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# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Produced in

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

During 1970



## County Department of Agriculture

EARL R. KALAR, Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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The 1970 estimated gross agricultural production is a new San Luis Obispo County high of \$58,112,530.00, edging out 1969 by \$98,000.00. The net income to farmers in most cases continues to decline. This is the most serious problem facing our county agriculture. The answer is that the farmer is not receiving a fair price for his product. Whether profitable to the farmer or not, agriculture stimulates more new wealth than any other county industry. By the time our agricultural products reach the consumer, there is an increase up to seven times the gross value reported here.

The pictorial portion of this year's report depicts our youth in agriculture. To this youth we must look for the continuation of our county, state and nation's most important industry. Our County Fair plays a vital part in promoting youth in agriculture.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all firms and individuals who assisted in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Earl R. Kalar*  
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Agricultural Commissioner

VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1969-70

CROP	Year	Planted Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Per Acre	Total			
Beans, (Snap)	1970	140	102	14,300	Cwt	15.20	\$ 217,000
	1969	222	121	26,900	Cwt	16.60	446,000
Beans, (Freezer)	1970	680	1.85	1,260	Ton	171.00	215,000
	1969	--	--	--	--	--	--
Broccoli	1970	2,684	76	204,000	Cwt	9.65	1,969,000
	1969	2,745	68	187,000	Cwt	10.10	1,889,000
Brussels	1970	105	125	13,100	Cwt	13.50	177,000
Sprouts	1969	146	120	17,500	Cwt	13.10	229,000
Cabbage	1970	304	230	69,900	Cwt	3.45	241,000
	1969	315	245	77,000	Cwt	3.00	231,000
Carrots	1970	380	340	129,000	Cwt	4.01	513,000
	1969	226	360	81,000	Cwt	4.60	373,000
Cauliflower	1970	683	461	315,000	25# Crate	3.00	945,000
	1969	618	442	273,000	Crate	3.07	838,000
Celery	1970	1,571	870	1,367,000	60# Crate	2.55	3,486,000
	1969	1,518	880	1,336,000	Crate	3.75	5,010,000
Cucumbers	1970	31	660	20,500	32# Lug	2.15	44,100
	1969	47	680	32,000	Lug	2.20	70,400
Lettuce	1970	5,017	738	3,702,000	48# Ctn	1.90	7,034,000
	1969	4,486	625	2,804,000	Ctn	1.81	5,075,000
Peas, (Edible Pod)	1970	594	18	10,700	Cwt	32.00	342,000
	1969	586	17	10,000	Cwt	27.00	270,000
Peas, (Green)	1970	245	31	7,590	Cwt	15.00	114,000
	1969	210	28	5,900	Cwt	14.00	82,600
Peppers, (Bell)	1970	309	140	43,300	Cwt	11.50	498,000
	1969	367	130	47,700	Cwt	10.35	494,000
Potatoes	1970	258	370	95,500	Cwt	2.55	243,000
	1969	259	360	93,200	Cwt	2.40	224,000
Romaine	1970	979	700	685,000	68# Crate	2.10	1,439,000
	1969	803	700	562,000	Crate	2.45	1,377,000
Spinach, (Processing)	1970	50	6.6	330	Ton	27.90	9,200
	1969	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tomatoes	1970	93	190	17,700	Cwt	11.30	200,000
	1969	102	200	20,400	Cwt	11.10	226,000
Miscellaneous	1970	532					682,000
	1969	503					691,000
TOTAL VEGETABLE CROP	1970	13,965					\$18,368,300
	1969	13,153					17,526,000

COVER: 4H single market beef judging, San Luis Obispo County Fair.



FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1969-70

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION			Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Per Acre	Total	Unit			
Alfalfa Hay---	1970	13,100	5.1	66,800	Ton	28.50	\$ 1,904,000	
	1969	12,900	5.0	64,500	Ton	27.50	1,774,000	
Grain Hay-----	1970	58,500	1.25	73,100	Ton	25.50	1,864,000	
	1969	57,000	1.4	79,800	Ton	24.00	1,915,000	
Beans								
Small Whites-	1970	258	15	3,880	Cwt	11.50	44,600	
	1969	561	16	8,980	Cwt	10.10	90,700	
Pinks-----	1970	69	13	897	Cwt	9.40	8,430	
	1969	126	11	1,390	Cwt	8.60	12,000	
Garbanzo-----	1970	5,540	7	38,800	Cwt	15.80	613,000	
	1969	5,088	9	45,800	Cwt	13.00	595,000	
Large Lima---	1970	121	16	1,936	Cwt	12.70	24,600	
	1969	246	17	4,180	Cwt	12.30	51,400	
Miscellaneous-	1970	22	10	220	Cwt	11.00	2,420	
	1969	29	15	435	Cwt	8.70	3,780	
Corn, (Grain)-	1970	200	34	6,800	Cwt	2.70	18,400	
	1969	300	38	11,400	Cwt	2.50	28,500	
Corn,-----	1970	1,150	26	29,900	Ton	8.50	254,000	
(Silage)	1969	1,250	28	35,000	Ton	8.00	280,000	
Barley-----	1970	68,600	14	960,000	Cwt	2.32	2,227,000	
	1969	67,000	13.5	904,000	Cwt	2.37	2,142,000	
Oats-----	1970	1,100	17	18,700	Cwt	2.10	39,300	
	1969	1,050	17	17,800	Cwt	2.15	38,300	
Wheat-----	1970	60,000	10.1	606,000	Cwt	2.30	1,394,000	
	1969	62,000	10.8	670,000	Cwt	2.31	1,548,000	
Irrigated-----	1970	3,740			Acre	40.00	150,000	
Pasture	1969	3,650			Acre	40.00	146,000	
Sugar Beets---	1970	3,980	22.6	89,900	Ton	14.48	1,302,000	
	1969*	3,478	20.1	69,900	Ton	13.84	967,000	
Sugar Beet----	1970	1,300			Acre	10.00	13,000	
Pasture	1969	1,200			Acre	10.00	12,000	
Miscellaneous-	1970						460,000	
	1969						400,000	
TOTAL	1970	217,680					\$10,309,750	
FIELD CROPS	1969*	215,878					10,003,680	
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1969-70								
CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	Unit			Per Unit	VALUE Total	
Seed								
Field Crop---	1970	1,275					\$432,000	
& Vegetable	1969	1,480					486,000	
Flower-----	1970	59			Acre	897.00	52,900	
	1969	89			1,004.00		89,400	
Nursery and---	1970						102,000	
Cut Flowers	1969						94,000	
TOTAL	1970	1,334					\$586,900	
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1969	1,569					669,400	

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1969-70

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION			Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Production	Unit			
Beef Cattle-----	1970	93,000	539,000		Cwt	28.20	\$15,200,000	
	1969	97,000	582,000		Cwt	27.50	16,005,000	
Beef Cattle-----	1970	13,000	47,000		Cwt	29.30	1,377,000	
Feed Lot-Out of County	1969	15,000	56,000		Cwt	28.70	1,607,000	
Dairy Cows-----	1970	710			Each	399.00	283,000	
and Heifers	1969	750			Each	375.00	281,000	
Calves (Year)---	1970	2,150	6,750		Cwt	32.00	216,000	
	1969	2,350	7,050		Cwt	30.20	213,000	
Hogs-----	1970	5,850	11,200		Cwt	23.10	259,000	
	1969	5,300	10,900		Cwt	22.80	248,000	
Chickens-----	1970	292,000	1,168,000		Lbs	.072	84,100	
(Meat)	1969	270,000	1,080,000		Lbs	.09	97,200	
Hatchery-----	1970		2,853,000		Each	.121	345,000	
Chicks	1969		2,153,000		Each	.109	235,000	
Turkeys-----	1970	377,000	8,671,000		Lbs	.228	1,977,000	
(Meat)	1969	329,000	7,238,000		Lbs	.22	1,592,000	
Sheep and-----	1970	16,200	16,700		Cwt	24.10	402,000	
Lambs	1969	16,700	17,100		Cwt	24.00	410,000	
Miscellaneous---	1970						96,000	
	1969						90,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1970						\$20,239,100	
	1969						20,778,200	
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1969-70								
PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION			Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
Market Milk-----	1970	521,000			Cwt	5.46	\$2,845,000	
	1969*	587,000			Cwt	5.26	3,088,000	
Manufacturing---	1970	7,320			Cwt	4.14	30,300	
Milk	1969*	18,000			Cwt	4.02	72,400	
Wool-----	1970	107,000			Lbs	.33	35,300	
	1969	105,000			Lbs	.325	34,100	
Chicken Eggs								
Market-----	1970	2,110,000			Doz	.318	671,000	
	1969	2,050,000			Doz	.335	687,000	
Hatching-----	1970	1,065,000			Doz	.665	708,000	
	1969	1,020,000			Doz	.66	673,000	
Turkey Eggs								
Hatching-----	1970	230,000			Eggs	.23	52,900	
	1969	252,000			Eggs	.23	58,000	
Honey-----	1970	130,000			Lbs	.14	18,200	
	1969	648,000			Lbs	.13	84,200	
Miscellaneous---	1970						29,000	
	1969						24,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1970						\$4,389,700	
	1969*						4,720,700	

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GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS: 1969-70

Year	Valuation	
Cropland-----	1970	\$ 13,000
Adjustment	1969	--
Program		
Soil Bank-----	1970	--
and Conser-	1969	69,700
vation Reserve		
Wool-----	1970	5,880
	1969	4,600
Wheat Payments---	1970	808,000
	1969	748,000
Feed Grain-----	1970	266,000
	1969	306,000
Sugar Beets-----	1970	151,000
	1969	125,000
TOTALS	1970	\$1,243,880
	1969	1,253,300

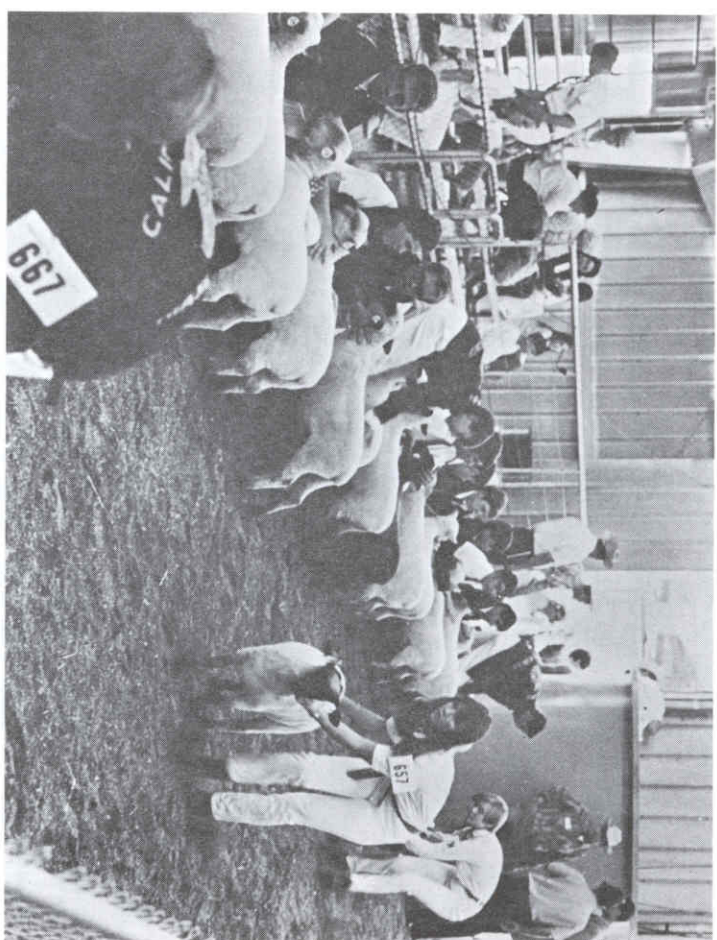
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Less Government Payments

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1970	242,637	\$56,868,650
*1969	239,952	56,761,480

COMPARISON OF THE VALUATIONS OF THE MAJOR GROUPS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS:

ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS AND SEEDS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	VEGETABLE CROPS	TOTAL VALUATIONS
1961- 28,373,300	7,465,000	2,469,700	588,500	12,310,700	\$51,007,200
1962- 29,680,700	12,151,900	1,108,300	443,900	11,077,000	54,461,800
1963- 28,402,900	13,717,800	2,918,700	682,400	9,390,700	55,112,500
1964- 22,395,600	10,712,800	2,261,900	1,237,900	10,975,900	47,584,100
1965- 23,032,800	11,200,000	1,904,000	1,127,000	13,917,000	51,180,800
1966- 25,891,100	11,143,400	2,236,000	1,238,800	15,540,000	56,049,300
1967- 22,445,700	13,065,180	2,895,800	883,500	16,497,600	55,787,780
1968- 23,645,300	11,555,140	3,851,800	927,600	16,029,800	56,009,640
*1969- 25,498,900	10,673,080	3,063,500	1,253,300	17,526,000	58,014,480
1970- 24,628,800	10,896,650	2,974,900	1,243,880	18,368,300	58,112,530

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F. F. A. single market lamb judging, San Luis Obispo County Fair.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1969-70

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds-----	1970	6,663	.216	1,439	Ton	630.00	\$1,087,000
	1969	6,453	.256	1,650	Ton	597.00	985,000
Apples-----	1970	90	3.4	306	Ton	101.00	30,900
	1969	170	3.1	527	Ton	95.00	50,100
Grapes-----	1970	542	1.45	786	Ton	141.00	111,000
	1969	542	1.55	840	Ton	102.00	85,700
Lemons-----	1970	290	3.8	1,102	Ton	160.00	176,000
	1969	--	--	--		--	--
Pears-----	1970	107	1.82	195	Ton	128.00	25,000
	1969	175	1.57	275	Ton	97.00	26,700
Walnuts-----	1970	1,586	.434	689	Ton	440.00	303,000
	1969	1,422	.522	740	Ton	435.00	322,000
Strawberries----	1970	170	32,000	5,440,000	Lbs	.215	1,170,000
	1969	210	33,500	7,035,000	Lbs	.22	1,548,000
Miscellaneous----	1970	210					72,000
	1969	380					46,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1970	9,658					\$2,974,900
	1969	9,352					3,063,500