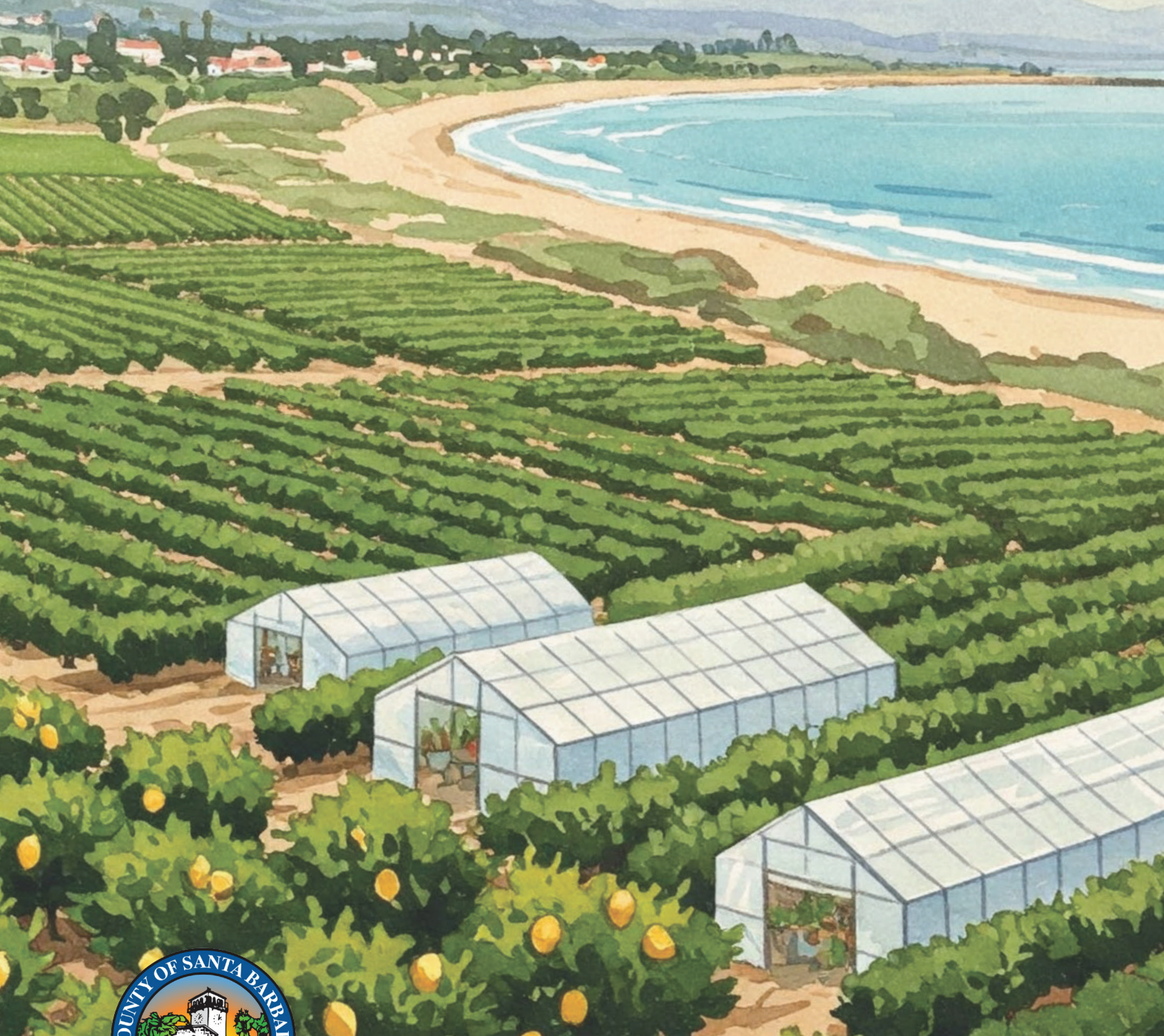


CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT 2024



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The mission of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office is to improve and protect agriculture, natural resources, and the quality of life in Santa Barbara County.

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In accordance with the provisions of Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2024 Crop and Livestock Report for Santa Barbara County. This report reflects a gross production value of \$2,009,138,000 representing a 7.1% or \$133,160,000 increase over 2023. It is important to note that the values represent gross figures and do not reflect production costs such as labor, planting, irrigation, distribution, and other production activities.

Strawberries remain the County's leading crop valued at \$860,478,000, marking an 11% increase from the previous year. Nursery Products maintained the second-highest value at \$124,473,000, with a 1.8% increase. Broccoli rose to the third position at \$93,423,000, a 7.7% increase, followed by Cauliflower at \$78,258,000, a decrease of 7%. Blackberries entered the top five at \$77,956,000, showing a significant 27% increase from 2023.

The Fruits & Nuts category increased 14% to \$1,064,686,000, accounting for 53% of total gross production. Vegetable Crops increased 2% to \$628,145,000, accounting for 31%. Nursery Products increased 1.7% to \$124,473,000 making up 6%. Wine Grapes decreased 28% to \$70,857,000 representing 3%. Livestock and Field & Seed Crops saw increases of 11.5% and 57%. Cut Flowers experienced a 7.1% decrease.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the agricultural community for their continued cooperation and for providing the essential data that make this report possible. I also want to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our department staff, with special thanks to Matthew Maiten, Mel Graham, and our Crop and Livestock Report team for their commitment to compiling, analyzing, and reviewing this important information.

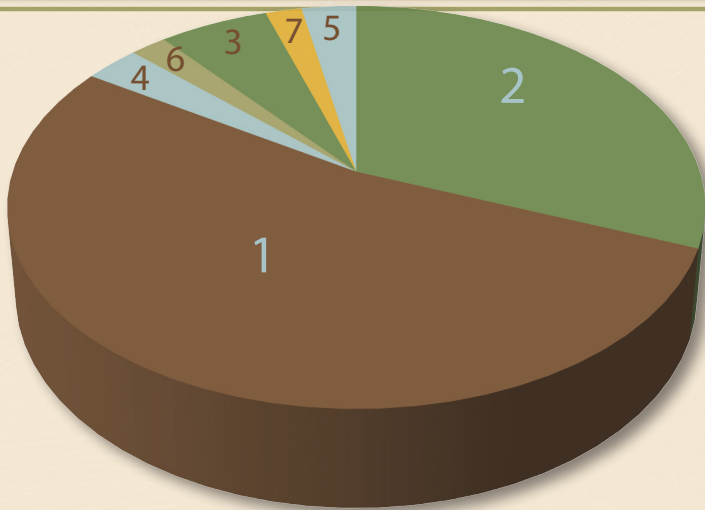
Respectfully submitted,

Jose Chang

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AGRICULTURE AT A GLANCE



Percent of Gross Production by Group

1 - Fruit & Nut Crops	53%
2 - Vegetable Crops	31%
3 - Nursery Products	6%
4 - Wine Grapes	3%
5 - Livestock & Animal Products	3%
6 - Cut Flowers & Foliage	2%
7 - Field, Seed, & Apiary	2%

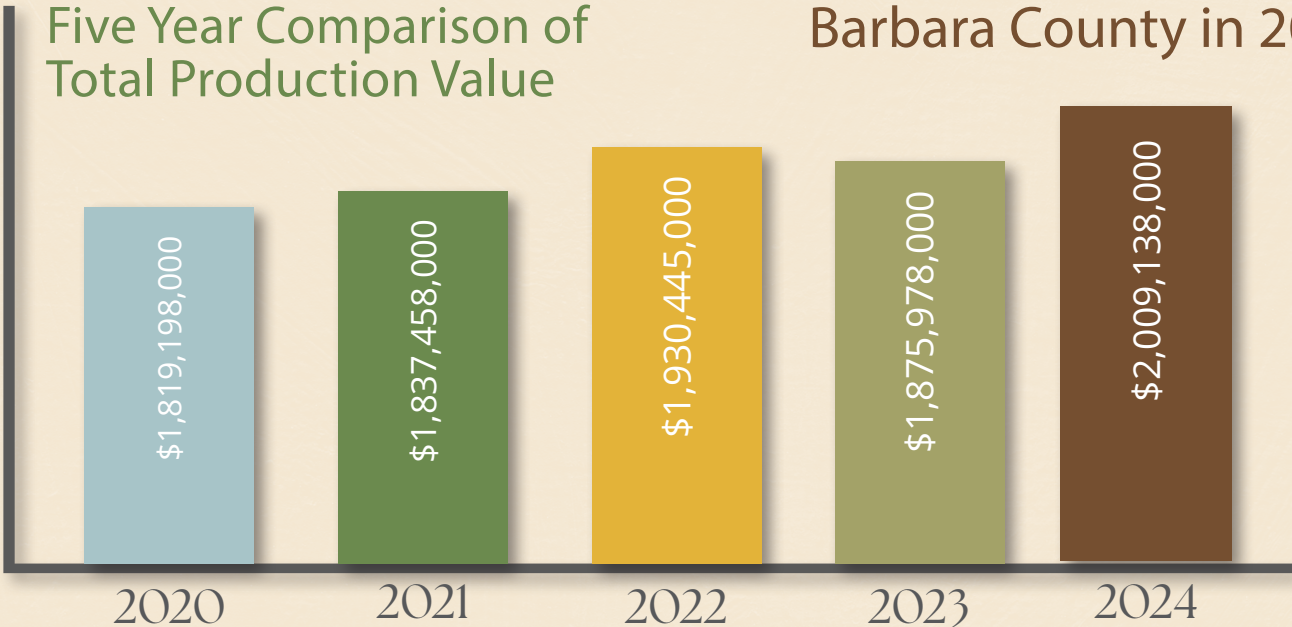
Top 10 Commodities

1 Strawberries	\$860,478,000
2 Nursery	\$124,473,000
3 Broccoli	\$93,423,000
4 Cauliflower	\$78,258,000
5 Blackberries	\$77,956,000
6 Lettuce, Head	\$77,334,000
7 Lettuce, Leaf	\$76,827,000
8 Wine Grapes	\$70,857,000
9 Celery	\$59,776,000
10 Livestock	\$51,988,000
Other Commodities	\$437,768,000

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Value of Agricultural Production in Santa Barbara County in 2024

Five Year Comparison of Total Production Value



VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Unit	Price Per Unit	Total Value
Broccoli	2024	10,577	592	6,261,584	22 lb CTN	\$14.92	\$93,423,000
	2023	12,118	554	6,713,372		\$12.92	\$86,737,000
Brussels Sprouts	2024	537	644	345,828	25 lb CTN	\$21.50	\$7,435,000
	2023	767	674	516,958		\$20.05	\$10,365,000
Cabbage	2024	1,557	1,015	1,580,355	50 lb CTN	\$12.49	\$19,739,000
	2023	1,729	1,023	1,768,767		\$11.31	\$20,005,000
Cauliflower	2024	8,683	708	6,147,564	25 lb CTN	\$12.73	\$78,258,000
	2023	9,880	677	6,688,760		\$12.57	\$84,078,000
Celery	2024	4,082	1,092	4,457,544	60 lb CTN	\$13.41	\$59,776,000
	2023	4,116	1,083	4,457,628		\$15.05	\$67,087,000
Head Lettuce	2024	7,197	753	5,419,341	50 lb CTN	\$14.27	\$77,334,000
	2023	7,850	735	5,769,750		\$13.38	\$77,199,000
Leaf Lettuce	2024	4,869	971	4,727,799	30 lb CTN	\$16.25	\$76,827,000
	2023	5,952	865	5,148,480		\$13.23	\$68,114,000
Spinach	2024	971	507	492,297	20 lb CTN	\$16.47	\$8,108,000
	2023	721	758	546,518		\$12.75	\$6,968,000
Miscellaneous Vegetables*	2024	5,724					\$207,245,000
	2023	8,594					\$194,971,000
Vegetable Total	2024	44,197					\$628,145,000
	2023	51,726					\$615,524,000

*Misc. Includes: artichoke, arugula, asparagus, basil, bell pepper, beet, carrot, celery root, chard, chervil, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, corn, sweet corn, collard greens, cress, cucumber, dandelion, eggplant, endive, escarole, fennel, green beans, herbs, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, mustard greens, dry onion, green onion, parsley, peas (edible pod), pepper, potato, pumpkin, radicchio, radish, winter squash, summer squash, tomatillo, and tomato.



The 2024 growing season showed notable improvement over the prior year, though rising production costs and ongoing challenges led to higher prices for most vegetable commodities. While cooler weather and advancements in pest-resistant varieties reduced overall pest pressure, the diamondback moth remained a significant concern, particularly for brassica crops.



FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Price Per Ton	Total Value
Avocados	2024	6,323	2.77	17,516	\$2,893	\$50,676,000
	2023	5,717	3.02	17,265	\$2,151	\$37,137,000
Blackberries	2024	1,721	7.00	12,047	\$6,471	\$77,956,000
	2023	1,271	6.21	7,893	\$7,766	\$61,297,000
Blueberries	2024	426	7.5	3,195	\$10,000	\$31,950,000
	2023	317	5.79	1,835	\$9,658	\$17,722,000
Lemons	2024	1,624	14.09	22,882	\$406	\$9,290,000
	2023	1,623	19.83	32,184	\$347	\$11,168,000
Raspberries	2024	890	6.75	6,008	\$4,540	\$27,274,000
	2023	540	4.79	2,587	\$9,409	\$24,337,000
Strawberries Total	2024	14,160	---	439,622	---	\$860,478,000
	2023	12,489	---	329,859	---	\$775,282,000
Fresh Strawberries	2024	14,160	26.99	382,178	\$2,100	\$802,574,000
	2023	12,489	22.17	276,881	\$2,598	\$719,337,000
Processed Strawberries	2024	---	---	57,444	\$1,008	\$57,904,000
	2023	---	---	52,978	\$1,056	\$55,945,000
Miscellaneous* Fruit and Nut Crops	2024	1,061				\$7,062,000
	2023	1,315				\$5,524,000
Fruit & Nuts Total	2024	26,205				\$1,064,686,000
	2023	23,272				\$932,467,000

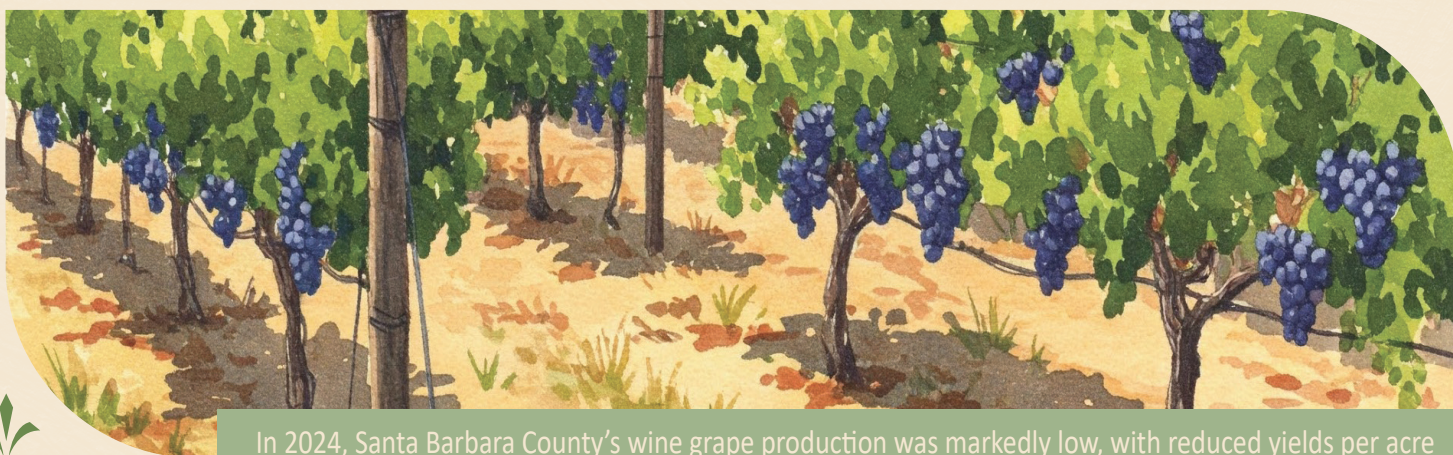
* Misc. Includes: apples, cherimoya, golden berries, olives, oranges, persimmons, pistachio nut, plums, and walnut.



Despite lower prices and higher input costs, Santa Barbara County's overall strawberry crop value rose due to increased acreage and higher per-acre yields. However, these producers still faced significant pest pressures from Lygus, mites, and Spotted Wing Drosophila.

WINE GRAPES

Variety	Harvested Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total Production in Tons	Price Per Ton	Total Value
Chardonnay	3,867	2.92	11,292	\$1,754	\$19,806,000
Pinot Noir	3,266	2.12	6,924	\$2,682	\$18,570,000
Sauvignon Blanc	1,080	3.95	4,266	\$1,925	\$8,212,000
Cabernet Sauvignon	556	3.36	1,868	\$2,125	\$3,969,000
Syrah	911	2.74	2,496	\$2,016	\$5,032,000
Grenache	462	3.46	1,599	\$1,416	\$2,264,000
Cabernet Franc	360	2.44	878	\$2,060	\$1,809,000
Pinot Gris	240	2.37	569	\$1,608	\$915,000
Merlot	160	3.44	550	\$1,542	\$848,000
Petite Sirah	132	3.69	487	\$1,671	\$814,000
Mourvedre	111	3.69	410	\$1,721	\$706,000
Sangiovese	78	4.4	343	\$1,631	\$560,000
MISC Red	435	3.84	1,670	\$2,142	\$3,577,000
MISC White	468	3.56	1,666	\$2,266	\$3,775,000
Wine Grape	2024	12,126			\$70,857,000
Total	2023	11,168			\$98,562,000



In 2024, Santa Barbara County's wine grape production was markedly low, with reduced yields per acre culminating in a harvest only two-thirds the normal size. Despite this smaller yield, the high quality of the grapes fueled strong demand and robust pricing, especially when compared to other regions.

CUT FLOWER & NURSERY CROPS

Cut Flowers & Foliage	Year	Greenhouse (Sq. Ft.)	Outdoor Grown (Acres)	Total Value
Dahlia	2024	89,400	23	\$2,648,000
	2023	91,500	22	\$2,451,000
Miscellaneous Cut Flowers / Cut Foliage*	2024	2,096,358	691	\$30,910,000
	2023	2,558,034	637	\$33,691,000
Cut Flowers & Foliage Total	2024	2,185,759	714	\$33,558,000
	2023	2,649,534	659	\$33,691,000

*Misc. includes: lily, gerbera, alstroemeria, anemone, aster, bells of Ireland, bird of paradise, bupleurum, calla lily, cornflower, cosmo, craspedia, cut greens, delphinium, dianthus, feverfew, freesia, gladiolus, godetia, hydrangea, iris, larkspur, lily, limonium, lisianthus, marigold, nigella, orchid, poppy, queen Anne’s lace, ranunculus, rose, safflower, snapdragon, solidaster, stock, sunflower, sweet peas, tuberose, tulip, yarrow, and zinnia.



Santa Barbara County’s nursery and cut flower sector ranked second in value in 2024 due to strong demand and stable production. Despite diverse local businesses and prominent events, the industry consistently faced major challenges including labor, input costs, water availability, and market competition.

Nursery Products	Year	Greenhouse (Sq. Ft.)	Outdoor Grown (Acres)	Total Value
Potted Plants* (including Orchids)	2024	4,163,243	251	\$124,473,000
	2023	3,813,670	218	\$122,301,000
Nursery Plants Total	2024	4,163,243	251	\$124,473,000
	2023	3,813,670	218	\$122,301,000

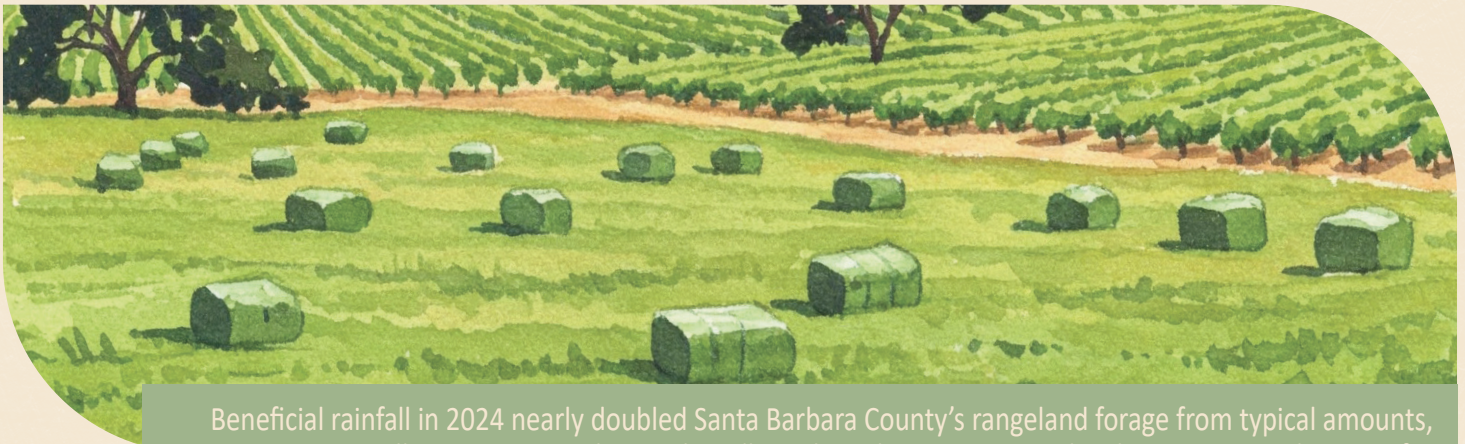
*Potted Plants includes orchids, foliage, herbaceous perennials, ground covers, turf, bulbs, bedding plants, vegetable transplants, fruit trees and vines, palms, poinsettia, and woody ornamentals.



FIELD, SEED & CANNABIS

Crop	Year	Acreage	Total Value
Rangeland	2024	572,289	\$27,184,000
	2023	573,009	\$15,471,000
Pasture	2024	2,057	\$617,000
	2023	2,241	\$702,000
Beans, Dry Edible	2024	1,455	\$2,436,000
	2023	1,075	\$1,762,000
Miscellaneous Grain and Seed Crops*	2024	3,491	\$4,215,000
	2023	3,438	\$3,907,000
Field & Seed Total	2024	579,292	\$34,452,000
	2023	579,763	\$21,842,000

*Misc. includes: forage, hay, oats, seeds, sudangrass, and wheat.



Beneficial rainfall in 2024 nearly doubled Santa Barbara County's rangeland forage from typical amounts, creating excellent grazing conditions that allowed ranchers to increase herd sizes or extend grazing for heavier cattle. Separately, more accurate regional data during this period also led to improved rangeland valuations.

Cannabis Product Production & Value	Production	Unit	Average Price/Unit	Total Value
Cannabis Packaged Harvest Weight	10,302,830	Lbs	\$30	\$309,085,000
Seed/Clone/Immature Plant	1,638,108	Each	\$2.70	\$4,423,000
Cannabis Product Total Value (Not included in county total production)				\$313,508,000

Cannabis Cultivation Licenses by Type	Licenses by Type	Cultivation Total Area (Square Feet)	Cultivation Total Area (Acres)
Nursery	25	NA	NA
Indoor	2	15,000	0.34
Mixed Light	134	1,635,000	37.53
Outdoor	642	19,333,513	443.84
Total	803	20,983,513	481.71

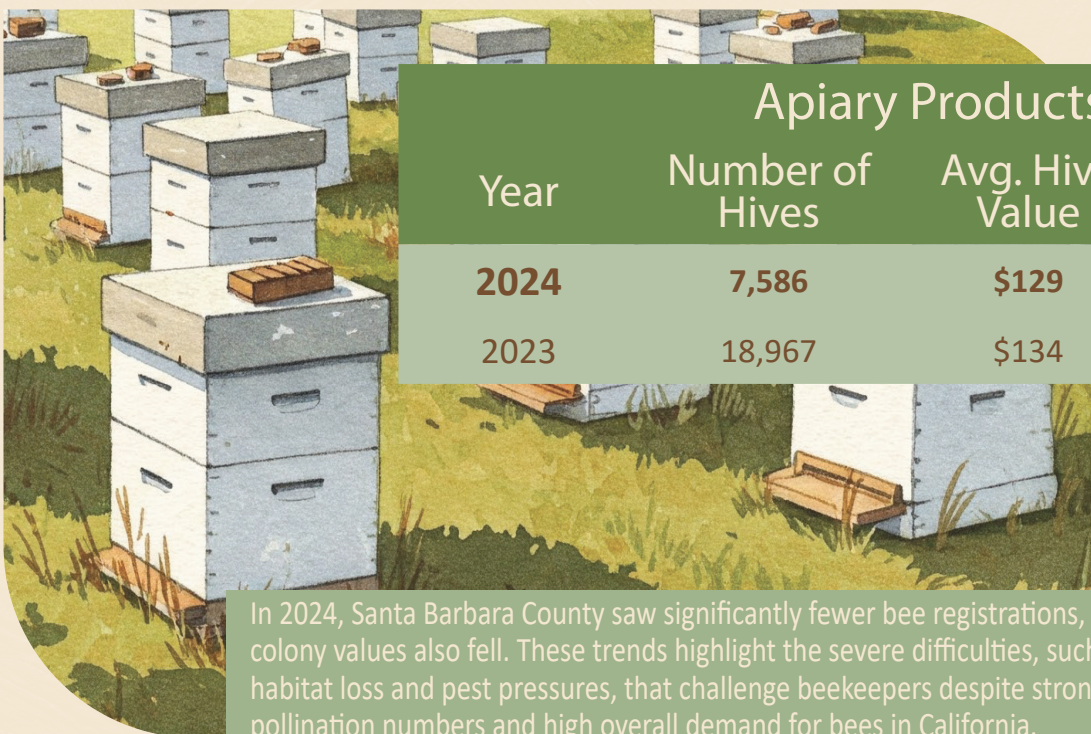
LIVESTOCK & APIARY

Livestock	Year	Number of Head	Total Value
Cattle, Market	2024	29,366	\$41,898,000
	2023	35,598	\$35,209,000
Miscellaneous Livestock*	2024	---	\$10,090,000
	2023	---	\$11,389,000
Livestock Total	2024	---	\$51,988,000
	2023	---	\$46,598,000

*Misc. includes: abalone, dairy, eggs, mussels, oysters, poultry, and swine.



Strong national cattle prices in 2024, driven by low inventory from high demand and prior droughts, increased per-animal value. In Santa Barbara County, better 2024 rainfall improved pastures, allowing for heavier calves and retention of more young stock, though local herd numbers remained down.



Apiary Products

Year	Number of Hives	Avg. Hive Value	Total Value
2024	7,586	\$129	\$979,000
2023	18,967	\$134	\$2,542,000



In 2024, Santa Barbara County saw significantly fewer bee registrations, and statewide colony values also fell. These trends highlight the severe difficulties, such as coastal habitat loss and pest pressures, that challenge beekeepers despite strong early-year pollination numbers and high overall demand for bees in California.



PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO 34 COUNTRIES

Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, The Czech Republic, The Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, The Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, The United Arab Emirates, The United Kingdom, The United States, and Uruguay

Top 10 Export Countries by Total Phytosanitary Certificates Issued

1	Canada	3,946
2	Mexico	1,115
3	Saudi Arabia	489
4	The United Arab Emirates	431
5	Kuwait	407
6	The Netherlands*	384
7	Japan	250
8	Costa Rica*	210
9	Thailand	147
10	Qatar	90

* Exports consisted mainly of seed.



EXPORTS

TOP EXPORTS IN TONS SHIPPED

Canada

Cucumber	9,460
Pepper	5,186
Broccoli	3,548
Strawberry	2,289

Mexico

Lettuce	12,325
Strawberry	10,365
Celery	552
Brussels Sprouts	527

United Arab Emirates

Strawberry	247
Blackberry	38
Raspberry	21
Blueberry	1

Japan

Celery	509
Tomato	268
Blackberry	12
Raspberry	8

Kuwait

Strawberry	109
Blackberry	50
Raspberry	11
Blueberry	1



What is a Phytosanitary Certificate?

A phytosanitary certificate is an official document that facilitates shipment of agricultural commodities across borders and certifies that the shipment is free from prohibited plants, animals, and other pests.

CONSUMER PROTECTION



WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Purchasing produce at the market, taking a taxi to a local business, selling your old precious metal, and purchasing items at your favorite boutique. What do all of these have in common? All of these transactions are overseen by the Weights and Measures department. Our office certifies devices such as scales, retail motor fuel meters (gas pumps), and taximeters. We also perform quantity control and sales price inspections at all businesses that are registered through the County scanning ordinance. Weights and Measures staff serve as a “third person” in transactions to help to protect both the buyer and seller in all transactions made based on weight, measure, or count.

Price Accuracy Inspections **737**

Domestic utility water submeters certified for use in CA **5,700**

Consumer Complaint Investigations **30**



Weighing Devices	# of Inspections	Measuring Devices	# of Inspections
Computing/Counter Scales	1,250	Retail Fuel Meters	2,950
Vehicle Scales	68	Wholesale Meters	60
Dormant/Platform Scales	425	Liquid Propane Gas Meters	56
Livestock Scales	40	Vapor/Water/Electric Submeters	1,575
Hanging/Crane Scales	81	Vehicle Meters	69
Jewelry Scales/Class II	128	Retail Water Vending Machines	187
Miscellaneous Weighing Devices	4	Other Measuring Devices (Including Taxis)	10



CONSUMER PROTECTION



Certified Farmers' Markets

A Certified Farmers' Market is a retail market intended for certified producers to sell primarily fresh produce direct to consumers. These markets are also a destination and place to gather and socialize in many communities. California has approximately 750 certified farmers' markets and over 2,700 certified producers. Santa Barbara County has 9 certified markets and over 100 current certified producers. All certified producers have banners displayed in their booths that state a phrase similar to **"We grow what we sell"**. This phrase encompasses the work and reputation of the grower and ties the farmer, community, and consumer together in one place: our local certified farmers' markets.

ORGANIC FARMING

Top 5	Organic Crop	Harvested Acreage
1	Strawberries	4,208
2	Carrots	1,364
3	Wine Grapes	1,153
4	Lettuce (head, leaf, spring mix)	938
5	Celery	923

15,296 Acres 205 Registered Organic Farms

There is a steady demand for organic produce, a trend that has grown over the past decade, encouraging the continued presence and activity of organic agriculture in Santa Barbara County. There were 205 organic farms registered in Santa Barbara County in 2024. Utilizing organic principles as required by the California Organic Products Act of 2003, these farms produce a wide variety of crops. Visit our website and select the "Other Ag Programs" tab to find more information.

Certified Farmers' Market Schedule

SOUTH COUNTY

Carpinteria

Thursday
3:00-6:30 PM

Montecito

Friday
8:00-11:15 AM

Santa Barbara

Tuesday
3:00-7:00 PM
Saturday
8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Goleta

Sunday
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

MID-COUNTY

Solvang

Wednesday
2:30- 6:30 PM

Vandenberg Village

Sunday
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Los Alamos

Saturday
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM
Starting July 12, 2025

NORTH COUNTY

Santa Maria

Wednesday
12:00- 4:00 PM

Orcutt

Tuesday
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
3rd Wednesday of the Month
June-November
4:30-7:30 PM



PEST PREVENTION



PEST EXCLUSION

Pest Exclusion programs serve as the first line of defense to prevent detrimental pests from reaching agriculture production sites. Agricultural Commissioner staff inspect incoming high-risk plant material at mail carriers, nurseries, retailers, and homes to prevent the introduction of pests into the county.

133 NOR's Issued
(Notice of Rejection)

A NOR is issued when a package or parcel is in violation of a quarantine or lacks the required certification. A NOR informs the shipper of a non-compliance and can lead to rejection of the package contents via returning the package, reconditioning, or disposal.

Pest Ratings:

"A" – An organism of known economic importance, subject to enforcement action involving eradication, quarantine regulation, containment, rejection, or other holding action. **"Q"** – An organism or disorder requiring temporary **"A"** action pending determination of a permanent quarantine rating. The organism is suspected to be of economic importance, but its status is uncertain because of incomplete identification or inadequate information. (Other ratings include: **B**, **C** and **D**)

Pest Species Intercepted	Scientific Name	Rating	# of Finds	Pest Species Intercepted	Family Name	Rating	# of Finds
Boxwood Scale	<i>Pinnaspis buxi</i>	A	11	Mealybug	<i>Pseudococcidae</i>	Q	29
Lesser Snow Scale	<i>Pinnaspis strachani</i>	A	10	Thrip	<i>Thysanoptera</i>	Q	18
Red Imported Fire Ant	<i>Solenopsis invicta</i>	A	4	Armored Scale	<i>Diaspididae</i>	Q	15
Armored Scale	<i>Lepidosaphes laterochitinsa</i>	A	3	Aphid	<i>Aphididae</i>	Q	14
Coconut Scale	<i>Aspidiotus destructor</i>	A	3	Scale Insects	<i>Coccidae</i>	Q	7
Mealybug	<i>Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi</i>	A	3	Psyllids	<i>Psyllidae</i>	Q	7
Sansevieria Scale	<i>Parlatoria proteus</i>	A	3	Snail	<i>Subulinidae</i>	Q	4
Little Fire Ant	<i>Wasmannia auropunctata</i>	A	2	Rover Ant	<i>Brachymyrmex</i> sp.	Q	3
Asian Needle Ant	<i>Brachyponera chinensis</i>	A	2	Flower Thrips	<i>Frankliniella</i> sp.	Q	3
Cotton Seed Bug	<i>Oxycarenus hyalinipennis</i>	A	2	True Bugs	Hemiptera	Q	3
Magnolia White Scale	<i>Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli</i>	A	2	Big-Headed Ant	<i>Pheidole</i> sp.	Q	3
Pacific Mealybug	<i>Planococcus minor</i>	A	2	Fungal Pathogen	<i>Diaporthe</i> sp.	Q	2
Rufous Scale	<i>Selenaspis articulatus</i>	A	1	Tetranychid Mite	<i>Tetranychus</i> sp.	Q	2
Tea Scale	<i>Fiorinia theae</i>	A	1	Yellow Horned Poppy	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Q	1
Trilobe Scale	<i>Pseudaonidia trilobitiformis</i>	A	1	Other Q Rated		Q	20
White Peach Scale	<i>Pseudaulacaspis pentagona</i>	A	1				
			Total A Rated	51			
					Total Q Rated		
					131		

PEST PREVENTION

MASTER GARDENER PARTNERSHIP

Free Pest Identification Services

Noticing any unusual pests or pest problems in your garden? Correct pest ID is the first step in effective pest management. Without knowing the cause, it's hard to find the right solution. The Department partners with the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners to provide free pest ID services to the Santa Barbara County public. Here is how you can utilize this free service:

- Found a pest? Take a photo of the pest and any plant damage you suspect it caused or collect a sample
- Note the location where it was discovered (plant type, area of the County, home garden vs park, etc.) and any plant symptoms
- Submit it: Email the photos to anrmgsb@ucanr.edu or leave the sample at any department office

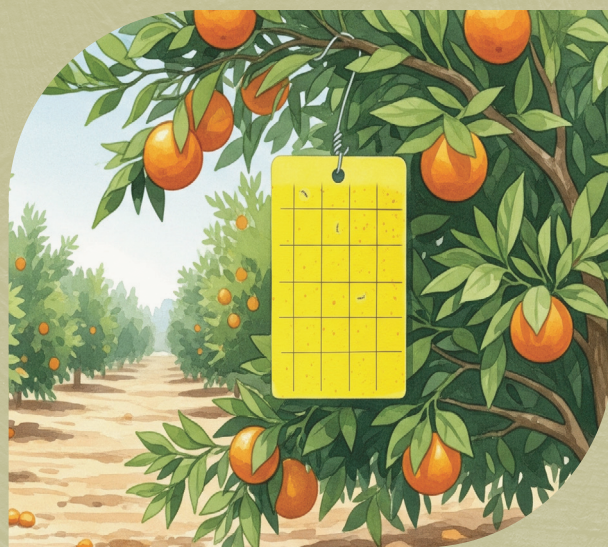
New invasive pests pose serious threats to California's agriculture and environment. That's why gardeners and community members like you are vital — your observations may help catch a new pest before it spreads.

Be our eyes and ears in the field — together, we can protect our gardens and our state.



PEST DETECTION

Over 960 traps for the detection of different exotic pests were placed, maintained, and inspected in Santa Barbara County by state and local staff. These pests include the Asian Citrus Psyllid, Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, Light Brown Apple Moth and Invasive Shot Hole Borers. Traps were set at various densities per square mile and serviced as frequently as every two weeks. Staff also worked with CDFA to release *Tamarixia radiata* wasps to parasitize the Asian Citrus Psyllid, a pest of concern in citrus. Staff also inspected plant material entering Santa Barbara County for various high risk pests.



Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Trap Type	# of Traps	Frequency of Servicing
Parcels Inspected @ Mail Carriers	14,794	GWSS (Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter) Includes urban, retail, and wholesale traps	734	every 2 weeks
Incoming Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter	662	LBAM (Light Brown Apple Moth)	163	every 4 weeks
High Risk: From Southern States	121	ISHB (Invasive Shot Hole Borer)	63	every 4 weeks
High Risk: Air Freight Forwarded	91			
High Risk: Seed	6			
High Risk: Spongy Moth	4			
High Risk: Beehives	1			
High Risk: Other	92			

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Shannon Klisch is the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Director in Santa Barbara County. Shannon holds a master's degree in public health and has spent her career working on the central coast in the areas of community health, food and nutrition security, and youth and community engagement. As director, she is focused on building partnerships to further the mission of UCCE to cultivate thriving communities, sustainable agriculture, resilient ecosystems, and economic prosperity in Santa Barbara County. The agricultural community and Agriculture Commissioner in Santa Barbara County are central to that mission.

California and our county face mounting challenges—from extreme weather to rising costs. At the same time, we are at a moment of rapid change and technological advancement bringing with it new opportunities. As a long-trusted source for practical tools and information, UCCE is well-positioned to drive innovation and work with local communities to develop real-world solutions. We connect university research with everyday challenges to strengthen agriculture, protect natural resources, and support healthy youth and communities. UCCE Santa Barbara County uses workshops, demonstrations, and volunteer programs to deliver valuable information and support to residents and the agricultural industry.

Whether through our Agricultural Advisors, UC Master Gardeners, 4-H, or other local programs, we invite you to connect with us. Visit our website to learn more—we're here to help:

<https://ucanr.edu/county-office/santa-barbara-county>

-Shannon Klisch, UC Cooperative Extension

Subtropical Crops Advisor, Ben Faber, works with local growers to scout new crops, advise on adapting to changes in climate, and improve irrigation and pest management practices to support agricultural efficiency and profitability. Cherimoya season is just starting in Carpinteria, the trees have lost their leaves getting ready to put on a new flush, then flowering. Look for the fruit (pictured right) later in the fall and early winter.



Small Farms Staff Researcher, Claire Tuohey Mote, works with farmers in Santa Barbara to assist with applying for disaster relief for weather damaged crops. Photo: Strawberries in Santa Maria damaged in 2024.



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Environmental Protection

Pesticide Use
Enforcement

Provide for the proper, safe, & effective use of pesticides for agricultural production & protection of public health & safety

Regulate and ensure proper stewardship of pesticides for environmental protection

Ensure safe working conditions, use of proper protective equipment, & training for employees working with or around pesticides

Pesticide use reporting, incident investigations, outreach activities, & monitoring applications



Consumer Protection

Weights & Measures
Organic
Direct Marketing

DEVICES
Annually inspect livestock scales, vehicle scales, propane delivery trucks, fuel dispensers, deli scales, & taxi meters

PETROLEUM
Enforce petroleum product quality, labeling, & advertising requirements

QUANTITY CONTROL
Ensure pricing & weight accuracy at checkout

DIRECT MARKETING
Certified Producers & Certified Farmers Markets

ORGANIC code enforcement

CROP STATISTICS
Annual report of the value of the county's agricultural commodities



Pest Prevention

Pest Exclusion & Quarantine
Pest Detection
Pest Eradication
Seed & Nursery

PEST EXCLUSION & QUARANTINE
Inspection of incoming plant material & phytosanitary certification of exports

Enforcement of plant quarantines

PEST DETECTION
Early detection of insect pests

PEST ERADICATION
Eradication of particular pest species

SEED CERTIFICATION & INSPECTION

NURSERY INSPECTION
Inspection of growing, propagation & sale of nursery stock to ensure material is healthy and clean of pests

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