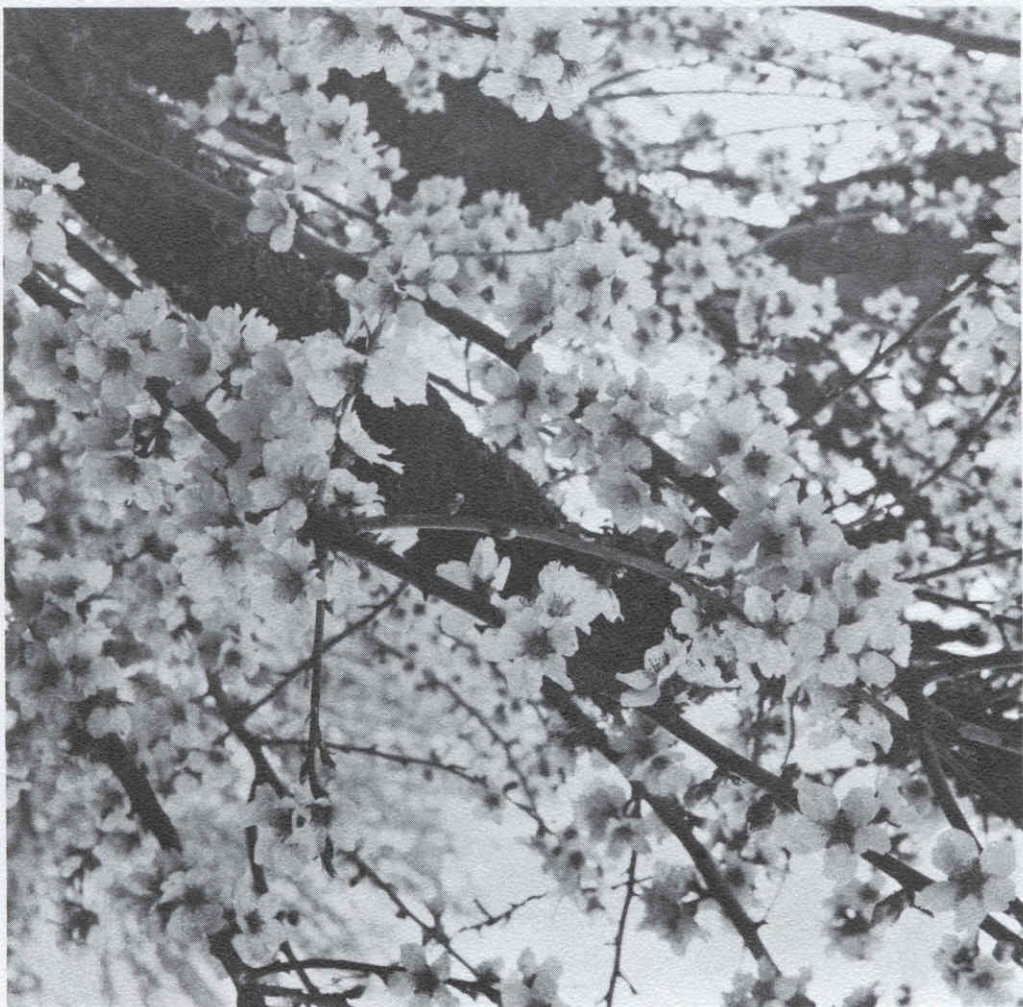


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**AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS 1978**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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AND: Richard E. Rominger, Director
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Estimated agricultural production was over \$125 million dollars for San Luis Obispo County. Several factors contributed to the record 32.9 million dollar increase over 1977. Augmented prices were noted in most commodities. The end of the drought resulted in more planted acreage and higher yields. Also, the ingenuity and ability of our agricultural community was amplified by weather factors.

Statistics recorded in this report are gross receipts and do not reflect net returns to the grower. New dollars generated by local agriculture using the basic elements of energy, soil and water generate an economic stimulus factor of three to four times the gross receipt value to this County.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Kalar
 Agricultural Commissioner

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THEME: Unique dryland almond orchards embellish the rolling hills of San Luis Obispo with bountiful Spring Flowers truly representing the viability and diversity of our agriculture.

Photographs by GERALD W. LANT, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1977-78

CROP	Year	Acreage	Per Acre	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
				Total	Total			Total
Beans, (Snap)-----	1978	219	95	20,805	30#	6.10	\$ 127,000	
	1977	193	93	17,949	Cwt	24.00	430,800	
Broccoli-----	1978**	5,481	200	1,096,200	23#	5.50	6,029,000	
	1977	5,270	84	442,680	Cwt	23.80	10,536,000	
Cabbage-----	1978	632	400	252,800	45#	3.70	935,000	
	1977	392	400	156,800	Cwt	7.70	1,207,000	
Carrots-----	1978	389	300	116,700	Cwt	6.95	811,000	
	1977	240	290	69,600	Cwt	3.25	226,000	
Cauliflower-----	1978	962	380	365,560	25#	5.10	1,864,000	
	1977	645	380	245,100	25#	4.62	1,132,000	
Celery-----	1978	1,547	800	1,238,000	60#	7.95	9,842,000	
	1977	1,139	800	911,200	60#	3.75	3,417,000	
Lettuce-----	1978	10,508	760	7,986,000	48#	3.85	30,750,000	
	1977	6,972	750	5,229,000	48#	2.96	15,478,000	
Peas,-----	1978	1,228	60	73,680	45#	40.50	2,984,000	
(Edible Pod)	1977	891	59.6	53,100	Cwt	67.00	3,558,000	
Peppers,-----	1978	605	200	121,000	30#	5.25	635,000	
(Bell)	1977	593	195	115,635	Cwt	15.00	1,734,000	
Potatoes-----	1978	372	350	130,200	Cwt	3.90	508,000	
	1977	320	350	112,000	Cwt	3.75	420,000	
Romaine-----	1978	648	860	557,280	Cm	2.95	1,645,000	
	1977	752	900	676,800	Cm	2.75	1,861,000	
Miscellaneous-----	1978*	502					4,534,000	
	1977*						1,400,800	
TOTAL	1978	22,591					\$60,664,000	
VEGETABLE CROP	1977	17,909					41,400,600	
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1977-78								
	Year	Harvested Acreage					VALUE Total	
Cut Flowers-----	1978						\$1,397,000	
	1977						1,087,000	
Nursery-----	1978						3,740,000	
	1977						1,483,000	
Seed, Field-----	1978	116					58,000	
Crop, Flower	1977	930					581,000	
TOTAL	1978	116					\$5,195,000	
SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1977	930					3,151,000	

*Revised
 **Note Change Unit weights (in container size)

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1977-78

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Per Acre			
Alfalfa Hay-----	1978	8,875	6.0	53,250	Ton	65.00	\$ 3,461,000
	1977	6,679	5.7	38,070	Ton	56.00	2,132,000
Barley-----	1978	56,300	17.6	990,880	Cwt	5.00	4,954,000
	1977	65,988	15	989,820	Cwt	4.42	4,375,000
Garbanzo-----	1978	3,485	12	41,820	Cwt	50.00	2,091,000
	1977	2,498	10	24,980	Cwt	56.30	1,406,000
Grain Hay-----	1978	7,538	2	15,076	Ton	55.00	829,000
	1977	7,000	1.9	13,300	Ton	54.23	721,000
Irrigated-----	1978	5,700			Acres	100.00	570,000
Pasture-----	1977	3,300			Acres	65.00	214,500
Oats-----	1978	3,046	20	60,920	Cwt	12.00	731,000
	1977	1,086	19.3	20,960	Cwt	10.90	228,000
Safflower-----	1978	3,228	.26	839	Ton	310.00	260,000
	1977**						
Sorgham, Silage--	1978**	600	20	12,000	Cwt	15.00	180,000
	1977						
Sugar Beets-----	1978	570	18.4	10,488	Ton	22.73	238,000
	1977	982	25.6	25,139	Ton	22.65	569,000
Wheat-----	1978	43,000	12	516,000	Cwt	5.20	2,683,000
	1977	32,650	10.1	329,765	Cwt	4.62	1,524,000
Miscellaneous----	1978						2,128,000
	1977*						2,112,700
TOTAL	1978	131,742	162,487				\$17,945,000
FIELD CROPS	1977	121,206	123,888				12,457,200

*Revised
**Included in Miscellaneous



Established dryland almond orchard in blossom

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1977-78

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Production			
Cattle and Calves---	1978	104,000	429,575		Cwt	47.23	\$20,290,000
	1977	111,814	433,369		Cwt	38.50	16,686,700
Hogs-----	1978	8,500	17,000		Cwt	48.50	824,000
	1977	3,500	7,525		Cwt	43.00	323,600
Horses-----	1978	290			Each	1,100.00	319,000
	1977	310			Each	912.84	283,000
Poultry-----	1978	356,800	5,503,000		Lbs	.424	2,333,000
(Meat)	1977	388,459	5,598,976		Lbs	.336	1,880,800
Sheep and Lambs----	1978	4,800	4,416		Cwt	62.00	274,000
	1977	7,200	6,600		Cwt	50.20	331,500
Miscellaneous-----	1978						2,418,000
	1977						3,240,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1978						\$26,458,000
	1977						23,347,500

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1977-78

PRODUCT	Year	Total	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE Total
			Total	Production			
Market Milk-----	1978	312,000			Cwt	10.147	\$3,166,000
	1977*	368,000			Cwt	9.809	3,610,000
Manufacturing-----	1978	2,200			Cwt	7.68	17,000
Milk	1977*	2,200			Cwt	8.94	19,700
Wool-----	1978	34,995			Lbs	.66	23,000
	1977	14,038			Lbs	.63	8,800
Honey-----	1978	79,500			Lbs	.448	36,000
	1977	98,400			Lbs	.41	40,000
Miscellaneous----	1978						1,700,000
	1977						1,380,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1978						4,942,000
	1977*						5,058,500

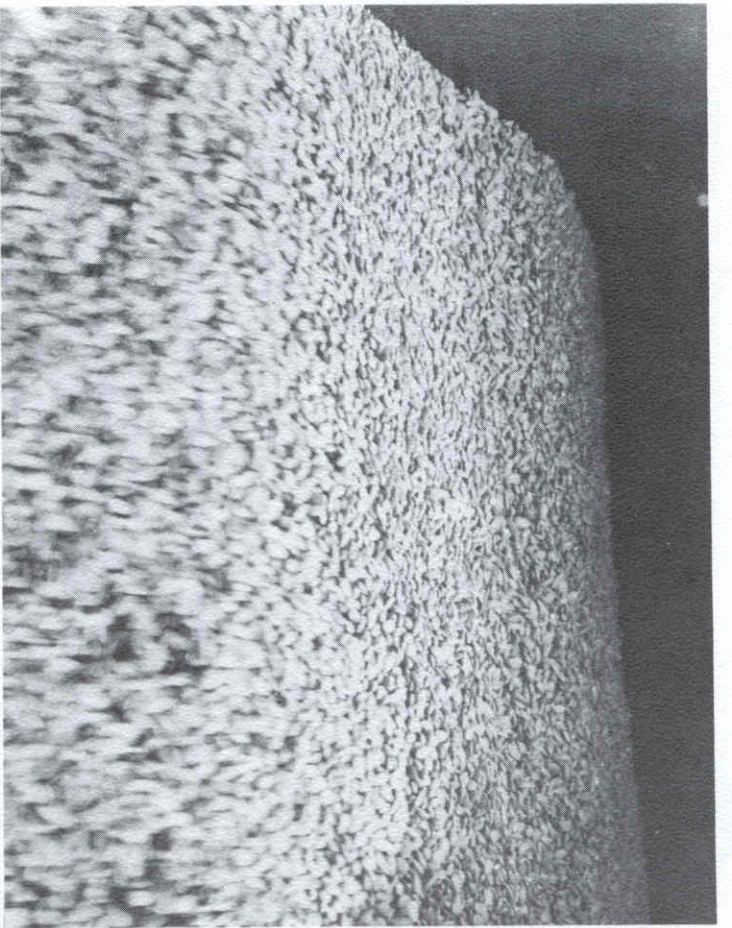
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Field crop adjustments based on ASCS Survey + memo to R.H. Henninger Jun 31, 1980 from P. Greck

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
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 -	35,200,700	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	17,945,000	10,255,000	60,664,000	5,195,000	125,459,000

*Revised



Bulk handling of almond meats during processing

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1977-78

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Total			Total	Total
Almonds-----	1978	4,730	.037	175	Ton	1,620.00	\$ 284,000	
	1977	4,450	.10	445	Ton	1,500.00	668,000	
Apples-----	1978	324	4.0	1,296	Ton	159.00	206,000	
	1977	336	3.5	1,176	Ton	120.00	141,000	
Avocados-----	1978	408	1.2	490	Ton	950.00	466,000	
	1977	320	1.6	512	Ton	1,296.00	664,000	
Grapes-----	1978	3,405	2.61	8,887	Ton	521.00	4,630,000	
	1977	3,200	3	9,600	Ton	235.00	2,256,000	
Lemons-----	1978	864	715	618,000	Box	2.28	1,409,000	
	1977	600	730	438,000	Box	1.79	784,000	
Walnuts-----	1978	1,136	.89	1,011	Ton	1,286.00	1,300,000	
	1977	1,366	.572	781	Ton	608.00	475,000	
Strawberries---	1978	141	29,800	4,202,000	Lbs	.35	1,471,000	
	1977	165	41,400	6,831,000	Lbs	.32	2,186,000	
Miscellaneous---	1978						489,000	
	1977	107					110,000	
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1978	11,008					\$10,255,000	
	1977	10,544					7,284,000	

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