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and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kings

April 1, 1996

It is my pleasure to submit the 1995 Kings County Crop Report. This annual publication presents statistical information on the acreage, yield and gross value of Kings County agricultural products in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

The 1995 total gross value of Kings County's major industry was \$836,899,000. This represents a 2.98 percent increase from the 1994 gross production values.

Adverse spring weather caused a decrease in production of many crop categories. However, favorable market prices allowed increases in some 1995 crop values compared to 1994. Fruit and nut crops increased \$20,790,000 (+24.6%) and field crops increased \$10,757,000 (+3.2%) respectfully.

Also showing substantial increases were livestock and poultry products at \$8,417,000 (+21.6%) and apiary products at \$520,000 (+22.8%).

Reduced acreage and poor market values contributed to the decrease of vegetable crops at -\$11,442,000 (-26.0%) and livestock and poultry at -\$6,781,000 (-6.4%).

Cotton remains the top crop overall in Kings County with a total 1995 value of \$281,482,000.

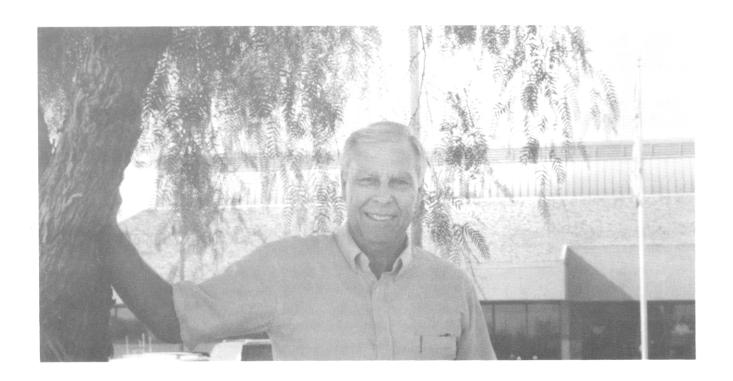
It must be emphasized that the values in this report are gross values only and in no manner reflect net income or loss to producers.

My thanks to Agricultural and Standards Inspector III Buzz Felleke and Deputy Commissioner-Sealer Tim Niswander, as well as all the department staff for the compilation and preparation of this report. Most of all, I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation of all agricultural producers, contributing organizations, and those individuals who provided necessary information for this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Agricultural Commissioner

Sealer of Weights and Measures



DEDICATION

M. HUGH HANDLEY

The 1995 Kings County Agricultural Crop Report is dedicated to M. Hugh Handley, who served Kings County as Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures for nearly 23 years. Among Mr. Handley's many accomplishments during his service to Kings County was the creation of a one-stop service center for the agricultural community. Several agricultural agencies are now located in the same facility with the Agricultural Commissioner's Department, as seen in the background of the above photo. Also, Hugh Handley was instrumental in the state by bringing the Ag Commissioner's department into the 21st century with computerization. Prior to Kings County, he was employed in the agricultural departments of both Colusa and Santa Clara counties, ending his career with over 35 years of service. The management and staff wish Hugh and his family all the best in his well deserved retirement.

ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR YEAR 1995

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DAIRIES

Dairies are more deeply rooted in agricultural history than many of the cultivated crops. Archaeologists have found evidence indicating that cattle were first domesticated no later than 9000 B.C. The domestication and keeping of milk-producing herds of animals spread from southwest Asia to other parts of the world. At first the same animals were used for work, meat, and milk production. Early man found that goats and sheep produced enough milk for his family. As urban centers developed, cows and goats were kept in large numbers to produce milk in quantity, with the cow becoming established as a volume producer.

Cows were transported to the New World by Columbus on his second voyage in 1493. They were also brought to the Jamestown Colony in 1611 and to the Plymouth Colony in 1624. The production, processing, and distribution of milk and dairy products were mainly from family farm operations until about the middle of the 19th century.

The five major breeds of dairy cows and their origin are: the Ayrshire from Scotland; the Brown Swiss from Switzerland; the Guernsey from Guernsey Island in the English Channel; the Jersey from Jersey Island also in the English Channel; and the most popular, the Holstein-Friesian from the northern part of the Netherlands (Friesland).

The most numerous breed of dairy cattle in the United States is the Holstein which can be easily recognized by their large black and white markings as seen on the cover of this crop report. The earliest Dutch settlers brought Holsteins to America, but the main importations were made in the latter half of the 19th century. No Holsteins have been imported into the United States from Europe since 1905.

Dairy farming has been a major influence in this area of California long before the County of Kings was established. Numerous dairies were started in this area in the latter 1800's. Included in Kings County's rich agricultural history is a world record title for milk production from one cow, a Holstein. Maciel #289 lived for 20 years and produced 465,224 pounds of milk, a record that no other cow has yet broken.

Kings County ranks sixth in California in terms of value of milk and dairy products and is among the top ten dairy counties in the nation. Dairying ranks second in value to cotton in the Kings County agricultural economy. The average herd size in the county is 651 cows per dairy. A mature Holstein dairy cow can often weigh 1,500 pounds and sometimes weigh as much as 2,000 pounds. The average annual production from a Holstein cow is 19,600 pounds of milk.

Kings County shall remain a popular area for dairy farming because of the mild weather, an abundance of high quality feed, a good water supply, and its central location between the major urban regions of Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area. Coupled with the resilient character of the dairymen, Kings County will continue to meet the challenges and needs of future milk production.

FIELD CROPS

	HARVESTED	PRODUCT	ΓΙΟΝ		VA	LUE
YEAR	ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
1995	30,157	1.63	49,156	Ton	112.00	5,505,000
1994	27,146	1.64	44,519	Ton	108.48	4,830,000
1995	3,454	1.15	3,972	Ton	802.00	3,186,000
1994	2,345	1.15	2,697	Ton	563.00	1,518,000
1995	16,401	23.60	387,064	Ton	18.02	6,975,000
1994	15,847	21.42	339,443	Ton	20.24	6,870,000
1995	257,431	1.88	483,970	495 lb.	412.00	199,396,000
1994	240,660	2.33	560,738	495 lb.	373.98	209,705,000
1995			262,015	Ton	180.00	47,163,000
1994			231,362	Ton	150.00	34,704,000
1995	29,199	1.78	51,974	495 lb.	581.00	30,197,000
1994	28,735	1.62	46,551	495 lb.	474.29	22,079,000
1995			21,381	Ton	170.00	3,635,000
1994			19,248	Ton	148.00	2,849,000
1995	25,880	6.99	180,901	Ton	98.00	17,728,000
1994	22,650	8.22	186,183	Ton	108.15	20,136,000
1995	2,083	2.48	5,166	Ton	59.00	305,000
1994	1,320	3.00	3,960	Ton	78.00	309,000
1995	12,000			Acre	107.00	1,284,000
1994	10,000			Acre	105.00	1,050,000
1995	100,000			Acre	2.25	225,000
1994	90,000			Acre	2.00	180,000
1995	27,080			Acre	23.00	623,000
1994	30,541			Acre	20.00	611,000
		1.01	43,784	Ton	300.00	13,135,000
1995	36,185	1.21	43,704	1 011	300.00	15,155,000
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FIELD CROPS

		HARVESTED	PRODUC'	ΓΙΟΝ		VA	LUE
CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wheat	1995	42,937	2.58	110,777	Ton	145.33	16,099,000
	1994	37,928	2.76	104,681	Ton	128.79	13,482,000
Other d/	1995	17,676					2,451,000
	1994	14,994					3,879,000
TOTAL	1995	602,598					350,118,000
	1994	558,061					339,361,000

a/ Blackeye beans and other dry beans.

SEED CROPS

		HARVESTED PRODUCTION				VALUE		
CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE 1	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Alfalfa								
Certified	1995	11,091	624	6,920,784	lb.	1.41	9,758,000	
	1994	6,571	744	4,888,824	lb.	1.26	6,160,000	
Non-certified	1995	1,600	624	998,400	lb.	1.35	1,348,000	
	1994	1,000	744	744,000	lb.	1.10	818,000	
Total	1995	12,691		7,919,184	lb.		11,106,000	
	1994	7,571		5,632,824	lb.		6,978,000	
Barley, Certified	1995	1,000	4400	4,400,000	lb.	0.07	308,000	
	1994	1,903	5000	9,515,000	lb.	0.06	571,000	
Cotton, Certified a/	1995	4,783		4,641	Ton	235.00	1,091,000	
000000,00100000	1994	3,603		2,162	Ton	248.00	536,000	
Wheat, Certified	1995	4,788	4,458	21,344,904	1b.	0.08	1,708,000	
	1994	5,676	5,780	32,807,280	lb.	0.07	2,297,000	
Vegetable/Flowers	1995	673					2,580,000	
8	1994	898					3,431,000	
TOTAL	1995	23,935					16,793,000	
	1994	19,651					13,813,000	

a/ Not included in total acreage for "Seed Crop"

b/495 lb. = 1 bale.

c/ Includes hay and green chop from barley, oats and wheat.

d/ Includes corn grain, oat silage, screening, straw, sudangrass, wheat silage, and winter forage.

b/Broccoli, cauliflower, chinese cabbage, flowers, lettuce, onion, radish, and turnip.

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

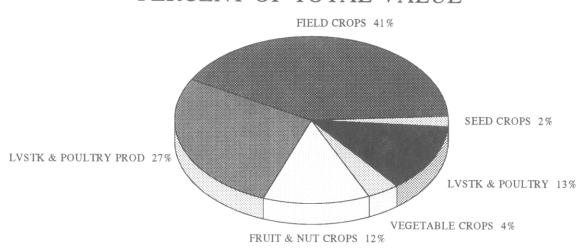
		BEARING	PRODUC'	ΓΙΟΝ		VA	LUE
CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almonds	1995	2,070	0.63	1,304	Ton	4,376.70	5,707,000
	1994	1,747	0.87	1,520	Ton	2,507.00	3,810,000
Almond Hulls	1995			689	Ton	90.00	62,000
	1994			1,098	Ton	71.50	79,000
Apples							
Fresh	1995			4,064	Ton	563.00	2,288,000
	1994			4,628	Ton	566.59	2,622,000
Processed	1995			2,285	Ton	160.00	366,000
	1994			1,984	Ton	70.00	139,000
Apples Total	1995	541	11.74	6,349	Ton		2,655,000
	1994	502	11.99	6,612	Ton		2,761,000
Apricots							
Fresh	1995			1,294	Ton	1,505.00	1,947,000
	1994			920	Ton	956.00	880,000
Processed	1995			228	Ton	278.00	63,000
	1994			307	Ton	287.00	88,000
Apricots Total	1995	375	4.06	1,522	Ton		2,010,000
	1994	251	4.88	1,227	Ton		968,000
Firewood a/	1995			520	Cord	110.00	57,000
	1994			710	Cord	100.00	71,000
Grapes Raisin Varieties							
Fresh	1995			1,800	Ton	927.00	1 507 000
Dried	1775			5,600	Ton	837.00	1,507,000
Crushed				8,600	Ton	930.00 160.00	5,208,000
Canned				2,238	Ton	238.00	1,376,000
Total		2,079		18,238	1011	238.00	533,000 8,624,000
Grapes							
Raisin Varieties							
Fresh	1994			1,500	Ton	730.00	1,095,000
Dried				5,800	Ton	940.00	5,452,000
Crushed				8,500	Ton	175.00	1,488,000
Canned				2,284	Ton	238.00	544,000
Total		1,982		18,084			8,579,000
Table Varieties							
	1995	617	11.89	7,336	Ton	867.77	6,366,000
	1994	634	9.16	5,807	Ton	852.58	4,951,000

VEGETABLE CROPS

		HARVESTED	PRODUC	TION		VA	LUE
CROP	YEAR	ACREAGE 1	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Broccoli							
Fresh	1995			293	Ton	612.00	179,000
	1994			1,024	Ton	660.00	676,000
Processed	1995			5,582	Ton	370.00	2,065,000
	1994			1,247	Ton	367.00	458,000
Broccoli Total	1995	1,175	5.00				2,244,000
	1994	696	5.20				1,134,000
Cantaloupes	1995	1,367	12.06	16,486	Ton	203.00	2 247 000
o and a pos	1994	1,345	11.56	15,548	Ton	256.00	3,347,000 3,980,000
Sweet Corn	1995	654	7.50	4,905	Ton	374.00	
	1994	612	6.88	4,211	Ton	278.00	1,834,000 1,171,000
Tomatoes		012	0.00	7,211	1011	278.00	1,171,000
Fresh	1995	1,415	13.66	19,329	Ton	337.00	6,514,000
	1994	1,529	20.00	30,580	Ton	347.00	10,611,000
Processed	1995	6,100	31.85	194,285	Ton	54.00	10,491,000
	1994	11,500	30.40	349,600	Ton	50.00	17,480,000
Tomatoes Total	1995	7,515		213,614			17,005,000
	1994	13,029		380,180			28,091,000
Other a/	1995	2,781					9 214 000
	1994	5,322					8,214,000 9,710,000
TOTAL	1995	13,492					32,644,000
	1994	21,004					44,086,000

a/ Includes asparagus, garlic,eggplant, lettuce,misc. melons, misc. vegetable, peanuts, processed carrots, processed garlic, squash and watermelon.

1995 PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE



INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

ITEM	January 1, 1996 NUMBER OF HEAD	January 1, 1995 NUMBER OF HEAD
Cattle and Calves		
All	187,000	167,000
Dairy Cows 2 Years and Over	93,000	83,000
Cattle and Calves on Feed	3,500	3,000
Other	130,000	128,000
Sheep and Lambs	10,720	9,200
Goats	2,400	3,000
Hogs and Pigs	8,500	7,300
Turkeys	650,000	603,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

		PROD	VA	ALUE		
ITEM	YEAR	NUMBER	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
		OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT			
Breeding	1995					1,454,000
Stock a/	1994					1,420,000
Cattle and	1995	162,820	976,923	Cwt.	52.00	50,800,000
Calves	1994	148,779	906,064	Cwt.	71.00	64,331,000
Hogs and Pigs	1995	17,015	37,943	Cwt.	41.00	1,556,000
	1994	13,300	30,590	Cwt.	40.00	1,224,000
Sheep and Lambs	1995	12,720	14,425	Cwt.	80.00	1,154,000
	1994	12,479	15,724	Cwt.	55.00	865,000
Turkeys	1995	1,919,054	41,470,757	lb.	0.62	25,712,000
	1994	1,887,136	41,913,290	lb.	0.64	26,825,000
Other b/	1995					18,523,000
	1994					11,315,000
TOTAL	1995					99,199,000
	1994					105,980,000

a/ For All animals except horses.

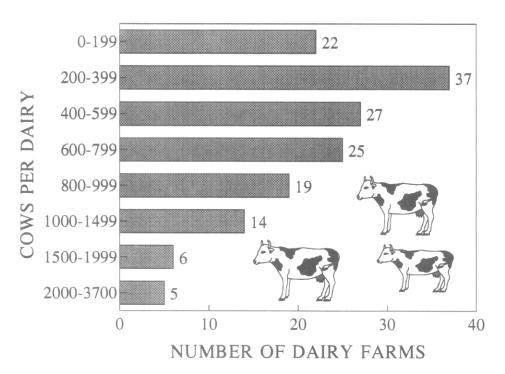
b/ Includes Catfish, chickens, and goats.

^{*} Revised

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Eggs-Chicken	1995	2,302,700	Doz.	0.86	1,980,000
Market	1994	2,526,540	Doz.	0.89	2,249,000
Manure	1995	347,113	Ton	4.55	1,579,000
	1994	376,430	Ton	5.10	1,920,000
Milk					
Milk, Goats	1995	16,649	Cwt.	26.64	444,000
	1994	16,736	Cwt.	26.85	449,000
Market	1995	19,710,894	Cwt.	11.47	226,084,000
	1994	19,190,438	Cwt.	11.30	216,852,000
Manufacturing	1995	91,010	Cwt.	10.41	947,000
6	1994	115,258	Cwt.	10.46	1,206,000
Milk Total	1995	19,818,553			227,475,000
	1994	19,322,432			218,507,000
Wool	1995	132,288	lb.	1.34	177,000
	1994	129,781	lb.	0.91	118,000
TOTAL	1995				231,211,000
	1994				222,794,000

KINGS COUNTY - 1995 DISTRIBUTION OF DAIRIES BY SIZE

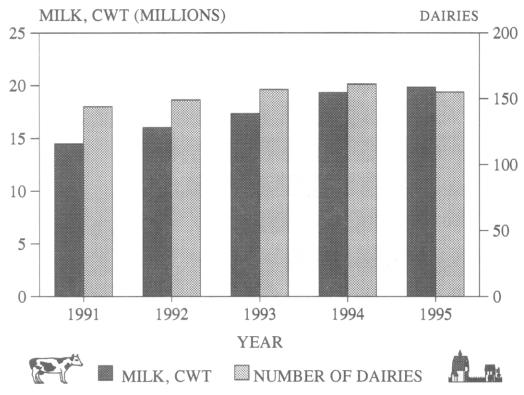


APIARY PRODUCTS

ITEM	YEAR	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
A : D 1 .					
Apiary Products					
Honey	1995	2,478,845	lb.	0.60	1,487,000
	1994	2,888,000	lb.	0.50	1,444,000
Beeswax	1995	41,314	lb.	2.00	83,000
	1994	48,133	lb.	1.25	60,000
Pollination					
Seed Alfalfa	1995	38,073	Colonies	23.00	876,000
	1994	22,713	Colonies	20.00	454,000
Tree Fruit a/	1995	9,530	Colonies	34.00	324,000
	1994	8,546	Colonies	35.00	299,000
Cantaloupe	1995	2,185	Colonies	14.00	31,000
	1994	2,017	Colonies	12.00	24,000
TOTAL	1995				2,801,000
	1994				2,281,000

a/ Almonds, apples and plums.

NUMBER OF DAIRIES AND MILK PRODUCTION

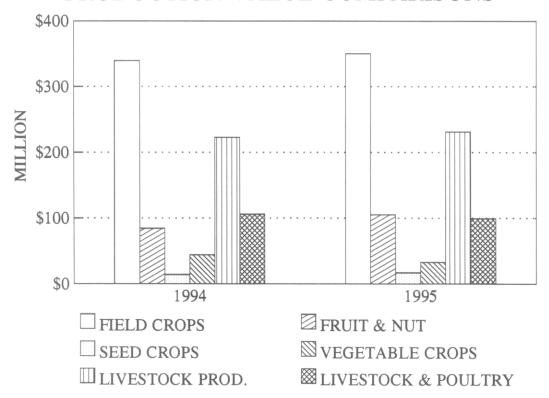


FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF ACREAGE & CROP VALUES

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Apiary Products	3,934,000	4,230,000	1,992,000	2,281,000	2,801,000
Field Crops	312,378,000	356,410,000	362,811,000	339,361,000	350,118,000
Acreage	561,531	554,610	578,201	558,061	602,598
Fruit and Nut Crops	85,739,000	78,734,000	112,541,000	84,343,000	105,133,000
Acreage	28,040	27,277	27,995	27,586	29,631
Livestock and Poultry	109,501,000	97,399,000	106,206,000	105,980,000	99,199,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	166,204,000	185,802,000	198,540,000	222,794,000	231,211,000
Seed Crops	28,300,000	23,843,000	12,892,000	13,813,000	16,793,000
Acreage	38,603	32,270	19,787	19,651	23,935
Vegetable Crops	32,260,000	29,439,000	44,231,000	44,086,000	32,644,000
Acreage	14,453	9,956	18,743	21,004	13,492
TOTAL	\$ 738,316,000 *	\$ 775,857,000	\$ 837,298,000	\$ 812,658,000	\$ 836,899,000

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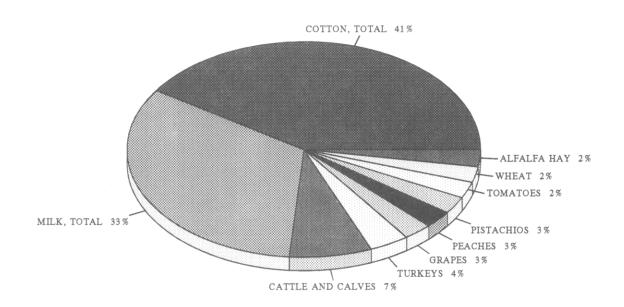
1994 AND 1995 PRODUCTION VALUE COMPARISONS



KINGS COUNTY TEN LEADING CROPS

	1995	1995	1994	1993	1992	
CROP	RANK	DOLLAR VALUE	RANK	RANK	RANK	
Cotton, Total	1	281,482,000	1	1	1	
Milk, Total	2	227,475,000	2	2	2	
Cattle and Calves	3	50,800,000	3	3	3	
Turkeys	4	25,712,000	5	4	5	
Grapes Total	5	18,428,000	6	10	11	
Peaches Total	6	18,148,000	10	8	6	
Pistachios	7	18,048,000	9	7	10	
Alfalfa Hay	8	17,728,000	7	6	4	
Tomatoes	matoes 9		4	5	8	
Wheat	10	16,099,000	11	14	13	

TOP TEN COMMODITIES OF KINGS COUNTY FOR 1995



KINGS COUNTY SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL REPORTING

Pest	Agent/Mechanism	Scope of Program						
COUNTY BIOLOGICAL CONTROL								
Puncture Vine Tribulus terrestris	Stem Mining Weevil Microlarinus lypriformis Seed Head Weevil Microlarinus lareynil	Generally distributed						
Yellow Starthistle Centaurea solstitialis	Seed Head Weevil Bangasternus orientalis Gall Fly Urophora sirunaseva	2 sites 1 site						
Ash Whitefly Siphoninus phillyreae	Parasitic Wasp Encarsia partenorea	Generally distributed						
COUNTY PEST ERADICATION Pink Bollworm Pectinophora gossypiella Alligatorweed	Mechanical/Host Free Period Chemical/Fumigation	285,630 acres 1 plant						
Alternanthera philoxeriodes COUNTY PEST DETECTION Various Insect Pests	Various Detection Insect Traps	908 traps						
COUNTY PEST EXCLUSION European Corn Borer Ostrinia nubilalis	Railroad Corn Shipments	1,028 inspections						
Various	Truck Shipments	7,734 inspections						
Gypsy Moth Lymantria dispar	Household Goods Shipments	29 inspections						
Crops Export Commodities Export Seed	Activity Origin Certification Field Inspections	Scope of Program 957 issued 145 sites 24,012 acres						

GENERAL KINGS COUNTY INFORMATION

County Seat Hanford

County Population (1995) 116,312

Population per Square Mile 83.3

Total Assessed Value (1995) \$3,817,204,805

Land Area (Square Miles) 1,396

Total Acres 893,440

Total Harvested crop acreage (1995) 666,875

Foreign Ownership (1993) 7,243 (acres)

Total Farmland (Acres - 1995) 755,826

Public Ownership of Land (Acres - 1990)

 Federal
 20,912.69

 State
 1,684.99

 County
 5,556.25

 Local Agencies
 9,460.34

Agricultural production ranked 12th among California counties and 16th among U.S. counties.(Based on 1992 total value.)

Railroads - Santa Fe, Southern Pacific & San Joaquin Railroad.

Major Roads - Interstate 5, Highway 41, Highway 43 & Highway 198.

Water Sources - Kings River, Tule River, Kaweah River, Kern River & California Aqueduct.

Elevation - 225 to 250 feet above sea level. (800 feet in the Kettleman Hills.)

Average length of growing season: 257 days.

Average date of last spring frost: March 3.

Average climate: 196 sunny clear days, 74 partly cloudy days & 95 cloudy days.

Average date of first fall frost: November 18.

RAINFALL – HANFORD, CA

YEAR	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	TOTAL
1946-47	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	1.49	1.10	1.64	0.33	0.49	0.51	0.66	0.33	6.66
1947-48	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.29	0.51	0.00	0.43	1.49	1.56	0.55	5.31
1948-49	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.99	0.51	0.85	1.94	0.07	4.93
1949-50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.68	1.48	1.13	1.10	0.40	5.39
1950-51	0.07	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.63	1.06	1.24	0.76	0.22	1.17	5.57
1951-52	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	1.11	2.39	3.03	0.27	2.18	0.79	0.01	9.88
1952-53	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.05	0.65	2.96	1.10	0.27	0.34	0.83	0.29	6.68
1953-54	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.01	0.09	1.89	0.78	2.21	0.52	0.34	6.94
1954-55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66	1.61	3.25	1.31	0.43	0.69	0.90	8.85
1955-56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.92	4.67	1.10	0.38	0.10	0.73	0.77	8.69
1956-57	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.15	1.39	1.22	0.05	0.88	0.61	5.10
1957-58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.19	1.41	1.85	2.30	3.93	2.38	0.24	13.50
1958-59	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.23	0.16	1.35	1.90	0.11	0.52	0.00	4.49
1959-60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.80	1.71	0.61	0.57	0.00	3.97
1960-61	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.53	0.00	2.61	0.03	1.34	0.22	0.67	0.22	0.37	6.01
1961-62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.11	1.28	0.71	4.88	1.06	0.00	0.11	9.15
1962-63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.19	1.19	1.68	1.37	2.88	0.56	7.98
1963-64	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.75	1.23	0.31	0.61	0.02	0.94	0.64	0.20	5.20
1964-65	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.95	1.31	1.44	1.18	0.33	0.33	1.57	0.00	7.45
1965-66	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.07	0.05	2.15	1.97	0.63	0.71	0.10	0.00	0.07	5.80
1966-67	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.29	0.09	1.28	2.57	1.41	0.05	2.42	2.95	0.07	11.23
1967-68	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.00	1.99	0.50	0.62	0.64	1.00	0.50	0.08	5.87
1968-69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.98	1.64	6.69	4.54	0.79	0.85	0.32	17.14
1969-70	0.21	0.07	0.00	0.15	0.05	0.51	0.70	1.60	1.33	1.42	0.14	0.00	6.18
1970-71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.40	1.23	0.35	0.19	0.23	0.40	1.44	6.24
1971-72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.41	1.87	0.04	0.35	0.00	0.23	0.00	3.00
1972-73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.21	2.90	0.65	2.44	2.29	2.20	0.12	0.00	11.05
1973-74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.46	0.94	2.97	0.13	1.75	0.03	0.00	7.04
1974-75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.24	1.40	0.09	2.26	1.24	0.49	0.00	6.37
1975-76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.76	0.05	0.22	0.00	2.94	0.19	1.47	0.03	6.64
1976-77	0.01	0.00	0.22	1.47	0.00	1.15	0.22	0.96	0.03	0.13	0.00	0.03	5.24
1977-78	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.06	2.85	2.22	5.05	4.12	1.71	0.00	16.13
1978-79	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.79	0.50	1.84	1.61	1.16	0.03	0.00	7.03
1979-80	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.08	0.41	0.62	0.41	2.90	2.71	1.28	0.05	0.04	8.54
1980-81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.21	1.80	0.86	2.10	0.68	0.17	5.91
1981-82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	1.08	0.29	0.84	0.33	3.52	1.75	0.00	8.57
1982-83	0.45	0.18	0.00	0.64	1.03	2.15	0.71	3.74	2.59	3.39	1.73	0.04	16.55
1983-84	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.82	0.43	1.66	1.22	0.01	0.42	0.27	0.18	0.04	5.06
1984-85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.52	1.41	1.66	0.59	0.42	0.68	0.18	0.00	5.61
1985-86	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.54	2.11	0.56	1.46	2.60	3.40	0.12	0.00	
1986-87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.21	0.77	1.77	2.04		0.43		11.17 7.15
1987-88	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.72	1.74	1.37	0.40	2.02	2.65	0.13	
1988-89	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33	2.29	1.02		0.93		0.07	8.79
1989-90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67					2.03	0.85	0.02	0.39	7.99
1990–91	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.32 0.01	0.20	0.53	1.79	1.02	0.30	0.97	0.87	6.67
1990-91	0.36	0.00	0.00					0.37	1.32	6.67	0.19	0.66	10.19
1991-92	0.00	0.00		0.11	0.38	0.14	1.32	1.40	3.32	0.85	0.10	0.00	7.98
1992-93	0.00		0.00		0.58	0.00	2.62	3.88	2.48	2.16	0.07	0.08	11.88
1993-94 1994-95	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.24	0.68	0.66	1.45	1.02	0.70	0.69	0.00	5.94
1994-95 1995-96	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.35	1.54	0.33	4.70	0.51	4.77	0.65	0.87	14.78
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.59						
AVERAGE	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.19	0.31	0.86	1.10	1.50	1.36	1.40	0.76	0.25	7.79
	50 YEAR AVERAGE RAINFALL 7.3									GE RAI	NFALL		7.79