

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CA**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	1,916	1,880	1,991
Acreage	1,301,889	1,324,403	1,444,385
Average size (acres)	679	704	725
Median size (acres)	50	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	1,045,953	1,101,880	723,109
Machinery/equip (dollars)	49,030	34,119	34,017
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	280,524	304,740	336,711
Harvested	105,237	102,838	123,171
Irrigated	60,573	47,479	47,975
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	312,950	184,855	160,173
(dollars avg. per farm)	163,335	98,327	80,449
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	42,644	15,440	15,033
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	100,368	81,936	118,419
Beef cows	51,297	37,365	49,657
Milk cows	674	434	1,853
Hogs and pigs	1,008	3,344	5,855
Sheep and lambs	21,132	9,783	10,207
Layers 13 wks or/older	12,870	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	D
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	N	N	N
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	3,633	7,000	13,403
Barley	22,676	24,964	38,490
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	0	0	0
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	0	0	D
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	20,647	22,262	24,438
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	219	188	244
Acreage	28,869	23,761	28,110
<b>Orchards</b>			
Number of farms	718	624	568
Acreage	29,384	20,593	19,581

**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture