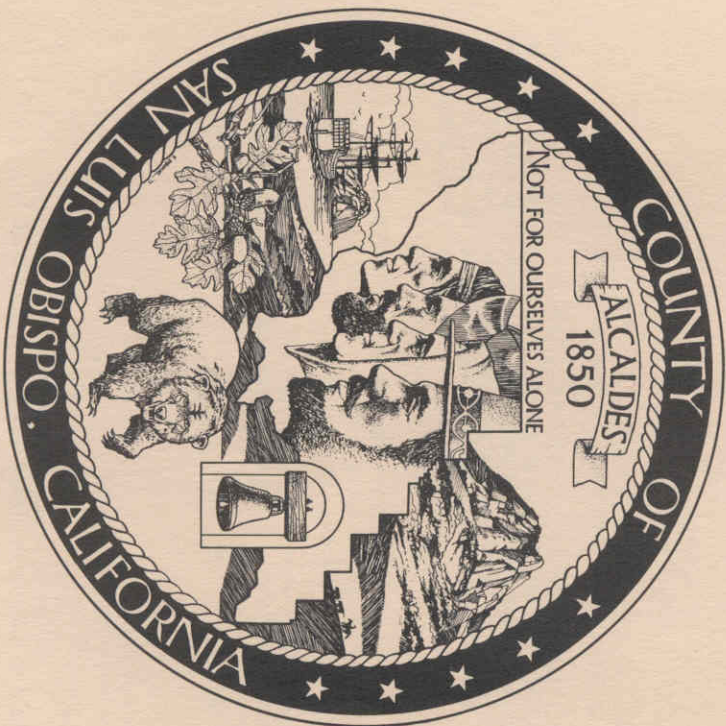


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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1980



EARL R. KALAR, Commissioner



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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors:

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- Jerry Diefenderfer
District One
- Kurt P. Kupper*
District Three
- Howard Mankins
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- Jeff Jorgensen
District Five

AND: Richard Rominger, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural production for 1980 in San Luis Obispo is estimated at 160 million dollars. High yields were noted in the dry land small grains. Vegetable, Seed and Nursery segments experienced modest increases. The demand and pricing structure of the beef market during 1980 resulted in a substantial decline in value of local animal industry. Fruit and Nut crop declines resulted from adverse weather affecting the grape and avocado growers.

These figures are growers receipts and do not take into consideration inflationary grower costs. Whether profitable to the farmer or not, agriculture stimulates more new wealth than any other industry.

I personally want to thank members of my staff and the agricultural community for their cooperation and contributions to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Kalar
Agricultural Commissioner

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*Kurt P. Kupper was Board Chairman during 1980.

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION			Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Per Acre	Production (Sq. Ft.)			
Beans, (Snap) -----	1980	393	339	133,227	30#	\$ 6.65	\$ 886,000	
	1979*	204	400	81,600	30#	5.00	408,000	
Broccoli -----	1980	3,909	304	1,188,336	23#	5.50	6,536,000	
	1979	5,304	210	1,113,840	23#	5.10	5,681,000	
Cabbage -----	1980	1,019	751	765,269	45#	3.18	2,434,000	
	1979	539	390	210,210	45#	2.55	536,000	
Carrots -----	1980**	2,236	310	693,160	Cwt	7.25	5,025,000	
	1979	625	475	296,875	25#	5.75	1,707,000	
Cauliflower -----	1980	882	375	330,750	25#	5.05	1,670,000	
	1979	1,269	876	1,111,644	60#	4.34	4,825,000	
Celery -----	1980	1,332	875	1,165,500	60#	4.60	5,361,000	
	1979	8,527	710	6,054,170	48#	3.85	23,309,000	
Lettuce (Iceburg) -----	1980	9,775	484	4,731,100	48#	3.35	15,849,000	
	1979	775	815	631,625	50#	3.46	2,185,000	
Peas (Edible Pod) -----	1980	813	55	44,715	45#	30.15	1,348,000	
	1979	1,045	62	64,790	45#	39.00	2,527,000	
Peppers, (Bell) --	1980	462	560	258,720	30#	5.94	1,537,000	
	1979	682	190	129,580	30#	4.10	531,000	
Potatoes -----	1980**	264	350	92,400	Cwt	4.00	370,000	
	1979	355	711	252,405	60#	3.92	989,000	
Romaine -----	1980	680	825	561,000	Ctn	2.65	1,487,000	
	1979	1,605	1,618	5,516,000			6,255,000	
TOTAL VEGETABLE CROP	1980	18,977	24,561				\$51,272,000	
	1979*	24,561					\$45,700,000	
* Revised								
** Included in Miscellaneous								
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SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1979-1980								
CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	Greenhouse Production (Sq. Ft.)			VALUE Total		
Cut Flowers -----	1980		878,000			\$ 2,180,000		
	1979					1,949,000		
Nursery -----	1980	116	696,200			5,179,000		
	1979					4,348,000		
Seed, Field (Crop & Flower)	1980	1,063				487,000		
	1979	706				709,000		
TOTAL SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1980	1,179	1,574,200			\$ 7,846,000		
	1979	706				\$ 7,006,000		

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1979-1980

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1980	12,123	6.3	76,375	Ton	\$100.79	\$ 7,698,000	
	1979	9,762	7.3	71,263	Ton	88.25	6,289,000	
Barley	1980	82,000	1.5	123,000	Ton	125.00	15,375,000	
	1979*	80,000	1.0	80,000	Ton	108.00	8,640,000	
Garbanzo	1980	3,842	8.5	32,657	Cwt	35.45	1,158,000	
	1979	3,834	8.0	30,672	Cwt	35.00	1,074,000	
Grain Hay	1980	13,500	4.0	54,000	Ton	80.00	4,320,000	
	1979	7,100	2.0	14,200	Ton	67.00	951,000	
Irrigated Pasture	1980	6,000			Acre	125.00	750,000	
	1979	6,000			Acre	100.00	600,000	
Oats	1980**	2,000	45.0	90,000	Bu	2.20	198,000	
	1979							
Safflower	1980	4,161	0.37	1,540	Ton	280.00	431,000	
	1979	4,933	0.27	1,332	Ton	252.50	336,000	
Sugar Beets	1980	1,599	19.6	31,340	Ton	52.00	1,630,000	
	1979	870	25.5	22,185	Ton	24.50	544,000	
Wheat	1980	66,000	0.9	59,400	Ton	133.00	7,900,000	
	1979*	43,000	0.7	30,100	Ton	141.00	4,244,000	
Miscellaneous	1980	1,810					2,513,000	
	1979	2,415					2,150,000	
TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1980	191,035					\$41,775,000	
	1979*	159,914					\$25,026,000	

* Revised
**Included in Miscellaneous

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1979-1980

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Almonds	1980	6,184	0.184	1,138	Ton	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,849,000	
	1979	6,394	0.088	563	Ton	3,000.00	1,689,000	
Apples	1980	251	3.4	853	Ton	357.00	305,000	
	1979*	241	4.0	964	Ton	200.00	193,000	
Avocados	1980	737	0.54	398	Ton	1,929.00	768,000	
	1979	733	3.09	2,265	Ton	691.00	1,565,000	
Grapes	1980	3,957	3.3	13,058	Ton	529.00	6,908,000	
	1979	3,857	4.6	17,742	Ton	600.00	10,645,000	
Lemons	1980	875	472.0	413,000	Box	7.41	3,060,000	
	1979	875	279.0	244,125	Box	15.00	3,662,000	
Walnuts	1980	2,829	0.60	1,697	Ton	1,046.00	1,775,000	
	1979*	2,727	0.82	2,236	Ton	985.00	2,203,000	
Strawberries	1980	140	38,250.0	5,355,000	Lbs	0.38	2,035,000	
	1979	138	35,000.0	4,830,000	Lbs	0.36	1,739,000	
Miscellaneous	1980	203					1,209,000	
	1979	60					1,179,000	
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1980	15,176					\$18,905,000	
	1979*	15,025					\$22,875,000	

* Revised

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1979-1980

PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Production	Unit			Total	Total
Market Milk	1980	353,000			Cwt	\$13.03	\$4,600,000	
	1979*	343,510			Cwt	12.06	4,143,000	
Manufacturing Milk	1980**	260			Cwt	10.51	2,700	
	1979*							
Wool	1980	27,200			Lbs	0.80	21,800	
	1979	24,486			Lbs	0.70	17,100	
Honey	1980	86,900			Lbs	0.50	43,500	
	1979	56,500			Lbs	0.475	26,800	
Miscellaneous	1980						1,865,000	
	1979						1,125,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1980						\$6,530,300	
	1979*						\$5,314,600	

* Revised
**None Reported

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1979-1980

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Production	Unit			Total	Total
Cattle and Calves	1980	72,000	396,000		Cwt	\$ 65.00	\$25,740,000	
	1979	97,947	524,531		Cwt	64.94	34,063,000	
Hogs	1980	8,000	18,000		Cwt	38.36	690,000	
	1979	8,750	17,500		Cwt	49.00	858,000	
Horses	1980	295			Each	1,400.00	413,000	
	1979	275			Each	1,200.00	330,000	
Poultry	1980	465,323	8,018,000		Lbs	0.39	3,127,000	
	1979	308,824	5,734,300		Lbs	0.43	2,466,000	
Sheep and Lambs	1980	10,000	9,200		Cwt	63.00	580,000	
	1979	6,200	5,704		Cwt	70.00	399,000	
Miscellaneous	1980						3,055,000	
	1979						3,812,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1980						\$33,605,000	
	1979						\$41,928,000	

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACREAGE: 1980 - 226,367
 1979 - 200,206

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
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	28,405,800	12,457,200	7,284,000	41,400,600	3,151,000	92,698,600
1978	31,400,000	20,646,000	10,255,000	60,664,000	5,195,000	128,160,000
1979*	47,242,600	25,026,000	22,875,000	45,700,000	7,006,000	147,849,600
1980	40,135,300	41,775,000	18,905,000	51,272,000	7,846,000	159,933,300

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