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*A Report of*  
**AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS**

*Produced in*  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**  
*During 1954*



**County Department of Agriculture**

THOMAS CHALMERS, *Commissioner*

*Compiled by J. B. GOTTFRIED, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner*

| ANIMAL INDUSTRY                                  | ANIMALS        | YIELD                              | VALUATION<br>1954   | VALUATION<br>1953   |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beef Cattle .....                                | 47,800         |                                    | \$ 8,515,500        | \$10,676,900        |
| Cows (Butterfat) .....                           | 13,800         | 2,186,300 lbs.                     | 2,195,200           | 2,800,800           |
| Calves (Veal) .....                              | 5,400          |                                    | 167,400             | 190,800             |
| Cows and Heifers .....                           | 1,800          |                                    | 306,000             | 400,000             |
| Chickens, Eggs .....                             | 309,000        | 5,562,000 doz.                     | 2,169,200           | 2,589,000           |
| Chickens, Meats .....                            | 1,832,000      | 5,367,800 lbs.                     | 1,304,400           | 1,873,700           |
| Baby Chicks .....                                | 7,500,000      |                                    | 1,200,000           |                     |
| Hogs .....                                       | 4,300          | 967,500 lbs.                       | 179,000             | 245,700             |
| Turkeys, Meats .....                             | 313,500        | 5,956,500 lbs.                     | 1,590,400           | 1,316,800           |
| Turkeys, Eggs .....                              |                | 347,000 eggs                       | 95,400              | 76,300              |
| Turkey Poults .....                              | 240,000        |                                    | 180,000             |                     |
| Sheep .....                                      | 2,700          | 229,500 lbs.                       | 45,900              | 48,600              |
| (Wool) .....                                     |                |                                    | 3,000               | 3,200               |
| Honey Bees .....                                 | 7,799 colonies | 80 tons                            | 17,600              | 12,400              |
| Misc. (Horses, Goats, Hides, etc.)               |                |                                    | 50,000              | 50,000              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....                               |                |                                    | <b>\$18,019,000</b> | <b>\$20,284,200</b> |
| FIELD CROPS                                      | ACREAGE        | YIELD                              | VALUATION<br>1954   | VALUATION<br>1953   |
| Alfalfa .....                                    | 9,800          | 41,400 ton                         | \$ 869,400          | \$ 940,800          |
| Beans .....                                      |                |                                    |                     |                     |
| Small Whites .....                               |                | 27,300 cwt.                        | 286,600             | 217,600             |
| Pinks .....                                      |                | 12,400 cwt.                        | 93,000              | 140,900             |
| Misc. ....                                       |                | 2,600 cwt.                         | 22,100              | 19,600              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....                               | <b>3,300</b>   | <b>42,300 cwt.</b>                 | <b>\$ 401,700</b>   | <b>\$ 378,100</b>   |
| Corn (Field) .....                               | 1,200          | 37,200 cwt.                        | \$ 120,900          | \$ 102,100          |
| Grain .....                                      |                |                                    |                     |                     |
| Barley .....                                     | 63,300         | 941,500 cwt.                       | \$ 2,259,600        | \$ 2,028,600        |
| Oats .....                                       | 6,300          | 80,400 cwt.                        | 209,000             | 213,700             |
| Wheat .....                                      | 102,100        | 857,600 cwt.                       | 3,154,000           | 3,282,200           |
| Hay .....                                        | 43,500         | 72,700 ton                         | 1,381,300           | 1,428,000           |
| Permanent Pasture .....                          | 4,300          | Value Reflected in Livestock Sales |                     |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....                               | <b>219,500</b> |                                    | <b>\$ 7,003,900</b> | <b>\$ 6,952,500</b> |
| Potatoes .....                                   | 600            | 117,000 sks.                       | \$ 245,700          | \$ 283,400          |
| Sugar Beets .....                                | 2,168          | 39,960 ton                         | 415,500             | 496,000             |
| Government Payment .....                         |                |                                    | 97,500              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....                               |                |                                    | <b>\$ 513,000</b>   |                     |
| Field Crops, Vegetable<br>and Flower Seeds ..... | 1,100          |                                    | \$ 226,500          | \$ 399,400          |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 7,500          |                                    | 300,000             | 350,000             |
| <b>TOTAL Field Crops</b> .....                   | <b>245,168</b> |                                    | <b>\$ 9,681,100</b> | <b>\$ 9,902,300</b> |

| FRUIT AND NUT CROPS | ACREAGE      | YIELD (tons) | VALUATION<br>1954 | VALUATION<br>1953 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Almonds -----       | 7,182        | 810          | \$ 372,600        | \$ 249,100        |
| Apples -----        | 197          | 460          | 34,500            | 53,600            |
| Apricots -----      | 161          | 95           | 12,900            | 60,700            |
| Grapes -----        | 680          | 1,070        | 48,200            | 41,200            |
| Pears -----         | 229          | 190          | 13,300            | 6,800             |
| Walnuts -----       | 730          | 525          | 226,900           | 148,700           |
| Miscellaneous ----- | 174          | 116          | 16,200            | 9,800             |
| <b>TOTAL -----</b>  | <b>9,353</b> |              | <b>\$ 724,600</b> | <b>\$ 569,900</b> |

| VEGETABLE CROPS                                     | ACREAGE        | YIELD         | VALUATION<br>1954   | VALUATION<br>1953   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Artichokes -----                                    | 470            | 69,100 bx.    | \$ 224,600          | \$ 229,700          |
| Beans (Green limas processing) -----                | 224            | 4,700 cwt.    | 37,600              | 116,800             |
| Bell Peppers -----                                  | 399            | 102,100 cr.   | 219,500             | 216,600             |
| Broccoli -----                                      | 2,301          | 322,100 cr.   | 869,600             | 1,189,900           |
| Brussels Sprouts -----                              | 24             | 2,900 cwt.    | 30,500              | 29,500              |
| Cabbage -----                                       | 96             | 15,600 cwt.   | 39,000              | 23,400              |
| Carrots -----                                       | 122            | 32,700 cr.    | 121,000             | 69,900              |
| Cauliflower -----                                   | 1,393          | 564,100 cr.   | 705,200             | 746,800             |
| Celery -----                                        | 1,164          | 1,029,000 cr. | 2, 212,400          | 2,172,300           |
| Cucumbers -----                                     | 53             | 19,000 lgs.   | 28,500              | 75,100              |
| Lettuce -----                                       | 3,235          | 646,200 cr.   | 1,365,700           | 1,696,300           |
| Peas (Green) -----                                  | 2,131          | 39,800 cwt.   | 278,600             | 356,000             |
| Romaine -----                                       | 480            | 117,100 cr.   | 222,500             | 263,600             |
| Spinach (Processing) -----                          | 45             | 4,500 cwt.    | 9,000               | 10,600              |
| Strawberries -----                                  | 215            | 354,800 trays | 798,300             | 620,800             |
| String Beans -----                                  | 629            | 79,300 cwt.   | 713,700             | 43,300              |
| Tomatoes -----                                      | 87             | 43,500 lgs.   | 87,000              | 60,800              |
| Mixed Vegetables -----                              | 354            | 330 cars      | 165,000             | 180,500             |
| <b>TOTAL -----</b>                                  | <b>13,422</b>  |               | <b>\$ 8,127,700</b> | <b>\$ 8,101,900</b> |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL of all<br/>Agricultural Products</b> | <b>267,943</b> |               | <b>\$36,552,400</b> | <b>\$38,858,300</b> |

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

|            | ANIMAL<br>INDUSTRY | FIELD<br>CROPS | FRUIT & NUT<br>CROPS | VEGETABLE<br>CROPS | TOTAL<br>VALUATIONS |
|------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1944 ----- | \$ 9,700,400       | \$ 7,602,100   | \$ 2,424,700         | \$ 6,488,300       | \$26,215,500        |
| 1945 ----- | 9,540,600          | 7,536,500      | 1,330,180            | 6,344,800          | 24,752,080          |
| 1946 ----- | 11,741,500         | 9,226,600      | 1,355,000            | 6,972,400          | 29,295,500          |
| 1947 ----- | 15,326,900         | 11,659,700     | 1,359,200            | 7,339,200          | 35,685,000          |
| 1948 ----- | 17,228,200         | 10,374,100     | 430,400              | 6,710,500          | 34,743,200          |
| 1949 ----- | 16,709,000         | 9,449,600      | 741,100              | 6,889,500          | 33,789,200          |
| 1950 ----- | 19,553,900         | 9,152,300      | 748,500              | 7,686,800          | 37,141,500          |
| 1951 ----- | 28,154,900         | 9,144,800      | 760,700              | 9,920,100          | 47,980,500          |
| 1952 ----- | 24,322,800         | 12,131,800     | 705,800              | 10,171,200         | 47,331,600          |
| 1953 ----- | 20,284,200         | 9,902,300      | 569,900              | 8,101,900          | 38,858,300          |
| 1954 ----- | 18,019,000         | 9,681,100      | 724,600              | 8,127,700          | 36,552,400          |