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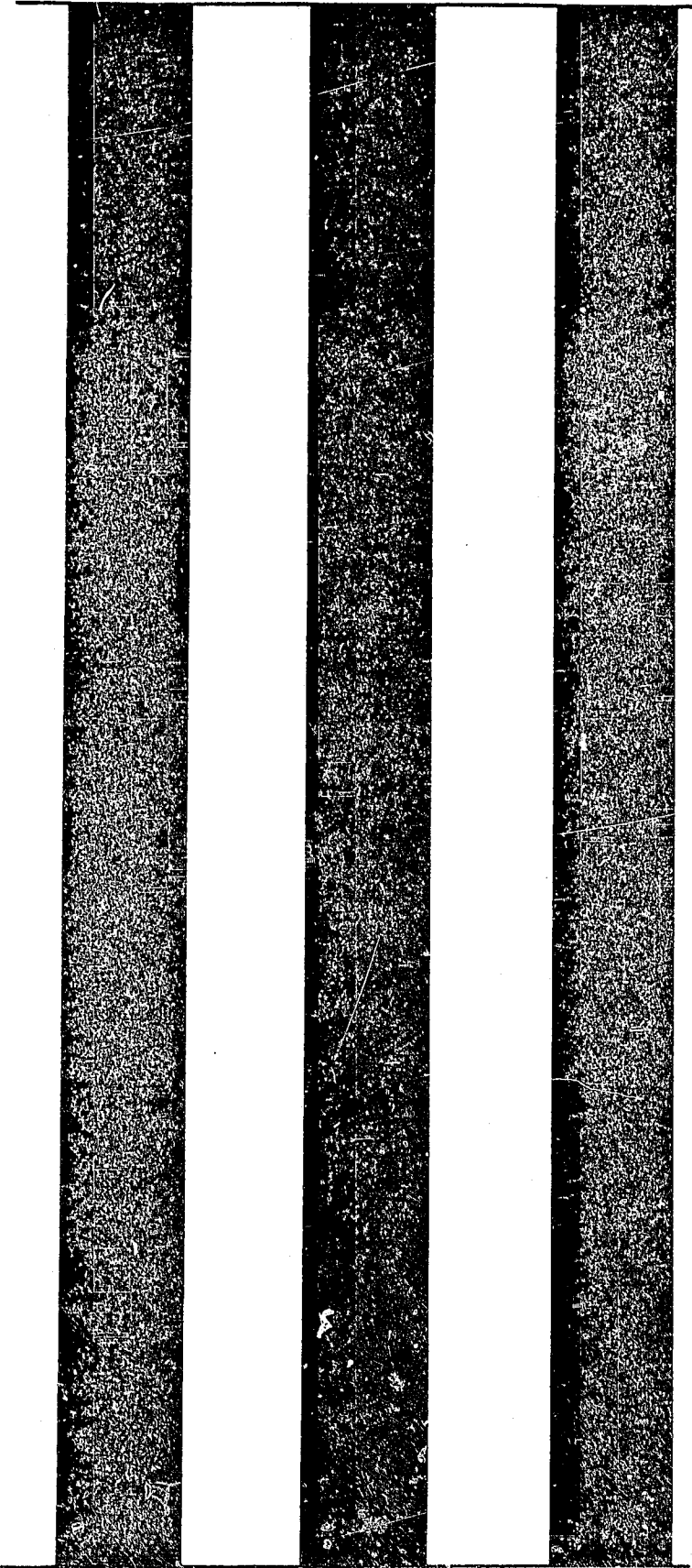
# San Diego County

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# 1954

## crop report

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CROP REPORT

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## CROP REPORT FOR 1954

Crops and livestock produced in San Diego County in 1954 established a new record for gross value with a total of \$85,269,160. This exceeded 1953 by \$1,306,424. The 1954 total also exceeded 1952, the previous high year, by \$1,245,893.

The record agricultural income of 1954 was achieved despite a drop of \$5,529,935 in returns for livestock products. Although egg production increased by 4,261,950 dozen over 1953, lower prices caused the total return in 1954 to drop \$2,656,617. Lighter production and lower prices caused beef to decline \$1,350,160 below the 1953 total.

Crops showing increased income over 1953 included oranges, up \$2,291,298; avocados, up \$1,343,185; vegetables, up \$2,957,497; and commercial flowers, up \$940,375.

Rainfall in 1954, while deficient, was adequate for crops of barley, oat hay and dry lima beans. Apple and pear orchards in mountain areas produced well.

While the high income of 1954 reflected a healthy agricultural industry in the county, some commodities were produced at a loss during portions of the year. Also, it should be noted the reported values of the different crops include grading and packing costs in most instances. Actual returns to the producers would be considerably less.

Of the 90 different crops and products listed in this report, those having values in excess of one million dollars are:

### PLANT CROPS

Tomatoes . . . . .	\$ 12,956,030
Avocados . . . . .	7,044,000
Lemons . . . . .	4,210,541
Oranges . . . . .	4,018,572
Celery . . . . .	3,093,750
Market Flowers . . . . .	2,659,375
Nursery Stock . . . . .	2,324,500
Green Beans . . . . .	1,810,350
Peppers . . . . .	1,304,850

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Eggs . . . . .	\$ 12,089,730
Milk and Cream . . . . .	9,751,335
Beef Cattle . . . . .	6,410,620
Chicken Meat . . . . .	2,916,780
Hogs . . . . .	2,378,480
Turkeys . . . . .	1,189,250
Animal Fertilizer . . . . .	1,182,000

Publication of an annual crop report is one of the required duties of this Department. The data constitutes an historical record of trends in agriculture. We wish to thank the many persons who gave generously of their time so that this report could be prepared.

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Dean F. Palmer  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1954

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUITS</b>				
Grapefruit	192	11	37,258 boxes (60#)	\$ 116,617
Lemons	4,449	475	556,223 boxes (78#)	3,270,591
Lemon Products			18,799 tons	939,950
Limes	173	11	1,385 tons	166,120
Navel Oranges	474	37	85,207 boxes (70#)	326,343
Valencia Oranges	5,489	178	723,071 boxes (70#)	3,333,357
Orange Products			9,444 tons	358,872
Other Citrus	27	10		5,400
	<u>10,804</u>	<u>722</u>		<u>\$ 8,517,250</u>
<b>SUBTROPICAL FRUITS</b>				
Avocados	9,827	3,672	2,348,000 flats (13#)	\$ 7,044,000
Cactus Fruit	28		18,000 flats (22#)	18,000
Dates	35		45,000 lbs.	4,500
Figs	31	.13	9,666 flats (12#)	17,398
Loquats	15		5,000 lugs (22#)	10,000
Olives	908	24	220 tons	20,000
Other Subtropicals				10,000
	<u>10,844</u>	<u>3,709</u>		<u>\$ 7,123,898</u>
<b>OTHER FRUITS</b>				
Apples				
Market	402	70	28,500 boxes (40#)	\$ 102,600
Cider			400 tons	10,000
Apricots	108		25,920 lugs (25#)	41,990
Grapes				
Desert-Table	1,700	167	148,713 boxes (28#)	743,565
Other-Table	234		46,800 boxes (28#)	70,200
Wine	1,862	12	1,397 tons	48,895
Peaches	342	90	20,000 lugs (22#)	40,000
Pears	190	7	43,400 lugs (24#)	58,810
Persimmons	23	27	10,810 lugs (25#)	23,782
Plums	46	17	7,360 lugs (25#)	14,720
Strawberries	286		286,000 trays	715,000
Walnuts	945	58	4,725 bags (100#)	82,687
	<u>6,138</u>	<u>448</u>		<u>\$ 1,952,249</u>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	126		3,376 crates (28#)	\$ 70,558
Beans, Green String	1,341		335,250 crates (45#)	1,810,350
Broccoli	14		1,750 crates (40#)	5,250
Cabbage	524		151,960 crates (80#)	227,940
Cantaloupes	60		9,150 crates (60#)	16,012
Carrots	20		6,000 crates (55#)	6,000
Cauliflower	64		19,200 crates (50#)	15,360

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Celery	1,650	1,237,500 crates (60#)	\$3,093,750
Chayotes	15	37,500 flats (12#)	46,875
Corn, Sweet	828	165,600 crates (5 doz.)	248,400
Cucumbers	433	302,100 lugs (30#)	528,675
Lettuce, Head	363	108,900 crates (80#)	299,475
Parsley	41	102,500 crates (20#)	82,000
Peas	69	2,070 crates (50#)	10,350
Peppers			
Bell Peppers	650	325,000 crates (40#)	975,000
Dry Chili	687	700 tons	252,000
Green Chili	110	13,200 crates (40#)	46,200
Yellow Chili	106	53 tons	15,900
Paprika	30	45 tons	15,750
Romaine Lettuce	209	73,150 crates (30#)	109,725
Squash, Banana	110	825 tons	18,562
Squash, Summer	374	112,200 lugs (25#)	224,400
Sweet Potatoes	246	135,300 lugs (33#)	405,900
Tomatoes			-
Summer	829	1,119,150 flats (21#)	1,958,512
Fall	2,737	5,474,000 flats (21#)	10,948,000
Canning	205	2,449 tons	49,518
Watermelons	193	3,088 tons	61,760
Miscellaneous	427		384,300
	<u>12,461</u>		<u>\$ 21,926,522</u>

#### FIELD CROPS

##### Beans

Dry Lima	7,500	70,000 sacks (100#)	\$ 728,000
Blackeye	500	4,000 sacks (100#)	39,000
Garbanzo	425	3,800 sacks (100#)	39,900
Cotton	285	570 bales (500#)	94,050
Ensilage	338	4,056 tons	48,672

##### Grain

Barley	15,418	154,180 sacks (100#)	383,908
Oats	998	8,982 sacks (100#)	26,946
Wheat	750	5,250 sacks (100#)	20,212

##### Hay

Alfalfa	4,850	14,550 tons	363,750
Barley	583	874 tons	17,480
Oat	11,903	17,854 tons	535,620

##### Permanent

Pasture	3,774		283,050
	<u>47,324</u>		<u>\$ 2,580,588</u>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Market Flowers	617		\$ 2,659,375
Flower Bulbs	99		260,500
Nursery Stock			2,324,500
Honey	25,185 colonies	1,072 tons	214,418
Beeswax		27,955 lbs.	12,190
Home Orchards			500,000
Agricultural Conservation Program Payments			126,020
			<u>\$ 6,097,003</u>

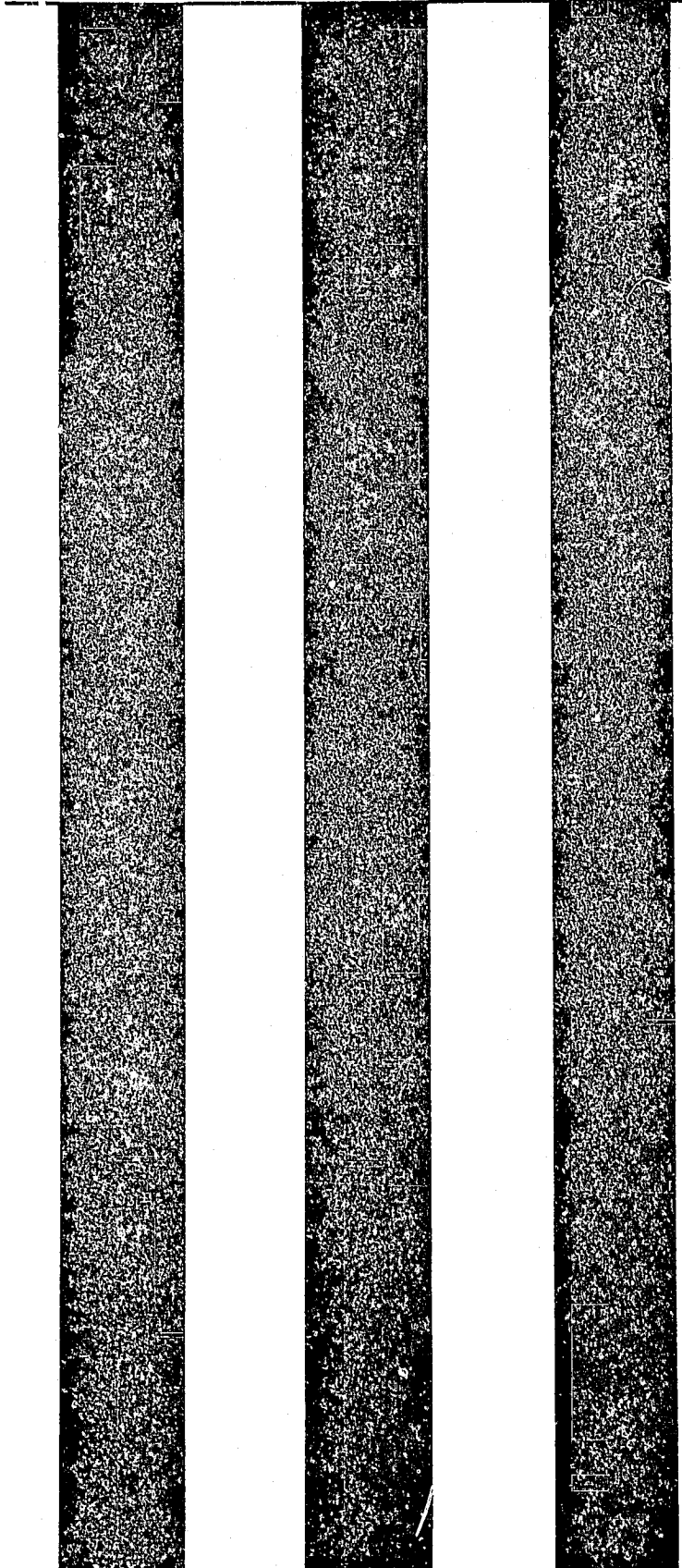


LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
<b>BEEF CATTLE</b>			
Steers	12,943 head	\$ 2,329,740	
Calves	9,159	476,260	
Bulls	1,532	229,800	
Cows	10,726	1,501,640	
Heifers	7,506	975,780	
<b>DAIRY CATTLE (MEAT)</b>			
Cows	5,900	\$ 826,000	
Calves	8,926	71,400	\$ 6,410,620
BUTTERFAT	6,926,182 lbs.	\$ 9,751,335	\$ 9,751,335
<b>CHICKEN PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	32,674,950 doz.	\$ 12,089,730	
Meat, Hens	5,628,000 lbs.	759,780	
Meat, Fryers	8,628,000 lbs.	2,157,000	
Chicks	2,121,890 chicks	371,330	\$ 15,377,840
<b>TURKEY PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	1,350,000 eggs	\$ 378,000	
Meat	2,950,000 lbs.	811,250	\$ 1,189,250
RABBITS	2,004,460 lbs.	\$ 461,025	\$ 461,025
HOGS	45,740 head	2,378,480	\$ 2,378,480
<b>SHEEP</b>			
Lambs	13,320 head	\$ 272,700	
Wool	96,800 lbs.	48,400	\$ 321,100
ANIMAL FERTILIZER	1,182,000 yds.	\$ 1,182,000	\$ 1,182,000
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION</b>			<b>\$ 37,071,650</b>

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**THREE-YEAR SUMMARY**

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 8,093,993	\$ 6,385,569	\$ 8,517,250
Subtropical Fruits	5,683,075	5,778,422	7,123,898
Other Fruits	2,489,702	2,119,679	1,952,249
Vegetables	17,603,083	18,969,025	21,926,522
Field Crops	4,383,946	2,447,956	2,580,588
Miscellaneous	5,973,385	5,660,500	6,097,003
Livestock	<u>39,796,083</u>	<u>42,601,585</u>	<u>37,071,650</u>
GRAND TOTAL			
AGRICULTURAL INCOME	\$ 84,023,267	\$ 83,962,736	\$ 85,269,160

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# 1955 crop report

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## CROP REPORT FOR 1955

Value of crops and livestock produced in San Diego County in 1955 rose to \$92,849,830, establishing a new record. The 1955 total exceeded 1954, the previous high year, by \$7,580,670.

Most of the 1955 gain in gross value over previous years is attributed to increased production of eggs, tomatoes, avocados and desert-grown grapes.

Returns for oranges and lemons were lower than in 1954. Avocados also brought lower prices, but a heavy crop caused total returns to exceed the previous year. Among field crops, light yields of beans and grain, due to rainfall deficiency, were offset by increased plantings of alfalfa. The large acreage of late fall tomatoes was productive and profitable.

Although the Report for 1955 lists approximately 90 farm products, a number of lesser crops are grouped under miscellaneous. Honey production was too light to be included as a crop, but the 25,000 colonies of bees in the county were important for pollination purposes. A few products, considered to be still experimental, are not listed or evaluated.

The high level of productivity and income of the county in 1955 reflects a healthy and progressive agriculture. This was one of the few areas in the nation in which both population and agricultural income increased in 1955. Land holdings have tended to become smaller and farming more intensified. Our future is still linked more closely with water than any other single factor.

The reported values of the different crops include grading and packing costs in most instances. Actual returns to the producers were considerably less.

Of the crops listed in this report, those having values in excess of one million dollars were:

### PLANT CROPS

Tomatoes . . . . .	\$ 14,769,529
Avocados . . . . .	7,834,916
Celery . . . . .	4,476,875
Lemons . . . . .	3,581,064
Market Flowers . . . . .	2,814,500
Oranges . . . . .	2,587,944
Nursery Stock . . . . .	2,341,301
Green Beans . . . . .	1,687,500
Grapes . . . . .	1,616,310
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	1,540,560
Peppers . . . . .	1,295,220
Strawberries . . . . .	1,027,705

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Eggs . . . . .	\$ 15,467,050
Milk & Cream . . . . .	10,193,150
Beef Cattle . . . . .	6,305,940
Chicken Meat . . . . .	3,626,670
Hogs . . . . .	1,282,500
Turkeys . . . . .	1,277,000

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1955

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUITS</b>				
Grapefruit	190	9	15,463 boxes(60#)\$	54,584
Lemons	4,558	486	564,390 boxes(78#)	3,160,584
Lemon Products			14,016 tons	420,480
Limes	177	8	1,438 tons	163,932
Navel Oranges	488	22	65,833 boxes(70#)	230,415
Valencia Oranges	5,562	58	521,665 boxes(70#)	1,956,243
Orange Products			9,242 tons	401,286
Other Citrus	30			5,000
	<u>11,005</u>	<u>583</u>		<u>\$ 6,392,524</u>
<b>SUBTROPICAL FRUITS</b>				
Avocados	11,271	2,441	4,352,731 flats(13#)	\$ 7,834,916
Cactus Fruit	33		6,300 flats(22#)	7,875
Dates	35		50,000 lbs.	5,000
Figs	38	5	150,000 lbs.	30,000
Olives	928	3	100 tons	5,000
Miscellaneous				10,000
	<u>12,305</u>	<u>2,449</u>		<u>\$ 7,892,791</u>
<b>OTHER FRUITS</b>				
Apples				
Market	439	33	38,500 boxes(40#)\$	105,875
Cider			288 tons	7,200
Apricots	105		31,500 lugs(28#)	39,375
Bushberries	22		35,200 trays	44,000
Grapes				
Desert-Table	1,700	106	252,000 boxes(28#)	\$ 1,512,000
Other-Table	230		40,000 boxes(28#)	60,000
Wine	1,658		1,266 tons	44,310
Peaches	381	83	91,440 boxes(22#)	228,600
Pears	188	10	20,000 lugs (24#)	30,000
Persimmons	43	8	34,400 lugs (25#)	68,800
Plums	61	13	12,810 lugs (25#)	32,025
Strawberries				
Fresh Market	300		388,700 trays	835,705
Quick Frozen			600 tons	192,000
Walnuts	959	51	4,795 bags (100#)	86,310
	<u>6,086</u>	<u>304</u>		<u>\$ 3,286,200</u>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	126	181	4,800 crates(32#)\$	52,800
Beans, Green String	1,500		375,000 crates(45#)	1,687,500
Broccoli	16		3,200 crates(40#)	8,960
Cabbage	535		160,500 crates(80#)	321,000
Cantaloups	207		62,100 crates(60#)	155,250
Carrots	40		12,000 crates(55#)	12,000
Cauliflower	83		37,350 crates(50#)	44,820

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Celery	1,450	1,377,500 crates (60#)	\$ 4,476,875
Chayotes	12	28,800 flats (12#)	34,560
Corn, Sweet	674	134,800 crates (5 doz.)	229,160
Cucumbers	623	492,170 lugs (30#)	861,297
Lettuce, Head	919	413,550 crates (80#)	992,520
Parsley	94	70,500 crates (20#)	64,860
Peas	58	12,238 crates (30#)	33,754
Peppers			
Bell	474	165,900 crates (40#)	663,600
Dry Chili	643	482 tons	221,720
Green Chili	341	68,200 crates (40#)	375,100
Yellow Chili	84	4,200 crates (40#)	25,200
Paprika	40	24 tons	9,600
Potatoes	97	20,370 sacks (100#)	65,812
Romaine Lettuce	250	117,500 crates (30#)	246,750
Squash			
Banana	48	720 tons	25,300
Summer	421	138,930 lugs (25#)	333,432
Sweet Potatoes	244	97,600 lugs (33#)	292,800
Tomatoes			
Summer	1,457	1,056,325 flats (21#)	2,112,650
Late Fall	2,800	5,600,000 flats (21#)	12,600,000
Canning		2,473 tons	56,879
Watermelons	152	2,888 tons	51,984
Miscellaneous	450		112,500
	<u>13,838</u>		<u>\$ 26,168,683</u>
FIELD CROPS			
Beans			
Blackeye	2,879	14,395 sacks (100#)	\$ 100,765
Dry Lima	5,946	41,622 sacks (100#)	457,842
Garbanzo	890	4,005 sacks (100#)	44,055
Cotton	317	634 bales (500#)	101,140
Ensilage	766	11,490 tons	137,880
Flaxseed	80	1,200 bushels	4,008
Grain			
Barley	20,620	123,720 sacks (100#)	290,742
Milo	435	1,300 sacks (100#)	3,185
Oats	1,318	8,962 sacks (100#)	24,645
Wheat	376	1,880 sacks (100#)	6,580
Hay			
Alfalfa	7,336	51,352 tons	1,540,560
Barley	943	475 tons	12,350
Oat	10,000	5,000 tons	185,000
Pasture			
Irrigated	5,000		375,000
	<u>56,908</u>		<u>\$ 3,284,052</u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
Market Flowers	650		\$ 2,814,500
Flower Bulbs	103		272,500
Nursery Stock			2,341,301
Agricultural Conservation Program Payments			74,819
			<u>\$ 5,503,120</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF PLANT CROPS			<u>\$ 52,527,370</u>

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
<b>BEEF CATTLE</b>			
Steers	17,967 head	\$ 2,874,720	
Calves	11,673	630,340	
Bulls	938	182,910	
Cows	10,140	1,216,800	
Heifers	8,544	939,840	
<b>DAIRY CATTLE (MEAT)</b>			
Cows	3,300	396,000	
Calves	8,167	65,330	\$ 6,305,940
BUTTERFAT	7,240,000 lbs.	\$ 10,193,150	\$ 10,193,150
<b>CHICKEN PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	38,190,250 dozen	\$ 15,467,050	
Meat, Hens	5,906,740 lbs.	856,470	
Meat Fryers	10,260,000 lbs.	2,770,200	
Chicks	2,227,580 chicks	400,960	\$ 19,494,680
<b>TURKEY PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	1,368,000 eggs	\$ 383,000	
Meat	2,980,000 lbs.	894,000	\$ 1,277,000
RABBITS	2,217,000 lbs.	\$ 554,250	\$ 554,250
HOGS	33,750 head	\$ 1,282,500	\$ 1,282,500
<b>SHEEP</b>			
Lambs	14,097 head	\$ 242,940	
Wool	104,000 lbs.	52,000	\$ 294,940
ANIMAL FERTILIZER	1,226,700 cu. yds.	\$ 920,000	\$ 920,000

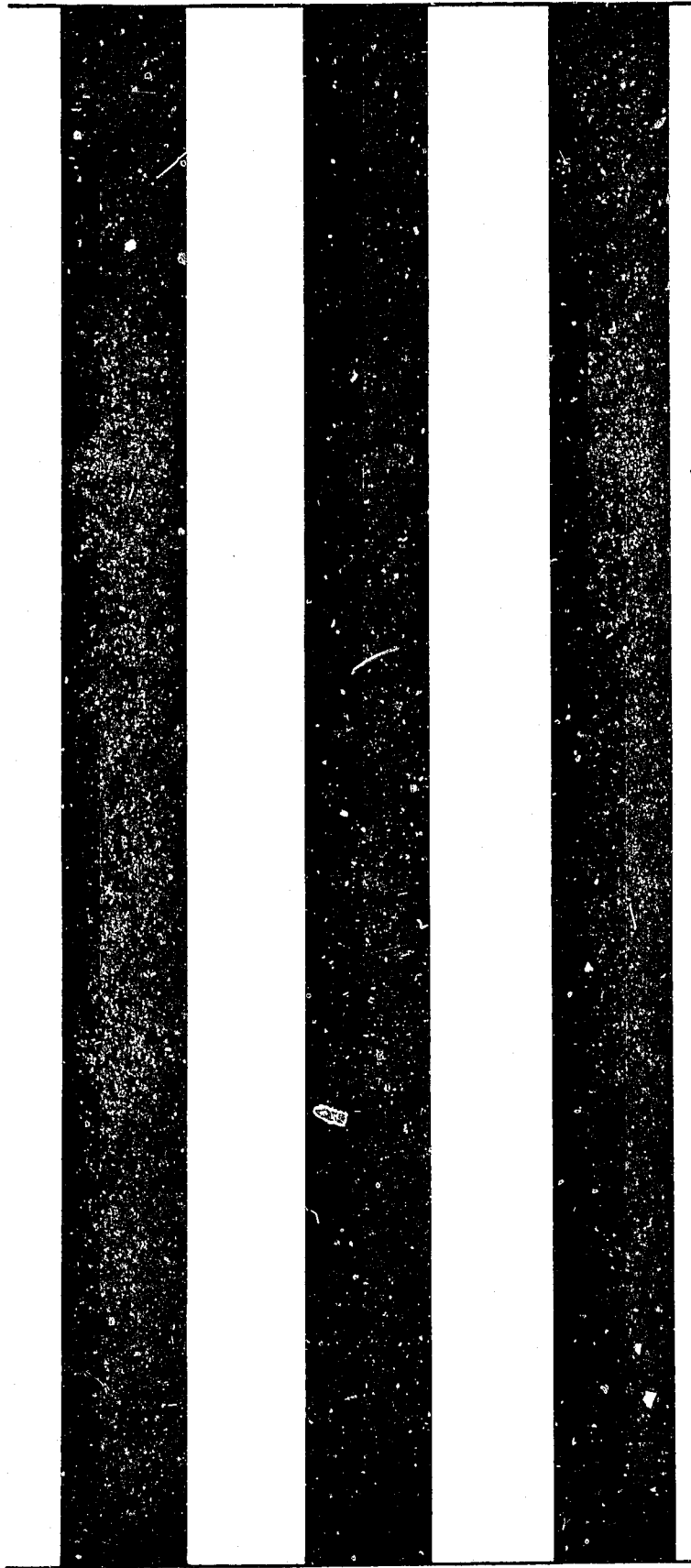
TOTAL VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION \$ 40,322,460

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THREE-YEAR SUMMARY

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 6,385,569	\$ 8,517,250	\$ 6,392,524
Subtropical Fruits	5,778,422	7,123,898	7,892,791
Other Fruits	2,119,679	1,952,249	3,286,200
Vegetables	18,969,025	21,926,522	26,168,683
Field Crops	2,447,956	2,580,588	3,284,052
Miscellaneous	5,660,500	6,097,003	5,503,120
Livestock	42,601,585	37,071,650	40,322,460
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
<b>AGRICULTURAL INCOME</b>	\$ 83,962,736	\$ 85,269,160	\$ 92,849,830





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Agricultural crops, including livestock, produced in San Diego County during the year 1956 had a value of \$93,241,094. The total was slightly greater than in 1955 and was the highest in hi story.

Increases in the value of eggs, tomatoes and lettuce in 1956 were due to greater production. Returns for oranges were better than in the previous year.

On the other hand, shipments of beef cattle were less and prices lower than in 1955. Chicken fryer production and prices also dropped sharply. Avocado yields were less than one-half the previous season, and snap bean production was light. The important winter celery crop brought low returns.

The deficient rainfall of 1956 resulted in adverse growing conditions and many light crops. Cattle population, because of reduced natural forage, was only 50 per cent of normal.

While agriculture was not always profitable in 1956, the year was not regarded as a criterion for the future. The county remained one of a few areas in the nation showing increases both in population and agricultural income. Continued development will depend largely upon availability of water for irrigation.

The reported values of the different crops include grading and packing costs in most instances. Net returns to the producers would be considerably less.

Of the crops listed in this report, those having values in excess of one million dollars were:

### PLANT CROPS

Tomatoes . . . . .	\$ 17,553,792
Avocados . . . . .	6,364,000
Oranges . . . . .	3,885,423
Celery . . . . .	3,825,000
Lemons . . . . .	3,265,997
Market Flowers . . . . .	2,670,000
Nursery Stock . . . . .	2,177,000
Lettuce . . . . .	2,015,625
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	1,581,279
Peppers . . . . .	1,336,380
Snap Beans . . . . .	1,102,500

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Eggs . . . . .	\$ 16,315,800
Milk & Cream . . . . .	11,140,945
Beef Cattle . . . . .	4,945,340
Chicken Meat . . . . .	2,210,490
Hogs . . . . .	1,169,600
Turkeys . . . . .	1,090,575

These crop reports, compiled annually since 1930, reflect the phenomenal growth of agriculture in San Diego County. The production value in 1930 was \$19 million, and in 1933 it fell below \$15 million.

To the many persons who so kindly assisted us with information, our sincere thanks.

Dean F. Palmer  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSICNER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1956

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUITS</b>				
Grapefruit	190	9	29,054 cartons(33#)	\$ 50,844
Lemons	4,492	621	1,036,713 cartons(38#)	2,809,492
Lemon Products			12,507 tons	456,505
Limes	180	21	1,155 tons	138,600
Navel Oranges	401	45	133,640 cartons(37#)	311,381
Valencia Oranges	5,254	40	1,239,559 cartons(37#)	3,210,457
Orange Products			9,228 tons	363,585
Other Citrus	30			5,000
	<u>10,547</u>	<u>736</u>		<u>\$ 7,345,864</u>
<b>SUBTROPICAL FRUITS</b>				
Avocados	12,414	1,888	1,850,000 flats(13#)	\$ 6,364,000
Cactus Fruit	33		18,000 flats(22#)	22,500
Figs	23	45	94,600 pounds	18,920
Loquats	12		1,700 boxes(25#)	5,712
Olives	928	3	75 tons	5,625
Miscellaneous	25			10,000
	<u>13,435</u>	<u>1,936</u>		<u>\$ 6,426,757</u>
<b>OTHER FRUITS</b>				
Apples				
Market Apples	461	11	24,500 boxes(40#)	\$ 61,250
Cider Apples			360 tons	9,000
Apricots	105		31,000 lugs(25#)	77,500
Bushberries	25		35,700 trays	43,837
Grapes				
Table Grapes	1,840		252,378 boxes(28#)	951,200
Wine Grapes	1,655		1,200 tons	42,000
Peaches	423	71	169,200 boxes(22#)	338,400
Pears				
Market Pears	191	8	13,000 boxes(24#)	19,500
Canning Pears			275 tons	13,750
Persimmons	50	1	24,000 boxes(25#)	48,000
Plums	60	15	12,000 boxes(25#)	30,000
Strawberries				
Fresh berries	450		460,000 trays	759,000
Frozen berries			1,810,000 pounds	199,100
Walnuts	970	44	3,880 bags(100#)	62,080
	<u>6,230</u>	<u>150</u>		<u>\$ 2,654,617</u>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	280		4,000 crates(36#)	\$ 40,000
Beans, Green Snap	980		245,000 crates(45#)	1,102,500
Broccoli	14		2,800 crates(40#)	7,000
Cabbage	684		239,400 crates(80#)	418,950
Cantaloups	190		19,000 crates(60#)	57,000
Cauliflower	102		51,000 crates(50#)	76,500
Celery	2,000	-	1,700,000 crates(60#)	3,825,000

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Chayotes	12	24,000 flats(12#)	\$ 26,400
Corn, Sweet	328	65,600 crates(5 doz.)	114,800
Cucumbers			
Market Cucumbers	471	376,800 boxes(30#)	753,600
Pickling Cucumbers	134	2,010 tons	120,600
Lettuce			
Head Lettuce	1,300	1,040,000 cartons(40#)	1,560,000
Romaine Lettuce	405	182,250 crates (30#)	455,625
Onions, Dry	7	5,250 sacks(50#)	17,062
Parsley	126	93,240 crates(20#)	87,645
Peas	55	24,854 crates(30#)	85,249
Peppers			
Bell Peppers	596	208,600 crates(40#)	792,680
Dry Chili	661	660 tons	303,600
Green Chili	146	36,500 crates(40#)	182,500
Yellow Chili	60	12,000 crates(40#)	57,600
Potatoes	212	42,400 sacks(100#)	340,000
Squash			
Banana Squash	64	640 tons	25,600
Summer Squash	482	168,700 boxes(25#)	421,750
Sweet Potatoes	287	114,800 boxes(33#)	287,000
Tomatoes			
Summer Tomatoes	1,500	2,400,000 flats(21#)	4,200,000
Fall Tomatoes	3,100	5,890,000 flats(21#)	13,252,500
Canning Tomatoes		4,404 tons	101,292
Watermelons	209	2,926 tons	58,500
Misc. Vegetables	233	58,252 crates	87,375
	14,638		\$ 28,858,328

#### FIELD CROPS

Beans			
Blackeye	1,000	4,000 sacks(100#)	\$ 26,000
Lima Beans	5,500	38,500 sacks(100#)	404,250
Garbanzo	350	2,100 sacks(100#)	22,050
Cotton	304	608 bales(500#)	106,400
Ensilage Corn	987	14,805 tons	148,050
Grain			
Barley Grain	7,094	42,564 sacks(100#)	100,025
Oats	255	1,785 sacks(100#)	5,355
Hay			
Alfalfa Hay	7,287	51,009 tons	1,581,279
Barley Hay	9,430	4,765 tons	104,830
Oat Hay	9,815	14,722 tons	471,104
Irrigated Pasture	5,452		408,900
	47,474		\$ 3,378,243

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Market Flowers	748		\$ 2,670,000
Flower Bulbs	197		591,000
Nursery			2,177,000
Honey & Beeswax		203,282 pounds	25,173
Agricultural Conservation Program Payments			186,850
Soil Bank Payments			942
	945		\$ 5,650,965
TOTAL VALUE OF PLANT CROPS			\$ 54,314,774

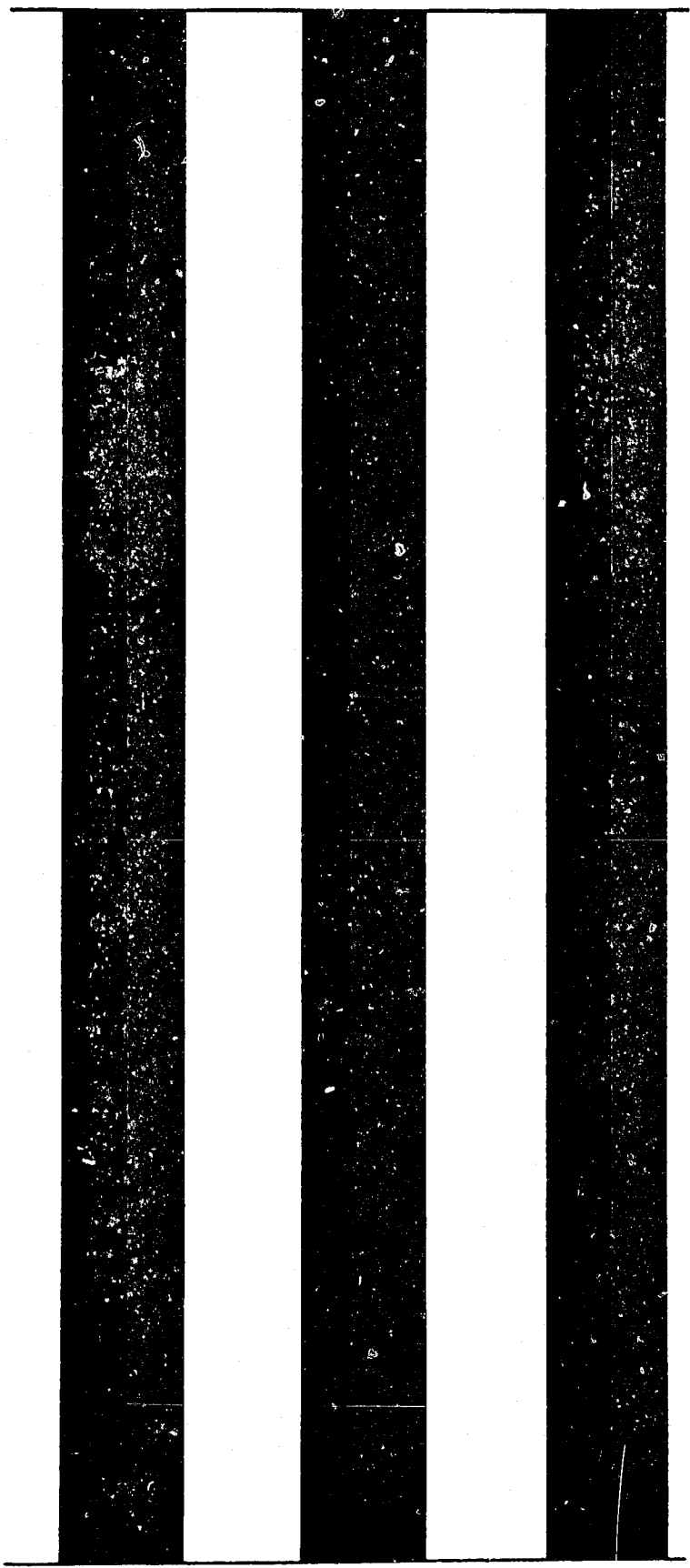
LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
<b>BEEF CATTLE</b>			
Steers	11,868 head	\$ 1,976,000	
Calves	8,637	440,490	
Bulls	995	216,400	
Cows	8,370	924,885	
Heifers	6,930	935,550	\$ 4,493,325
<b>DAIRY CATTLE (MEAT)</b>			
Cows	3,695	\$ 387,975	
Calves	9,149	64,040	\$ 452,015
<b>BUTTERFUT</b>	7,768,000 lbs.	\$11,140,945	\$11,140,945
<b>CHICKEN PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	42,600,000 dozen	\$16,315,800	
Meat, Hens	6,750,000 lbs.	810,000	
Meat, Fryers	6,669,000 lbs.	1,400,490	
Chicks	2,540,440 chicks	406,470	\$18,932,760
<b>TURKEY PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	1,162,800 eggs	\$ 290,700	
Meat	3,037,500 lbs.	799,875	\$ 1,090,575
<b>RA BBIT S</b>	3,125,000 lbs.	\$ 812,500	\$ 812,500
<b>HOGS</b>	34,400 head	\$ 1,169,600	\$ 1,169,600
<b>SHEEP</b>			
Lambs	7,549 head	\$ 128,300	
Wool	52,900 lbs.	32,800	\$ 161,100
<b>ANIMAL FERTILIZER</b>	1,347,000 cu yd.	\$ 673,500	\$ 673,500
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION</b>			\$38,926,320

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THREE-YEAR SUMMARY

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 8,517,250	\$ 6,392,524	\$ 7,345,864
Subtropical Fruits	7,123,898	7,892,791	6,426,757
Other Fruits	1,952,249	3,286,200	2,654,617
Vegetables	21,926,522	26,168,683	28,858,328
Field Crops	2,580,588	3,284,052	3,378,243
Miscellaneous	6,097,003	5,503,120	5,650,965
Livestock	37,071,650	40,322,460	38,926,320
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
Agricultural Income	\$ 85,269,160	\$ 92,849,830	\$ 93,241,094

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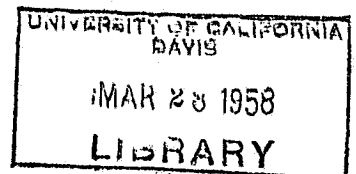
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## CROP REPORT FOR 1957

Value of San Diego County's agricultural industry, including livestock, reached a new high of \$93,990,556 in 1957. The total was \$749,462 greater than in the previous year.

A decrease in returns for citrus fruits and avocados marketed in 1957, as compared with 1956, was offset by greater receipts for vegetables, eggs and milk. The avocado crop in 1957 was extremely light. Citrus yields, on the other hand, were good but brought low returns. Tomatoes were the most valuable crop, returning nearly 20 million dollars to the county.

Spring rains in 1957 resulted in good hay, grain and bean crops. Growing of market flowers and bulbs was an expanding industry which returned more than three million dollars. Livestock production, with a total value exceeding 40 million dollars, was slightly above the previous year.

Agriculture in San Diego County remains a basic and growing industry. The fact that producers here recorded an increase, in a year when returns for farm products in most other areas of the nation were declining, is attributable to efficient farm management and diversification of products.

The crop values in this report include grading and packing costs in most instances. Net returns to the producers would be considerably less.

Of the crops listed for 1957, those having values in excess of one million dollars were:

### PLANT CROPS

Tomatoes . . .	\$19,872,519
Avocados . . .	4,322,140
Celery . . . .	3,635,625
Lemons . . . .	3,440,030
Oranges . . . .	2,974,272
Market Flowers .	2,684,500
Nursery Stock . .	2,432,812
Lettuce . . . .	1,811,250
Snap Beans . . .	1,733,400
Peppers . . . .	1,353,400
Alfalfa . . . .	1,350,000
Grapes . . . .	1,260,115

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Eggs . . . . .	\$17,224,350
Milk & Cream. . .	12,067,495
Beef Cattle . . .	5,256,845
Hogs . . . . .	1,397,550
Chicken Meat . .	1,106,625

These crop reports have been compiled annually since 1930. They reflect steady growth in production and value of agriculture in San Diego County.

We wish to thank the many persons who so cheerfully assisted us with information necessary to compiling this 1957 Crop Report.

Dean F. Palmer  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1957

CROP	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUITS</b>				
Grapefruit	163	27	28,100 cartons(33#)	\$ 28,100
Lemons	3,893	1,200	1,324,449 cartons(38#)	2,980,010
Lemon Products			15,334 tons	460,020
Limes	177	107	1,100 tons	161,700
Navel Oranges	427	84	114,726 cartons(37#)	263,870
Valencia Oranges	4,581	91	1,122,427 cartons(37#)	2,300,975
Orange Products			9,445 tons	409,427
Other Citrus	14	24		5,000
	<u>9,255</u>	<u>1,533</u>		<u>\$ 6,609,102</u>
<b>SUBTROPICAL FRUITS</b>				
Avocados	12,109	2,529	1,417,095 flats(13#)	\$ 4,322,140
Cactus Fruit	33		18,000 flats(22#)	22,500
Figs	15	37	65,000 pounds	11,700
Loquats	11		1,584 lugs(25#)	6,304
Olives	815	3	55 tons	7,575
Miscellaneous	25			12,500
	<u>13,008</u>	<u>2,569</u>		<u>\$ 4,382,719</u>
<b>OTHER FRUITS</b>				
Apples				
Market Apples	409	78	20,000 boxes(40#)	\$ 40,000
Cider Apples			350 tons	8,750
Apricots	76	1	22,800 lugs(25#)	68,400
Bushberries	31		31,000 trays	26,040
Grapes				
Desert Table	1,600		222,572 boxes(28#)	1,112,860
Other Table	166	22	16,600 boxes(28#)	24,900
Wine Grapes	1,443	12	2,719 tons	122,355
Peaches	338	61	135,200 boxes(22#)	304,200
Pears				
Market Pears	168	10	14,000 boxes(24#)	21,000
Canning Pears			65 tons	3,250
Persimmons	40	12	19,200 boxes(25#)	57,600
Plums	47	23	9,400 boxes(25#)	23,500
Strawberries				
Fresh Berries	412		412,000 trays	556,200
Frozen Berries			1,500,000 pounds	135,000
Walnuts	858	54	4,290 bags(100#)	68,640
	<u>5,588</u>	<u>273</u>		<u>\$ 2,572,695</u>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	363		18,000 crates(33#)	\$ 144,000
Beans, Green	1,070		321,000 crates(45#)	1,733,400
Broccoli	9		1,440 crates(40#)	4,320
Cabbage	750		262,500 crates(50#)	656,250
Cantaloups	34		4,250 crates(60#)	6,375
Cauliflower	105		52,500 crates(50#)	78,750
Celery	1,385		1,038,750 crates(60#)	3,635,625

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Chayotes	10	20,000 flats (12#)	\$ 30,000
Corn, sweet	350	61,250 crates (3-dozen)	122,500
Cucumbers	522	261,000 lugs (30#)	522,000
Lettuce			
Head Lettuce	1,200	900,000 cartons (40#)	1,575,000
Romaine Lettuce	350	157,500 crates (30#)	236,250
Parsley	28	20,720 crates (20#)	19,684
Peas	47	14,100 crates (30#)	42,300
Peppers			
Bell Peppers	350	140,000 crates (40#)	630,000
Dry Chili	640	800 tons	424,000
Green Chili	100	25,000 crates (40#)	125,000
Yellow Chili	109	21,800 crates (40#)	174,400
Potatoes	140	28,000 sacks (100#)	84,000
Radishes	135	20,250 crates (40#)	30,375
Squash			
Banana Squash	52	520 tons	20,810
Summer Squash	470	188,000 lugs (25#)	423,000
Sweet Potatoes	188	75,200 lugs (33#)	198,528
Tomatoes			
Summer Tomatoes	1,500	2,625,000 flats (21#)	6,562,500
Fall Tomatoes	2,800	5,320,000 flats (21#)	13,300,000
Canning Tomatoes		430 tons	10,019
Turnips	82	16,400 crates (50#)	20,500
Watermelons	370	3,700 tons	99,900
Misc. Vegetables	120		22,500
	<u>13,279</u>		<u>\$ 30,931,986</u>

#### FIELD CROPS

Beans			
Blackeyes	1,000	5,000 sacks (100#)	\$ 35,000
Dry Limas	5,500	34,000 sacks (100#)	357,000
Garbanzos	300	1,100 sacks (100#)	12,100
Cotton	180	360 bales (500#)	61,200
Ensilage Corn	950	14,250 tons	142,500
Grain			
Barley	20,000	160,000 sacks (100#)	368,000
Milo	580	2,030 sacks (100#)	4,669
Hay			
Alfalfa	7,500	45,000 tons	1,350,000
Barley	2,500	3,750 tons	82,500
Oat	9,626	14,439 tons	462,048
Pasture, Irrigated	6,708		415,896
	<u>54,844</u>		<u>\$ 3,290,913</u>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Market Flowers	767		\$ 2,684,500
Flower Bulbs	225		675,000
Nursery Stock	300		2,432,812
Honey and Beeswax		1,094,967 pounds	130,704
Agricultural Conservation Payments			253,000
Soil Bank Payments			25,200
			<u>\$ 6,201,016</u>


TOTAL VALUE OF PLANT CROPS IN 1957 - \$ 53,988,431

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
<b>BEEF CATTLE</b>			
Steers	11,800 head	\$ 2,183,000	
Calves	8,860	505,000	
Bulls	950	220,400	
Cows	8,270	984,130	
Heifers	5,140	732,450	\$ 4,624,980
<b>DAIRY CATTLE (MEAT)</b>			
Cows	4,670	\$ 539,385	
Calves	11,560	92,480	\$ 631,865
<b>BUTTERFAT</b>	8,337,543 lbs.	\$ 12,067,495	\$ 12,067,495
<b>CHICKEN PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	47,450,000 dozen	\$ 17,224,350	
Meat, Hens	6,825,000 lbs.	784,875	
Meat, Fryers	1,650,000 lbs.	321,750	
Chicks	2,442,320 chicks	378,560	\$ 18,709,535
<b>TURKEY PRODUCTS</b>			
Eggs	890,000 eggs	\$ 178,000	
Meat	2,846,250 lbs.	607,820	\$ 785,820
<b>RABBITS</b>	3,250,000 lbs.	\$ 861,250	\$ 861,250
<b>HOGS</b>	36,300 head	\$ 1,397,550	\$ 1,397,550
<b>SHEEP</b>			
Lambs	7,600 head	\$ 137,300	
Wool	58,600 lbs.	36,330	\$ 173,630
<b>ANIMAL FERTILIZER</b>	1,500,000 cu.yd.	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION</b>			<b>\$ 40,002,125</b>

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**THREE-YEAR SUMMARY**

	1955	1956	1957
Citrus Fruits	\$ 6,392,524	\$ 7,345,864	\$ 6,609,102
Subtropical Fruits	7,892,791	6,426,757	4,382,719
Other Fruits	3,286,200	2,654,617	2,572,695
Vegetables	26,168,683	28,858,328	30,931,986
Field Crops	3,284,052	3,378,243	3,290,913
Miscellaneous	5,503,120	5,650,965	6,201,016
Livestock	40,322,460	38,926,320	40,002,125
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
<b>AGRICULTURAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 92,849,830</b>	<b>\$ 93,241,094</b>	<b>\$ 93,990,556</b>



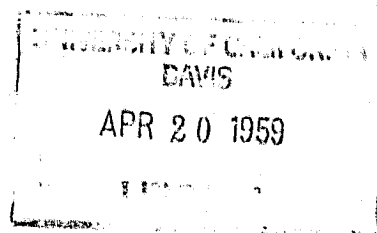
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
CROP REPORT FOR 1958

WITH A VALUE OF \$100,455,635, SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S CROPS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD IN 1958.

THE CROP VALUES, COMPILED IN THIS REPORT, EXCEED EARLIER ESTIMATES AND ARE GREATER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR BY \$6,465,079.

IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUES HAVE RISEN STEADILY FROM THE 1938 TOTAL OF \$15,731,737. SINCE 1955, ANNUAL TOTALS HAVE EXCEEDED \$90,000,000.

DESPITE UNUSUALLY LOW PRICES RECEIVED FOR AVOCADOS AND TOMATOES IN 1958, THESE CROPS WERE LARGE AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE YEAR'S TOTAL. MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION INCREASED AND THESE COMMODITIES BROUGHT GREATER RETURNS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE VALUE OF BEEF CATTLE SOLD IN 1958 ALSO SHOWED AN INCREASE.

PRESENT AGRICULTURAL TRENDS IN THE COUNTY APPEAR TO BE TOWARDS GREATER SPECIALIZATION IN PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES, AVOCADOS, COMMERCIAL FLOWERS AND CHICKEN EGGS. CONTINUED EXPANSION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS EXPECTED.

THE CROP VALUES IN THIS REPORT INCLUDE GRADING AND PACKING COSTS IN MOST INSTANCES. NET RETURNS TO THE PRODUCERS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY LESS.

OF THE CROPS LISTED FOR 1958, THOSE HAVING VALUES IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS WERE:

PLANT CROPS

TOMATOES . . . . .	\$15,878,474
AVOCADOS . . . . .	8,730,000
CELERY . . . . .	4,164,703
LEMONS . . . . .	3,375,246
ORANGES . . . . .	3,410,004
NURSERY STOCK . . . . .	2,977,579
MARKET FLOWERS . . . . .	2,624,350
LETTUCE . . . . .	1,510,600
SNAP BEANS . . . . .	1,425,600
PEPPERS . . . . .	1,346,780
ALFALFA . . . . .	1,215,000
GRAPES , . . . .	1,005,980

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

EGGS . . . . .	\$19,803,650
MILK . . . . .	12,683,410
BEEF CATTLE . . . . .	6,070,010
TURKEYS . . . . .	1,385,000
CHICKEN MEAT . . . . .	1,183,000
HOGS . . . . .	1,103,544

WE WISH TO THANK THE MANY PERSONS WHO SO CHEERFULLY ASSISTED US WITH INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPILING THIS 1958 CROP REPORT. WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL CREDIT GOES TO BRUCE SWANSON, FOR LIVESTOCK STATISTICS, AND TO RICHARD BEARDMORE FOR SURVEYS OF COMMERCIAL FLOWER AND NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION.

DEAN F. PALMER  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1958

	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>				
APPLES				
MARKET APPLES	414	65	33,000 BOXES(40#)	\$ 66,000
CIDER APPLES			400 TONS	10,000
APRICOTS	41	1	2,500 LUGS(25#)	7,500
AVOCADOS	12,654	2,073	4,365,000 FLATS(13#)	8,730,000
BUSHBERRIES	32		160,000 POUNDS	12,800
CACTUS FRUIT	20		15,000 FLATS(22#)	22,500
GRAPEFRUIT	187	3	38,757 CTNS.(33#)	93,542
GRAPES				
DESERT TABLE	1,600	40	250,496 BOXES(28#)	858,450
OTHER TABLE	164	2	15,000 BOXES (28#)	30,000
WINE GRAPES	1,331	57	1,996 TONS	117,530
LEMONS				
FRESH MARKET	3,887	1,072	1,237,267 CTNS.(38#)	2,808,596
FOR PRODUCTS			16,191 TONS	566,650
LIMES	198	92	1,437 TONS	172,440
LOQUATS	11		1,500 LUGS(25#)	3,750
OLIVES	815	3	45 TONS	3,300
ORANGES				
NAVELS	438	98	95,360 CTNS.(37#)	298,477
VALENCIAS	4,596	157	974,427 CTNS.(37#)	2,777,117
FOR PRODUCTS			4,976 TONS	334,410
PEACHES	319	30	63,800 BOXES(22#)	143,550
PEARS				
FRESH MARKET	169	9	10,500 BOXES(24#)	16,800
CANNING			550 TONS	46,750
PERSIMMONS	46	10	15,000 BOXES(25#)	37,500
PLUMS	49	25	10,000 BOXES(25#)	25,000
STRAWBERRIES				
FRESH MARKET	250		250,000 TRAYS(9#)	437,500
PROCESSING			656,000 POUNDS	78,720
WALNUTS	862	70	2,500 BAGS(100#)	47,500
MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS	63	52		15,000
	<u>28,146</u>	<u>3,859</u>		\$ <u>17,761,332</u>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
ASPARAGUS	286		15,000 CRTS.(33#)	\$ 120,000
BEANS, GREEN	1,056		264,000 CRTS.(45#)	1,425,600
BROCCOLI	12		2,100 CRTS.(40#)	6,300
CABBAGE	861		344,400 CRTS.(50#)	861,000
CANTALOUPE	33		4,125 CRTS.(60#)	6,187
CAULIFLOWER	35		10,500 CRTS.(50#)	18,375
CELERY	1,409		1,281,447 CRTS.(60#)	4,164,703
CORN, SWEET	331		66,200 CRTS.(5-DOZ)	132,400
CUCUMBERS	658		394,800 LUGS (30#)	690,900
LETTUCE, HEAD	1,079		755,300 CTNS.(40#)	1,510,600
PARSLEY	90		63,000 CRTS.(20#)	63,000
PEAS	114		11,400 CRTS.(30#)	27,360
PEPPERS				
BELL PEPPERS	433		173,200 CRTS.(40#)	692,800
DRY CHILI	565		706 TONS	303,580
GREEN CHILI	200		50,000 CRTS.(40#)	240,000
YELLOW CHILI	69		13,800 CRTS.(40#)	110,400

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLES</b>			
POTATOES	220	61,600 SACKS(100#)	\$ 123,200
RADISHES	134	20,100 CRTS.(40#)	30,150
ROMAINE LETTUCE	340	153,000 CRTS.(30#)	459,000
SQUASH			
SUMMER VARIETIES	593	237,200 LUGS(25#)	474,400
WINTER VARIETIES	182	1,820 TONS	72,800
SWEET POTATOES	207	82,800 LUGS(33#)	218,592
TOMATOES			
SUMMER CROP	1,200	2,640,000 FLATS(21#)	3,960,000
FALL CROP	3,400	6,800,000 FLATS(21#)	11,900,000
CANNING		820 TONS	18,474
TURNIPS	147	29,400 CRTS.(50#)	36,750
WATERMELONS	102	1,020 TONS	40,800
MISCELLANEOUS	100	15,000 CRTS.	22,500
	<b>13,853</b>		<b>\$27,729,871</b>
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>			
BEANS			
BLACKEYES	700	7,100 SACKS(100#)	\$ 49,700
DRY LIMAS	4,625	37,000 SACKS(100#)	382,950
GARBANZOS	960	3,840 SACKS(100#)	49,920
COTTON	190	380 BALES(500#)	72,200
ENSILAGE, CORN	650	9,750 TONS	97,500
GRAIN			
BARLEY	20,000	300,000 SACKS(100#)	720,000
MILO	578	2,220 SACKS(100#)	5,550
OATS	240	1,680 SACKS(100#)	3,696
HAY			
ALFALFA	6,750	40,500 TONS	1,215,000
BARLEY	1,200	1,800 TONS	39,600
OAT	7,000	10,000 TONS	300,000
PASTURE, IRRIGATED	5,000		312,500
	<b>47,893</b>		<b>\$ 3,248,616</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
MARKET FLOWERS	709		\$ 2,624,350
NURSERY STOCK	300		2,977,579
HONEY		2,976,545 POUNDS	327,420
BEESWAX		39,687 POUNDS	17,859
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM PAYMENTS			217,837
SOIL BANK CONSERVATION RESERVE PAYMENTS			29,941
			<b>\$ 6,194,986</b>

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
BEEF		
CATTLE	33,452 HEAD	\$ 6,001,646
CALVES	633 HEAD	68,364
DAIRY		
MILK	28,055,647 GALLONS	12,683,410
COWS (MEAT)	4,300 HEAD	903,000
CALVES	10,643 HEAD	159,645
POULTRY		
CHICKEN EGGS	54,550,000 DOZEN	19,803,650
HENS (MEAT)	8,700,000 POUNDS	783,000
FRYERS	2,000,000 POUNDS	400,000
HATCHERY CHICKS	1,469,146 CHICKS	453,673
TURKEYS (MEAT)	5,000,000 POUNDS	1,160,000
TURKEY EGGS	900,000 EGGS	225,000
RABBITS	3,600,000 POUNDS	900,000
HOGS	28,296 HEAD	1,103,544
SHEEP		
LAMBS	6,479 HEAD	118,112
WOOL	52,800 POUNDS	32,736
FERTILIZER	1,450,000 CUBIC YARDS	725,000
		\$ 45,520,780

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THREE-YEAR SUMMARY

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
FRUIT CROPS	\$ 16,427,238	\$ 13,564,516	\$ 17,761,382
VEGETABLES	28,858,328	30,931,986	27,729,871
FIELD CROPS	3,378,243	3,290,913	3,248,616
MISCELLANEOUS	5,650,965	6,201,016	6,194,986
LIVESTOCK	38,926,320	40,002,125	45,520,780
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 93,241,094	\$ 93,990,556	\$ 100,455,635
AGRICULTURAL INCOME			



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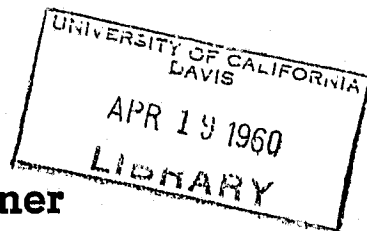
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San Diego County's crops and livestock products in 1959 had a total value of \$109,598,615. The 1959 total was \$9,142,980 greater than in 1958, the previous high year.

Commodities showing greatest value increases in 1959 were tomatoes, market flowers and milk. Tomatoes climbed from \$15,878,474 in 1958 to \$28,518,140 last year. Milk produced in the county had a value of \$14,331,644, an increase of \$1,648,234. Flower sales for the year increased to \$5,859,314, up \$3,234,964 over 1958.

The increased value of some commodities in 1959 did not reflect a general level of agricultural prosperity. Several important products, notably avocados and eggs, dropped sharply in value because of low market prices. Grain, hay and bean crops were greatly reduced because of deficient rainfall.

Livestock production continued to have a high value in 1959, surpassing the previous year by \$948,030. A decrease in egg values, resulting from a depressed market, was offset by increased milk production and heavy sales of beef cattle.

The crop values in this report include grading and packing costs in most instances. Net returns to the producers have been considerably less. Crops having values in excess of one million dollars in 1959 were:

PLANT CROPS

Tomatoes . . . . .	\$ 28,518,140
Avocados . . . . .	6,869,351
Market Flowers . . . . .	5,859,314
Oranges . . . . .	3,725,188
Nursery Stock . . . . .	3,381,757
Lemons . . . . .	2,995,490
Celery . . . . .	1,792,000
Snap Beans . . . . .	1,138,212
Lettuce . . . . .	1,048,600
Alfalfa . . . . .	1,049,985

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Eggs . . . . .	\$ 18,156,900
Milk . . . . .	14,331,644
Beef Cattle . . . . .	7,798,006
Hogs . . . . .	1,223,252
Turkeys . . . . .	1,160,000

We wish to thank the many persons who supplied information for this 1959 Crop Report. We hope they will find the report useful. James R. Carlin deserves credit for preparing the livestock section. Carrol V. Crawford and other staff members also worked long and cheerfully on the report.

Dean F. Palmer  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - 1959

	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>				
Apples				
Market Apples	416	64	14,500 boxes (40#) \$	34,075
Cider Apples			300 tons	9,000
Apricots	41	1	3,000 lugs (25#)	9,000
Avocados	13,041	1,979	753,744 flats (13#)	6,869,351
Bushberries	12		96,000 pounds	11,520
Cactus Fruit	20		18,000 flats (22#)	22,500
Figs	30	7	80,000 pounds	14,400
Grapefruit	186	3	69,792 ctns. (33#)	124,315
Grapes				
Desert Table	1,474		156,703 boxes (28#)	710,000
Other Table	141		17,000 boxes (28#)	20,000
Wine Grapes	1,322	55	759 tons	34,155
Lemons				
Fresh Market	3,959	718	959,964 ctns. (38#)	2,449,910
For Products			17,320 tons	545,580
Limes	231	64	1,423 tons	187,836
Loquats	11		2,000 lugs (25#)	7,000
Olives	815	2	160 tons	22,800
Oranges				
Navels	434	120	166,354 ctns. (37#)	374,296
Valencias	4,493	234	1,024,634 ctns. (37#)	2,387,397
For Products			16,522 tons	963,495
Peaches	321	24	64,200 boxes (22#)	128,400
Pears				
Fresh Market	170	8	13,000 boxes (24#)	21,450
Canning			500 tons	32,500
Persimmons	43	15	13,500 boxes (25#)	33,750
Plums	59	15	15,000 boxes (25#)	37,500
Strawberries	203		203,000 trays (9#)	406,000
Walnuts	853	55	2,000 bags (100#)	50,000
Misc. Fruits	53	57		15,000
	<u>28,328</u>	<u>3,421</u>		<u>\$ 15,521,230</u>

**VEGETABLES**

Asparagus	185		10,000 crts. (33#)	80,000
Beans, Green	1,171		210,780 crts. (45#)	1,138,212
Broccoli	11		1,925 crts. (40#)	5,775
Cabbage	669		267,600 crts. (50#)	602,100
Cantaloupes	41		5,125 crts. (60#)	8,968
Cauliflower	106		31,800 crts. (50#)	55,650
Celery	1,400		1,120,000 crts. (60#)	1,792,000
Corn, Sweet	413		82,600 crts. (5-doz)	206,500
Cucumbers	511		357,700 lugs (30#)	536,550
Lettuce, Head	856		599,200 ctns. (40#)	1,048,600

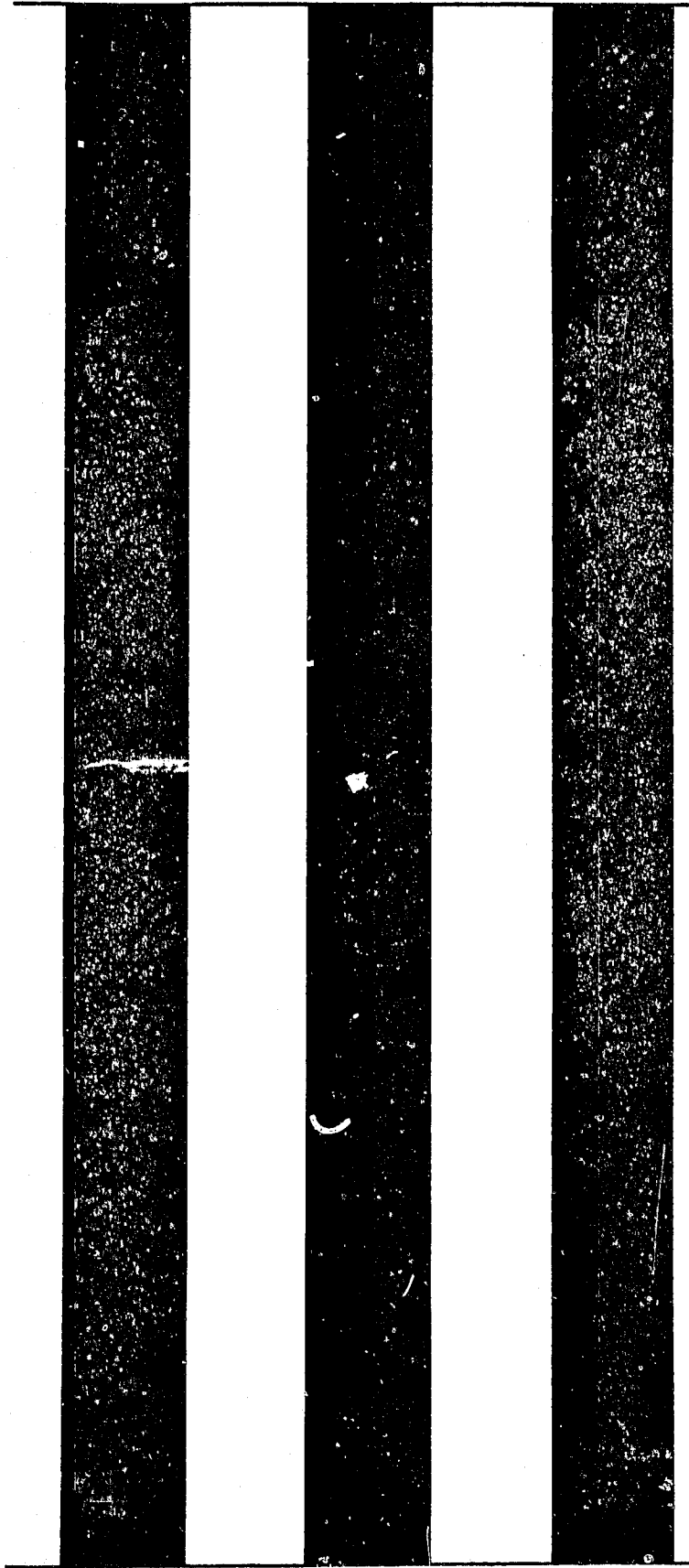
CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLES</b>			
Melons, Misc.	35	350 tons	\$ 28,000
Onions, Dry	14	140 tons	8,400
Onions, Green	20	720,000 bunches	28,000
Parsley	20	14,000 crts. (20#)	14,000
Peas	38	4,940 crts. (30#)	11,856
Peppers			
Bell Peppers	390	78,000 crts. (40#)	280,800
Dry Chili	510	383 tons	183,457
Green Chili	107	26,750 crts. (40#)	171,200
Yellow Chili	139	26,180 crts. (40#)	125,664
Potatoes	40	8,000 sacks (100#)	16,000
Radishes	237	47,550 crts. (40#)	68,812
Romaine	544	272,000 crts. (30#)	544,000
Squash			
Summer Var's.	684	205,200 lugs (25#)	410,400
Hard Varieties	92	736 tons	25,760
Sweet Potatoes	231	92,400 lugs (33#)	184,800
Tomatoes			
Summer Crop	2,186	4,372,000 flats (21#)	9,837,000
Fall Crop	4,418	7,952,400 flats (21#)	18,681,140
Turnips	65	13,000 crts. (50#)	16,250
Watermelons	265	5,300 tons	185,500
Miscellaneous	96	14,400 crts.	21,600
	<u>15,494</u>		<u>\$ 36,316,994</u>
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>			
Beans			
Blackeyes	1,170	14,040 sacks (100#)	\$ 98,280
Dry Limas	2,435	14,610 sacks (100#)	160,710
Garbanzos	500	3,000 sacks (100#)	31,500
Cotton	270	675 bales (500#)	189,000
Ensilage, Corn	885	13,275 tons	132,750
Barley	1,700	5,100 sacks (100#)	12,240
Hay			
Alfalfa	5,500	33,000 tons	990,000
Oat	1,140	1,140 tons	34,200
Pasture, Irrigated	4,500		281,250
Seed Crops			
Alfalfa	600	279,000 pounds	59,985
Flowers	17		26,295
Range Lands	87,342		35,321
	<u>106,059</u>		<u>\$ 2,051,531</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Market Flowers	699		\$ 5,859,314
Nursery Stock	1,066		3,381,757
Apiary Products			
Honey		210,000 pounds	16,800
Pollination Fees			17,500
			<u>\$ 9,275,371</u>

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<b>BEEF</b>		
Cattle	34,066 Head	\$ 6,859,774
Calves	11,266 Head	938,232
<b>DAIRY</b>		
Milk	32,571,918 Gallons	14,331,644
Cows (Meat)	6,900 Head	1,380,276
Calves	15,525 Head	310,500
<b>POULTRY</b>		
Chicken Eggs	62,610,000 Dozen	18,156,900
Hens (Meat)	11,821,800 Pounds	827,526
Fryers	1,200,000 Pounds	228,000
Hatchery Chicks	260,000 Chicks	137,800
Turkey (Meat)	4,000,000 Pounds	960,000
Turkey Eggs	1,000,000 Eggs	200,000
RABBITS	2,808,000 Pounds	702,000
HOGS	28,939 Head	1,223,252
<b>SHEEP</b>		
Lambs	6,732 Head	144,384
Wool	53,550 Pounds	33,201
		<u>\$ 46,433,489</u>

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THREE-YEAR SUMMARY

	1957	1958	1959
Fruit Crops	\$ 13,564,516	\$ 17,761,382	\$ 15,521,230
Vegetables	30,931,986	27,729,871	36,316,994
Field Crops	3,290,913	3,248,616	2,051,531
Miscellaneous	6,201,016	6,194,986	9,275,371
Livestock	<u>40,002,125</u>	<u>45,520,780</u>	<u>46,433,489</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
<b>AGRICULTURAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 93,990,556</b>	<b>\$ 100,455,635</b>	<b>\$ 109,598,615</b>



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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICAL REPORT  
(Acreage, Production and Value)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
1960

The 1960 total value of San Diego County's agricultural products amounted to \$104,357,000, the second highest record in history. The 1959 value, the highest ever recorded, totaled \$109,598,615.

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND CUT FLOWER VALUES ARE COMPUTED ON PACKED PRICE F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT, OTHERS UPON THE MOST COMMON METHOD OF SALE. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT REPORTED VALUES ARE NOT INDICATIVE OF PRODUCER RETURNS: THEY DO DEMONSTRATE, HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT AGRICULTURE PLAYS IN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY.

Crops Exceeding One Million Dollars

Plant Crops

Tomatoes	\$22,660,000
Avocados	6,300,000
Nursery Stock	4,529,500
Oranges	3,415,000
Cut flowers	2,826,500
Lemons	2,414,000
Celery	2,281,000
Grapes	1,490,000
Snap Beans	1,081,000
Lettuce	1,080,000

Livestock Products

Eggs	\$22,108,000
Milk	13,546,000
Cattle for Beef	7,569,000
Turkeys	1,196,000
Hogs & Pigs	1,035,000

Certain significant highlights for 1960 as compared with 1959 are as follows:

1. Tomato values decreased \$5,800,000. Although acreage was greater, reduction in value was caused by lower f.o.b. returns and lower yields per acre.
2. Grape values increased about \$700,000 primarily because of the greater yield of desert-grown grapes.
3. Avocado values dropped some \$560,000. Production was the largest in history but f.o.b. returns were about the lowest.
4. Citrus values decreased by about \$810,000. Acreage was reduced by the encroachment of subdivisions and other urban developments.
5. Barley values increased more than \$300,000 because of better rainfall and yields.
6. Chicken egg values gained nearly \$3,000,000. This significant gain was due to stronger returns as well as to an increase in flock populations and egg production.

#### THREE YEAR COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Livestock	45,520,780	46,433,489	47,888,000
Vegetables	27,729,871	36,316,994	31,367,000
Fruits & Nuts	17,761,382	15,521,230	15,115,000
Misc. *	6,194,986	9,274,371	7,544,000
Field Crops	<u>3,248,616</u>	<u>2,051,531</u>	<u>2,443,000</u>
	100,455,635	109,598,615	104,357,000

\* Nursery stock, cut flowers and apiary products

Appreciation is extended to the members of this department, the office of the Farm Advisor and to the many producers, growers, packers and shippers for their cooperation in furnishing data upon which this report is based.

Dean F. Palmer  
 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER



VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1960	185	2.1	3,885	Ton	520	101,000
	1959	186					80,000
Beans, Snap	1960	954	5.4	5,150	Ton	210	1,081,000
	1959	1,171					1,138,000
Bunch Vegetables	1960	970					239,000
(Beets, Broccoli, Collards, Mustard Greens, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Turnips)							
Cabbage	1960	585	14	8,190	Ton	60	491,000
	1959	669					602,000
Cauliflower	1960	47	8	376	Ton	70	26,300
	1959	106					55,600
Celery	1960	1,242	25	31,100	Ton	73	2,281,000
	1959	1,400					1,792,000
Corn, Sweet	1960	370	5	1,850	Ton	100	185,000
	1959	113					206,500
Cucumbers	1960	540	12	7,890	Ton	142	920,000
	1959	511					536,550
Lettuce, Head	1960	1,182	10.5	12,400	Ton	86	1,080,000
	1959	856					1,048,000
Melons							
Cantaloupe	1960	106	6	636	Ton	60	38,200
	1959	41					8,968
Watermelons	1960	136	20	2,720	Ton	31	84,000
	1959	265					185,000
Peppers							
Bell	1960	210	4	840	Ton	300	252,000
	1959	390					280,000
Chili, Fresh	1960	80	4.2	336	Ton	290	97,000
	1959	246					296,800
Chili, Dry	1960	300	.8	240	Ton	470	113,000
	1959	510					171,200
Romaine	1960	490	15	9,600	Ton	85	816,000
	1959	544					544,000
Squash	1960	442	8.2	3,617	Ton	187	676,000
	1959	684					410,400
Sweet Potatoes	1960	203	6.3	1,279	Ton	140	179,000
	1959	231					184,800
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	1960	6,647	17.2	115,432	Ton	196	22,660,000
	1959	6,604					28,518,000
Vegetables, Misc.	1960	89					47,000
	1959	96					21,600
(Cucumbers for process, Eggplant, Garlic, Green Limas, Green Peas, Muskmelon)							
Total	1960	14,780	xx	xxx	xx	xx	31,367,000
	1959	15,490	xx	xxx	xx	xx	36,317,000

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples							
Fresh	1960	426	.62	256	Ton	160	41,000
	1959	416					34,000
Cider	1960	xx	xx	295	Ton	30	8,900
	1959	xx	xx				9,000
Apricots	1960	26	.9	23	Ton	244	5,600
	1959	41					9,000
Avocados	1960	13,300	2.3	30,000	Ton	210	6,300,000
	1959	13,041					6,869,000
Grapes							
Desert Grown, fresh (Cardinal, Red Malaga, Ribier, Perlette, Thompson seedless)	1960	1,550	2.2	3,438	Ton	435	1,490,000
	1959	1,474					710,000
Table Varieties	1960	120	.48	58	Ton	150	8,700
	1959	141					20,000
Wine Varieties	1960	1,100	.62	1,032(a)	Ton	31	32,000
	1959	1,322					34,000
Grapefruit(c)	1960	180	5.66	1,019	Ton	86	86,400
	1959	186					124,000
Lemons, Fresh	1960	3,200	9.47	17,000	Ton	142	2,414,000
	1959	3,959					2,500,000
By-Products	1960	xx	xx	13,300	Ton	14	186,000
	1959	xx	xx	17,320			545,500
Limes	1960	220	5.5	1,210	Ton	144	174,000
	1959	231					188,000
Olives	1960	(b) 50	1.3	65	Ton	180	11,700
	1959	815					22,800
Oranges							
Navels, Fresh	1960	400	5.8	1,971	Ton		281,000
	(c) 1959	434		3,077			374,000
By-Products	1960	xx	xx	351	Ton		12,300
Valencias, Fresh	1960	4,200	7.13	15,800			2,259,000
	1959	4,493		18,955			2,387,000
By-Products	1960	xx	xx	14,130	Ton	55	777,000
	1959	xx	xx	16,522	Ton		963,000
Peaches	1960	270	3.2	864	Ton	180	154,000
	1959	321					128,000
Pears							
Bartlett, Fresh	1960	170	.52	87	Ton	150	13,100
	1959	170					21,400
Nectar	1960			240	Ton	65	15,600
	1959			500	Ton		32,500
Plums	1960	40	3.1	124	Ton	200	24,800
	1959	59					37,500

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: (CONT'D)

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Strawberries	1960	175	7.3	1,270	Ton	550	698,000
	1959	203					406,000
Walnuts	1960	375(b)	.34	127	Ton	480	61,000
	1959	853					50,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1960	110					60,700
	1959	53					15,000
Including:							
Bushberries, Cactus,							
Cherimoya, Cherries,							
Dates, Figs, Loquats,							
Macadamia nut,							
Mangoes, Passion-							
Fruit, Persimmons,							
Pears-Other,							
Pomegranates							
Total	1960	25,912					15,115,000
	1959	28,212					15,480,000

- (a) Includes 350 ton Desert Grown, Thompson Seedless sold for Winery use.
- (b) Estimated Harvested Acreage
- (c) Includes By-Products

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1960	12,600	.55	6,930	Ton	47	326,000
	1959	1,700					12,200
Beans, Dry Edible (Dry Lima, Garbanzo, Blackeye)	1960	3,351	.33	1,102	Ton	271	299,000
	1959	4,105					290,000
Cotton	1960	262	1375(a)	721	Bale	.32(a)	115,000
	1959	270					(b)108,000
Seed	1960	xx	1	262	Ton	52	13,600
	1959	xx					12,000
Hay	1960	5,300	6.5	33,900	Ton	27.50	932,000
	1959	5,500					990,000
Grain	1960	6,264	1	6,264	Ton	27	169,000
	1959	1,140					34,200
Pasture and Range	1960	4,800	xx	xxx	Acre	62	298,000
	1959	4,500	xx	xxx			281,000
Other	1960	369,000	xx	xxx	Acre	.50	184,500
	(d) 1959	87,000					35,000
Silage Corn	1960	200	15	3,000	Ton	15	45,000
	1959	885					133,000
Misc. Field Crops (Alfalfa seed, Milo, Wheat)	1960	692					61,200
	1959	600					59,900
Total	1960	402,469					2,443,000
	1959	105,700					(c) 1,956,000

(a) Pound(s)

(b) Revised to exclude Gov't. payments.

(c) Revised to exclude Gov't. payments and flower seed value

(d) Portion only reported.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	PRODUCTION AREA		Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Sq. Ft.	Acres			Per Unit	Total
Citrus & subtropical fruit trees	1960		51	175,000	plant	2.86	500,500
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1960			2,530,000	plant	.80	2,024,000
Bedding plants	1960			221,000	flat	1.58	349,000
Hebaceous perennials	1960		70	2,647,000	plant	.051	135,000
Indoor decoratives	1960			2,814,000	plant	.38	1,069,000
Cactus & succulents	1960			2,400,000	plant	.06	144,000
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots, corms, tubers	1960			12,358,000			308,000
Carnations	1960	35 acres		26,250,000	bloom	.05	1,312,500
Gladiolus	1960		400	1,600,000	doz. spikes	.67	1,072,000
Misc. Cut flowers (Stock, Bird-of-Paradise, Gerbera, Lilac, Wax flower, Poinsettia, Sweetpea, Peony, Iris, Lilies, Rose, Chrysanthemum)	1960						442,000
Total	1960						7,356,000
	1959						9,241,071

Item breakdown for 1959 not available.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N		Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves (a)	1960	55,900	362,000	Cwt.	20.9	7,569,000
	1959	67,800				9,489,000
Lambs	1960	3,460	3,460	Cwt.	21	73,500
	1959	6,730				144,000
Hogs & Pigs	1960	23,000	57,500	Cwt.	18	1,035,000
	1959	29,000				1,223,000
Broilers and Fryers	1960	341,000	1,192,000	Lb.	.19	226,500
	1959	533,000				228,000
Chickens, Other Meat	1960	2,600,000	9,100,000	Lb.	.08	728,000
	(b) 1959	2,489,000				610,000
Chicks	1960	448,000		Each	.235	105,000
	1959	520,000				137,000
Turkeys	1960	230,000	4,600,000	Lb.	.26	1,196,000
	1959	200,000				960,000
Turkey Poults	1960	242,000		Each	.67	162,000
Rabbits	1960	499,500	2,527,000	Lb.	.25	632,000
	1959	554,666				702,000
Totals	1960	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	11,727,000
	1959	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	13,493,000

(a) Includes Dairy Animals sold for slaughter. (b) Revised

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1960	2,629,000	Cwt.	5.24	13,770,000
	(a) 1959	2,618,000			13,546,000
Wool	1960	75,800	Lb.	.42	33,000
	1959				33,000
Eggs, Chicken Mkt.	1960	66,993,000	Doz.	.33	22,108,000
	1959	62,610,000			18,157,000
Eggs, Turkey Hatch	1960	1,000,000	Each	.25	250,000
	1959	1,000,000			200,000
Totals	1960	xxxx	xxx	xxx	36,161,000
	1959	xxxx	xxx	xxx	31,936,000

(a) Revised

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	PRODUCTION TOTAL	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1960	1,358,000	Lb.	.13	176,500
	1959(a)	210,000			16,800
Beeswax	1960	18,000	Lb.	.43	7,750
Pollination	1960	839	Colony	3.87	3,250
Total	1960	xxxx	xxx	xx	187,500
	1959	xxxx	xxx	xx	16,800

(a) Includes Beeswax



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**AGRICULTURAL STATISTICAL  
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TO: CHARLES PAUL, DIRECTOR  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
and  
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I am pleased to submit the 1961 Agricultural Report as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. This report covers the acreage, production, and value of agricultural products in the County.

The total value of the county's agriculture for 1961 was \$101,453,000.

Fruit, vegetable and cut flower values are computed on packed price f. o. b. shipping point, other commodities price is based upon the most common method of sale. The values shown are based on gross income and do not represent net income received by the farmers.

Crops Exceeding One Million Dollars

Plant Crops

Tomatoes	\$19,247,000
Avocados	8,712,000
Oranges	6,775,500
Cut Flowers	3,561,500
Nursery Stock	3,131,000
Celery	1,826,500
Lemons	1,735,500
Grapes	1,531,000
Cucumbers	1,321,500

Livestock Products

Eggs	\$21,625,000
Milk	14,195,500
Cattle for Beef	5,746,000
Turkeys	1,110,000

Highlights of 1961 agriculture include the following:

Chicken eggs and milk continued their long-term, gradual increase in production. An overall lower egg price gave a slightly lower egg value from that of the previous year.

Adverse weather conditions of several kinds cut the apple crop in half and allowed only small crops of apricots, peaches, pears, plums and walnuts.

Products that were hit especially hard by the exceedingly dry weather were barley, dry edible beans, beef cattle and honey.

Cucumbers hit a value above one million dollars for the first time.

Oranges and Avocados achieved high value figures.

Other products that made a substantial gain over the previous year are: bunch vegetables, peppers, squash, grapefruit, limes and miscellaneous cut flowers. Squash came near to one million dollars in value. The sharp rise in Miscellaneous Vegetables was due primarily to a very good potato crop.

Other products which showed a substantial decrease in value from the previous year are: snap beans, lettuce, cantaloupes, romaine, tomatoes (which dropped over three million dollars in value), lemons and hay.

Tangerines, the county's newest fruit industry, is reported separately for the first time with an impressive value.

I wish to express my appreciation to all individuals and organizations who contributed information for this report and to the members of this department who gathered the information which was assembled by Mr. Charles Lambert Mann, Office Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James M. Moon

James M. Moon  
Agricultural Commissioner

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1961	193	1.2	229	Ton	583	133,500
	1960	185	2.1	388	Ton	520	101,000
Beans, Snap	1961	680	4.2	2,884	Ton	236	681,000
	1960	954	5.4	5,150	Ton	210	1,081,000
Bunch Vegetables (Beets, Broccoli, Chinese Parsley, Collards, Endive, Mustard Greens, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips)	1961	424					375,000
	1960	970					239,000
Cabbage	1961	637	13.7	8,710	Ton	60	520,000
	1960	585	14	8,190	Ton	60	491,000
Cauliflower	1961	100	8.3	826	Ton	54	44,000
	1960	47	8	376	Ton	70	26,300
Celery	1961	1,218	24	29,349	Ton	62	1,826,500
	1960	1,242	25	31,100	Ton	73	2,281,000
Corn, Sweet	1961	337	4.5	1,527	Ton	111	170,000
	1960	370	5	1,850	Ton	100	185,000
Cucumbers	1961	688	8.7	6,018	Ton	220	1,321,500
	1960	540	12	7,890	Ton	142	920,000
Lettuce, Head	1961	845	10	8,462	Ton	75	638,000
	1960	1,182	10.5	12,400	Ton	86	1,080,000
Melons							
Cantaloupe	1961	13	3.5	46	Ton	87	4,000
	1960	106	6	636	Ton	60	38,200
Watermelons	1961	87	15.1	1,314	Ton	33	44,000
	1960	136	20	2,720	Ton	31	84,000
Peppers							
Bell	1961	244	86	2,097	Ton	243	510,500
	1960	210	4	840	Ton	300	252,000
Chili, Fresh	1961	128	4	512	Ton	402	206,000
	1960	80	4.2	336	Ton	290	97,000
Chili, Dry	1961	135	1.5	202	Ton	490	99,000
	1960	300	.8	240	Ton	470	113,000
Romaine	1961	215	11.6	2,494	Ton	69	171,500
	1960	490	15	9,600	Ton	85	816,000
Squash	1961	629	6.7	4,243	Ton	224	949,000
	1960	442	8.2	3,617	Ton	187	676,000
Sweet Potatoes	1961	252	4	1,008	Ton	180	181,500
	1960	203	6.3	1,279	Ton	140	179,000
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	1961	6,668	13.5	90,046	Ton	214	19,247,000
	1960	6,647	17.2	115,432	Ton	196	22,660,000
Vegetables, Misc. (Cucumbers for process, Eggplant, Garlic, Green Limas, Green Peas, Muskmelon, Potatoes)	1961	301					333,000
	1960						47,000
Total	1961	13,794	xx	xxx	xx	xx	27,455,000
	1960	14,780	xx	xxx	xx	xx	31,367,000

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples							
Fresh	1961	356	.43	152	Ton	134	20,500
	1960	426	.62	256	Ton	160	41,000
Cider	1961	xx	xx	13	Ton	187	2,500
	1960	xx	xx	295	Ton	30	8,900
Avocados	1961	13,140	2	27,055	Ton	322	8,712,000
	1960	13,300	2.3	30,000	Ton	210	6,300,000
Grapes							
Desert grown, fresh	1961	1,560	2.1	3,237	Ton	457	1,479,500
market (Cardinal,	1960	1,550	2.2	3,438	Ton	435	1,490,000
Red Malaga, Ribier, Perlette, Thompson seedless)							
Desert grown By-	1961	xx	xx	1,144	Ton	20	23,000
product							
Table Varieties	1961	90	.22	20	Ton	160	3,000
	1960	120	.48	58	Ton	150	8,700
Wine Varieties	1961	1,147	.28	321	Ton	80	25,500
	1960	1,100	.62	1,032	Ton	31	32,000
Grapefruit (c)	1961	156	9.4	1,465	Ton	133	194,500
	1960	180	5.66	1,019	Ton	86	86,400
Lemons, fresh	1961	3,485	6.3	22,052	Ton	76	1,670,500
market	1960	3,200	9.47	17,000	Ton	142	2,414,000
By-products	1961	xx	xx	5,411	Ton	12	65,000
	1960	xx	xx	13,300	Ton	14	186,000
Limes	1961	302	11.2	3,377	Ton	143	481,500
	1960	220	5.5	1,210	Ton	144	174,000
Oranges							
Navels, fresh	1961	580	8.9	5,185	Ton	217	1,127,000
	1960	400	5.8	1,971	Ton	142	281,000
By-products	1961	xx	xx	412	Ton		16,500
	1960	xx	xx	351	Ton		12,300
Valencias, fresh	1961	4,362	6.2	26,836	Ton	199	5,329,500
	1960	4,200	7.13	15,800	Ton	154	2,259,000
By-products	1961	xx	xx	5,500	Ton	55	302,500
	1960	xx	xx	14,130	Ton	55	777,000
Strawberries	1961	172	7.5	1,289	Ton	312	402,000
	1960	175	7.3	1,270	Ton	550	698,000
Tangerines	1961	100	4.4	438	Ton	240	105,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1961	1,125					75,500
Including: Bush-	1960	110					60,700
berries, Cactus, Carob, Cherimoya, Cherries, Dates, Figs, Loquats, Macadamia nut, Mangoes, Passion Fruit, Peaches, Pears-Bartlett, Pears-Nectar, Persimmons, Plums, Pomegranates, Sapote, Walnuts							
Total	1961	26,575					20,035,500
	1960	25,912					15,115,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1961	1,570	.6	905	Ton	46	42,000
	1960	12,600	.55	6,930	Ton	47	326,000
Beans, Dry Edible (Dry Lima, Garbanzo, Blackeye)	1961	993	.46	459	Ton	276	126,500
	1960	3,351	.33	1,102	Ton	271	299,000
Cotton							
Lint	1961	340	3	1,020	Bale	155	158,000
	1960	262	2.7	721	Bale		115,000
Seed	1961	xx	2.1	720	Ton	51	36,500
	1960	xx	1	262	Ton	52	13,600
Hay							
Alfalfa	1961	1,480	8.1	12,000	Ton	26	317,000
	1960	5,300	6.5	33,900	Ton	27.50	932,000
Grain	1961	1,179	.5	597	Ton	37	22,000
	1960	6,264	1	6,264	Ton	27	169,000
Pasture and Range							
Irrigated	1961	4,710	xx	xxx	Acre	78	367,500
	1960	4,800	xx	xxx	Acre	62	298,000
Other	1961	467,000	xx	xxx	Acre	.50	233,500
	1960	396,000	xx	xxx	Acre	.50	184,500
Silage Corn	1961	215	14.9	3,200	Ton	15	48,000
	1960	200	15	3,000	Ton	15	45,000
Misc. Field Crops (Alfalfa seed, Brome, Milo, Oats, Wheat)	1961	1,051					51,500
	1960	692					61,200
Total	1961	478,538					1,402,500
	1960	402,469					2,443,000

NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	PRODUCTION AREA		Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Citrus & subtropical fruit trees	1961		54	294,247	Plant	2.52	743,500
	1960		51	175,000	Plant	2.86	500,500
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1961			1,380,724	Plant	.54	751,000
	1960			2,530,000	Plant	.80	2,024,000
Bedding plants	1961			227,828	Flat	1.67	382,500
	1960			221,000	Flat	1.58	349,000
Herbaceous perennials	1961		377	11,270,200	Plant	.06	659,500
	1960		70	2,647,000	Plant	.051	135,000
Indoor decoratives	1961			40,000	Plant	.30	12,000
	1960			2,814,000	Plant	.38	1,069,000
Cactus & succulents	1961			2,100,190	Plant	.08	168,500
	1960			2,400,000	Plant	.06	144,000
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots corms, tubers	1961			13,800,000			414,000
	1960			12,358,000			308,000
Carnations	1961		39	19,500,000	Bloom	.045	877,500
	1960		35	26,250,000	Bloom	.05	1,312,500
Gladiolus	1961		319	1,618,000	Doz.	.61	988,000
					Spikes		
	1960		400	1,600,000	Doz.	.67	1,072,000
					Spikes		
Misc. Cut flowers (Bird-of-Paradise, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Iris, Lilac, Lilies, Peony, Poinsettia, Rose, Stock, Sweetpea, Wax Flower)	1961						1,696,000
	1960						442,000
Total	1961						6,692,500
	1960						7,356,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves(a)	1961	44,200	287,300	Cwt.	20	5,746,000
(a)	1960	55,900	362,000	Cwt.	20.9	7,569,000
Lambs	1961	6,100	5,600	Cwt.	17.75	99,500
	1960	3,460	3,460	Cwt.	21	73,500
Hogs & Pigs	1961	19,000	45,000	Cwt.	18	810,000
	1960	23,000	57,500	Cwt.	18	1,035,000
Broilers & Fryers	1961	400,000	1,200,000	Lb.	.17	204,000
	1960	341,000	1,192,000	Lb.	.19	226,500
Chickens, Other Meat	1961	2,860,000	11,154,000	Lb.	.07	781,000
	1960	2,600,000	9,100,000	Lb.	.08	728,000
Turkeys	1961	300,000	6,000,000	Lb.	.185	1,110,000
	1960	230,000	4,600,000	Lb.	.26	1,196,000
Miscellaneous Poultry (b)	1961					688,000
	1960					517,000
Rabbits	1961	500,000	2,500,000	Lb.	.25	625,000
	1960	499,500	2,527,000	Lb.	.25	632,000
Totals	1961	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	10,063,500
	1960	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	11,727,000

(a)Incl. dairy animals sold for slaughter. (b)Incl. chicks, turkey poults & turkey eggs

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	PRODUCTION	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1961	2,748,000	Cwt.	5.15	14,152,000
(a)	1960	2,650,000	Cwt.	5.20	13,780,000
Manufacturing	1961	15,100	Cwt.	2.88	43,500
(a)	1960	525	Cwt.	2.84	1,490
Wool	1961	63,000	Lb.	.36	22,500
	1960	75,800	Lb.	.42	33,000
Eggs, Chicken Mkt.	1961	68,650,000	Doz.	.315	21,625,000
	1960	66,993,000	Doz.	.33	22,108,000
Totals	1961				35,799,500
	1960	xxx	xx	xx	36,161,000

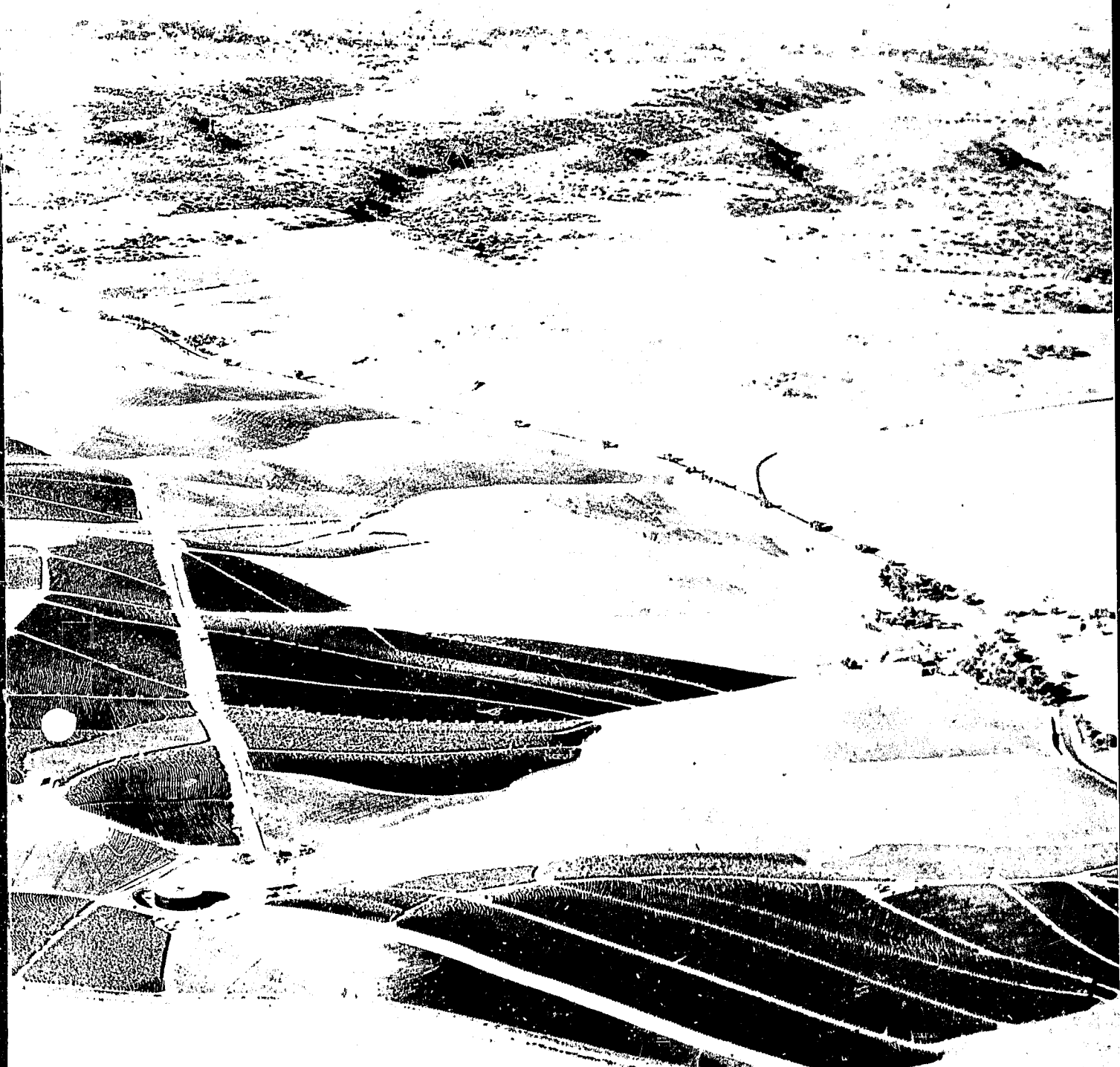


APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	PRODUCTION TOTAL	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1961	28,000	Lb.	.11	3,100
	1960	1,358,000	Lb.	13	176,500
Beeswax	1961	450	Lb.	.45	200
	1960	18,000	Lb.	.43	7,750
Pollination	1961	110	Colony	4.50	500
	1960	839	Colony	3.87	3,250
Sale of Nuclei	1961	280	Nucleus	2.50	700
Total	1961				4,500
	1960				187,500
GRAND TOTAL	1961				101,453,000
	1960				104,356,500

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COVER: View toward the west, across the Otay Mesa area, showing some of the land newly opened to irrigated crops. Formerly dry-farmed, this land is now being planted to tomatoes, celery, and other high-yield, high value vegetable crops.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TO: Charles Paul, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego

Submitted herewith is the report of agricultural production in San Diego County for 1962, as required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code. The acreage, yield, and value of the County's agricultural production is covered by this report.

Total value of the County's production in 1962 was \$110,832,500, a record amount.

Fruit, vegetable, and cut flower values were computed on the basis of the packed price, f.o.b. shipping point. On other commodities, the price was based on the most common method of sale. The values shown, therefore, represent gross returns and do not represent the farmer's net income.

Crops and products exceeding one million dollars in value were:

<u>Plant Crops</u>		<u>Livestock Products</u>	
Tomatoes	\$23,241,000	Eggs	\$21,576,000
Avocados	8,702,000	Milk	14,099,000
Oranges	6,685,000	Cattle for beef	6,026,000
Nursery stock	3,765,000	Chicken meat	1,392,500
Cut flowers	3,510,500	Rabbits	1,231,000
Celery	2,516,000	Turkeys	1,100,000
Lemons	2,203,000		
Grapes	1,198,000		
Cabbage	1,167,500		
Squash	1,124,000		
Snap beans	1,104,000		

Weather conditions during 1962 were generally favorable for all crops, even though cool, rainy weather caused some delay in ripening. Rainfall during the growing season approached the normal for the first time in several years. As a result, production of barley, dry beans, and miscellaneous field crops, all grown without irrigation, was much greater than in 1961. Apples, peaches, pears, walnuts, and other miscellaneous fruits were all benefitted by these favorable weather conditions. Even crops grown with irrigation were benefitted by the good rains, as this helped to leach accumulated salts from the soil.

The honey crop was the largest in several years, mainly as a result of the rain which brought on a luxuriant growth of wild flowers and native shrubs.

Cattle production increased, again because the rainfall resulted in a fine growth of natural forage. Range conditions were better than they had been for a number of years, and larger numbers of young stock were imported for feeding.

Egg production continued its upward trend; prices in 1962 were somewhat lower than they had been, though, so that the total value of eggs produced was slightly smaller than in 1961.

While weather conditions in San Diego County were favorable for agriculture, other parts of the country were not so fortunate. As a result, prices received for many crops were higher than would have been expected normally. This helped to bring our year's total to its record high.

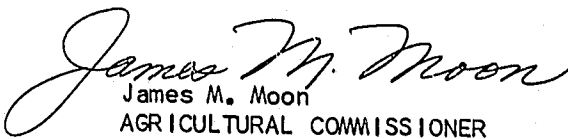
Although there is considerable concern about urban expansion into former agricultural areas, as Colorado River water has become available hundreds of acres of new land have been opened up. Most of this new land has been planted to vegetables, particularly tomatoes, but additional acreages of citrus and avocados have also been planted in recent years.

Urban expansion is the reason for the continuing decline in our local hog industry. It is also responsible for the gradual decline in the number of small poultry and egg farms, but these are being replaced by larger, more efficient producers located farther from centers of population.

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VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	\$ V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1962	183	1.5	274	Ton	584	160,000
	1961	193	1.2	229	Ton	583	133,500
Beans, Snap	1962	962	3.8	3,656	Ton	302	1,104,000
	1961	680	4.2	2,884	Ton	236	681,000
Bunch Vegetables (Beets, Broccoli, Chinese Parsley, Collards, Endive, Mustard Greens, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips)	1962	633	xx	xx	xx	xx	637,500
	1961	424	xx	xx	xx	xx	375,000
Cabbage	1962	737	14.4	10,613	Ton	110	1,167,500
	1961	637	13.7	8,710	Ton	60	520,000
Cauliflower	1962	135	9.9	1,336	Ton	111	149,000
	1961	100	8.3	826	Ton	54	44,000
Celery	1962	850	29.6	25,160	Ton	100	2,516,000
	1961	1,218	24.0	29,349	Ton	62	1,826,500
Corn, Sweet	1962	390	4.9	1,911	Ton	117	223,500
	1961	337	4.5	1,527	Ton	111	170,000
Cucumbers	1962	639	7.3	4,665	Ton	198	923,500
	1961	688	8.7	6,018	Ton	220	1,321,500
Lettuce, Head	1962	582	10.4	6,053	Ton	80	484,000
	1961	845	10.0	8,462	Ton	75	638,000
Melons							
Cantaloupe	1962	65	4.6	299	Ton	90	27,000
	1961	13	3.5	46	Ton	87	4,000
Watermelons	1962	82	9.6	787	Ton	31	25,000
	1961	87	15.1	1,314	Ton	33	44,000
Peppers							
Bell	1962	295	6.3	1,858	Ton	236	438,500
	1961	244	8.6	2,097	Ton	243	510,500
Chili, Fresh	1962	200	3.1	620	Ton	395	245,000
	1961	128	4.0	512	Ton	402	206,000
Chili, Dry	1962	150	1.3	195	Ton	525	103,000
	1961	135	1.5	202	Ton	490	99,000
Potatoes	1962	490	15.9	7,791	Ton	57	444,000
	1961(a)						
Romaine	1962	329	11.4	3,751	Ton	77	289,000
	1961	215	11.6	2,494	Ton	69	171,500
Squash	1962	795	6.7	5,326	Ton	211	1,124,000
	1961	629	6.7	4,243	Ton	224	949,000
Sweet Potatoes	1962	315	7.25	2,284	Ton	140	320,000
	1961	252	4.0	1,008	Ton	180	181,500
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	1962	7,505	15.8	118,579	Ton	196	23,241,000
	1961	6,668	13.5	90,046	Ton	214	19,247,000
Misc. Vegetables (Eggplant, Garlic, Green Limas, Green Peas, Muskmelons)	1962	220	xx	xx	xx	xx	27,000
	1961	301	xx	xx	xx	xx	333,000
TOTAL	1962	15,557	xx	xx	xx	xx	33,648,500
	1961	13,794	xx	xx	xx	xx	27,455,000

(a) 1961 Potato production included in Misc. Vegetables

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Apples							
Fresh	1962	356	1.6	570	Ton	147	84,000
	1961	356	.43	152	Ton	134	20,500
Cider	1962	xx	xx	264	Ton	131	34,500
	1961	xx	xx	13	Ton	187	2,500
Avocados	1962	13,813	2.0	27,626	Ton	315	8,702,000
	1961	13,140	2.0	27,055	Ton	322	8,712,000
Grapes							
Desert grown, fresh market	1962	1,560	1.5	2,340	Ton	471	1,102,000
	1961	1,560	2.1	3,237	Ton	457	1,479,500
							(Cardinal, Red Malaga, Ribier, Perlette, Thompson seedless)
Desert grown, By-product	1962	xx	xx	1,030	Ton	35	36,000
	1961	xx	xx	1,144	Ton	20	23,000
Table Varieties	1962	96	0.25	24	Ton	153	3,500
	1961	90	0.22	20	Ton	160	3,000
Wine Varieties	1962	1,090	0.61	665	Ton	85	56,500
	1961	1,147	0.28	321	Ton	80	25,500
Grapefruit	1962	119	9.7	1,154	Ton	134	154,500
	1961	156	9.4	1,465	Ton	133	194,500
Lemons, fresh market	1962	3,341	6.5	21,716	Ton	95	2,063,000
	1961	3,485	6.3	22,052	Ton	76	1,670,500
By-product	1962	xx	xx	9,332	Ton	15	140,000
	1961	xx	xx	5,411	Ton	12	65,000
Limes	1962	345	7.4	2,553	Ton	300	766,000
	1961	302	11.2	3,377	Ton	143	481,500
Oranges							
Navels, fresh market	1962	1,201	10.0	8,287	Ton	231	1,914,000
	1961	1,187 (a)	8.9	5,185	Ton	217	1,127,000
By-product	1962	xx	xx	3,775	Ton	32	120,500
	1961	xx	xx	412	Ton	40	16,500
Valencias, fresh market	1962	4,771	7.6	22,901	Ton	170	3,893,000
	1961	4,362	6.2	26,836	Ton	199	5,329,500
By-product	1962	xx	xx	13,530	Ton	56	757,500
	1961	xx	xx	5,500	Ton	55	302,500
Strawberries	1962	135	7.1	958	Ton	270	258,500
	1961	172	7.5	1,289	Ton	312	402,000
Tangerines	1962	152	4.0	608	Ton	240	146,000
	1961	100	4.4	438	Ton	240	105,000
Walnuts	1962	596	0.3	179	Ton	641	114,000
	1961 (b)						
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1962	1,092	xx	xx	xx	xx	227,000
(Bushberries, Cactus, Carob, Cherimoya, Cherries, Dates, Figs, Loquats, Macadamia Nuts, Mangoes, Passion Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Persimmons, Plums, Pomegranates, Sapotes)	1961	1,125	xx	xx	xx	xx	75,500
TOTAL	1962	28,667	xx	xx	xx	xx	20,572,500
	1961	26,575	xx	xx	xx	xx	20,035,500

(a) Adjusted      (b) 1961 production included in Misc. Fruits & Nuts



FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1962	11,725	0.9	10,552	Ton	48	506,500
	1961	1,570	0.6	905	Ton	46	42,000
Beans, Dry Edible	1962	2,694	0.7	1,886	Ton	275	519,000
(Dry Lima, Garbanzo, Blackeye)	1961	993	0.46	459	Ton	276	126,500
Cotton							
Lint	1962	340	2.5	850	Bale	166	141,000
	1961	340	3.0	1,020	Bale	155	158,000
Seed	1962	xx	xx	250	Ton	52	13,000
	1961	xx	xx	720	Ton	51	36,500
Hay							
Alfalfa	1962	2,352	7.4	17,405	Ton	27	470,000
	1961	1,480	8.1	12,000	Ton	26	317,000
Grain	1962	850	1.0	850	Ton	37	31,500
	1961	1,179	0.5	597	Ton	37	22,000
Pasture & Range							
Irrigated	1962	4,895	xx	xxx	Acre	100	489,500
	1961	4,710	xx	xxx	Acre	78	367,500
Other	1962	457,000	xx	xxx	Acre	0.50	228,500
	1961	467,000	xx	xxx	Acre	0.50	233,500
Silage Corn	1962	350	15.0	5,250	Ton	12	63,000
	1961	215	14.9	3,200	Ton	15	48,000
Misc. Field Crops	1962	1,991	xx	xxx	xx	xx	116,500
(Alfalfa seed, Brome, Milo, Oars, Safflower, Wheat)	1961	1,051	xx	xxx	xx	xx	51,500
TOTAL	1962	482,197	xx	xxx	xx	xx	2,578,500
	1961	478,538	xx	xxx	xx	xx	1,402,500

NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E	
		Field Acres	Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Citrus & subtropical fruit trees	1962	37	243,650	Plant	2.30	560,500
	1961	51	294,247	Plant	2.52	734,500
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1962	xx	987,900	Plant	0.96	948,500
	1961	xx	1,380,724	Plant	0.54	751,000
Bedding plants	1962	xx	220,300	Flat	1.70	374,500
	1961	xx	227,828	Flat	1.67	382,500
Herbaceous perennials	1962	292	8,714,500	Plant	0.06	523,000
	1961	377	11,270,200	Plant	0.06	659,500
Indoor decoratives	1962	xx (a)	2,492,185	Plant	0.32	798,000
	1961	xx	40,000	Plant	0.30	12,000
Cactus & succulents	1962	xx	2,605,260	Plant	0.08	208,500
	1961	xx	2,100,190	Plant	0.08	168,500
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots, corms, tubers	1962	xx	12,530,000	xxx	xx	352,000
	1961	xx	13,800,000	xxx	xx	414,000
Carnations	1962	42	21,000,000	Bloom	0.058	1,218,000
	1961	39	19,500,000	Bloom	0.045	877,500
Gladiolus	1962	612	2,087,000	(Doz.	0.89	1,857,000
	1961	319	1,618,000	(Spikes	0.61	988,000
Misc. Cut Flowers (Bird-of-Paradise, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Iris, Lilac, Lilies, Peony, Poinsettias, Rose, Stock, Sweetpea, Wax Flower)	1962	xx (a)	xxx	xxx	xx	435,500
	1961	xx	xxx	xxx	xx	1,696,000
TOTAL	1962	xx	xxx	xxx	xx	7,275,500
	1961	xx	xxx	xxx	xx	6,692,500

(a) Wide variance between 1961 and 1962 production is accounted for by reclassification of some items from Misc. Cut Flowers to Indoor decoratives

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			\$ V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves (a)	1962	39,000	262,000	Cwt.	23.00	6,026,000
	(b) 1961	44,200	287,300	Cwt.	20.00	5,746,000
Lambs	1962	8,380	8,100	Cwt.	17.78	144,000
	1961	6,100	5,600	Cwt.	17.75	99,500
Hogs & Pigs	1962	15,000	37,500	Cwt.	18.00	675,000
	1961	19,000	45,000	Cwt.	18.00	810,000
Broilers & Fryers	1962	1,185,000	4,147,500	Lb.	0.18	746,500
	1961	400,000	1,200,000	Lb.	0.17	204,000
Chickens, Other Meat	1962	2,533,000	10,765,000	Lb.	0.06	646,000
	1961	2,860,000	11,154,000	Lb.	0.07	781,000
Turkeys	1962	250,000	5,000,000	Lb.	0.22	1,100,000
	1961	300,000	6,000,000	Lb.	0.185	1,110,000
Misc. Poultry (c)	1962	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	228,000
	1961	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	688,000
Rabbits	1962	1,182,000	5,023,500	Lb.	0.245	1,231,000
	1961	500,000	2,500,000	Lb.	0.25	625,000
TOTAL	1962	xx	xxx	xx	xx	10,796,500
	1961	xxx	xxx	xx	xx	10,063,500

(a) Incl. dairy animals sold for slaughter

(b) 1961 report inadvertently included some "transient" cattle; that is, those held in San Diego County only a very short time

(c) Incl. chicks, turkey poults, & turkey eggs

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	\$ V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1962	2,656,000	Cwt.	5.29	14,050,000
	1961	2,748,000	Cwt.	5.15	14,152,000
Milk, Manufacturing	1962	16,100	Cwt.	3.05	49,000
	1961	15,100	Cwt.	2.88	43,500
Wool	1962	55,000	Lb.	0.38	21,000
	1961	63,000	Lb.	0.36	22,500
Eggs, Chicken Mkt.	1962	74,400,000	Doz.	0.29	21,576,000
	1961	68,650,000	Doz.	0.315	21,625,000
TOTAL	1962	xxx	xx	xx	35,696,000
	1961	xxx	xx	xx	35,799,500

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

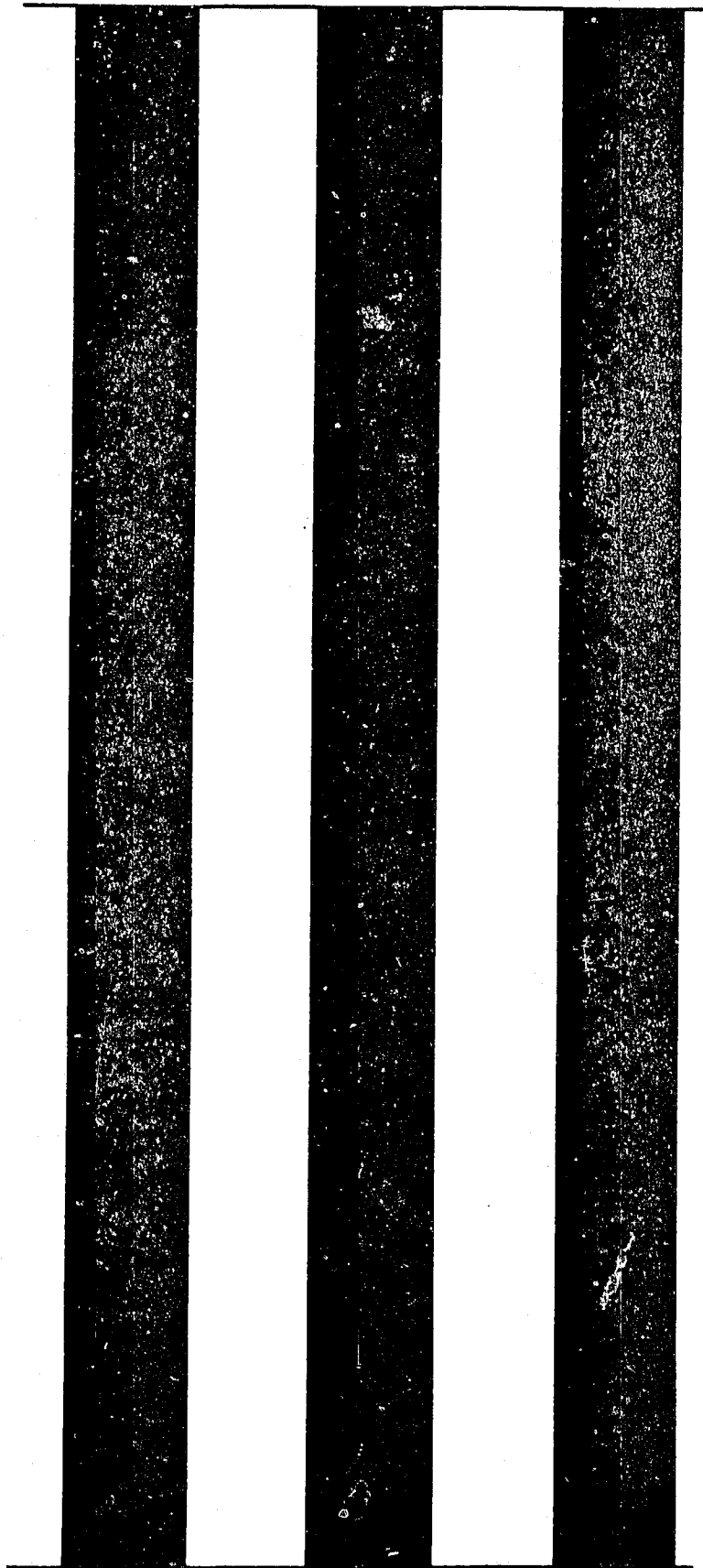
Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Honey	1962	2,000,000	Lb.	0.125	250,000
	1961	28,000	Lb.	0.11	3,100
Beeswax	1962	33,000	Lb.	0.43	14,200
	1961	450	Lb.	0.45	200
Pollination	1962	25	Colony	5.00	100
	1961	110	Colony	4.50	500
Sale of Nuclei	1962	200	Nucleus	4.00	800
	1961	280	Nucleus	2.50	700
TOTAL	1962	xxx	xx	xx	265,000
	1961	xxx	xx	xx	4,500

S U M M A R Y

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Vegetable Crops	27,455,000	33,648,500
Fruit and Nut Crops	20,035,500	20,572,500
Field Crops	1,402,500	2,578,500
Nursery Products	6,692,500	7,275,500
Livestock and Poultry	10,063,500	10,796,500
Livestock and Poultry Products	35,799,500	35,696,000
Apiary Products	<u>4,500</u>	<u>265,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	101,453,000	110,832,500

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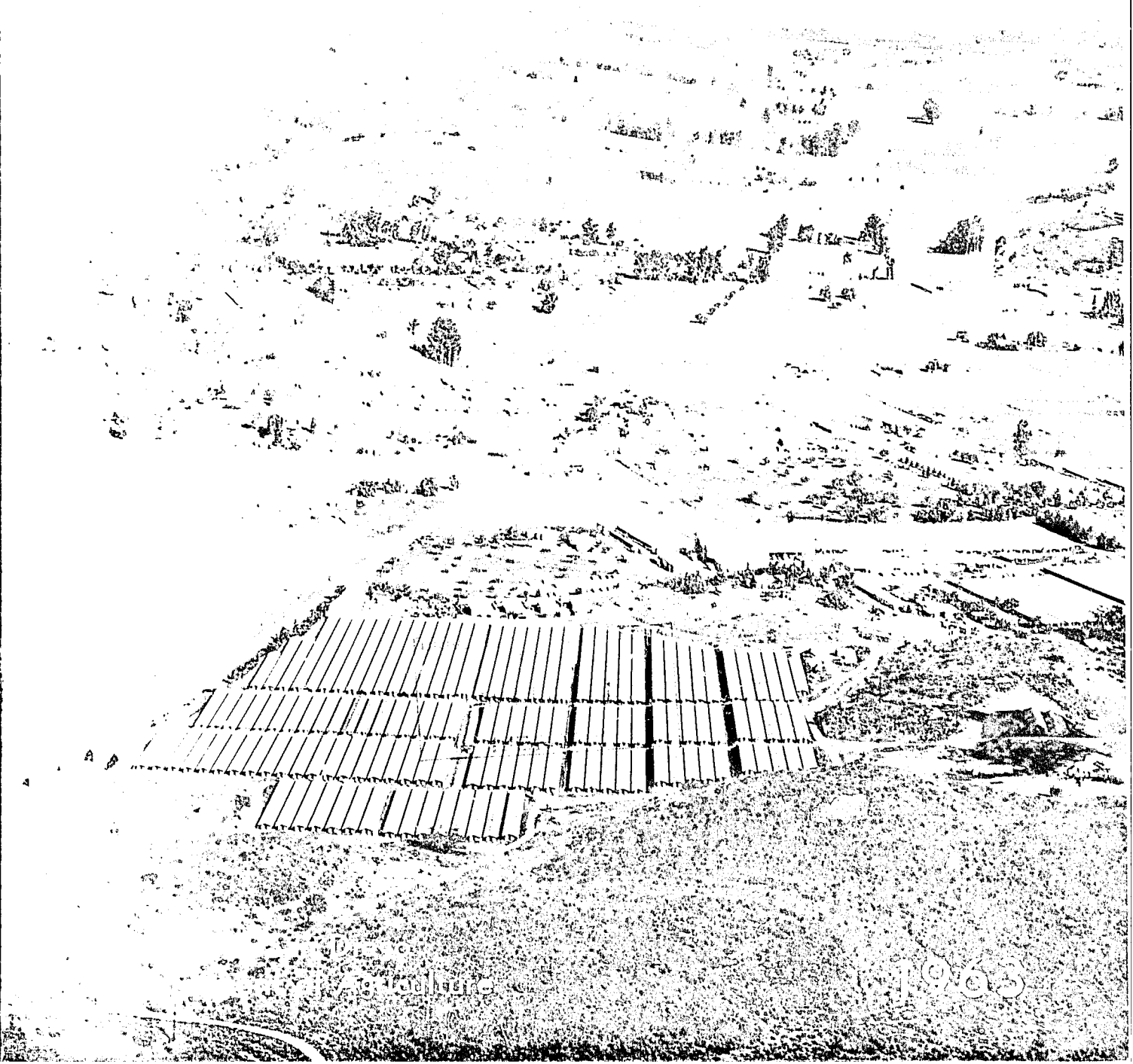




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COVER: Some of San Diego County's large poultry ranches which contributed substantially to our most valuable agricultural commodity in 1963 -- Eggs.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

To: Charles Paul, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego

Submitted herewith is the report of agricultural production in San Diego County for 1963, as required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code. The acreage, yield, and value of the County's agricultural production are covered by this report.

The total value of this production in 1963 was \$107,579, 800, third highest in the County's history. This amount was exceeded only in 1962 and 1959.

Fruit, vegetable, and cut flower values were computed on the basis of the packed price, f.o.b. shipping point. On other commodities, the price was based on the most common method of sale. The values shown, therefore, represent gross returns and do not represent the farmer's net income.

Crops and products exceeding one million dollars in value were:

<u>Plant Crops</u>		<u>Livestock Products</u>	
Tomatoes	\$16,854,000	Eggs	\$23,222,000
Avocados	9,961,000	Milk	13,844,600
Oranges	6,388,000	Cattle for Beef	4,590,000
Cut Flowers	6,024,000		
Nursery Stock	5,380,000		
Celery	2,954,000		
Lemons	2,121,200		
Grapes	2,053,000		
Cabbage	1,673,000		
Snap Beans	1,040,000		

For many years, eggs constituted the second most valuable agricultural crop in San Diego County. In 1963 they became the most valuable single commodity produced here. The total of more than 81 million dozen eggs indicates a population of more than 4 million laying hens. Replacement hens would add another 2 million to this number. This does not include chickens being raised for broilers and fryers. Indications are that our egg industry will expand even further if the rural areas continue to offer assurances of long-time freedom from urban encroachment so as to justify the large capital investment involved in the establishment of large poultry farms.

The weather in 1963 was in many ways unfavorable for agriculture. It was marked by extreme low temperatures in the early part of the year and extreme highs in the fall, along with a serious deficiency in rainfall. Tomatoes, our largest single vegetable crop, suffered serious losses as a result of the extreme heat in September.

The lack of rain resulted in greatly reduced production of barley, dry beans, and other field crops which are grown without irrigation. Strong, hot winds in September took a heavy toll of mature peaches and apples in the mountain areas, and all deciduous crops suffered from the lack of moisture. This was the reason, too, for our small honey crop this year, as the growth of native plants and flowers was very poor.

Our cattle industry is slowly declining, as a result of the prolonged dry period the County has experienced. Although the number of head was about the same as in 1962, the total weight was down and the price also was lower. At the same time, the production of hogs and pigs, broilers and fryers, and turkeys is continuing to decline.

On the other hand, our cut flower and nursery stock industries are growing rapidly. Many growers from other areas of Southern California are moving into San Diego County to escape from the injurious effects of smog on their crops. Land costs, transportation facilities, labor supplies, and other factors are favorable for this type of business, and continued growth is foreseen. Our most important cut flower crop is carnations, closely followed by field-grown gladiolus. Chrysanthemums and poinsettias are also important.

Although the bearing acreage of avocados and citrus trees has decreased somewhat in recent years, yields on the remaining acreage were close to those in 1962, and prices were generally better. The value of avocados was higher than in 1962, and oranges, lemons, and limes were close to their 1962 values. New plantings of avocados and citrus will be coming into bearing over the next few years.

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S U M M A R Y

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
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Fruit and Nut Crops	20,514,700(a)	22,222,600
Field Crops	2,578,500	1,371,300
Nursery Products	8,275,500(a)	11,404,000
Livestock and Poultry	10,796,500	7,692,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	35,590,000(a)	37,080,100
Apiary	<u>265,000</u>	<u>14,900</u>
TOTAL	\$111,668,700(a)	\$107,579,800

(a) Adjusted on the basis of figures which became available following publication of the 1962 annual report.

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		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
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	1962	962	3.8	3,656	Ton	302	1,104,000
Bunch Vegetables (Beets, Broccoli, Chinese Parsley, Collards, Coriander, Endive, Mustard Greens, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips)	1963	466	xx	xx	xx	xx	389,000
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Cabbage	1963	1,040	14.6	15,184	Ton	110	1,673,000
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Cucumbers	1963	527	7.9	4,163	Ton	181	754,000
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Lettuce, Head	1963	443	10.0	4,430	Ton	89	394,000
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Melons, Cantaloup	1963	13	4.5	58	Ton	93	5,400
	1962	65	4.6	299	Ton	90	27,000
Watermelon	1963	85	6.7	570	Ton	29	16,500
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Peppers Bell	1963	471	6.3	2,967	Ton	239	709,000
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Chili, Fresh	1963	258	3.0	774	Ton	350	271,000
	1962	200	3.1	620	Ton	395	245,000
Chili, Dry	1963	210	1.2	252	Ton	525	132,000
	1962	150	1.3	195	Ton	525	103,000
Romaine	1963	301	11.8	3,552	Ton	80	284,000
	1962	329	11.4	3,751	Ton	77	289,000
Squash	1963	599	8.2	4,912	Ton	179	879,000
	1962	795	6.7	5,326	Ton	211	1,124,000
Sweet Potatoes	1963	333	7.0	2,331	Ton	138	322,000
	1962	315	7.25	2,284	Ton	140	320,000

## VEGETABLE CROPS, CONTINUED

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	Per Unit	V A L U E
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total			Total
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	1963	6,312	8.9	56,177	Ton	300	\$16,854,000
	1962	7,505	15.8	118,579	Ton	196	23,241,000
Misc. Vegetables (Asparagus, Egg- plant, Garlic, Green Limas, Green Peas, Muskmelons, Crenshaw melons, Potatoes)	1963	649	xx	xx	xx	xx	636,000
	1962	893	xx	xx	xx	xx	631,000
TOTAL	1963	14,211	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$27,794,900
	1962	15,557	xx	xx	xx	xx	33,648,500

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	Per Unit	V A L U E
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total			Total
Apples Fresh	1963	360	1.0	360	Ton	126	\$ 45,500
	1962	356	1.6	570	Ton	147	84,000
Cider	1963	xx	xx	360	Ton	83	29,900
	1962	xx	xx	264	Ton	131	34,500
Avocados	1963	13,200	2.2	29,040	Ton	343	9,961,000
	1962	13,813	2.0	27,626	Ton	315	8,702,000
Grapes Desert grown, Fresh Market (Cardinal, Red Malaga, Ribier, Perlette, Thompson Seedless)	1963	1,500	3.7	5,550	Ton	350	1,944,000
	1962	1,560	1.5	2,340	Ton	471	1,102,000
Desert grown, By-product	1963	xx	xx	2,920	Ton	30	87,600
	1962	xx	xx	1,030	Ton	35	36,000
Table Varieties	1963	90	0.22	20	Ton	142	2,800
	1962	96	0.25	24	Ton	153	3,500
Wine Varieties	1963	1,053	0.4	421	Ton	56	23,600
	1962	1,090	0.61	665	Ton	85	56,500
Grapefruit	1963	106	11.5	1,224	Ton	145	178,000
	1962	119	9.7	1,154	Ton	134	154,500
Lemons, Fresh Market	1963	2,611	8.7(a)	16,450	Ton	124	2,040,000
	1962	3,341	8.1(a,b)	21,716	Ton	95	2,063,000
By-product	1963	xx	xx	6,250	Ton	13	81,200
	1962	xx	xx	5,411	Ton	15	82,200

(b)

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	Per Unit	V A L U E
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total			Total
Limes	1963	333	6.9	2,307	Ton	301	\$ 694,000
	1962	345	7.4	2,553	Ton	300	766,000
Oranges, Navels, Fresh Market	1963	1,201	9.0 (a)	7,145	Ton	240	1,715,000
	1962	1,201	10.0 (a)	8,287	Ton	231	1,914,000
By-product	1963	xx	xx	3,708	Ton	32	119,000
	1962	xx	xx	3,775	Ton	32	120,500
Valencias, Fresh Market	1963	4,682	7.3 (a)	18,764	Ton	200	3,753,000
	1962	4,771	7.6 (a)	22,901	Ton	170	3,893,000
By-product	1963	xx	xx	15,400	Ton	52	801,000
	1962	xx	xx	13,530	Ton	56	757,500
Strawberries	1963	109	9.4	1,025	Ton	348	356,000
	1962	135	7.1	958	Ton	270	258,500
Tangerines	1963	190	4.2	798	Ton	225	180,000
	1962	152	4.0	608	Ton	240	146,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts (Bushberries, Cactus, Carob, Cherimoya, Cherries, Dates, Figs, Loquats, Macadamia Nuts, Mangoes, Passion Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Persimmons, Plums, Pomegranates, Sapotes, Walnuts)	1963	1,502	xx	xx	xx	xx	211,000
	1962	1,688	xx	xx	xx	xx	341,000
TOTAL	1963	26,937	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$22,222,600
	1962	28,667	xx	xx	xx	xx	20,514,700 (b)

(a) Yield per acre includes both fresh &amp; by-product use

(b) Adjusted

## FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	Per Unit	V A L U E
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total			Total
Barley	1963	3,500	0.6	2,100	Ton	56	\$ 118,000
	1962	11,725	0.9	10,552	Ton	48	506,500
Beans, Dry Edible (Dry Lima, Garbanzo, Blackeye)	1963	768	0.4	307	Ton	220	67,500
	1962	2,694	0.7	1,886	Ton	275	519,000
Cotton, Lint	1963	340	2.5	850	Bale	150	128,000
	1962	340	2.5	850	Bale	166	141,000

## FIELD CROPS, CONTINUED

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Cotton, Seed	1963	xx	xx	250	Ton	50	\$	12,500
	1962	xx	xx	250	Ton	52		13,000
Hay								
Alfalfa	1963	1,705	6.0	10,230	Ton	34		348,000
	1962	2,352	7.4	17,405	Ton	27		470,000
Grain	1963	850	0.5	425	Ton	40		17,000
	1962	850	1.0	850	Ton	37		31,500
Pasture & Range								
Irrigated	1963	4,700	xx	xx	Acre	100		420,000
	1962	4,895	xx	xx	Acre	100		489,500
Other	1963	417,000	xx	xx	Acre	0.50		208,000
	1962	457,000	xx	xx	Acre	0.50		228,500
Silage Corn	1963	155	15.0	2,325	Ton	11		25,600
	1962	350	15.0	5,250	Ton	12		63,000
Misc. Field Crops (Brome, Milo, Oats, Barley for pasture)	1963	4,430	xx	xx	xx	xx		26,700
	1962	1,991	xx	xx	xx	xx		116,500
TOTAL	1963	433,448	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$	1,371,300
	1962	482,197	xx	xx	xx	xx		2,578,500

## NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N		Unit	V A L U E		
		Field Acres	Quantity Sold By Producers		Per Unit	Total	
Citrus & Subtropical Fruit Trees	1963	55	454,536	Plant	1.80	\$	818,000
	1962	37	243,650	Plant	2.30		560,500
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	1963	xx	1,401,900	Plant	0.80		1,122,000
	1962	xx	987,900	Plant	0.96		948,500
Bedding Plants	1963	xx	201,300	Flat	1.84		370,000
	1962	xx	220,300	Flat	1.70		374,500
Herbaceous Perennials	1963	66	13,695,000	Plant	0.04		548,000
	1962	42 (a)	8,714,500	Plant	0.06		523,000
Indoor Decoratives	1963	xx	1,446,000	Plant	0.55		796,000
	1962	xx	2,492,185	Plant	0.32		798,000
Cactus & Succulents	1963	xx	1,638,800	Plant	0.08		131,000
	1962	xx	2,605,260	Plant	0.08		208,500

## NURSERY PRODUCTS, CONTINUED

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E	
		Field Acres	Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Bulbs, Rhizomes, Roots, Corms, Tubers	1963	xx	15,950,500	xx	xx	\$ 1,595,000
	1962	xx	12,530,000	xx	xx	352,000
Carnations	1963	41	34,900,000	Blooms	0.075	2,618,000
	1962	42	21,000,000	Blooms	0.058	1,218,000
Gladiolus	1963	495	1,535,000	(Dozen	0.86	1,320,000
	1962	612	2,087,000	(Spikes	0.89	1,857,000
Misc. Cut Flowers (Bird-of-Paradise, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Iris, Lilac, Lilies, Peony, Poinsettia, Rose, Stock, Sweet Pea, Wax Flower)	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	2,086,000
	1962	xx	xx	xx	xx	1,435,500 (a)
TOTAL	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$11,404,000
	1962	xx	xx	xx	xx	8,275,500 (a)

(a) Adjusted

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves (a)	1963	39,100	203,100	Cwt.	22.60	\$ 4,590,000
	1962	39,000	262,000	Cwt.	23.00	6,026,000
Lambs	1963	4,600	4,830	Cwt.	25.00	121,000
	1962	8,380	8,100	Cwt.	17.78	144,000
Hogs & Pigs	1963	12,500	31,250	Cwt.	16.50	516,000
	1962	15,000	37,500	Cwt.	18.00	675,000
Broilers & Fryers	1963	803,000	2,810,500	Lb.	0.165	464,000
	1962	1,185,000	4,147,500	Lb.	0.18	746,500
Chickens, Other Meat	1963	2,856,000	11,424,000	Lb.	0.055	629,000
	1962	2,533,000	10,765,000	Lb.	0.06	646,000
Turkeys	1963	75,000	1,500,000	Lb.	0.23	345,000
	1962	250,000	5,000,000	Lb.	0.22	1,100,000
Misc. Poultry (b)	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	176,000
	1962	xx	xx	xx	xx	228,000

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, CONTINUED

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Rabbits	1963	910,000	3,868,000	Lb.	0.22	\$ 851,000
	1962	1,182,000	5,023,500	Lb.	0.245	1,231,000
TOTAL	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$ 7,692,000
	1962	xx	xx	xx	xx	10,796,500

(a) Including dairy animals sold for slaughter

(b) Including chicks, turkey poults, &amp; turkey eggs

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

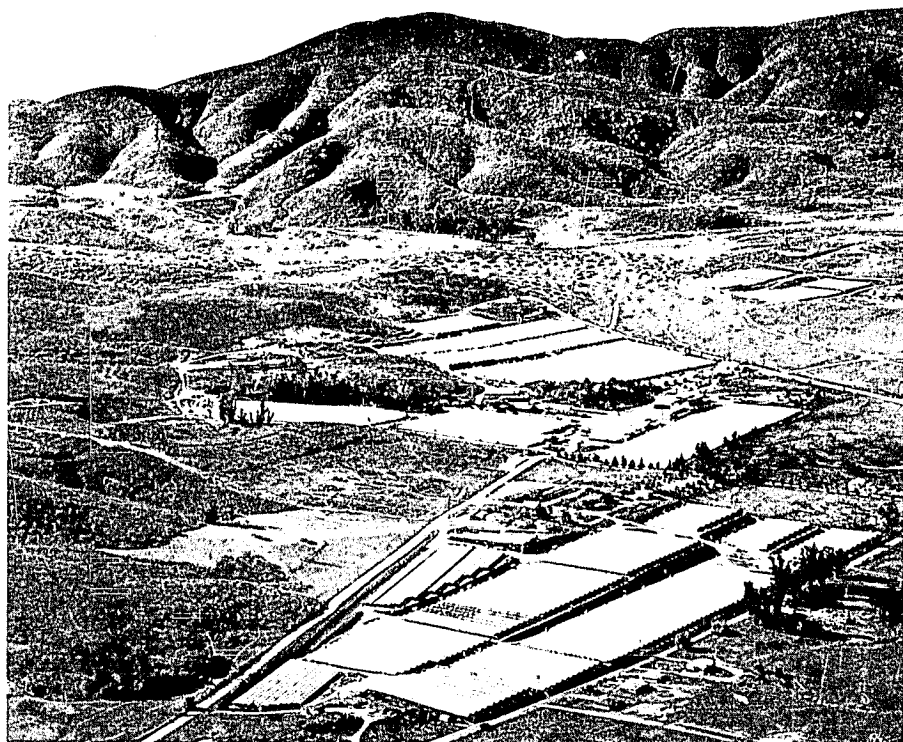
Item	Year	Production	Unit	V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1963	2,698,000	Cwt.	5.13	\$13,841,000
	1962	2,656,000	Cwt.	5.25 (a)	13,944,000 (a)
Milk, Manufacturing	1963	1,220	Cwt.	2.95	3,600
	1962	16,100	Cwt.	3.05	49,000
Wool	1963	32,000	Lb.	0.42	13,500
	1962	55,000	Lb.	0.38	21,000
Eggs, Chicken, Market	1963	81,480,000	Doz.	0.285	23,222,000
	1962	74,400,000	Doz.	0.29	21,576,000
TOTAL	1963	xx	xx	xx	\$37,080,100
	1962	xx	xx	xx	35,696,000

(a) Adjusted

## APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1963	96,950	Lb.	0.146	\$ 14,200
	1962	2,000,000	Lb.	0.125	250,000
Beeswax	1963	1,616	Lb.	0.42	700
	1962	33,000	Lb.	0.43	14,200
Pollination	1963	0	Colony	xx	0
	1962	25	Colony	5.00	100
Sale of Nuclei	1963	0	Nucleus	xx	0
	1962	200	Nucleus	xx	800
TOTAL	1963	xx	xx	xx	\$ 14,900
	1962	xx	xx	xx	265,000

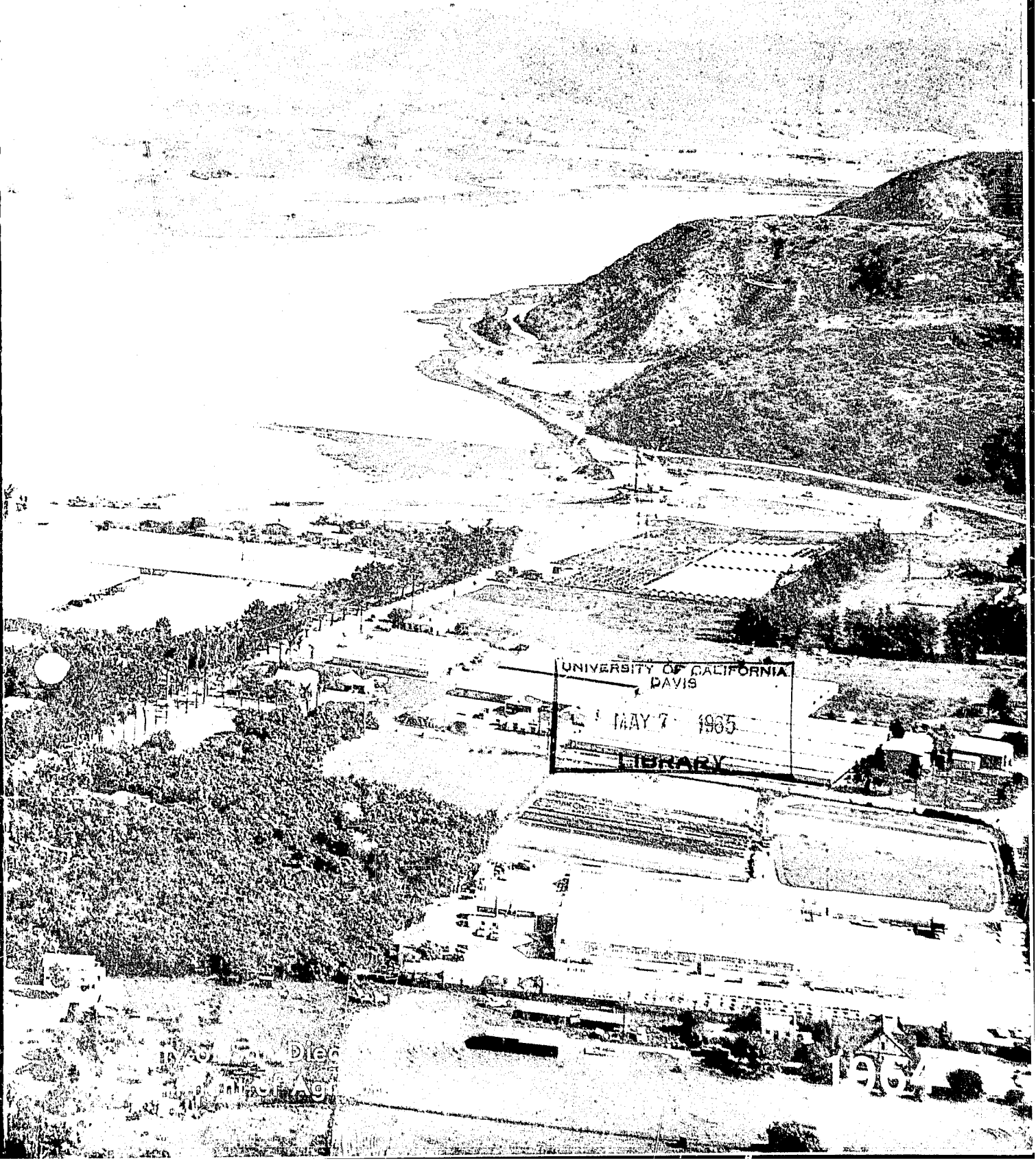




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# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



C O U N T Y O F S A N D I E G O

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COVER: A view of the heart of San Diego County's fast growing cut flower industry. The climatic conditions of the coastal area, with minimum variations in temperature and humidity, are very favorable for this industry. In addition, concentrated plantings of high-yield, high-value crops enable this type of agricultural enterprise to thrive and be compatible with urban development in areas of high land values. The major crops produced in the pictured hothouses are carnations, chrysanthemums, hydrangeas, and poinsettias.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

To: Charles Paul, Director  
State Department of Agriculture  
and  
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego

Submitted herewith is the report of agricultural production in San Diego County for 1964, as required by Section 65.5 of the California Agricultural Code. The acreage, yield, and value of the County's agricultural production are covered by this report.

The values shown in this report represent gross values of agricultural production in San Diego County, whether sold or used on the farm where grown. Fruit, vegetable, and cut flower values were computed on the basis of the packed price, f.o.b. shipping point. On other commodities, the price was based on the most common method of sale.

The total value of this production in 1964 was \$129,918,450, highest, by far, in the County's history. This total exceeds the previous high (in 1962) by more than eighteen million dollars. Indications early in 1965, however, are that growers in some portions of the County are planting less than their normal acreages because of uncertainty about adequate labor supplies.

Crops and products exceeding one million dollars in value were:

<u>Plant Crops</u>		<u>Livestock Products</u>	
Tomatoes	\$26,108,000	Eggs	\$25,116,000
Oranges	13,585,000	Milk	13,716,000
Flowers	7,194,000	Cattle for Beef	5,964,000
Avocados	7,145,000	Miscellaneous Poultry	1,963,000
Nursery stock	5,909,000		
Celery	3,359,000		
Lemons	2,785,000		
Snap Beans	2,506,000		
Cabbage	1,260,000		

Tomatoes again took first place in importance as the County's most valuable single crop, with eggs in second place. Weather conditions were favorable for both the spring and fall tomato crops in 1964, and for a short period toward the end of the year, San Diego County was the only source of fresh tomatoes in the western United States. Although the County's egg production increased, as was predicted, the price received per dozen was lower, resulting in only a small increase in total value over that of 1963.

Of particular interest in 1964 was the great increase in Valencia orange values. More acreage came into bearing, the yield per acre was almost double that of the previous year, and the price was up slightly, all of which resulted in a total value almost three times as much as that of the 1963 crop. Other citrus crops, with the exception of grapefruit, also showed notable increases. In the next few years, with favorable prices, these values should continue to grow. Although many groves have been removed so that the land could be used for other purposes (usually housing developments), additional acreage is being planted each year.

In contrast, our avocado crop dropped considerably in value. The trees were damaged to some extent by the hot weather in September, 1963. This was followed by cool weather during the spring of 1964, so that little fruit set on the trees.

Cool weather also resulted in a lower than normal desert grape crop in 1964, taking this fruit off our "million dollar crop" list for the first time in several years. Vines have been removed from some desert acreage, and will be removed from more, so that this industry is expected to continue its decline in importance.

Our cut flower and nursery stock industry, on the other hand, continues to grow rapidly. Carnations continue to be our most important flower crop, with gladiolus second. Chrysanthemums are increasing in importance. Production of citrus and subtropical fruit trees and ornamental trees and shrubs for nursery stock are also expected to increase in importance.

Although our beef cattle production continues to decline, the number of head and the reported gross value appear higher due to the difficulty in obtaining information in 1963 regarding some phases of the industry.

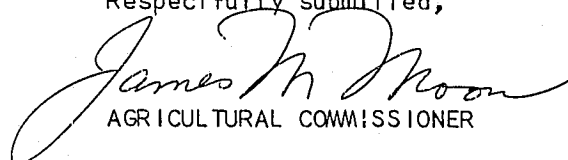
Several other livestock and poultry classifications also continue to decline, but "other meat chickens" increased, as this classification includes hens culled from laying flocks. Since our population of laying hens has been increasing, the number of culls will naturally increase at a corresponding rate. Turkey production went up again, but production of these birds seems to fluctuate widely from one year to another. Production of broilers and fryers has been almost entirely discontinued in favor of the production of replacement pullets for laying flocks. These are included in the miscellaneous poultry classification, as a large proportion of them came from one producer in 1964.

For many years these crop reports have listed our plant crops in the order of their importance in the County, with vegetables first. This year the format is being changed to conform to the recommended procedures for County crop reports issued by the California Department of Agriculture.

These reports are prepared as quickly as possible after the end of the year. It is, therefore, often necessary to use incomplete or estimated figures. The information presented is as accurate as possible, but where significant changes in 1963 figures were noted, adjustments have been made so that a better comparison between the 1963 and 1964 production is possible.

Many individuals and organizations have contributed information for this report. I wish to express my appreciation to them, as well as to the members of our Department of Agriculture who assisted in gathering the data needed. The report was compiled by Roy M. Kepner, Jr., Specialist for Natural Resources and Statistics, and Barbara E. Biewener, Senior Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

NOTE: See page 8 for a summary of crop classification values and the total value of 1964 production.

## FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

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Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1964	7,540	0.6	4,500	Ton	\$ 53	\$ 238,000
	1963	3,500	0.6	2,100	Ton	56	118,000
Beans, Dry Edible (Dry Lima, Garbanzo, Blackeye)	1964	395	0.5	198	Ton	266	52,600
	1963	768	0.4	307	Ton	220	67,500
Cotton, Lint (a)	1964	276	1,729	960	Bale	0.30	144,000
	1963	340	1,200	850	Bale	0.30	128,000
Cotton, Seed	1964	xx	xx	398	Ton	50	19,900
	1963(b)	xx	xx	340	Ton	50	17,000
Hay Alfalfa	1964	1,580	6.5	10,300	Ton	31	319,000
	1963	1,705	6.0	10,230	Ton	34	348,000
Grain	1964	3,450	0.8	2,760	Ton	34	93,800
	1963	850	0.5	425	Ton	40	17,000
Pasture & Range Irrigated	1964	3,600	xx	xx	Acre	100	360,000
	1963(b)	4,200	xx	xx	Acre	100	420,000
Other	1964	402,000	xx	xx	Acre	0.50	201,000
	1963	417,000	xx	xx	Acre	0.50	208,000
Silage Corn	1964	225	15.0	3,375	Ton	11	37,000
	1963	155	15.0	2,325	Ton	11	25,600
Misc. Field Crops (Oats, Barley for pasture, Wheat, Wheat Grass)	1964	1,300	xx	xx	xx	xx	38,100
	1963	4,430	xx	xx	xx	xx	26,700
TOTAL	1964	420,366	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$ 1,503,400
	1963 (b)	432,940	xx	xx	xx	xx	1,375,800

(a) Production total is in 500-lb. gross weight bales; production per acre is in pounds, and value per unit is in cents per pound.

(b) Revised

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E		
		Harvested Acreage	Per acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Apples Fresh	1964	360	2.5	900	Ton	\$160	\$ 144,000
	1963	360	1.0	360	Ton	126	45,500

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS, CONTINUED

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, continued							
Cider	1964	xx	xx	240	Ton	\$138	\$ 33,100
	1963	xx	xx	360	Ton	83	29,900
Avocados	1964	13,050	1.5	19,575	Ton	365	7,145,000
	1963	13,200	2.2	29,040	Ton	343	9,961,000
Grapes							
Desert grown,	1964	1,300	1.75	2,275	Ton	340	774,000
Fresh Market	1963	1,500	3.7	5,550	Ton	350	1,944,000
(Cardinal, Red Malaga, Ribier, Perlette, Thompson Seedless)							
Desert grown,	1964	xx	xx	879	Ton	22	19,500
By-product	1963	xx	xx	2,920	Ton	30	87,600
Table Varieties	1964	75	0.29	22	Ton	150	3,300
	1963	90	0.22	20	Ton	142	2,800
Wine Varieties	1964	925	0.39	361	Ton	93	33,600
	1963	1,053	0.4	421	Ton	56	23,600
Grapefruit	1964	107	10.0	1,070	Ton	96	103,000
	1963	106	11.5	1,224	Ton	145	178,000
Lemons,	1964	2,621	8.5(a)	22,278	Ton	125	2,785,000
Fresh Market	1963	2,611	8.7(a)	16,450	Ton	124	2,040,000
By-product	1964	xx	xx	6,702	Ton	17	114,000
	1963	xx	xx	6,250	Ton	13	81,200
Limes	1964	345	7.0	2,415	Ton	304	734,000
	1963	333	6.9	2,307	Ton	301	694,000
Oranges,							
Navel, Fresh	1964	1,215	9.2(a)	11,180	Ton	233	2,605,000
Market	1963	1,201	9.0(a)	7,145	Ton	240	1,715,000
By-product	1964	xx	xx	4,270	Ton	36	154,000
	1963	xx	xx	3,708	Ton	32	119,000
Valencias, Fresh	1964	4,872	13.0(a)	50,135	Ton	219	10,980,000
Market	1963	4,682	7.3(a)	18,764	Ton	200	3,753,000
By-product	1964	xx	xx	13,265	Ton	58	783,000
	1963	xx	xx	15,400	Ton	52	801,000
Strawberries	1964	118	12.6	1,490	Ton	358	533,000
	1963	109	9.4	1,025	Ton	348	356,000
Tangerines	1964	215	3.9	838	Ton	224	188,000
	1963	190	4.2	798	Ton	225	180,000



Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1964	1,458	xx	xx	xx	\$xx	\$ 279,000
(Bushberries,	1963	1,502	xx	xx	xx	xx	211,000
Cactus, Carob, Cherimoya, Figs, Loquats, Macadamia Nuts, Peaches, Pears, Persimmons, Plums, Pomegranates, Sapotes, Walnuts)							
TOTAL	1964	26,661	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$27,410,500
	1963	26,937	xx	xx	xx	xx	22,222,600

(a) Yield per acre includes both fresh & by-product use

## VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Beans, Snap	1964	965	6.8	6,560	Ton	\$382	\$ 2,506,000
	1963	900	4.2	3,780	Ton	275	1,040,000
Bunch Vegetables	1964	235	xx	xx	xx	xx	205,000
(Beets, Broccoli, Chinese Parsley, Collards, Coriander, Endive, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips)	1963	466	xx	xx	xx	xx	389,000
Cabbage	1964	1,120	16.1	18,000	Ton	70	1,260,000
	1963	1,040	14.6	15,184	Ton	110	1,673,000
Cauliflower	1964	340	10.5	3,570	Ton	128	457,000
	1963	322	10.0	3,220	Ton	105	338,000
Celery	1964	840	29.4	24,700	Ton	136	3,359,000
	1963	1,015	26.9	27,300	Ton	95	2,954,000
Corn, Sweet	1964	260	4.5	1,170	Ton	102	120,000
	1963	267	4.5	1,197	Ton	120	144,000
Cucumbers	1964	440	8.0	3,520	Ton	164	578,000
	1963	527	7.9	4,163	Ton	181	754,000
Lettuce, Head	1964	665	10.5	6,980	Ton	79	551,000
	1963	443	10.0	4,430	Ton	89	394,000
Melons, Watermelon	1964	30	5.5	165	Ton	20	3,300
	1963	85	6.7	570	Ton	29	16,500
Peppers, Bell	1964	275	6.8	1,870	Ton	292	546,000
	1963	471	6.3	2,967	Ton	239	709,000
Chili, Fresh	1964	230	3.0	690	Ton	350	241,000
	1963	258	3.0	774	Ton	350	271,000

## VEGETABLE CROPS, CONTINUED

Crop	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E	
		Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Peppers, continued							
Chili, Dry	1964	280	1.2	335	Ton	\$525	\$ 176,000
	1963	210	1.2	252	Ton	525	132,000
Romaine	1964	255	11.9	3,035	Ton	69	209,000
	1963	301	11.8	3,552	Ton	80	284,000
Squash	1964	525	8.9	4,670	Ton	152	710,000
	1963	599	8.2	4,912	Ton	179	879,000
Sweet Potatoes	1964	360	7.0	2,520	Ton	138	348,000
	1963	333	7.0	2,331	Ton	138	322,000
Tonatoes, Fresh Market	1964	5,530	16.0	88,500	Ton	295	26,108,000
	1963	6,312	8.9	56,177	Ton	300	16,854,000
Misc. Vegetables (Asparagus, Canta- Ioup, Eggplant, Garlic, Green Limas, Green Peas, Muskmelons, Crenshaw melons, Potatoes)	1964	680	xx	xx	xx	xx	942,000
	1963	662	xx	xx	xx	xx	641,000
TOTAL	1964	13,030	xx	xx	xx	xx\$	\$38,319,300
	1963	14,211	xx	xx	xx	xx	27,794,900

## NURSERY PRODUCTS: SALES AND VALUE

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			Unit	V A L U E	
		Field Acres	Quantity Sold By Producers			Per Unit	Total
Citrus & Subtropical Fruit Trees	1964	66	510,000	Plant	\$1.96	\$ 1,000,000	
	1963	55	454,536	Plant	1.80	818,000	
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	1964	xx	1,391,000	Plant	0.98	1,363,000	
	1963	xx	1,401,900	Plant	0.80	1,122,000	
Bedding Plants	1964	xx	280,000	Flat	1.80	504,000	
	1963	xx	201,300	Flat	1.84	370,000	
Herbaceous Perennials	1964	130	11,050,000	Plant	0.05	552,000	
	1963	66	13,695,000	Plant	0.04	548,000	
Indoor Decoratives	1964	xx	1,445,000	Plant	0.55	795,000	
	1963	xx	1,446,000	Plant	0.55	796,000	
Cactus & Succulents	1964	xx	1,644,000	Plant	0.08	132,000	
	1963	xx	1,638,800	Plant	0.08	131,000	
Bulbs, Rhizomes, Roots, Corms, Tubers	1964	xx	14,211,000	xx	xx	1,563,000	
	1963	xx	15,950,500	xx	xx	1,595,000	

NURSERY PRODUCTS, CONTINUED

Item	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E	
		Field Acres	Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1964	48	61,286,000	Blooms	\$0.055	\$ 3,371,000
	1963	41	34,900,000	Blooms	0.075	2,618,000
Gladiolus	1964	662	2,076,000	(Dozen	0.86	1,785,000
	1963	495	1,535,000	(Spikes	0.86	1,320,000
Misc. Cut Flowers (Bird-of-Paradise, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Iris, Lilac, Lilies, Peony, Poinsettia, Rose, Stock, Sweet Pea, Wax Flower)	1964	xx	xx	xx	xx	2,038,000
	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	2,086,000
TOTAL	1964	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$13,103,000
	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	11,404,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Year	P R O D U C T I O N			V A L U E	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle & Calves (a)	1964	45,100	309,000	Cwt.	\$19.30	\$ 5,964,000
	1963	39,100	203,000	Cwt.	22.60	4,590,000
Lambs	1964	3,500	3,500	Cwt.	21.50	75,250
	1963	4,600	4,830	Cwt.	25.00	121,000
Hogs & Pigs	1964	12,000	30,000	Cwt.	16.00	480,000
	1963	12,500	31,250	Cwt.	16.50	516,000
Chickens, Other Meat	1964	2,898,000	11,592,000	Lb.	0.053	614,000
	1963	2,856,000	11,424,000	Lb.	0.055	629,000
Turkeys	1964	200,000	4,000,000	Lb.	0.21	840,000
	1963	75,000	1,500,000	Lb.	0.23	345,000
Misc. Poultry (b) (Broilers & Fryers, Chicks, Poults, Replacement Pullets, Turkey Eggs)	1964	xx	xx	xx	xx	1,963,000
	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	640,000
Rabbits	1964	700,000	2,975,000	Lb.	0.22	654,000
	1963	910,000	3,868,000	Lb.	0.22	851,000
TOTAL	1964	xx	xx	xx	xx	\$10,590,250
	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	7,692,000

(a) Including dairy animals sold for slaughter

(b) 1963 total value revised to include Broilers & Fryers, previously listed separately

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, Market	1964	2,700,000	Cwt.	\$5.08	\$13,716,000
	1963(a)	2,673,000	Cwt.	5.14	13,739,000
Milk, Manufacturing	1964	2,310	Cwt.	3.68	8,500
	1963(a)	1,950	Cwt.	2.97	5,800
Wool	1964	41,200	Lb.	0.457	18,800
	1963	32,000	Lb.	0.42	13,500
Eggs, Chicken, Market	1964	89,700,000	Doz.	0.28	25,116,000
	1963	81,480,000	Doz.	0.285	23,222,000
TOTAL	1964	xx	xx	xx	\$38,859,300
	1963(a)	xx	xx	xx	36,980,300

(a) Revised

## APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	V A L U E	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1964	904,000	Lb.	\$0.14	\$ 126,000
	1963	96,950	Lb.	0.146	14,200
Beeswax	1964	15,000	Lb.	0.45	6,700
	1963	1,616	Lb.	0.42	700
TOTAL	1964	xx	xx	xx	\$ 132,700
	1963	xx	xx	xx	14,900

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	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Field Crops	\$ 1,375,800	\$ 1,503,400
Fruit and Nut Crops	22,222,600	27,410,500
Vegetable Crops	27,794,900	38,319,300
Nursery Products	11,404,000	13,103,000
Livestock and Poultry	7,692,000	10,590,250
Livestock and Poultry Products	36,980,300 (a)	38,859,300
Apiary	<u>14,900</u>	<u>132,700</u>
TOTAL	\$107,484,500 (a)	\$129,918,450

(a) Revised

