

KINGS COUNTY

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Mr. Jerry W. Fielder, 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 1968 Agricultural Crop Report of the County of Kings.

The gross value of all crops was \$134,065,480.00, an increase of slightly more than five million dollars from the previous year and an all time high for the county. Although our cotton farmers suffered drastic price reductions their acreage and yield was much higher. As a consequence, this crop alone accounted for much of our overall gain. A production record of 1,187 pounds of cotton lint per acre was achieved despite adversities such as Pink Bollworm regulations and weather.

A newcomer to our million dollar crops list is tomatoes. It is interesting to note that this crop was unknown in Kings County prior to 1967 yet in 1968 produced a gross value of almost two million dollars.

I must emphasize the fact that all prices quoted in this report are based on the gross value of the product and in no manner reflect a net return to the grower. In order to arrive at a true profit all production, harvesting, packaging and marketing costs must be deducted.

To the many individuals and agencies who furnished statistical information for this report I extend my sincere appreciation and I give special thanks to my entire staff for the many long hours spent in gathering and compiling this information.

Respectfully submitted,



Claude W. Bridges  
Agricultural Commissioner

KINGS COUNTY  
Acreage - Production - Value 1967-1968

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1968	195,000	1.45	283,000	ton	\$ 45.10	\$ 12,763,000.
	1967	186,000	1.50	279,000	ton	48.00	13,392,000.
Beans	1968	760	14.80	11,200	cwt.	7.50	84,000.
	1967	272	13.20*	3,590	cwt.	11.90	42,700.
Corn	1968	15,500	3.04	47,100	ton	53.10	2,501,000.
	1967	18,400	2.51	46,200	ton	47.00	2,171,000.*
Cotton Lint	1968	91,600	1,187 <sub>a</sub> /	227,000 <sub>b</sub> /	bale	.2630 <sub>c</sub> /	29,850,000.
	1967	77,000	853 <sub>a</sub> /	137,000 <sub>b</sub> /	bale	.3749 <sub>c</sub> /	25,681,000.
Cotton seed	1968			109,000	ton	50.00	5,450,000.
	1967			54,700	ton	53.00	2,899,000.
Cotton Planting seed	1968			2,940	ton	63.50	187,000.
	1967			1,580	ton	60.50	95,600.
Hay Alfalfa	1968	59,300	6.57	390,000	ton	25.60	9,984,000.
	1967	63,800	6.00	383,000	ton	29.60	11,337,000.*
Grain	1968	2,280	3.55	8,100	ton	21.60	175,000.
	1967	2,650	3.48	9,220	ton	21.15	195,000.
Oats	1968	263	1.17	308	ton	52.20	16,100.
	1967	352	1.10	387	ton	48.00	18,600.
Pasture Irrigated	1968	18,200			acre	84.00	1,529,000.
	1967	18,600			acre	86.00	1,600,000.
Range	1968	322,000			acre	1.60	515,000.
	1967	318,000			acre	1.85	588,000.*
Other	1968	67,200			acre	5.60	376,000.
	1967	65,600			acre	5.40	354,000.*

a/ Pounds per acre

b/ 500 pound gross weight bale

c/ Price per pound

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FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1967-1968	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Unit	Total			Per Unit	Total
Screenings	1968			4,100	ton	\$ 19.40	\$	79,500.
	1967			3,940	ton	20.50		80,800.
Safflower	1968	35,400	1.40	49,600	ton	80.50		3,993,000.
	1967	50,300	1.00	50,300	ton	83.60		4,205,000.
Silage Corn	1968	5,380	22.10	119,000	ton	5.12		609,000.
	1967	5,980	15.28	91,400	ton	6.00		548,000.
Other	1968	2,940	19.80	58,200	ton	5.31		309,000.
	1967	3,100	18.90	58,600	ton	6.20		363,000.
Sorghum grain	1968	23,700	1.23	29,200	ton	43.60		1,273,000.
	1967	22,000	1.90	41,820	ton	43.00		1,798,000.
Straw	1968			21,000	ton	11.20		235,000.
	1967			27,400	ton	10.80		296,000.
Sugar beets	1968	4,680	21.60	101,000	ton	12.80		1,293,000.
	1967	3,100	17.39	53,900	ton	13.52*		729,000.
Wheat	1968	3,200	1.94	6,210	ton	49.40		307,000.
	1967	3,000	1.45	4,350	ton	50.00		218,000.
Rice	1968	155	2.29	355	ton	98.50		35,000.
	1967	-	-	-	-	-		-
TOTAL	1968	847,558					\$	71,563,600.
	1967	838,154						66,611,700.*

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KINGS COUNTY  
Acreage - Production - Value

1967-1968

Crop	Year	Production			Value		
		Harvested acreaage	Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Certified Seed							
Alfalfa	1968	7,058	757	5,346,000	lb.	\$ .3940	\$ 2,106,000.
	1967	5,188	614	3,185,000	lb.	.4322	1,377,000.
Barley	1968	7,112	3,850	27,381,000	lb.	.0373	1,021,000.
	1967	6,942	4,024	27,934,000	lb.	.0376	1,050,000.
Safflower	1968	994	2,120	2,107,000	lb.	.0800	169,000.
	1967	2,252	2,031	4,574,000	lb.	.0582	266,000.
Miscellaneous	1968	65		326,000	lb.		13,100.
	1967	105		283,000	lb.		12,000.
Uncertified Seed							
Alfalfa	1968	2,540	751	1,908,000	lb.	.3900	744,000.
	1967	1,480	705*	1,043,000	lb.	.4250	443,000.
Barley	1968	3,880	2,880	11,174,000	lb.	.0325	363,000.
	1967	3,700	3,000	11,100,000	lb.	.0350	388,000.*
Safflower	1968	920	2,010	1,849,000	lb.	.0700	129,000.
	1967	950	2,000	1,900,000	lb.	.0400	76,000.
Miscellaneous	1968	297		348,000	lb.		44,200.
	1967	135		324,000	lb.		9,720.
TOTAL							
ALL SEED CROPS	1968	22,866					\$ 4,589,300.
	1967	20,752					3,621,720.*

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VEGETABLE CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1967-1968	
Crop	Year	Harvested acreaage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Broccoli	1968	164	2.62	429	ton	\$ 141.00	\$ 60,500.	
	1967	164	3.01	494	ton	150.00	74,100.	
Carrots	1968	298	9.86	2,940	ton	84.00	247,000.	
	1967	488	10.10	4,930	ton	50.10*	247,000.	
Melons Cantaloupe	1968	2,300	8.63	19,800	ton	135.00	2,673,000.	
	1967	1,830	8.33	15,200	ton	164.00*	2,493,000.	
Other	1968	197	11.50	2,270	ton	42.80	97,200.	
	1967	160	13.56	2,170	ton	45.56	98,900.*	
Peppers	1968	232	11.30	2,620	ton	68.60	180,000.	
	1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Potatoes	1968	638	12.40	7,910	ton	60.20	476,000.	
	1967	360	10.00	3,600	ton	40.00	144,000.	
Tomatoes	1968	2,700	20.90	56,400	ton	33.60	1,895,000.	
	1967	280	5.40	1,500	ton	38.60	57,900.	
Miscellaneous	1968	122		1,870	ton		85,400.	
	1967	115		396	ton		24,000.	
TOTAL	1968	6,651					\$ 5,714,100.	
	1967	3,397					3,138,900.*	

APIARY PRODUCTS		Production - Value				
Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	
		Total	Unit		Total	Total
Honey	1968	487,000	lb.	\$ .1210	\$	58,900.
	1967	648,000	lb.	.1175		76,100.
Beeswax	1968	6,640	lb.	.6290		4,180.
	1967	11,700	lb.	.6080		7,130.
Pollination	1968	8,360	colony	4.63		38,700.
	1967	6,550	colony	5.78		37,900.
TOTAL	1968				\$	101,780.
	1967					121,130.

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value					1967-1968	
Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Almonds	1968	71	.820	58	ton	\$ 614.00	\$ 35,600.	
	1967	67	.875	58	ton	635.00	36,800.	
Apricots	1968	349	6.48	2,260	ton			
	1967	626	7.65*	4,791*	ton			
Fresh Market	1968			130	ton	276.00	35,900.	
	1967			101	ton	280.00	28,300.	
Processed	1968			2,130	ton	130.00	277,000.	
	1967			4,690	ton	105.00	491,000.	
Grapes								
Raisin Varieties	1968	2,790	7.16	19,980	ton			
	1967	3,385	7.03*	23,800	ton			
Fresh Market	1968			2,800	ton	145.00	406,000.	
	1967			3,920	ton	150.00	588,000.	
Processing: Dried	1968			996**	ton	261.00	260,000.	
	1967			750**	ton	305.00	229,000.	
Canned and crushed	1968			13,200	ton	43.40	573,000.	
	1967			16,900	ton	43.00	727,000.	
Wine								
Varieties	1968	660	6.83	4,510	ton	56.00	253,000.	
	1967	735	8.56	6,290	ton	46.70	294,000.	
Nectarines	1968	104	9.41	979	ton	205.00	201,000.	
	1967	106	10.00*	1,060	ton	319.00	338,000.*	
Olives	1968	426	7.47	3,180	ton	350.00	1,113,000.	
	1967	426	2.03	865	ton	400.00	346,000.	

\*\* Dry Tons

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 Acreage - Production - Value

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Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total				Total
Peaches								
Clingstone	1968	1,118	20.70	23,100	ton	\$ 91.00	\$	2,102,000.
	1967	1,186	20.15	23,900	ton	83.00		1,983,000.
Freestone	1968	574	13.75	7,893	ton			
	1967	879	12.91	11,350*	ton			
Fresh	1968			2,310	ton	219.00		506,000.
	1967			3,290	ton	278.00		915,000.*
Processed	1968			5,590	ton	78.20		437,000.
	1967			8,060	ton	101.00		814,000.*
Plums	1968	135	6.53	882	ton	275.00		243,000.
	1967	318	7.81	2,480	ton	310.00		769,000.*
Walnuts	1968	2,344	1.13	2,650	ton	620.00		1,643,000.
	1967	2,430	1.06	2,580	ton	525.00		1,354,000.*
Miscellaneous	1968	39		132	ton			68,000.
	1967	2.25		15.9	ton			7,870.
TOTAL	1968	8,610					\$	8,153,500.
	1967	10,160						8,920,970.*

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY KINGS COUNTY 1967-1968  
Production - Value

Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
Cattle	1968	61,300	229,000	cwt.	\$ 27.60	\$ 6,366,000.
	1967	60,300	216,000	cwt.	25.64	5,538,000.*
Feeders	1968	22,800	75,100	cwt.	25.20	1,893,000.
	1967	23,900	77,700	cwt.	25.00	1,942,000.
Cattle and Calves	1968	68,800	516,000	cwt.	21.50	11,094,000.
	1967	92,000	713,000	cwt.	20.72	14,773,000.*
Sheep and Lambs	1968	53,900	50,100	cwt.	17.00	852,000.
	1967	47,700	44,100	cwt.	19.12	843,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1968	5,050	10,100	cwt.	21.40	216,000.
	1967	5,760	12,400	cwt.	20.40	253,000.
Fryers	1968	1,686,000	6,323,000	lb.	.1720	1,088,000.
	1967	2,650,000	9,565,000	lb.	.1597	1,528,000.
Other Chickens	1968	63,200	265,000	lb.	.060	15,900.
	1967	81,500	341,000	lb.	.052	17,800.
Turkeys	1968	499,000	11,175,000	lb.	.1950	2,179,000.
	1967	863,000	17,383,000	lb.	.1827	3,176,000.
Miscellaneous	1968	40,100		each		60,200.
	1967	33,000		each		31,600.
TOTAL	1968					\$ 23,764,100.
	1967					28,102,400.*

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value			1967-1968	
Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	
			Unit		Total	
Milk Market	1968	3,779,000	cwt.	\$ 4.63	\$ 17,497,000.	
	1967	3,429,000*	cwt.	4.49*	15,396,000.*	
Manufacturing	1968	371,000	cwt.	3.97	1,473,000.	
	1967	387,000*	cwt.	3.83*	1,482,000.*	
Wool	1968	603,000	lb.	.446	269,000.	
	1967	452,000	lb.	.457	207,000.	
Eggs, chicken Market	1968	2,380,000	doz.	.273	650,000.	
	1967	2,517,000	doz.	.272	685,000.	
Hatching	1968	-	-	-	-	
	1967	561,000	doz.	.60	337,000.	
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1968	1,075,000	egg	.2390	257,000.	
	1967	1,513,000	egg	.2207	334,000.	
TOTAL	1968				\$ 20,146,000.	
	1967				18,441,000.*	

NURSERY PRODUCTS		Sales - Value				
Item	Year	Quantity		Per Unit	Value	
		sold	Unit		Total	
Nursery Crops Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs and Grapevines	1968	87,000	plant	\$ .380	\$ 33,100.	
	1967	120,000	plant	.317	38,000.	

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RECAPITULATION

1967-1968

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1968	\$ 71,563,600.
	1967	66,611,700.*
Seed Crops	1968	4,589,300.
	1967	3,621,720.*
Vegetable Crops	1968	5,714,100.
	1967	3,138,900.*
Fruit and Nut Crops	1968	8,153,500.
	1967	8,920,970.*
Nursery Products	1968	33,100.
	1967	38,000.
Apiary Products	1968	101,780.
	1967	121,130.
Livestock and Poultry	1968	23,764,100.
	1967	28,102,400.*
Livestock and Poultry Products	1968	20,146,000.
	1967	18,441,000.*
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1968	\$ 134,065,480.
	1967	128,995,820.*

Gross Values

1966	\$ 131,983,126.
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.

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MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1968

COTTON	\$ 35,487,000.
MILK	18,970,000.
BARLEY	12,763,000.
CATTLE AND CALVES	11,094,000.
ALFALFA HAY	9,984,000.
CATTLE, FEED YARD GAIN	6,366,000.
SAFFLOWER	3,993,000.
CANTALOUPE	2,673,000.
CORN	2,501,000.
TURKEYS	2,179,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, ALFALFA	2,106,000.
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	2,102,000.
TOMATOES	1,895,000.
CATTLE, FEEDERS	1,893,000.
WALNUTS	1,643,000.
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,529,000.
SUGAR BEETS	1,293,000.
SORGHUM	1,273,000.
GRAPES, RAISIN VARIETIES	1,239,000.
OLIVES	1,113,000.
FRYERS	1,088,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, BARLEY	1,021,000.