



**KINGS COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL**  
**CROP REPORT**  
**1962**

ANNUAL  
CROP REPORT  
1962

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KINGS COUNTY

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\* COVER PHOTO \*  
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\* Recognition is given here to the continuous \*  
\* expansion of the Cattle Feed Lot Industry. \*  
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\* In Kings County this business has more than \*  
\* doubled its production and gross value during \*  
\* the past four years. \*  
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OFFICE OF  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
KINGS COUNTY  
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Charles Paul, Director  
State of California  
Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Kings County

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1962 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The gross agricultural income for 1962 is the largest in the history of Kings County. This income, combined with the wealth generated through related fields of agri-business, comprises the major portion of all county income.

Reduced cotton acreage, increased production costs, lower prices for some commodities and other detrimental factors were more than offset by scientific technology in farming practice. For instance, cotton acreage was reduced one thousand acres, yet production per acre increased perceptibly. Both safflower and sugar beets increased tremendously in acreage and made fair improvement in production per acre. The combined production and value of livestock rocketed to an all time high with cattle accounting for most of this increase.

This report is based entirely upon gross production and value. In no way does this reflect profit or loss to the grower.

To the many growers, firms, agencies and individuals who have so generously contributed to the compilation of this report, and, to my entire staff for the extra time and effort which they contributed, I give my sincere thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully,



Claude W. Bridges  
Agricultural Commissioner

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KINGS COUNTY  
Acreage - Production - Value

1961-1962

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1962	193,000	1.51	292,000	ton	\$ 44.21	\$ 12,908,000.
	1961	199,000	1.50	299,000	ton	44.96	13,444,000.
Beans	1962	370	.86	320	ton	140.63	45,000.
	1961	830	.43	360	ton	142.00	51,100.
Corn	1962	2,980	2.73	8,150	ton	52.15	425,000.
	1961	1,950	1.98	3,860	ton	50.00	193,000.
Cotton lint	1962	101,000	2.03	205,000	bale	163.54	33,526,000.
	1961	102,000	1.89	193,000	bale	176.96	34,152,000.
Cotton seed	1962			76,400	ton	56.11	4,287,000.
	1961			73,300	ton	57.00	4,179,000.
Cotton Planting seed	1962			3,690	ton	67.48	249,000.
	1961			4,170	ton	70.02	292,000.
Hay Alfalfa	1962	58,000	6.52	378,000	ton	21.98	8,307,000.
	1961	60,000	6.00	360,000	ton	21.50	7,740,000.
Grain	1962	2,500	2.70	6,750	ton	21.48	145,000.
	1961	2,700	2.90	7,830	ton	20.00	157,000.
Oats	1962	460	.98	450	ton	51.00	23,000.
	1961	590	.86	510	ton	52.94	27,000.
Pasture Irrigated	1962	20,000			acre	93.00	1,860,000.
	1961	21,000			acre	92.00	1,932,000.
Range	1962	330,000			acre	1.25	413,000.
	1961	334,000			acre	1.00	334,000.
Other	1962	53,000			acre	5.30	281,000.
	1961	49,000			acre	5.51	270,000.
Rice	1962	250	2.12	530	ton	110.19	58,400.
	1961	-	-	-	-	-	-

## FIELD CROPS

KINGS COUNTY  
Acreage - Production - Value

1961-1962

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Screenings	1962			3,480	ton	\$ 16.98	59,100.
	1961			3,740	ton	18.05	67,500.
Safflower	1962	17,800	1.22	21,800	ton	95.14	2,074,000.
	1961	7,870	1.02	8,020	ton	86.00	690,000.
Silage Corn	1962	6,130	16.97	104,000	ton	7.00	729,000.
	1961	7,020	16.38	115,000	ton	7.02	807,000.
Other	1962	1,970	18.07	35,600	ton	9.00	320,000.
	1961	920	16.74	15,400	ton	6.50	100,000.
Sorghum grain	1962	7,570	1.96	14,800	ton	46.21	684,000.
	1961	4,770	1.60	7,630	ton	45.00	344,000.
Straw	1962			11,000	ton	10.00	110,000.
	1961			10,600	ton	7.52	79,800.
Sugar beets	1962	3,400	19.50	66,300	ton	12.40	822,000.
	1961	1,390	17.48	24,300	ton	13.49	328,000.
Sunflowers	1962	240	.83	200	ton	110.00	22,000.
	1961	180	.51	91	ton	179.12	16,300.
Wheat	1962	2,950	1.61	4,740	ton	66.45	315,000.
	1961	2,950	.88	2,590	ton	64.86	168,000.
Miscellaneous (Flaxseed and Sesame)	1962	170		100	ton		13,000.
	1961	390		226	ton		27,800.
TOTAL	1962	801,790					\$ 67,675,500.
	1961	796,560					65,399,500.

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Acreage - Production - Value

1961-1962

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1962	3,475	652	2,266,866	lb.	\$ .4591	\$ 1,040,882.	
	1961	5,147	545	2,805,593	lb.	.388	1,088,274.	
Barley Blanco Mariout	1962	2,411	2,985	7,196,835	lb.	.0325	234,612.	
	1961	56	3,929	220,000	lb.	.04	8,800.	
California Mariout	1962	6,502	3,125	20,321,220	lb.	.0354	720,512.	
	1961	3,961	3,270	12,954,000	lb.	.0321	415,823.	
Safflower	1962	559	3,002	1,678,000	lb.	.07	117,460.	
	1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	1962	610		853,787	lb.		64,941.	
	1961	350		386,560	lb.		42,787.	
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1962	775	280	217,000	lb.	.345	74,865.	
	1961	1,520	469	712,670	lb.	.301	214,433.	
Barley Blanco Mariout and California Mariout	1962	3,000	3,060	9,180,000	lb.	.0325	298,350.	
	1961	3,522	3,428	12,073,416	lb.	.0265	319,946.	
Safflower	1962	878	2,599	2,282,000	lb.	.06	136,920.	
	1961	713	3,001	2,140,000	lb.	.06	128,400.	
Miscellaneous	1962	780		610,500	lb.		48,279.	
	1961	660		450,000	lb.		31,050.	
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1962	18,990					\$ 2,736,821.	
	1961	15,929					2,249,513.	

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 Acreage - Production - Value

1961-1962

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn - sweet	1962	8	4.50	36	ton	\$ 81.00	\$ 2,920.
	1961	15	3.53	53	ton	84.72	4,490.
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1962	2,070	7.73	16,000	ton	84.94	1,359,000.
	1961	1,920	8.23	15,800	ton	98.67	1,559,000.
Watermelons	1962	88	20.00	1,760	ton	32.61	57,400.
	1961	126	6.98	880	ton	31.02	27,300.
Other	1962	23	9.13	210	ton	79.05	16,600.
	1961	-	-	-	-	-	-
Potatoes	1962	520	13.92	7,240	ton	43.23	313,000.
	1961	780	10.27	8,010	ton	30.96	248,000.
Tomatoes	1962	7	7.00	49	ton	101.02	4,950.
	1961	10	4.40	44	ton	198.64	8,740.
Miscellaneous (Cabbage Onions)							
	1962	8		35	ton		2,140.
	1961	7		28	ton		1,890.
TOTAL	1962	2,724					\$ 1,756,010.
	1961	2,858					1,849,420.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1961-1962

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Almonds	1962	62	.45	28	ton	\$ 639.29	\$	17,900.
	1961	62	.45	28	ton	500.00		14,000.
Apricots	1962	672	8.07	5,421	ton			
	1961	561	6.01	3,364	ton			
Fresh Market	1962			112	ton	217.86		24,400.
	1961			120	ton	130.00		15,600.
Processing:								
Dried	1962			27 *	ton	700.00		18,900.
	1961			42 *	ton	510.00		21,400.
Canned and Juice	1962			5,120	ton	116.00		589,000.
	1961			2,950	ton	74.92		221,000.
Grapes								
Raisin Varieties	1962	3,762	8.40	31,586	ton			
	1961	3,701	6.37	23,540	ton			
Fresh Market	1962			6,800	ton	110.00		748,000.
	1961			6,770	ton	120.00		812,000.
Processing:								
Dried	1962			1,350 *	ton	273.00		369,000.
	1961			1,500 *	ton	202.67		304,000.
Canned	1962			1,200	ton	60.00		72,900.
	1961			1,580	ton	65.19		103,000.
Crushed	1962			18,186	ton	60.49		1,100,000.
	1961			9,190	ton	48.00		441,000.
Wine								
Varieties	1962	570	9.40	5,360	ton	63.00		338,000.
	1961	562	8.13	4,570	ton	80.00		366,000.
Nectarines	1962	157	8.91	1,400	ton	157.85		221,000.
	1961	111	8.38	930	ton	202.15		188,000.

\* Dry Tons



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1961-1962

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value
			Per acre	Total			Total
Olives	1962	392	5.16	2,020	ton	\$ 185.00	\$ 374,000.
	1961	391	4.62	1,810	ton	177.34	321,000.
Peaches Clingstone	1962	804	18.79	15,100	ton	66.29	1,001,000.
	1961	816	12.00	9,800	ton	71.94	705,000.
Freestone	1962	1,366	11.57	15,736	ton		
	1961	1,350	10.81	14,564	ton		
Fresh Market	1962			4,230	ton	153.19	648,000.
	1961			4,130	ton	154.72	639,000.
Processing:							
Dried	1962			58 *	ton	460.34	26,700.
	1961			62 *	ton	400.00	24,800.
Cannery and Frozen	1962			11,100	ton	48.11	534,000.
	1961			10,000	ton	60.10	601,000.
Persimmons	1962	2.80	9.29	26	ton	66.54	1,730.
	1961	2.80	8.92	25	ton	71.20	1,780.
Plums	1962	180	7.83	1,410	ton	207.80	293,000.
	1961	156	5.00	780	ton	205.13	160,000.
Walnuts	1962	1,329	.69	917	ton	429.66	394,000.
	1961	1,267	.78	990	ton	520.00	515,000.
Miscellaneous (Bush berries- Boysen Strawberries)							
	1962	2.75		13	ton		5,360.
	1961	1.50		8	ton		4,610.
TOTAL	1962	9,300					\$ 6,776,890.
	1961	8,980					5,458,190.

\* Dry Tons

NURSERY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Sales - Value			1961-1962	
Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value	Total
Nursery Crops						
Deciduous fruit, Nut trees and Grapevines	1962	113,000	plant	\$ .16	\$	18,500.
	1961	171,340	plant	.30		51,822.
Ornamental trees and Shrubs	1962	22,400	plant	.33		7,360.
	1961	32,971	plant	.77		25,325.
TOTAL	1962				\$	25,860.
	1961					77,147.

APIARY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value			1961-1962	
Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Per Unit	Value	Total
Honey	1962	628,827	lb.	\$ .113	\$	71,057.
	1961	446,693	lb.	.1077		48,109.
Beeswax	1962	12,325	lb.	.417		5,139.
	1961	7,371	lb.	.401		2,956.
Pollination	1962	4,383	colony	4.35		19,066.
	1961	6,284	colony	4.36		27,398.
TOTAL	1962				\$	95,262.
	1961					78,463.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY KINGS COUNTY 1961-1962  
Production - Value

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value
		No. of head	Total liveweight			Total
<b>Cattle</b>						
Feed yard gains	1962	80,400	355,000	cwt.	\$ 26.00	\$ 9,231,000.
	1961	98,200	343,000	cwt.	24.74	8,485,000.
Feeders	1962	40,800	163,000	cwt.	24.05	3,920,000.
	1961	-	-	-	-	-
Cattle and calves *	1962	37,000	259,000	cwt.	21.97	5,691,000.
	1961	43,500	373,000	cwt.	15.72	5,863,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1962	44,000	41,600	cwt.	17.23	717,000.
	1961	36,400	33,200	cwt.	16.75	556,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1962	8,230	17,100	cwt.	23.22	397,000.
	1961	8,500	15,300	cwt.	17.78	272,000.
Fryers	1962	983,000	3,439,000	lb.	.168	578,000.
	1961	829,000	2,885,000	lb.	.151	437,000.
Other chickens	1962	88,200	460,000	lb.	.10	46,000.
	1961	55,800	227,000	lb.	.11	25,000.
Chicks	1962	-	-	-	-	-
	1961	100,000	-	each	.148	14,800.
Geese	1962	30,000	-	each	1.75	52,500.
	1961	25,000	-	each	1.50	37,500.
Turkeys	1962	268,000	5,061,000	lb.	.2132	1,079,000.
	1961	291,000	5,918,000	lb.	.1863	1,103,000.
Rabbits	1962	4,800	-	each	1.03	4,940.
	1961	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1962					\$ 21,716,440.
	1961					16,793,300.

\* Includes registered stock.

KINGS COUNTY  
Production - Value

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1961-1962

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value
					Total
Milk					
Market	1962	2,302,000	cwt.	\$ 3.91	\$ 9,001,000.
	1961	2,216,000	cwt.	3.93	8,709,000.
Manufacturing	1962	650,000	cwt.	3.09	2,009,000.
	1961	559,000	cwt.	3.17	1,772,000.
Wool	1962	457,000	lb.	.42	192,000.
	1961	428,000	lb.	.40	171,000.
Eggs, chicken					
Market	1962	3,343,000	doz.	.27	903,000.
	1961	3,224,000	doz.	.26	838,000.
Hatching	1962	371,000	doz.	.70	259,000.
	1961	301,000	doz.	.71	213,000.
Eggs, turkey					
Hatching	1962	776,000	egg	.213	163,000.
	1961	1,196,000	egg	.215	257,000.
TOTAL	1962				\$ 12,527,000.
	1961				11,960,000.

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JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK & POULTRY  
IN NUMBER OF HEAD

Item	January 1, 1963
Cattle & Calves	
All	103,200
Cattle & Calves - on feed	45,700
Milk Cows - 2 years and over	32,100
Sheep and Lambs	71,300
Hogs and Pigs	2,800
Hens and Pullets - Of Laying Age	143,500
Geese Breeders	4,000
Turkey Breeders	19,280

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RECAPITULATION

1961-1962

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1962	\$ 67,675,500.
	1961	65,399,500.
Seed Crops	1962	2,736,821.
	1961	2,249,513.
Vegetable Crops	1962	1,756,010.
	1961	1,849,420.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1962	6,776,890.
	1961	5,458,190.
Nursery Products	1962	25,860.
	1961	77,147.
Apiary Products	1962	95,262.
	1961	78,463.
Livestock and Poultry	1962	21,716,440.
	1961	16,793,300.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1962	12,527,000.
	1961	11,960,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1962	\$ 113,309,783.
	1961	103,865,533.

Gross Values

1960	\$ 101,874,229.
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.