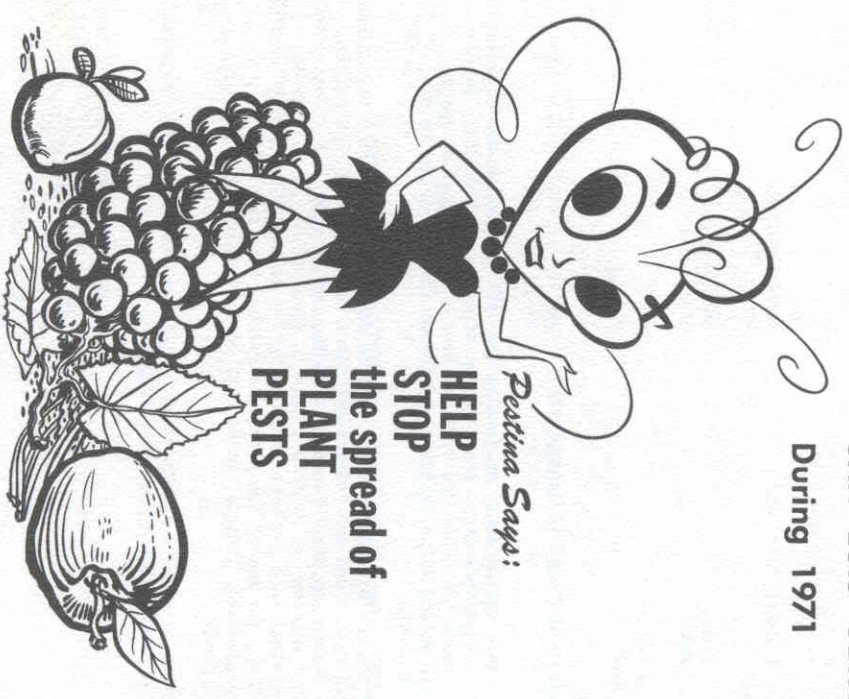


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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Produced in
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
During 1971



COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

EARL R. KALAR, *Commissioner*

Compiled by R. P. HENDERSON, *Assistant Agricultural Commissioner*



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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The estimated gross agricultural production for 1971 is another new high for this County with vegetable crops experiencing almost a three million dollar increase. The costs for labor and services have risen as fast or faster than the average market value increase and leaves the net income to the farmer at a low level.

The pictorial portion of this year's report is directed to the Pest Prevention section of this office and our Federal and State Departments of Agriculture cooperators. Preventing the introduction of any one of many quarantined plant pests could save millions of dollars a year in good prices, as well as reducing the potential need for more chemical sprays to maintain our high quality produce. Pestina, our symbol for plant quarantine, asks your help in protecting our agriculture, forests, parks, and home plantings from new and unwanted plant pests.

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Earl R. Kalar
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Agricultural Commissioner

VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1970-71

CROP	Year	Acreage	PRODUCTION			Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Per Acre	Total			
Beans, (Snap)	1971	172	16,800	98	Cwt	17.10	\$ 287,000	
	1970	140	14,300	102	Cwt	15.20	217,000	
Beans, (Freezer)	1971	680	1,260	1.85	Ton	171.00	215,000	
	1970	680	1,260	1.85	Ton	171.00	215,000	
Broccoli	1971	2,973	223,000	75	Cwt	10.40	2,319,000	
	1970	2,684	204,000	76	Cwt	9.65	1,969,000	
Brussels	1971	84	9,660	115	Cwt	13.20	128,000	
	1970	105	13,100	125	Cwt	13.50	177,000	
Sprouts	1971	327	74,600	228	Cwt	3.70	276,000	
	1970	304	69,900	230	Cwt	3.45	241,000	
Cabbage	1971	292	101,000	345	Cwt	5.24	529,000	
	1970	380	129,000	340	Cwt	4.01	513,000	
Carrots	1971	778	350,000	450	25#	3.24	1,134,000	
	1970	683	315,000	461	Crate	3.00	945,000	
Cauliflower	1971	1,413	1,251,000	885	60#	3.60	4,504,000	
	1970	1,571	1,361,000	870	Crate	2.55	3,486,000	
Celery	1971	20	13,200	660	32#	2.26	29,800	
	1970	31	20,500	660	Lug	2.15	44,100	
Cucumbers	1971	5,225	3,861,000	739	48#	2.12	8,185,000	
	1970	5,017	3,702,000	738	Ctn	1.90	7,034,000	
Lettuce	1971	679	10,900	16	Cwt	30.50	332,000	
	1970	594	10,700	18	Cwt	32.00	342,000	
Peas, (Edible Pod)	1971	252	7,560	30	Cwt	11.80	89,200	
	1970	245	7,590	31	Cwt	15.00	114,000	
Peas, (Green)	1971	470	51,700	110	Cwt	13.20	682,000	
	1970	309	43,300	140	Cwt	11.50	498,000	
Peppers, (Bell)	1971	370	122,000	330	Cwt	2.25	274,000	
	1970	258	95,500	370	Cwt	2.55	243,000	
Potatoes	1971	776	551,000	710	66#	2.40	1,322,000	
	1970	979	685,000	700	Crate	2.10	1,439,000	
Romaine	1971	50	330	6.6	Ton	27.90	9,200	
	1970	50	330	6.6	Ton	27.90	9,200	
Spinach, (Processing)	1971	103	17,500	170	Cwt	13.40	234,000	
	1970	93	17,700	190	Cwt	11.30	200,000	
Tomatoes	1971	524	786,000				786,000	
	1970	532	682,000				682,000	
Miscellaneous	1971	14,458	\$21,111,000				\$21,111,000	
	1970	13,965	18,368,300				18,368,300	
TOTAL VEGETABLE CROP	1971							
	1970							

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1970-71

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Per Acre	Total			
Alfalfa Hay-----	1971	13,200	5.2	68,600	Ton	29.00	\$ 1,989,000
	1970	13,100	5.1	66,800	Ton	28.50	1,904,000
Grain Hay-----	1971	58,000	1.2	69,600	Ton	27.50	1,914,000
	1970	58,500	1.25	73,100	Ton	25.50	1,864,000
Beans							
Small Whites----	1971	114	16	1,820	Cwt	13.60	24,800
	1970	258	15	3,880	Cwt	11.50	44,600
Pinks-----	1971	67	13	871	Cwt	10.60	9,230
	1970	69	13	897	Cwt	9.40	8,430
Garbanzo-----	1971	4,080	7	28,600	Cwt	21.70	621,000
	1970	5,540	7	38,800	Cwt	15.80	613,000
Large Lima-----	1971	237	16	3,790	Cwt	16.50	62,500
	1970	121	16	1,936	Cwt	12.70	24,600
Miscellaneous---	1971	12	11	132	Cwt	11.40	1,500
	1970	22	10	220	Cwt	11.00	2,420
Corn, (Grain)----	1971	300	34	10,200	Cwt	2.65	27,000
	1970	200	34	6,800	Cwt	2.70	18,400
Corn, (Silage)---	1971	1,200	26	31,200	Ton	8.50	265,000
	1970	1,150	26	29,900	Ton	8.50	254,000
Barley-----	1971	64,300	17	1,093,000	Cwt	2.40	2,623,000
	1970	68,600	14	960,000	Cwt	2.32	2,227,000
Oats-----	1971	1,020	16	16,300	Cwt	2.15	35,000
	1970	1,100	17	18,700	Cwt	2.10	39,300
Wheat-----	1971	73,500	11.6	853,000	Cwt	2.52	2,150,000
	1970	60,000	10.1	606,000	Cwt	2.30	1,394,000
Irrigated-----	1971	3,820			Acre	40.00	153,000
Pasture	1970	3,740			Acre	40.00	150,000
Sugar Beets-----	1971	3,560	13	46,300	Ton	14.70	681,000
	1970*	3,980	22.6	89,900	Ton	14.58	1,311,000
Sugar Beet-----	1971	1,250			Acre	10.50	13,100
Pasture	1970	1,300			Acre	10.00	13,000
Miscellaneous---	1971						475,000
	1970						460,000
TOTAL	1971	224,660					\$11,044,130
FIELD CROPS	1970*	217,680					10,327,750

SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1970-71

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
					Total
Seed					
Field Crop-----	1971	935			299,000
& Vegetable	1970	1,275			432,000
Flower-----	1971	39	Acre	939.00	36,600
	1970	59	Acre	897.00	52,900
Nursery and-----	1971				108,000
Cut Flowers	1970				102,000
TOTAL	1971	974			\$443,600
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1970	1,334			586,900

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1970-71

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Production			
Beef Cattle-----	1971	96,400	538,000		Cwt	30.10	\$16,194,000
	1970	93,000	539,000		Cwt	28.20	15,200,000
Beef Cattle-----	1971	13,500	47,300		Cwt	31.70	1,499,000
Feed Lot-Out of County	1970	13,000	47,000		Cwt	29.30	1,377,000
Dairy Cows-----	1971	575			Each	440.00	253,000
and Heifers	1970	710			Each	399.00	283,000
Calves (Year)----	1971	2,230	6,590		Cwt	32.80	219,000
	1970	2,150	6,750		Cwt	32.00	216,000
Hogs-----	1971	6,380	14,000		Cwt	18.90	265,000
	1970	5,850	11,200		Cwt	23.10	259,000
Chickens-----	1971	281,000	1,124,000		Lbs	.04	45,000
(Meat)	1970	292,000	1,168,000		Lbs	.072	84,100
Hatchery-----	1971		1,966,000		Each	.11	216,000
Chicks	1970		2,853,000		Each	.121	345,000
Turkeys-----	1971	346,000	7,634,000		Lbs	.214	1,634,000
(Meat)	1970	377,000	8,671,000		Lbs	.228	1,977,000
Sheep and-----	1971	16,000	16,400		Cwt	23.80	390,000
Lambs	1970	16,200	16,700		Cwt	24.10	402,000
Miscellaneous-----	1971						104,000
	1970						96,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1971						\$20,819,000
	1970						20,239,100

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1970-71

PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Production			
Market Milk-----	1971	440,000			Cwt	5.71	\$2,514,000
	1970*	523,000			Cwt	5.48	2,866,000
Manufacturing-----	1971	4,630			Cwt	4.40	20,400
Milk	1970	9,520			Cwt	4.16	39,600
Wool-----	1971	98,000			Lbs	.22	21,600
	1970	107,000			Lbs	.33	35,300
Chicken Eggs							
Market-----	1971	2,280,000			Doz	.24	547,000
	1970	2,110,000			Doz	.318	671,000
Hatching-----	1971	1,040,000			Doz	.715	744,000
	1970	1,065,000			Doz	.665	708,000
Turkey Eggs							
Hatching-----	1971	250,000			Eggs	.22	55,000
	1970	230,000			Eggs	.23	52,900
Honey-----	1971	176,000			Lbs	.19	33,400
	1970	130,000			Lbs	.14	18,200
Miscellaneous-----	1971						31,000
	1970						29,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1971						\$3,966,400
	1970*						4,420,000

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GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS: 1970-71

	Year	Valuation
Crop Land Adjustment Program	1971	\$ 10,400
	1970	13,000
Wool	1971	11,300
	1970	5,880
Wheat Payments	1971	783,000
	1970	808,000
Feed Grain	1971	2,690
	1970	266,000
Sugar Beets	1971	128,000
	1970	151,000
TOTALS	1971	935,390
	1970	\$1,243,880

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Less Government Payments

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1971	248,402	\$59,464,230
1970*	242,637	56,916,950

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

	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS AND SEEDS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	TOTAL VALUATIONS
1962-	29,680,700	12,151,900	1,108,300	11,077,000	443,900	\$54,461,800
1963-	28,402,900	13,717,800	2,918,700	9,390,700	682,400	55,112,500
1964-	22,395,600	10,712,800	2,261,900	10,975,900	1,237,900	47,584,100
1965-	23,032,800	11,200,000	1,904,000	13,917,000	1,127,000	51,180,800
1966-	25,891,100	11,143,400	2,236,000	15,540,000	1,238,800	56,049,300
1967-	22,445,700	13,065,180	2,895,800	16,497,600	883,500	55,787,780
1968-	23,645,300	11,555,140	3,851,800	16,029,800	927,600	56,009,640
1969-	25,498,900	10,673,080	3,063,500	17,526,000	1,253,300	58,014,480
*1970-	24,659,100	10,914,650	2,974,900	18,368,300	1,243,880	58,160,830
1971-	24,785,400	11,487,730	2,080,100	21,111,000	935,390	60,399,620

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Inspecting incoming plant material for compliance with quarantine regulations.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1970-71

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Total			Total	Total
Almonds-----	1971	5,756	.031	178	Ton	646.00	\$	115,000
	1970	6,663	.216	1,439	Ton	630.00		1,087,000
Apples-----	1971	125	2.9	362	Ton	90.00		32,800
	1970	90	3.4	306	Ton	101.00		30,900
Grapes-----	1971	572	1.6	915	Ton	152.00		139,000
	1970	542	1.45	786	Ton	141.00		111,000
Lemons-----	1971	323	4.3	1,390	Ton	168.00		234,000
	1970	290	3.8	1,102	Ton	160.00		176,000
Pears-----	1971	130	1.4	182	Ton	95.00		17,300
	1970	107	1.82	195	Ton	128.00		25,000
Walnuts-----	1971	2,038	.379	772	Ton	407.00		314,000
	1970	1,586	.434	689	Ton	440.00		303,000
Strawberries----	1971	145	34,500	5,000,000	Lbs	.232		1,160,000
	1970	170	32,000	5,440,000	Lbs	.215		1,170,000
Miscellaneous----	1971	195						68,000
	1970	210						72,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1971	9,284						\$2,080,100
	1970	9,658						2,974,900