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AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT

1975



KINGS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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April 1, 1976

L. T. Wallace, Jr., Director  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Kings

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit this 1975 Annual Agricultural Crop Report of the acreage, production and valuation of agricultural crops and products produced in Kings County.

The gross value of the commercial crops and products produced during the calendar year 1975 was \$ 370,950,100., representing a \$ 17,286,100. increase, nearly 4.9% over the previous year 1974.

Market milk production reflected the single highest increase of all products, with a \$ 14,627,000. increase, due to higher production and value.

Cotton continued to lead all other crops with an income of \$ 108,917,000. despite a reduced acreage from the 1974 record year.

Wheat production experienced a substantial increase in acreage during 1975 boosting it's income to \$ 27,903,000. up over ten million dollars from 1974.

Again this year, it must be emphasized that these figures are gross returns and do not indicate net income or profit.

My thanks to the many individuals and firms whose cooperation made this report possible, and to my Staff, under the direction of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Leland P. Tos who coordinated and compiled this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Hugh Handley  
Agricultural Commissioner-Sealer

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CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	FIELD CROPS PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1975	125,000	1.80	225,000	Ton	\$ 112.00	\$ 25,200,000.
	1974	105,000	1.60	168,000	Ton	130.00	21,840,000.
Corn	1975	9,400	3.85	36,200	Ton	111.00	4,017,000.
	1974	4,100	3.00	12,300	Ton	135.00	1,660,000.
Cotton Lint	1975	167,000	1070 lbs.	373,000	480-1b/Bale	247.68	92,370,000.
	1974	214,000	1003 lbs.	447,000	480-1b/Bale	211.20	94,406,000.
Cotton Seed	1975			145,000	Ton	110.00	15,995,000.
	1974			174,000	Ton	155.00	26,905,000.
Cotton Planting Seed	1975			3,750	Ton	147.14	552,000.
	1974			5,000	Ton	190.90	954,000.
Hay							
Alfalfa	1975	54,000	7.10	383,000	Ton	61.00	23,387,000.
	1974	51,000	7.00	357,000	Ton	63.00	22,491,000.
Grain	1975	4,200	3.75	16,000	Ton	50.00	788,000.
	1974	4,000	4.00	16,000	Ton	51.00	816,000.
Pasture							
Irrigated	1975	9,100			Acre	110.00	1,001,000.
	1974	9,000			Acre	105.00	945,000.
Range	1975	250,000			Acre	7.00	1,750,000.
	1974	290,000			Acre	6.00	1,740,000.
Other	1975	46,000			Acre	12.00	552,000.
	1974	50,000			Acre	10.00	500,000.

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CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1975	2,250	2.90	6,500	Ton	\$ 170.52	\$ 1,115,000.
	1974	1,020	2.59	2,650	Ton	220.00	583,000.
Safflower	1975	36,600	1.40	51,200	Ton	213.21	10,910,000.
	1974	33,800	1.24	41,900	Ton	400.00	16,765,000.
Screenings	1975			5,900	Ton	65.00	384,000.
	1974			5,250	Ton	75.00	394,000.
Silage Corn	1975	18,600	18.00	335,000	Ton	12.00	4,018,000.
	1974	20,000	20.50	410,000	Ton	12.00	4,920,000.
Other	1975	4,000	15.00	60,000	Ton	10.00	600,000.
	1974	2,700	17.00	45,900	Ton	11.00	505,000.
Sorghum Grain	1975	21,200	1.75	37,100	Ton	115.00	4,267,000.
	1974	9,100	1.50	13,700	Ton	129.00	1,761,000.
Straw	1975			18,000	Ton	20.00	360,000.
	1974			10,000	Ton	20.00	200,000.
Sugar Beets	1975	3,970	25.50	101,000	Ton	29.00	2,936,000.
	1974	1,030	23.10	23,900	Ton	44.92	1,072,000.
Wheat	1975	91,900	2.25	207,000	Ton	135.00	27,903,000.
	1974	50,700	2.30	117,000	Ton	149.00	17,375,000.
Miscellaneous	1975	600		850	Ton		325,000.
	1974	500		1,000	Ton		120,000.
TOTAL	1975	844,000					\$218,430,000.
	1974	846,350					216,260,000.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

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CROP	YEAR	UTILIZATION	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			BEARING	NON-B	PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL	
Almonds	1975	Dried	2,728	1,313	.45	1,227	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 1,865,000.	
	1974	Dried	1,564	3,477	.60	938	1,700.00	1,595,000.	
Apricots	1975	Fresh				90	275.00	24,800.	
		Processed				1,374	130.00	178,600.	
		Total	305	1	4.80	1,464		202,600.	
	1974	Fresh				100	560.00	56,000.	
		Processed				840	240.00	201,600.	
		Total	292	14	3.22	940		257,600.	
Grapes	1975	Fresh				1,015	270.00	274,000.	
		Dried	(4 to 1 dry-away = 725 dry)			2,900	610.00	442,000.	
		Canned/Crushed				17,707	98.00	1,735,000.	
		Total	2,602	15	8.31	21,622		2,451,000.	
	1974	Fresh				500	275.00	138,000.	
		Dried	(4 to 1 dry-away = 839 dry)			3,360	632.00	530,000.	
		Canned/Crushed				19,930	90.00	1,794,000.	
		Total				23,790		2,462,000.	
	Wine Varieties	1975	Crushed	772	95	6.90	5,327	80.00	426,000.
		1974	Crushed	671	196	10.57	7,090	140.00	993,000.
Total - All Grapes	1975		3,374	110		26,949		2,877,000.	
	1974		3,223	262		30,880		3,455,000.	
Nectarines	1975	Fresh	192	118	8.90	1,709	370.00	632,000.	
	1974	Fresh	140	170	10.20	1,430	318.00	454,000.	
Olives	1975		531	819	3.20	1,699	340.00	578,000.	
	1974		491	859	4.60	2,259	425.00	960,000.	



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CROP	YEAR	UTILIZATION	ACREAGE		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
			BEARING	NON-B	PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	PER TON	TOTAL
Peaches								
Clingstone	1975	Processed	1,304	50	18.50	24,124	\$ 140.00	\$ 3,377,000.
	1974	Processed	1,259	91	18.10	22,800	136.00	3,099,000.
Freestone	1975	Fresh				5,510	360.00	1,983,600.
		Processed				<u>1,786</u>	100.00	<u>178,600.</u>
		Total	629	105	11.60	7,296		2,162,200.
	1974	Fresh				3,075	270.00	830,000.
Processed					<u>2,950</u>	130.00	<u>383,000.</u>	
Total		553	181	10.89	6,025		1,213,000.	
Total - All Peaches	1975		1,933	155		31,420		5,539,200.
	1974		1,812	272		28,825		4,312,000.
Pistachios								
	1975			3,500				
	1974			3,500 <u>a/</u>				
Plums								
	1975	Fresh	611	158	7.40	4,520	363.00	1,641,000.
	1974	Fresh	517	252	6.78	3,500	400.00	1,402,000.
Walnuts								
	1975	Dried	4,160	1,012	1.50	6,240	450.00	2,808,000.
	1974	Dried	3,872	1,279	1.30	5,035	400.00	2,014,000.
Miscellaneous								
	1975		842	300		2,283		876,000.
	1974		1,123	450		2,140		1,519,000.
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TOTAL			14,676	5,125				\$ 17,018,800.
			13,034	5,753 <u>a/</u>				15,968,600.

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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

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ITEM	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle & Calves	1975	102,000	742,000		Cwt.	\$ 38.25	\$ 28,391,000.
	1974	93,600	683,000		Cwt.	39.68	27,116,000.
Sheep & Lambs	1975	33,600	33,600		Cwt.	42.94	1,444,000.
	1974	37,300	35,400		Cwt.	39.49	1,398,000.
Hogs & Pigs	1975	16,600	34,900		Cwt.	45.36	1,581,000.
	1974	15,800	34,700		Cwt.	33.97	1,177,000.
Fryers	1975	1,463,000	6,145,000		lb.	.235	1,444,000.
	1974	1,865,000	8,392,000		lb.	.258	2,165,000.
Other Chickens	1975	52,000	220,000		lb.	.056	12,300.
	1974	49,000	222,800		lb.	.061	13,600.
Turkeys	1975	1,166,000	20,986,000		lb.	.330	6,924,000.
	1974	1,007,000	19,152,000		lb.	.340	6,512,000.
Miscellaneous	1975	25,000			each		75,000.
	1974	20,000			each		60,000.
TOTAL	1975						\$ 39,871,300.
	1974						38,441,600.

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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

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ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk					
Market	1975	6,348,000	Cwt.	\$ 9.57	\$ 60,750,000.
	1974	5,990,000	Cwt.	7.70	46,123,000.
Manufacturing	1975	128,000	Cwt.	7.28	932,000.
	1974	168,000	Cwt.	6.70	1,126,000.
Wool	1975	383,000	lb.	.65	249,000.
	1974	400,000	lb.	.69	276,000.
Eggs, Chicken	1975	1,141,000	Doz.	.498	568,000.
Market	1974	1,723,000	Doz.	.470	810,000.
Miscellaneous	1975				297,000.
	1974				87,500.
TOTAL	1975				\$ 62,796,000.
	1974				48,422,500.

INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
 (In Number of Head)

ITEM	January 1, 1975	January 1, 1976
Milk cows 2 years and over	50,000	50,900
Cattle and Calves in Feed Lot	14,500	16,200
Other Cattle and Calves	42,000	45,000
Total	106,500	112,100
Sheep and Lambs	48,500	40,800
Hogs and Pigs	8,200	9,100
Hens and Pullets of Laying age	56,000	38,500

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CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	SEED CROPS PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1975	10,820	886	9,587,000	lb.	.8300	\$ 7,957,000.	
	1974	8,170	632	5,163,000	lb.	1.0200	5,267,000.	
Barley	1975	2,521	4,500	11,345,000	lb.	.0950	1,078,000.	
	1974	3,094	4,000	12,376,000	lb.	.1000	1,238,000.	
Safflower	1975	400	3,560	1,424,000	lb.	.1550	221,000.	
	1974	300	2,480	744,000	lb.	.1780	133,000.	
Wheat	1975	6,506	4,620	30,058,000	lb.	.1109	3,333,000.	
	1974	3,921	4,140	16,233,000	lb.	.1400	2,273,000.	
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1975	1,771	820	1,452,000	lb.	.9500	1,838,000.	
	1974	2,579	750	1,934,000	lb.	.8000	920,000.	
Barley	1975	4,789	4,400	21,072,000	lb.	.0900	1,896,000.	
	1974	4,515	3,800	17,157,000	lb.	.0900	1,544,000.	
Wheat	1975	1,495	4,600	6,877,000	lb.	.1050	722,000.	
	1974							
Miscellaneous <u>a/</u>	1975	2,080		4,541,000	lb.		1,966,000.	
	1974	3,280		11,082,000	lb.		2,861,000.	
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TOTAL	1975	30,382					\$19,011,000.	
	1974	25,859					15,154,000.	

a/ Cantaloupe, Cucumber, Eggplant, Lettuce, Okra, Peppers, Squash and Watermelons

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VEGETABLE CROPS

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CROP	YEAR	UTILIZATION	PRODUCTION			UNIT	VALUE	
			HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Lettuce	1975	Fresh	3,050	671	2,047,000	Crate (43#)	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,140,000.
	1974	Fresh	3,600	533	1,919,000	Crate (43#)	6.90	13,240,000.
Peppers	1975	Fresh/Proc.	667	4.34	2,900	Ton	219.90	637,000.
	1974	Fresh/Proc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tomatoes	1975	Fresh	627	7.95	4,990	Ton	271.30	1,346,000.
		Processed	<u>1,824</u>	29.00	<u>52,900</u>	Ton	58.00	<u>3,066,000.</u>
		Total	<u>2,451</u>		<u>57,890</u>	Ton		<u>4,412,000.</u>
	1974	Fresh/Proc.	981	13.10	12,900	Ton	280.50	3,605,000.
Miscellaneous <u>a/</u>	1975		1,080					1,393,000.
	1974		543					648,000.
TOTAL	1975		7,248					\$ 12,582,000.
	1974		5,758					18,562,000.

a/ Includes Cantaloupes, Watermelons, Carrots, Asparagus, Cabbage, Potatoes and Squash

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APIARY PRODUCTS						
ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Honey	1975	1,799,000	lb.	\$ .4200	\$ 756,000.	
	1974	870,000	lb.	.4428	385,000.	
Beeswax	1975	30,000	lb.	1.05	31,500.	
	1974	15,600	lb.	1.24	19,400.	
Pollination	1975	41,000	col.	10.00	410,000.	
	1974	41,800	col.	9.50	397,100.	
TOTAL	1975				\$ 1,197,500.	
	1974				801,500.	

NURSERY PRODUCTS						
ITEM	YEAR	QUANTITY SOLD	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Nursery Stock <u>a/</u>	1975	15,800	Plant	\$2.75	\$ 43,500.	
	1974	21,500	Plant	2.50	53,800.	

a/ Includes Deciduous Trees, Vines, Ornamentals and Shrubs

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SUMMARY

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	VALUATION <u>1975</u>
Field Crops	\$ 218,430,000.
Fruit & Nut Crops	17,018,800.
Livestock & Poultry	39,871,300.
Livestock & Poultry Products	62,796,000.
Seed Crops	19,011,000.
Vegetable Crops	12,582,000.
Apiary Products	1,197,500.
Nursery Products	43,500.
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 370,950,100.

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	COMPARISON STUDY OF ACREAGE AND CROP VALUES				
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Field Crops	\$ 73,182,700.	\$ 92,541,000.	\$ 149,578,000.	\$ 216,260,000.	\$ 218,430,000.
Acreage	840,950	857,540	842,955	846,350	844,000
Fruit & Nut Crops	7,843,700.	9,653,500.	15,392,000.	15,968,600.	17,018,800.
Bearing Acreage	9,409	10,169	10,460	12,543	14,676
Livestock & Poultry	23,031,700.	32,562,100.	53,174,600.	38,441,600.	39,871,300.
Nursery Products	48,800.	93,500.	62,200.	53,800.	43,500.
Vegetable Crops	4,193,000.	4,787,000.	11,902,000.	18,562,000.	12,582,000.
Acreage	3,466	2,760	7,200	5,758	7,248
Seed Crops	5,145,000.	6,107,000.	9,049,750.	15,154,000.	19,011,000.
Acreage	20,200	27,313	22,036	25,859	30,382
Apiary	179,360.	276,040.	478,000.	801,500.	1,197,500.
Livestock & Poultry Products	28,021,000.	30,675,400.	36,448,000.	48,422,500.	62,796,000.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$141,645,260.</b>	<b>\$176,695,540.</b>	<b>\$275,658,550. <u>a/</u></b>	<b>\$353,664,000.</b>	<b>\$ 370,950,100.</b>

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MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1975

Cotton	\$ 108,917,000.	Sugar Beets	\$ 2,936,000.
Milk	61,682,000.	Walnuts	2,808,000.
Cattle & Calves	28,391,000.	Grapes	2,877,000.
Wheat	27,903,000.	Uncertified Seed, Barley	1,896,000.
Barley	25,200,000.	Almonds	1,865,000.
Alfalfa Hay	23,387,000.	Uncertified Seed, Alfalfa	1,838,000.
Safflower	10,910,000.	Pasture, Range	1,750,000.
Certified Seed, Alfalfa	7,957,000.	Plums	1,641,000.
Turkeys	6,924,000.	Hogs & Pigs	1,581,000.
Lettuce	6,140,000.	Fryers	1,444,000.
Peaches	5,539,200.	Sheep & Lambs	1,444,000.
Tomatoes	4,412,000.	Rice	1,115,000.
Sorghum Grain	4,267,000.	Certified Seed, Barley	1,078,000.
Corn Silage	4,018,000.	Pasture, Irrigated	1,001,000.
Corn	4,017,000.		
Certified Seed, Wheat	3,333,000.		