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California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

Imperial County

1907-1920

(information from different sources not consistent with
later crop reports)

California County Agricultural Commissioners' Reports from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. This collection consists of annual crop and livestock data from each of the 58 California Counties. The collection covers 1915-1981; digitization of the rest of the collection is forthcoming.

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From Appendix "B"

Statistics. Before 1907, all the statistics for Imperial County were included with those of San Diego County, of which it was a part until August 15, 1907.

General Statistics.

| | 1907-8 | 1908-9 | 1909-10 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Area- acres | 2,560,000 | 2,560,000 | 2,560,000 |
| Acres assessed | 571,712 | 731,520 | 621,953 |
| Total value of All Property | - | \$7,161,382 | \$9,603,566 |
| Expended, Roads | \$8,125 | \$15,775 | \$48,798 |
| Expended, Bridges | \$9,850 | \$25,305 | \$26,012 |
| Public Roads, miles | 350 | 875 | 1,250 |
| Value Co. blgs. | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Irrigating Ditches cost - - - | \$3,500,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$3,500,000 |
| Electric Power plant | \$25,000 | \$28,475 | \$70,640 |
| No. Acres Irrigated | 175,343 | 181,645 | 207,360 |
| El Tel & Tel lines | | | |
| 50 m. | \$24,044 | 75 m. \$42,511 | 271 m. Telegraph \$38,448 |
| | | | 84 m. Telephone \$ 2,000 |
| | | | 34 m. El. Trans. \$31,800 |

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List above compiled from the Reports of the California State Agricultural Society, 1908 - 1909 - 1910.

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In 1911, all agricultural reports were compiled by the California State Board of Agriculture, and the year of 1910 was classified differently, as per abstract below:

1910.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Approximate Land, acres - - - | 2,616,960 |
| Number of Farms | 1,322 |
| Land in Farms, " | 223,662 |
| Improved Land in Farms" | 176,069 |

Total Value of all Farm Property,
 (including domestic animals,
 poultry and bees, \$2,539,207) \$23,646,067 1

All Assessed Property
 in Imperial County - - - - - \$12,148,180 2

Population of incorporated cities and towns.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| El Centro, County Seat - - - - | 1,610 |
| Imperial, - - - - - | 1,267 |
| Brawley, - - - - - | 881 |
| Calexico, - - - - - | 797 |
| Holtville, - - - - - | 729 |

Total Population for the Valley - - - - - 13,591 3

1 California State Board of Agriculture, 1911-12, pp.300-301.
 13th United States Census Bulletin, Dept. of Commerce, 1910.

2 California State Board of Agriculture, 1911-12, p.22 (State Controllers Dept

2 " " " " " " p.20

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General Statistics. (Continued.)

| Value of Products | 1907-8 | | 1908-9 | | 1909-10 | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| Butter, lbs. | 1,248,000 | | 1,584,250 | \$316,850 | 2,738,425 | \$988,349 |
| Poultry & Eggs | | \$3,000 | | \$3,275 | | \$47,357 |
| Live Stock Total | No. 112,961 | Value \$581,992 | No. 72,935 | Value \$491,351 | No. 75,027 | Value \$1,729,072 |
| Wool-lbs. | 155,870 | | 175,780 | \$17,578 | 140,000 | \$70,000 |
| Cotton | - | | - | | Lbs. 4,500,000 | Value \$685,000 |
| Cotton Seed | - | | - | | Lbs. 9,000,000 | Value \$90,000 |
| Fruit & Veg. | - | | Lbs. 3,720,000 | Value \$53,000 | - | Value \$222,840 |
| Cantaloupes | Acres 1200 | Value \$327,790 | Acres 8,000 | Car-loads 1,859 | Crates 120,000 | Value \$250,000 |

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

PACIFIC SYSTEM

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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No.

J. R. DOWNS, COMMERCIAL AGENT

D-204

RIVERSIDE, CAL.

November
Nineteen
1913.

Mr. F. W. Waite,

Mr. W. H. Langsdale,

El Centro, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to conversation recently in regard to data you wish for Imperial Valley: Mr. Stubbs furnishes me with the following which I hope will be of some benefit to you:

IMPERIAL VALLEY CAR LOAD SHIPMENTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS
ENDING OCTOBER ~~1912~~ 1913.

--0--

- In tons of 2000 pounds. -

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------|------|----------|-------|
| Barley | 11330 | Corn | 3300 | Hay | 32540 |
| Cotton | 1920 | Meal | 930 | Honey | 470 |
| Wheat | 270 | Grain | 210 | Onions | 200 |
| Tomatoes | 116 | B. Corn | 50 | Apricots | 40 |
| Potatoes | 30 | Beans | 20 | Raisins | 15 |
| Cattle | 1100 | Hogs | 545 | Sheep | 342 |

FOLLOWING IS ESTIMATE NUMBER OF ANIMALS LOADED PER CAR.

Horses and Mules 28---Cattle 28---Hogs 78---Sheep 120

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BUTTER PRODUCTION IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

All statistics herein have been compiled from official reports of the California State Dairy Bureau.

IMPERIAL COUNTY is second among the 58 counties of California in butter production.

IMPERIAL COUNTY makes one-tenth of the butter made in the state.

IMPERIAL COUNTY makes six times more butter than is produced by the six other Southern California counties combined.

IMPERIAL COUNTY increased its butter production 236 % and rose from seventh to second place during the last six years.

| Year | IMPERIAL COUNTY | | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
|------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Butter Production | | Butter Production, 1916 | |
| | Pounds | Rank | County | Pounds |
| 1911 | 3,585,941 | Seventh | Los Angeles | 167,286 |
| 1912 | 4,110,736 | Sixth | Orange | 75,000 |
| 1913 | 5,393,328 | Fifth | Riverside | 229,692 |
| 1914 | 5,710,387 | Fourth | San Bernardino | 98,300 |
| 1915 | 6,734,516 | Third | San Diego | 441,409 |
| 1916 | 6,780,552 | Second | Ventura | 29,321 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Six other So. California counties | 1,035,008 |
| Imperial County | 6,780,552 |
| Total production, So. Cal. 1916 | <u>7,815,560</u> |

CALIFORNIA BUTTER PRODUCTION 1911-1916
 Comparative Figures, Leading Dairy Counties

| County | 1911 | | 1916 | | PER CENT GAIN |
|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | Pounds | Rank | Pounds | Rank | |
| Humboldt | 5,248,332 | First | 5,588,504 | Third | 8 |
| Stanislaus | 5,166,515 | Second | 9,930,021 | First | 193 |
| Tulare | 3,956,533 | Third | 4,577,839 | Fourth | 20 |
| Fresno | 3,305,644 | Fourth | 4,204,416 | Fifth | 11 |
| Kings | 3,552,542 | Fifth | 3,960,949 | Seventh | 12 |
| Merced | 3,102,332 | Sixth | 4,030,062 | Sixth | 30 |
| IMPERIAL | 2,385,941 | SEVENTH | 6,780,552 | <u>SECOND</u> | <u>235</u> |

Gain, 1915-16, Stanislaus, 6,701 lbs.; Imperial, 446,256; Humboldt, 0.

"Opportunities for profit in dairying are greater in IMPERIAL VALLEY than in any district that I know of in the United States" -- E. H. Webster, former chief of the Dairy division, United States Department of Agriculture, former director of Kansas experiment station, and former associate editor of Hoard's Dairyman.

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CALIFORNIA COTTON PRODUCTION - 1916

The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, reports the 1916 California cotton crop as 43,664 bales.

Of this number, 39,028 bales were produced in Imperial County and 4,636 bales in Riverside County.

In Imperial Valley, besides the 39,028 bales ginned on the American side, 24,147 bales were ginned on the Mexican side, making a total valley production of 63,175 bales.

With the 4,636 bales ginned in Riverside County, the California and Baja California total is 67,821 bales. Up to 1916, the Mexican cotton was ginned on the American side and the production included in the California statistics by the Census bureau. For relative purposes, the production of 67,811 bales may be compared with the following record of California cotton production as furnished this office by the Director of the Census: 1909, 183 bales; 1910, 5,986 bales; 1911, 9,790 bales; 1912, 8,215 bales; 1913, 22,838 bales; 1914, 49,835 bales and 1915, 28,551 bales.

The 1916 California production of 43,664 bales moved the state from 13th to 12th place in cotton producing rank.

In average yield per acre and average price per pound, received by growers for short staple cotton, the American standard, California again in 1916 led all cotton producing states. It was the only state whose growers averaged 20 cents per pound. The Bureau of Crop Estimates also reported that the average price of Durango cotton, which yields as heavily as short staple and composed 30 per cent of the crop, was 26 cents per pound.

The acre return in California was \$80, one third more than the average of the next ranking cotton state and nearly three times the average acre return of the United States. The following table is compiled from the revised reports of the Bureau of Crop Estimates as published in the Monthly Crop Report for June, 1917:

| STATE | Average Yield Per Acre | Average Price Per pound | Average Return per Acre |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| California | 400 | 20. | \$ 80.00 |
| Virginia | 310 | 19.5 | 60.45 |
| Missouri | 236 | 19. | 42.75 |
| North Carolina | 215 | 19.2 | 41.28 |
| Arkansas | 209 | 19.1 | 39.91 |
| Tennessee | 206 | 19.2 | 39.55 |
| Louisiana | 170 | 19. | 32.30 |
| Georgia | 165 | 19.3 | 31.84 |
| South Carolina | 160 | 19.3 | 30.88 |
| Texas | 157 | 19. | 29.83 |
| Oklahoma | 154 | 18.7 | 28.79 |
| Mississippi | 135 | 19.4 | 24.25 |
| Florida | 105 | 18.5 | 19.43 |
| Alabama | 79 | 19.2 | 15.16 |
| UNITED STATES | <u>156</u> | <u>19.1</u> | <u>29.79</u> |

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INCREASE IN CROP ACCREAGES AND
 PROPERTY VALUES IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

The following table is compiled from official reports of the State Board of Equalization, which are based on the annual census of county assessors:

| | 1910 | 1912 | 1914 | 1916 | 1917 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Assessed Property Value | \$12,148,180 | \$19,067,433 | \$25,739,973 | \$30,744,665 | \$33,062,582 |
| Alfalfa(acree) | 32,703 | 85,000 | 109,653 | 95,562 | 99,123 |
| Barley | 43,573 | 116,000 | 71,915 | 83,540 | 60,658 |
| Cotton | 6,538 | 8,000 | 38,810 | 44,116 | 85,785 # |
| Cantaloupes | 1,111 | 5,500 | 11,801 x | 13,043 x | 14,765 12776 |
| Milo | 4,327 | ----- | 12,482 | 52,207 | 79,935 @ |
| Cattle (number) | 14,063 | 42,238 | 43,896 | 61,920 | 77,143 |
| Hogs | 34,292 | 52,320 | 20,262 | 48,262 | 59,002 |
| Sheep | 14,825 | 21,508 | 11,972 | 35,843 | 49,596 |
| Poultry(Doz.) | 2,844 | 4,341 | 5,187 | 41,446 | 10,630 |

Cotton--Approximately 55,000 acres on Mexican side.

@ Milo----Census began before cotton planted. Changes since indicate cotton acreage about 70,000 acres; water company census indicates milo acreage as 115,000.

X Cantaloupes--Includes other melons. Cantaloupe acreage, 1916, 8,500

Other figures from the 1917 census are as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Wheat | 2,937 acres | Date palms | 20,545 trees |
| Oats | 265 | Apricots | 12,838 " |
| Potatoes | 348 | Fig | 6,605 " |
| Rice | 365 | Olive | 5,910 " |
| Onions | 240-337 | Peach | 2,726 " |
| Lettuce | 822-815 | Pear | 8,163 " |
| Beans | 580 | Lemons | 1,491 " |
| Asparagus | 728 | orange | 6,048 " |
| Tomatoes | 480 | Grape fruit | 46,152 " |
| Grapes | 1,500 | Strawberries | 95 acres |
| Melons other than Cantaloupes | 1,285 | Mules | 3,560 |
| | | Horses | 11,270 |
| | | Bees (hives) | 12,465 |
| | | Ostriches | 2,011 |

Peas 785
 Squash 185

A Bird's-Eye Comparison of Imperial Valley

| | 1900 | 1910 | 1916 |
|--------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Population | 0 | 13,591 | 40,000 |
| Assessed Valuations | 0 | \$12,148,180 | \$30,744,665 |
| Value of Products | 0 | \$ 5,000,000 | \$20,000,000 |
| Value of School Property | 0 | \$270,978 | \$1,056,518 |

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July 1, 1917.

IMPERIAL VALLEY

The Chief General Farming District of Southern California, Excelling in Production of Staple Crops.

FIELD CROPS

- Alfalfa--114,491 acres, 1917, increase of 20% in year. First in California. More than 10% of state production. More than twice rest of So. California. Longest growing season. Backbone of permanent fertility of Imperial Valley soil.
- Barley--83,540 acres 1916. First in So. Cal. Threshing in April begins national grain harvest. Crop of barley and milo from same land same year.
- Milo---106,354 acres 1917. Gain of 100% in year. First in Cal. Equal to state corn crop 1916. Chief hog feed of S. West.
- Cotton--70,000 in Imperial County 1917. 50,000 acres in valley south of line. Chief Durango cotton center of U.S. No boll weevil, no harvest-time rains, longest growing season. U.S. Department of Agriculture says California cotton (95% of which is produced in valley) brings higher average price per pound and yields higher average per acre than any other state. In 1909 but 324 acres devoted to cotton.

LIVESTOCK

- Cattle--61,920 head in 1916. First in So. California. Over twice number in second cattle county. Green feed all year round. No barns needed. Importance of dairy cattle indicated by following butter production figures:-
- Butter--6,780,552 pounds made in 1916. Second among 58 counties of California. Makes one-tenth butter of state. Makes six times more butter produced six other S. Cal. counties combined. Increased its production 235% in six years.
- Swine--48,262 in 1916. First in California. State reports show next county 17,222. 10,000 more other So. Cal. counties.
- Sheep--35,843 shown in assessor's report. Exceeds total other So. Cal. counties. Rain free lambing season.
- Poultry--11,446 dozens in 1916. Greatest turkey producing district on Pacific Coast.
- Ostriches--2,000 largest herd in America.

SOME OTHER CROPS

- Cantaloupes--13,040 acres 1917, almost twice acreage of second cantaloupe state, Arkansas, which has 6,900 acres. Cal. acreage 17,300 greatest in U.S., all but 4,000 acres in Imperial valley. 4,617 cars shipped 1916.
- Miscellaneous-- Table grapes, 1,200 acres, shipped early in June. Asparagus, 536 acres, twelfth of state acreage, earliest in market. Dates, superior varieties, 22,000 trees. Grape-fruit, superior flavor, 70,000 non-bearing trees. Increasing acreage of lettuce, tomatoes, peas, onions and beans-- earliest into eastern markets.

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS--IMPERIAL COUNTY

July 1, 1917

Abbreviations: RM - Regular Meeting. AM-
Annual Meeting. Mem. - No. of Members.

BRAWLEY: Brawley Chamber of Commerce
RM 2d and 4th Fridays. AM 2d Friday in March. Mem. 122
Officers Pres., W.P. Casey Vice-pres., Harry Staub
Secty., E.F. Morris Treas., 1st National bank
Directors W.H. Best J. Nevills T. Edgar
C.F. Boarts J.D. Reavis W.P. Casey
Harry Staub

CALEXICO: Calexico Chamber of Commerce
RM Friday nights. AM February Mem. 128
Officers Pres., Frank D. Hevener Vice-pres., C.T. Wardlaw
Secty., Frank W. Roach Treas. H.H. Griswold
Directors Frank D Hevener W.T. Aitken C.T. Wardlaw
Sidney McHarg L.M. Jones

EL CENTRO: El Centro Chamber of Commerce Mem. 160
RM Thursday nights AM 1st Fri after 1st Mon. in Jan.
Officers Pres. F. B. Fuller 1st Vice Pres., C.W. Barton
2d Vice Pres., M.O. King Exec. Secty., Jos. F. Seymour
Com'l Secty., W. H. Compton Treas., T.T. Cook
Directors F.B. Fuller G.W. Barton T.T. Cook
Jos. F. Seymour Jr. M.O. King W.S. Fawcett
Clifford Coggins A.L. Richmond G.W. Anderson
W.E. Clements J.L. Travers

HOLTVILLE: Holtville Commercial Club
RM 2d Thursday AM 1st Tuesday in Feb. Mem. 70
Officers Pres. M.G. Blanchard 1st Vice Pres., L.F. Shaw
2d Vice-P., Warren Currier Treas. R. W. Hoover
Secty. Will H. Rogers
Directors M.G. Blanchard Fred Jarboe L.F. Shaw
Warren Currier R.G. Webster Jas. T. Coyle
B.R. Crandall C.H. Eckert

IMPERIAL: Imperial Ad Club
RM Last Friday of month AM 1st Wed. of Oct. Mem. 89
Officers Pres., N. A. Mackey Vice-Pres., C.W. Waite
Secty., C. Houston Smith Treas. O.W. Larson
Directors N.A. Mackey L.J. Thomas I.J. Harris
Chas. W. Waite Allison Peck O.W. Larson

COUNTY: Board of Supervisors.
Chairman, - G.P. Shaw, Holtville; W.F. Beal, Brawley;
P.E. Carr, Calexico; W.H. Brooks, El Centro; J. T.
Rice, Imperial. Development Agent for Board, A.M.
Nelson, Courthouse, El Centro.
County Farm Bureau, Courthouse, El Centro.
President, W.H. Packard, Vice pres. S.O. Robinson.
Secty., A.M. Nelson Treasurer, C.F. Boarts
Associated Chambers of Commerce (P. I. Dougherty, Adviser
Jos. F. Seymour, chairman, El Centro)

IMPERIAL COUNTY.

| CROP | | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Corn | acres | 2,682 | | |
| | bushels | 51,111 | | |
| Oats | acres | 544 | | |
| | bushels | 16,805 | | |
| Wheat | acres | 25,711 | | |
| | bushels | 543,755 | | |
| Barley | acres | 18,225 | | |
| | bushels | 478,051 | | |
| Grain sorghums | acres | 65,421 | | |
| | bushels | 1,672,080 | | |
| Rough rice | acres | | | |
| | bushels | | | |
| Dry edible beans | acres | 2 | | |
| | bushels | 32 | | |
| Alfalfa | acres | 48,508 | | |
| | tons | 96,430 | | |
| Small grains cut hay | acres | 7,362 | | |
| | tons | 6,634 | | |
| Annual legumes as hay | acres | 287 | | |
| | tons | 396 | | |
| Silage crops | acres | 1,252 | | |
| | tons | 12,802 | | |
| Corn for forage | acres | 1,004 | | |
| | tons | 1,989 | | |
| Grain Sorghums for forage | acres | 2,395 | | |
| | tons | 4,415 | | |
| Root crops, forage | acres | 2 | | |
| | tons | 9 | | |
| Potatoes | acres | 8 | | |
| | bushels | 228 | | |
| Tomatoes | acres | | | |
| | tons | | | |
| Lettuce | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Spinach | acres | | | |
| | tons | | | |
| Cabbage | acres | | | |
| | tons | | | |
| Cauliflower | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Sweet potatoes | acres | | | |
| | bushels | | | |
| Strawberries | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Other berries | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Cantaloupes | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Melons | acres | | | |
| | tons | | | |
| Celery | acres | | | |
| | crates | | | |
| Cotton | acres | 56,938 | | |
| | bales | 26,343 | | |

Fruits & Nuts.

IMPERIAL COUNTY (CONTINUED) -2-

| CROP | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Apples, non bearing trees - | 266 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 148 | - - - - | - - - - |
| bushels harvested - | 39 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Peaches non bearing trees - | 1,142 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 688 | - - - - | - - - - |
| bushels harvested - | 449 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Pears, non bearing trees - | 2,838 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 779 | - - - - | - - - - |
| bushels harvested - | 376 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Plums non bearing trees - | 443 | - - - - | - - - - |
| & Prunes " " - | 190 | - - - - | - - - - |
| bushels harvested - | 168 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Apri- non bearing trees - | 208 | - - - - | - - - - |
| cots " " - | 1,868 | - - - - | - - - - |
| bushels harvested - | 1,786 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Figs non bearing trees - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| tons harvested - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| Olives, non bearing trees - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| tons harvested - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| Oranges non bearing trees - | 1,428 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 2,512 | - - - - | - - - - |
| boxes harvested - | 1,719 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Lemons, non bearing trees - | 208 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 478 | - - - - | - - - - |
| boxes harvested - | 418 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Grape- non bearing trees - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| fruit, " " - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| boxes harvested - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| Almonds non bearing trees - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| pounds harvested - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| Walnuts non bearing trees - | 2 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 400 | - - - - | - - - - |
| pounds harvested - | 16,000 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Grapes, non bearing vines - | 28,600 | - - - - | - - - - |
| " " " " - | 246,684 | - - - - | - - - - |
| pounds harvested - | 1,871,591 | - - - - | - - - - |
| Avacades, - | - | - - - - | - - - - |
| non bearing trees - | - | - - - - | - - - - |

IMPERIAL COUNTY PUBLICITY COMMISSION

EL CENTRO CALIFORNIA

INCREASE IN LIVE STOCK, CROP ACREAGES AND PROPERTY VALUES IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

The following Table is compiled from Official Reports which are based on the annual census of county assessors:

| | 1910 | 1912 | 1914 | 1916 | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tota Assessed | | | | | | | |
| Property Value | \$12,148,180 | \$19,067,433 | \$25,739,973 | \$30,744,665 | \$35,859,028 | \$40,350,450 | \$73,197,093 |
| FIELD CROPS | | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa -- Acres | 32,703 | 85,000 | 109,653 | 95,562 | 98,274 | 96,040 | 92,229 |
| Barley | 43,573 | 116,000 | 71,915 | 83,540 | 69,761 | 75,292 | 69,430 |
| Cotton | 6,538 | 8,000 | 38,810 | 44,116 | 77,216 | 61,217 | 126,081 |
| Cantaloupes | 1,111 | 5,500 | 11,801 | 13,043 | 12,214 | 13,392 | 18,710 |
| Milo | 4,327 | ----- | 12,482 | 52,207 | 81,648 | 67,816 | 35,590 |
| Wheat | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1,866 | 9,050 | 37,288 | 9,506 |
| LIVE STOCK | | | | | | | |
| Cattle -- Number | 14,063 | 42,238 | 43,896 | 61,920 | 59,622 | 72,563 | 66,520 |
| Hogs | 34,292 | 52,320 | 20,262 | 48,262 | 34,194 | 29,127 | 28,403 |
| Sheep | 14,825 | 21,508 | 11,972 | 35,843 | 47,596 | 107,886 | 65,207 |
| Poultry -- Dozen | 2,844 | 4,341 | 5,187 | 11,446 | 9,920 | 10,572 | 9,502 |

OTHER FIGURES FROM THE 1920 CENSUS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| | Acres | A BIRDS-EYE COMPARISON OF IMPERIAL VALLEY | | | VALUE OF PRODUCTS | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | | | |
| Asparagus | 860 | | | | Butter | \$3,377,000 | |
| Tomatoes | 1222 | Population | 0 | 13,591 | 43,383 | Cantaloupes | 9,208,000 |
| Peas | 1658 | Assessed Valuation | 0 | \$9,615,066 | \$73,197,093 | Cotton and its By-Products | 23,957,000 |
| Onions | 420 | Value of Products | 0 | \$5,000,000 | \$65,000,000 | Grapes | 494,000 |
| Melons, other than Cantaloupes | 3207 | Total Exports | | \$51,509,549. | | Grain | 5,007,040 |
| Oats | 526 | Products Consumed Locally | | 13,490,461. | | Honey | 260,400 |
| Strawberries | 670 | Total Produced | | 65,000,000. | | Live Stock | 4,752,300 |
| Cantaloupes | 18710 | | | | | Vegetables | 1,809,500 |
| Cotton | 126081 | | | | | Watermelons | 276,960 |
| | Number | | | | | | |
| Mules | 3314 | | | | | | |
| Horses | 10349 | | | | | | |
| Bees -- Stands | 13160 | | | | | | |

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C. Statistics

Imperial County - the 12th of the 59 Counties in California.

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In 1900, no census report.

In 1910, Imperial County's agricultural statistics were:¹

Value of crops and livestock products . . . \$ 2,394,818.00

In 1920,²

Value of crops and livestock products . . . \$20,195,367.00

Therefore, in January 1920, it became the 12th of the fifty nine (59) agricultural counties of California. The gross amount may be inflated somewhat, but that was equally true all over the state and in the United States after the World War.

In 1910, Number of Farms . . 1322 (1)

In 1920, Number of Farms . . 2843 (2)

In 1910, Value all farm property (1) \$23,648,067.00

In 1920, Value all farm property (2) \$69,171,454.00

¹
13th U. S. Census Bulletin, Department of Commerce, 1910.

²
U. S. Census, Department of Commerce Pamphlet, 1920,
50 Agricultural leading counties U. S. Released for newspapers,
November 1921.

NOTE:- For further statistics See Appendix "B".