

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

**KINGS COUNTY**

**1953**

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Kings  
Hanford, California

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report for 1953, compiled by the Commissioner and staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's office of Kings County.


The 1953 farm prices continued to decline for the second consecutive year since the peak of 1951.

Cotton continued to be the principal crop in the county from the standpoint of acreage and gross income, accounting for more than half the farm income of the county.

We want to emphasize that these values are the gross returns received by the growers for their crops, and include all costs of production, harvesting and preparation for market, and as in the case of some crops, may actually represent a loss to the grower.

We desire to express our appreciation to all who assisted in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
L. O. HAUPT,  
Agricultural Commissioner  
County of Kings

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Fruit and Nut Crops  
Kings County  
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<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>F.O.B. VALUE</u>
Apricots	525 - 536	(2600 tons 40% - 2600 show) (5 tons to ac)		
Dried		180 Tons 70¢	\$ 520.00	\$ 93,600.00
Shipped Fresh	250 ft - 2a	400 Tons 275	90.00	36,000.00
Cannery & Quick Freeze		4,190 Tons 2150	80.00	335,200.00
Grapes (5040 ac.)		(700 ac Rainier 40 table 4400 winn) 2.6 tons		
Juice	5 517-500	3,412 Tons	\$ 37.07	\$ 126,482.00
Muscat	2,798 - 2700			
Dried		350 Tons	\$ 155.00	\$ 54,250.00
Shipped Fresh		4,102 Tons	34.00	139,468.00
Winery		10,447 Tons	34.00	355,198.00
Table (40)	61 - 40	458 Tons	\$ 37.07	\$ 16,978.00
Thompson Seedless and Sultana	1,724 - 1800			
Dried		1,819 Tons	\$ 150.00	\$ 272,850.00
Winery and Green Shipment	5040	1,862 Tons	\$ 32.50	60,515.00
Nectarines	50 50	300 Tons 3681	\$ 125.00	\$ 37,500.00
Peaches		375	104.71	39,246.25
Clingstone	491 - 500	(15 T per ac) 6,432 Tons	\$ 55.00	\$ 353,760.00
Freestone	1,181 - 1200	(11 T per ac) 95% normal		
Dried		350 Tons 800¢	\$ 360.00	\$ 126,000.00
Shipped Fresh		5,343 Tons 4700	50.00	267,150.00
Cannery & Quick Freeze		6,200 Tons 8500	50.00	310,000.00
Persimmons	2	300 Lugs 490	\$ 3.20	\$ 960.00
Plums	132	792 Tons	\$ 121.00	\$ 95,832.00
Olives (no oil)	390 391	77 Tons 1100	\$ 250.00 150 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 19,250.00 165,000 <sup>00</sup>
Walnuts	700	(.57 tons per ac dried) 480 Tons 400 dried	\$ 540.00	\$ 259,200.00
Total Value - Fruits & Nuts . . . . .				\$2,960,193.00

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Field Crops  
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<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>F.O.B. VALUE</u>
Alfalfa Hay	37,000 26,000	(6 Tons 2 ac.) 135,271 Tons	\$ 18.00	\$ 2,434,878.00
Alfalfa Seed	Bowling 870 847	613,812 Lbs.	\$ .26½	\$ 163,648.00
Barley	200,000 141,244	1,200 ac. 137,006 Tons	\$ 55.00	\$ 7,535,330.00
Beans, Blackeye	23	16 Tons	\$ 194.75	\$ 3,116.00
Beans, Castor	Roy Swanson 335	268 Tons	\$ 198.00	\$ 53,064.00
Cotton	113,000 168,000	169,500 197,768 Bls.	155.00 \$ 155.00	<del>30,654,640.00</del> 26,272,500.00 \$ 30,654,640.00
Cotton Seed		83,063 Tons	60.00 \$ 53.93	\$ 4,479,587.00
Flax	470	14,020 Bu.	\$ 4.00	\$ 56,080.00
Grain Hay	1,420	2,000 Tons	\$ 14.00	\$ 28,000.00
Milo	✓ 1,363	14,997 Tons	\$ 56.00	\$ 839,608.00
Proso (Hog Millet)	12	13,000 Lbs.	\$ .05	\$ 650.00
Straw		2,000 Tons	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,000.00
Sugar Beets	203	2,259 Tons	\$ 14.50	\$ 32,756.00
Waxy Atlas Sorghum Seed	5	8,200 Lbs.	\$ .10	\$ 820.00
Wheat	1145 610	600 Tons	\$ 72.00	\$ 43,200.00
Total Value - Field Crops . . . . .				\$ 46,330,777.00 ✓

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*(Exclude Parody & Inters)*

Apiary Products  
Nursery Stock  
and  
Truck Crops  
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APIARY

	<u>COL'S</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>F.O.B. VALUE</u>
Bees	8,748		
Honey		306 Tons	\$ 64,260.00
Beeswax		8,568 Lbs.	\$ 3,427.00
Total Value - Apiary Products . . . . .			\$ 67,687.00

NURSERY STOCK

Bedding Plants and Nursery Stock	\$ 3,750.00
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TRUCK CROPS

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>F.O.B. VALUE</u>
Asparagus	75	900 Lugs	\$ 3.50	\$ 3,150.00
Cantaloupe <i>440</i>	<i>390</i> 220	<i>2640 Tons</i> 48,766 Crts.	\$ 2.50	\$ 121,915.00
Lettuce	6.5	1,600 Crts.	\$ 1.65	\$ 2,640.00
Potatoes - Spring <i>500</i>	493	123,250 Sax	\$ 1.25	\$ 154,063.00
Potatoes - Fall	210	39,000 Sax <i>162,250</i>	\$ 2.50	\$ 97,500.00 ✓
Potatoes - Sweet <i>50</i>	<u>50</u>	3,700 Lugs <i>200 T.</i>	\$ 1.80	\$ 6,660.00 ✓
Tomatoes <i>10</i>	14	11,000 Lugs	\$ 1.25	\$ 13,750.00
Watermelons <i>400</i>	384	2,908 Tons	\$ 44.43	\$ 129,200.00
<i>Carrots 6</i>	<i>154727 lbs</i>			
Total Value - Truck Crops . . . . .				\$ 528,878.00

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Dairy - Livestock - Poultry  
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*15000 per pasture*

<u>DAIRY</u>		
	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>F.O.B. VALUE</u>
Dairy Products		
Butterfat		
Manufacturing Milk	3,210,000 lbs.	\$ 3,306,000.00
Market Milk	3,436,000 lbs.	\$ 4,364,000.00
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Total Value - Dairy Products . . . . .		\$ 7,670,000.00

<u>LIVESTOCK</u>		
Livestock & Livestock Products		
Cattle		
Beef and Dairy Cows and Calves		\$ 2,491,317.00
Cattle Gains in Feed Yards		\$ 2,395,668.00
Hogs	4,492 head	\$ 160,516.00
Lambs	25,667 head	\$ 408,733.00
Wool	294,535 lbs.	\$ 156,104.00
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Total Value - Livestock & Livestock Products		\$ 5,612,338.00

<u>POULTRY</u>		
Poultry & Poultry Products		
Chickens		
Eggs	1,739,984 Doz.	\$ 843,892.00
Broilers and Fryers	496,586 Birds	\$ 421,898.00
Meat Birds - Leghorns	30,618 Birds	\$ 18,983.00
Meat Birds - Heavy	17,033 Birds	\$ 25,379.00
Turkeys		
Eggs	352,555 Eggs	\$ 80,060.00
Meat Birds	195,946 Birds	\$ 1,183,543.00
Poults	241,560 Poults	\$ 181,170.00
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Total Value - Poultry & Poultry Products . . . . .		\$ 2,754,925.00

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Dairy Products . . . . .	\$	7,670,000.00
Field Crops . . . . .	\$	46,330,777.00
Fruit & Nut Crops . . . . .	\$	2,960,193.00
Livestock & Livestock Products . . . . .	\$	5,612,338.00
Nursery Stock . . . . .	\$	3,750.00
Poultry & Poultry Products . . . . .	\$	2,754,925.00
Truck Crops . . . . .	\$	<u>528,878.00</u>
Total Farm Value - 1953 . . . . .	\$	65,928,548.00

Total Farm Value 1952 . . . . .	\$72,253,385.00
Total Farm Value 1951 . . . . .	\$82,087,866.00
Total Farm Value 1950 . . . . .	\$58,832,106.00
Total Farm Value 1949 . . . . .	\$54,816,308.00
Total Farm Value 1948 . . . . .	\$55,114,686.00

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