

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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AND: Luther Tim Wallace, Director
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Agriculture continues to be the leading industry in San Luis Obispo County with a new record gross value over ninety million dollars. The cost of production, transportation and marketing must be deducted from these gross figures to arrive at net income to our agricultural community. Whether profitable to the farmer or not, agriculture contributes more new wealth to our economy than any other industry.

The pictorial portion of this report is directed to our relatively new and rapidly expanding glasshouse ornamental industry. This County now has 30 acres under glass with predictions of 30 more in the next few years. This industry has and will continue to increase demands on staff time of this office in the areas of plant quarantine, pesticide use enforcement, pest control, and nursery inspection. Serious pests of agriculture and ornamentals have been intercepted and eradicated on incoming propagating material. The proper use of agricultural chemicals and worker safety factors become more critical in confined areas as compared to open field application. Quarantine clearance and nursery grades and standards certification are necessary for this industry to move stock in a timely and profitable manner.

Acknowledgment and appreciation is extended to all persons contributing records and information necessary for the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Kalar
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 Agricultural Commissioner

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COVER: "MUMS" ready for harvest

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VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1974-75

CROP	Year	Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Total			Total	Total
Beans, (Snap)-----	1975	216	85	18,400	Cwt	18.65	\$	343,000
	1974	194	87	16,900	Cwt	17.40		294,000
Broccoli-----	1975	4,397	78	343,000	Cwt	12.40		4,253,000
	1974	4,737	76	360,000	Cwt	11.60		4,176,000
Brussels-----	1975	141	98	13,800	Cwt	16.80		232,000
Sprouts-----	1974	106	104	11,000	Cwt	17.00		187,000
Cabbage-----	1975	96	214	20,000	Cwt	4.40		88,000
	1974	136	220	29,900	Cwt	4.25		127,000
Carrots-----	1975	700	334	234,000	Cwt	6.05		1,416,000
	1974	619	340	210,000	Cwt	5.10		1,071,000
Cauliflower-----	1975	680	355	241,000	25#	4.65		1,122,000
	1974	927	360	334,000	Crate	4.25		1,420,000
Celery-----	1975	1,399	845	1,182,000	60#	5.20		6,146,000
	1974	1,292	866	1,119,000	Crate	3.85		4,308,000
Lettuce-----	1975	6,662	703	4,683,000	48#	2.70		12,644,000
	1974	4,346	881	3,829,000	Ctn	2.90		11,104,000
Peas, (Green)-----	1975	146	18	2,630	Cwt	16.40		43,100
	1974	103	21	2,160	Cwt	17.00		36,700
Peas, (Edible Pod)	1975	910	27	24,000	Cwt	59.00		1,416,000
	1974	633	32	21,000	Cwt	67.00		1,407,000
Peppers, (Bell)	1975	423	119	50,300	Cwt	11.75		591,000
	1974	409	125	51,100	Cwt	12.10		618,000
Potatoes-----	1975	430	320	138,000	Cwt	4.55		628,000
	1974	712	315	224,000	Cwt	5.75		1,288,000
Romaine-----	1975	554	810	449,000	38#	2.75		1,235,000
	1974	407	780	317,000	Ctn	3.00		951,000
Tomatoes-----	1975	112	210	23,000	Cwt	13.00		299,000
	1974	97	268	26,000	Cwt	4.50		117,000
Miscellaneous-----	1975	379						758,000
	1974	419						1,152,000
TOTAL	1975	17,245						\$31,214,100
VEGETABLE CROP	1974	15,159						28,256,700

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1974-75

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Per Acre			
Alfalfa Hay-----	1975	14,100	6	84,600	Ton	60.00	\$ 5,076,000
	1974	13,700	6.1	83,600	Ton	60.00	5,016,000
Grain Hay-----	1975	55,000	1.4	77,000	Ton	50.00	3,850,000
	1974	57,000	1.2	68,400	Ton	48.00	3,283,000
Beans							
Small Whites----	1975	97	18	1,750	Cwt	31.00	54,200
	1974	486	16	7,780	Cwt	22.00	171,000
Pinks-----	1975	94	16	1,500	Cwt	20.25	30,400
	1974	26	14	364	Cwt	29.00	10,500
Garbanzo-----	1975	6,236	11	68,600	Cwt	29.00	1,989,000
	1974	5,811	9	52,300	Cwt	29.00	1,517,000
Large Lima-----	1975	257	18	4,630	Cwt	29.70	138,000
	1974	510	20	10,200	Cwt	26.50	270,000
Corn, (Grain)----	1975	300	31	930	Cwt	6.10	56,700
	1974	--	--	--		--	--
Corn, (Silage)---	1975	950	19	18,000	Ton	10.00	180,000
	1974	750	20	15,000	Ton	10.50	158,000
Barley-----	1975	56,000	16	896,000	Cwt	5.50	4,928,000
	1974	54,000	15	810,000	Cwt	6.00	4,860,000
Oats-----	1975	1,090	17	18,500	Cwt	5.30	98,000
	1974	1,010	16	16,200	Cwt	5.05	81,800
Safflower-----	1975	10,000	.25	2,500	Ton	220.00	550,000
	1974	2,530	.51	1,290	Ton	350.00	452,000
Wheat-----	1975	68,000	1.3	884,000	Cwt	6.25	5,525,000
	1974	66,300	10.3	683,000	Cwt	7.20	4,918,000
Irrigated-----	1975	3,500			Acres	50.00	175,000
Pasture	1974	3,600			Acres	50.00	180,000
Sugar Beets-----	1975	1,483	25.7	38,100	Ton	26.92	1,026,000
	1974*	1,473	20.9	30,800	Ton	45.45	1,400,000
Miscellaneous----	1975						1,060,000
	1974						1,060,000
TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1975	217,107					\$24,696,300
	1974*	207,196					23,377,300

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1974-75

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	Total Production	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
Beef Cattle-----	1975	93,100	442,000	Cwt	34.30	\$15,161,000
and Calves	1974	83,600	418,000	Cwt	35.40	14,797,000
Beef Cattle-----	1975	18,000	49,500	Cwt	41.70	2,064,000
Feed Lot-Out of County	1974	17,000	51,000	Cwt	40.20	2,050,000
Dairy Cows-----	1975	310		Each	445.00	138,000
and Heifers	1974	340		Each	526.00	179,000
Horses-----	1975	321		Each	879.00	282,000
	1974	347		Each	622.00	216,000
Hogs-----	1975	6,600	14,700	Cwt	42.00	617,000
	1974	7,140	15,300	Cwt	35.00	536,000
Chickens-----	1975	220,000	902,000	Lbs	.053	47,800
(Meat)	1974	235,000	940,000	Lbs	.06	56,400
Pullets-----	1975	1,200,000		Each	2.00	2,400,000
	1974	726,000		Each	2.25	1,634,000
Hatchery-----	1975	--	1,039,000	Each	.188	195,000
Chicks	1974	--	8,626,000	Lbs	.338	2,916,000
Turkeys-----	1975	377,000	6,993,000	Lbs	.278	1,944,000
(Meat)	1974	350,000	11,900	Cwt	40.50	482,000
Sheep and-----	1975	11,100	11,900	Cwt	37.00	425,000
Lambs	1974	10,800	11,500	Cwt	37.00	425,000
Miscellaneous----	1975					274,000
	1974					288,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1975					\$24,381,800
	1974					22,320,400

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1974-75

PRODUCT	Year	Total	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
Market Milk-----	1975	199,000	Cwt	9.02	\$1,795,000
	1974*	262,000	Cwt	8.59	2,251,000
Manufacturing-----	1975	1,680	Cwt	7.60	12,800
MILK	1974*	2,340	Cwt	6.76	15,800
Wool-----	1975	71,000	Lbs	.61	43,300
	1974	74,000	Lbs	.55	40,700
Chicken Eggs					
Market-----	1975	1,996,000	Doz	.53	1,058,000
	1974	2,070,000	Doz	.49	1,014,000
Honey-----	1975	382,000	Lbs	.45	172,000
	1974	200,000	Lbs	.48	96,000
Miscellaneous----	1975				87,000
	1974				102,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1975				\$3,168,100
	1974*				3,519,500

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SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1974-75

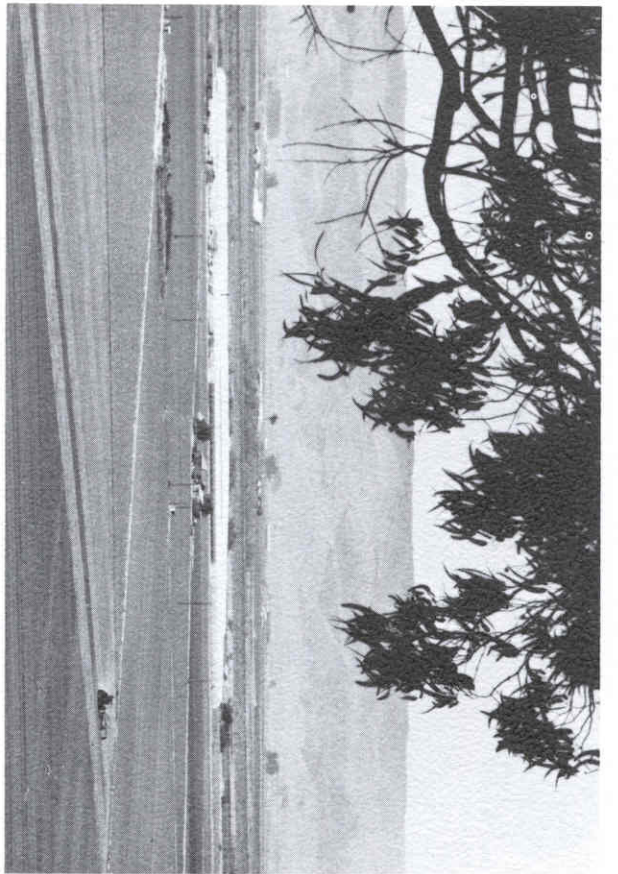
CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	VALUE	
			Total	1974-75
Seed				
Field Crop-----	1975	1,091		818,000
	1974	1,140		642,000
Flower-----	1975	222		110,000
	1974	243		179,000
Nursery and Cut Flowers	1975			2,124,000
	1974			1,120,000
TOTAL SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1975	1,313		\$3,052,000
	1974	1,383		1,941,000

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACREAGE: 1975 - 242,598
1974 - 234,916

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

Year	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	SEED & NURSERY STOCK	TOTAL VALUATIONS
1966 -	25,891,100	10,460,400	2,236,000	15,540,000	683,000	54,810,500
1967 -	22,445,700	12,541,180	2,895,800	16,497,600	524,000	54,904,280
1968 -	23,645,300	10,898,140	3,851,800	16,029,800	657,000	55,082,040
1969 -	25,498,900	10,003,680	3,063,500	17,526,000	669,400	56,761,480
1970 -	24,659,100	10,327,750	2,974,900	18,368,300	586,900	56,916,950
1971 -	24,802,200	11,033,130	2,080,100	21,111,000	443,600	59,470,030
1972 -	26,645,400	10,668,840	2,029,600	22,276,300	435,700	62,055,840
1973 -	33,200,700	15,881,000	3,853,600	27,983,800	753,600	81,672,700
*1974 -	25,839,900	23,377,300	4,952,600	28,256,700	1,941,000	84,367,500
1975 -	27,549,900	24,696,300	3,906,400	31,214,100	3,052,000	90,418,700

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A South County greenhouse; major producer of cut flowers and ornamentals

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1974-75

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Almonds-----	1975	2,040	.0863	176	Ton	1,320.00	\$	232,000
	1974	6,800	.189	1,280	Ton	900.00		1,115,000
Apples-----	1975	121	5.2	629	Ton	80.00		50,300
	1974	105	4.3	452	Ton	115.00		52,000
Avocados-----	1975	153	1.2	184	Ton	460.00		84,600
	1974	180	1.7	306	Ton	780.00		239,000
Grapes-----	1975	1,219	1.8	2,190	Ton	160.00		350,000
	1974	675	2.2	1,480	Ton	220.00		326,000
Lemons-----	1975	480	4.59	220,000	Boxes	3.80		836,000
	1974*	410	3.70	152,000	Boxes	3.40		517,000
Pears-----	1975	76	1.7	129	Ton	120.00		15,500
	1974	60	1.5	90	Ton	140.00		12,600
Walnuts-----	1975	2,430	.356	865	Ton	480.00		415,000
	1974	2,540	.38	970	Ton	452.00		438,000
Strawberries----	1975	180		36,300	Lbs	.281		1,836,000
	1974	210		38,400	Lbs	.269		2,169,000
Miscellaneous----	1975	234						87,000
	1974	198						84,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1975	6,933						\$3,906,400
	1974	11,178						4,952,600

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