

KINGS COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT

1966

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
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Mr. Earl Coke, Director  
State of California  
Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Kings

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1966 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The total value of agricultural production reached an all time high of \$131,983,126. in 1966. This value increase is made more spectacular by the fact that cotton acreage suffered a ten thousand acre loss. Significant gains were made in livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry products, fruit and nut crops, vegetable crops, and, from the field crop category, alfalfa, corn, safflower and sorghum grain.

Values are assessed after the product has been readied for market and do not reveal net return to the farmer. A true farmer income can only be arrived at by deducting production, harvesting, packaging and marketing costs.

Many agencies and individuals have contributed statistical information for this report. To all of them I am sincerely grateful. To my entire staff who worked long, hard hours gathering information I give my thanks, and special acknowledgement goes to Clara Galletti for her part in compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Claude W. Bridges  
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1965-1966	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Barley	1966	180,000	1.66	299,000	ton	\$ 53.10	\$ 15,877,000.	
	1965	184,500	1.73	319,000	ton	49.54	15,812,000.	
Beans	1966	660	15.50	10,200	cwt.	7.35	75,000.	
	1965	144	15.97	2,300	cwt.	10.00	23,000.	
Corn	1966	13,600	2.84	38,600	ton	55.30	2,135,000.	
	1965	8,920	3.25	29,000	ton	55.00	1,594,000.	
Cotton lint	1966	83,000	918 <sub>a</sub> /	159,000 <sub>b</sub> /	bale	.3050 <sub>c</sub> /	24,248,000.	
	1965	93,000	1077 <sub>a</sub> /	210,000 <sub>b</sub> /	bale	.3276 <sub>c</sub> /	32,895,000.	
Cotton seed	1966			63,500	ton	62.00	3,937,000.	
	1965			86,000	ton	47.00	4,044,000.	
Cotton Planting seed	1966			2,700	ton	69.50	188,000.	
	1965			2,630	ton	60.00	158,000.	
Hay Alfalfa	1966	62,300	7.07	440,000	ton	27.80	12,232,000.	
	1965	61,800	7.34	454,000	ton	23.80	10,796,000.	
Grain	1966	3,170	2.15	6,820	ton	22.90	156,000.	
	1965	3,300	2.20	7,260	ton	21.90	159,000.	
Oats	1966	330	1.05	347	ton	51.00	17,700.	
	1965	615	1.10	677	ton	52.25	35,400.	
Pasture Irrigated	1966	19,100			acre	86.20	1,646,000.	
	1965	19,300			acre	83.50	1,612,000.	
Range	1966	324,000			acre	1.40	454,000.	
	1965	328,000			acre	1.30	426,000.	
Other	1966	66,000			acre	5.15	340,000.	
	1965	63,200			acre	4.95	313,000	

a/ Pounds per acre  
b/ 500 pound gross weight bale  
c/ Price per pound

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1965-1966	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Screenings	1966			3,690	ton	\$ 17.40	\$ 64,200.	
	1965			4,190	ton	18.00	75,400.	
Safflower	1966	53,800	1.01	54,300	ton	103.00	5,593,000.	
	1965	29,500	1.39	41,000	ton	88.37	3,624,000.	
Silage Corn	1966	5,900	19.60	116,000	ton	6.08	705,000.	
	1965	5,200	22.20	115,000	ton	6.90	797,000.	
Other	1966	3,600	19.30	69,500	ton	6.35	441,000.	
	1965	2,680	22.39	60,000	ton	7.10	426,000.	
Sorghum grain	1966	15,900	2.10	33,400	ton	47.50	1,586,000.	
	1965	12,100	1.97	23,800	ton	46.50	1,108,000.	
Straw	1966			29,100	ton	11.10	323,000.	
	1965			23,200	ton	10.50	244,000.	
Sugar beets	1966	6,150	19.00	117,000	ton	12.00	1,404,000.	
	1965	6,400	21.90	140,000	ton	13.70	1,920,000.	
Wheat	1966	2,800	1.20	3,360	ton	61.60	207,000.	
	1965	2,000	1.39	2,780	ton	50.43	140,000.	
TOTAL	1966	840,310					\$ 71,628,900.	
	1965	820,859					\$ 76,201,800.	

SEED CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1965-1966	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1966	4,983	541	2,696,000	lb.	\$ .3750	\$ 1,011,000.	
	1965	4,828	794	3,833,000	lb.	.3513	1,347,000.	
Barley	1966	5,995	4,100	24,582,000	lb.	.037	910,000.	
	1965	7,830	3,771	29,526,000	lb.	.033	976,000.	
Safflower	1966	3,653	2,277	8,318,000	lb.	.0780	649,000.	
	1965	1,337	3,789	5,066,000	lb.	.0586	297,000.	
Miscellaneous	1966	567		329,000	lb.		24,200.	
	1965	603		1,003,000	lb.		98,700.	
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1966	1,083	318	344,000	lb.	.364	125,000.	
	1965	948	411	390,000	lb.	.334	130,000.	
Barley	1966	4,147	3,752	15,559,000	lb.	.040	622,000.	
	1965	4,180	3,499	14,616,000	lb.	.025	366,000.	
Safflower	1966	1,401	2,565	3,593,000	lb.	.057	205,000.	
	1965	420	2,781	1,168,000	lb.	.045	52,600.	
Miscellaneous	1966	75		6,250	lb.		4,730.	
	1965	80		13,700	lb.		1,470.	
TOTAL								
ALL SEED CROPS	1966	21,904				\$	3,550,930.	
	1965	20,226				\$	3,268,770.	

VEGETABLE CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1965-1966	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Melons								
Cantaloupe	1966	1,730	11.00	19,000	ton	\$ 150.00	\$	2,850,000.
	1965	2,160	9.42	20,300	ton	97.51		1,979,000.
Other	1966	37	12.80	474	ton	33.40		15,800.
	1965	115	11.37	1,310	ton	47.41		62,000.
Potatoes	1966	400	12.50	5,000	ton	40.20		201,000.
	1965	430	12.71	5,470	ton	74.62		408,000.
Miscellaneous	1966	586		4,500	ton			303,000.
	1965	427		5,080	ton			422,000.
TOTAL	1966	2,753					\$	3,369,800.
	1965	3,132					\$	2,871,000.

APIARY PRODUCTS		Production - Value				
Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Total	Unit		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1966	444,000	lb.	\$ .106	\$	47,100.
	1965	658,000	lb.	.110		72,400.
Beeswax	1966	8,650	lb.	.452		3,910.
	1965	16,900	lb.	.470		7,960.
Pollination	1966	8,440	colony	4.94		41,700.
	1965	8,330	colony	5.10		42,500.
TOTAL	1966				\$	92,710.
	1965				\$	122,860.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS                      Acreage - Production - Value                      1965-1966

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value		Total
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit		
Almonds	1966	59	.80	47	ton	\$ 650.00	\$	30,600.
	1965	52	.47	25	ton	500.00		12,500.
Apricots	1966	632	6.70	4,230	ton			
	1965	629	7.90	4,970	ton			
Fresh Market	1966			137	ton	280.00		38,400.
	1965			116	ton	160.00		18,600.
Processing:								
Dried	1966			31*	ton	700.00		21,700.
	1965			49*	ton	600.00		29,400.
Canned, Juice and Frozen	1966			3,880	ton	77.00		299,000.
	1965			4,510	ton	68.33		308,000.
Grapes								
Raisin Varieties	1966	3,385	10.47	35,500	ton			
	1965	3,352	8.57	28,700	ton			
Fresh Market	1966			5,700	ton	154.00		878,000.
	1965			5,100	ton	110.00		561,000.
Processing:								
Dried	1966			1,210*	ton	230.00		278,000.
	1965			954*	ton	250.00		239,000.
Canned and Crushed	1966			24,900	ton	28.80		717,000.
	1965			19,800	ton	33.11		656,000.
Wine								
Varieties	1966	724	13.00	9,380	ton	39.50		371,000.
	1965	658	9.80	6,450	ton	40.77		263,000.
Nectarines	1966	106	12.10	1,280	ton	229.00		293,000.
	1965	106	11.94	1,270	ton	197.00		249,000.

\* Dry Tons



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1965-1966	
Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Olives	1966	426	4.77	2,030	ton	\$ 210.00	\$ 426,000.	
	1965	386	4.50	1,740	ton	218.00	379,000.	
Peaches Clingstone	1966	1,136	19.80	22,500	ton	83.80	1,886,000.	
	1965	1,113	19.27	21,400	ton	69.00	1,480,000.	
Freestone	1966	862	11.90	10,300	ton			
	1965	853	10.70	9,130	ton			
Fresh	1966			3,020	ton	235.00	710,000.	
	1965			3,040	ton	166.38	506,000.	
Processing: Dried	1966			64*	ton	500.00	32,000.	
	1965			70*	ton	440.00	30,800.	
Cannery and Frozen	1966			6,790	ton	69.50	472,000.	
	1965			5,600	ton	41.06	230,000.	
Plums	1966	281	8.50	2,390	ton	240.00	574,000.	
	1965	258	8.63	2,230	ton	227.00	506,000.	
Walnuts	1966	2,146	1.20	2,580	ton	435.00	1,122,000.	
	1965	1,703	1.14	1,940	ton	420.00	815,000.	
Miscellaneous	1966	.25		.40	ton		136.	
	1965	.25		.50	ton		140.	
TOTAL	1966	9,757				\$	8,148,836.	
	1965	9,110				\$	6,283,440.	

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Production - Value

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1965-1966

Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
Cattle						
Feed yard gains	1966	71,600	269,000	cwt.	\$ 25.40	\$ 6,833,000.
	1965	75,100	281,000	cwt.	24.73	6,961,000.
Feeders	1966	33,200	108,000	cwt.	23.60	2,549,000.
	1965	16,900	54,900	cwt.	22.10	1,215,000.
Cattle and Calves	1966	79,100	613,000	cwt.	20.70	12,689,000.
	1965	50,500	397,000	cwt.	19.80	7,855,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1966	48,000	44,800	cwt.	22.30	999,000.
	1965	53,900	47,400	cwt.	21.40	1,016,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1966	5,570	11,800	cwt.	24.90	294,000.
	1965	5,730	11,100	cwt.	21.40	237,000.
Fryers	1966	1,992,000	7,411,000	lb.	.1610	1,193,000.
	1965	1,177,000	4,297,000	lb.	.1675	720,000.
Other Chickens	1966	82,000	426,000	lb.	.080	34,100.
	1965	113,000	485,000	lb.	.056	27,200.
Turkeys	1966	356,000	8,474,000	lb.	.2310	1,957,000.
	1965	276,000	5,601,000	lb.	.2134	1,195,000.
Miscellaneous	1966	11,500		each		7,750.
	1965	11,400		each		10,500.
TOTAL	1966					\$ 26,555,850.
	1965					\$ 19,236,700.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value			1965-1966	
Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	Total
Milk Market	1966	3,496,000	cwt.	\$ 4.39	\$ 15,347,000.	
	1965	3,091,000	cwt.	3.98		
Manufacturing	1966	330,000	cwt.	3.72	1,228,000.	
	1965	393,000	cwt.	3.30		
Wool	1966	538,000	lb.	.479	258,000.	
	1965	699,000	lb.	.428		
Eggs, chicken Market	1966	2,898,000	doz.	.35	1,014,000.	
	1965	2,750,000	doz.	.26		
Hatching	1966	677,000	doz.	.70	474,000.	
	1965	788,000	doz.	.89		
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1966	1,143,000	egg	.2270	259,000.	
	1965	1,486,000	egg	.2249		
TOTAL	1966				\$ 18,580,000.	
	1965					

NURSERY PRODUCTS		Sales - Value			Value	
Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value	Total
Nursery Crops Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs and Grapevines	1966	244,000	plant	.230	\$ 56,100.	
	1965	308,000	plant	.185		

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RECAPITULATION

1965-1966

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1966	\$ 71,628,900.
	1965	76,201,800.
Seed Crops	1966	3,550,930.
	1965	3,268,770.
Vegetable Crops	1966	3,369,800.
	1965	2,871,000.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1966	8,148,836.
	1965	6,283,440.
Nursery Products	1966	56,100.
	1965	57,000.
Apiary Products	1966	92,710.
	1965	122,860.
Livestock and Poultry	1966	26,555,850.
	1965	19,236,700.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1966	18,580,000.
	1965	15,617,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1966	\$ 131,983,126.
	1965	\$ 123,658,570.

Gross Values

1964	\$ 125,941,756.
1963	122,598,484.
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.