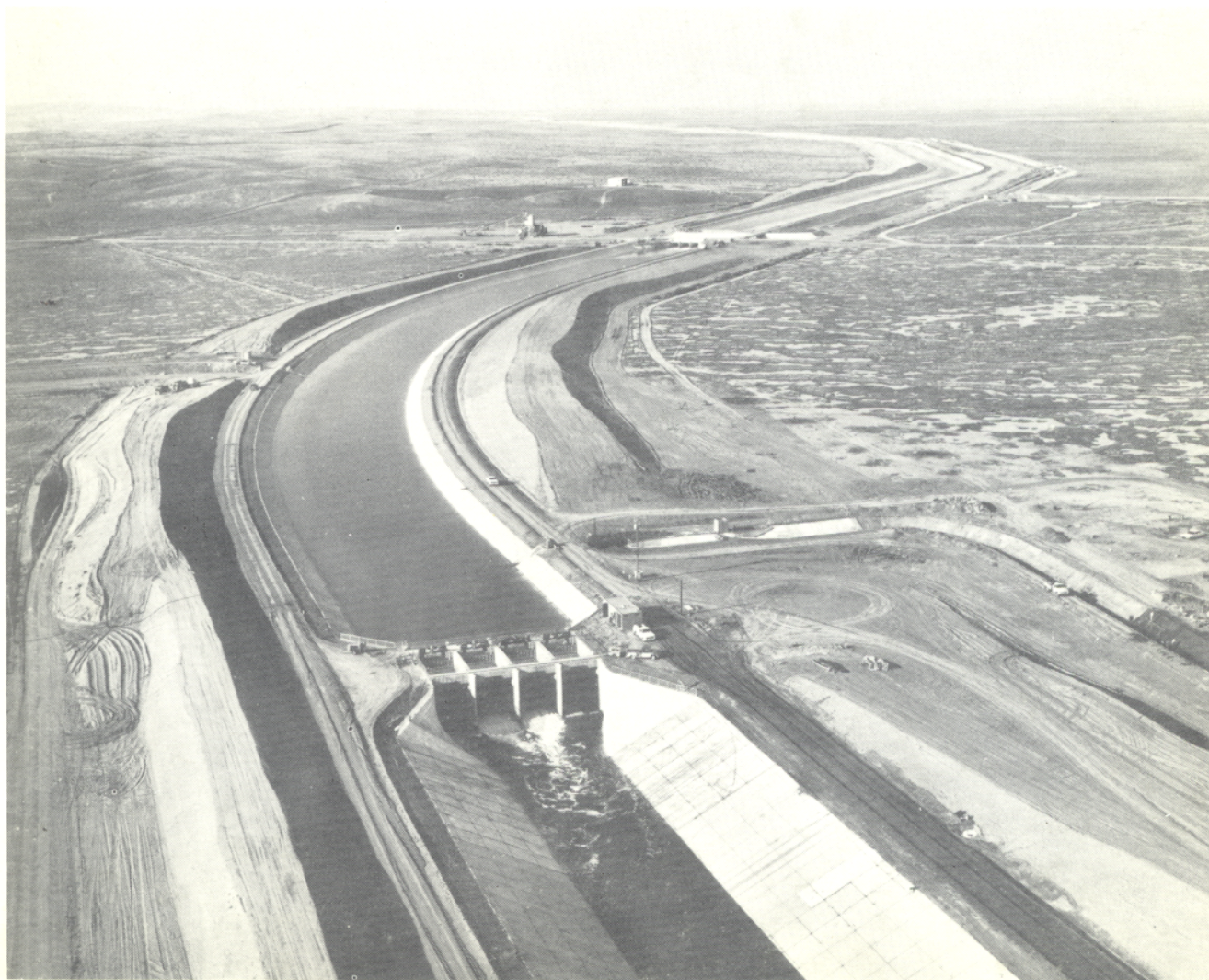


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ANNUAL CROP REPORT

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The cover photo was taken by Mr. Bill Mosier of the California State Department of Water Resources.

We are indeed grateful to obtain such a good quality portrayal of our West Side Aqueduct. It is most appropriate at this time.

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KINGS COUNTY
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA
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April 5, 1968

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I herewith submit the 1967 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

As expected, the overall gross value of our crops was down in comparison with 1966. This decrease can be attributed to several factors, the greatest of which was a decided drop in both production and value of most major field crops. Cotton, our field crop leader, suffered both acreage and production losses but most growers received a good price for their cotton thus enabling them to offset the other losses.

In general, fruit prices were much improved and most commodities, other than those mentioned in field crops, held fairly stable although drastic losses were sustained in some few products.

Values revealed in this report are estimated gross values only, and are based upon the best available authoratative sources. It would not be possible to arrive at a net return because of the variability of costs in producing, harvesting, packaging and marketing our products.

My sincere gratitude is extended to all agencies and individuals who contributed statistical information for this report and to my entire staff for gathering and compiling the information.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude W. Bridges
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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1966-1967	
Crop	Year	Production				Value		
		Harvested acreage	Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Barley	1967	186,000	1.50	279,000	ton	\$ 48.00	\$ 13,392,000.	
	1966	180,000	1.66	299,000	ton	53.10	15,877,000.	
Beans	1967	272	13.05	3,590	cwt.	11.90	42,700	
	1966	660	15.50	10,200	cwt.	7.35	75,000.	
Corn	1967	18,400	2.51	46,200	ton	47.00	2,174,000.	
	1966	13,600	2.84	38,600	ton	55.30	2,135,000.	
Cotton lint	1967	77,000	853 _a /	137,000 _b /	bale	.3749 _c /	25,681,000.	
	1966	83,000	918 _a /	159,000 _b /	bale	.3050 _c /	24,248,000.	
Cotton seed	1967			54,700	ton	53.00	2,899,000.	
	1966			63,500	ton	62.00	3,937,000.	
Cotton Planting seed	1967			1,580	ton	60.50	95,600.	
	1966			2,700	ton	69.50	188,000.	
Hay Alfalfa	1967	63,800	6.00	383,000	ton	29.60	11,331,000.	
	1966	62,300	7.07	440,000	ton	27.80	12,232,000.	
Grain	1967	2,650	3.48	9,220	ton	21.15	195,000.	
	1966	3,170	2.15	6,820	ton	22.90	156,000.	
Oats	1967	352	1.10	387	ton	48.00	18,600.	
	1966	330	1.05	347	ton	51.00	17,700.	
Pasture Irrigated	1967	18,600			acre	86.00	1,600,000.	
	1966	19,100			acre	86.20	1,646,000.	
Range	1967	318,000			acre	1.85	587,000.	
	1966	324,000			acre	1.40	454,000.	
Other	1967	65,600			acre	5.40	350,000.	
	1966	66,000			acre	5.15	340,000.	

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

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1966-1967	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production			Value		
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Screenings	1967			3,940	ton	\$ 20.50	\$ 80,800.	
	1966			3,690	ton	17.40	64,200.	
Safflower	1967	50,300	1.00	50,300	ton	83.60	4,205,000.	
	1966	53,800	1.01	54,300	ton	103.00	5,593,000.	
Silage Corn	1967	5,980	15.28	91,400	ton	6.00	548,000.	
	1966	5,900	19.60	116,000	ton	6.08	705,000.	
Other	1967	3,100	18.90	58,600	ton	6.20	363,000.	
	1966	3,600	19.30	69,500	ton	6.35	441,000.	
Sorghum grain	1967	22,000	1.90	41,820	ton	43.00	1,798,000.	
	1966	15,900	2.10	33,400	ton	47.50	1,586,000.	
Straw	1967			27,400	ton	10.80	296,000.	
	1966			29,100	ton	11.10	323,000.	
Sugar beets	1967	3,100	17.39	53,900	ton	13.51	729,000.	
	1966	6,150	19.00	117,000	ton	12.00	1,404,000.	
Wheat	1967	3,000	1.45	4,350	ton	50.00	218,000.	
	1966	2,800	1.20	3,360	ton	61.60	207,000.	
TOTAL	1967	838,154					\$ 65,603,700.	
	1966	840,310					\$ 71,628,900.	

VEGETABLE CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1966-1967	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Broccoli	1967	164	3.01	494	ton	\$ 150.00	\$	74,100.
	1966	*						
Carrots	1967	488	10.10	4,930	ton	50.15		247,000.
	1966	*						
Melons								
Cantaloupe	1967	1,830	8.33	15,200	ton	163.75		2,493,000.
	1966	1,730	11.00	19,000	ton	150.00		2,850,000.
Other	1967	160	13.56	2,170	ton	45.56		98,800.
	1966	37	12.80	474	ton	33.40		15,800.
Potatoes	1967	360	10.00	3,600	ton	40.00		144,000.
	1966	400	12.50	5,000	ton	40.20		201,000.
Tomatoes	1967	280	5.40	1,500	ton	38.60		57,900.
	1966	*						
Miscellaneous	1967	115		396	ton			24,000.
	1966	586		4,500	ton			303,000.
TOTAL	1967	3,397					\$	3,138,800.
	1966	2,753					\$	3,369,800.

APIARY PRODUCTS		Production - Value					
Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
		Total	Total			Total	Total
Honey	1967	648,000		lb.	\$.1175	\$	76,100.
	1966	444,000		lb.	.1060		47,100.
Beeswax	1967	11,700		lb.	.6080		7,130.
	1966	8,650		lb.	.4520		3,910.
Pollination	1967	6,550		colony	5.78		37,900.
	1966	8,440		colony	4.94		41,700.
TOTAL	1967					\$	121,130.
	1966					\$	92,710.

*Included in Miscellaneous

KINGS COUNTY
Acreage - Production - Value

1966-1967

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total				Total
Almonds	1967	67	.875	58	ton	\$ 635.00	\$	36,800.
	1966	59	.800	47	ton	650.00		30,600.
Apricots	1967	626	7.66	4,800	ton			
	1966	632	6.70	4,230	ton			
Fresh Market	1967			101	ton	280.00		28,300.
	1966			137	ton	280.00		38,400.
Processed	1967			4,690	ton	105.00		491,000.
	1966			4,093	ton	78.00		320,700.
Grapes								
Raisin Varieties	1967	3,385	7.04	23,800	ton			
	1966	3,385	10.47	35,500	ton			
Fresh Market	1967			3,920	ton	150.00		588,000.
	1966			5,700	ton	154.00		878,000.
Processing: Dried	1967			750*	ton	305.00		229,000.
	1966			1,210*	ton	230.00		278,000.
Canned and Crushed	1967			16,900	ton	43.00		727,000.
	1966			24,900	ton	28.80		717,000.
Wine Varieties	1967	735	8.56	6,290	ton	46.70		294,000.
	1966	724	13.00	9,380	ton	39.50		371,000.
Nectarines	1967	106	10.04	1,060	ton	319.00		400,000.
	1966	106	12.10	1,280	ton	229.00		293,000.
Olives	1967	426	2.03	865	ton	400.00		346,000.
	1966	426	4.77	2,030	ton	210.00		426,000.

* Dry Tons

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1966-1967	
Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Total	Total
Peaches								
Clingstone	1967	1,186	20.15	23,900	ton	\$ 83.00	\$	1,983,000.
	1966	1,136	19.80	22,500	ton	83.80		1,886,000.
Freestone	1967	879	12.91	11,300	ton			
	1966	862	11.90	10,300	ton			
Fresh	1967			3,290	ton	278.00		914,000.
	1966			3,020	ton	235.00		710,000.
Processed	1967			8,060	ton	101.00		811,000.
	1966			7,280	ton	69.00		504,000.
Plums	1967	318	7.81	2,480	ton	310.00		770,000.
	1966	281	8.50	2,390	ton	240.00		574,000.
Walnuts	1967	2,430	1.06	2,580	ton	525.00		1,352,000.
	1966	2,146	1.20	2,580	ton	435.00		1,122,000.
Miscellaneous	1967	2.25		15.90	ton			7,870.
	1966	.25		.40	ton			136.
TOTAL	1967	10,160					\$	8,977,970.
	1966	9,757					\$	8,148,836.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1966-1967

Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
Cattle						
Feed yard gains	1967	60,300	216,000	cwt.	\$ 25.64	\$ 5,531,000.
	1966	71,600	269,100	cwt.	25.40	6,833,000.
Feeders	1967	23,900	77,700	cwt.	25.00	1,942,000.
	1966	33,200	108,000	cwt.	23.60	2,549,000.
Cattle and Calves	1967	92,000	713,000	cwt.	20.72	14,778,000.
	1966	79,100	613,000	cwt.	20.70	12,689,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1967	47,700	44,100	cwt.	19.12	843,000.
	1966	48,000	44,800	cwt.	22.30	999,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1967	5,760	12,400	cwt.	20.40	253,000.
	1966	5,570	11,800	cwt.	24.90	294,000.
Fryers	1967	2,650,000	9,565,000	lb.	.1597	1,528,000.
	1966	1,992,000	7,411,000	lb.	.1610	1,193,000.
Other Chickens	1967	81,500	341,000	lb.	.052	17,800.
	1966	82,000	426,000	lb.	.080	34,100.
Turkeys	1967	863,000	17,383,000	lb.	.1827	3,176,000.
	1966	356,000	8,474,000	lb.	.2310	1,957,000.
Miscellaneous	1967	33,000		each		31,600.
	1966	11,500		each		7,750.
TOTAL	1967					\$ 28,100,400.
	1966					\$ 26,555,850.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
PRODUCTS

KINGS COUNTY
Production - Value

1966-1967

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Milk						
Market	1967	3,467,000	cwt.	\$ 4.48	\$ 15,532,000.	
	1966	3,496,000	cwt.	4.39	15,347,000.	
Manufacturing	1967	395,000	cwt.	3.84	1,517,000.	
	1966	330,000	cwt.	3.72	1,228,000.	
Wool	1967	452,000	lb.	.457	207,000.	
	1966	538,000	lb.	.479	258,000.	
Eggs, chicken						
Market	1967	2,517,000	doz.	.272	685,000.	
	1966	2,898,000	doz.	.350	1,014,000.	
Hatching	1967	561,000	doz.	.60	336,000.	
	1966	677,000	doz.	.70	474,000.	
Eggs, turkey						
Hatching	1967	1,513,000	egg	.2207	334,000.	
	1966	1,413,000	egg	.2270	259,000.	
TOTAL	1967				\$ 18,611,000.	
	1966				\$ 18,580,000.	

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Sales - Value

Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Per Unit	Value	
					Total	
Nursery Crops						
Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs and Grapevines	1967	120,000	Plant	\$.32	\$ 38,000.	
	1966	56,100 243,550	plant	.23	\$ 56,100.	

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RECAPITULATION

1966-1967

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1967	\$ 65,603,700.
	1966	71,628,900.
Seed Crops	1967	3,619,720.
	1966	3,550,930.
Vegetable Crops	1967	3,138,800.
	1966	3,369,800.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1967	8,977,970.
	1966	8,148,836.
Nursery Products	1967	38,000.
	1966	56,100.
Apiary Products	1967	121,130.
	1966	92,710.
Livestock and Poultry	1967	28,100,400.
	1966	26,555,850.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1967	18,611,000.
	1966	18,580,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1967	\$ 128,210,720.
	1966	\$ 131,983,126.

Gross Values

1965	\$ 123,658,570.
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.

KINGS COUNTY
MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1967

COTTON	\$28,675,600.
MILK	17,049,000.
CATTLE AND CALVES	14,778,000.
BARLEY	13,392,000.
ALFALFA HAY	11,331,000.
CATTLE, FEED YARD GAIN	5,531,000.
SAFFLOWER	4,205,000.
TURKEYS	3,176,000.
CANTALOUPE	2,493,000.
CORN	2,174,000.
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	1,983,000.
CATTLE, FEEDERS	1,942,000.
SORGHUM GRAIN	1,798,000.
PEACHES, FREESTONE	1,725,000.
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,600,000.
GRAPES, RAISIN VARIETIES	1,544,000.
FRYERS	1,528,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, ALFALFA	1,377,000.
WALNUTS	1,352,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, BARLEY	1,050,000.