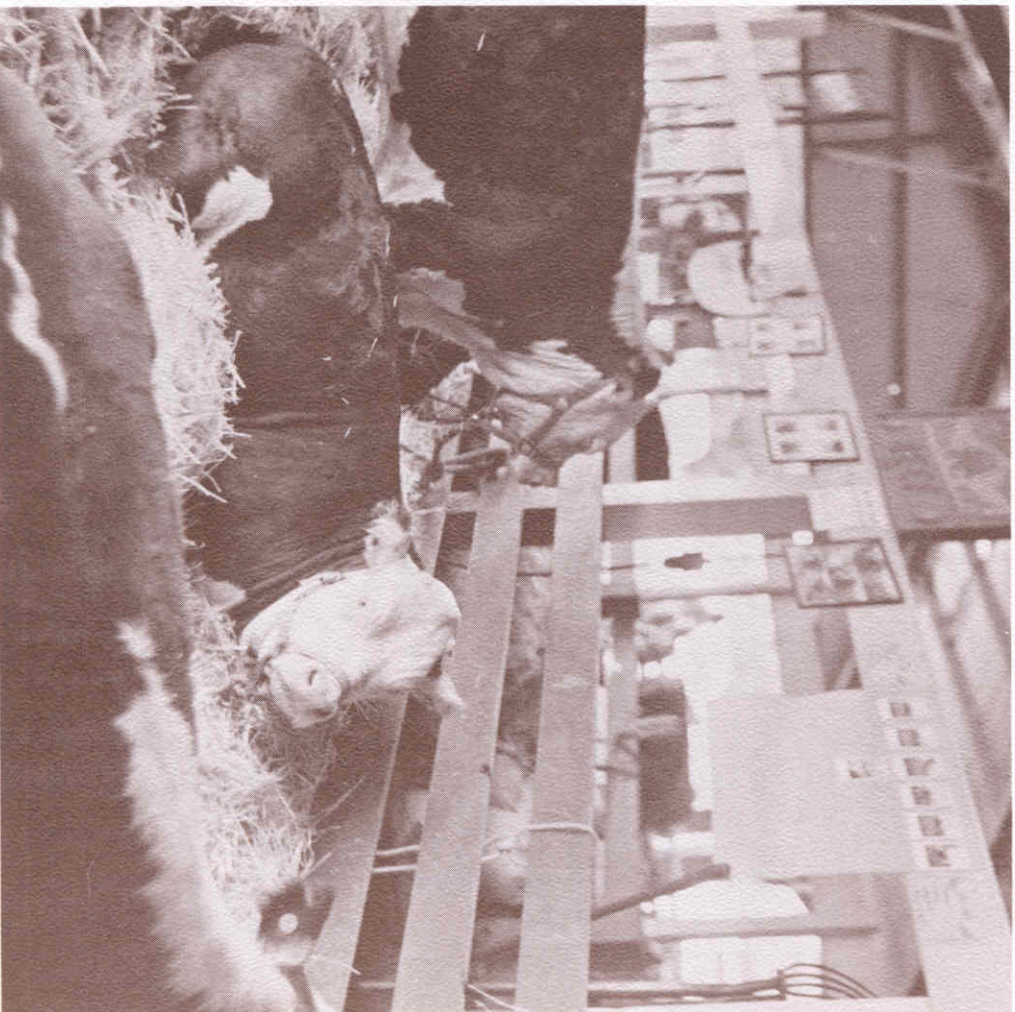


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**AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS 1977**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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Immediate results of California's worst drought year are most evident in our non-irrigated production statistics. Longer ranging effects are not as apparent; the rebuilding of range livestock inventories, the stabilization of feed-grain prices, adjustments in commodity carryover and inventory are some of the more visible symptoms.

The continuing problem in San Luis Obispo County, as in many other California Agricultural communities, is urban sprawl. Inflated land pricing, taxation assessments, and other escalating costs exceed many farms' true production and fair profit ability. The dilemma is not new, but avenues must be explored to provide answers and protection for our "new-dollar industry".

Figures listed in this report are rounded off estimates and not hard-to-the-dollar amounts. These results are gross receipts and do not reflect total production profits.

I want to again thank all who contributed records and information to the formulation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

 Earl R. Kalar
 Agricultural Commissioner

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THEME: Youth, An Investment in Agriculture's Future.

Compiled and Photographs by GERALD W. LANT, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	Year	Acreage	Per Acre	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
				Total	Value			
Beans, (Snap)-----	1977	193	93	17,949	Cwt	24.00	\$ 430,800	
	1976	210	83	17,400	Cwt	18.30	318,000	
Broccoli-----	1977	5,270	84	442,680	Cwt	23.80	10,536,000	
	1976	3,825	73	279,000	Cwt	14.10	3,934,000	
Brussels-----	1977**							
Sprouts	1976	45	102	4,590	Cwt	18.20	83,500	
Cabbage-----	1977	392	400	156,800	Cwt	7.70	1,207,000	
	1976	239	217	51,900	Cwt	4.95	257,000	
Carrots-----	1977	240	290	69,600	Cwt	3.25	226,000	
	1976	944	360	340,000	Cwt	6.10	2,074,000	
Cauliflower-----	1977	645	380	245,100	25#	4.62	1,132,000	
	1976	761	340	259,000	25#	4.10	1,062,000	
Celery-----	1977	1,139	800	911,200	60#	3.75	3,417,000	
	1976	1,402	810	1,136,000	60#	4.24	4,817,000	
Lettuce-----	1977	6,972	750	5,229,000	48#	2.96	15,478,000	
	1976	6,360	768	4,885,000	48#	3.58	17,488,000	
Peas-----	1977	891	59.6	53,100	Cwt	67.00	3,558,000	
(Edible Pod)	1976	808	33	26,700	Cwt	64.00	1,709,000	
Peas (Green)-----	1977	83	37.5	3,112	Cwt	25.00	77,800	
	1976	110	21	2,310	Cwt	16.05	37,100	
Peppers,-----	1977	593	195	115,635	Cwt	15.00	1,734,000	
(Bell)	1976	539	122	65,800	Cwt	12.35	813,000	
Potatoes-----	1977	320	350	112,000	Cwt	3.75	420,000	
	1976	286	310	88,700	Cwt	4.05	359,000	
Romaine-----	1977	752	900	676,800	Ctn	2.75	1,861,000	
	1976	445	800	356,000	38#	2.80	997,000	
Tomatoes-----	1977	29	170	4,930	Cwt	12.70	63,000	
	1976	102	200	20,400	Cwt	12.60	257,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1977	390					1,260,000	
	1976	397					794,000	
TOTAL	1977	17,909					\$41,400,600	
VEGETABLE CROP	1976	16,473					34,999,600	

**Included in Miscellaneous

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Per Acre			Total	Total
Alfalfa Hay-----	1977	6,679	5.7	38,070	Ton	56.00	\$ 2,132,000	
	1976	14,900	6.9	103,000	Ton	70.00	7,210,000	
Grain Hay-----	1977	7,000	1.9	13,300	Ton	54.23	721,000	
	1976	48,000	.8	38,400	Ton	60.00	2,304,000	
Beans-----	1977	12	17.6	211	Cwt	26.80	5,700	
Small Whites	1976	62	16	992	Cwt	19.50	19,000	
Pinks-----	1977	11	14.9	164	Cwt	21.20	3,500	
	1976	55	15	825	Cwt	14.00	11,600	
Garbanzo-----	1977	2,498	10	24,980	Cwt	56.30	1,406,000	
	1976	5,894	5	29,500	Cwt	50.00	1,475,000	
Large Lima-----	1977**	357	16	5,390	Cwt	37.00	199,000	
	1976	400	48.5	19,400	Cwt	4.85	94,000	
Corn, (Grain)---	1977	200	28	5,600	Cwt	5.80	32,500	
	1976	600	20	12,000	Cwt	15.00	180,000	
Corn, (Silage)---	1977	950	17	16,000	Cwt	11.00	176,000	
	1976	65,988	15	989,820	Cwt	4.42	4,575,000	
Barley-----	1977	69,000	10	690,000	Cwt	5.20	3,588,000	
	1976	1,086	19.3	20,960	Cwt	10.90	228,000	
Oats-----	1977	1,050	11	11,600	Cwt	5.40	62,600	
	1976	580	.16	93	Ton	206.00	19,200	
Safflower-----	1977**	32,650	10.1	329,765	Cwt	4.62	1,524,000	
	1976	54,000	7	378,000	Cwt	5.75	2,174,000	
Irrigated-----	1977	3,300			Acres	65.00	214,000	
Pasture	1976	3,100			Acres	60.00	186,000	
Sugar Beets-----	1977	982	25.6	25,139	Ton	22.65	569,000	
	1976*	1,791	26.7	47,800	Ton	20.87	997,600	
Miscellaneous---	1977						1,005,000	
	1976						1,131,000	
TOTAL	1977	121,206					\$12,457,200	
FIELD CROPS	1976*	199,919					19,585,500	

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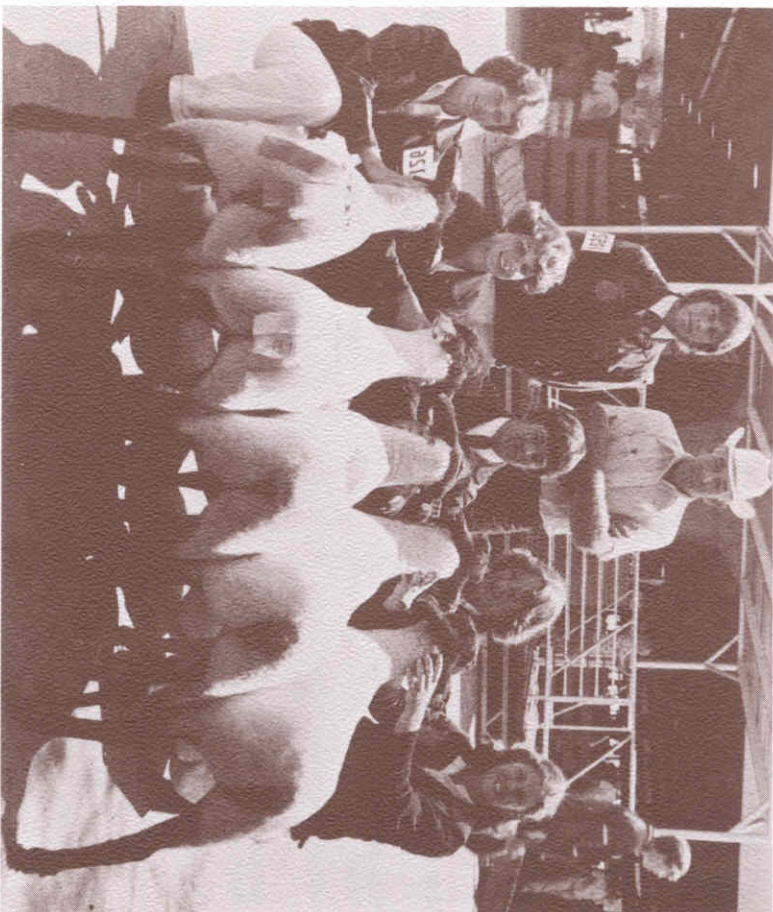
TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Per Head			Total	Total
Beef Cattle-----	1977	86,814	364,619	Cwt	38.90	\$14,183,700		
and Calves	1976	96,700	411,000	Cwt	35.20	14,467,000		
Beef Cattle-----	1977	25,000	68,750	Cwt	36.40	2,503,000		
Feed Lot-Out of County	1976	22,000	61,600	Cwt	38.15	2,350,000		
Dairy Cows-----	1977	960	627,000	Each	652.00	601,900		
and Heifers	1976	320	571,000	Each	571.00	183,000		
Horses-----	1977	310	912.84	Each	912.84	283,000		
	1976	274	639.00	Each	639.00	175,000		
Hogs-----	1977	3,500	7,525	Cwt	43.00	323,600		
	1976	8,731	18,700	Cwt	48.00	898,000		
Chickens-----	1977	40,000	180,000	Lbs	.06	10,800		
(Meat)	1976	197,000	788,000	Lbs	.089	70,100		
Pullets-----	1977**	530,000		Each	2.30	1,219,000		
	1976	348,459	5,418,976	Lbs	.345	1,870,000		
Turkey's-----	1977	384,000	7,407,000	Lbs	.317	2,348,000		
(Meat)	1976	7,200	6,600	Cwt	50.20	531,300		
Sheep and-----	1977	13,300	12,300	Cwt	46.20	568,000		
Lambs	1976							
*Miscellaneous-----	1977					5,240,000		
	1976					310,000		
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1977					\$23,347,300		
	1976					22,588,100		

*Includes Worm Culture, Pullets, Etc.
**Included in Miscellaneous

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1976-77

PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Per Unit			Total	Total
Market Milk-----	1977	373,000	9.793	\$3,653,000	Cwt	9.40	2,265,000	
	1976*	2,230	8.83	19,700	Cwt	8.33	20,800	
Manufacturing-----	1977	2,490	8.33	20,800	Cwt	8.33	20,800	
Milk	1976*	14,038	.63	8,800	Lbs	.574	35,600	
Wool-----	1977	62,000	.41	40,000	Lbs	.43	133,000	
	1976	98,400	.63	8,800	Lbs	.574	35,600	
Honey-----	1977	309,000	.41	40,000	Lbs	.43	133,000	
	1976	1,615,000	.63	1,017,000	Doz	.63	1,017,000	
Chicken Eggs-----	1977**						1,580,000	
	1976						108,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1977						\$5,101,500	
	1976*						3,579,400	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1977						\$5,101,500	
	1976*						3,579,400	

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SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1976-77

CROP	Year	Harvested		VALUE
		Year	Acreege	
Seed, Field-----	1977	930		\$ 581,000
Crop, Flower	1976	1,030		618,000
Nursery and-----	1977			2,570,000
Cut Flowers	1976			5,567,000
TOTAL	1977	930		\$3,151,000
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1976	1,030		6,185,000

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACREEGE: 1977 - 150,589
1976 - 227,505

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

	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	SEED & NURSERY STOCK	TOTAL VALUATIONS
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 -	27,830,300	24,830,300	3,906,400	31,214,100	3,052,000	90,833,100
*1976 -	26,167,500	19,585,500	6,443,840	34,999,600	6,185,000	93,381,440
1977 -	28,448,800	12,457,200	7,284,000	41,400,600	3,151,000	92,741,600

*Revised

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreege, Production, Value 1976-77

CROP	Year	Harvested		PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
		Year	Acreege	Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Almonds-----	1977	4,450	.10	445	Ton	1,500.00	\$	668,000	
	1976	2,796	.208	581	Ton	1,380.00		802,000	
Apples-----	1977	336	3.5	1,176	Ton	120.00		141,000	
	1976	138	5.6	773	Ton	80.00		61,800	
Avocados-----	1977	320	1.6	512	Ton	1,296.00		664,000	
	1976	396	1.8	713	Ton	980.00		699,000	
Grapes-----	1977	3,200	3	9,600	Ton	235.00		2,256,000	
	1976	2,962	1.9	5,628	Ton	230.00		1,294,000	
Lemons-----	1977	600	730	438,000	Box	1.79		784,000	
	1976	520	610	317,000	Box	3.10		983,000	
Pears-----	1977**	21	1.4	29	Ton	105.00		3,040	
	1976								
Walnuts-----	1977	1,366	.572	781	Ton	608.00		475,000	
	1976	2,623	.25	656	Ton	650.00		426,000	
Strawberries-----	1977	165	41,400	6,831,000	Lbs	.32		2,186,000	
	1976	175	41,000	7,175,000	Lbs	.29		2,081,000	
Miscellaneous---	1977	107						110,000	
	1976	252						94,000	
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1977	10,544						\$7,284,000	
	1976	9,883						6,443,840	

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