

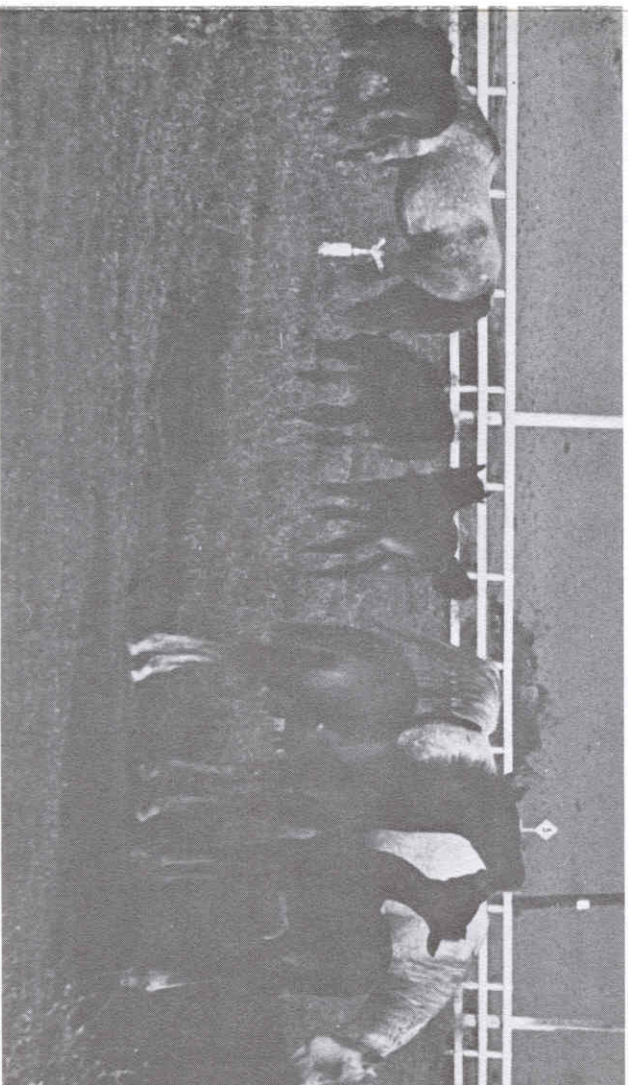
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# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

*During 1972*



## 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  
Howard Markins, Chairman  
District Four  
Hans Heidmann  
District One  
Elston L. Kidwell  
District Two  
AND: C. Brunel Christensen, Director  
California Department of Food and Agriculture

This year we are recognizing this County's growing horse industry as one of our major livestock commodities. I plan to work with this industry to provide meaningful data and proper acknowledgment of their contribution to our agricultural economy.

In the current food cost concern, the farmer is again receiving unwarranted blame. There are many factors that affect the price of food, the major one is the weather. Other factors like farm labor, inflation and over-reaction on environmental issues have a significant impact on the cost of food. The non-farmer must be made aware in these areas so that he can support agriculture, and help obtain realistic laws and regulations that will allow the farmer to produce our food and fiber at reasonable prices to the consumer, yet provide a margin of profit that is necessary to the survival of any industry.

The unparalleled efficiency of the American farm is one of the basic reasons for our high, and still rising, standard of living. We spent only 16% of our disposable income for food in 1972, whereas in England it is 29%, Italy 45% and India 80%. The greatest strength of the United States is our ability to produce food, not only to adequately feed our own people, but to export to other countries of need. We must all strive to protect this strength and maintain reasonable prices at the market place.

I wish to express my appreciation to all persons who contributed information that made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Earl R. Kalar  
Agricultural Commissioner

COVER: Typical horse pasture scene, San Luis Obispo County

VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1971-72

CROP	Year	Acreage	Per Acre	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
				Total	Total			
Beans, (Snap)----	1972	196	94	18,400	Cwt	15.65	\$ 288,000	
	1971	172	98	16,800	Cwt	17.10	287,000	
Broccoli-----	1972	3,985	78	311,000	Cwt	10.20	3,172,000	
	1971	2,973	75	223,000	Cwt	10.40	2,319,000	
Brussels-----	1972	97	110	10,700	Cwt	12.10	129,000	
	1971	84	115	9,660	Cwt	13.20	128,000	
Spouts-----	1972	269	205	55,100	Cwt	3.40	187,000	
	1971	327	228	74,600	Cwt	3.70	276,000	
Cabbage-----	1972	334	335	112,000	Cwt	5.02	562,000	
	1971	292	345	101,000	Cwt	5.24	529,000	
Cauliflower-----	1972	556	510	284,000	25#	3.18	903,000	
	1971	778	450	350,000	Chate	3.24	1,134,000	
Celery-----	1972	1,556	897	1,396,000	60#	3.35	4,677,000	
	1971	1,413	885	1,251,000	Chate	3.60	4,504,000	
Cucumbers-----	1972	20	660	13,200	32#	2.26	29,800	
	1971	5,593	746	4,172,000	48#	2.09	8,719,000	
Lettuce-----	1972	5,225	739	3,861,000	Ctn	2.12	8,185,000	
	1971	638	15	9,570	Cwt	39.00	373,000	
Pears, (Edible Pod)	1972	679	16	10,900	Cwt	30.50	332,000	
	1971	60	20	1,200	Cwt	15.20	18,200	
Pears, (Green)----	1972	252	30	7,560	Cwt	11.80	89,200	
	1971	394	130	51,200	Cwt	10.70	548,000	
Peppers, (Bell)	1972	470	110	51,700	Cwt	13.20	682,000	
	1971	506	310	157,000	Cwt	2.15	336,000	
Potatoes-----	1972	370	330	122,000	Cwt	2.25	274,000	
	1972	988	695	687,000	68#	2.10	1,443,000	
Romaine-----	1972	776	710	551,000	Crate	2.40	1,322,000	
	1971	60	7.33	440	Ton	32.00	14,100	
Spinach, (Processing)	1972	87	180	15,700	Cwt	13.70	215,000	
	1971	103	170	17,500	Cwt	13.40	234,000	
Miscellaneous----	1972	392					690,000	
	1971	524					786,000	
TOTAL	1972	15,711					\$22,276,300	
VEGETABLE CROP	1971	14,458					21,111,000	

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FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1971-72

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Alfalfa Hay-----	1972	13,000	6.2	80,600	Ton	33.00	\$ 2,660,000	
	1971	13,200	5.2	68,600	Ton	29.00	1,989,000	
Grain Hay-----	1972	64,000	1.1	70,400	Ton	28.00	1,971,000	
	1971	58,000	1.2	69,600	Ton	27.50	1,914,000	
Beans								
Small Whites-----	1972	42	14	588	Cwt	14.50	8,530	
	1971	114	16	1,820	Cwt	13.60	24,800	
Peas-----	1972	35	12	420	Cwt	11.70	4,910	
	1971	67	13	871	Cwt	10.60	9,230	
Garbanzo-----	1972	4,650	6	27,900	Cwt	25.00	698,000	
	1971	4,080	7	28,600	Cwt	21.70	621,000	
Large Lima-----	1972	134	15	2,010	Cwt	24.90	50,000	
	1971	237	16	3,790	Cwt	16.50	62,500	
Corn, (Grain)-----	1972	250	33	825	Cwt	2.95	24,300	
	1971	300	34	10,200	Cwt	2.65	27,000	
Corn, (Silage)-----	1972	1,050	24	25,200	Ton	8.50	214,000	
	1971	1,200	26	31,200	Ton	8.50	265,000	
Barley-----	1972	56,000	13.5	756,000	Cwt	2.90	2,192,000	
	1971	64,300	17	1,093,000	Cwt	2.40	2,623,000	
Oats-----	1972	1,210	15	18,200	Cwt	2.37	43,100	
	1971	1,020	16	16,300	Cwt	2.15	35,000	
Wheat-----	1972	58,500	9.6	584,000	Cwt	2.70	1,577,000	
	1972	73,500	11.6	853,000	Cwt	2.52	2,150,000	
Triticated-----	1972	3,700			Acre	40.00	148,000	
	1971	3,820			Acre	40.00	153,000	
Sugar Beets-----	1972	1,775	22.9	40,600	Ton	14.22	577,000	
	1971*	3,560	13	46,300	Ton	14.47	670,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1972						490,000	
	1971*						489,600	
TOTAL	1972	204,346					\$10,657,840	
FIELD CROPS	1971*	223,398					11,033,130	

SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1971-72

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	VALUE Total
Seed			
Field Chop-----	1972	810	283,000
	1971	935	299,000
Flower-----	1972	19	18,700
	1971	39	36,600
Mushey and Cut Flowers	1972		134,000
	1971		108,000
TOTAL	1972	829	\$435,700
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1971	974	443,600

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1971-72

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Total			Total	Total
Beef Cattle-----	1972	99,400	530,000	Cwt	32.50	\$17,220,000		
and Calves	1971	98,630	544,690	Cwt	30.10	16,413,000		
Beef Cattle-----	1972	14,500	47,100	Cwt	33.80	1,592,000		
Feed Lot-Out of Country	1971	13,500	47,300	Cwt	31.70	1,499,000		
Dairy Cows-----	1972	480		Each	500.00	240,000		
and Heifers	1971	575		Each	440.00	253,000		
Horses-----	1972	525		Each	655.00	344,000		
	1971	--				--		
Hogs-----	1972	6,510	14,300	Cwt	25.20	360,000		
	1971	6,380	14,000	Cwt	18.90	265,000		
Chickens-----	1972	270,000	1,080,000	Lbs	.056	60,500		
(Meat)	1971	281,000	1,124,000	Lbs	.04	45,000		
Hatchery-----	1972	918,000	918,000	Each	.101	93,000		
	1971	1,966,000	1,966,000	Each	.11	216,000		
Turkeys-----	1972	435,000	8,787,000	Lbs	.22	1,933,000		
(Meat)	1971	346,000	7,634,000	Lbs	.214	1,634,000		
Sheep and-----	1972	11,600	12,100	Cwt	27.90	338,000		
Lambs	1971	16,000	16,400	Cwt	23.80	390,000		
Miscellaneous-----	1972					239,000		
	1971					104,000		
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1972					\$22,419,500		
	1971					20,819,000		

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1971-72

PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION	Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
Market Milk-----	1972	438,000		Cwt	5.98	\$2,614,000
	1971*	441,000		Cwt	5.74	2,551,000
Manufacturing-----	1972	4,950		Cwt	5.03	24,900
Milk	1971*	4,500		Cwt	4.49	20,200
Wool-----	1972	71,000		Lbs	.20	14,200
	1971	98,000		Lbs	.22	21,600
Chicken Eggs	1972	2,150,000		Doz	.355	763,000
Waterfowl-----	1972	2,280,000		Doz	.24	547,000
Hatching-----	1972	1,005,000		Doz	.708	712,000
	1971	1,040,000		Doz	.715	744,000
Turkey Eggs	1972	246,000		Eggs	.21	51,700
Hatching-----	1971	250,000		Eggs	.22	55,000
Honey-----	1972	40,000		Lbs	.33	13,200
	1971	176,000		Lbs	.19	33,400
Miscellaneous-----	1972					32,000
	1971					31,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1972					\$4,225,000
	1971*					3,983,200

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GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS: 1971-72

Year	Valuation
Cropland----- 1972	\$ 7,880
Adjustment 1971	10,400
Program	
Wool----- 1972	7,560
1971	11,300
Wheat Payments--- 1972	1,530,000
1971	783,000
Feed Grain----- 1972	1,206,000
1971	2,690
Sugar Beets----- 1972	65,000
1971	128,000
TOTALS	\$2,816,440
	935,390

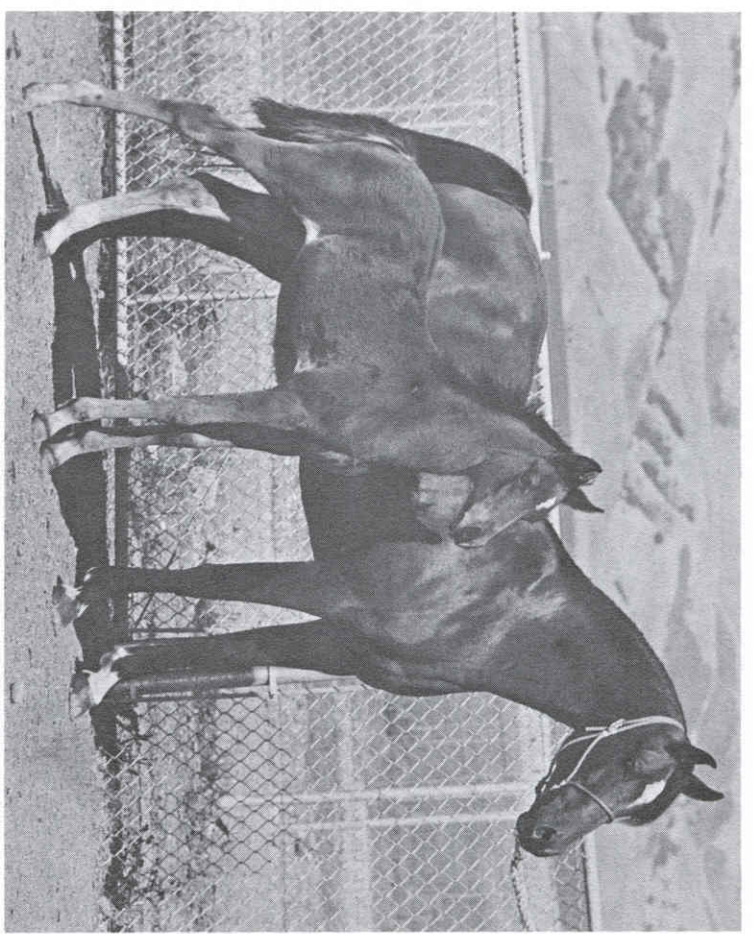
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Less Government Payments

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1972	229,223	\$62,043,940
1971*	248,114	59,500,030

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

Year	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS AND SEEDS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	VEGETABLE CROPS	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	TOTAL VALUATIONS
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	3,065,500	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-	24,802,200	11,476,730	2,080,100	21,111,000	935,390	60,405,420
1972-	26,644,500	11,093,540	2,029,600	22,276,300	2,816,440	64,860,380

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1971-72

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Total			
Almonds-----	1972	4,950	.033	160	Ton	700.00	\$ 112,000
	1971	5,756	.031	178	Ton	646.00	115,000
Apples-----	1972	110	3	330	Ton	105.00	34,600
	1971	125	2.9	362	Ton	90.00	32,800
Grapes-----	1972	540	1.4	756	Ton	210.00	159,000
	1971	572	1.6	915	Ton	152.00	139,000
Lemons-----	1972	343	4.6	1,580	Ton	158.00	250,000
	1971	323	4.3	1,390	Ton	168.00	234,000
Pears-----	1972	90	1.3	117	Ton	120.00	14,000
	1971	130	1.4	182	Ton	95.00	17,300
Walnuts-----	1972	1,950	.328	640	Ton	530.00	339,000
	1971	2,038	.379	772	Ton	407.00	314,000
Strawberries---	1972	134	33,000	4,422,000	Lbs	.237	1,048,000
	1971	145	34,500	5,000,000	Lbs	.232	1,160,000
Miscellaneous---	1972	220					73,000
	1971	195					68,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1972	8,337					\$2,029,600
	1971	9,284					2,080,100