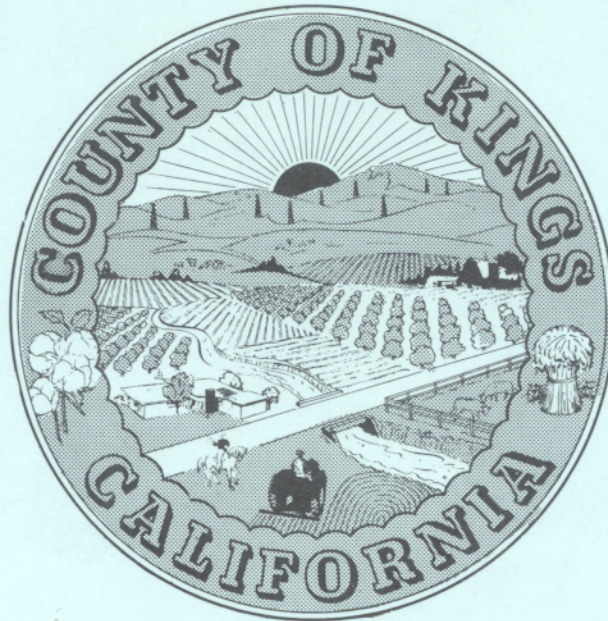


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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

KINGS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
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Mr. C. B. Christensen, Director
California Department of Food and Agriculture
and
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kings

Evon G. Cody, Chairman
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit this 1972 Annual Agricultural Crop Report of the acreage, production and valuation of agricultural crops and products of the County of Kings.

The gross value of the commercial crops and products produced was \$176,695,540.00, which is an increase of \$35,050,280.00 over the year 1971. It must be emphasized that this report reflects a gross return and in no way represents the actual profit to the producer.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of all individuals and organizations who willingly cooperated with this department in contributing the information necessary to make this report possible.

To all the members of my staff, I express my sincere appreciation for their assistance in obtaining and compiling the information for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Hugh Handley
Agricultural Commissioner-Sealer

FIELD CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value 1971-1972					
Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1972	151,000	1.60	241,000	ton	\$ 61.00	\$ 14,701,000.
	1971	150,000	1.50	225,000	ton	56.30	12,668,000.
Beans	1972	480	1.98	950	ton	300.00	285,000.
	1971	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corn	1972	13,000	3.40	44,200	ton	63.00	2,785,000.
	1971	20,000	3.00	60,000	ton	54.50	3,270,000.
Cotton lint	1972	141,000	850 ^a / _b	250,000 ^b	bale	.3200 ^c	38,400,000.
	1971	109,000	683 ^a / _b	155,000 ^b	bale	.3200 ^c	23,808,000.
Cotton seed	1972	-	-	97,700	ton	63.00	6,152,000.
	1971	-	-	65,000	ton	70.00	4,550,000.
Cotton Planting seed	1972	-	-	3,900	ton	70.00	273,000.
	1971	-	-	3,440	ton	73.00	251,000.
Hay Alfalfa	1972	65,000	6.50	422,500	ton	35.00	14,788,000.
	1971	60,000	6.32	379,000	ton	29.40	11,143,000.
Grain	1972	4,000	3.20	12,800	ton	32.03	410,000.
	1971	1,500	3.00	4,500	ton	26.44	119,000.
Pasture Irrigated	1972	12,000	-	-	acre	95.00	1,140,000.
	1971	12,000	-	-	acre	85.00	1,020,000.
Range	1972	300,000	-	-	acre	2.50	750,000.
	1971	300,000	-	-	acre	2.00	600,000.
Other	1972	70,000	-	-	acre	6.00	420,000.
	1971	70,000	-	-	acre	5.50	385,000.
Rice	1972	280	2.18	610	ton	200.00	122,000.
	1971	300	2.60	780	ton	100.00	78,000.
Screenings	1972	-	-	5,400	ton	35.00	189,000.
	1971	-	-	5,220	ton	33.00	172,000.
Safflower	1972	24,000	1.51	36,200	ton	120.00	4,344,000.
	1971	47,300	1.70	80,400	ton	98.66	7,932,000.
Silage Corn	1972	11,000	21.00	231,000	ton	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,271,000.
	1971	8,000	18.12	145,000	ton	5.50	797,000.
Other	1972	3,800	17.00	64,600	ton	5.00	323,000.
	1971	3,000	15.00	45,000	ton	5.40	243,000.
Sorghum grain	1972	6,000	2.06	12,400	ton	60.00	744,000.
	1971	15,000	1.60	24,000	ton	48.05	1,153,000.
Straw	1972	-	-	13,000	ton	15.00	195,000.
	1971	-	-	10,000	ton	14.00	140,000.
Sugar beets	1972	5,980	20.20	120,800	ton	15.30	1,848,000.
	1971	9,750	19.18	187,000	ton	13.24	2,476,000.
Wheat	1972	30,000	1.98	59,400	ton	57.25	3,401,000.
	1971	35,000	1.20	42,000	ton	55.90	2,348,000.
Miscellaneous	1972	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1971	100	-	110	ton	-	29,700.
TOTAL	1972	857,540	-	-	-	\$	92,541,000.
	1971	840,950	-	-	-		73,182,700.

^a/ Pounds per acre
^b/ 480 pound net weight bale
^c/ Price per pound

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value 1971-1972				
Item	Year	Production	Value		Total	
			Unit	Per Unit		
Milk Market	1972	5,098,000	cwt.	\$ 5.31	\$ 27,077,000.	
	1971	4,668,000	cwt.	5.21	24,326,000.	
Manufacturing	1972	540,000	cwt.	4.87	2,630,000.	
	1971	563,000	cwt.	4.59	2,585,000.	
Wool	1972	403,000	lb.	.40	161,000.	
	1971	300,000	lb.	.34	102,000.	
Eggs, chicken Market	1972	2,525,000	doz.	.30	757,000.	
	1971	2,075,000	doz.	.35	726,000.	
Miscellaneous	1972	-	-	-	50,400.	
	1971	-	-	-	282,000.	
TOTAL	1972	-	-	-	\$ 30,675,400.	
	1971	-	-	-	28,021,000.	

SEED CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value 1971-1972					
Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production			Value	
			Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Certified Seed							
Alfalfa	1972	3,588	620	2,225,000	lb.	\$.3900	\$ 868,000.
	1971	3,530	839	2,962,000	lb.	.3600	1,066,000.
Barley	1972	7,711	4,060	31,307,000	lb.	.0450	1,409,000.
	1971	4,550	3,600	16,380,000	lb.	.0500	819,000.
Safflower	1972	3,343	2,790	9,327,000	lb.	.1250	1,166,000.
	1971	5,190	3,400	17,646,000	lb.	.1250	2,206,000.
Wheat	1972	4,304	3,970	17,087,000	lb.	.0500	854,000.
	1971	680	5,500	3,740,000	lb.	.0500	187,000.
Uncertified Seed							
Alfalfa	1972	1,567	790	1,238,000	lb.	.3700	458,000.
	1971	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	1972	6,500	4,200	27,300,000	lb.	.0424	1,160,000.
	1971	6,000	3,000	18,000,000	lb.	.0400	720,000.
Miscellaneous	1972	300	-	240,000	lb.	-	192,000.
	1971	250	-	198,700	lb.	-	147,000.
TOTAL	1972	27,313	-	-	-	\$	6,107,000.
	1971	20,200	-	-	-		5,145,000.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY		KINGS COUNTY Production - Value 1971-1972				
Item	Year	No. of head	Production Total livestock	Value		
				Unit	Per Unit	
Cattle and Calves	1972	124,000	905,200	cwt.	\$ 30.00	\$ 27,156,000.
	1971	99,500	646,700	cwt.	28.67	18,542,000.
Sheep and Lambs	1972	32,600	34,200	cwt.	29.00	992,000.
	1971	30,000	30,000	cwt.	24.50	735,000.
Hogs and Pigs	1972	4,370	7,870	cwt.	26.00	205,000.
	1971	4,000	6,000	cwt.	18.50	111,000.
Fryers	1972	2,744,000	11,444,000	lb.	.200	2,289,000.
	1971	2,800,000	10,696,000	lb.	.172	1,840,000.
Other Chickens	1972	61,000	244,000	lb.	.070	17,100.
	1971	60,000	273,000	lb.	.065	17,700.
Turkeys	1972	480,000	8,640,000	lb.	.214	1,849,000.
	1971	472,000	8,496,000	lb.	.206	1,750,000.
Miscellaneous	1972	27,000	-	each	-	54,000.
	1971	18,000	-	each	-	36,000.
TOTAL	1972	-	-	-	\$	32,562,100.
	1971	-	-	-		23,031,700.

NURSERY PRODUCTS		Sales - Value			
Item	Year	Quantity sold	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Nursery Crops Deciduous Fruit & Nut trees, Ornamental trees & Shrubs and Grapevines					
	1972	34,000	plant	\$ 2.75	\$ 93,500.
	1971	31,500	plant	1.55	48,800.

APIARY PRODUCTS		Production - Value				
Item	Year	Production	Value		Total	
			Unit	Per Unit		
Honey	1972	560,000	lb.	\$.3125	\$ 175,000.	
	1971	420,000	lb.	.2071	87,000.	
Beeswax	1972	7,530	lb.	.6300	4,740.	
	1971	6,200	lb.	.6225	3,860.	
Pollination	1972	15,800	colony	6.09	96,300.	
	1971	15,000	colony	5.90	88,500.	
TOTAL	1972	-	-	\$	276,040.	
	1971	-	-		179,360.	

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value				1971-1972	
Crop	Year	Bearing acres	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
			Per acre	Total			
Almonds	1972	467	.38 ^a /	175	ton	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 206,500.
	1971	453	.37 ^a /	168	ton	1,050.00	176,000.
Apricots	1972	362	4.7	1,700	ton		
	1971	362	7.5	2,710	ton		
Fresh Market	1972			200	ton	295.00	59,000.
	1971			270	ton	247.00	66,700.
Processed	1972			1,500	ton	103.33	155,000.
	1971			2,440	ton	62.10	152,000.
Grapes							
Raisin Varieties	1972	2,807	6.00	16,800	ton		
	1971	2,807	8.70	24,400	ton		
Fresh Market	1972			2,100	ton	195.24	410,000.
	1971			2,750	ton	180.00	495,000.
Processing: Dried	1972			770 ^b /	ton	500.00	385,000.
	1971			883 ^b /	ton	326.50	288,000.
Canned and Crushed	1972			11,700	ton	90.00	1,050,000.
	1971			18,140	ton	71.80	1,302,000.
Wine Varieties	1972	663	7.50	4,975	ton	106.93	532,000.
	1971	654	8.90	5,820	ton	85.00	495,000.
Nectarines	1972	133	10.00	1,330	ton	244.36	325,000.
	1971	104	8.70	905	ton	259.60	235,000.
Peaches Clingstone	1972	1,303	15.96	20,800	ton	75.00	1,560,000.
	1971	1,198	18.00	21,600	ton	81.25	1,755,000.
Freestone	1972	737	11.94	8,800	ton		
	1971	600	14.00	8,400	ton		
Fresh Market	1972			3,840	ton	224.22	861,000.
	1971			1,340	ton	197.40	265,000.
Processed	1972			5,000	ton	65.00	325,000.
	1971			7,060	ton	47.00	332,000.
Plums	1972	348	7.01	2,440	ton	383.20	935,000.
	1971	251	7.60	1,910	ton	330.75	632,000.
Walnuts	1972	2,923	1.25	3,650	ton	560.55	2,046,000.
	1971	2,574	1.20	3,100	ton	416.15	1,290,000.
Miscellaneous	1972	426		2,290	ton		804,000.
	1971	406		1,800	ton		360,000.
TOTAL	1972	10,169					\$ 9,653,500.
	1971	9,409					7,843,700.

^a/ Meat
^b/ Dry tons

VEGETABLE CROPS		KINGS COUNTY Acreage - Production - Value				1971-1972	
Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
			Per acre	Total			
Melons Cantaloupe	1972	700	7.00	4,900	ton	\$ 120.00	\$ 588,000.
	1971	1,100	7.60	8,360	ton	123.45	1,032,000.
Potatoes	1972	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1971	700	10.00	7,000	ton	60.00	420,000.
Tomatoes	1972	220	191.00	42,000	lug ¹ /	3.38	142,000.
	1971	800	18.00	14,400	ton	28.00	403,000.
Miscellaneous	1972	1,840			crate ² /		4,057,000.
	1971	866			ton		2,338,000.
TOTAL	1972	2,760					\$ 4,787,000.
	1971	3,466					4,193,000.

¹/ 28# lug
²/ 32# crate

KINGS COUNTY ANNUAL CROP REPORT			RECAPITULATION		1971-1972
Item	Year		Year		Value
Field Crops	1972		1972		\$ 92,541,000.
	1971		1971		73,182,700.
Seed Crops	1972		1972		6,107,000.
	1971		1971		5,145,000.
Vegetable Crops	1972		1972		4,787,000.
	1971		1971		4,193,000.
Fruit and Nut Crops	1972		1972		9,653,500.
	1971		1971		7,843,700.
Nursery Products	1972		1972		93,500.
	1971		1971		48,800.
Apiary Products	1972		1972		276,040.
	1971		1971		179,360.
Livestock and Poultry	1972		1972		32,562,100.
	1971		1971		23,031,700.
Livestock and Poultry Products	1972		1972		30,675,400.
	1971		1971		28,021,000.
TOTAL GROSS VALUE	1972		1972		\$ 176,695,540.
	1971		1971		141,645,260.

Gross Values

1970	\$ 123,799,000.
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.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS - 1972

COTTON	\$ 44,825,000.
MILK	29,707,000.
CATTLE AND CALVES	27,156,000.
ALFALFA HAY	14,788,000.
BARLEY	14,701,000.
SAFFLOWER	4,344,000.
WHEAT	3,401,000.
CORN	2,785,000.
GRAPES	2,377,000.
FRYERS	2,289,000.
WALNUTS	2,046,000.
TURKEYS	1,849,000.
SUGAR BEETS	1,848,000.
PEACHES, CLINGSTONE	1,560,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, BARLEY	1,409,000.
SILAGE, CORN	1,271,000.
PEACHES, FREESTONE	1,186,000.
CERTIFIED SEED, SAFFLOWER	1,164,000.
UNCERTIFIED SEED, BARLEY	1,160,000.
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	1,140,000.