



KINGS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT
1964

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Mr. Charles Paul, Director
State of California
Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Kings County

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1964 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The total gross value represents an overall increase in excess of three and one third million dollars. This increase was attained notwithstanding a four and one quarter million dollar loss in livestock and poultry and a half million drop in sugar beets. Due to increases in acreage, production and price, cotton values climbed almost three million dollars. Barley gains of one and one half million are attributable to acreage and production increases. Safflower made an overall gain of one half million dollars. Although field crops accounted for most increases, substantial gains were also made in three other categories. Certified alfalfa seed produced a bumper crop, responsible for almost a million dollar gain. Fruit and nut crop values rose nearly one million dollars and livestock and poultry products one and one quarter million.

All figures in this report which pertain to value include the cost of production, harvesting and in some instances marketing and handling costs. In no manner do they reflect the net return to the grower.

My sincere gratitude and appreciation is extended to all agencies and individuals who contributed so generously to this report, and, a very special thanks goes to my entire staff for the extra time expended and their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude W. Bridges
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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1963-1964

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Barley	1964	193,000	1.83	354,000	ton	\$ 46.00	\$ 16,269,000.	
	1963	192,000	1.63	313,000	ton	46.97	14,701,000.	
Beans	1964	89	23.37	2,080	cwt.	6.00	12,500.	
	1963	170	20.00	3,400	cwt.	8.25	28,100.	
Corn	1964	4,070	2.60	10,600	ton	54.00	572,000.	
	1963	3,300	2.70	8,910	ton	52.52	468,000.	
Cotton lint	1964	94,500	1065 _a /	210,000 _b /	bale	.3616 _c /	36,392,000.	
	1963	91,400	1040 _a /	199,000 _b /	bale	.3542 _c /	33,669,000.	
Cotton seed	1964			77,400	ton	48.00	3,716,000.	
	1963			72,400	ton	46.89	3,395,000.	
Cotton Planting seed	1964			2,940	ton	59.76	176,000.	
	1963			3,530	ton	62.60	221,000.	
Hay Alfalfa	1964	63,000	7.67	483,000	ton	26.00	12,563,000.	
	1963	61,000	7.07	431,000	ton	29.88	12,877,000.	
Grain	1964	5,000	2.40	12,000	ton	22.50	270,000.	
	1963	1,930	2.85	5,500	ton	23.27	128,000.	
Oats	1964	975	1.00	975	ton	50.00	48,800.	
	1963	1,210	.93	1,130	ton	49.65	56,100.	
Pasture Irrigated	1964	20,000			acre	87.00	1,740,000.	
	1963	20,700			acre	90.00	1,863,000.	
Range	1964	330,000			acre	1.45	479,000.	
	1963	330,000			acre	1.40	462,000.	
Other	1964	56,500			acre	5.80	328,000.	
	1963	55,000			acre	5.90	325,000.	
Rice	1964	80	2.20	176	ton	98.00	17,200.	
	1963	156	2.00	312	ton	99.03	30,900.	

_a/ Pounds per acre_b/ 500 pound gross weight bale_c/ Price per pound

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1963-1964	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Screenings	1964			4,600	ton	\$ 16.50	\$ 75,900.	
	1963			4,300	ton	17.09	73,500.	
Safflower	1964	27,500	1.19	32,800	ton	81.33	2,666,000.	
	1963	24,400	1.09	26,600	ton	80.90	2,152,000.	
Silage Corn	1964	5,900	21.00	124,000	ton	6.75	836,000.	
	1963	5,840	21.40	125,000	ton	6.52	815,000.	
Other	1964	2,840	21.90	62,200	ton	7.25	451,000.	
	1963	2,360	22.16	52,300	ton	6.99	366,000.	
Sorghum grain	1964	11,400	2.10	23,900	ton	48.27	1,156,000.	
	1963	9,300	1.96	18,200	ton	45.54	829,000.	
Straw	1964			18,500	ton	9.50	176,000.	
	1963			17,000	ton	12.00	204,000.	
Sugar beets	1964	6,530	18.30	119,000	ton	12.60	1,506,000.	
	1963	6,300	24.30	153,000	ton	13.00	1,990,000.	
Sunflowers	1964	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1963	180	.40	72	ton	189.00	13,600.	
Wheat	1964	3,100	1.60	4,960	ton	52.00	258,000.	
	1963	2,330	1.70	3,960	ton	63.88	253,000.	
Miscellaneous	1964	160		30	ton		3,650.	
	1963	300		168	ton		15,200.	
TOTAL	1964	824,644					\$ 79,712,050.	
	1963	807,876					\$ 74,935,400.	

SEED CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1963-1964	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1964	5,026	871	4,375,000	lb.	\$.37	\$ 1,606,000.	
	1963	3,954	487	1,924,898	lb.	.3378	650,274.	
Barley								
Blanco Mariout and California								
Mariout	1964	3,763	5,040	18,966,000	lb.	.0315	598,000.	
	1963	4,796	3,921	18,807,432	lb.	.0354	666,491.	
Safflower	1964	929	3,547	3,295,000	lb.	.064	211,000.	
	1963	2,377	2,962	7,040,674	lb.	.08	570,296.	
Miscellaneous	1964	465		843,000	lb.		80,000.	
	1963	426		658,360	lb.		57,009.	
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1964	579	375	217,000	lb.	.34	74,000.	
	1963	499	516	257,469	lb.	.365	93,998.	
Barley								
Blanco Mariout and California								
Mariout	1964	4,400	4,073	17,920,000	lb.	.0262	470,000.	
	1963	4,300	3,900	16,770,000	lb.	.03	503,100.	
Safflower	1964	380	2,500	950,000	lb.	.06	57,000.	
	1963	495	2,660	1,316,700	lb.	.07	92,169.	
Miscellaneous	1964	740		364,000	lb.		21,900.	
	1963	-		-	-		-	
TOTAL								
ALL SEED CROPS	1964	16,282					\$ 3,117,900.	
	1963	16,847					\$ 2,633,337.	

KINGS COUNTY
Acreeage - Production - Value

1963-1964

Crop	Year	Bearing acreeage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	
Almonds	1964	43	.70	30	ton	\$ 620.00	\$	18,700.
	1963	35	.82	29	ton	527.59		15,300.
Apricots	1964	576	5.08	2,930	ton			
	1963	555	6.50	3,608	ton			
Fresh Market	1964			151	ton	248.00		37,000.
	1963			98	ton	240.00		23,500.
Processing: Dried	1964			41 *	ton	560.00		23,000.
	1963			95 *	ton	730.53		69,400.
Canned, Juice and Frozen	1964			2,490	ton	86.50		215,000.
	1963			2,854	ton	75.68		216,000.
Grapes Raisin Varieties	1964	3,325	7.97	26,500	ton			
	1963	3,274	7.97	26,087	ton			
Fresh Market	1964			5,830	ton	142.00		828,000.
	1963			4,515	ton	116.94		528,000.
Processing: Dried	1964			866 *	ton	250.00		217,000.
	1963			986 *	ton	249.49		246,000.
Canned and Crushed	1964			17,200	ton	42.53		731,000.
	1963			17,628	ton	39.09		689,000.
Wine Varieties	1964	657	8.83	5,800	ton	66.55		386,000.
	1963	566	8.08	4,573	ton	42.86		196,000.
Nectarines	1964	107	9.40	1,010	ton	161.66		163,000.
	1963	107	8.10	867	ton	161.48		140,000.

* Dry Tons

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Acreage - Production - Value

1963-1964

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Olives	1964	386	5.52	2,130	ton	\$ 130.00	\$	277,000.
	1963	392	5.03	1,973	ton	190.57		376,000.
Peaches Clingstone	1964	1,103	18.70	20,600	ton	63.00		1,299,000.
	1963	1,051	17.28	18,161	ton	61.18		1,111,000.
Freestone	1964	827	12.10	10,007	ton			
	1963	780	11.00	8,580	ton			
Fresh Market	1964			2,800	ton	141.00		395,000.
	1963			3,080	ton	143.18		441,000.
Processing: Dried	1964			99 *	ton	480.00		47,500.
	1963			78 *	ton	489.74		38,200.
Cannery and Frozen	1964			6,510	ton	58.84		383,000.
	1963			4,954	ton	47.64		236,000.
Plums	1964	215	8.00	1,720	ton	239.29		412,000.
	1963	184	6.03	1,110	ton	196.40		218,000.
Walnuts	1964	1,480	1.06	1,570	ton	460.00		723,000.
	1963	1,307	1.18	1,543	ton	460.14		710,000.
Miscellaneous	1964	.25		.40	ton			136.
	1963	2.75		22.00	ton			9,640.
TOTAL	1964	8,719					\$	6,155,336.
	1963	8,254					\$	5,263,040.

* Dry Tons

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1963-1964

Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total liveweight	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Cattle						
Feed yard gains	1964	65,900	247,000	cwt.	\$ 22.48	\$ 5,553,000.
	1963	87,200	327,000	cwt.	23.99	7,844,000.
Feeders	1964	69,000	224,000	cwt.	22.23	4,988,000.
	1963	45,700	184,000	cwt.	23.07	4,245,000.
Cattle and Calves	1964	46,700	361,000	cwt.	20.00	7,232,000.
	1963	62,000	482,000	cwt.	21.18	10,210,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1964	46,700	42,500	cwt.	19.71	839,000.
	1963	44,200	41,000	cwt.	16.85	691,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1964	6,120	11,800	cwt.	16.00	189,000.
	1963	3,770	7,920	cwt.	17.17	136,000.
Fryers	1964	995,000	3,481,000	lb.	.16	557,000.
	1963	871,000	3,049,000	lb.	.164	503,000.
Other Chickens	1964	125,000	613,000	lb.	.0561	34,400.
	1963	98,000	511,000	lb.	.08	40,900.
Pullets	1964	77,000		each	2.00	154,000.
	1963	88,000		each	1.70	150,000.
Turkeys	1964	286,000	5,585,000	lb.	.2011	1,123,000.
	1963	237,000	4,921,000	lb.	.2174	1,070,000.
Miscellaneous	1964	23,500				35,000.
	1963	22,842				40,980.
TOTAL	1964					\$ 20,704,400.
	1963					\$ 24,930,880.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTS

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1963-1964

Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value
			Unit		Total
Milk Market	1964	2,905,000	cwt.	\$ 3.91	\$ 11,359,000.
	1963	2,537,000	cwt.	3.80	9,641,000.
Manufacturing	1964	428,000	cwt.	3.20	1,370,000.
	1963	634,000	cwt.	3.05	1,934,000.
Wool	1964	488,000	lb.	.4225	206,000.
	1963	430,000	lb.	.4255	183,000.
Eggs, chicken Market	1964	2,880,000	doz.	.30	865,000.
	1963	2,360,000	doz.	.31	732,000.
Hatching	1964	386,000	doz.	.68	263,000.
	1963	371,000	doz.	.71	263,000.
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1964	1,101,000	egg	.2145	236,000.
	1963	1,206,000	egg	.24	289,000.
TOTAL	1964				\$ 14,299,000.
	1963				\$ 13,042,000.

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Sales - Value

Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value
					Total
Nursery Crops Deciduous fruit, Nut trees, Grapevines, Ornamental trees and Shrubs	1964	213,000	plant	\$.262	\$ 55,800.
	1963	225,000	plant	.198	44,550.
TOTAL	1964				\$ 55,800.
	1963				\$ 44,550.

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RECAPITULATION

1963-1964

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1964	\$ 79,712,050.
	1963	74,935,400.
Seed Crops	1964	3,117,900.
	1963	2,633,337.
Vegetable Crops	1964	1,811,900.
	1963	1,648,170.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1964	6,155,336.
	1963	5,263,040.
Nursery Products	1964	55,800.
	1963	44,550.
Apiary Products	1964	85,370.
	1963	101,107.
Livestock and Poultry	1964	20,704,400.
	1963	24,930,880.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1964	14,299,000.
	1963	13,042,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1964	\$ 125,941,756.
	1963	\$ 122,598,484.

Gross Values

1962	\$ 113,309,783.
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.