

AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT

1948



KINGS COUNTY

Mr. A. A. Erock, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
Sacramento, California  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Kings County  
Hanford, California

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code I hereby submit my annual report covering the Agricultural products for Kings County in 1948.

Cotton is again by far the most valuable crop. The acreage increased over thirty-three percent. The wet cool April was very favorable for grain, but was decidedly unfavorable to cotton. Replanting was necessary in many fields and the final stand was poor on a considerable acreage. While prices of both lint and seed were lower the total income from the cotton crop was larger than in 1947.

The acreage of vineyards and most varieties of fruit showed a decrease with the exception of cling peaches which showed an increase.

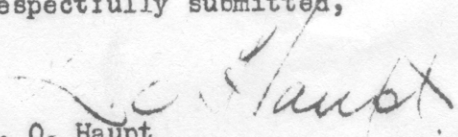
A number of farm organizations have requested the Agricultural Commissioners to report the net return to growers instead of the gross. The commissioners felt that sufficient data is not available to determine the cost of producing the various crops which would be necessary in order to compute the net return. So, we are again reporting the gross return for the various crops, which may be high in some cases but does not necessarily mean a high profit to the growers.

Heretofore we have used an estimate of the poultry production of the County. This year we were able to replace the estimate by actual figures on egg and meat bird production.

Our cover page of this report is a photograph of a young farmer with his three prize heifers. Kings County is proud of its young people, who through their club activities are doing much towards the improvement of the livestock in the County.

We cannot attempt to give credit to all who have cooperated in the compilation of this report, but it was made possible by the cooperation of growers, warehouses, shippers, various individuals and governmental agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

  
L. O. Haupt  
Agricultural Commissioner

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FRUIT & NUT CROPS  
KINGS COUNTY

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>GRAPES:</u>					
Table	186	1315.02	T	32.00	42,080.64
Black Juice	662	4375.82	T	35.00	153,153.70
Muscat:	5736				
Dried		232	T	165.00	38,280.00
Shipped Fresh		8775	T	33.00	289,575.00
Winery		16109	T	30.00	483,270.00
Thompson:	2165				
Dried		3267	T	125.00	408,375.00
Winery & Fresh		2300	T	29.00	66,700.00
Sultana:	231				
Dried		29	T	120.00	3,480.00
Winery		1039	T	35.00	36,365.00
TOTAL GRAPES - - - - -					\$ 1,521,279.34
<u>APRICOTS:</u>					
	1614				
Cannery		3694	T	45.00	166,230.00
Dried		698.5	T	280.00	195,580.00
Pits		310	T	40.00	12,400.00
Shipped Fresh		932	T	45.00	41,940.00
TOTAL APRICOTS - - - - -					\$ 416,150.00
<u>PEACHES:</u>					
Cling	441	6791	T	65.75	446,508.25
Freestone:	2141				
Local Market		61	T	55.00	3,355.00
Eastern Shipment		2512	T	66.00	165,792.00
Cannery		4741	T	55.00	260,755.00
Dried		506.75	T	280.00	141,890.00
TOTAL PEACHES - - - - -					\$ 1,018,300.25
Persimmons	8	50	T	50.00	2,500.00
Plums	112	354	T	175.00	61,950.00
Prunes	34	64	T	140.00	8,960.00
Walnuts	580	384.5	T	440.00	169,180.00
Olives	307	360	T	200.00	<u>72,000.00</u>
					\$ 314,590.00

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FIELD CROPS - VEGETABLES  
KINGS COUNTY

<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>FIELD CROPS:</u>					
Cotton	107,700	121,326	BLS	160.00	19,412,160.00
Cotton Seed		48,458	T	75.00	3,634,350.00
					<u>23,046,510.00</u>
<u>HAY:</u>					
Alfalfa	30,000	126,000	T	26.50	3,339,000.00
Grain	4,500	6,750	T	22.00	148,500.00
					<u>3,487,500.00</u>
<u>GRAIN:</u>					
Barley	105,000	122,325	T	55.00	6,727,875.00
Oats	360	160	T	61.00	9,760.00
Wheat	7,000	7,210	T	73.20	527,772.00
Milo	2,777	3,946.12	T	53.00	209,144.36
Flax	6,600	133,980	BU	7.00	937,860.00
Melilotus Indica		748	T	100.00	74,800.00
					<u>8,487,211.36</u>
Field Corn	304	158	T	62.00	9,796.00
Sugar Beets	2,123	24,094.2	T	12.50	301,177.50
Straw (loose in field)		25,000	T	4.00	100,000.00
					<u>410,973.50</u>

TOTAL FIELD CROPS - - - - - \$ 35,432,194.86

VEGETABLE CROPS:

Watermelons	180	1,442	T	47.00	67,774.00
Cantaloupe	150	26,250	CRTS	4.00	105,000.00
Tomatoes	18	4,200	LUGS	2.10	8,820.00
Sweet Potatoes	45	60	T	233.33	13,999.80
Carrots	30	5,775	CRTS	2.60	15,015.00

TOTAL VEGETABLE CROPS - - - - - \$ 210,608.80

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LIVESTOCK - MISCELLANEOUS CROPS  
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<u>CROP</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>LIVESTOCK:</u>		
Cattle:		
Shipped & Slaughtered		\$ 6,588,574.00
Hogs	8,944 HD	291,712.09
Sheep	3,000 HD	31,500.00
Lambs	6,480 HD	132,840.00
Wool	70,000 LBS	33,600.00
Butterfat:		
Manufacturing Milk	5,349,918 LBS	5,721,812.90
Market Milk	1,934,736 LBS	2,396,505.18
	TOTAL LIVESTOCK - - - - -	\$ 15,196,544.17
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>		
Honey (5,222 colonies)	<sup>130</sup> 261,100 LBS	39,824.00
Beeswax	6,550 LBS	2,751.00
Berries	194 T	40,740.00
Egg Production		345,037.00
Poultry (Market Production)		106,727.50
Turkeys	42,780 HD	381,899.10
Turkey Eggs	194,000 Eggs	68,040.00
Nursery Stock		20,000.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS - - - - -	\$ 1,005,018.60
TOTAL FRUIT & NUTS - - - - - \$ 3,270,319.59		
TOTAL FIELD CROPS & VEGETABLE CROPS - \$ 35,642,803.66		
TOTAL LIVESTOCK & MISCELLANEOUS - - - \$ 16,201,562.77		
TOTAL 1948 CROPS - - - - - \$ 55,114,686.02		