

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Agricultural Commissioner	(2) MEETING DATE 8/20/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Marty Settevendemie, 805-781-5913 Marc Lea, 805-781-5907	
(4) SUBJECT Presentation of a report (Clerk's File) on the Economic Contributions of Agriculture in San Luis Obispo County.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board receive and file the report of Economic Contributions of San Luis Obispo County Agriculture.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. 20 mins. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: 8/20/2013

SUBJECT: Presentation of a report (Clerk's File) on the Economic Contributions of Agriculture in San Luis Obispo County.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board receive and file the report of Economic Contributions of San Luis Obispo County Agriculture.

DISCUSSION

The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer will present your Board a summary of statistics and trends from a comprehensive analysis of the economic contributions made by the local agricultural industry. This report was conducted, in part, to determine information commonly requested by the Board regarding our local agricultural industry's overall economic contributions to San Luis Obispo County beyond the "farm gate" value that is calculated in the Department's Annual Crop Report.

The Economic Contributions of San Luis Obispo County Agriculture report was conducted by Drs. Jeff Langholz and Fernando DePaolis of Agricultural Impact Associates LLC, a firm specializing in agricultural economic analysis. The report was compiled from both local statistics, including the Department's 2011 Annual Crop Report, and national data sources utilizing figures from the year 2011.

Highlights of the report's findings include:

- San Luis Obispo County agriculture annually contributes a total of \$1.87 billion dollars to the local economy. This includes \$1.3 billion dollars in direct economic output, which is the combination of crop production, (e.g. annual farm gate crop value of \$736 million in 2011), and locally sourced value added food processing valued at \$559 million. An additional \$578 million in contributions come from multiplier effects which assess the ripples sent through the economy when growers purchase equipment, supplies, and services through local business, as well as the local consumptive spending created by employees working in agriculture.
- San Luis Obispo County agriculture provides over 20,600 jobs to the county economy, including over 15,000 jobs provided directly through agriculture and agriculturally related food processing, and another 5,000 jobs made

possible through multiplier effects from expenditures by agricultural companies and their employees. It is estimated that local agriculture accounts for nearly 1 out of every 10 jobs in the county.

- In an innovative analysis, the report also identified a high crop diversity score for San Luis Obispo County agriculture. The diversity of local crop production helps provide economic stability within the agricultural industry and to the County as a whole. Our local broadly based crop production system helps withstand potential economic shocks that may affect any single agricultural commodity or the entire agricultural industry. The report provides a diversity index measure of 2.92 that can be used to evaluate trends over time within San Luis Obispo County and also can be used to compare our relative diversity to other counties and/or growing areas.

The Economic Contributions of San Luis Obispo County Agriculture report can be found on the County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures website at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm.htm>.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

None

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this presentation.

RESULTS

The statistics in the report will help to inform your Board and the public about the overall economic contributions of the local agriculture industry in San Luis Obispo County.

ATTACHMENTS

Clerk's Filed Document