

KINGS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT

1960

ANNUAL
CROP REPORT
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Mr. Charles Paul
Director of Agriculture
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and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kings

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5, of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1960 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The increase in acreage, converted to cropland, continued in 1960. A major portion of this additional acreage has been devoted to field crops. However, due to water conservation measures, as well as other factors, field crops failed to increase in proportion to some of the other crops. Cotton acreage, for instance, increased approximately 8,000 acres, with a production decrease of 5,000 bales. Only price differential prevented the cotton value from dropping below the 1959 figure. Fruit and Nut crop values decreased about 16% from those of 1959. This decrease can be attributed to both production and price. All other crops show a definite increase in value, particularly Livestock and Poultry which increased slightly over 22% in 1960.

It must be emphasized that the figures in this report represent gross values and do not reflect net income to growers.

In an effort to conform with recommended procedures new methods have been used in reporting some of the commodities.

To the many growers and agriculturalists, and, to the members of my staff, I offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the cooperation and assistance that made this report possible.

Respectfully,

Claude W. Bridges
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KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1959-1960

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Barley	1960	197,000	1.52	299,440	ton	\$ 42.20	\$ 12,636,368.	
	1959	212,000	1.51	319,208	ton	40.00	12,768,336.	
Beans	1960	482	.60	289.2	ton	229.94	66,499.	
	1959	692	13.85	9,584	sack	6.74	64,598.	
Corn	1960	1,866	1.78	3,321.48	ton	51.77	171,953.	
	1959	3,500	1.81	6,350	ton	45.64	289,800.	
Cotton lint	1960	120,668	1.81	218,409	bale	161.49	35,271,487.	
	1959	112,300	1.91	223,471	bale	148.46	33,175,858.	
Cotton seed	1960			82,319	ton	52.07	4,286,350.	
	1959			85,205	ton	44.50	3,791,622.	
Cotton Planting seed	1960			3,952	ton	64.07	253,205.	
	1959			2,508	ton	55.50	139,194.	
Flax	1960	745	37.32	27,800	bu.	3.29	91,462.	
	1959	689	38.42	26,471	bu.	3.00	79,414.	
Hay Alfalfa	1960	56,500	6.38	360,470	ton	23.55	8,489,069.	
	1959	55,000	7.18	394,900	ton	23.25	9,181,425.	
Grain	1960	2,800	2.41	6,748	ton	23.77	160,400.	
	1959	3,500	2.03	7,105	ton	23.58	167,536.	
Oats	1960	421	1.50	631.5	ton	50.00	31,575.	
	1959	125	1.50	187	ton	48.00	8,976.	
Pasture Irrigated	1960	20,000			acre	94.00	1,880,000.	
Range	1960	334,023			acre	.86	287,260.	
Other	1960	51,700			acre	5.00	258,500.	
All	1959	66,000			acre	44.92	2,964,720.	

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

FIELD CROPS (Cont.) 1959-1960

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Rice	1960	40	.75	30	ton	\$ 83.00	\$ 2,490.
	1959	369.1	.90	332	ton	78.58	26,090.
Screenings	1960			3,295	ton	16.88	55,607.
	1959			984	ton	22.30	21,942.
Safflower	1960	3,177	.81	2,573.37	ton	83.31	214,387.
	1959	3,433	.41	1,408	ton	74.85	105,382.
Silage Corn	1960	6,853	15.29	104,782.37	ton	6.88	720,903.
	1959	4,048	15.55	62,946	ton	6.46	406,634.
Other	1960	510	8.56	4,365.6	ton	9.53	41,604.
	1959	---		---			---
Sorghum grain	1960	5,274	1.48	7,805.52	ton	43.12	336,574.
	1959	3,032	1.62	4,912	ton	42.22	207,378.
Sesame	1960	46	.4169	19.18	ton	169.81	3,257.
	1959	--		--			---
Straw	1960			14,678	ton	10.50	154,119.
	1959			14,869	ton	10.26	152,556.
Sugar beets	1960	907.3	12.87	11,675.9	ton	13.11	153,071.
	1959	809.7	16.85	13,643	ton	12.40	169,173.
Sunflowers	1960	210	.31	65.5	ton	144.58	9,470.
	1959	170	.61	103	ton	160.00	16,480.
Wheat	1960	2,173	1.18	2,564.14	ton	62.66	160,669.
	1959	2,544	1.36	3,460	ton	61.39	212,425.
TOTAL	1960	805,195.3					\$ 65,736,279.
	1959	468,211.8					63,949,539.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1959-1960

Crop	Year	Production			Value	
		Harvested acreage	Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit
Certified Seed						
Alfalfa						
DuPuits	1960	1,473	192	282,816	lb. \$.34 \$ 96,157.
Moapa	1960	475	562	266,950	lb.	.56 149,492.
Narragansett	1960	44	199	8,739	lb.	.51 4,457.
Ranger	1960	3,122	471	1,468,920	lb.	.265 389,264.
Vernal	1960	3,494	275	959,347	lb.	.36 345,365.
Williamsburg	1960	635	243	154,555	lb.	.36 55,640.
Barley						
California						
Mariout	1960	6,983	3,730	26,048,440	lb.	.034 893,552.
Beans						
California						
Blackeye #5	1960	65	2,000	130,000	lb.	.12 15,600.
Wheat						
Ramona 50	1960	60	2,840	170,400	lb.	.045 7,668.
TOTAL	1960	16,351				\$ 1,957,195.
Uncertified Seed						
Alfalfa						
Common	1960	180	570	102,600	lb. \$.20 \$ 20,520.
Hungarian	1960	80	148	11,843	lb.	.30 3,553.
Kayseri	1960	155	109	16,860	lb.	.37 6,238.
Moapa	1960	1,278	190	243,340	lb.	.43 104,636.
Ranger	1960	1,200	340	408,000	lb.	.26 106,080.
Other	1960	795	222	176,490	lb.	.31 54,712.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1959-1960

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1960	--		---		\$	\$	---
	1959	70	26	1,834	crate	2.75		5,044.
Beans, snap	1960	1	7	7	ton	380.00		2,660.
	1959	--		--				---
Cabbage	1960	6	37.5	225	ton	50.00		11,250.
	1959	4	173	692	crate	2.00		1,384.
Cauliflower	1960	--		--				---
	1959	1	50	50	crate	2.00		100.
Corn, sweet	1960	--		---				---
	1959	19	200	3,800	crate	1.90		7,220.
Cucumber	1960	80	17.19	1,375	ton	50.00		68,750.
	1959	--		---				---
Lettuce	1960	--		---				---
	1959	2	302	604	crate	1.75		1,057.
Melons								
Cantaloupes	1960	1,795	10.2	18,301.08	ton	102.04		1,867,460.
	1959	1,731	210	364,168	crate	3.78		1,376,554.
Watermelons	1960	31	6.25	193.75	ton	36.00		6,975.
	1959	31	5.84	181	ton	21.50		3,892.
Other	1960	60	11.11	666.84	ton	98.84		65,910.
	1959	--		---				---
Onions	1960	5	9.6	48	ton	69.00		3,312.
	1959	1.5	831	1,246	lug	1.27		1,582.
Potatoes	1960	579	12.9	7,469.1	ton	64.66		482,952.
	1959	910	281	256,029	sacks	3.25		832,093.
Sweet potatoes	1960	16	.125	2	ton	150.00		300.
	1959	16	200	3,200	lug	3.00		9,600.
Tomatoes	1960	20	9.79	195.8	ton	179.10		35,068.
	1959	33	616	20,342	lug	1.38		28,072.
TOTAL	1960	2,593					\$	2,544,637.
	1959	2,818.5						2,266,598.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1959-1960	
Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Apricots	1960	480	6.45	3,096				
	1959	423.1	9.68	4,096				
Fresh Market	1960			135	ton	\$ 120.00	\$	16,200.
	1959			112	ton	90.00		10,080.
Processing: Dried	1960			45 *	ton	500.00		22,500.
	1959			50 *	ton	660.00		33,000.
Canned/Juice	1960			2,646	ton	70.00		185,220.
	1959			3,634	ton	84.00		305,256.
Bushberries Boysen	1960	.25	1.8	.45	ton	389.00		175.
	1959	.25	800	200	crate	2.00		400.
Grapes Raisin Varieties	1960	3,558	6	21,348				
	1959	3,539	7.34	25,979				
Fresh Market	1960			5,462	ton	37.50		204,825.
	1959			6,140	ton	46.29		284,240.
Processing: Dried	1960			1,182 *	ton	209.10		247,160.
	1959			1,302 *	ton	198.46		258,400.
Crushed	1960			11,157	ton	34.30		382,698.
	1959			14,831	ton	44.38		658,146.
Wine Varieties	1960	542	7.7	4,173.4	ton	42.00		175,283.
	1959	534	7.79	4,160	ton	44.31		184,324.
Nectarines	1960	104	6.14	638.56	ton	127.50		81,416.
	1959	61	10.1	616	ton	152.18		93,758.

* Dry tons.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Cont.)		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1959-1960	
Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Olives	1960	391	4.95	1,936	ton	\$ 146.94	\$ 284,470.	
	1959	391	4.6	1,800	ton	239.16	430,375.	
Peaches Clingstone	1960	867	12.25	10,620.75	ton	55.00	584,141.	
	1959	722	14.35	10,360.7	ton	50.00	518,035.	
Freestone	1960	1,341	10.7	14,349				
	1959	1,245	13.56	16,882				
Fresh Market	1960			3,655	ton	50.00	182,750.	
	1959			2,875	ton	57.50	165,313.	
Processing: Dried	1960			110 *	ton	360.00	39,600.	
	1959			201 *	ton	360.00	72,360.	
Cannery and frozen	1960			9,924	ton	41.50	411,846.	
	1959			12,600	ton	45.00	567,000.	
Persimmons	1960	2	10	20	ton	40.00	800.	
	1959	2	1,350	2,700	lug	1.00	2,700.	
Plums	1960	151	7.68	1,159	ton	177.30	205,490.	
	1959	140	8.35	1,169	ton	119.65	139,870.	
Strawberries	1960	1	2.3	2.3	ton	173.91	400.	
	1959	.75	666.6	500	crate	2.00	1,000.	
Walnuts	1960	1,152	.72	829.44	ton	497.00	412,256.	
	1959	1,076	.83	897	ton	424.48	380,967.	
TOTAL	1960	8,589.25					\$ 3,437,230.	
	1959	8,134.1					4,105,224.	

* Dry tons

NURSERY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Sales - Value			1959-1960	
Item	Year	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Nursery Crops						
Deciduous fruit and Nut trees	1960	64,310	plant	\$.69	\$	44,374.
	1959	40,750	plant	1.24		50,470.
Ornamental trees and Shrubs	1960	49,909	plant	1.07		53,465.
	1959	15,340	plant	.70		10,738.
Bedding plants	1960	---				---
	1959	9,000	plant	.01		90.
TOTAL	1960				\$	97,839.
	1959					61,298.

APIARY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value			1959-1960	
Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Honey	1960	414,215	lb.	\$.115	\$	47,635.
	1959	113	ton	180.00		20,408.
Beeswax	1960	7,293	lb.	.415		3,027.
	1959	3,318	lb.	.44		1,460.
Pollination	1960	9,084	colony	4.44		40,333.
	1959	9,820	colony	4.38		43,058.
TOTAL	1960				\$	90,995.
	1959					64,926.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1959-1960

Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
						Total	
Cattle and calves	1960	41,659	363,683	cwt.	\$ 16.55	\$	6,018,955.
	1959	39,954		head	148.26		5,923,653.
Cattle Feed yard gains	1960	77,320	288,537	cwt.	25.33		7,308,657.
	1959	56,806		cwt.	24.50		3,904,424.
Sheep and Lambs	1960	35,265	32,587	cwt.	20.07		654,081.
	1959	35,041		head	17.30		606,430.
Hogs and Pigs	1960	5,579	10,557	cwt.	16.81		177,485.
	1959	6,250		head	25.00		156,250.
Fryers	1960	303,350	1,079,926	lb.	.20		215,985.
	1959	436,927		lb.	.18		193,013.
Other chickens	1960	61,601	264,268	lb.	.107		28,276.
	1959	39,329		lb.	.08		12,113.
Chicks	1960	175,000		each	.16		28,000.
	1959	100,000		each	.15		15,000.
Geese	1960	25,000		each	1.50		37,500.
	1959	12,000		each	1.45		17,400.
Turkeys	1960	285,250	5,357,675	lb.	.2476		1,326,959.
	1959	321,632		lb.	.24		1,453,159.
Poults	1960	12,000		each	.65		7,800.
	1959	---					---
TOTAL	1960					\$	15,803,698.
	1959						12,281,442.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTS

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1959-1960

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Milk Market	1960	1,937,463	cwt.	\$ 4.03	\$	7,792,000.
	1959	1,841,290	cwt.	4.07		7,494,000.
Manufacturing	1960	735,399	cwt.	3.10		2,279,000.
	1959	701,810	cwt.	3.05		2,140,000.
Wool	1960	598,992	lb.	.50		294,432.
	1959	402,921	lb.	.39		156,172.
Eggs, chicken Market	1960	2,747,177	doz.	.2927		804,099.
	1959	2,742,226	doz.	.25		679,798.
Hatching	1960	384,480	doz.	.75		288,360.
	1959	60,000	doz.	.60		36,000.
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1960	1,460,600	egg	.229		334,938.
	1959	1,176,760	egg	.24		277,715.
TOTAL	1960				\$	11,792,829.
	1959					10,783,685.

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RECAPITULATION

1959-1960

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1960	\$ 65,736,279.
	1959	63,949,539.
Seed Crops	1960	2,370,722.
	1959	1,972,273.
Vegetable Crops	1960	2,544,637.
	1959	2,266,598.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1960	3,437,230.
	1959	4,105,224.
Nursery Products	1960	97,839.
	1959	61,298.
Apiary Products	1960	90,995.
	1959	64,926.
Livestock and Poultry	1960	15,803,698.
	1959	12,281,442.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1960	11,792,829.
	1959	10,783,685.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1960	\$ 101,874,229.
	1959	95,484,985.

Gross Values

1958	\$ 83,970,991.
1957	82,335,333.
1956	72,587,911.
1955	67,579,193.
1954	70,153,371.
1953	65,928,548.
1952	72,253,385.
1951	82,087,866.
1950	58,832,106.