

Agricultural Crop Report

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1955

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and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kings
Hanford, California

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Sec. 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I am submitting the annual Kings County Crop Report giving production and value of all crops produced and marketed in 1955.

I am also including a report of the acreage and variety, by year of planting, of all fruits, nuts and vineyards.

Where actual prices were available the figures were used, but estimates were necessary when such figures were not available or final returns were not in on some crops.

We desire to express our appreciation to all who have assisted us by furnishing information which made the compilation of this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRUIT AND NUT CROP
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CROP	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
FRUIT				
Apricots	444.9			
Dried		123 tons	\$ 68,403.00	
Shipped Fresh		225 tons	18,819.00	
Cannery or Freeze		2,571 tons	215,044.00	
Total Apricots				\$ 302,266.00
Grapes				
Table	18	(combined with Juice Grapes)		
Juice	559.6	577.6	3,749 tons	112,458.00
Thompson and Sultanas	1,488.4			
Dried		1,018 tons	162,880.00	
Winery		7,746 tons	197,211.00	
Muscats	2,218.7			
Dried		86 tons	18,060.00	
Shipped Fresh		4,500 tons	151,650.00	
Winery		6,936 tons	233,741.00	
Total Grapes				\$ 876,000.00
Nectarines	43.5	282 tons		\$ 40,004.00
Olives	393.9	750 tons		\$ 150,000.00

FRUIT AND NUT CROP
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CROP	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
FRUIT				
Peaches				
Clingstone	501	8,873 tons	\$705,913.00	
Freestone	1,019.3			
Dried		190 tons	79,800.00	
Shipped Fresh		3,756 tons	281,475.00	
Cannery or Freeze		3,568 tons	217,640.00	
Total Freestone			578,914.00	
Total Peaches				\$ 1,284,827.00
Persimmons	2	1,500 lugs		\$ 3,000.00
Plums	121.5	701 tons		\$ 106,300.00
NUTS				
Almonds	7.6	1,000 lbs		\$ 300.00
Pecans	1.1	1,000 lbs		\$ 225.00
Walnuts	842.5	910 tons		\$ 523,250.00
TOTAL ALL FRUIT				\$ 3,286,172.00

FIELD CROPS
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CROP	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Alfalfa				
Hay	41,000	277,570 tons	\$ 7,355,605.00	
Seed - Certified				
Ranger	2,718	1,257,873 lbs	276,732.00	
Vernal	684	246,383 lbs	71,451.00	
Caliverde	141	71,097 lbs	20,618.00	
Seed - Common	600	146,643 lbs	25,051.00	
Total Alfalfa				\$ 7,749,457.00
Barley	200,000	292,000 tons		11,896,080.00
Beans - Blackeye	223	2,841 sacks		16,336.00
Beans - Castor	360	180 tons		21,240.00
Cotton	92,000			
(Preliminary figures)				
Lint		130,051 bales	21,783,543.00	
Seed		55,272 tons	2,551,356.00	
Total Cotton				24,334,899.00
Corn				
Field	10,318	14,651 tons		773,437.00
Ensilage - corn and Sorghum	3,000	56,580 tons		282,900.00
Flax	166	86 tons		10,747.00
Grain Hay	1,874	3,879 tons		87,277.00
Milo	4,664	6,150 tons		277,574.00

ERRATA

Latest "Cotton Production figures", received after completion of publication, make this errata necessary.

So much of "Field Crops" as pertains to "Cotton" as reads:

Cotton	92,000 ac		
(Preliminary figures)			
Lint		130,051 bales	21,783,543.00
Seed		55,272 tons	2,551,356.00
Total Cotton			\$ 24,334,899.00

IS CHANGED TO READ:

Cotton	92,000 ac		
Lint		132,159 bales	22,136,633.00
Seed		56,168 tons	2,592,715.00
Total Cotton			\$ 24,729,348.00

NOTE: "Total Field Crops" shown at end of Field Crops and on Recapitulation page should be changed from: \$ 45,766,386.00 Total Value
to: \$ 46,160,835.00 Total Value

Recapitulation page "TOTAL FARM VALUE - 1955" should be changed:
from: \$ 67,184,744.00
to: \$ 67,579,193.00

FIELD CROPS
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CROP	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Oats	548	269 tons		\$ 14,260.00
Rice	271	5,838 sacks		24,814.00
Straw		5,479 tons		57,530.00
Sudan Seed	600	391 tons		42,995.00
Sugar Beets	487	7,589 tons		102,449.00
Wheat	1,177	1,049 tons		74,391.00
TOTAL FIELD CROPS				\$ 45,766,386.00

TRUCK CROPS
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CROP	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Asparagus	70	2,750 crates		12,375.00
Berries All varieties	4.5			3,150.00
Bell Peppers	33	4,000 crates		8,000.00
Potatoes	754	130,405 sacks		264,998.00
Tomatoes	34			20,981.00
Melons				
Cantaloupes	691	103,874 crates		255,546.00
Persian, Casaba & Honeydew	103			18,405.00
Watermelons	330	4,626 tons		112,971.00
Sweet Potatoes	35	2,000 baskets		4,000.00
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS				\$ 700,426.00

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS
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ITEM	PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Dairy Products				
Manufacturing Milk	4,102,000 lbs	3,527,720.00		
Market Milk	4,304,000 lbs	4,519,200.00		
Total Dairy Products				\$ 8,046,920.00
Livestock				
Cattle				
Beef, Dairy Cows & Calves Sold		3,361,862.00		
Cattle in Feed Yards - Gains		2,579,263.00		
Total Cattle			5,941,125.00	
Hogs			156,950.00	
Sheep			426,340.00	
Wool			137,445.00	
Total Livestock				\$ 6,661,860.00
TOTAL DAIRY, LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS				\$14,708,780.00

POULTRY
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ITEM	PRODUCTION	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Chickens			
Eggs	1,648,396 dozen	\$ 601,665.00	
Baby Chicks	253,383 birds	41,075.00	
Meat Birds	358,460 birds	290,353.00	
Total Chickens			\$ 933,093.00
Turkeys			
Eggs	667,000 eggs	159,413.00	
Meat Birds - Toms	125,785 birds	767,289.00	
Meat Birds - Hens	114,898 birds	451,549.00	
Whites - Toms & Hens	48,603 birds	81,745.00	
Poults	282,000 birds	197,350.00	
Total Turkeys			\$ 1,657,346.00
TOTAL POULTRY			\$ 2,590,439.00

APIARY
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Bees	9,315 Colonies		
Honey	362 tons	\$	86,964.00
Wax	12,320 lbs		6,283.00
Pollinization			25,493.00
Total Apiary		\$	118,740.00

NURSERY
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Nursery			
Bedding Plants and Nursery Stock		\$	13,801.00

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RECAPITULATION

APIARY PRODUCTS	\$ 118,740.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS	\$ 8,046,920.00
FIELD CROPS	\$ 45,766,386.00
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	\$ 3,286,172.00
LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	\$ 6,661,860.00
NURSERY STOCK	\$ 13,801.00
POULTRY & POULTRY PRODUCTS	\$ 2,590,439.00
TRUCK CROPS	\$ 700,426.00
 TOTAL FARM VALUE - 1955	 \$ 67,184,744.00

Farm Values

1954	\$ 70,153,371.00
1953	\$ 65,928,548.00
1952	\$ 72,253,385.00
1951	\$ 82,087,866.00
1950	\$ 58,832,106.00
1949	\$ 54,816,308.00
1948	\$ 55,114,686.00
1947	\$ 55,833,930.00
1946	\$ 53,104,118.00