

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT 1950

## KINGS COUNTY



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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

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Honorable A. A. Brock, Director of Agriculture, and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kings County

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report, compiled by the Commissioner and staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's office of Kings County.

The cover page of this report is a photograph of the Kings County exhibit at the 1950 State Fair, also prepared and installed by this office.

This report shows a marked increase over the 1949 crop returns which is largely due to increased prices, rather than increased production. This does not mean greater profits to the growers, as in many cases the increased cost of production offset the higher prices. These figures are based on F.O.B. prices, as we have no means of computing the net returns to growers.

Cotton was again the most valuable crop in the County. Acreage decreased, but higher prices more than offset the smaller acreage. The cotton crop has been a very valuable crop for the County during the transition period from fruits and vineyards to field crops. The high income from cotton has enabled the growers to pull the vines and trees, level the land, and produce a crop during the same year, without loss of revenue.

Production records of fruits and grapes is dependent on accurate figures, which are very difficult to keep up to date, due to the continuous removal of these crops. Very often production records are available to us on a portion of the acreage, which enables us to compute the total production if acreage figures are available.

Two new crops made their appearance in commercial production during the year in Kings County. Safflower, long heralded as the future oil crop, proved disappointing to nearly all producers of this crop. Indian Corn was much more satisfactory, as many growers obtained favorable returns.

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, warehousemen, shippers, various individuals and Governmental agencies.

Respectfully submitted

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Fruit and Nut Crops  
Kings County  
1950

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>F. O. B. Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
<u>GRAPES:</u>					
Table & Sultana	210	593 Tons	\$ 65.00	\$ 38,545.	
Black Juice	838	3,938 Tons	\$ 65.00	\$ 255,970.	
Muscat:	5,007				
Dried:		90 Tons	\$250.00	\$ 22,500.	
Shipped Fresh:		5,598 Tons	82.50	461,835.	
Winery:		6,095 Tons	82.50	502,837.	
Thompson:	1,571				
Dried:		1,068 Tons	\$250.00	\$ 267,000.	
Winery & Fresh:		5,152 Tons	56.00	288,512.	\$ 1,837,199.
<u>APRICOTS:</u>					
	774				
Cannery:		810 Tons	\$ 52.50	\$ 42,525.	
Dried:		75 Tons	400.00	30,000.	
Shipped Fresh:		410 Tons	100.00	41,000.	\$ 113,525.
<u>PEACHES:</u>					
Cling	362	3,609 Tons	\$ 60.00	\$ 216,540.	
Freestone:	1,277				
Shipped:		7,124 Tons	\$ 85.00	\$ 605,540.	
Cannery:		504 Tons	65.00	32,760.	
Dried:		200 Tons	280.00	56,000.	\$ 910,840.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS AND NUTS:</u>					
Plums	110	247 Tons	\$150.00	\$ 37,050.	
Prunes	37	52 Tons	\$245.00	\$ 12,740.	
Olives	344	354 Tons	\$225.00	\$ 79,650.	
Nectarines	40	160 Tons	\$151.00	\$ 24,160.	
Walnuts (Preliminary)	625	350 Tons	\$360.00	\$ 126,000.	
Persimmons		2,000 Flats	\$ 1.50	\$ 3,000.	\$ 282,600.
Fruit and Nuts Total Value .....				\$ 3,144,164.	

Field Crops - Truck Crops  
Kings County  
1950

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<u>FIELD CROPS:</u>					
Cotton (Preliminary)	82,100	125,259 Bls.	\$200.00	\$25,051,800.	
Cotton Seed		50,103 Tons	100.00	5,010,360.	\$30,062,160.
Alfalfa	32,000	140,400 Tons	\$ 19.00	\$ 2,667,600.	
Alfalfa Seed	300	16 Tons	380.00	6,080.	\$ 2,673,680.
Grain Hay	3,500	5,250 Tons	\$ 17.00	\$ 89,250.	
Indian Corn	2,500	2,700 Tons	\$ 62.00	\$ 167,400.	
Barley	112,000	151,200 Tons	\$ 45.50	\$ 6,879,600.	
Oats	1,535	844 Tons	\$ 56.00	\$ 47,264.	
Wheat	7,290	6,488 Tons	\$ 68.00	\$ 441,184.	
Milo	4,000	4,680 Tons	\$ 48.00	\$ 224,640.	
Flax	1,000	36,000 Bu.	\$ 4.00	\$ 144,000.	
Sunflowers	67	50 Tons	\$120.00	\$ 6,000.	
Sugar Beets	2,000	30,000 Tons	\$ 13.50	\$ 405,000.	
Straw (Baled)		15,000 Tons	\$ 7.25	\$ 108,750.	
Safflower	2,000	1,120 Tons	\$ 70.00	\$ 78,400.	\$ 8,591,488.
					230,292
					Total Field Crops Value .....
					\$41,327,328.
<u>TRUCK CROPS:</u>					
Watermelons	363	1,180 Tons	\$ 47.50	\$ 56,050.	
Cantaloupes	80	14,000 Crts.	\$ 2.25	\$ 31,500.	
Potatoes	18	6,850 Lugs	\$ 3.50	\$ 23,975.	
					Total Truck Crops Value .....
					\$ 111,525.

Livestock - Miscellaneous Crops  
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<u>Crop</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>F.O.B. Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
<u>LIVESTOCK:</u>			
Beef Cattle and Calves (Including gain in feed yards)		\$ 6,238,304.	
Hogs	9,142 Hd.	\$ 208,783.	
Lambs	12,000 Hd.	\$ 255,000.	
Wool	160,000 Lbs.	\$ 80,000.	\$ 6,782,087.
Butterfat:			
Manufacturing milk	4,926,000 Lbs.	\$ 3,926,000.	
Market Milk	2,237,000 Lbs.	\$ 2,215,000.	\$ 6,141,000.
Total Livestock Value .....			\$12,923,087.

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS:

Honey	5,000 Colonies	150 Tons	\$ 25,500.
Beeswax		7,500 Lbs.	\$ 3,000.
Chickens:			
Eggs	989,150 Dozens		\$ 375,877.
Meat Birds	157,900 Birds		\$ 148,426.
			524,303
Turkeys:			
Eggs	383,000		\$ 107,240.
Meat Birds	106,273 Birds		\$ 640,959.
			748,199
Nursery Stock			\$ 25,000.
Total Miscellaneous crops value ..			\$ 1,326,002.

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RECAPITULATION

Apiary	\$ 28,500.
Field Crops	41,327,328.
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,144,164.
Livestock and Dairy Products	12,922,087.
Nursery Stock	25,000.
Poultry Products	1,272,502.
Truck Crops	<u>111,525.</u>
1950 Total Farm Value	\$ 58,832,106.

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1946 Farm Value	\$ 53,104,118.
1947 Farm Value	\$ 55,833,930.
1948 Farm Value	\$ 55,114,636.
1949 Farm Value	\$ 54,816,308.
1950 Farm Value	\$ 58,832,106.

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