

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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Mr. William E. Warne, Director
State of California
Department of Agriculture
1220 "N" Street
Sacramento 14, California
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Kings County
Hanford, California

Gentlemen,

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the Annual Kings County Crop Report, giving production and gross value of all crops produced in 1959.

You will notice that the format of this report has been changed to conform as nearly as possible to the recommendation of the State Association of Agricultural Commissioners and the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics of the State Department of Agriculture. Both the 1958 and 1959 figures are given.

There has been a tremendous increase in acreage of land devoted to crops in Kings County during the last few years. This was brought about by the development of heavy land leveling machinery as illustrated on our cover page. We have picked up much of this new acreage of crops in this report and additional acreage will come into production during the next few years.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all growers and others who have furnished the information that made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



L. O. Haupt
Agricultural Commissioner

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FIELD CROPS

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaqe	Production		Unit	Per unit	Value
			Per acre	Total			Total
Barley	1959	212,000	1.51	319,208	ton	\$ 40.00	\$ 12,768,336
	1958	206,000	1.15	236,529	ton	40.63	9,610,181
Beans	1959	692	13.85	9,584	sack	6.74	64,598
	1958	931	.51	476	ton	133.66	63,623
Corn field	1959	3,500	1.81	6,350	ton	45.64	289,800
	1958	3,687	1.9	6,995	ton	49.63	347,153
silage	1959	4,048	15.55	62,946	ton	6.46	406,634
	1958	4,205	14.55	61,183	ton	6.90	422,161
Cotton lint	1959	112,300	1.99	223,473	bale	148.46	33,175,858
	1958	91,620	1.91	174,994	bale	177.65	31,087,720
seed	1959			85,205	ton	44.50	3,791,622
	1958			63,297	ton	42.00	2,658,467
planting seed	1959			2,508	ton	55.50	139,194
	1958			2,326	ton	53.00	123,278
Flaxseed	1959	689	38.42	26,471	bushel	3.00	79,414
	1958	320	39	12,480	bushel	3.23	40,295
Hay alfalfa	1959	55,000	7.18	394,900	ton	23.25	9,181,425
	1958	51,000	6.42	327,420	ton	21.61	7,075,546
grain	1959	3,500	2.03	7,105	ton	23.58	167,536
	1958	3,768	2.92	11,019	ton	23.00	253,440
Milo	1959	3,032	1.62	4,912	ton	42.22	207,378
	1958	9,441	1.1	10,417	ton	43.20	450,006
Oats	1959	125	1.5	187	ton	48.00	8,976
	1958	922	1.3	1,199	ton	49.18	58,959

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FIELD CROPS (cont.)

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Pasture, all	1959	66,000			acre	\$ 44.92	\$	2,964,720
	1958	60,000			acre	44.92		2,695,200
Rice	1959	369.1	.9	332	ton	78.58		26,090
	1958	254.8	2.21	563	ton	80.00		45,008
Screenings alfalfa	1959			377	ton	26.00		9,802
	1958			351	ton	27.65		9,707
barley	1959			607	ton	20.00		12,140
	1958			718	ton	17.00		12,213
Safflower	1959	3,433	.41	1,408	ton	74.85		105,382
	1958	260	.74	193	ton	75.00		14,457
Straw	1959			14,869	ton	10.26		152,556
	1958			9,000	ton	6.21		55,800
Sugar Beets	1959	809.7	16.85	13,643	ton	12.40		169,173
	1958	787.4	12.72	10,024	ton	10.25		102,751
Sunflowers	1959	170	.61	103	ton	160.00		16,480
	1958	---	--	---	---	---		---
Wheat	1959	2,544	1.36	3,460	ton	61.39		212,425
	1958	2,500	1.69	4,225	ton	70.32		297,144
Total Field Crops	1959	468,211.8					\$	63,949,539
	1958	435,696					\$	55,423,109

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total	
Apricots	1959	423.1	9.68					
	1958	448.9	2.59					
	cannery, freeze	1959			3,634	ton	\$ 84.00	\$ 305,256
		1958			820	ton	115.00	95,061
	dry	1959			50*	ton	660.00	33,000
		1958			36*	ton	620.00	22,320
	shipped	1959			112	ton	90.00	10,080
		1958			91	ton	127.17	11,528
Boysenberries	1959	.25	800	200	crate	2.00	400	
	1958	.50	3	1.5	ton	160.00	240	
Grapes	Muscats	1959	2,122	6.52				
		1958	2,362.25	6.51				
	dry	1959			100*	ton	180.00	18,000
		1958			112*	ton	350.00	39,200
	shipped	1959			5,940	ton	46.00	273,240
		1958			6,048	ton	60.00	362,880
	wine	1959			7,495	ton	44.50	333,528
		1958			8,973	ton	50.00	448,663
	Thompsons	1959	1,417	8.57				
		1958	1,607.4	8.29				
dry		1959			1,202*	ton	200.00	240,400
		1958			1,000*	ton	341.00	341,000
cannery, green		1959			200	ton	55.00	11,000
		1958			482	ton	73.00	35,240
wine	1959			7,336	ton	44.25	324,618	
	1958			8,843	ton	50.00	442,168	
Juice & Table	1959	534	7.79	4,160	ton	44.31	184,324	
	1958	583.6	7.54	4,400	ton	50.00	220,017	
Nectarines	1959	61	10.1	616	ton	152.18	93,758	
	1958	92.6	7.98	739	ton	62.29	46,029	
Olives	1959	391	4.6	1,800	ton	239.16	430,375	
	1958	391	4.47	1,748	ton	44.04	76,989	

*dry tons

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (cont.)

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Bearing acres	Production		Unit	Per unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total	
Peaches	clingstones	1959	722	14.35	ton	\$ 50.00	\$	518,035	
		1958	661.2	16.18	ton	65.50		700,733	
	freestone	1959	1,245	13.56					
		1958	1,325.4	9.5					
	cannery, etc	1959			12,600	ton	45.00		567,000
		1958			8,437	ton	48.80		411,809
	dry	1959			201*	ton	360.00		72,360
		1958			166*	ton	420.00		69,720
	shipped	1959			2,875	ton	57.50		165,313
		1958			2,992	ton	47.99		143,586
	Persimmons	1959	2	1,350	2,700	lug	1.00		2,700
		1958	2	250	500	lug	2.75		1,375
Plums	1959	140	8.35	1,169	ton	119.65		139,870	
	1958	141.2	4.43	626	ton	131.07		81,987	
Strawberries	1959		.75	500	crate	2.00		1,000	
	1958		.75	500	crate	2.00		1,000	
Walnuts	1959	1,076	.83	897	ton	424.48		380,967	
	1958	1,002.9	.94	942	ton	400.00		376,972	
Total Fruit and Nut Crops	1959	8,134.1					\$	4,105,224	
	1958	8,619.7					\$	3,928,517	

*dry tons

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VEGETABLE CROPS

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaqe	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Asparagus	1959	70	26	1,834	crate	\$ 2.75	\$ 5,044
	1958	70	79	5,500	crate	2.75	15,125
Cabbage	1959	4	173	692	crate	2.00	1,384
	1958	8	187	1,500	crate	2.00	3,000
Cauliflower	1959	1	50	50	crate	2.00	100
	1958	.5	200	100	crate	2.00	200
Corn, sweet	1959	19	200	3,800	crate	1.90	7,220
	1958	--	---	----	-----	---	----
Lettuce	1959	2	302	604	crate	1.75	1,057
	1958	3	300	900	crate	1.70	1,530
Melons							
cantaloupes	1959	1,731	210	364,168	crate	3.78	1,376,554
	1958	1,640	208	341,825	crate	2.25	769,107
mixed	1959	---	---	----	-----	---	----
	1958	115	319	36,656	crate	1.84	67,447
watermelons	1959	31	5.84	181	ton	21.50	3,892
	1958	278	6.08	1,690	ton	35.08	59,285
Onions	1959	1.5	831	1,246	lug	1.27	1,582
	1958	--	---	----	-----	---	----
Potatoes	1959	910	281	256,029	sack	3.25	832,093
	1958	1,014	191	193,938	sack	2.57	498,420
Sweet potatoes	1959	16	200	3,200	lug	3.00	9,600
	1958	55	364	20,000	lug	3.20	64,000
Tomatoes	1959	33	616	20,342	lug	1.38	28,072
	1958	15	967	14,500	lug	1.67	24,250
Total Vegetable Crops	1959	2,818.5				\$	2,266,598
	1958	3,198.5				\$	1,502,364

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SEED CROPS

1958-1959

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaqe	Production		Unit	Per unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Alfalfa	1959	10,015	.24	2,354	ton	\$ 604.00	\$ 1,423,197	
	1958	6,916	.18	1,216	ton	686.00	834,391	
Canary grass	1959	155	.15	23.9	ton	126.31	3,019	
	1958	---	--	---	---	---	----	
Barley	1959	5,697	2.13	12,137	ton	45.00	546,057	
	1958	3,913	1.53	5,987	ton	45.63	273,182	
Total Seed Crops	1959	15,867					\$ 1,972,273	
	1958	10,829					\$ 1,107,573	

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production area		Quantity sold by producers	Unit	Per unit	Value	
		House sq.ft.	Field acres				Total	
Nursery Crops								
Deciduous fruit and nut trees	1959			40,750	plant	\$1.24	\$ 50,470	
	1958			16,208	plant	.67	10,938	
Ornamental trees and shrubs	1959			15,340	plant	.70	10,738	
	1958			---	---	---	----	
Bedding plants	1959			9,000	plant	.01	90	
	1958			34,800	plant	.012	420	
Total Nursery Crops	1959						\$ 61,298	
	1958						\$ 11,358	

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

1958-1959

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight			Total	Total
Cattle and calves	1959	39,954		head	\$ 148.26	\$ 5,923,653	
	1958	39,261		head	149.63	5,874,704	
Cattle feed yard-gains	1959	56,806	15,936,426	lb.	.24½	3,904,424	
	1958	20,321	12,807,440	lb.	.26	3,330,014	
Sheep and lambs	1959	35,041		head	17.30	606,430	
	1958	34,385		head	19.74	678,657	
Hogs and pigs	1959	6,250		head	25.00	156,250	
	1958	7,000		head	29.85	208,950	
Broilers and fryers	1959	436,927	1,092,318	lb.	.18	193,013	
	1958	839,376		bird	.61½	516,132	
Other chickens	1959	39,329	157,316	lb.	.08	12,113	
	1958	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chicks	1959	100,000		bird	.15	15,000	
	1958	160,000		bird	.19	30,400	
Geese	1959	12,000		bird	1.45	17,400	
	1958	12,000		bird	1.45	17,400	
Turkeys	1959	321,632	6,117,182	lb.	.24	1,453,159	
	1958	278,950	5,061,553	lb.	.23	1,142,239	
Poults and breeding stock	1959	---		---	---	---	
	1958	591,000		bird	.67	395,630	
Total Livestock and Poultry	1959					\$ 12,281,442	
	1958					\$ 12,194,126	

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

1958-1959

Item	Year	Production		Per unit	Value	
		total	Unit		Total	
Milk	market	1959	1,841,290*	cwt. \$	4.07	\$ 7,494,000
		1958	5,844,000**	lb.	1.09	6,369,960
	manufacturing	1959	701,810*	cwt.	3.05	2,140,000
		1958	2,847,000**	lb.	.84	2,391,480
Wool	1959	402,921	lb.	.39	156,172	
	1958	304,825	lb.	.52	159,728	
Eggs, chicken	market	1959	2,742,226	doz.	.25	679,798
		1958	1,643,745	doz.	.32	523,204
	hatching	1959	60,000	doz.	.60	36,000
		1958	-----	-----	-----	-----
Eggs, turkey	hatching	1959	1,176,760	egg	.24	277,715
		1958	947,400	egg	.23	218,900
Total Livestock and Poultry Products	1959					\$ 10,783,685
	1958					\$ 9,663,272

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1959	113	ton	180.00	\$ 20,408
	1958	481	ton	200.00	96,290
Beeswax	1959	3,318	lb.	.44	1,460
	1958	15,792	lb.	.42	6,632
Pollination	1959	9,820	col's	4.38	43,058
	1958	10,000	col's	3.77	37,750
Total Apiary	1959				\$ 64,926
	1958				\$ 140,672

*Whole milk

**Milk fat

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RECAPITULATION

1958-1959

	1958	1959
Apiary	\$ 140,672	\$ 64,926
Field Crops	55,423,109	63,949,539
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,928,517	4,105,224
Livestock and Poultry	12,194,126	12,281,442
Livestock and Poultry Products	9,663,272	10,783,685
Nursery Products	11,358	61,298
Seed Crops	1,107,573	1,972,273
Vegetable Crops	1,502,364	2,266,598
Total Gross Income	\$ 83,970,991	\$ 95,484,985

OTHER YEARS

1957 Gross Farm Income	\$ 82,335,333
1956 Gross Farm Income	\$ 72,587,911
1955 Gross Farm Income	\$ 67,579,193
1954 Gross Farm Income	\$ 70,153,371
1953 Gross Farm Income	\$ 65,928,548
1952 Gross Farm Income	\$ 72,253,385
1951 Gross Farm Income	\$ 82,087,866
1950 Gross Farm Income	\$ 58,832,106
1949 Gross Farm Income	\$ 54,816,308