.64	1,328	TON	1,002.00	1,330,656
	1981	820	1.80	1,476	TON	950.00	1,402,200
Pumpkins & Squash	1982	290	6.80	1,972	TON	181.00	356,932
	1981	360	5.60	2,016	TON	224.25	452,088

## VEGETABLE CROPS Continued

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Spinach, Total	1982	860	8.32	7,152	TON	\$314.41	\$ 2,248,626
	1981	1,176	7.69	9,042	TON	289.01	2,613,190
Market	1982			5,962	TON	357.20	2,129,626
	1981			7,110	TON	345.50	2,456,505
Frozen	1982			1,190	TON	100.00	119,000
	1981			1,932	TON	81.10	156,685
Tomatoes, All	1982	1,490	24.28	36,177	TON	72.02	2,605,468
	1981	1,315	24.80	32,612	TON	74.90	2,442,639
Miscellaneous	1982	2,353					4,401,744
	1981	2,293					3,957,421
Total	1982	46,906					114,877,391
	1981	44,788					114,596,052



## FIELD CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley including seed	1982	3,060	1.05	3,213	TON	\$124.00	\$ 398,412
	1981	3,900	1.00	3,900	TON	135.00	526,500
Beans, Total	1982	11,128					5,559,888
	1981	9,586					8,275,495
Small White	1982	416	.75	312	TON	537.00	167,544
	1981	330	.90	297	TON	840.00	249,480
Limas	1982	6,350	.90	5,715	TON	648.00	3,703,320
	1981	6,570	1.30	8,541	TON	790.00	6,747,390
Garbanzos	1982	3,982	.50	1,991	TON	684.00	1,361,844
	1981	2,311	.45	1,040	TON	950.00	988,000
Miscellaneous	1982	380	1.05	399	TON	820.00	327,180
	1981	375	1.00	375	TON	775.00	290,625
Hay, Alfalfa	1982	8,265	9.20	76,038	TON	86.20	6,554,476
	1981	12,850	8.20	105,370	TON	85.42	9,000,705

## FIELD CROPS Continued

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Hay, Grain	1982	8,160	3.65	29,784	TON	\$ 75.80	\$ 2,257,627
	1981	7,975	3.00	23,925	TON	68.50	1,638,863
Oats including seed	1982	1,390	1.30	1,807	TON	224.60	405,852
	1981	1,016	1.60	1,626	TON	262.60	426,988
Pasture, Irrigated	1982	11,755				55.82	656,164
	1981	12,955				54.54	706,566
Pasture, Non-irrigated	1982	785,000				4.01	3,147,850
	1981	784,000				4.04	3,167,360
Silage Corn	1982	830	27.50	22,825	TON	20.00	456,500
	1981	992	29.10	28,867	TON	20.00	577,340
Sugar Beets	+1982	833	26.36	21,958	TON	31.41	689,701
	*1981	2,925	27.48	80,379	TON	31.37	2,521,489
Wheat including seed	1982	8,400	1.65	13,860	TON	121.00	1,677,060
	1981	8,040	1.30	10,452	TON	145.00	1,515,540
Miscellaneous	1982	4,987					564,464
	1981	5,068					497,855
Total	+1982	843,808					22,367,994
	*1981	849,307					28,854,701



## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

	Year	Planted	Bearing	Production			Value	
				Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Avocados	1982	6,502	5,652	6.25	35,325	TON	\$940.00	\$33,205,500
	1981	5,988	5,630	8.60	48,418	TON	580.00	28,082,440
Lemons, Total	1982	2,035	2,020	12.00	24,240	TON	192.00	4,654,152
	1981	2,020	1,770	18.81	33,298	TON	181.93	6,058,014
Market	1982				12,740	TON	335.53	4,274,652
	1981				13,730	TON	355.00	4,874,150
Processing	1982				11,500	TON	33.00	379,500
	1981				19,568	TON	60.50	1,183,864

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## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS Continued

	Year	Planted	Bearing	Production			Value	
				Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Strawberries, Total	1982	924	924	32.25	29,800	TON	\$918.86	\$27,382,000
	1981	750	750	16.80	12,600	TON	800.00	10,080,000
Market	1982				25,750	TON	958.00	24,668,500
	1981				9,450	TON	860.00	8,127,000
Processing	1982				4,050	TON	670.00	2,713,500
	1981				3,150	TON	620.00	1,953,000
Walnuts	1982	1,006	960	.95	912	TON	1,032.00	941,184
	1981	1,006	960	1.40	1,344	TON	1,020.00	1,370,880
Grapes, Wine	1982	9,609	6,382	2.95	18,827	TON	561.25	10,566,654
	1981	9,539	5,496	2.78	15,279	TON	553.77	8,461,052
Miscellaneous	1982	156	130					542,603
	1981	143	63					280,453
Total	1982	20,232	16,068					77,292,093
	1981	19,446	14,669					54,332,839



## SEED CROPS

	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Bean Seed	1982	3,940	1.05	4,137	TON	\$799.00	\$ 3,305,463
	1981	6,463	.92	5,946	TON	883.50	5,253,291
Flower Seed	1982	1,630					6,382,348
	1981	1,775					6,839,900
Vegetable Seed	1982	563					1,516,317
	1981	608					952,910
Miscellaneous	1982	1,570					424,739
	1981	2,035					777,638
Total	1982	7,703					11,628,867
	1981	10,881					13,823,739





## NURSERY PRODUCTS

	Year	Production Area		Value
		House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Total
<b>Cut Flowers &amp; Cut Greens</b>				
Chrysanthemums	1982	4,623,515		\$ 9,960,836
Orchids	1982	1,557,280		4,286,851
Carnations	1982	666,110		795,294
Gypsophila	1982		402	3,285,018
Miscellaneous Flowers	1982	670,400	357	3,265,125
Miscellaneous Greens, Trees & Wood Products	1982	7,500	152	1,718,400
<b>Potted Plants</b>				
Foliage Plants	1982	1,635,636		7,734,754
*Flowering Plants	1982	1,118,020		5,540,835
Orchid Plants	1982	464,980		2,775,702
Woody Ornamentals & Ground Covers	1982	10,200	182	4,027,280
Herbaceous Perennials & Ground Covers Turf, Bulbs, and Bedding Plants	1982	509,720	104	3,972,959
Fruit Trees and Vines	1982	5,500	174	128,404
Vegetable Transplants	1982		65	630,000
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Total	1982	11,268,861	1,436	48,121,458
	1981	12,985,106	1,275	45,710,966

Comparable figures in each classification for 1981 are not available

\*Includes: Chrysanthemums, Poinsettias, Geraniums, Begonias, Exacum, Fuschia and others.



## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves	1982	44,902	392,893	Cwt.	\$53.78	\$21,129,786
	1981	54,278	441,744	Cwt.	56.22	24,834,848
Sheep and Lambs	1982	12,167	14,776	Cwt.	56.50	834,844
	1981	10,545	12,182	Cwt.	56.30	685,847
Hogs and Pigs	1982	3,921	8,580	Cwt.	58.75	504,075
	1981	8,017	16,555	Cwt.	49.05	812,023
Turkeys	1982	84,000	1,764,000	Lbs.	.39	687,960
	1981	88,000	1,760,000	Lbs.	.385	677,600
Miscellaneous	1982					5,070,745
	1981					4,048,780
Total	1982					28,227,410
	1981					31,059,098



## LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND APIARY PRODUCTS

	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk & Milk Products	+1982	746,365	Cwt.	\$13.30	\$ 9,926,655
	*1981	693,630	Cwt.	13.58	9,419,495
Wool	1982	108,000	Lbs.	.90	97,200
	1981	104,815	Lbs.	1.00	104,815
Apiary	1982				325,839
	1981				410,370
Miscellaneous	1982				4,491,888
	1981				5,461,147
Total	+1982				14,841,582
	*1981				15,395,827

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## MISCELLANEOUS CROPS

### VEGETABLES

Includes: anise, snap beans, Chinese vegetables, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, leeks, melons, onions, parsley, peas, popcorn, potatoes, table beets, tomatillos and turnips.

### FIELD CROPS

Miscellaneous beans -

Includes: baby limas, fava (horse), pink, pinquitos, pintos and yellow.

Miscellaneous field crops -

Includes: sudan hay and pasture, and straw.

### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Includes: Apples, apricots, cherimoya, figs, table grapes, guava, jojoba, kiwis, limes, macadamia nuts, oranges, peaches, persimmons, plums and raspberries.

### SEED CROPS

Includes: Alfalfa, milo, pea, sudan and vetch.

### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Includes: breeding stock, chickens, eggs, fertilizer, goats, horses and rabbits.

## MILLION DOLLAR PRODUCTS

### 1982 RANKING

### 1981 RANKING

1	Broccoli	35,848,052	3
2	Avocados	33,205,500	2
3	Strawberries	27,382,000	8
4	Lettuce, Head	22,902,264	1
5	Cattle & Calves	21,129,786	4
6	Cauliflower	17,032,664	5
7	Celery	13,620,606	6
8	Grapes, Wine	10,566,654	11
9	Chrysanthemums	9,960,836	12
10	Milk & Milk Products	9,926,655	9
11	Cabbage	7,737,093	21
12	Foliage Plants	7,734,754	—
13	Alfalfa Hay	6,554,476	10
14	Flower Seed	6,382,348	14
15	Flowering Plants	5,540,835	—
16	Dry Beans	5,529,888	13
17	Lemons	4,654,152	16
18	Orchids	4,286,851	20
19	Woody Ornamentals & Ground Cover	4,027,280	—
20	Herbacious Perennials & Ground Cover, Turf, Bulbs and Bedding Plants	3,972,959	—
21	Bean Seed	3,305,463	18
22	Gypsophila	3,285,018	25
23	Miscellaneous Flowers	3,265,125	—
24	Lettuce, Leaf	3,219,000	19
25	Pasture, Range	3,147,850	23
26	Orchid Plants	2,775,702	30
27	Tomatoes	2,605,468	28
28	Grain Hay	2,257,627	32
29	Spinach	2,248,626	26
30	Miscellaneous Greens, Trees and Wood Products	1,718,400	—

1982 MILLION DOLLAR PRODUCTS (Continued)

31	Wheat	1,677,060	34
32	Artichokes	1,663,320	31
33	Carrots	1,567,766	29
34	Vegetable Seed	1,516,317	—
35	Peppers, Dehydrated	1,330,656	35

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SUMMARY

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>FOB VALUE</u>
Vegetables	1982	46,906	\$114,877,391
	1981	44,788	114,596,052
Field Crops	+1982	843,808	22,367,994
	*1981	849,307	28,854,701
Fruit and Nut Crops	1982	20,232	77,292,093
	1981	19,446	54,332,839
Seed Crops	1982	7,703	11,628,867
	1981	10,881	13,823,739
Nursery Products	1982	1,695	48,121,458
	1981	1,553	45,710,966
Livestock and Poultry	1982		28,227,410
	1981		31,059,098
Livestock, Poultry & Apiary Products	+1982		14,841,582
	*1981		15,395,827
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Total	+1982	920,344	\$317,356,795
	*1981	925,975	303,773,222
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COMPARATIVE AGRICULTURAL VALUES

+1982	\$317,356,795
*1981	303,773,222
1980	299,862,444
1979	248,525,596
1978	208,020,620
1977	190,907,996
1976	165,867,484
1975	157,762,384
1974	151,245,967
1973	152,492,076
1972	115,140,543

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