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CROP and LIVESTOCK

STATISTICS

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Mr. Wm. F. Cowan, Acting Director
California Department of Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Kings County

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Gentlemen:

This report has been compiled as directed by the California Agricultural Code. The 1971 crop value was \$141,645,260.00 as compared to the value in 1970 of \$123,799,000.00.

The Tulare Lake bottom returned to full production in 1971 after having been inundated by high water in 1969. With this land again in production, barley and safflower acreages increased and added to the increase in total value.

Acreages of peaches and apricots continue to drop as over production forces low prices and farmers remove portions of their orchards.

Cotton yields again dropped. The major factors were a cold spring, excessive temperatures during fruiting and an unseasonably early fall frost which terminated late developing bolls. Even though total acreage increased the total production was less than 1970.

Another large increase occurred in the livestock products category. New dairies locating in Kings County because of attractive land prices and availability of livestock feed added nearly 8 million dollars to the production figure. This trend is likely to continue for several years.

The help extended by the many individuals and companies has made this report possible and I wish to convey my thanks to each one.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene N. Deal
Agricultural Commissioner-Sealer

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Production			Unit	Value	
		Harvested acreage	Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1971	150,000	1.50	225,000	ton	\$ 56.30	\$ 12,668,000.
	1970	110,000	1.32	145,000	ton	51.00	7,395,000.
Corn	1971	20,000	3.00	60,000	ton	54.50	3,270,000.
	1970	22,000	3.17	69,700	ton	57.45	4,004,000.
Cotton lint	1971	109,000	683a/	155,000d/	bale	.3200c/	23,808,000.
	1970	93,000	865a/	161,000b/	bale	.2500c/	20,125,000.
Cotton Seed	1971			65,000	ton	70.00	4,550,000.
	1970			67,000	ton	70.00	4,690,000.
Cotton Planting Seed	1971			3,440	ton	73.00	251,000.
	1970			3,440	ton	79.00	272,000.
Hay							
Alfalfa	1971	60,000	6.32	379,000	ton	29.40	11,143,000.
	1970	66,000	7.64	504,000	ton	27.20	13,709,000.
Grain	1971	1,500	3.00	4,500	ton	26.44	119,000.
	1970	2,500	3.10	7,750	ton	25.00	194,000.
Pasture Irrigated	1971	12,000			acre	85.00	1,020,000.
	1970	18,000			acre	85.00	1,530,000.
Range	1971	300,000			acre	2.00	600,000.
	1970	300,000			acre	2.00	600,000.
Other	1971	70,000			acre	5.50	385,000.
	1970	70,000			acre	5.50	385,000.
Rice	1971	300	2.60	780	ton	100.00	78,000.
	1970	1,100	1.94	2,130	ton	85.00	181,000.
Screenings	1971			5,220	ton	33.00	172,000.
	1970			4,496	ton	32.50	146,000.
Safflower	1971	47,300	1.70	80,400	ton	98.66	7,932,000.
	1970	25,000	1.02	25,500	ton	97.00	2,475,000.
Silage Corn	1971	8,000	18.12	145,000	ton	\$ 5.50	\$ 797,000.
	1970	8,000	20.00	160,000	ton	5.25	840,000.
Other	1971	3,000	15.00	45,000	ton	5.40	243,000.
	1970	3,000	19.00	57,000	ton	5.10	291,000.
Sorghum Grain	1971	15,000	1.60	24,000	ton	48.05	1,153,000.
	1970	20,000	1.90	38,000	ton	50.50	1,919,000.
Straw	1971			10,000	ton	14.00	140,000.
	1970			14,500	ton	11.00	160,000.
Sugar Beets	1971	9,750	19.18	187,000	ton	13.24	2,476,000.
	1970	11,540	20.50	237,000	ton	12.34	2,925,000.
Wheat	1971	35,000	1.20	42,000	ton	55.90	2,348,000.
	1970	37,000	1.62	59,900	ton	48.70	2,917,000.
Miscellaneous	1971	100		110	ton		29,700.
	1970	145		145	ton		23,200.
TOTAL	1971	840,950					\$ 73,182,700.
	1970	787,285					64,780,200.

a/Pounds
b/500 pound gross weight bale
c/Price per pound
d/480 pound net weight bale

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
						Total	
Milk Market	1971	4,668,000		cwt.	\$ 5.21	\$ 24,326,000.	
	1970	3,807,000		cwt.	4.78	18,197,000.	
Manufacturing	1971	563,000		cwt.	4.59	2,585,000.	
	1970	370,000		cwt.	4.00	1,480,000.	
Wool	1971	300,000		lb.	.34	102,000.	
	1970	450,000		lb.	.35	158,000.	
Eggs, chicken Market	1971	2,075,000		doz.	.35	726,000.	
	1970	1,760,000		doz.	.40	704,000.	
Eggs, turkey Hatching	1971	1,200,000		egg	.235	282,000.	
	1970	1,187,000		egg	.245	291,000.	
TOTAL	1971					\$ 28,021,000.	
	1970					20,830,000.	

SEED CROPS

Crop	Year	Production			Unit	Value	
		Harvested acreage	Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Certified Seed							
Alfalfa	1971	3,530	839	2,962,000	lb.	\$.3600	\$ 1,066,000.
	1970	2,886	617	1,781,000	lb.	.4100	730,000.
Barley	1971	4,550	3,600	16,380,000	lb.	.0500	819,000.
	1970	1,287	3,390	4,363,000	lb.	.0375	164,000.
Safflower	1971	5,190	3,400	17,646,000	lb.	.1250	2,206,000.
	1970						
Wheat	1971	680	5,500	3,740,000	lb.	.0500	187,000.
	1970	400	4,912	1,965,000	lb.	.0424	83,500.
Miscellaneous	1971						
	1970	230		462,000	lb.		404,000.
Uncertified Seed							
Alfalfa	1971						
	1970	1,720	550	948,000	lb.	.3900	370,000.
Barley	1971	6,000	3,000	18,000,000	lb.	.0400	720,000.
	1970	4,200	2,800	11,760,000	lb.	.0350	411,600.
Miscellaneous	1971	250		198,700	lb.		147,000.
	1970	1,122		4,683,000	lb.		502,000.
TOTAL ALL SEED CROPS	1971	20,200					\$ 5,145,000.
	1970	11,845					2,665,100.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Item	Year	Production			Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight			Per Unit	Total
Cattle Feed yard gains	1971	24,500	98,700	cwt.	\$ 32.40	\$ 3,198,000.	
	1970	45,000	158,000	cwt.	29.70	4,693,000.	
Cattle and Calves	1971	75,000	548,000	cwt.	28.00	15,344,000.	
	1970	81,000	591,000	cwt.	26.00	15,366,000.	
Sheep and Lambs	1971	30,000	30,000	cwt.	24.50	735,000.	
	1970	35,000	33,300	cwt.	27.20	906,000.	
Hogs and Pigs	1971	4,000	6,000	cwt.	18.50	111,000.	
	1970	7,000	10,500	cwt.	23.40	246,000.	
Fryers	1971	2,800,000	10,696,000	lb.	.172	1,840,000.	
	1970	2,750,000	10,318,000	lb.	.154	1,585,000.	
Other Chickens	1971	60,000	273,000	lb.	.065	17,700.	
	1970	100,000	418,000	lb.	.072	30,100.	
Turkeys	1971	472,000	8,496,000	lb.	.206	1,750,000.	
	1970	450,000	8,325,000	lb.	.210	1,748,000.	
Miscellaneous	1971	18,000		each		36,000.	
	1970	22,000		each		45,000.	
TOTAL	1971					\$ 23,031,700.	
	1970					24,619,100.	

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
		Quantity sold				Total	
Nursery Crops Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs	1971	31,500		plant	\$ 1.55	\$ 48,800.	
	1970	75,000		plant	1.20	90,000.	

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
		Total				Total	
Honey	1971	420,000		lb.	\$.2071	\$ 87,000.	
	1970	441,000		lb.	.1352	59,600.	
Beeswax	1971	6,200		lb.	.6225	3,860.	
	1970	7,767		lb.	.6182	4,800.	
Pollination	1971	15,000		col.	5.90	88,500.	
	1970	14,400		col.	5.71	82,200.	
TOTAL	1971					\$ 179,360.	
	1970					146,600.	

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

Crop	Year	Bearing acres	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Almonds	1971	453	.37 ^a /	168	ton	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 176,000.
	1970	394	.87 ^b /	343	ton	600.00	206,000.
Apricots	1971	362	7.5	2,710	ton		
	1970	362	7.3	2,650	ton		
Fresh Market	1971			270	ton	247.00	66,700.
	1970			175	ton	300.00	52,500.
Processed	1971			2,440	ton	62.10	152,000.
	1970			2,475	ton	74.50	184,000.
Grapes							
Raisin Varieties	1971	2,807	8.70	24,400	ton		
	1970	2,807	8.10	22,700	ton		
Fresh Market	1971			2,750	ton	180.00	495,000.
	1970			3,240	ton	120.00	389,000.
Processing: Dried	1971			883 ^c /	ton	326.50	288,000.
	1970			803 ^c /	ton	325.00	261,000.
Canned and Crushed	1971			18,140	ton	71.80	1,302,000.
	1970			16,248	ton	88.00	1,430,000.
Wine Varieties	1971	654	8.90	5,820	ton	85.00	495,000.
	1970	654	8.10	5,300	ton	90.00	477,000.
Nectarines	1971	104	8.70	905	ton	259.60	235,000.
	1970	104	8.90	926	ton	256.00	237,000.
Peaches							
Clingstone	1971	1,198	18.00	21,600	ton	81.25	1,755,000.
	1970	1,303	16.00	20,800	ton	81.00	1,685,000.
Freestone	1971	600	14.00	8,400	ton		
	1970	624	11.84	7,390	ton		
Fresh Market	1971			1,340	ton	197.40	265,000.
	1970			2,570	ton	250.00	642,000.
Processed	1971			7,060	ton	47.00	332,000.
	1970			4,820	ton	79.50	383,000.
Plums	1971	251	7.60	1,910	ton	\$ 330.75	\$ 632,000.
	1970	251	7.40	1,860	ton	229.00	426,000.
Walnuts	1971	2,574	1.20	3,100	ton	416.15	1,290,000.
	1970	2,570	1.09	2,800	ton	430.46	1,205,000.
Miscellaneous	1971	406		1,800	ton		360,000.
	1970	501		1,794	ton		409,000.
TOTAL	1971	9,409				\$ 7,843,700.	
	1970	9,570				7,986,500.	

^a/Meat
^b/In shell
^c/Dry tons

RECAPITULATION

Item	Year	Value
Field Crops	1971	\$ 73,182,700.
	1970	64,780,200.
Seed Crops	1971	5,145,000.
	1970	2,665,100.
Vegetable Crops	1971	4,193,000.
	1970	2,681,500.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1971	7,843,700.
	1970	7,986,500.
Nursery Products	1971	48,800.
	1970	90,000.
Apiary Products	1971	179,360.
	1970	146,600.
Livestock and Poultry	1971	23,031,700.
	1970	24,619,100.
Livestock and Poultry Prod	1971	28,021,000.
	1970	20,830,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1971	\$ 141,645,260.
	1970	123,799,000.

Gross Values

1969	\$ 118,819,300.
1968	134,065,480.
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.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Melons							
	Cantaloupes	1971	1,100	7.60	8,360	ton	\$ 123.45
1970		1,750	6.80	11,900	ton	100.04	1,191,000.
Other	1971	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1970	50	14.00	700	ton	45.00	31,500.
Potatoes	1971	700	10.00	7,000	ton	60.00	420,000.
	1970	590	9.50	5,600	ton	56.74	318,000.
Tomatoes	1971	800	18.00	14,400	ton	28.00	403,000.
	1970	932	17.70	16,500	ton	30.00	495,000.
Miscellaneous	1971	866		10,500	ton		2,338,000.
	1970	576		5,712	ton		646,000.
TOTAL	1971	3,466				\$ 4,193,000.	
	1970	3,898				2,681,500.	

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1971

COTTON	\$ 28,609,000.
MILK	26,911,000.
CATTLE AND CALVES	15,344,000.
BARLEY	12,668,000.
ALFALFA HAY	11,143,000.
SAFFLOWER	7,932,000.
CORN	3,270,000.
CATTLE, FEED YARD GAIN	3,198,000.
SUGAR BEETS	2,476,000.
WHEAT	2,348,000.
VEGETABLE, MISCELLANEOUS	2,338,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, SAFFLOWER	2,206,000.
GRAPES, RAISIN VARIETIES	2,085,000.
FRYERS	1,840,000.
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	1,755,000.
TURKEYS	1,750,000.
WALNUTS	1,290,000.
SORGHUM GRAIN	1,153,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, ALFALFA	1,066,000.
CANTALOUPE	1,032,000.
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,020,000.