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Gentlemen:

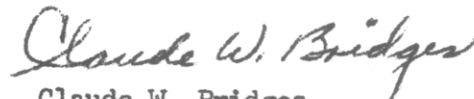
In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1963 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

For the fourth consecutive year the gross value of all agricultural crops in Kings County has exceeded one hundred million dollars. This year the value has reached an all time high of \$122,598,484.00 and represents an increase of \$9,288,701.00 over last year. This increase can be attributed to several factors, foremost of which is a general price increase for most commodities. In field crops, alfalfa hay and sugar beets made striking gains in acreage, production and value; barley increased in the latter two of these. The number of cattle and calves almost doubled and contributed nearly five million dollars to the overall increase. Cotton produced a record 2.18 bales per acre. In general we had a good year, both productively and pricewise, and most decreases can be attributed to acreage reductions.

I wish to emphasize the fact that this report is based upon gross production and value only, and in no way reflects the net income to the grower. It is possible, and indeed quite probable, that in some few instances losses were sustained.

To the many growers, agencies and individuals who contributed so generously to this report I extend my everlasting gratitude, and to my staff for their long hours and extra effort, I give my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully,



Claude W. Bridges
Agricultural Commissioner

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FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1962-1963	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Barley	1963	192,000	1.63	313,000	ton	46.97	\$ 14,701,000.	
	1962	193,000	1.51	292,000	ton	44.21	12,908,000.	
Beans	1963	170	1.00	170	ton	165.29	28,100.	
	1962	370	.86	320	ton	140.63	45,000.	
Corn	1963	3,300	2.70	8,910	ton	52.52	468,000.	
	1962	2,980	2.73	8,150	ton	52.15	425,000.	
Cotton lint	1963	91,400	2.18	199,000	bale	169.19	33,669,000.	
	1962	101,000	2.03	205,000	bale	163.54	33,526,000.	
Cotton seed	1963			72,400	ton	46.89	3,395,000.	
	1962			76,400	ton	56.11	4,287,000.	
Cotton Planting seed	1963			3,530	ton	62.60	221,000.	
	1962			3,690	ton	67.48	249,000.	
Hay Alfalfa	1963	61,000	7.07	431,000	ton	29.88	12,877,000.	
	1962	58,000	6.52	378,000	ton	21.98	8,307,000.	
Grain	1963	1,930	2.85	5,500	ton	23.27	128,000.	
	1962	2,500	2.70	6,750	ton	21.48	145,000.	
Oats	1963	1,210	.93	1,130	ton	49.65	56,100.	
	1962	460	.98	450	ton	51.00	23,000.	
Pasture Irrigated	1963	20,700			acre	90.00	1,863,000.	
	1962	20,000			acre	93.00	1,860,000.	
Range	1963	330,000			acre	1.40	462,000.	
	1962	330,000			acre	1.25	413,000.	
Other	1963	55,000			acre	5.90	325,000.	
	1962	53,000			acre	5.30	281,000.	
Rice	1963	156	2.00	312	ton	99.03	30,900.	
	1962	250	2.12	530	ton	110.19	58,400.	

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1962-1963	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Screenings	1963			4,300	ton	\$ 17.09	\$	73,500.
	1962			3,480	ton	16.98		59,100.
Safflower	1963	24,400	1.09	26,600	ton	80.90		2,152,000.
	1962	17,800	1.22	21,800	ton	95.14		2,074,000.
Silage Corn	1963	5,840	21.40	125,000	ton	6.52		815,000.
	1962	6,130	16.97	104,000	ton	7.00		729,000.
Other	1963	2,360	22.16	52,300	ton	6.99		366,000.
	1962	1,970	18.07	35,600	ton	9.00		320,000.
Sorghum grain	1963	9,300	1.96	18,200	ton	45.54		829,000.
	1962	7,570	1.96	14,800	ton	46.21		684,000.
Straw	1963			17,000	ton	12.00		204,000.
	1962			11,000	ton	10.00		110,000.
Sugar beets	1963	6,300	24.30	153,000	ton	13.00		1,990,000.
	1962	3,400	19.50	66,300	ton	12.40		822,000.
Sunflowers	1963	180	.40	72	ton	189.00		13,600.
	1962	240	.83	200	ton	110.00		22,000.
Wheat	1963	2,330	1.70	3,960	ton	63.88		253,000.
	1962	2,950	1.61	4,740	ton	66.45		315,000.
Miscellaneous (Flaxseed and Sesame)	1963	300		168	ton			15,200.
	1962	170		100	ton			13,000.
TOTAL	1963	807,876					\$	74,935,400.
	1962	801,790						67,675,500.

SEED CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1962-1963	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1963	3,954	487	1,924,898	lb.	\$.3378	\$	650,274.
	1962	3,475	652	2,266,866	lb.	.4591		1,040,882.
Barley								
Blanco Mariout and California								
Mariout	1963	4,796	3,921	18,807,432	lb.	.0354		666,491.
	1962	8,913	3,087	27,518,055	lb.	.0347		955,124.
Safflower	1963	2,377	2,962	7,040,674	lb.	.08		570,296.
	1962	559	3,002	1,678,000	lb.	.07		117,460.
Miscellaneous	1963	426		658,360	lb.			57,009.
	1962	610		853,787	lb.			64,941.
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1963	499	516	257,469	lb.	.365		93,998.
	1962	775	280	217,000	lb.	.345		74,865.
Barley								
Blanco Mariout and California								
Mariout	1963	4,300	3,900	16,770,000	lb.	.03		503,100.
	1962	3,000	3,060	9,180,000	lb.	.0325		298,350.
Safflower	1963	495	2,660	1,316,700	lb.	.07		92,169.
	1962	878	2,599	2,282,000	lb.	.06		136,920.
Miscellaneous	1963	-	-	-	-	-		-
	1962	780		610,500	lb.			48,279.
TOTAL								
ALL SEED CROPS		1963	16,847				\$	2,633,337.
		1962	18,990					2,736,821.

VEGETABLE CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1962-1963	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Melons								
Cantaloupe	1963	2,140	7.99	17,100	ton	\$ 87.60	\$	1,498,000.
	1962	2,070	7.73	16,000	ton	84.94		1,359,000.
Other								
(Watermelon, Casaba and Cranshaw)	1963	26	12.19	317	ton	64.98		20,600.
	1962	111	17.75	1,970	ton	37.56		74,000.
Potatoes	1963	272	8.60	2,340	ton	38.59		90,300.
	1962	520	13.92	7,240	ton	43.23		313,000.
Miscellaneous								
(Cabbage, Corn, Onions and Tomatoes)	1963	86		280	ton			39,270.
	1962	23		120	ton			10,010.
TOTAL	1963	2,524					\$	1,648,170.
	1962	2,724						1,756,010.

APIARY PRODUCTS		Production - Value				
Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	Total
		Total	Unit			
Honey	1963	490,147	lb.	\$.1418	\$	69,503.
	1962	628,827	lb.	.113		71,057.
Beeswax	1963	9,369	lb.	.444		4,164.
	1962	12,325	lb.	.417		5,139.
Pollination	1963	6,860	colony	4.00		27,440.
	1962	4,383	colony	4.35		19,066.
TOTAL	1963				\$	101,107.
	1962					95,262.

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1962-1963

Crop	Year	Bearing acres	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1963	35	.82	29	ton	\$ 527.59	\$ 15,300.
	1962	62	.45	28	ton	639.29	17,900.
Apricots	1963	555	6.50	3,608	ton		
	1962	672	8.07	5,421	ton		
Fresh Market	1963			98	ton	240.00	23,500.
	1962			112	ton	217.86	24,400.
Processing: Dried	1963			95 *	ton	730.53	69,400.
	1962			27 *	ton	700.00	18,900.
Canned, Juice and Frozen	1963			2,854	ton	75.68	216,000.
	1962			5,120	ton	116.00	589,000.
Grapes Raisin Varieties	1963	3,274	7.97	26,087	ton		
	1962	3,762	8.40	31,586	ton		
Fresh Market	1963			4,515	ton	116.94	528,000.
	1962			6,800	ton	110.00	748,000.
Processing: Dried	1963			986	ton	249.49	246,000.
	1962			1,350	ton	273.00	369,000.
Canned and Crushed	1963			17,628	ton	39.09	689,000.
	1962			19,386	ton	60.50	1,172,900.
Wine Varieties	1963	566	8.08	4,573	ton	42.86	196,000.
	1962	570	9.40	5,360	ton	63.00	338,000.
Nectarines	1963	107	8.10	867	ton	161.48	140,000.
	1962	157	8.91	1,400	ton	157.85	221,000.

* Dry Tons

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Acreeage - Production - Value

1962-1963

Crop	Year	Bearing acreeage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Olives	1963	392	5.03	1,973	ton	\$ 190.57	\$	376,000.
	1962	392	5.16	2,020	ton	185.00		374,000.
Peaches Clingstone	1963	1,051	17.28	18,161	ton	61.18		1,111,000.
	1962	804	18.79	15,100	ton	66.29		1,001,000.
Freestone	1963	780	11.00	8,580	ton			
	1962	1,366	11.52	15,736	ton			
Fresh Market	1963			3,080	ton	143.18		441,000.
	1962			4,230	ton	153.19		648,000.
Processing: Dried:	1963			78 *	ton	489.74		38,200.
	1962			58 *	ton	460.34		26,700.
Cannery and Frozen	1963			4,954	ton	47.64		236,000.
	1962			11,100	ton	48.11		534,000.
Persimmons	1963	2.80	-	-	-	-		-
	1962	2.80	9.29	26	ton	66.54		1,730.
Plums	1963	184	6.03	1,110	ton	196.40		218,000.
	1962	180	7.83	1,410	ton	207.80		293,000.
Walnuts	1963	1,307	1.18	1,543	ton	460.14		710,000.
	1962	1,329	.69	917	ton	429.66		394,000.
Miscellaneous (Bush berries Strawberries)	1963	2.75		22	ton			9,640.
	1962	2.75		13	ton			5,360.
TOTAL	1963	8,257					\$	5,263,040.
	1962	9,300						6,776,890.

* Dry Tons

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY KINGS COUNTY 1962-1963
Production - Value

Item	Year	No. of head	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Total liveweight				Total	
Cattle								
Feed yard gains	1963	87,200	327,000		cwt.	\$ 23.99	\$	7,844,000.
	1962	80,400	355,000		cwt.	26.00		9,231,000.
Feeders	1963	45,700	184,000		cwt.	23.07		4,245,000.
	1962	40,800	163,000		cwt.	24.05		3,920,000.
Cattle and calves	1963	62,200	482,000		cwt.	21.18		10,210,000.
	1962	37,000	259,000		cwt.	21.97		5,691,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1963	44,200	41,000		cwt.	16.85		691,000.
	1962	44,000	41,600		cwt.	17.23		717,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1963	3,770	7,920		cwt.	17.17		136,000.
	1962	8,230	17,100		cwt.	23.22		397,000.
Fryers	1963	871,000	3,049,000		lb.	.164		503,000.
	1962	983,000	3,439,000		lb.	.168		578,000.
Other chickens	1963	98,000	511,000		lb.	.08		40,900.
	1962	88,200	460,000		lb.	.10		46,000.
Pullets	1963	88,000			each	1.70		150,000.
	1962	-			-	-		-
Geese	1963	22,000			each	1.80		39,600.
	1962	30,000			each	1.75		52,500.
Turkeys	1963	237,000	4,921,000		lb.	.2174		1,070,000.
	1962	268,000	5,061,000		lb.	.2132		1,079,000.
Rabbits	1963	842			each	1.64		1,380.
	1962	4,800			each	1.03		4,940.
TOTAL	1963						\$	24,930,880.
	1962							21,716,440.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTS

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1962-1963

Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value
			Unit		Total
Milk Market	1963	2,537,000	cwt.	\$ 3.80	\$ 9,641,000.
	1962	2,302,000	cwt.	3.91	9,001,000.
Manufacturing	1963	634,000	cwt.	3.05	1,934,000.
	1962	650,000	cwt.	3.09	2,009,000.
Wool	1963	430,000	lb.	.4255	183,000.
	1962	457,000	lb.	.4201	192,000.
Eggs, chicken Market	1963	2,360,000	doz.	.31	732,000.
	1962	3,343,000	doz.	.27	903,000.
Hatching	1963	371,000	doz.	.71	263,000.
	1962	371,000	doz.	.70	259,000.
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1963	1,206,000	egg	.24	289,000.
	1962	776,000	egg	.213	163,000.
TOTAL	1963				\$ 13,042,000.
	1962				12,527,000.

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Sales - Value

Item	Year	Quantity		Per Unit	Value
		sold	Unit		Total
Nursery Crops Deciduous fruit, Nut trees, Grapevines, Ornamental trees and Shrubs	1963	225,000	plant	\$.1980	\$ 44,550.
	1962	135,400	plant	.1909	25,860.
TOTAL	1963				\$ 44,550.
	1962				25,860.

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RECAPITULATION

1962-1963

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1963	\$ 74,935,400.
	1962	67,675,500.
Seed Crops	1963	2,633,337.
	1962	2,736,821.
Vegetable Crops	1963	1,648,170.
	1962	1,756,010.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1963	5,263,040.
	1962	6,776,890.
Nursery Products	1963	44,550.
	1962	25,860.
Apiary Products	1963	101,107.
	1962	95,262.
Livestock and Poultry	1963	24,930,880.
	1962	21,716,440.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1963	13,042,000.
	1962	12,527,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1963	\$ 122,598,484.
	1962	113,309,783.

Gross Values

1961	\$ 103,865,533.
1960	101,874,229.
1959	95,484,985.
1958	83,970,991.
1957	82,335,333.
1956	72,587,991.
1955	67,579,193.
1954	70,153,371.
1953	65,928,548.