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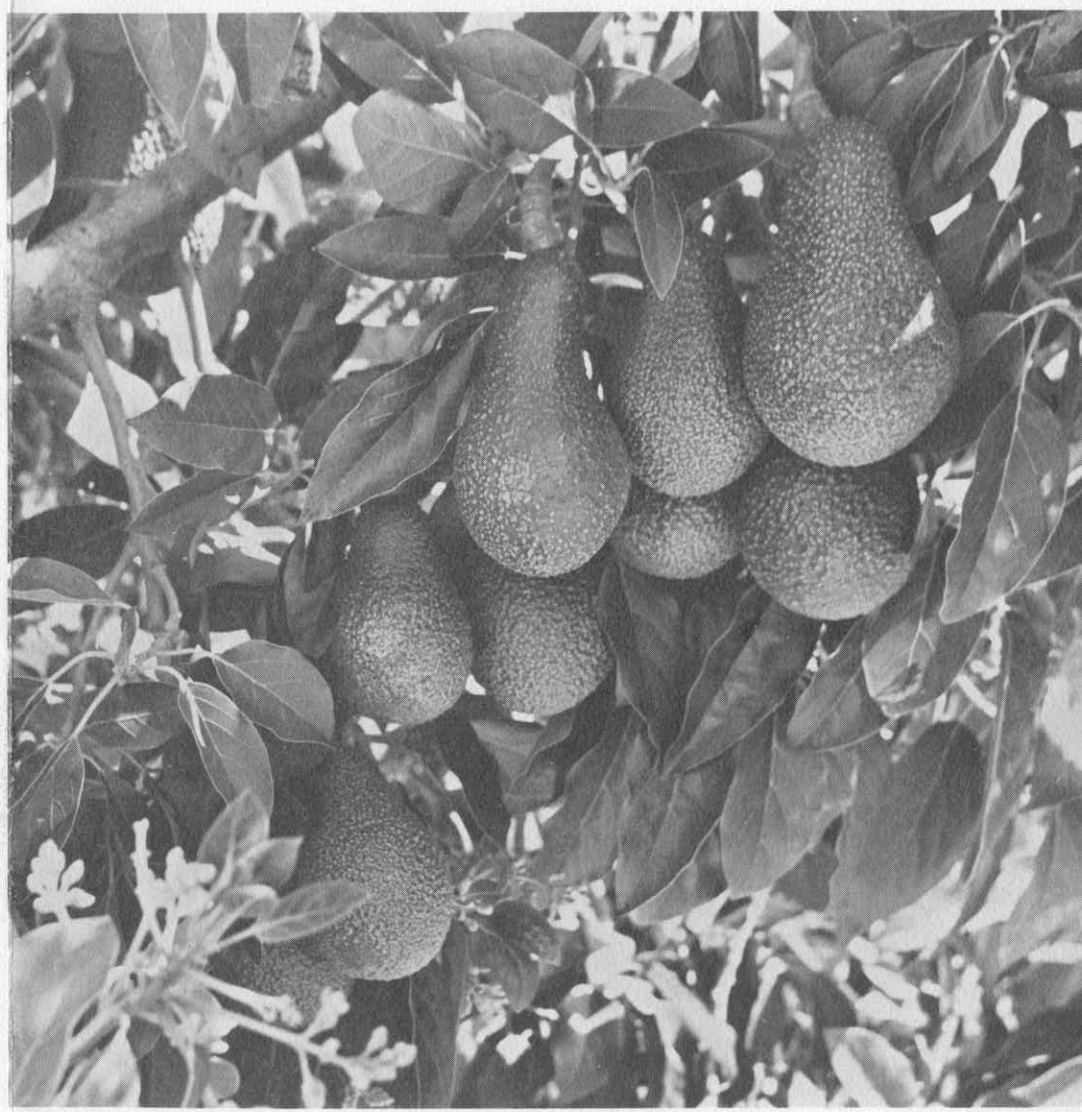
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 1974



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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO · P. O. BOX 637, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA 93406
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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Richard J. Krejsa, Chairman — District Five
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Howard Mankins — District Four
Milton E. Willeford — District Two

AND: Luther Tim Wallace, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture

Our gross agricultural value for 1974 set a new County record of almost 85 million dollars. There were considerable gains in field crops, fruit and nut crops, but the beef industry showed a tremenduous decrease. This was the first year of record that the Animal Industry failed to be in first place. Vegetable crops, led by lettuce, celery and broccoli, are tops in gross dollar value.

Inflation has great impact on the farmer and cause production costs to rise as fast or faster than the price he receives for his product. If one compares the inflation of other items of convenience and/or necessity, they will find that food is still our best bargain. In the United States 19% of our income is spent for food compared to 26% for England, 28% for West Germany, 31% for France, 38% for Italy, 40% for Japan, and 50% for Russia.

Whether profitable to the farmer or not, our local agriculture stimulates more new wealth and has fewer demands on the tax dollar than any other industry in the County.

Acknowledgment and appreciation is extended to all persons contributing records and information necessary for the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Kalar

Earl R. Kalar
Agricultural Commissioner

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COVER: AVOCADOS: — An important addition to our growing agricultural industry

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

VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1973-74

CROP	Year	Acreage	PRODUCTION Per Acre	PRODUCTION Total	Unit	VALUE Per Unit	VALUE Total
Beans, (Snap)----	1974	194	87	16,900	Cwt	17.40	$ 294,000
	1973	232	84	19,500	Cwt	16.85	328,000
Beans,----------	1974	--					--
(Freezer)	1973	300	1.6	480	Ton	205.00	98,400
Broccoli---------	1974	4,737	76	360,000	Cwt	11.60	4,176,000
	1973	3,545	73	259,000	Cwt	10.55	2,732,000
Brussels---------	1974	106	104	11,000	Cwt	17.00	187,000
Sprouts	1973	90	110	9,900	Cwt	13.40	133,000
Cabbage----------	1974	136	220	29,900	Cwt	4.25	127,000
	1973	123	210	25,800	Cwt	4.05	104,000
Carrots----------	1974	619	340	210,000	Cwt	5.10	1,071,000
	1973	418	290	121,000	Cwt	4.65	563,000
Cauliflower------	1974	927	360	334,000	25#	4.25	1,420,000
	1973	369	506	187,000	Crate	3.80	711,000
Celery-----------	1974	1,292	866	1,119,000	60#	3.85	4,308,000
	1973	1,372	892	1,224,000	Crate	3.60	4,406,000
Lettuce----------	1974	4,346	881	3,829,000	48#	2.90	11,104,000
	1973	5,409	727	3,932,000	Ctn	3.60	14,155,000
Peas,------------	1974	655	32	21,000	Cwt	67.00	1,407,000
(Edible Pod)	1973	578	25	14,400	Cwt	55.00	792,000
Peas, (Green)----	1974	103	21	2,160	Cwt	17.00	36,700
	1973	177	17	3,000	Cwt	15.50	46,500
Peppers,---------	1974	409	125	51,100	Cwt	12.10	618,000
(Bell)	1973	414	124	51,300	Cwt	11.00	564,000
Potatoes---------	1974	712	315	224,000	Cwt	5.75	1,288,000
	1973	870	260	226,000	Cwt	3.05	689,000
Romaine----------	1974	407	780	317,000	68#	3.00	951,000
	1973	553	700	387,000	Crate	3.25	1,258,000
Spinach,---------	1974	--					--
(Processing)	1973	30	8.67	260	Ton	34.20	8,900
Tomatoes---------	1974	97	268	26,000	Cwt	4.50	117,000
	1973	277	140	38,800	Cwt	12.50	485,000
Miscellaneous----	1974	419					1,152,000
	1973	469					910,000
TOTAL	1974	15,159					$28,256,700
VEGETABLE CROP	1973	15,236					27,983,800

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1973-74

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION Per Acre	PRODUCTION Total	PRODUCTION Unit	VALUE Per Unit	VALUE Total
Alfalfa Hay	1974	13,700	6.1	83,600	Ton	60.00	$ 5,016,000
	1973	12,600	5.9	74,300	Ton	48.00	3,566,000
Grain Hay	1974	57,000	1.2	68,400	Ton	48.00	3,283,000
	1973	61,000	1	61,000	Ton	43.00	2,623,000
Beans							
Small Whites	1974	486	16	7,780	Cwt	22.00	171,000
	1973	89	13	1,157	Cwt	37.00	42,800
Pinks	1974	26	14	364	Cwt	29.00	10,500
	1973	--					--
Garbanzo	1974	5,811	9	52,300	Cwt	29.00	1,517,000
	1973	4,392	11	48,300	Cwt	24.00	1,159,000
Large Lima	1974	510	20	10,200	Cwt	26.50	270,000
	1973	262	18	4,720	Cwt	36.00	170,000
Corn, (Grain)	1974	--					--
	1973	200	32	640	Cwt	4.25	27,200
Corn, (Silage)	1974	750	20	15,000	Ton	10.50	158,000
	1973	900	23	20,700	Ton	9.00	186,000
Barley	1974	54,000	15	810,000	Cwt	6.00	4,860,000
	1973	57,000	15	855,000	Cwt	4.10	3,505,000
Oats	1974	1,010	16	16,200	Cwt	5.05	81,800
	1973	1,100	14	15,400	Cwt	3.70	57,000
Safflower	1974	2,530	.51	1,290	Ton	350.00	452,000
	1973	--					--
Wheat	1974	66,300	10.3	683,000	Cwt	7.20	4,918,000
	1973	61,200	10.5	643,000	Cwt	5.05	3,247,000
Irrigated Pasture	1974	3,600			Acre	50.00	180,000
	1973	3,600			Acre	40.00	144,000
Sugar Beets	1974	1,473	20.9	30,800	Ton	60.09	1,851,000
	1973*	983	25.5	20,000	Ton	27.20	544,000
Miscellaneous	1974						1,060,000
	1973						610,000
TOTAL FIELD CROPS	1974	207,196					$23,828,300
	1973*	203,326					15,881,000

SEED AND NURSERY STOCK 1973-74

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	VALUE Total
Seed Field Crop	1974	1,140	642,000
	1973	835	292,000
Flower	1974	243	179,000
	1973	19	19,600
Nursery and Cut Flowers	1974		1,120,000
	1973		442,000
TOTAL SEED AND NURSERY STOCK	1974	1,383	$1,941,000
	1973	854	753,600

*Revised

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1973-74

TYPE	Year	Number of Head	Total Production	Unit	VALUE Per Unit	VALUE Total
Beef Cattle and Calves	1974	83,600	418,000	Cwt	35.40	$14,797,000
	1973	91,000	510,000	Cwt	42.60	21,726,000
Beef Cattle Feed Lot-Out of County	1974	17,000	51,000	Cwt	40.20	2,050,000
	1973	14,100	49,400	Cwt	43.90	2,169,000
Dairy Cows and Heifers	1974	340		Each	526.00	179,000
	1973	425		Each	573.00	243,000
Horses	1974	347		Each	622.00	216,000
	1973	508		Each	569.00	289,000
Hogs	1974	7,140	15,300	Cwt	35.00	536,000
	1973	6,860	14,900	Cwt	37.50	559,000
Chickens (Meat)	1974	235,000	940,000	Lbs	.06	56,400
	1973	240,000	960,000	Lbs	.134	129,000
Pullets	1974	726,000		Each	2.25	1,634,000
	1973	1,562,000		Each	2.00	3,124,000
Hatchery Chicks	1974		1,039,000	Each	.188	195,000
	1973		1,059,000	Each	.145	156,000
Turkeys (Meat)	1974	330,000	6,993,000	Lbs	.278	1,944,000
	1973	405,000	8,505,000	Lbs	.348	2,960,000
Sheep and Lambs	1974	10,800	11,500	Cwt	37.00	425,000
	1973	10,200	10,800	Cwt	34.75	375,000
Miscellaneous	1974					288,000
	1973					260,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	1974					$22,320,400
	1973					28,866,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1973-74

PRODUCT	Year	PRODUCTION Total	PRODUCTION Unit	VALUE Per Unit	VALUE Total
Market Milk	1974	286,000	Cwt	8.34	$2,385,000
	1973*	405,000	Cwt	6.81	2,765,000
Manufacturing Milk	1974	2,200	Cwt	6.74	14,800
	1973*	4,130	Cwt	5.25	18,900
Wool	1974	74,000	Lbs	.55	40,700
	1973	72,000	Lbs	.42	30,200
Chicken Eggs Market	1974	2,070,000	Doz	.49	1,014,000
	1973	2,060,000	Doz	.512	1,055,000
Honey	1974	200,000	Lbs	.48	96,000
	1973	742,000	Lbs	.50	371,000
Miscellaneous	1974				102,000
	1973				94,600
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1974				$3,652,500
	1973				4,334,700

*Revised



Photos by Gerald W. Lant

Bench grafting of certified avocado seedlings

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1973-74

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION Per Acre	PRODUCTION Total	Unit	VALUE Per Unit	VALUE Total
Almonds	1974	6,800	.189	1,280	Ton	900.00	$1,115,000
	1973*	6,050	.0631	382	Ton	1,500.00	573,000
Apples	1974	105	4.3	452	Ton	115.00	52,000
	1973	130	4.1	533	Ton	115.00	61,300
Avocados	1974	180	1.7	306	Ton	780.00	239,000
	1973	--					--
Grapes	1974	675	2.2	1,480	Ton	220.00	326,000
	1973	578	1.7	983	Ton	345.00	339,000
Lemons	1974	410	3.70	152,000	Boxes	3.40	517,000
	1973	356	8.2	2,920	Ton	164.00	479,000
Pears	1974	60	1.5	90	Ton	140.00	12,600
	1973	73	1.6	117	Ton	122.00	14,300
Walnuts	1974	2,540	.38	970	Ton	452.00	438,000
	1973	2,765	.391	1,080	Ton	567.00	612,000
Strawberries	1974	210	38,400	8,064,000	Lbs	.269	2,169,000
	1973	160	37,000	5,920,000	Lbs	.272	1,610,000
Miscellaneous	1974	198					84,000
	1973	292					165,000
TOTAL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	1974	11,178					$4,952,600
	1973	10,404					3,853,600

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GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS: 1973-74

	Year	Valuation
Cropland Adjustment Program	1974	$ 1,950
	1973	1,840
Grain Disaster Payments	1974	29,200
	1973	--
Wheat Payments	1974	--
	1973	666,000
Feed Grain	1974	--
	1973	398,000
Sugar Beets	1974	53,900
	1973	31,900
TOTALS	1974	$ 85,050
	1973	1,097,740

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Less Government Payments

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1974	234,916	$84,951,500
1973*	228,956	81,672,700

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
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-	24,802,200	11,476,730	2,080,100	21,111,000	935,390	60,405,420
1972-	26,645,400	11,104,540	2,029,600	22,276,300	2,816,440	64,872,280
*1973-	33,200,700	16,634,600	3,853,600	27,983,800	1,097,740	82,770,440
1974-	25,972,900	25,769,300	4,952,600	28,256,700	85,050	85,036,550

*Revised