SUPER  BOWL 50  AND  AGRICULTURE

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Yes, agriculture was highly involved during Super Bowl 50. These are just a few Super Bowl facts from Drover's Cattle Network.

1-  The football, often referred to as a pigskin, is actually made of leather from cowhides. One cowhide can make 20 footballs and 120 footballs were used, including 12 kicker balls during Super Bowl 50.

2-  1.25 billion chicken wings were consumed by viewers of Super Bowl 50.

3-  325.5 million gallons of beer were consumed.  One bushel of barley, a grain used to brew  beer, makes  565   12 oz cans of beer, thus using some 6,145,132.74 bushels of barley.

4-  139 million pounds of Avocado's, eaten

5-  10 million pounds of Pork Ribs, eaten

6-  12.5 million pounds of Bacon, eaten

7-  11.2 million pounds of Potato Chips were consumed. It requires four pounds of potatoes to produce one pound of chips. Farmers supplied 44.8 million pounds of "spuds" for chips.

8-  14 billion Hamburgers, made from 3,5 billion pounds of ground beef in the form of 4 oz beef patties.

9-  4 million Pizza's, each with 8oz of cheese or 2 million pounds of cheese that required  20,000,000  pounds of whole milk to produce.

10 - 3.8 million pounds of Pop Corn

11- 8.2 million pounds of Tortilla Chips

12- 3 million pounds of Nuts

These facts indicate, we were rather "well fed" during Super Bowl 50.

In 1900 it required five acres of land to produce food for one person. Today, through improved technology, it requires less than 1/3 acre. Today, one farmer/rancher raises food, fiber,and shelter for 155 other people.

I came across an interesting statement recently: In 1968 Norway imported just 25% of their food. Today with all the new regulations imposed on Norway farmers, they import 68% of their food, at an increased cost of 33% for food. Norway had regulated their farms out-of-business.

If this were to occur in U.S.A. we may not be able to enjoy all the food that was consumed during Super Bowl 50, and that expanded our waist lines.