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Honorable A. A. Brock, Director of Agriculture, and
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Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the annual crop report, compiled by the Commissioner and staff of the Department of Agriculture.

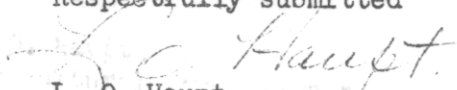
As has been our custom in the past, we have selected a typical agricultural scene for our cover page, a combined harvester cutting barley in the Tulare Lake area. Barley is the second most important crop of the County from the standpoint of acreage and returns to the growers.

The 1952 income shows a definite decline from the peak year of 1951. This was brought about by the loss of several thousand acres of barley and the reduction of cotton acreage in the Tulare Lake area by flooding. There was also a marked decline in prices of several crops, particularly cotton and beef cattle.

A new crop, potatoes, was planted in the Murray district, increasing the acreage of vegetables in that area, where watermelons, asparagus and sweet potatoes are being grown.

We again express our appreciation for the help we received from growers, warehousemen, shippers, individuals and governmental agencies, which made the compilation of this report possible.

Respectfully submitted


L. O. Haupt
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	Acres	Yield	Unit Price	F.O.B. Value	Total Value
<u>FRUIT & NUT CROPS:</u>					
GRAPES:					
TABLE	138	1,007 Tons	\$ 23.25	\$ 23,413.	
BLACK JUICE	602	4,214 Tons	23.25	97,975.	
MUSCAT	3,462				
Dried		460 Tons	165.00	71,900.	
Shipped fresh		3,864 Tons	25.00	96,600.	
Winery		6,759 Tons	24.00	162,216.	
THOMPSON SEEDLESS AND SULTANA:	1,698				
Dried		3,220 Tons	160.00	515,200.	
Winery & green shipment		1,440 Tons	25.00	<u>36,000.</u>	\$ 1,003,304.
APRICOTS	600				
Cannery & Quick freeze		2,280 Tons	95.00	216,600.	
Dried		50 Tons	640.00	32,000.	
Shipped fresh		320 Tons	95.00	<u>30,400.</u>	\$ 279,000.
PEACHES, CLINGS	451	4,916 Tons	65.00	319,540.	
PEACHES, FREESTONE	1,242				
Shipped fresh		5,525 Tons	65.00	359,125.	
Cannery-Quick freeze		5,837 Tons	60.00	350,220.	
Dried		95 Tons	347.00	<u>32,965.</u>	\$ 1,061,850.
PLUMS	132	330 Tons	230.00	75,900.	
OLIVES	391	427 Tons	100.00	42,700.	
NECTARINES	42	281 Tons	190.00	53,390.	
WALNUTS	700	320 Tons	400.00	128,000.	
PERSIMMONS	2	600 Lugs	1.90	<u>1,140.</u>	\$ 301,130.
TOTAL VALUE FRUIT AND NUT CROPS				\$	2,645,284.

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<u>FIELD CROPS:</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>F.O.B. Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
COTTON	159,000	180,347 Bls.	\$165.00	\$ 29,757,255.	
COTTON SEED		76,648 Tons	68.00	<u>5,212,064.</u>	\$ 34,969,319.
ALFALFA HAY	25,000	142,500 Tons	28.00	3,990,000.	
ALFALFA SEED	850	154 Tons	572.00	88,088.	
SUDAN GRASS SEED	455	122,700 Lbs.	.08	9,816.	
GRAIN & OAT HAY	1,990	1,990 Tons	26.00	51,740.	
OATS	200	200 Tons	72.00	14,400.	
BARLEY	135,312	148,884 Tons	64.00	9,528,576.	
WHEAT	895	1,005 Tons	70.20	70,551.	
MILO	348	363 Tons	72.00	26,136.	
FLAX	300	12,000 Bu,	4.28	51,360.	
SUGAR BEETS	161	1,884 Tons	14.00	26,376.	
STRAW	*	16,500 Tons	3.00	49,500.	
CASTOR BEANS	102	57 Tons	209.00	11,913.	
PROSO (Hog millet)	45	44 Tons	77.00	<u>3,157.</u>	<u>\$ 13,921,613.</u>
TOTAL VALUE FIELD CROPS					\$ 48,890,932.
 <u>TRUCK CROPS:</u>					
ASPARAGUS	75	1,714 Crts.	3.50	\$ 5,999.	
WATERMELONS	431	3,652 Tons	40.00	146,080.	
POTATOES	160	30,875 Sax	3.25	100,343.	
TOMATOES	17	14,000 Lugs	1.70	23,800.	
SWEET POTATOES	27	5,400 Lugs	2.00	<u>10,800.</u>	
TOTAL VALUE TRUCK CROPS					\$ 287,022.

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	Yield	F.O.B. Value	Total Value
<u>LIVESTOCK & DAIRY PRODUCTS:</u>			
BEEF & DAIRY COWS & CALVES		\$ 3,434,630.	
CATTLE GAINS IN FEED YARDS		3,207,907.	\$ 6,642,537.
HOGS		119,469.	
LAMBS	24,080 Head	585,144.	
WOOL	225,000 Lbs.	112,500.	\$ 817,113.
BUTTERFAT:			
Manufacturing Milk	3,244,000 Lbs.	6,715,520.	
Market Milk	2,752,000 Lbs.	3,770,240.	\$ 10,485,760.
TOTAL VALUE LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS			\$ 17,945,410.

POULTRY PRODUCTS:

CHICKENS:			
Eggs	1,144,564 Doz.	\$ 526,499.	
Broilers & Fryers	476,706 Birds	438,014.	
Other Meat birds	30,000 Birds	21,000.	
			985,513
TURKEYS:			
Eggs	858,000 Eggs	297,220.	
Meat Birds	237,640 Birds	1,064,223.	
			1,361,443
TOTAL VALUE POULTRY PRODUCTS			\$ 2,346,956.

APIARY PRODUCTS:

HONEY (5,000 Colonies)	320 Tons	\$ 80,000.	
BEE SWAX	8,960 Lbs.	3,861.	
TOTAL VALUE APIARY PRODUCTS			\$ 83,861.

NURSERY STOCK:

FRUIT, NUT & SHADE TREES	64,782 Trees	\$ 35,944.	
GRAPE VINES	329,406 Vines	13,176.	
BEDDING PLANTS	2,400 Flats	4,800.	
TOTAL VALUE NURSERY STOCK			\$ 53,920.

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RECAPITULATION

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	\$ 2,645,284.
FIELD CROPS	48,890,932.
TRUCK CROPS	287,022.
LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS	17,945,410.
POULTRY PRODUCTS	2,346,956.
APIARY PRODUCTS	83,861.
NURSERY STOCK	53,920.
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TOTAL FARM VALUE 1952	\$ 72,253,385.

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TOTAL FARM VALUE 1951	\$ 82,087,866.
TOTAL FARM VALUE 1950	58,832,106.
TOTAL FARM VALUE 1949	54,816,308.
TOTAL FARM VALUE 1948	55,114,686.
TOTAL FARM VALUE 1947	55,833,930.

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