



KINGS COUNTY
**AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT**
1961

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* SALUTE TO BARLEY *
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* The Tulare Lake Basin of Kings County produces the worlds *
* finest barley. Alluvium, deposited there by thousands of *
* years of water, is especially suitable for barley growing. *
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* Periodic refilling, in years of high precipitation and *
* runoff, destroys weed growth. Thus, an ideal condition *
* for the production of certified seed has been created. *
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* Our Cover Picture depicts the magnitude *
* of harvesting operations in this area. *
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Mr. Charles Paul, Director
State of California
Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kings

Gentlemen:

As prescribed in the Agricultural Code of the State of California, Section 65.5, I submit the 1961 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The total gross value of all agricultural products of the county has, again, increased. This can be attributed to the following factors. In a continuous effort to conform with standard recommended procedures, we have revised our method of reporting in regards to some commodities. The fresh fruit values, for instance, were previously assessed at roadside, or, upon delivery at the packing plant. In this report, their gross value is represented after the commodity is packed and ready for market. In no event should the value be construed to mean a net return to the farmer. The Feed Lot Industry increased considerably in 1961, reflecting an increase of more than a million dollars. Average prices for most commodities were generally better, than those of the previous year.

I am especially grateful to all those growers who so kindly returned the questionnaires sent them. To them, to the many other farmers and agriculturalists and to my staff, I express sincere appreciation for their contributions to this report and give special acknowledgement to Clara Galletti for her part in the compilation of it.

Respectfully,

Claude W. Bridges
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Agricultural Commissioner

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KINGS COUNTY
 FIELD CROPS (Cont.) Acreage - Production - Value 1960-1961

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Screenings	1961			3,738	ton	\$ 18.04	\$	67,452.
	1960			3,295	ton	16.88		55,607.
Safflower	1961	7,866	1.02	8,023	ton	86.00		689,978.
	1960	3,177	.81	2,573.37	ton	83.31		214,387.
Silage Corn	1961	7,021	16.41	115,215	ton	7.00		806,505.
	1960	6,853	15.29	104,782.37	ton	6.88		720,903.
Other	1961	923	16.7	15,414	ton	6.50		100,191.
	1960	510	8.56	4,365.6	ton	9.53		41,604.
Sorghum grain	1961	4,771	1.6	7,634	ton	45.00		343,530.
	1960	5,274	1.48	7,805.52	ton	43.12		336,574.
Straw	1961			10,641	ton	7.50		79,808.
	1960			14,678	ton	10.50		154,119.
Sugar beets	1961	1,390	17.46	24,269.4	ton	13.50		327,637.
	1960	907.3	12.87	11,675.9	ton	13.11		153,071.
Sunflowers	1961	181	.5	90.5	ton	180.00		16,290.
	1960	210	.31	65.9	ton	144.58		9,470.
Wheat	1961	2,945.5	.88	2,592	ton	65.00		168,480.
	1960	2,173	1.18	2,564.14	ton	62.66		160,669.
Miscellaneous (Flaxseed and Seasame)	1961	391		226.23	ton			27,798.
	1960	791		797.58	ton			94,719.
TOTAL	1961	797,122.5					\$	65,397,048.
	1960	805,195.3						65,736,279.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1960-1961

Crop	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
		Harvested acreage	Per acre			Total	Total
Certified Seed							
Alfalfa							
DuPuits	1961	254	384	97,530	lb.	\$.45	\$ 43,888.
	1960	1,472	192	282,816	lb.	.34	96,157.
Moapa	1961	640	779	498,772	lb.	.32	159,607.
	1960	475	562	266,950	lb.	.56	149,492.
Ranger	1961	2,621	655	1,717,676	lb.	.40	687,071.
	1960	3,122	471	1,468,920	lb.	.265	389,264.
Vernal	1961	1,053	254	267,500	lb.	.43	115,025.
	1960	3,494	275	959,347	lb.	.36	345,365.
Other							
Lahontan, Narragansett and Williamsburg							
	1961	579		224,115	lb.		82,683.
	1960	679		163,294	lb.		60,097.
Barley							
Blanco Mariout	1961	56	3,929	220,000	lb.	.04	8,800.
	1960	-	-	-	-	-	-
California							
Mariout	1961	3,961	3,270	12,954,000	lb.	.0321	415,823.
	1960	6,983	3,730	26,048,440	lb.	.034	893,552.
Miscellaneous							
(Beans-California Blackeye #5, Fescue grass and Wheat-Romona 50)							
	1961	350		386,560	lb.		42,787.
	1960	125		300,400	lb.		23,268.
TOTAL	1961	13,528				\$	1,555,684.
	1960	16,351					1,957,195.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

SEED CROPS (Cont.) 1960-1961

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1961	1,520		712,670	lb.	\$	\$	214,433.
	1960	3,688		959,133	lb.			295,739.
Altfranken								
Steinbach								
Cardinal								
Cayuga								
Common								
DuPuits								
Hinderupgaard								
Hungarian								
Kayseri								
Maliani								
Moapa								
Ranger								
Barley								
California								
Mariout	1961	3,522	3,428	12,073,416	lb.		.0265	319,946.
	1960	460	3,720	1,718,640	lb.		.029	49,841.
Safflower								
	1961	713	3,001	2,140,000	lb.		.06	128,400.
	1960	388	2,366.8	918,320	lb.		.0546	50,149.
Miscellaneous								
(Sudan grass								
Fescue grass)								
	1961	660		450,000	lb.			31,050.
	1960	340		246,492	lb.			17,798.
TOTAL								
	1961	6,415					\$	693,829.
	1960	4,878						413,527.
TOTAL								
ALL SEED CROPS								
	1961	19,943					\$	2,249,513.
	1960	21,229						2,370,722.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1960-1961

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn - sweet	1961	15	3.52	52.8	ton	\$ 85.00	4,488.
	1960	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1961	1,920	8.19	15,738.5	ton	99.05	1,558,898.
	1960	1,795	10.2	18,301.08	ton	102.04	1,867,460.
Watermelons	1961	126	7	882	ton	31.00	27,342.
	1960	31	6.25	193.75	ton	36.00	6,975.
Other	1961	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1960	60	11.11	666.84	ton	98.84	65,910.
Potatoes	1961	778	10.3	8,013	ton	31.00	248,403.
	1960	579	12.9	7,469.1	ton	64.66	482,952.
Tomatoes	1961	10	4.37	43.7	ton	200.00	8,740.
	1960	20	9.79	195.8	ton	179.10	35,068.
Miscellaneous							
(Beans - snap							
Cabbage							
Cucumbers							
Onions							
Sweet potatoes							
Squash)	1961	6.75		27.62	ton		1,891.
	1960	108		1,657	ton		86,272.
TOTAL	1961	2,840.75					\$ 1,849,762.
	1960	2,593					2,544,637.

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Acreage - Production - Value

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1960-1961

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Almonds	1961	62	.45	27.9	ton	\$ 500.00	\$	13,950.
	1960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apricots	1961	561	6	3,366				
	1960	480	6.45	3,096				
Fresh Market	1961			120	ton	130.00		15,600.
	1960			135	ton	120.00		16,200.
Processing: Dried	1961			42 *	ton	510.00		21,420.
	1960			45 *	ton	500.00		22,500.
Canned and Juice	1961			2,952	ton	75.00		221,400.
	1960			2,646	ton	70.00		185,220.
Grapes Raisin Varieties	1961	3,701	6.36	23,550				
	1960	3,558	6	21,348				
Fresh Market	1961			6,768	ton	120.00		812,160.
	1960			5,462	ton	37.50		204,825.
Processing: Dried	1961			1,502 *	ton	202.50		304,160.
	1960			1,182 *	ton	209.10		247,160.
Canned	1961			1,584	ton	65.00		102,960.
	1960			-	-	-		-
Crushed	1961			9,190	ton	48.00		441,120.
	1960			11,157	ton	34.30		382,698.
Wine Varieties	1961	562	8.13	4,569	ton	80.00		365,520.
	1960	542	7.7	4,173.4	ton	42.00		175,283.
Nectarines	1961	111	8.41	934	ton	201.00		187,734.
	1960	104	6.14	638.56	ton	127.50		81,416.

* Dry Tons

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (Cont.) 1960-1961

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Olives	1961	391	4.62	1,806.42	ton	\$ 177.50	\$	320,640.
	1960	391	4.95	1,936	ton	146.94		284,470.
Peaches Clingstone	1961	816	12	9,792	ton	72.00		705,024.
	1960	867	12.25	10,620.75	ton	55.00		584,141.
Freestone	1961	1,350	10.8	14,580				
	1960	1,341	10.7	14,349				
Fresh Market	1961			4,125	ton	154.81		638,625.
	1960			3,655	ton	50.00		182,750.
Processing: Dried	1961			62 *	ton	400.00		24,800.
	1960			110 *	ton	360.00		39,600.
Cannery and Frozen	1961			10,021	ton	60.00		601,264.
	1960			9,924	ton	41.50		411,846.
Persimmons	1961	2.8	8.92	25	ton	71.00		1,778.
	1960	2	10	20	ton	40.00		800.
Plums	1961	156	5	780	ton	205.00		159,900.
	1960	151	7.68	1,159	ton	177.30		205,490.
Walnuts	1961	1,267	.7817	990.41	ton	520.00		515,013.
	1960	1,152	.72	829.44	ton	497.00		412,256.
Miscellaneous (Bush berries- Boysen Strawberries)	1961	4		19.05	ton			4,610.
	1960	1.25		2.75	ton			575.
TOTAL	1961	8,983.8					\$	5,457,678.
	1960	8,589.25						3,437,230.

* Dry Tons

NURSERY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Sales - Value			1960-1961	
Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total	
Nursery Crops						
Deciduous fruit and Nut trees	1961	71,340	plant	\$.66	\$ 46,822.	
	1960	64,310	plant	.69	44,374.	
Ornamental trees and Shrubs	1961	32,971	plant	.77	25,325.	
	1960	49,909	plant	1.07	53,465.	
Grapevines and Propagative material.	1961	100,000	plant	.05	5,000.	
	1960	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	1961				\$ 77,147.	
	1960				97,839.	

APIARY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value			1960-1961	
Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total	
Honey	1961	446,693	lb.	\$.1077	\$ 48,109.	
	1960	414,215	lb.	.115	47,635.	
Beeswax	1961	7,371	lb.	.4011	2,956.	
	1960	7,293	lb.	.415	3,027.	
Pollination	1961	6,284	colony	4.36	27,398.	
	1960	9,084	colony	4.44	40,333.	
TOTAL	1961				\$ 78,463.	
	1960				90,995.	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1960-1961

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value
		No. of head	Total liveweight			Total
Cattle and calves	1961	43,477	372,541	cwt.	\$ 15.73	\$ 5,863,082.
	1960	41,659	363,683	cwt.	16.55	6,018,955.
Cattle Feed yard gains	1961	98,232	342,829	cwt.	24.75	8,485,035.
	1960	77,320	288,537	cwt.	25.33	7,308,657.
Sheep and Lambs	1961	36,407	33,203	cwt.	16.75	556,204.
	1960	35,265	32,587	cwt.	20.07	654,081.
Hogs and Pigs	1961	8,500	15,253	cwt.	17.85	272,365.
	1960	5,579	10,557	cwt.	16.81	177,485.
Fryers	1961	828,880	2,884,502	lb.	.1514	436,714.
	1960	303,350	1,079,926	lb.	.20	215,985.
Other chickens	1961	55,770	226,984	lb.	.11	24,968.
	1960	61,601	264,268	lb.	.107	28,276.
Chicks	1961	100,000		each	.1475	14,750.
	1960	175,000		each	.16	28,000.
Geese	1961	25,000		each	1.50	37,500.
	1960	25,000		each	1.50	37,500.
Turkeys	1961	290,639	5,918,451	lb.	.1863	1,102,958.
	1960	285,250	5,357,675	lb.	.2476	1,326,959.
Poults	1961	-		-	-	-
	1960	12,000		each	.65	7,800.
TOTAL	1961					\$ 16,793,576.
	1960					15,803,698.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTS

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1960-1961

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Milk Market	1961	2,216,000	cwt.	\$ 3.93	\$ 8,709,000.	
	1960	1,937,463	cwt.	4.03	7,792,000.	
Manufacturing	1961	559,000	cwt.	3.17	1,772,000.	
	1960	735,399	cwt.	3.10	2,279,000.	
Wool	1961	428,053	lb.	.40	171,221.	
	1960	598,992	lb.	.50	294,432.	
Eggs, chicken Market	1961	3,224,282	doz.	.26	838,313.	
	1960	2,747,177	doz.	.2927	804,099.	
Hatching	1961	300,627	doz.	.71	213,444.	
	1960	384,480	doz.	.75	288,360.	
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1961	1,196,000	egg	.215	257,140.	
	1960	1,460,600	egg	.229	334,938.	
TOTAL	1961				\$ 11,961,118.	
	1960				11,792,829.	

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RECAPITULATION

1960-1961

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1961	\$ 65,397,048.
	1960	65,736,279.
Seed Crops	1961	2,249,513.
	1960	2,370,722.
Vegetable Crops	1961	1,849,762.
	1960	2,554,637.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1961	5,457,678.
	1960	3,437,230.
Nursery Products	1961	77,147.
	1960	97,839.
Apiary Products	1961	78,463.
	1960	90,995.
Livestock and Poultry	1961	16,793,576.
	1960	15,803,698.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1961	11,961,118.
	1960	11,792,829.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1961	\$ 103,864,305.
	1960	101,874,229.

Gross Values

1959	\$ 95,484,985.
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.