

KINGS COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL  
CROP REPORT

1969



# KINGS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Jerry W. Fielder, Director  
California Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Kings County, California

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure I submit, to you, the 1969 Kings County Annual Crop Report as required by Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code.

The 1969 gross value was \$119,975,400.00, some \$14,090,080.00 below the 1968 valuation of \$134,065,480.00. This notable drop was caused primarily by adverse weather. In the Tulare Lake bottom 82,000 acres of prime farmland was inundated by 1,000,000 acre feet of excess runoff from a 400 per cent of normal snow pack. The lake bottom is expected to be back in production by the spring of 1972.

All values in this report reflect gross income only. Net values may be calculated by reducing these figures by the cost of production.

I extend my sincere thanks to the many producers, agencies and organizations who have given of their time to supply the necessary information for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene N. Deal".

Gene N. Deal  
Agricultural Commissioner

KINGS COUNTY

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

GENE N. DEAL

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaae	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1969	111,000	1.26	140,000	ton	\$ 53.00	\$ 7,420,000.
	1968	195,000	1.45	283,000	ton	45.10	12,763,000.
Beans	1969	230	11.00	2,530	cwt.	10.20	25,800.
	1968	760	14.80	11,200	cwt.	7.50	84,000.
Corn	1969	21,900	2.95	64,600	ton	55.20	3,566,000.
	1968	15,500	3.04	47,100	ton	53.10	2,501,000.
Cotton Lint	1969	88,000	925 <sup>a/</sup>	170,000 <sup>b/</sup>	bale	.2260 <sup>c/</sup>	19,210,000.
	1968	91,600	1,187 <sup>a/</sup>	227,000 <sup>b/</sup>	bale	.2630 <sup>c/</sup>	29,850,000.
Cotton Seed	1969			67,700	ton	38.00	2,573,000.
	1968			109,000	ton	50.00	5,450,000.
Cotton Planting Seed	1969			2,500	ton	46.00	115,000.
	1968			2,940	ton	63.50	187,000.
Hay Alfalfa	1969	66,400	6.42	426,000	ton	25.70	10,948,000.
	1968	59,300	6.57	390,000	ton	25.60	9,984,000.
Grain	1969	2,480	2.98	7,390	ton	22.10	163,000.
	1968	2,280	3.55	8,100	ton	21.60	175,000.
Oats	1969	240	1.10	264	ton	51.20	13,500.
	1968	263	1.17	308	ton	52.20	16,100.
Pasture Irrigated	1969	18,000			acre	85.00	1,530,000.
	1968	18,200			acre	84.00	1,529,000.
Range	1969	319,000			acre	1.80	574,000.
	1968	322,000			acre	1.60	515,000.
Other	1969	67,000			acre	5.40	362,000.
	1968	67,200			acre	5.60	376,000.

<sup>a/</sup> Pounds

<sup>b/</sup> 500 pound gross weight bale

<sup>c/</sup> Price per pound

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaqe	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total				Total
Rice	1969	222	3.16	702	ton	\$ 106.00	\$	74,400.
	1968	155	2.29	355	ton	98.50		35,000.
Screenings	1969			3,620	ton	24.50		88,700.
	1968			4,100	ton	19.40		79,500.
Safflower	1969	30,000	1.03	30,900	ton	82.60		2,552,000.
	1968	35,400	1.40	49,600	ton	80.50		3,993,000.
Silage Corn	1969	5,940	23.60	140,000	ton	5.00		700,000.
	1968	5,380	22.10	119,000	ton	5.12		609,000.
Other	1969	3,260	19.20	62,600	ton	5.15		322,000.
	1968	2,940	19.80	58,200	ton	5.31		309,000.
Sorghum Grain	1969	31,200	1.89	59,000	ton	46.40		2,738,000.
	1968	23,700	1.23	29,200	ton	43.60		1,273,000.
Straw	1969			14,500	ton	11.00		160,000.
	1968			21,000	ton	11.20		235,000.
Sugar Beets	1969	7,530	20.10	151,000	ton	12.30		1,857,000.
	1968	4,680	21.60	101,000	ton	12.80		1,293,000.
Wheat	1969	16,400	1.65	27,100	ton	51.90		1,406,000.
	1968	3,200	1.94	6,210	ton	49.40		307,000.
TOTAL	1969	788,802					\$	56,398,400.
	1968	847,558						71,563,600.

SEED CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Certified Seed								
Alfalfa	1969	3,060	391	1,196,000	lb.	\$ .3990	\$	477,000.
	1968	7,058	757	5,346,000	lb.	.3940		2,106,000.
Barley	1969	561	2,940	1,649,000	lb.	.0380		62,700.
	1968	7,112	3,850	27,381,000	lb.	.0373		1,021,000.
Safflower	1969	-	-	-	-	-		-
	1968	994	2,120	2,107,000	lb.	.0800		169,000.
Miscellaneous	1969	-	-	-	-	-		-
	1968	65		326,000	lb.			13,100.
Uncertified Seed								
Alfalfa	1969	320	538	172,000	lb.	.3820		657,000.
	1968	2,540	751	1,908,000	lb.	.3900		744,000.
Barley	1969	4,200	2,710	11,382,000	lb.	.0370		421,000.
	1968	3,880	2,880	11,174,000	lb.	.0325		363,000.
Safflower	1969	840	2,060	1,730,000	lb.	.0680		118,000.
	1968	920	2,010	1,849,000	lb.	.0700		129,000.
Miscellaneous	1969	704		2,583,000	lb.			146,000.
	1968	297		348,000	lb.			44,200.
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TOTAL								
ALL SEED CROPS		1969	9,685				\$	1,881,700.
		1968	22,866					4,589,300.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acreaqe	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Melons							
Cantaloupes	1969	2,530	8.67	21,900	ton	\$ 84.70	\$ 1,855,000.
	1968	2,300	8.63	19,800	ton	135.00	2,673,000.
Other	1969	119	12.80	1,520	ton	37.30	56,700.
	1968	197	11.50	2,270	ton	42.80	97,200.
Peppers	1969	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1968	232	11.30	2,620	ton	68.60	180,000.
Potatoes	1969	830	9.07	7,530	ton	57.30	431,000.
	1968	638	12.40	7,910	ton	60.20	476,000.
Tomatoes	1969	884	17.70	15,600	ton	50.20	783,000.
	1968	2,700	20.90	56,400	ton	33.60	1,895,000.
Miscellaneous	1969	297		1,690	ton		193,000.
	1968	584		1,870	ton		392,900.
TOTAL	1969	4,660					\$ 3,318,700.
	1968	6,651					5,714,100.

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	
		Total	Unit		Total	Total
Honey	1969	1,174,000	lb.	\$ .1240	\$	146,000.
	1968	487,000	lb.	.1210		58,900.
Beeswax	1969	18,800	lb.	.6400		12,000.
	1968	6,640	lb.	.6290		4,180.
Pollination	1969	12,800	col.	5.16		66,000.
	1968	8,360	col.	4.63		38,700.
TOTAL	1969				\$	224,000.
	1968					101,780.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1969	247	.920	227	ton	\$ 653.00	\$ 148,000.
	1968	71	.820	58	ton	614.00	35,600.
Apricots	1969	349	6.94	2,421	ton		
	1968	349	6.48	2,260	ton		
Fresh Market	1969			161	ton	320.00	51,500.
	1968			130	ton	276.00	35,900.
Processed	1969			2,260	ton	112.00	253,000.
	1968			2,130	ton	130.00	277,000.
Grapes							
Raisin							
Varieties	1969	2,783	7.33	20,400	ton		
	1968	2,790	7.16	19,980	ton		
Fresh Market	1969			2,800	ton	145.00	406,000.
	1968			2,800	ton	145.00	406,000.
Processing: Dried	1969			843*	ton	317.00	267,000.
	1968			996*	ton	261.00	260,000.
Canned and Crushed	1969			14,200	ton	48.50	689,000.
	1968			13,200	ton	43.40	573,000.
Wine Varieties	1969	660	9.36	6,180	ton	47.00	290,000.
	1968	660	6.83	4,510	ton	56.00	253,000.
Nectarines	1969	104	12.60	1,310	ton	205.00	269,000.
	1968	104	9.41	979	ton	205.00	201,000.
Olives	1969	426	4.88	2,080	ton	300.00	624,000.
	1968	426	7.47	3,180	ton	350.00	1,113,000.

\*Dry Tons



FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Peaches								
Clingstone	1969	1,231	18.00	22,200	ton	\$ 76.00	\$ 1,687,000.	
	1968	1,118	20.70	23,100	ton	91.00	2,102,000.	
Freestone	1969	614	11.43	7,020	ton			
	1968	574	13.75	7,893	ton			
Fresh	1969			2,040	ton	209.00	426,000.	
	1968			2,310	ton	219.00	506,000.	
Processed	1969			4,980	ton	58.40	291,000.	
	1968			5,590	ton	78.20	437,000.	
Plums								
	1969	145	7.84	1,140	ton	468.00	534,000.	
	1968	135	6.53	882	ton	275.00	243,000.	
Walnuts								
	1969	2,440	1.21	2,950	ton	428.00	1,263,000.	
	1968	2,344	1.13	2,650	ton	620.00	1,643,000.	
Miscellaneous								
	1969	65		84	ton		36,800.	
	1968	39		132	ton		68,000.	
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TOTAL	1969	9,064					\$ 7,235,300.	
	1968	8,610					8,153,500.	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item	Year	No. of head	Production		Unit	Value	
			Total liveweight			Per Unit	Total
Cattle							
Feed yard gains	1969	66,000	227,000	cwt.	\$ 27.20	\$ 6,174,000.	
	1968	61,300	229,000	cwt.	27.80	6,366,000.	
Feeders	1969	38,600	105,000	cwt.	28.60	3,003,000.	
	1968	22,800	75,100	cwt.	25.20	1,893,000.	
Cattle and Calves	1969	77,200	563,000	cwt.	27.50	15,482,000.	
	1968	68,800	516,000	cwt.	21.50	11,094,000.	
Sheep and Lambs	1969	32,500	31,300	cwt.	28.50	892,000.	
	1968	53,900	50,100	cwt.	17.00	852,000.	
Hogs and Pigs	1969	6,640	9,960	cwt.	24.60	245,000.	
	1968	5,050	10,100	cwt.	21.40	216,000.	
Fryers	1969	2,858,000	10,793,000	lb.	.1520	1,641,000.	
	1968	1,686,000	6,323,000	lb.	.1720	1,088,000.	
Other Chickens	1969	105,000	439,000	lb.	.0612	26,900.	
	1968	63,200	265,000	lb.	.0600	15,900.	
Turkeys	1969	507,000	10,643,000	lb.	.2290	2,437,000.	
	1968	499,000	11,175,000	lb.	.1950	2,179,000.	
Miscellaneous	1969	23,900		each		47,100.	
	1968	40,100		each		60,200.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	1969					\$ 29,948,000.	
	1968					23,764,100.	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Per Unit	Value	
			Unit		Total	
Milk						
Market	1969	3,813,000	cwt.	\$ 4.82	\$ 18,379,000.	
	1968	3,779,000	cwt.	4.63	17,497,000.	
Manufacturing	1969	363,000	cwt.	4.04	1,467,000.	
	1968	371,000	cwt.	3.97	1,473,000.	
Wool	1969	358,000	lb.	.4160	149,000.	
	1968	603,000	lb.	.4460	269,000.	
Eggs, chicken						
Market	1969	2,023,000	doz.	.3350	678,000.	
	1968	2,380,000	doz.	.2730	650,000.	
Eggs turkey						
Hatching	1969	1,187,000	egg	.2270	269,000.	
	1968	1,075,000	egg	.2390	257,000.	
TOTAL	1969				\$ 20,942,000.	
	1968				20,146,000.	

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Quantity		Per Unit	Value	
		sold	Unit		Total	
Nursery Crops						
Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs and Grapevines	1969	83,000	plant	\$ .328	\$ 27,300.	
	1968	87,000	plant	.380	33,100.	

RECAPITULATION

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1969	\$ 56,398,400.
	1968	71,563,600.
Seed Crops	1969	1,881,700.
	1968	4,589,300.
Vegetable Crops	1969	3,318,700.
	1968	5,714,100.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1969	7,235,300.
	1968	8,153,500.
Nursery Products	1969	27,300.
	1968	33,100.
Apiary Products	1969	224,000.
	1968	101,780.
Livestock and Poultry	1969	29,948,000.
	1968	23,764,100.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1969	20,942,000.
	1968	20,146,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1969	\$ 119,975,400.
	1968	134,065,480.

Gross Values

1967	\$ 128,995,820.
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.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1969

COTTON	\$ 21,898,000.
MILK	19,846,000.
CATTLE AND CALVES	15,482,000.
ALFALFA HAY	10,948,000.
BARLEY	7,420,000.
CATTLE, FEED YARD GAIN	6,174,000.
CORN	3,566,000.
CATTLE, FEEDERS	3,003,000.
SORGHUM, GRAIN	2,738,000.
SAFFLOWER	2,552,000.
TURKEYS	2,437,000.
SUGAR BEETS	1,857,000.
CANTALOUPE	1,855,000.
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	1,687,000.
FRYERS	1,640,000.
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,530,000.
WHEAT	1,406,000.
GRAPES, RAISIN VARIETIES	1,362,000.
WALNUTS	1,263,000.