

# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1968



COUNTY

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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Agriculture stimulates more new wealth than any other industry by using our basic natural resources of sun, water, and soil. In San Luis Obispo County it is our largest industry and 1968 agricultural production grossed a total value of \$55,676,640. Values in the animal industry and fruit and nut crops showed some gains over last year, while values of vegetables, field crops and seed were down.

All figures listed are gross and include cost of production, harvesting, packing, and shipping and are not related to net profits. The farmer, each year, is facing a cost price squeeze due to the increasing costs of labor, services, and supplies, with a negligible, if any, increase paid to him for his product. I believe this to be the most serious problem facing San Luis Obispo County and California 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  
Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	Year	Planted		PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		Year	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Artichokes----	1968	37	160	5,900	23#	1.94	\$ 11,500	
	1967	40	170	6,800	Ctn	2.03	13,800	
Beans, (Snap)-	1968	148	150	22,200	Cwt	16.50	366,000	
	1967	260	141	36,700	Cwt	9.50	349,000	
Beans,----- (Freezer)	1968	420	155	650	Ton	171.00	111,000	
	1967	--					--	
Broccoli-----	1968	3,387	80	271,000	Cwt	8.48	2,298,000	
	1967	3,160	70	221,000	Cwt	8.60	1,901,000	
Brussels----- Sprouts	1968	184	125	23,000	Cwt	13.35	307,000	
	1967	230	110	25,300	Cwt	13.00	329,000	
Cabbage-----	1968	278	270	75,000	Cwt	2.90	218,000	
	1967	280	260	72,800	Cwt	2.60	189,000	
Carrots-----	1968	371	360	134,000	Cwt	4.15	556,000	
	1967	400	340	136,000	Cwt	4.25	578,000	
Cauliflower---	1968	652	360	235,000	25#	2.70	634,000	
	1967	660	482	318,000	Crate	2.80	890,000	
Celery-----	1968	1,729	850	1,470,000	60#	2.60	3,822,000	
	1967	1,710	780	1,334,000	Crate	3.15	4,202,000	
Cucumbers-----	1968	51	645	32,900	32#	2.30	75,700	
	1967	70	615	43,100	Lug	2.15	92,700	
Lettuce-----	1968	3,603	729	2,638,000	48#	1.68	4,432,000	
	1967	4,110	559	2,297,000	Ctn	2.20	5,053,000	
Peas,----- (Edible Pod)	1968	515	20	10,300	Cwt	26.50	273,000	
	1967	480	19	9,120	Cwt	28.00	255,000	
Peas,----- (Green)	1968	165	30	4,950	Cwt	15.00	74,200	
	1967	160	24	3,840	Cwt	13.30	51,100	
Peppers-----	1968	178	101	18,000	Cwt	11.60	209,000	
	1967	180	110	19,800	Cwt	12.00	238,000	
Potatoes-----	1968	458	380	174,000	Cwt	2.65	461,000	
	1967	650	340	221,000	Cwt	2.20	486,000	
Romaine-----	1968	775	720	558,000	68#	2.25	1,256,000	
	1967	570	775	442,000	Crate	2.80	1,238,000	
Spinach,----- (Processing)	1968	30	8.33	250	Ton	25.60	6,400	
	1967	--					--	
Tomatoes-----	1968	113	190	21,500	Cwt	11.25	242,000	
	1967	125	110	13,800	Cwt	8.40	116,000	
Miscellaneous-	1968	484					677,000	
	1967	375					516,000	
TOTAL	1968	13,578					\$16,029,800	
VEGETABLE CROP	1967	13,460					16,497,600	

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1967-68

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1967-68

CROP	Year	Harvested		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay---	1968	13,200	5.6	73,920	Ton	26.00	1,922,000
	1967	13,200	6.0	79,200	Ton	28.60	2,265,000
Grain Hay-----	1968	59,000	1.6	94,400	Ton	23.00	2,171,000
	1967	56,000	1.75	98,000	Ton	24.00	2,352,000
Beans							
Small Whites-	1968	730	17	12,410	Cwt	10.80	134,000
	1967	530	16	8,480	Cwt	12.00	102,000
Pinks-----	1968	147	12	1,764	Cwt	7.70	13,600
	1967	95	10.6	1,000	Cwt	9.40	9,400
Garbanzo-----	1968	4,100	9	36,900	Cwt	13.50	498,000
	1967	4,250	11	46,800	Cwt	10.60	496,000
Large Lima---	1968	189	18	3,402	Cwt	17.30	58,800
	1967	320	16	5,120	Cwt	17.00	87,000
Miscellaneous-	1968	26	18	468	Cwt	8.50	3,980
	1967	32	10.4	333	Cwt	13.00	4,330
Corn, (Grain)-	1968	120	31	3,700	Cwt	2.53	9,060
	1967	100	22	2,200	Cwt	2.47	5,430
Corn,----- (Silage)	1968	1,450	31	44,950	Ton	8.00	360,000
	1967	1,550	32	49,600	Ton	8.00	397,000
Barley-----	1968	63,000	17	1,071,000	Cwt	2.35	2,517,000
	1967	65,000	21	1,365,000	Cwt	2.25	3,071,000
Oats-----	1968	1,202	18	21,636	Cwt	2.15	46,500
	1967	1,140	18	20,500	Cwt	2.20	45,100
Wheat-----	1968	63,900	10.6	677,340	Cwt	2.27	1,538,000
	1967	68,000	14.4	979,000	Cwt	2.32	2,271,000
Irrigated----- Pasture	1968	3,800			Acre	40.00	152,000
	1967	3,800			Acre	40.00	152,000
Sugar Beets---	1968	2,330	28.8	67,200	Ton	13.32	895,000
	1967*	1,970	24.7	48,700	Ton	13.45	655,000
Sugar Beet---- Pasture	1968	950			Acre	10.50	10,200
	1967	850			Acre	10.50	8,920
Miscellaneous-	1968						590,000
	1967						620,000
TOTAL	1968	214,144					\$10,595,140
FIELD CROPS	1967*	216,837					12,541,180

SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1967-68

CROP	Year	Harvested		VALUE	
		Acreage	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Seed					
Field Crop--- & Vegetable	1968	1,340			455,000
	1967	1,120			352,000
Flower-----	1968	111	Acre	939.00	104,000
	1967	90	Acre	634.00	57,000
Nursery and--- Cut Flowers	1968				98,000
	1967				115,000
TOTAL	1968	1,451			\$657,000
SEED AND	1967	1,210			524,000
NURSERY STOCK					

\*Revised

TYPE	Year	Number		Total		VALUE	
		of Head	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Beef Cattle-----	1968	89,000	570,000	Cwt	23.80	13,566,000	
	1967	86,500	542,000	Cwt	22.20	12,032,000	
Beef Cattle----- Feed Lot-Out of County	1968	16,500	66,000	Cwt	25.75	1,699,000	
	1967	21,000	84,000	Cwt	24.70	2,075,000	
Dairy Cows----- and Heifers	1968	900		Each	330.00	297,000	
	1967	960		Each	300.00	288,000	
Calves (Veal)---	1968	2,200	6,600	Cwt	27.50	181,000	
	1967	2,100	6,300	Cwt	26.50	167,000	
Hogs-----	1968	5,700	11,700	Cwt	19.10	223,000	
	1967	5,100	11,500	Cwt	20.00	230,000	
Chickens----- (Meat)	1968	261,000	1,044,000	Lbs	.062	64,700	
	1967	294,000	1,178,000	Lbs	.055	64,800	
Hatchery----- Chicks	1968		2,404,000	Each	.102	245,000	
	1967		2,152,000	Each	.103	222,000	
Turkeys----- (Meat)	1968	488,000	10,736,000	Lbs	.20	2,147,000	
	1967	425,000	10,200,000	Lbs	.17	1,734,000	
Sheep and----- Lambs	1968	16,400	16,800	Cwt	20.71	348,000	
	1967	18,000	18,300	Cwt	17.70	324,000	
Miscellaneous---	1968					85,000	
	1967					70,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1968					\$18,855,700	
	1967					17,206,800	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1967-68

PRODUCT	Year	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Market Milk-----	1968	626,000	Cwt	4.98	3,117,000
	1967*	626,000	Cwt	4.78	2,992,000
Manufacturing--- Milk	1968	27,700	Cwt	3.94	109,000
	1967*	30,700	Cwt	3.81	117,000
Wool-----	1968	111,000	Lbs	.33	36,600
	1967	151,000	Lbs	.37	55,900
Chicken Eggs					
Market-----	1968	2,161,000	Doz	.283	611,000
	1967	2,473,000	Doz	.28	692,000
Hatching-----	1968	1,080,000	Doz	.65	702,000
	1967	1,467,000	Doz	.72	1,056,000
Turkey Eggs					
Hatching-----	1968	710,000	Eggs	.23	163,000
	1967	1,120,000	Eggs	.24	269,000
Honey-----	1968	Crop Failure			--
	1967	325,000	Lbs	.12	39,000
Miscellaneous---	1968				21,000
	1967				18,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1968				\$4,759,600
PRODUCTS	1967*				5,238,900

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**Loading Aircraft Hopper with Ground Squirrel Bait**

**FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1967-68**

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Almonds-----	1968	6,221	.511	3,180	Ton	582.00	1,851,000	
	1967	6,182	.343	2,120	Ton	610.00	1,293,000	
Apples-----	1968	164	2.6	426	Ton	104.00	44,300	
	1967	150	1.4	210	Ton	80.00	16,800	
Grapes-----	1968	328	1.48	486	Ton	94.00	45,700	
	1967	550	1.44	791	Ton	93.60	74,000	
Pears-----	1968	175	1.48	259	Ton	115.00	29,800	
	1967	175	1.09	191	Ton	178.00	34,000	
Walnuts-----	1968	1,387	.456	633	Ton	480.00	304,000	
	1967	1,340	.437	585	Ton	480.00	281,000	
Strawberries----	1968	237	31,000	7,347,000	Lbs	.21	1,543,000	
	1967	220	25,500	5,610,000	Lbs	.21	1,178,000	
Miscellaneous---	1968	360					34,000	
	1967	295					19,000	
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1968	8,872					\$3,851,800	
	1967	8,912					2,895,800	

	Year	Valuation
Soil Bank----- and Conser- vation Reserve	1968	187,000
	1967	195,000
Wool-----	1968	5,100
	1967	2,500
Wheat Payments---	1968	600,000
	1967	609,000
Feed Grain-----	1968	16,500
	1967	6,000
Sugar Beets-----	1968	119,000
	1967	71,000
TOTALS	1968	\$927,600
	1967	883,500

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Less Government Payments

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1968	238,045	\$54,749,040
*1967	240,419	54,904,280

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
1959-	27,009,400	10,070,000	3,097,400	582,500	12,823,800	\$53,583,100
1960-	27,351,000	8,580,800	2,402,000	584,700	11,045,400	49,963,900
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-	23,615,300	11,252,140	3,851,800	927,600	16,029,800	55,676,640

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