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California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

Kern County

1942-1954

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KERN COUNTY'S ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942
TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND
THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

In compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, State of California, I herewith submit the annual crop report of Kern County for the year 1942.

Acreages are calculated as net planted acres, yields in terms of commercial packages or units established by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The values are f.o.b. prices. The returns thus include cost of growing, harvesting, hauling, packing etc.

We are indebted to many individuals and organizations for their splendid response given to the agricultural inspectors and deputies who have helped compile this report.

The total value of all crops, including live stock, was \$67,282,688. This was far in excess of our most optimistic estimates and exceeded the 1941 income by \$23,000,000. Net profits to growers in most cases were no greater than last year as cost of labor had increased almost 100%, and fertilizer, machinery, transportation and other costs were much higher. Total production of all commodities was 1,270,923 tons, an increase of 208,570 tons over 1941. This is a remarkable record considering all of the handicaps which the growers had to overcome. If we continue to lose our trained agricultural workers to the army and defense industries production for 1943 is bound to show a big decrease. Growers, particularly during the later part of 1942, were forced to use students, women and older men inexperienced in farm work and harvesting in order to get their crops in and are very hesitant to plant any crop requiring a large amount of hand labor.

Potatoes brought more money than any other plant crop with a production of 6,664,417 sacks valued at \$13,328,814. This is one of the most vitally needed war crops and the government has asked for an increase of 20% of potatoes for 1943.

Cotton, which has been the number one crop for many years, was second with 94,500 bales and 38,400 tons of seed valued at \$11,018,550. Cotton made a fine growth with very little damage from insects or weather and we had an ideal fall for harvest, but due to the shortage of labor there were about 10,000 bales abandoned in the fields.

Grapes and raisins were next in value with a production of 86,146 tons valued at \$7,730,496. The present plans of the War Production Board are to force all growers to make raisins of all their Thompsons and Muscats, and as over one half of our acreage is Thompsons it will mean a much reduced income to the grape growers next year.

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Alfalfa has been one of our stable crops for many years. We had an increase of about 7,000 acres, making a total of 69,948 acres of alfalfa valued at \$5,940,055. We expect an increase of from 10,000 to 15,000 next year. This is one crop that can be handled largely with machinery and a crop that is badly needed. Prices of hay advanced to such a point that it was necessary for the government to establish ceiling prices in order to protect the dairy feeders in the milk shed areas as their ceiling prices had been set and their costs were getting out of line.

Live stock production showed an increase of 5,380 tons over the 1941 production. The total value of all live stock including poultry and dairy products for 1942 was \$17,762,289. All products are much needed war crops at this time and the government has asked growers to increase their production of these commodities. Kern County growers will undoubtedly attempt to do this as the labor problem is not so great as it is in the vegetable crops. Kern County has always been an important stock producing county and will continue to increase in this line.

Kern County growers feel their responsibility in the war effort to produce food and fiber for our army and civilians in this country as well as for our allies and are making a supreme effort in the face of great difficulties to meet the goals set for them. They are not quibbling over a 40 hour or 48 hour week, but theirs is often a 72 hour week.

The following is the detailed report of the acreage, production and value of all commercial crops produced in Kern County during the year 1942.

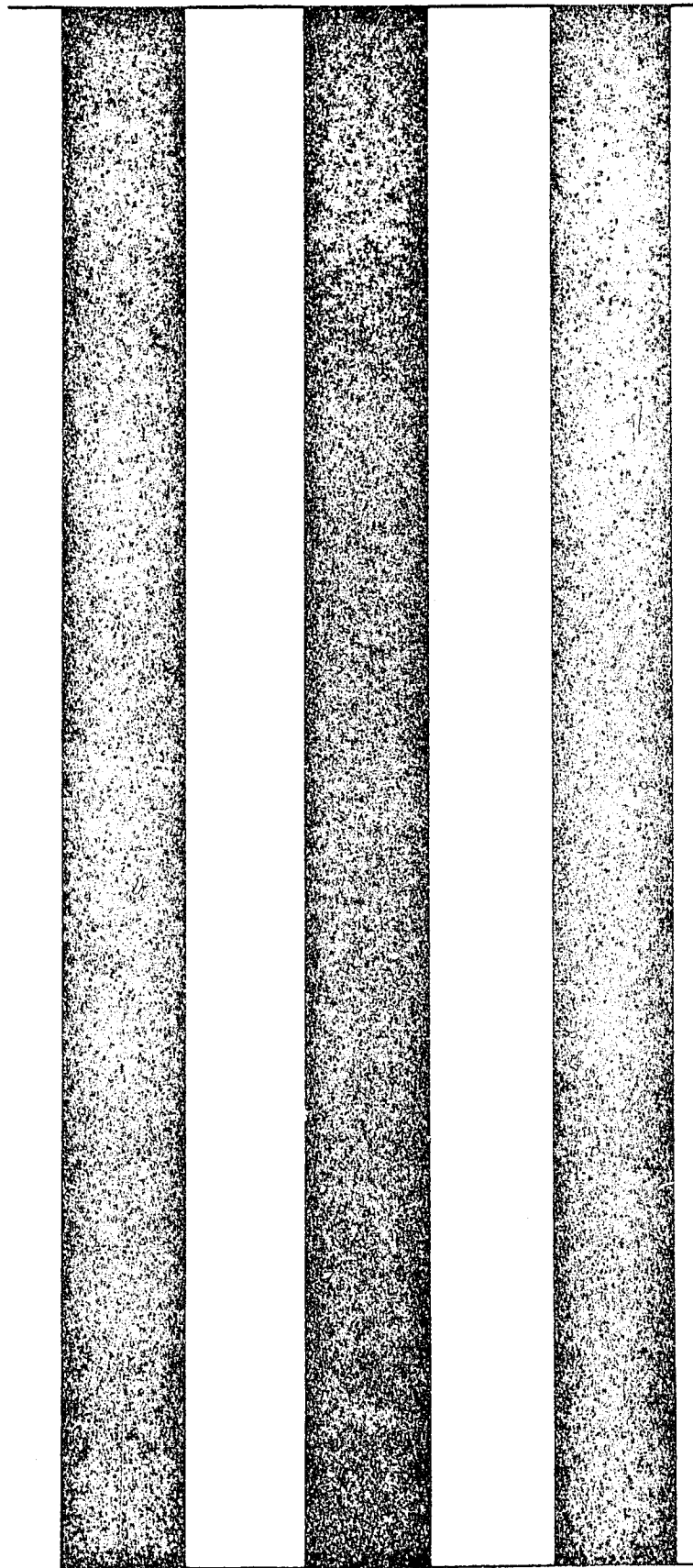
1942 ANNUAL REPORT - CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE
FOR KERN COUNTY
Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE Dollars Only
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
			\$ 6,480
Apples	26	2700 boxes	93,354
Apricots	459	81177 lugs	240,000
Apricots, dried		600 tons	7,663
Berries	60	6130 crate	4,400
Elms	5	4000 flats	1,750
Figs, dried		5 tons	22,425
Nectarines	116	17940 lugs	190,400
Olives	473	1190 tons	105,511
Peaches	978	84409 lugs	100,000
Peaches, cannery		4000 tons	336,000
Peaches, dried		1200 tons	44,148
Pears	104	566 tons	4,400
Persimmons	49	5000 lugs	524,847
Plums	1492	380324 lugs	5,859
Pomegranates	22	5580 lugs	4,403
Quinces	10	3669 lugs	8,820
Almonds	88	21 tons	420
Pecans	22	1 ton	1,750
Walnuts	20	5 tons	26,000
Family Orchard	150	650 tons	
Total	4074		\$ 1,512,630
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
			11,654
Grapefruit	35	7284 boxes	323,606
Oranges, navel	1450	124464 boxes	8,400
Oranges, valencia	40	4000 boxes	44,262
Tangerines	83	17358 lugs	3,846
Lemons	8	1099 boxes	
Total	1616		391,768
<u>Grapes</u>			
			6,406,800
Table	15365	64068 tons	441,216
Wine	2020	13788 tons	851,550
Raisins		8110 tons	31,500
Raisins, Zente	113	180 tons	
Currants			
Total	17498		7,731,066
<u>Melons</u>			
			148,440
Watermelons	305	4948 tons	240,552
Cantaloupes	202	92520 crates	199,533
Honey Dews	755	133022 crates	
Total	1262		588,525

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE Dollars Only
<u>Vegetables</u>			
		640 crates	1,280
Endive	5		
Potatoes	32961	6,664,407 sacks	13,328,814
Potato culls stock feed		25,000 tons	50,000
Peas	2738	233,798 hamp.	490,976
Onions (com'l.)	752	58,096 sacks	17,429
Onion Seed	183	12,000 lb.	24,000
Onions, Salt	257	3,855 tons	231,300
Swt. Potatoes	365	146,000 lugs	292,000
Lettuce	1364	233,706 crates	549,209
Sweet Corn	580	16,424 crates	24,636
Carrots	398	114,608 crates	171,912
Tomatoes, canning	1067	7,042 tons	130,277
Tomatoes, shipping	3000	723,771 lugs	1,447,542
Garlic	21	616 sacks	2,587
Squash	15	25 tons	1,250
Beans, Fava	50	10,000 hamp.	20,000
Broccoli	105	20,572 crates	37,029
Spinach	132	14,000 crates	28,000
Asparagus	900	59,760 crates	119,520
Cabbage	62	228 tons	3,557
Okra	7	3,300 lugs	6,600
Rutabaga	45	900 tons	18,000
Total	45007		17,049,818
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Cotton	73380	94,500 bales	9,213,750
Cotton seed		38,400 tons	1,804,800
Alfalfa	69984	349,415 tons	5,940,055
Alfalfa seed		23,900 lbs.	6,720
Silage	1725	34,500 tons	345,000
Nursery Stock	50		50,000
Honey		690,000 lbs.	62,100
Beeswax		14,000 lbs.	5,740
Queen Bees		10,000	5,000
Sugar Beets	9714	158,040 tons	1,264,320
Total	154853		18,697,485
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	50000	25,000 tons	725,000
Milo	20000	20,000 tons	500,000
Wheat	53685	16,896 tons	642,048
Grain Hay	8245	12,400 tons	223,200
Flax	10500	10,500 bu.	288,750
Oats (Hay)	2540	5,000 tons	95,000
Sudan	1200	6,000 tons	90,000
Total	146170		2,563,998

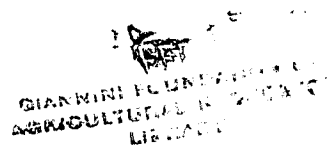
LIVE STOCK SOLD

	Number of Head	Total Value
Steers	46,026	6,075,432
Cows & Heifers	38,302	3,447,180
Calves	15,377	480,531
Bulls	1,844	248,940
Hides - Cow	32,497	211,230
Hides - Calf	15,377	46,131
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Total		10,509,444
Sheep	15,000	94,875
Lambs	212,000	2,385,000
Wool	1,908,000 lbs.	648,720
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Total		3,128,595
Hogs	23,750	774,843
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Total		774,843
Turkeys	33,000	115,500
Poultry	440,000	440,000
Eggs	1,050,000 doz.	420,000
Ducks	2,000	4,000
Geese	1,000	3,000
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Total		982,500
Milk & Butterfat	3,198,536	<u>2,366,916</u>
Grand total of all livestock		17,762,298
Total acreage of all crops	370,480	
Total tonnage of all crops including livestock	1,270,547	
Total value of all crops including livestock		66,297,688
Total money received on all government payments to the AAA program		<u>985,000</u>
Total returns to agriculture		67,282,688



1943

KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA



ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943

The total value of all crops produced including livestock during the 1943 season exceeded by far the most optimistic predictions producing a total of \$95,170,923. For the first time in the county's history since the production of oil became a major industry the returns to agriculture have exceeded those of the oil industry, and we can now claim that agriculture is the leading industry in this county.

Prices quoted are f.o.b. shipping point and are the gross returns for the crop, which include the labor costs for growing and harvesting and all other costs. As labor and other costs were a great deal higher than they have ever been before, and Office of Price Administration ceilings were placed on many of the important crops, the net take by the farmers from these sales is much smaller than is usually expected.

This total represents an increase of 43% over the returns for the preceeding year. The increase was due primarily to greater production on most crops and also to an increased acreage. We had an increase of our prices in general over those of the year before. We had 47,058 acres more this year than last year and we had a very favorable growing season which resulted in increased production in most crops. There was a total production for 1943 of 84,797 tons of crops, not including livestock, over 1942.

Kern County farmers are to be congratulated on the excellent showing they made and in the awarding of the "A Award" which was given to two of the counties in California that showed the greatest percentage of increase in the production of the necessary food crops and cooperation with the War Food Administration for the war effort, in spite of the severe handicaps and difficulties in the shortage of labor, farming machinery and rationing of gasoline and other necessary commodities.

1943 ANNUAL REPORT - CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE
FOR KERN COUNTY

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

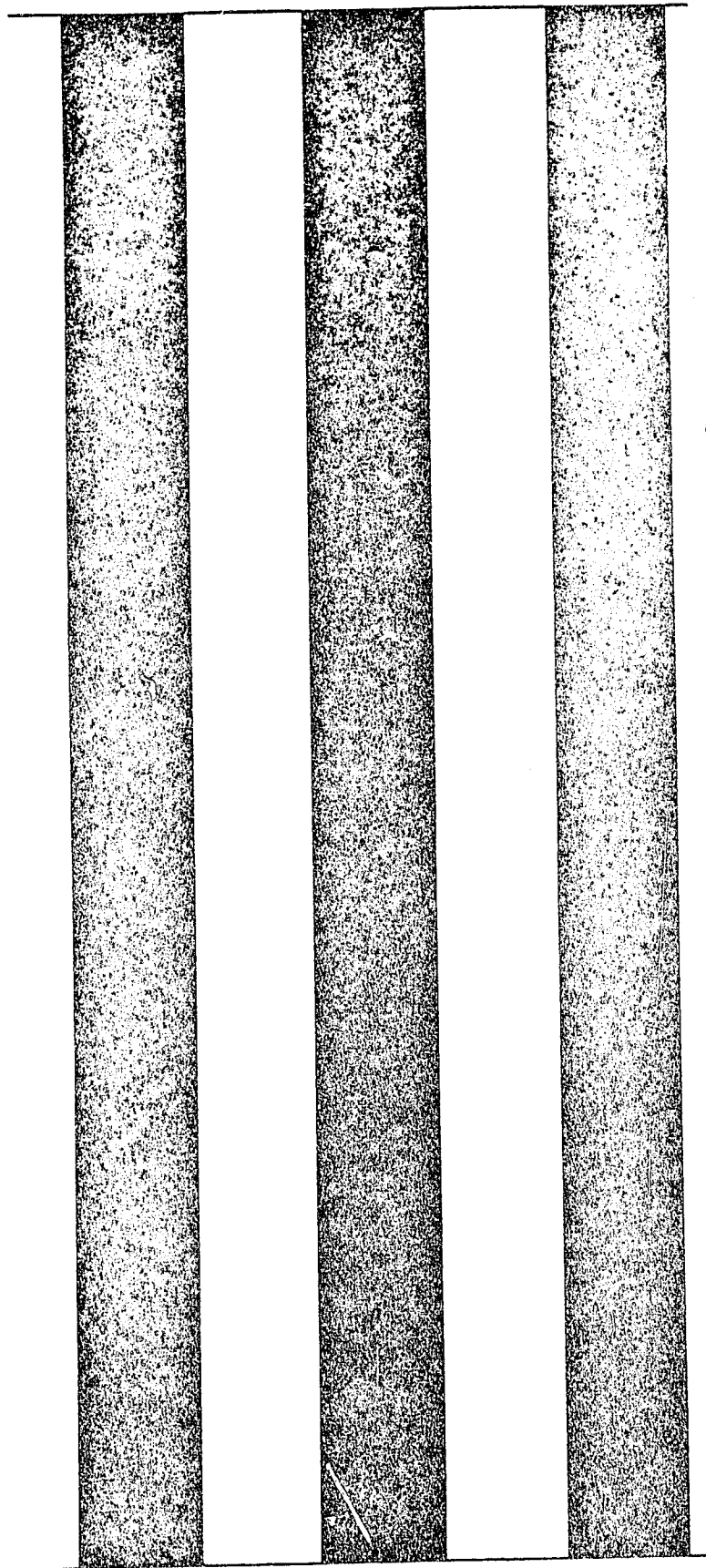
CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE Dollars Only
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	26	2,700 Boxes	\$ 8,100
Apricots	459	94,976 Lugs	237,440
Apricots, Dried		11 Tons	6,600
Berries	60	6,000 Trays	14,100
Figs	5	3,500 Flats	3,955
Figs, Dried		10 Tons	3,000
Nectarines	116	34,774 Lugs	86,935
Olives	473	975 Tons	214,500
Peaches	978	257,830 Lugs	644,575
Peaches, Dried		24 Tons	9,600
Pears	104	52,920 Lugs	127,008
Persimmons	49	13,000 Lugs	29,250
Plums	1,492	473,099 Lugs	1,182,748
Pomegranates	22	13,920 Lugs	20,880
Quinces	10	3,669 Lugs	6,054
Almonds	88	65,000 Lbs.	23,400
Pecans- Not full bearing	22	5,360 Lbs.	1,608
Walnuts	20	75,000 Lbs.	18,000
Family Orchard	150	650 Tons	26,000
Total	4,074		\$ 2,663,753
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	35	12,363 Boxes	\$ 25,591
Oranges, Navel	1,450	254,045 Boxes	627,491
Valencia	40	13,188 Boxes	39,696
Tangerines	60	43,000 Boxes	86,000
Lemons - Crop failure	8	275 Boxes	663
Total	1,593		\$ 779,441
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	6,078	691,000 Lugs	2,902,200
		2,151,071 Lugs	4,409,696
Wine	2,020	30,459 Tons	2,372,756
Raisins	9,287	22,249 Tons	3,626,587
Zante Currants	113	216 Tons	48,600
Total	17,498		\$ 13,359,839
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	750	7,504 Tons	525,280
Cantaloupes	350	161,093 Crates	563,826
Honey Dews	450	66,807 Crates	187,060
Others	50	683 Tons	34,150
Total	1,600		\$ 1,310,316

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE
			Dollars Only
Vegetables			\$ 5,418
Endive-Chicory	24	3,187 Crates	
Potatoes	40,226	8,639,633 sacks	19,439,174
Potato Culls-stock feed		433,982 Sacks	43,398
Peas	3,500	346,077 Hamp.	865,193
Onions, Com'l.	600	218,608 Sacks	524,659
Onions, Seed	24	11,904 Lbs.	17,856
Onions, Salt	160	2,807 Tons	168,420
Swt. Potatoes	360	41,375 Lugs	132,400
Lettuce	650	115,732 Crates	364,556
Lettuce, Seed	59	1,815 Lbs.	1,543
Sweet Corn	932	122,691 Crates	276,055
Carrots	350	106,223 Crates	137,028
Carrots, Seed	110	42,920 Lbs.	36,482
Tomatoes	5,268	1,308,906 Lugs	2,617,812
Garlic	4	2,000 Lbs.	280
Squash, Banana	143	1,144 Tons	45,760
Beans-Black eye	6,000	72,000 Sacks	482,400
Broccoli	900	23,991 Crates	95,964
Peppers	85	10,110 Crates	45,495
Pumpkins	12	120 Tons	4,800
Cucumbers	14	5,221 Lugs	9,659
Beans, Ky. W.	80	5,222 Crates	17,233
Spinach	45	3,438 Crates	5,913
Asparagus	1,000	77,719 Crates	279,738
Cabbage	550	33,743 Crates	70,860
Okra	100	2,278 Lugs	6,834
Rutabaga	310	4,600 Tons	92,000
Summer Squash	21	4,000 Lugs	9,000
Misc. Vegetables	100	300 Tons	30,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>61,627</u>		<u>\$ 25,825,979</u>
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Cotton	61,000	86,547 Bales	8,871,068
Cotton Seed		34,619 Tons	1,869,426
Mint	32	1,100 Lbs.	5,500
Alfalfa	77,000	385,000 Tons	8,085,000
Alfalfa Seed		26½ Tons	18,550
Silage	500	1,000 Tons	15,000
Nursery Stock	70		140,000
Guayule-Not in production	8,950		
Honey		730,000 Lbs.	87,600
Beeswax		15,000 Lbs.	6,225
Queen Bees		8,000 Bees	4,800
Sugar Beets	3,300	42,362 Tons	389,730
<u>Total</u>	<u>150,852</u>		<u>\$ 19,492,899</u>
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	104,000	3,120,000 Bu.	3,432,000
Milo	16,500	742,500 Bu.	1,061,775
Wheat	27,194	951,790 Bu.	1,380,096
Grain Hay	12,000	16,000 Tons	283,200
Flax	15,000	172,650 Bu.	569,745
Oats (Oat Hay)	5,000	7,500 Tons	132,750
Sudan	600	1,200 Tons	15,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>180,294</u>		<u>\$ 6,875,166</u>

LIVESTOCK SOLD *

	Number of Head	Total Value Dollars Only
Steers	56,776	\$ 8,118,968
Cows & Heifers	40,827	4,409,316
Calves	17,322	562,965
Bulls	1,612	217,620
Hides-Cow	97,603	634,420
Hides-Calf	17,322	51,966
Total		\$ 13,995,255
Sheep	25,000	125,000
Lambs	225,000	2,581,875
Wool	2,182,000 Pounds	785,520
Total		\$ 3,492,395
Hogs	16,000	552,000
Total		552,000
Turkeys	40,000	180,000
Poultry	510,000	637,500
Eggs	1,120,000 Dozen	504,000
Ducks	3,000	6,000
Geese	1,500	4,500
Total		1,332,000
Milk & Butterfat	2,965,738 Pounds	2,832,280
Ice Cream Mfg.	629,609 Gal.	692,570
Ice Milk Mfg.	334,570 Gal.	284,385
Pounds Butter Mfg.	205,687 Pounds	98,730
Cottage Cheese	712,575 Pounds	142,515
Total		\$ 4,050,480
Grand total of all livestock		23,422,130
Total acreage of all crops	417,538	
Total tonnage of all crops incl. livestock	1,355,343½	
Total value of all crops including livestock		\$ 94,170,923
Total money received on all Government payments to the AAA Program (Estimated).		1,000,000
Total returns to Agriculture		\$ 95,170,923

*Fiscal year 1942-1943

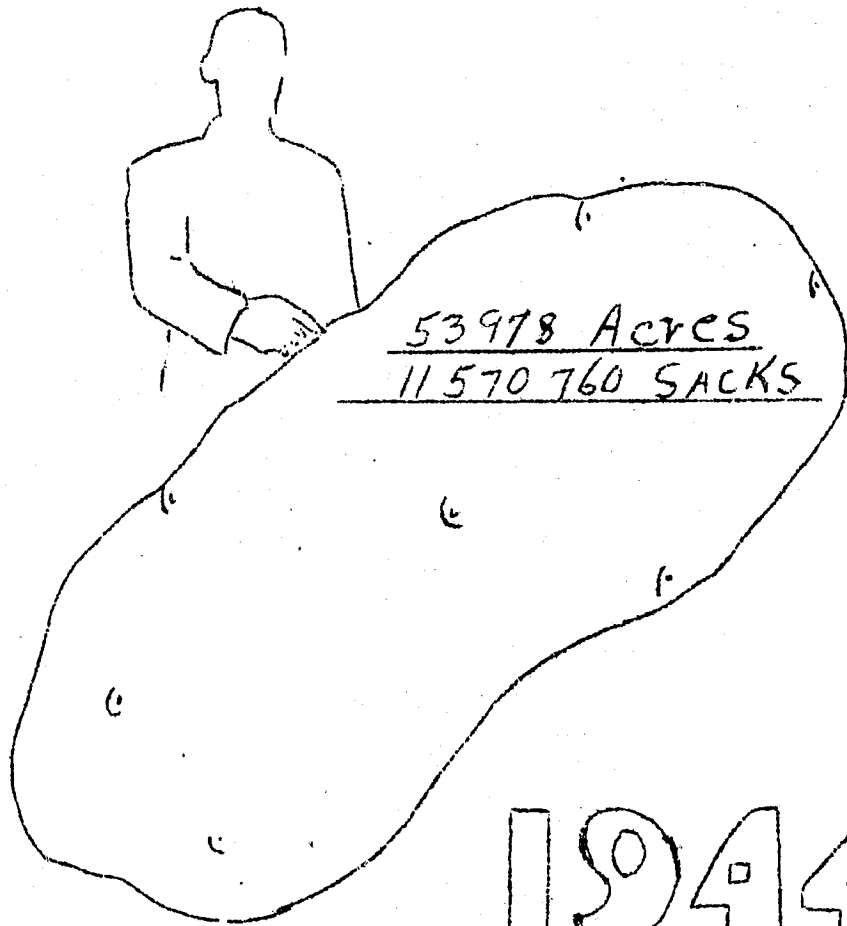


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KERN COUNTY CROP REPORT



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KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors and the
Director of the State Department of Agriculture

I herewith submit the Annual Crop Report as required by
Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

There has been an increase in the total production of all
crops of 119,586 tons over 1943 in spite of the fact there was
a slight decrease in the total cultivated acres. This is a
remarkable record in view of the many obstacles faced by agri-
culture. Farm machinery has not been replaced sufficiently and
essential trained farm workers have been inducted into the
military services.

The record shows a decrease in gross returns of about four
and one half million dollars. Most of this is due to OPA ceiling
prices on grapes, the WFA raisin program, reduction in livestock
production and lowering of the grade and yield of cotton due to
delay in harvesting.

I wish to emphasize again that these prices are GROSS
farm prices, F.O.B. shipping point and include the cost of
production, harvesting and preparation for market. The net
income to farmers was less than last year due to higher pro-
duction costs and lower efficiency of farm workers.

The car lot shipments of fruits and vegetables increased
from 38,401 cars to 45,882 cars, and the acreage of these crops
increased from 86,392 acres to 100,931 acres. The reduction in
total acreage was entirely on non-irrigated grain land.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis A. Burtch
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Agricultural Commissioner
Kern County

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1944 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	26	2,500 bx.	6,250
Apricots	438	29,473 lugs	73,733
Apricots, cannery		1,340 tons	139,360
Berries	70	7,000 cr.	17,500
Figs	5	1,700 lugs	3,825
Figs, dried		5½ tons	1,375
Nectarines	94	17,129 lugs	47,105
Olives	477	932 tons	186,400
Peaches, cannery	804	1,295½ tons	80,321
Peaches		123,236 lugs	246,472
Prunes	27	1,800 lugs	5,400
Pears	104	44,586 lugs	111,465
Persimmons	20	3,742 lugs	7,484
Plums	1,411	597,160 lugs	1,343,610
Pomegranates	21	12,798 lugs	19,197
Quinces	10	65 tons	3,900
Almonds	79	13,000 lbs.	4,680
Pecans - Not full bearing	21	2,300 lbs.	690
Walnuts	20	35 tons	15,750
Family Orchard	150	650 tons	32,500
Total	3,777		2,347,017
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	35	15,750 bx.	43,943
Oranges, Navel	1,366	252,820 bx.	973,357
Valencia	84	15,800 bx.	67,940
Tangerines	83	1,340 bx.	2,680
Lemons	8	2,316 bx.	11,765
Total	1,576		1,099,685
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	6,018	2,609,178 lugs	5,348,815
Wine	1,892	17,028 tons	1,702,800
Raisin	9,121	18,242 tons	3,465,980
Zante Currants	134	188½ tons	47,125
Total	17,165		10,564,720

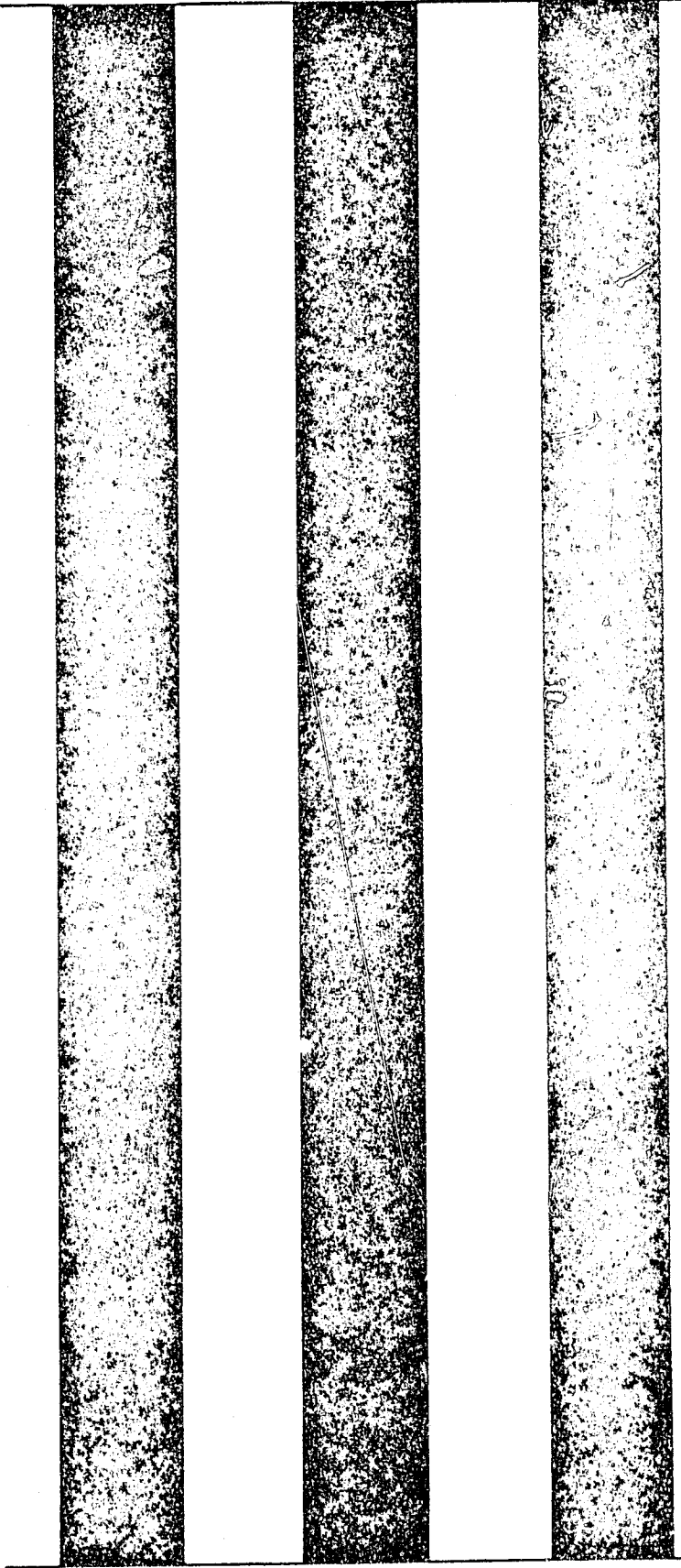
1944 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	1,065	6,572 tons	230,020
Cantaloupes	1,093	327,900 cr.	983,700
Honey Dews	155	39,564 cr.	79,128
Others	100	1,160 tons	69,600
Melon seed		4,000 lb.	4,000
Total	2,413		1,366,448
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Endive-Chicory-Romaine	18	2,815 cr.	5,630
Potatoes	53,978	11,570,760 sk.	26,612,748
Potato culls, stock feed		25,000 tons	25,000
Peas	4,850	389,708 hamp.	1,266,551
Onions, Com'l.	1,550	295,567 sk.	591,134
Onions, Seed	70	3,499 lb.	5,249
Onions, Salt	850	174,099 sk.	391,723
Sweet Potatoes	1,277	75,584 lugs	226,752
Lettuce	1,101	160,786 cr.	506,476
Lettuce, Seed	67	29,036 lb.	50,813
Sweet Corn	774	123,227 cr.	246,454
Carrots	375	88,319 cr.	264,957
Carrot Seed	300	62,953 lb.	53,510
Tomatoes	4,500	840,166 lugs	1,848,365
Squash Banana	39½	411 tons	18,495
Cauliflower	350	35,891 cr.	44,864
Red Beet Seed	3	73 lb.	88
Fava Beans	110	5,525 hamp.	8,288
Boans, Blackeye	3,324	12,000 bags	78,000
Beans, Pink	50	250 sks.	1,000
Beans, String	20	975 hamp.	3,315
Broccoli	655	92,158 cr.	368,632
Peppers	120	8,709 cr.	34,836
Cucumbers	23	3,033 lugs	7,583
Spinach	217	4,800 cr.	8,400
Asparagus	512	38,919 cr.	233,514
Cabbage	389	29,364 cr.	102,774
Okra seed	4	200 lb.	170
Rutabaga	250	78,400 sks.	188,160
Squash, Summer	3	433 lugs	974
Squash Seed	10	4,000 lb.	5,000
Misc. Vegetables	200	200 tons	60,000
Total	76,000½		33,259,455

1944 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Cotton	59,500	77,187 bales	8,259,009
Cotton Seed		30,875 tons	1,667,250
Mint	533	9,500 lb.	47,500
Alfalfa	82,000	410,000 tons	7,995,000
Alfalfa Seed		22 tons	15,400
Flower Seed	54	16,418 lb.	12,314
Silage	575	2,875 tons	57,500
Nursery Stock	85		229,500
Guayule-Not in Prod.	8,950		
Honey		692,000 lb.	83,040
Beeswax		14,500 lb.	6,618
Queen Bees		10,000	8,000
Sugar Beets	1,700	30,945 tons	402,285
Total	153,397		18,783,416
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	73,145	2,194,350 bu.	2,523,503
Milo	16,460	674,860 bu.	809,832
Wheat	45,592	911,840 bu.	1,413,352
Grain Hay	15,000	22,500 tons	450,000
Flax	2,575	27,750 bu.	84,975
Oat Hay	6,000	9,000 tons	216,000
Sudan	1,500	3,000 tons	60,000
Total	160,272		5,557,662

LIVESTOCK SOLD*

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only</u> <u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Steers	39,314	4,521,110
Cows & Heifers	32,328	3,394,440
Calves	14,437	505,295
Bulls	1,639	204,875
Hides-Cow	73,284	476,327
Hides-Calf	14,437	43,311
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Total		9,145,358
Sheep	22,150	110,750
Lambs	193,335	2,219,486
Wool	1,772,000 lb.	637,920
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Total		2,968,156
Hogs	12,000	432,000
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Total		432,000
Turkeys	45,000	236,250
Poultry	495,000	742,500
Eggs	1,020,000 doz.	510,000
Ducks	8,000	18,000
Gaese	1,500	5,250
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Total		1,512,000
Milk	5,479,682 gal.	2,465,857
Ice Cream Mfg.	637,478 gal.	637,478
Ice Milk Mfg.	84,437 gal.	59,106
Pounds Butter Mfg.	149,125 lb.	67,106
Cottage Cheese	447,014 lb.	120,694
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Total		3,350,241
Grand total of all livestock		17,407,755
Total acreage of all crops	414,600 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Total tonnage of all crops incl. livestock	1,474,929	
Total value of all crops including livestock		90,386,158
Government payments to the AAA Program not available- estimated		300,000
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Total returns to Agriculture		90,686,158

* Statistics on livestock and dairy products for calendar year of 1943. 1944 not available until after July.

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KERN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors and the
Director of the State Department of Agriculture

I herewith submit the Annual Crop Report as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

There was an increase of 121,542 tons over 1944 in the total production of all crops. This increased production and value was brought about by converting acreage of dry farmed crops of low value into irrigated crops of higher returns per acre. This will account for the decrease in total cultivated acreage, plus some abandonment of poor yielding dry farm crops.

The record made by Kern County farmers in 1945 is an outstanding record of increased production in face of shortages of equipment, fertilizer and many essential materials, as well as an acute shortage of labor. War prisoners helped to harvest the crops and with this additional help there were no losses due to inability to get the crops harvested.

The report shows an increase in value over the 1944 returns of \$21,346,096. The War Food Administration did not force the growers to convert their Thompson Seedless into raisins this year and they were sold on the fresh grape market, which brought considerable more money than had been received the past two years as raisins. The price of potatoes averaged higher than the year before and brought greater returns. The yields were somewhat lower than the previous year in spite of the fact there was an increase of about 5,000 acres in plantings. Cotton plantings were increased by approximately 4,500 acres and prices were a little better. There was also an increase in the price of alfalfa hay. More cattle were marketed than the year before, which brought a considerable increase in the total returns for livestock. Dairy products also showed a considerable increase.

I wish to emphasize again that these prices are GROSS farm prices, F.O.B. shipping point and include the cost of production, harvesting and preparation for market. The net income to farmers was not increased in proportion to the gross sales due to higher operating costs and lower efficiency from inexperienced agricultural labor, higher costs on shock, and other items in the packaging and handling of crops.

The car lot shipments of fruits and vegetables increased from 45,882 cars to 47,546 cars, and the acreage of these crops increased from 100,931 acres to 106,136 acres.

Respectfully submitted,

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1945 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	24	3,425 bx.	10,275
Apricots	427	31,137 lugs	77,843
Apricots, cannery		583 tons	37,895
Apricots, dried		7 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons	3,625
Berries	85	8,500 cr.	21,250
Figs	5	1,167 lugs	2,626
Figs, dried		19 tons	4,750
Nectarines	64	12,376 lugs	30,940
Olives	457	143 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	28,700
Peaches	690	100,405 lugs	200,810
Peaches, cannery		1,182 tons	53,190
Peaches, dried		67 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	31,725
Prunes	27	4,863 lugs	15,805
Pears	80	45,794 lugs	103,037
Persimmons	5	4,000 lugs	10,000
Plums	1,467	479,942 lugs	1,439,826
Pomegranates	11	6,000 lugs	12,000
Quinces	15	54 tons	3,240
Almonds	79	36 tons	25,920
Pecans	23	1,600 lbs.	480
Walnuts	22	5,600 lbs.	1,260
Family Orchard	175	800 tons	80,000
Total	3,656		2,195,197
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	35	20,000 bx.	50,000
Oranges, Navel	1,364	206,665 bx.	981,659
Valencia	84	19,401 bx.	97,005
Tangerines	83	19,000 lugs	47,500
Lemons	8	3,200 bx.	19,200
Total	1,574		1,195,364
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	16,227	5,868,323 lugs	10,856,398
Wine	2,003	49,010 tons	3,063,125
Raisin		9,001 tons	1,710,190
Zante Currants	134	199 tons	49,750
Total	18,364		15,679,463

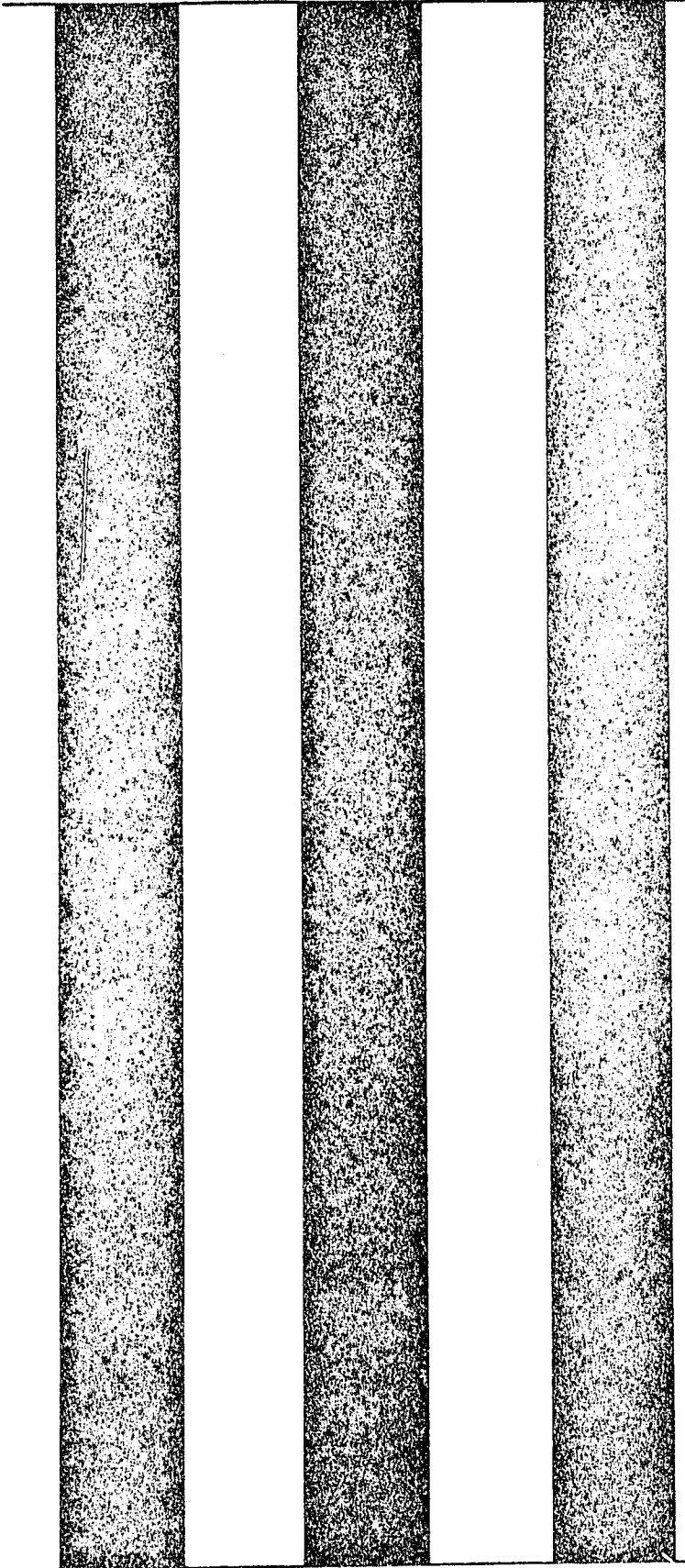
1945 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	658	4,680 tons	285,480
Cantaloupes	1,164	182,405 cr.	638,418
Honey Dews	100	16,353 cr.	40,883
Others	80	24 tons	1,920
Total	2,002		966,701
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	409	33,220 cr.	215,930
Beans, Blackeye	455	691 bags	4,215
Beans, Fava	70	1,300 hamp.	2,600
Beans, String	100	8,701 hamp.	29,583
Broccoli	615	52,219 cr.	208,876
Cabbage	78	36,000 cr.	108,000
Carrots	395	18,233 cr.	51,964
Carrot Seed	65	19,500 lb.	16,575
Cauliflower	150	42,611 cr.	74,569
Corn, Sweet	2,059	240,641 cr.	782,083
Cucumbers	11½	4,220 lugs	10,550
Endive-Romaine	11	189 cr.	378
Garlic	2	600 lb.	150
Lettuce	1,556	218,047 cr.	872,188
Lettuce Seed	570	177,000 lb.	354,000
Onions, Com'l	1,331	514,242 sks.	1,542,726
Onion Seed	12	3,300 lb.	4,950
Peas	6,807	338,155 hamp.	1,261,504
Peppers	125	2,894 cr.	11,576
Popcorn	3½	6,600 lb.	660
Potatoes	60,765	11,269,607 sks.	29,864,459
Potato culls, stock feed		30,000 tons	30,000
Rutabaga	40	33,600 sks.	84,000
Squash, Summer	71½	744 lugs	2,232
Spinach	100	1,910 cr.	3,343
Sweet Potatoes	352	114,350 lugs	1,57,400
Tomatoes	4,042	582,806 lugs	2,476,926
Turnips	44	7,204 sks.	18,010
Vegetables, Misc.	300	300 tons	90,000
Total	80,539½		38,579,447

1945 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Cotton	65,000	91,000 bales	10,351,250
Cotton Seed		36,400 tons	1,965,600
Mint	150	12,000 lb.	60,000
Alfalfa	82,000	451,000 tons	9,471,000
Alfalfa Seed		17 tons	14,620
Flower Seed	25	2,500 lb.	1,875
Silage	575	2,875 tons	57,500
Nursery Stock	90		247,500
Guayule	764	403,400 lb.	72,612
Honey		420,000 lb.	50,400
Beeswax		12,000 lb.	5,100
Queen Bees		10,000 ea.	8,000
Sugar Beets	5,664	70,734 tons	831,125
Peanuts	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	56,040 lb.	4,763
Total	154,341 $\frac{1}{2}$		23,141,345
<u>Grain</u>			
Oats	4,000	3,965 tons	190,320
Barley	51,500	38,758 tons	1,744,110
Milo	6,505	8,586 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	446,498
Wheat	58,100	48,373 tons	2,515,396
Grain Hay	5,000	7,500 tons	165,000
Flax	1,000	14,500 bu.	48,575
Oat Hay	7,000	10,500 tons	283,500
Sudan	2,000	4,000 tons	80,000
Permanent Pasture	1,000		160,000
Total	136,105		5,633,399

LIVESTOCK SOLD*

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE</u>
Steers	41,159	6,266,458
Cows & Heifers	51,345	6,007,365
Calves	23,848	894,300
Bulls	1,737	267,498
Hides-Cow	94,241	612,567
Hides-Calf	23,848	71,544
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Total		14,119,732
Sheep	19,275	96,375
Lambs	175,228	2,190,350
Wool	1,922,750 lb.	711,418
Pelts		17,523
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Total		3,015,666
Hogs	12,000	483,600
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Total		483,600
Turkeys	49,500	284,625
Poultry	544,500	898,425
Eggs	1,222,000 doz.	672,100
Ducks	3,800	22,000
Geese	1,650	6,353
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Total		1,883,503
Milk	9,170,000 gal.	4,126,500
Ice Cream Mfg.	568,000 gal.	624,800
Ice Milk Mfg.	54,000 gal.	40,500
Pounds Butter Mfg.	53,535 lb.	28,097
Cottage Cheese	633,000 lb.	113,940
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Total		4,933,837
Grand total of all livestock		24,436,338
Total acreage of all crops	396,582	
Total tonnage of all crops incl. livestock	1,623,655	
Total value of all crops including livestock		111,827,254
AAA Soil Building Practices and Range Conservation		205,000
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Total returns to Agriculture		112,032,254

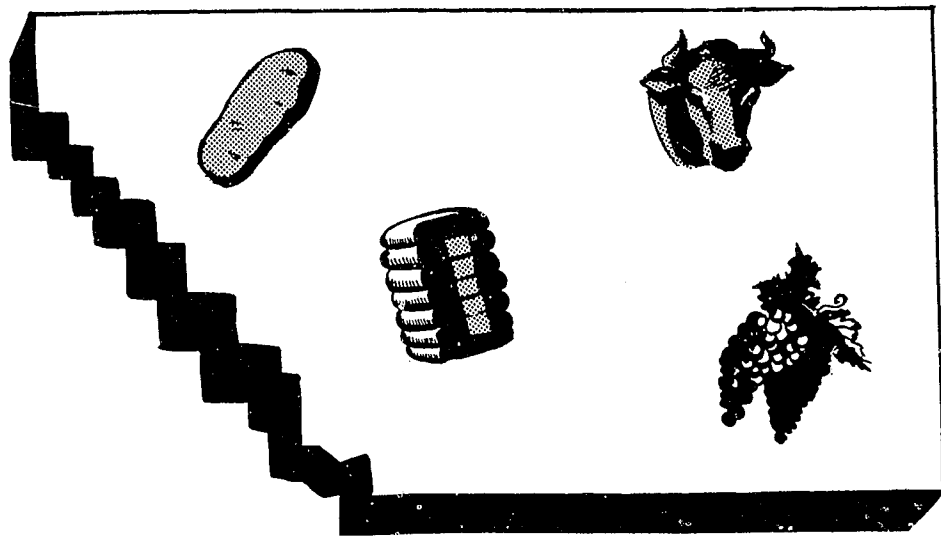
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COUNTY OF KERN



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KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1946

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors and the
Director of the State Department of Agriculture

I herewith submit the Annual Crop Report as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. There was an increase in production over the previous year of 498,523 tons. There was also an increase of 25,650 acres of cultivated crops, and the increase in value of all crops was \$31,348,921. This continued development and increase in production is a marvelous record considering the difficulty farmers are still having to obtain necessary machinery and equipment. However, the labor situation was in much better shape in 1946 than the previous year and there has been no shortage of labor even at times of peak harvest in such crops as cotton.

The number one crop in point of value was potatoes, which produced 16,510,445 sacks valued at \$35,497,457. The potato crop was the best we have ever had both from standpoint of production and quality. We had the largest yield per acre on record. As a result of this tremendous crop and the shipment of over 1,000 cars per day, the market broke and fell below the support price. The government was then required to purchase over three million sacks of potatoes on the support program. These were all dehydrated and sold by the government to distillers. There will be a material reduction in potato acreage in 1947.

The next most important and valuable crop in the county was cotton. We produced 125,000 bales from 88,200 acres, valued at \$24,900,000. Cotton has always been one of Kern County's outstanding crops, and over many years growers have continued to make a profit. We expect a considerable increase in acreage next year.

Grapes were the next big crop. We produced a crop valued at \$24,094,515 from 18,903 acres. The juice grape market was exceptionally good this year and many of the table grapes went to the winery. The breakdown in the report shows much too large a tonnage of juice grapes for the acres of this variety. This is the result of having shipped a large tonnage of table grapes to the winery. We have included Thompson seedless in the acreage of table grapes, which comprise about half of the total acreage in the county. They are oftentimes used as a raisin grape as well as a table grape, but in Kern County we consider them as table grapes and they are classified as such. Production of raisins was much lower than usual because our growers could get more money from selling the raisin varieties as table grapes.

Alfalfa is a valuable crop and from 83,017 acres we produced a crop valued at \$16,271,332. Although these are the major crops, we produced about 80 commercial crops in Kern County and also have a very large livestock industry. Cattle brought \$13,747,716 into the county and sheep were valued at \$3,206,638.

I wish to emphasize again that these prices are GROSS farm prices, F.O.B. shipping point and include the cost of production, harvesting and preparation for market. The net income to farmers was not increased in proportion to the gross sales due to lower efficiency from inexperienced agricultural labor, worn out equipment, and higher cost of all materials used in harvesting and handling the crop.

Respectfully submitted,

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1946 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	24	1,050 bx.	4,200
Apricots	428	71,344 lugs	178,360
Apricots, processed		815 tons	67,238
Apricots, dried		13 tons	4,420
Berries	85	17,500 cr.	39,375
Figs, dried	5	28 tons	7,840
Nectarines	23	8,880 lugs	16,872
Olives	414	839 tons	251,700
Peaches	620	200,868 lugs	401,736
Peaches, processed		533 tons	25,584
Peaches, dried		56½ tons	15,255
Pears	80	35,118 lugs	79,016
Persimmons	34	5,817 lugs	13,088
Plums	1,853	528,242 lugs	1,584,726
Pomegranates	11	15,361 lugs	34,562
Prunes	27	17,000 lugs	55,250
Quince	15	65 tons	4,225
Almonds	168	30 tons	21,000
Pecans	32	7,940 lbs.	3,732
Walnuts	12	13,700 lbs.	4,932
Family Orchard	175	880 tons	88,000
Total	4,006		2,901,111
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	33	20,000 bx.	40,000
Oranges, Navel	1,366	346,805 bx.	1,560,623
Oranges, Valencia	84	16,000 bx.	58,400
Tangerines	83	21,350 lugs	74,725
Lemons	8	3,000 bx.	9,000
Total	1,574		1,742,748
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	15,701	4,438,450 lugs	13,315,350
Wine	3,068	85,284 tons	9,807,660
Raisin		2,409½ tons	722,850
Zante Currants	134	122 tons	42,700
Grapes, processed		2,423 tons	205,955
Total	18,903		24,094,515

1946 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
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Melons

Watermelons	1,129	7,707 tons	423,885
Cantaloupes	2,098	213,345 cr.	960,053
Honey Dews	240	45,324 cr.	90,648
Others	15	48 tons	1,920

Total	3,482		1,476,506
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Vegetables

Asparagus	442	41,025 cr.	270,765
Beans, Blackeye	680	9,520 bags	142,800
Beans, Fava	175	3,900 hamp.	10,725
Beans, Pinto	178	5,340 bags	100,125
Beans, String	55	487 hamp.	1,948
Broccoli	565	59,892 cr.	239,568
Cabbage	40	225 cr.	900
Cabbage, processed		187 tons	3,366
Carrots	451	43,036 cr.	161,385
Cauliflower	154	5,963 cr.	10,435
Corn, Sweet	2,535	239,868 cr.	719,604
Cucumbers	47	1,100 lugs	2,750
Endive-Romaine	20	2,749 cr.	2,749
Garlic	10	17,500 lbs.	7,875
Lettuce	1,620	130,172 cr.	390,516
Lettuce Seed	45	93,652 lbs.	79,604
Sara Seed	15	1,985 lbs.	893
Onions	2,428 $\frac{1}{2}$	705,697 sks.	1,234,970
Onions, processed		1,671 tons	66,840
Onion Seed	122	6,728 lbs.	10,092
Peas	4,275	263,862 hamp.	857,552
Peas, dried		100 sks.	2,000
Peas, processed		3 tons	300
Peppers	377	13,281 cr.	19,922
Potatoes	65,405 $\frac{1}{2}$	16,510,445 sks.	35,497,457
Potato culls, stock feed		22,843 sks.	13,706
Potatoes, sweet	415 $\frac{1}{2}$	99,272 lugs	277,962
Spinach	220	33,641 cr.	67,282
Tomatoes	2,593 $\frac{1}{2}$	441,027 lugs	926,157
Turnips	6	2,608 sks.	3,260
Vegetables, Misc.	300	300 tons	90,000

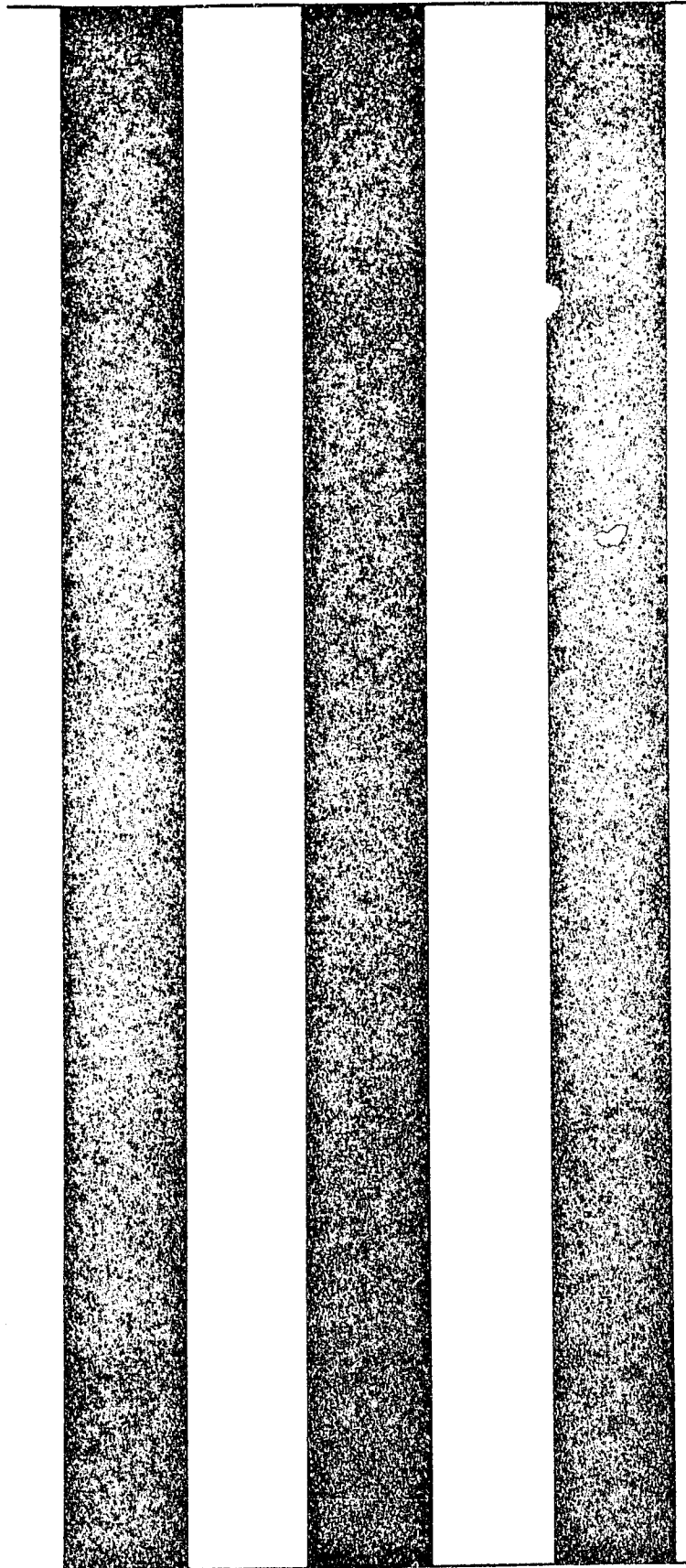
Total	83,175		41,213,508
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1946 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Alfalfa	83,017	581,119 tons	16,271,332
Alfalfa Seed		6 tons	4,560
Beets, Sugar	8,823	187,558½ tons	2,130,665
Broom Corn	50	5 tons	1,375
Cotton	88,200	125,000 bales	20,250,000
Cotton Seed		50,000 tons	4,650,000
Flower Seed	200	5,000 lbs.	3,750
Mint	112	8,715 lbs.	43,575
Nursery Stock	250		250,000
Peppermint	5	400 lbs.	2,600
Permanent Pasture	1,000		160,000
Silage	575	2,875 tons	57,500
Total	182,232		43,825,357
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		14,000 lbs.	5,880
Honey		600,000 lbs.	72,000
Queen Bees		6,000 ea.	4,900
Total			82,680
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	50,000	564,040 sks.	1,635,716
Grain Hay	8,000	12,000 tons	288,000
Milo	11,860	296,500 sks.	815,375
Oats	4,200	44,600 sks.	140,490
Rudan	2,500	4,500 tons	108,000
Wheat	52,300	554,400 sks.	1,732,500
Total	128,860		4,720,081

LIVESTOCK SOLD*

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE</u>
Steers	46,747	7,479,520
Cows & Heifers	42,010	5,146,225
Calves	16,305	652,200
Bulls	1,665	303,030
Hides, Cow	21,938	142,597
Hides, Calf	8,048	24,144
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Total		13,747,716
Sheep	16,500	90,750
Lambs	157,500	2,455,425
Wool	1,686,250 lbs.	640,775
Felts		19,688
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Total		3,206,638
Hogs	9,600	374,400
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Total		374,400
Turkeys	54,450	479,160
Chickens	598,950	958,320
Ducks	9,680	12,100
Geese	1,815	6,353
Eggs	1,099,800 doz.	549,900
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Total		2,005,833
Milk	9,035,157 gal.	2,846,074
Ice Cream Mfg.	653,000 gal.	718,300
Ice Milk Mfg.	83,000 gal.	70,550
Cottage Cheese	834,211 lbs.	150,158
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Total		3,785,082
Grand total of all livestock		23,119,669
Total acreage of all crops	422,232	
Total tonnage of all crops incl. livestock	2,122,178	
Total value of all crops including livestock		143,176,175
Agricultural Conservation Program and Practices		90,000
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Total returns to Agriculture		143,266,175

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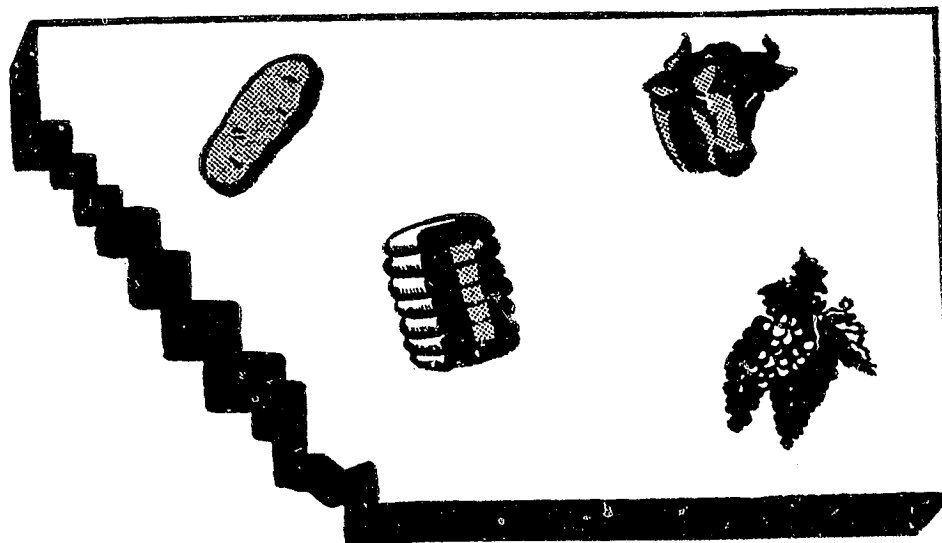
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors and the
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This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. Total value for all crops produced during the year 1947 was \$160,356,862. This is quite an increase over the crop returns for 1946, and is due to increased production and increased acreage under cultivation. However, many crops showed a loss in money received with little or no loss in production. Weather conditions during the growing season as well as the harvest season were very good throughout the whole of 1947, although lack of rain during the latter part of the year brought disaster to the livestock interests and growers of grain in unirrigated sections.

Cotton is the number one crop of 1947. It exceeded all other crops in production and value. We had 143,000 acres which produced 230,186 bales of cotton, 92,074 tons of cotton seed, and brought a gross return of \$49,121,652. Prices were very good all season, and yield per acre and grade were well above average.

Potatoes were the next most important crop. The acreage was reduced from 65,405 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1946 to 50,791 in 1947. These figures include the early as well as the fall crop. Yield per acre was higher than it has been in many years and prices were a little higher than the previous year. The outstanding feature of potato production this year was the fact that practically all of the crop was sold on the consuming market. Government purchases amounted to only 217 cars out of the entire crop. This was a contrast to 1946 when over three million sacks went to the government on the support program.

Grapes still hold third place although gross returns were much less than a year ago. There was a slight reduction in total cars produced, but the big reduction was on the market price where a decline of approximately 50 per cent was suffered by the grape industry.

Loss in price received was also felt by the citrus industry where a reduction of approximately 50 per cent was experienced. Deciduous fruits and melons also took a considerable decline in price, along with alfalfa hay which showed a decrease of about 30 per cent.

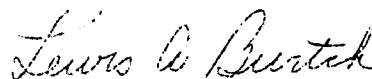
The increase of approximately five million dollars in returns on beef cattle was due to a greater number of animals having been sold and an increase in average weight. The average price per pound remained the same as a year ago. Figures on beef cattle are based on the calendar year preceding the publication of this report for information on total number of animals sold is obtained from the annual

report of the hide and brand inspector which is not available until after the first of July.

The interesting thing we see from year to year is that regardless of prices our development and production continue to expand. Although we have predicted that a limit has been reached in our expansion without bringing in more water, each year seems to defy nature in that regard.

It must be kept in mind that the prices quoted in this report are gross receipts for the harvested crop loaded on cars ready for shipment. From these prices must be deducted the cost of production, harvesting, packing and preparing for market. These production costs have remained high regardless of the reduction in gross receipts, indicating a smaller net return to the growers on many of the leading crops.

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CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	24	4,050 bx.	10,935
Apricots	397	8,343 lugs	12,515
Apricots, processed		519 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	18,183
Apricots, dried		34 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	12,420
Berries	85	12,223 cr.	18,335
Figs	5	300 lugs	420
Figs, dried		5 tons	350
Nectarines	23	9,138 lugs	20,561
Olives	414	364 tons	40,040
Peaches	434	109,236 lugs	163,854
Peaches, processed		1,281 tons	54,443
Peaches, dried		67 tons	13,400
Pears	80	46,633 bx.	151,557
Persimmons	39	11,000 lugs	22,000
Plums	1,231	448,105 lugs	1,456,341
Plums, processed		101 tons	4,545
Pomegranates	6	15,351 lugs	23,027
Prunes	27	12,860 lugs	32,150
Almonds	168	64 tons	44,800
Pecans	52	5 tons	3,700
Walnuts	12	6 tons	3,120
Family Orchard	200	1,000 tons	100,000
Total	3,197		2,206,696
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	33	19,550 bx.	34,213
Oranges, Navel	1,366	196,763 bx.	393,526
Oranges, Valencia	54	20,700 bx.	31,050
Tangerines	48	10,800 bx.	32,400
Lemons	8	1,000 bx.	2,700
Total	1,509		493,889
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	16,920	4,899,763 lugs	11,514,443
Wine	2,434	64,288 tons	1,735,776
Raisin		6,351 tons	825,630
Zante Currants	134	198 tons	39,600
Total	19,488		14,115,449

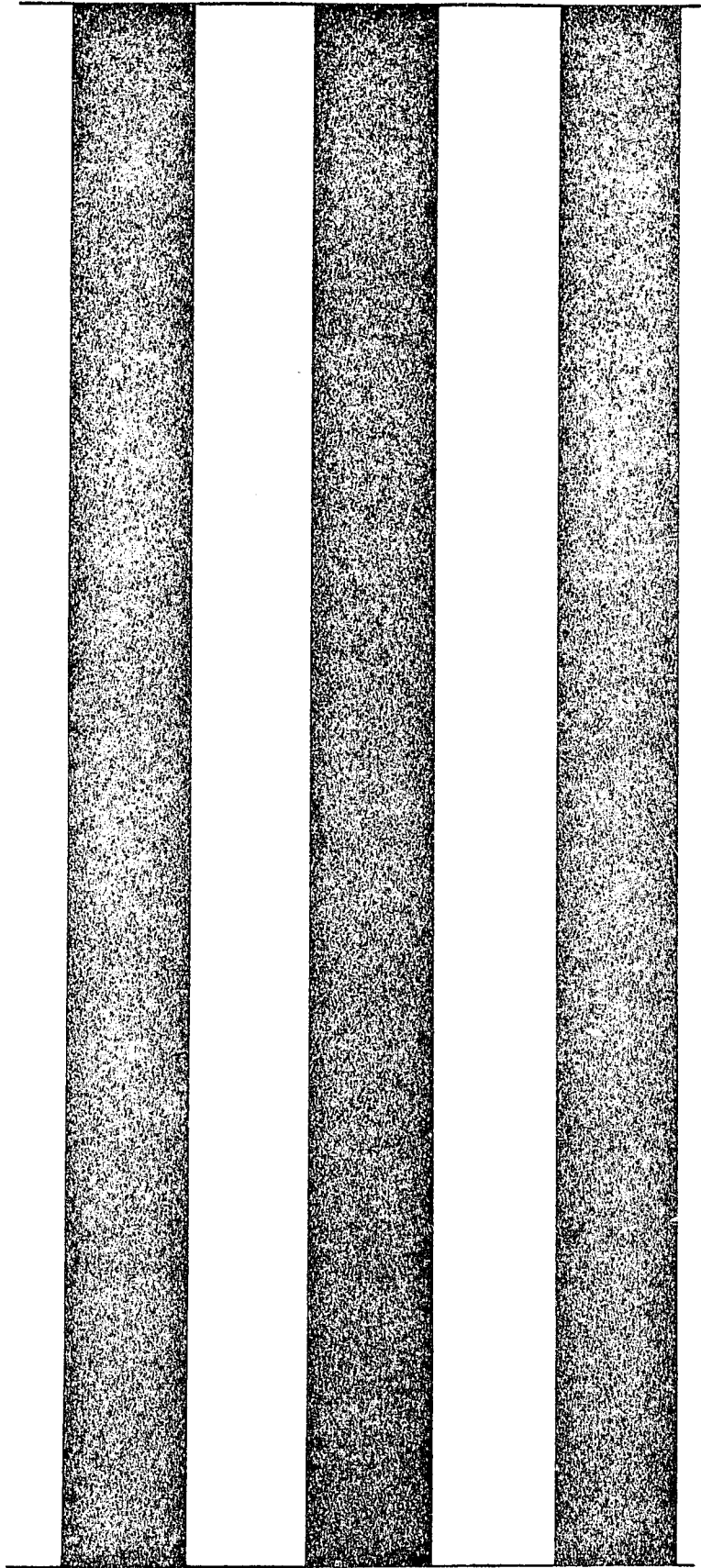
1947 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	1,093	7,141 tons	282,070
Cantaloupes	1,372	238,848 cr.	895,680
Honey Dews	70	30,588 cr.	68,823
Others	10	436 cr.	981
Total	2,545		1,247,554
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	442	37,880 cr.	217,810
Beans, Blackeye	854	6,641 bags	124,519
Beans, Fava	100	12,350 hamp.	21,613
Beans, Pinto	200	500 bags	9,425
Beans, String	143	6,744 hamp.	11,802
Broccoli	160	31,171 cr.	101,306
Broccoli, processed		14,434 cr.	33,343
Cabbage	2	800 cr.	2,000
Carrots	165	33,224 cr.	83,060
Carrots, processed		7 tons	91
Cauliflower	80	50,512 cr.	80,819
Corn, Sweet	3,132	350,832 cr.	912,163
Cucumbers	25	3,410 lugs	4,263
Egg Plant	3	1,000 lugs	1,750
Garlic	118	3,100 sks.	15,500
Lettuce	1,277	157,067 cr.	471,201
Lettuce Seed	59	35,446 lbs.	33,674
Onions	1,626	543,678 sks.	951,437
Onion Seed	54	13,485 lbs.	20,228
Peas	2,592	223,591 hamp.	894,364
Peppers, Bell	40	6,145 cr.	22,429
Peppers, Chili	1	200 lugs	1,250
Potatoes	50,791	13,016,019 sks	32,540,043
Potato culls, stock feed		3,242 tons	3,242
Potatoes, Sweet	584½	146,204 lugs	365,510
Squash, Summer	17	1,121 lugs	4,204
Tomatoes	1,072	314,590 lugs	865,123
Vegetables, Misc.	300	300 tons	90,000
Total	63,837½		37,882,174

1947 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Alfalfa	83,017	581,119 tons	13,075,178
Alfalfa Seed	185	58 tons	25,520
Beets, Sugar	9,016	198,012 tons	2,687,023
Beet Seed, Sugar	105	215,010 lbs.	26,661
Cotton	143,000	230,186 bales	39,914,252
Cotton Seed		92,074 tons	9,207,400
Flower Seed	85	10,625 lbs.	14,875
Mint	27		25,000
Nursery Stock	250		335,000
Permanent Pasture	4,000		800,000
Silage	575	2,875 tons	57,500
Total	240,260		66,168,109
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		10,000 lbs.	4,200
Honey		360,000 lbs.	50,400
Queen Bees		6,000 ea.	6,000
Total			60,600
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			
Barley	19,350	135,540 sks.	446,985
Oats	560	3,920 sks.	14,700
Wheat	26,925	161,550 sks.	798,057
Total	46,835		1,259,742
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			
Barley	27,500	575,000 sks.	1,897,500
Flax	610	10,980 bu.	71,370
Grain Hay	4,000	6,000 tons	120,000
Milo	8,649	256,980 sks.	1,310,598
Oats	1,900	38,000 sks.	142,500
Rye	500	4,000 sks.	23,040
Sudan	500	1,000 tons	20,000
Wheat	27,300	529,500 sks.	2,615,730
Total	70,959		6,200,738

LIVESTOCK SOLD*

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only</u> <u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Steers	51,878	8,987,864
Cows	28,170	3,802,950
Heifers	28,171	3,929,855
Calves	29,076	1,199,385
Bulls	2,393	353,950
Hides-Cow	26,796	199,630
Hides-Calf	10,323	51,099
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Total		18,529,733
Sheep	25,000	200,000
Lambs	145,000	2,827,500
Wool	1,610,000 lbs.	644,000
Pelts	16,800	29,400
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Total		3,700,900
Hogs	10,400	410,800
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Total	10,400	410,800
Chickens	622,918	981,240
Ducks	9,555	14,332
Geese	1,500	5,250
Turkeys	49,005	573,359
Eggs	1,104,199 doz.	662,519
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Total		2,236,700
Milk	10,433,942 gal.	4,121,407
Ice Cream	966,000 gal.	1,255,800
Ice Milk	224,000 gal.	207,200
Cottage Cheese	1,007,863 lbs.	181,415
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Total		5,765,822
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Grand Total of all livestock		<u>30,643,955</u>
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Total acreage of all crops	448,630 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Total tonnage of all crops and livestock	2,033,903	
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Total value of all crops including livestock		160,279,206
Agricultural Conservation Program and Practices		<u>77,656</u>
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Total returns to Agriculture		160,356,862

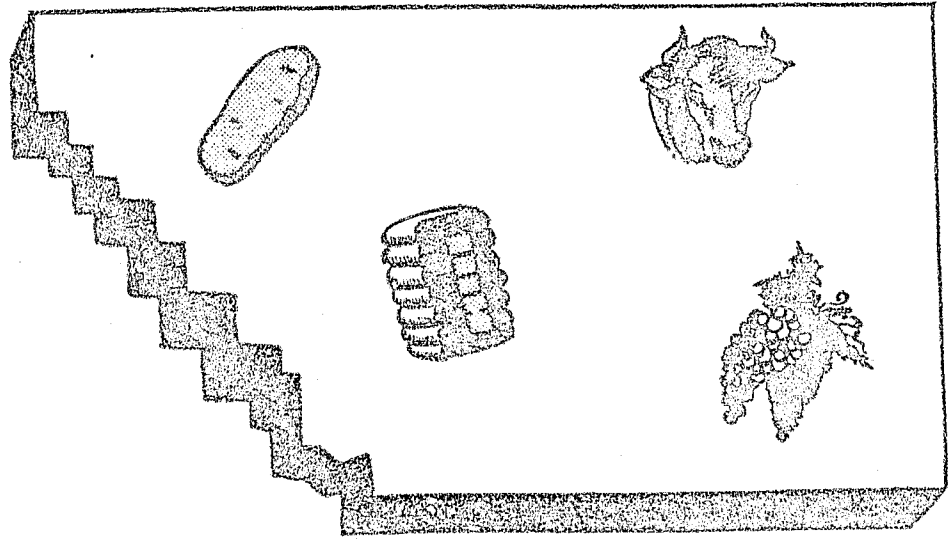
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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1948

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors and the
Director of the State Department of Agriculture

I herewith submit the Annual Crop Report for Kern County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. The total value for all crops produced during the year 1948 was \$166,628,754. This is an increase of \$6,271,892 over the 1947 production. It is amazing to us who are doing this work year after year to note that Kern County has been continually growing for the past twenty-nine years.

It was a trying year for stockmen. This group suffered losses due to the drought, which was more severe than it had been the previous year. A great many cattle were shipped from the County to areas where feed conditions were better, and a considerable number were sold at a lighter weight than usual because of a shortage of feed.

Cotton continued to lead all of our cultivated crops in production and value. There was an increase of 73,000 acres over 1947, and the total production amounted to 275,809 bales. The price of cotton was \$11 less per bale and the price of cotton seed \$30 less per ton than was received in 1947. The weather was not as favorable for cotton because of cool weather during July and August when this crop makes its best growth and as a result the yield per acre was below that of 1947.

Potatoes were second in value of cultivated crops. We had an increase of 13,991 acres over that of 1947 and prices were a little higher, which brought a total return to potato growers of \$38,868,135. The average yield per acre was 230 sacks which is a little less than the 1947 crop but still the highest yield per acre of any major potato producing area.

Grapes were third in value of all crops. Approximately 4,000 acres of young vines came into bearing for the first time in 1948. Prices were exceptionally good at the starting of the season but declined rapidly towards the end. This produced a very favorable appearing average although some growers received very small returns on the later shipments. This crop also had some difficulty in meeting maturity standards due to the continued cool weather.

It must be kept in mind that the prices quoted in this report are gross receipts for the harvested crop loaded on cars ready for shipment. From these prices must be deducted the cost of production, harvesting, packing and preparation for market. These production costs have remained high regardless of the reduction in gross receipts, indicating a smaller net return to the growers of many of the leading crops.

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CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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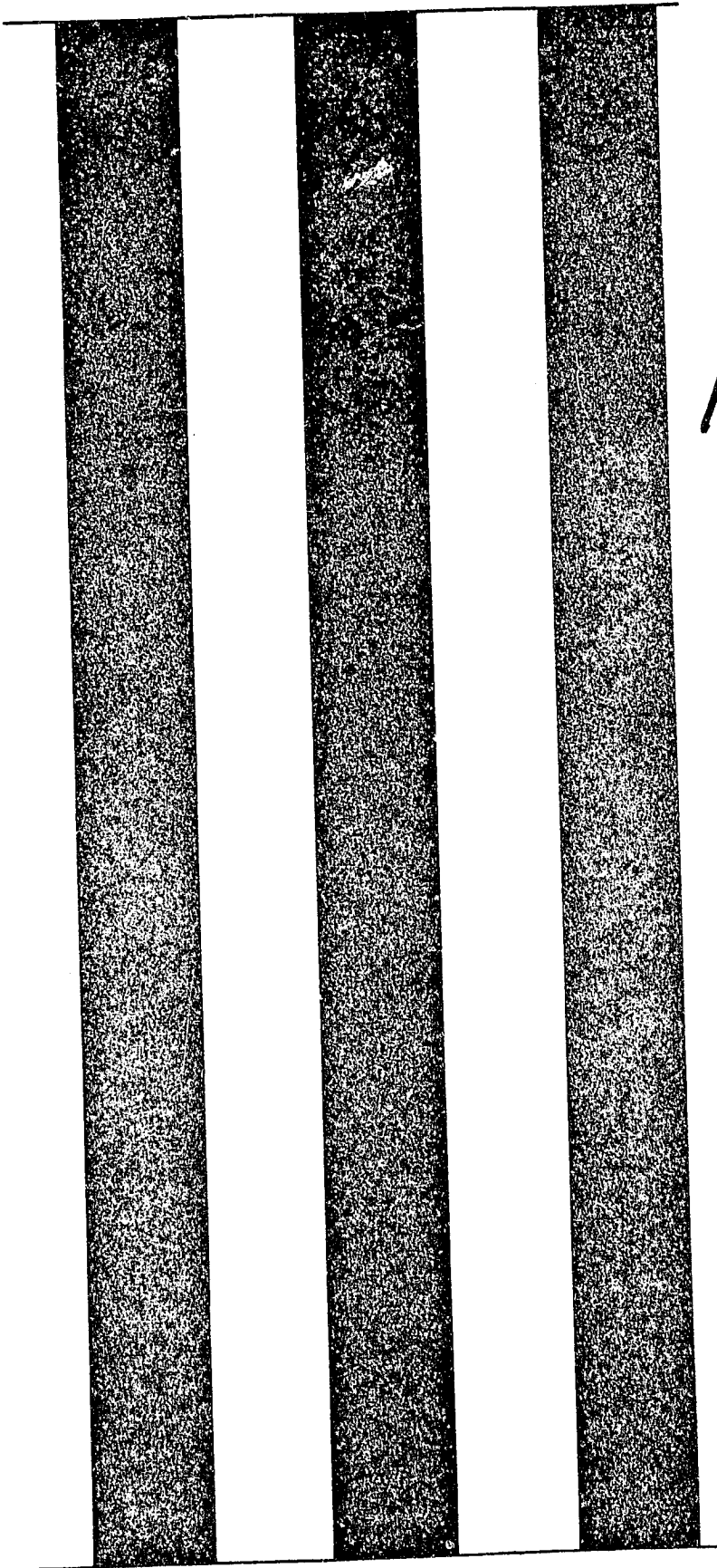
CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	24	4,816 bx.	12,281
Apricots	297	31,927 lugs	63,854
Apricots		693 tons	31,185
Berries	85	8,500 cr.	10,625
Berries, processed		36 tons	5,760
Figs	5	1,373 lugs	2,060
Olives	367	1,845 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	244,160
Peaches	327	34,238 lugs	68,576
Peaches		440 tons	24,200
Pears	80	22,622 bx.	76,915
Persimmons	34	3,736 lugs	6,725
Plums	1,336	247,676 lugs	1,139,360
Plums		173 tons	11,418
Pomegranates	6	3,708 lugs	11,320
Prunes	52	9,879 lugs	29,637
Almonds	168	32 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	22,750
Pecans	46	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	3,850
Walnuts	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	2,475
Family Orchard	200	1,000 tons	100,000
Total	3,039		1,867,151
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	27	10,800 bx.	13,500
Oranges, Navel	1,354	145,521 bx.	545,704
Oranges, Valencia	54	18,900 bx.	42,525
Tangerines	48	7,000 bx.	15,750
Lemons	8	2,520 bx.	10,080
Total	1,491		627,559
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	19,931	5,019,110 lugs	12,547,775
Wine	3,111	106,331 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	2,658,288
Raisin		3,426 tons	459,084
Zante Currants	9	24 tons	5,280
Grapes, canned		2,133 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	117,343
Total	23,051		15,787,770

1948 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	490	3,225 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	96,765
Cantaloupes	1,403	219,362 cr.	603,246
Honey Dews	495	89,546 cr.	156,706
Total	2,388		856,717
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	442	43,149 cr.	215,745
Beans, Blackeye	1,381	7,133 sks.	42,798
Beans, Pink	10	156 sks.	1,513
Broccoli	160	10,698 cr.	45,467
Carrots	625	51,701 cr.	116,327
Carrots, processed		570 tons	6,270
Cauliflower	80	25,039 cr.	37,559
Celery	20	12,666 cr.	34,832
Corn, Sweet	2,372	336,909 cr.	791,736
Cucumbers	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,128 lugs	5,474
Lettuce	897	157,876 cr.	473,628
Onions	1,392	816,478 sks	1,428,837
Onions, processed		50,913 sks	38,139
Onions, processed		225 tons	6,300
Peas	2,111	341,022 hamp.	1,023,066
Peppers, Bell	10	5,416 cr.	13,540
Potatoes	64,782	14,351,109 sks.	38,747,294
Potatoes, processed		22,776 sks.	49,888
Potato culls, stock feed		23,417 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	70,253
Potatoes, Sweet	273	78,742 lugs	216,541
Squash, Summer	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	680 lugs	3,060
Tomatoes	2,103	335,799 lugs	755,548
Tomatoes, processed		544 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	13,613
Vegetables, Misc.	300	300 tons	90,000
Total	76,966		44,228,178

1948 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			12,123,090
Alfalfa	57,729	404,103 tons	7,490
Alfalfa Seed	37	214 sks	1,540,181
Beets, Sugar	7,394	134,699 tons	159,650
Beet Seed, Sugar	380	1,218,700 lbs.	44,730,704
Cotton	216,000	275,809 bales	7,722,680
Cotton Seed		110,324 tons	6,800
Flower Seed	65	8,000 lbs.	15,000
Mint	60		226,869
Nursery Stock	175		1,000,000
Permanent Pasture	5,000		6,308
Vegetable Seed	30		61,275
Silage	645	3,225 tons	
<u>Total</u>	<u>287,515</u>		<u>67,600,047</u>
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		12,000 lbs.	5,100
Honey		384,000 lbs.	32,640
Queen Bees		6,000 ea.	5,400
<u>Total</u>			<u>43,140</u>
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			
Barley	18,000	108,000 sks.	308,880
Oats	2,000	12,000 sks.	39,000
Wheat	26,500	159,000 sks.	723,450
<u>Total</u>	<u>46,500</u>		<u>1,071,330</u>
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			
Barley	34,982	561,960 sks.	1,607,206
Flax	2,501	49,888 bu.	306,811
Grain Hay	2,000	3,000 tons	60,000
Millet	300	70 tons	10,500
Milo	15,827	31,127 tons	1,556,350
Oats	3,450	51,750 sks.	168,188
Rye	1,000	15,000 sks.	63,000
Sudan	440	880 tons	17,600
Wheat	30,445	552,600 sks.	2,514,330
<u>Total</u>	<u>90,945</u>		<u>6,303,935</u>

LIVESTOCK SOLD

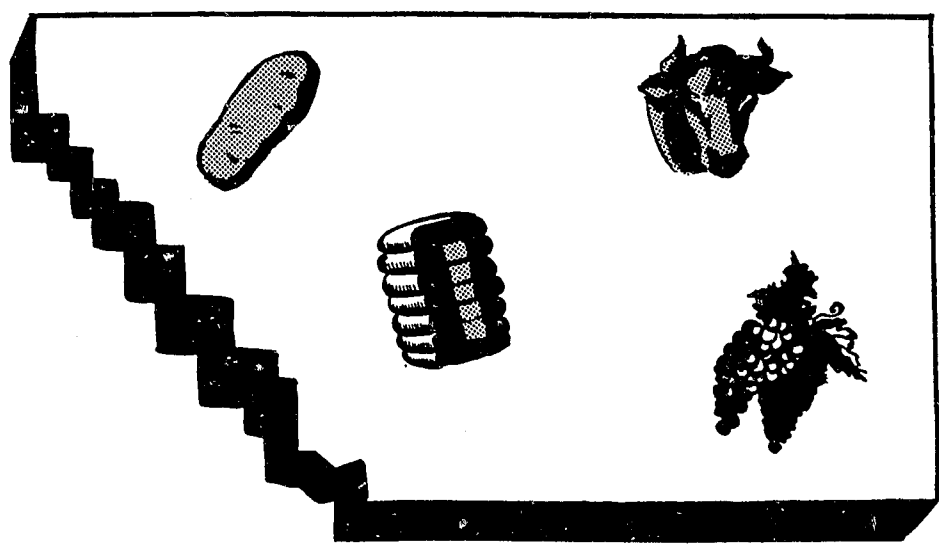
	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only</u> <u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,650	499,950
Steers	47,347	10,155,932
Cows and Heifers	33,804	4,817,070
Calves	17,445	815,554
Bulls	1,675	376,875
Hides-Cow	23,642	176,133
Hides-Calf	8,223	40,704
Total		16,882,218
Sheep	29,280	307,440
Lambs	109,960	2,335,550
Wool	1,348,462 lbs.	512,416
Pelts	12,300	28,300
Total		3,184,206
Hogs	12,337	832,748
Total	12,337	832,748
Rabbits	275,000	247,500
Total	275,000	247,500
Chickens	923,013	1,615,282
Ducks	10,427	15,641
Geese	1,450	5,800
Turkeys	31,500	478,800
Eggs	1,500,000 doz.	900,000
Total		3,015,523
*Dairy Products - pounds milk fat	3,392,000 lbs.	4,036,480
Total	3,392,000	4,036,480
Grand Total of all Livestock		28,198,675
Total acreage of all crops	531,895	
Total tonnage of all crops and livestock	1,903,540	
Total value of all crops including livestock		166,584,552
Agricultural Conservation Program and Practices		44,202
Total Returns to Agriculture		166,628,754
*1947 production		



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Cotton has been the number one crop since 1946, although this is the first year that all growers have planted the new strain of Acala, A 4-42. It appeared a little disappointing to most growers during the forepart of the season, but when harvest time arrived the production was much greater than had been anticipated. From 247,000 acres we produced 365,550 bales. This is an average of 750 pounds lint per acre and an increase of 130 pounds lint per acre over last year.

Potatoes continued to hold second place in Kern County's production although the acreage was reduced by 3,543 from the previous year. Prices received were also lower. The total value of the 1949 crop was \$31,081,326, which is about eight million dollars less than the 1948 crop.

Grapes took the greatest individual loss regardless of a slight increase in bearing acreage. Total money received was \$9,765,050, which is six million dollars less than the 1948 crop. Many growers did not receive much more than their costs of production.

Some acreage was taken out of alfalfa and put into cotton during 1949. This condition will be reversed again in 1950 as growers have voted a cotton control measure and there will be an estimated reduction of 80,000 acres in this crop. The major headache for most farmers will be to find substitute crops for this acreage.

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CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	58	2,538 bx.	6,980
Apricots	256	23,219 lugs	51,082
Apricots, canning		150 tons	3,500
Berries, processed	10	18½ tons	3,700
Figs	5	898 flats	1,078
Olives, dried		8 tons	800
Olives	344	944 tons	200,713
Peaches	236	56,927 lugs	99,622
Pears	90	49,259 bx.	123,148
Persimmons	34	5,000 lugs	10,000
Plums	1,507	484,241 lugs	1,501,147
Plums, canning		76 tons	6,840
Pomegranates	6	14,140 lugs	21,917
Prunes	52	8,006 lugs	15,612
Almonds	124	70 tons	31,500
Pecans	22	2,125 lbs.	914
Walnuts	12	6,265 lbs.	1,065
Family Orchard	250	1,250 tons	125,000
Total	3,006		2,204,618
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	31	12,400 bx.	15,500
Oranges, Navel	2,232	163,968 bx.	491,904
Tangerines	48	17,003 bx.	25,505
Lemons	3	32 bx.	192
Total	1,319		533,101
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	20,991	4,753,308 lugs	7,842,958
Wine	3,557	71,018 tons	972,947
Raisin		4,336 tons	542,000
Zante Currants	9	25 tons	4,125
Grapes, canning		6,717 tons	403,020
Total	24,557		9,765,050

1949 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Melons			
Watermelons	455	1,734 tons	42,483
Cantaloupes	1,585 $\frac{1}{2}$	244,867 cr.	759,088
Honey Dews	683	120,846 cr.	259,819
Persians	20	317 tons	14,899
Total	2,743$\frac{1}{2}$		1,076,289
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	450	42,387 cr.	222,532
Beans, Castor	9	9 tons	1,350
Carrots	150	9,160 cr.	19,236
Carrots, culls		30 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	763
Celery	80	40,904 cr.	96,124
Corn, Sweet	3,134	444,140 cr.	888,280
Cucumbers	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,866 lugs	7,595
Lettuce	1,038	127,753 cr.	447,136
Onions	1,978	1,038,623 sks.	2,025,315
Onions, dehydrated		209,840 sks.	188,856
Peas	2,823	218,804 hamp.	601,711
Peppers, Bell	25	393 cr.	1,376
Potatoes	56,239 $\frac{1}{2}$	13,764,052 sks.	30,969,117
Potatoes, processed		125,089 sks.	62,545
Potatoes, culls		24,832 tons	49,664
Potatoes, Sweet		93,755 lugs	229,700
Spinach	516	1,007 cr.	1,420
Squash, Summer	5	4,266 lugs	7,466
Tomatoes	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	294,631 lugs	633,457
Tomatoes, processed	765	440 tons	11,880
Vegetables, misc.	350	350 tons	91,000
Total	67,583$\frac{1}{2}$		36,556,523

1949 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			7,318,857
Alfalfa	55,029	385,203 tons	30,050
Alfalfa Seed	139	59,860 lbs.	654,346
Beets, Sugar	3,185	54,757 tons	231,663
Beet Seed, Sugar	455	1,768,423 lbs.	54,284,175
Cotton	247,000	365,550 bales	6,799,230
Cotton Seed		146,220 tons	199,274
Nursery Stock	826		962,500
Permanent Pasture	5,500		2,000
Safflower	20	10 tons	48,375
Silage	645	3,225 tons	54,963
Vegetable Seed	97	61,070 lbs.	
Total	312,896		70,585,433
<u>Apiary Products</u>			40,100
Beeswax		12,000 lbs.	29,600
Honey		370,000 lbs.	5,400
Queen Bees		6,000 ea.	
Total			40,100
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			738,952
Barley	22,495	89,980 sks.	26,000
Oats	2,000	8,000 sks.	497,000
Wheat	35,500	142,000 sks.	
Total	59,995		738,952
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			1,421,532
Barley	39,487	592,305 sks.	109,576
Flax	1,540	13,697 sks.	60,000
Grain Hay	2,000	3,000 tons	20,655
Millet	200	1,215 sks.	667,750
Milo	7,734	13,355 tons	168,188
Oats	3,405	51,750 sks.	52,500
Rye	1,000	15,000 sks.	17,600
Sudan	440	880 tons	1,892,353
Wheat	36,045	540,675 sks.	
Total	91,896		4,410,164

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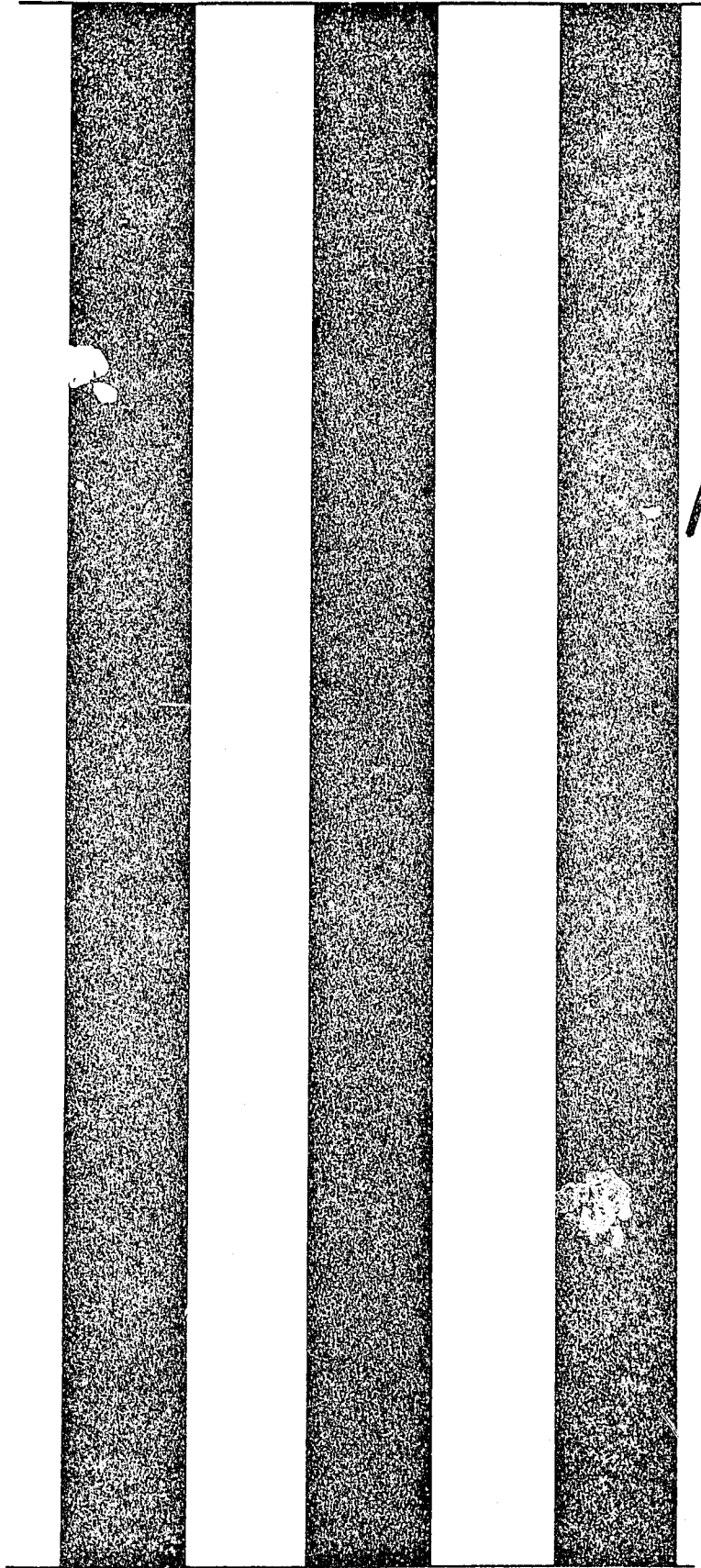
	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,743	528,129
Steers	49,714	9,433,232
Cows and Heifers	35,494	5,057,895
Calves	18,317	1,007,435
Bulls	1,759	395,775
Hides-Cow	24,824	184,939
Hides-Calf	3,634	42,738
Total		16,650,143
Sheep	12,548	125,480
Lambs	111,000	2,697,300
Wool	1,129,990 lbs.	519,795
Pelts	12,500	18,750
Total		3,361,325
Hogs	14,804	740,200
Total		740,200
Rabbits	330,000	402,600
Total		402,600
Chickens	992,244	1,389,142
Ducks	5,150	7,468
Geese	1,500	5,625
Squab	11,200	8,400
Turkeys	91,500	556,320
Eggs	1,620,000 doz.	239,600
Total		2,906,555
Milk, Market - pounds milk fat	2,861,000 lbs.	3,147,000
Milk, Manufacturing - pounds milk fat	39,000 lbs.	31,200
Total		<u>3,178,200</u>
Grand Total of all Livestock		27,239,023
Total Acreage of all Crops	563,996	
Total Tonnage of all crops and livestock	1,798,883	
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CROPS INCLUDING LIVESTOCK		153,149,253
Agricultural Conservation Payments		77,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE		153,226,253

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	<u>Acreage</u>	
	1948	1949
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,039	3,006
Citrus Fruit	1,491	1,319
Grapes	23,051	24,557
Melons	2,338	2,743 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vegetables	76,966	67,583 $\frac{1}{2}$
Field Crops	287,515	312,896
Grain, Dry Farm	46,500	59,995
Grain, Irrigated	90,945	91,896
	531,895	563,996
Total		

	<u>Value</u>	
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$ 1,867,151	\$ 2,204,618
Citrus Fruit	627,559	533,101
Grapes	15,787,770	9,765,050
Melons	856,717	1,076,289
Vegetables	44,228,178	36,556,523
Field Crops	67,600,047	70,585,433
Apiculture	43,140	40,100
Grain Dry Farm	1,071,330	738,952
Grain, Irrigated	6,303,985	4,410,164
Beef Cattle	16,882,218	16,650,143
Sheep	3,134,206	3,361,325
Hogs	832,748	740,200
Rabbits	247,500	402,600
Poultry	3,015,523	2,906,555
Dairy Products	4,036,480	3,178,200
	\$ 166,584,552	\$ 153,149,253
Agricultural Conservation Payments	44,202	77,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$ 166,628,754	\$ 153,226,253

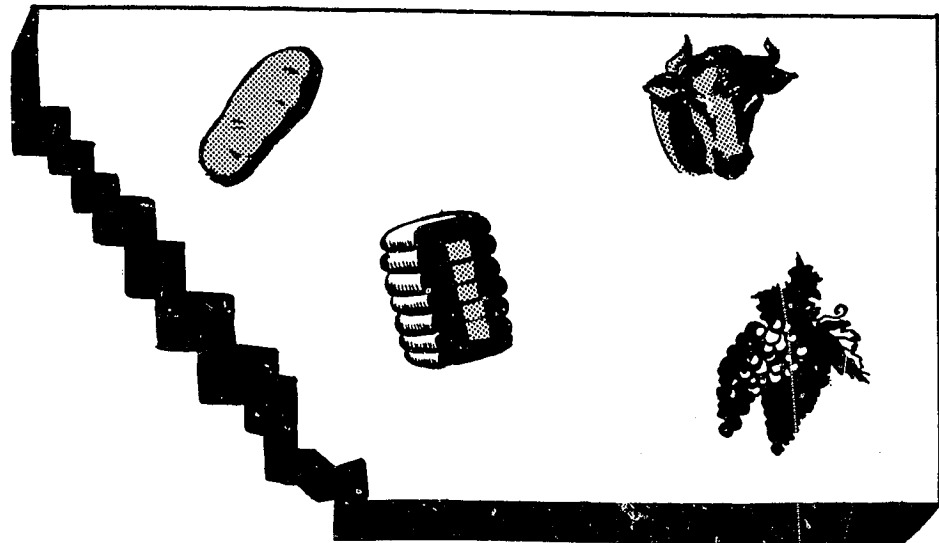
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KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1950

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kern County
and The Director of the State Department of Agriculture

I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report for Kern County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. Total value for all crops produced during 1950 is \$ 186,454,739. This is an all-time high for Kern County and is due largely to increased prices for most commodities. Total acres under cultivation show a reduction of 21,106, which is accounted for in part by the fact that 85,000 acres which had been in cotton the year before were taken out because of the cotton acreage control program. Some of this land was put into other crops and some was summer fallowed in order to clean up weeds and get it in better shape for the 1951 crops.

Cotton continues to be the number one crop. From a reduced acreage we had a considerable increase in yield per acre, 870 pounds lint compared with last year's yield of 750 pounds lint. From 166,000 acres we produced 288,852 bales valued at \$ 58,363,991, and a seed crop of 106,520 tons valued at \$ 10,652,000. This was an increase in total value regardless of the larger acreage and greater number of bales last year. The price per pound was also higher than ever before. This does not reflect in the price received by growers but represents the value of the crop during the time of harvest. Many growers sold their crop early for considerably less and in such cases the buyer collected the added premium. The phenomenal yield is largely a result of the new strain of Acala cotton developed at the United States Experimental Farm and the very fine job done by the California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors who reproduced and distributed this variety through the gins where it was made available to every grower at a cost of production price.

Potatoes retained second place in agricultural value regardless of the fact that prices were poor from the start to the finish of the season. From our 65,423 acres we produced 14,727,583 sacks of potatoes valued at \$ 24,611,848. An increase in acreage and production kept the gross value of this crop in a top position. Grapes were next in line with a total value of \$ 19,922,507, which is more than double the value of the crop in 1949. This increase can be attributed to young vines coming into production and good prices for both table and wine grapes which prevailed throughout the season.

Cultivation of seed crops has developed into a major industry during the past year. Production of certified seed brought returns of about 2 1/2 million dollars, and uncertified seed brought returns of about one-quarter million dollars. This is an interesting addition to our agricultural development and will no doubt increase from year to year.

It must be kept in mind that prices quoted in this report are gross receipts for the harvested crops loaded on cars ready for shipment. From these prices must be deducted the costs of production, harvesting, packing and preparation for market, and production costs are keeping pace with rising prices received for farm commodities.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis A. Burtch

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Agricultural Commissioner
County of Kern

1950 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	55	918 bx.	3,672
Apricots	253	17,298 lugs	38,056
Apricots		187 tons	12,155
Berries	70	3,180 cr.	4,770
Berries, processed		26 tons	5,720
Figs	5	1,785 lugs	3,124
Olives	380	893 tons	193,245
Peaches	193	45,513 lugs	91,026
Pears	90	36,017 lugs	144,068
Persimmons	7	13,000 lugs	28,600
Plums	2,065	528,351 lugs	1,902,064
Plums		64 tons	2,730
Pomegranates	7	10,317 lugs	18,055
Prunes	1	400 lugs	300
Almonds	171	29 tons	13,920
Pecans	22	2,250 lbs.	720
Walnuts	6	3,500 lbs.	875
Family Orchard	250	1,250 tons	125,000
Total	3,575		2,588,100
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	30	12,550 bx.	15,688
Oranges, Navel	1,259	101,168 bx.	354,088
Oranges, Valencia	58 (no prod.)		
Tangerines	48	13,498 lugs	26,996
Lemons	8	145 bx.	725
Total	1,403		397,497
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	25,037	4,403,439 lugs	12,329,629
Wine	4,398	124,876 tons	6,868,180
Raisin		2,165 1/2 tons	530,548
Zante Currants	12	23 tons	6,900
Grapes, Canning		2,675 tons	187,250
Total	29,447		19,922,507

1950 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	766	3,200 tons	109,600
Cantaloupes	1,275	96,453 cr.	347,231
Casabas	10	83 tons	4,980
Honey Dews	185	79,677 cr.	171,306
Persians	20	100 tons	6,000
Total	2,256		639,117
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	470	46,375 cr.	190,138
Beans, Pink	13	260 sks.	3,380
Beans, Pinto	7	140 sks.	1,820
Carrots	310	109,763 bx.	170,133
Carrots, canning		397 tons	15,265
Celery	100	124,444 cr.	360,888
Corn, Sweet	2,840	464,318 cr.	1,207,227
Cucumbers	15	10,547 lugs	18,457
Lettuce	1,009	107,321 cr.	359,525
Okra	40	647 bbl.	24,586
Onions	1,316	781,546 sks.	953,486
Onions, green	12	2,097 cr.	6,983
Onions, dehydrator	698	20,932 tons	648,892
Peas	2,349	226,346 hamp.	645,086
Potatoes	65,423	14,373,380 sks.	24,434,746
Potatoes, processed		354,203 sks.	177,102
Potatoes, culls		71,474 tons	214,422
Potatoes, Sweet	953	227,217 lugs	454,434
Spinach	100	480 tons	9,600
Squash, Summer	26	4,308 lugs	9,478
Tomatoes	819	213,904 lugs	427,808
Tomatoes, processed		25 1/2 tons	2,678
Turnips	12	2,008 cr.	4,518
Vegetables, misc.	350	350 tons	91,000
Total	76,862		30,431,652
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			
Barley	27,450	137,250 sks.	411,750
Oats	1,700	8,500 sks.	25,500
Wheat	35,500	177,500 sks.	776,563
Total	64,650		1,213,813
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			
Barley	41,487	622,305 sks.	1,866,915
Flax	860	30,530 bu.	116,014
Grain Hay	3,000	4,500 tons	90,000
Millet	100	800 sks.	12,000
Milo	15,614	29,330 tons	1,466,500
Oats	4,340	65,100 sks.	195,300
Rye	1,500	22,500 sks.	67,500
Sudan	2,170	13,020 tons	208,320
Wheat	36,700	550,500 sks.	2,408,438
Total	105,771		6,430,987

1950 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Alfalfa	58,794	411,558 tons	6,996,486
Beans, Castor	847	423 1/2 tons	89,473
Beets, Sugar	8,595	167,684 tons	2,013,885
Corn, Field	2,006	2,682 tons	160,920
Cotton	166,000	288,852 bales	58,363,991
Cotton Seed		106,520 tons	10,652,000
Mint	58		16,500
Nursery Stock	766		271,572
Pasture, Permanent	10,581		1,581,675
Safflower	6,000	3,000 tons	225,000
Silage	650	5,200 tons	78,000
Total	254,297		80,719,502
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	213	125,034 lbs.	97,527
Alfalfa, Buffalo	1,030	512,898 lbs.	271,836
Alfalfa, Ranger	1,986	1,188,881 lbs.	630,107
Cotton, A 4-42		9,021 tons	1,443,360
Milo, Double Dwarf	10	3,600 lbs.	360
Sudan 23	16	8,203 lbs.	984
Total	3,255		2,444,174
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Alfalfa, Chilian	340	80,352 lbs.	19,284
Alfalfa, Ranger	20	11,718 lbs.	4,101
Carrot	34	18,783 lbs.	6,950
Clover, Burr	18	5,000 lbs.	2,000
Lettuce	147	43,733 lbs.	43,733
Oats, Kanota	70	65,000 lbs.	2,763
Safflower	560	370 tons	41,599
Sugar Beet	150	767,700 lbs.	92,892
Total	1,339		213,322
<u>Seed, Foundation</u>			
Clover, Kenland Red	20	2,244 lbs.	3,366
Clover, Ladino	4 1/2	600 lbs.	1,800
Fescue, Goars Tall	11	450 lbs.	450
Total	35 1/2		5,616
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		12,780 lbs.	5,495
Honey		851,840 lbs.	76,666
Rental for alfalfa seed pollination		8,960 colonies	51,490
Total			133,651

LIVESTOCK SOLD

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,650	907,500
Steers	61,600	18,480,000
Cows and Heifers	31,593	6,982,053
Calves	19,100	1,547,100
Bulls	2,100	793,800
Hides-Cow	20,923	167,384
Hides-Calf	9,417	50,381
Total		28,928,218
Sheep	9,000	117,000
Lambs	126,000	3,187,800
Wool	1,313,700 lbs.	656,850
Pelts	10,000	27,500
Total		3,989,150
Hogs	13,173	790,380
Total	13,173	790,380
Rabbits, domestic	280,500	350,625
Pelts	279,000	27,900
Total		378,525
Chickens	446,500	625,100
Ducks	5,000	7,250
Geese	1,250	4,688
Squab	10,000	7,500
Turkeys	45,750	234,240
Eggs	5,581,250 doz.	3,348,750
Total		4,227,528
Milk, Market - pounds milk fat	2,847,000 lbs.	2,898,000
Milk, Manufacturing - pounds milk fat	22,000 lbs.	19,000
Total		2,917,000
Grand Total of All Livestock		41,230,801

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Acreage

	1949	1950
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,006	3,575
Citrus Fruit	1,319	1,403
Grapes	24,557	29,447
Melons	2,743 1/2	2,256
Vegetables	67,583 1/2	76,862
Grain, Dry Farm	59,995	64,650
Grain, Irrigated	91,896	105,771
Field Crops	312,896	254,297
Seed, Certified		3,255
Seed, Uncertified		1,339
Seed, Foundation		35 1/2
Total	563,996	542,890 1/2

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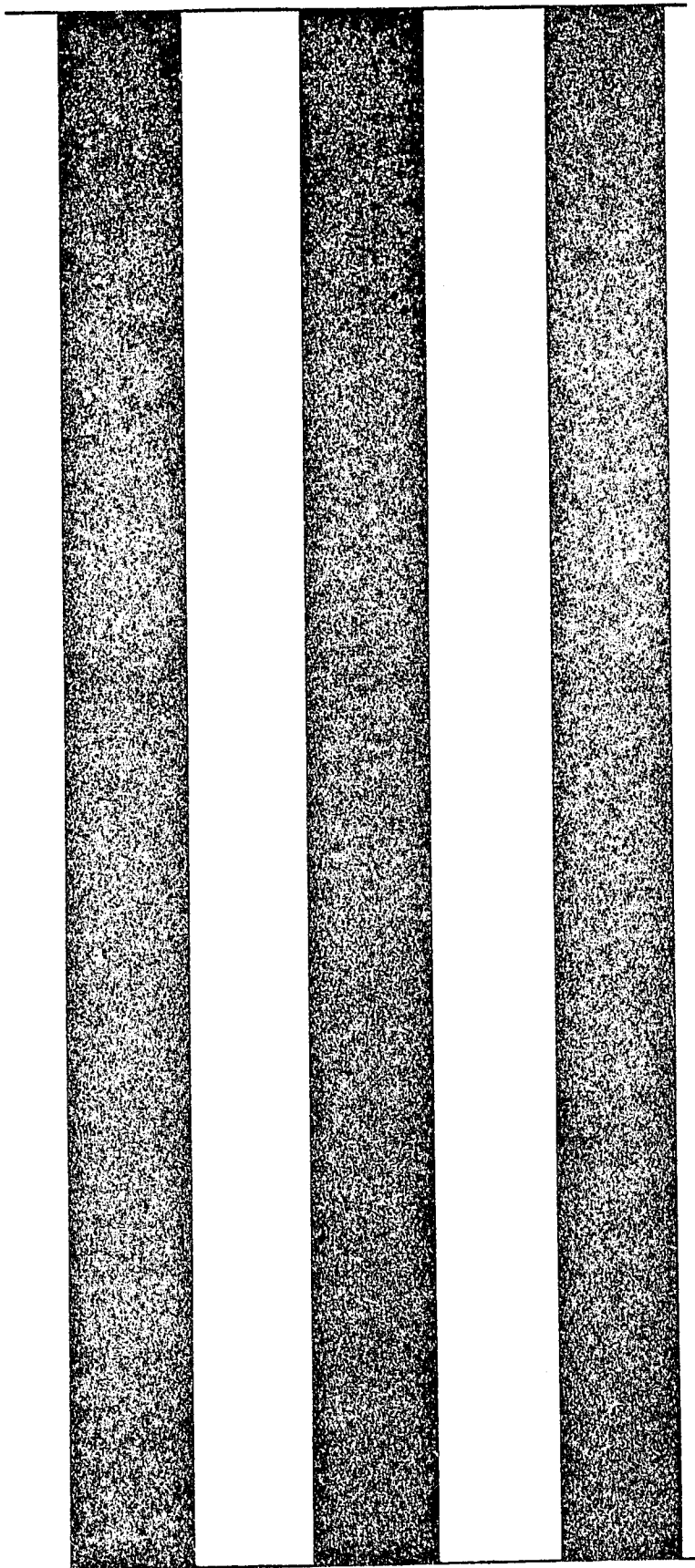
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$ 2,204,618	\$ 2,588,100
Citrus Fruit	533,101	397,497
Grapes	9,765,050	19,922,507
Melons	1,076,289	639,117
Vegetables	36,556,523	30,431,652
Grain, Dry Farm	738,952	1,213,813
Grain, Irrigated	4,410,164	6,430,987
Field Crops	70,585,433	80,719,502
Seed, Certified		2,444,174
Seed, Uncertified		213,322
Seed, Foundation		5,616
Apiculture	40,100	133,651
Beef Cattle	16,650,143	28,928,218
Sheep	3,361,325	3,989,150
Hogs	740,200	790,380
Rabbits	402,600	378,525
Poultry	2,906,555	4,227,528
Dairy Products	3,178,200	2,917,000
Total	\$ 153,149,253	\$ 186,370,739

Agricultural Conservation Payments	77,000	84,000
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TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE

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Total Carlot Shipments	57,314	66,755 1/2
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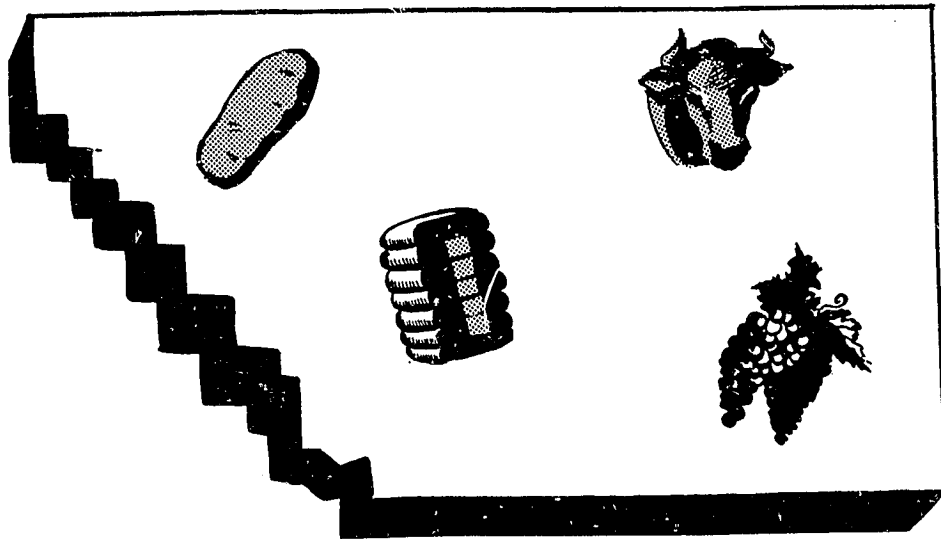
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KERN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
2610 M. Street, Bakersfield, California

1951

Mr. A. A. Brock
State Director of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report for Kern County as required by Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. Acreage of permanent crops is reported in actual bearing acres only, and production is reported in units commonly used in commercial marketing of crops in this county. From 583,425 acres under cultivation the total valuation of all agricultural crops amounted to \$244,773,337, which is an all time high both in acreage and return value. This represents an increase of \$58,318,598 over 1950 or 31.27 per cent. Acres under cultivation were increased by 40,535 or 7.47 per cent, which reflects to a great extent the expansion of agricultural areas in the county. In spite of the increase in total valuation of all crops, we shipped 21,462 cars of produce less than during the preceding year. Most of this is accountable to the decrease in potato shipments.

Cotton again ranks first as the leading crop with a total valuation of \$117,043,121, including oil mill and planting seed. With the lifting of planting restrictions and acreage allotments and a request from the Secretary of Agriculture that cotton production in the United States be increased, 320,000 acres were planted to this crop in Kern County. The increase in acreage was 103.56 per cent over last year. From this acreage 496,386 bales of cotton were produced with an average yield of 779 pounds lint per acre, which is 102 pounds lint less than a year ago. This decrease in yield per acre is typical of any crop where sudden large acreage increases are made.

Potatoes rank second in value and from 37,147 acres a gross return of \$24,127,191 was received. This represents a decrease in acreage from 65,423 in 1950, but because of better marketing conditions a much higher return per acre was received by growers of this crop.

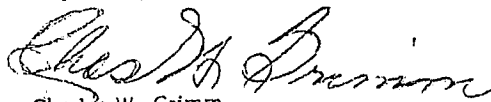
Grapes are placed third in value with an income of \$16,618,937. There was a slight decrease in yield, and the decrease in value received was due to marketing conditions and other factors which were not as favorable as a year ago.

Livestock production shows a substantial increase in number of head as well as price received, and from the total production of all livestock and livestock products a gross return of \$55,010,799 was realized.

The above prices are based on f.o.b. market values and do not represent the net amount received by growers. From these prices must be deducted the costs of production and preparation for market.

We wish to thank the many individuals who cooperated by making their records and other data available to us, which was of great assistance in the compilation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles W. Grimm
Agricultural Commissioner

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1951 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Charles W. Grimm, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	55	1,371 bx.	3,770
Apricots	217	9,449 lugs	19,843
Apricots		657 tons	59,130
Berries	77	24,300 cr.	60,750
Figs	5	1,702 lugs	3,064
Figs, dried		10 tons	750
Olives	418	989 tons	179,652
Peaches	236	30,181 lugs	93,561
Pears	90	43,671 bx.	196,520
Persimmons	41	14,135 lugs	35,338
Plums	2,158	570,065 lugs	1,852,711
Pomegranates	12	5,053 lugs	7,074
Prunes	1	400 lugs	300
Almonds	91 (no prod.)		
Pecans	25	1 1/2 tons	1,050
Walnuts	6	7 1/2 tons	4,125
Family Orchard	260	1,300 tons	130,000
Total	3,692		2,647,638
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	30	12,000 bx.	12,000
Oranges, Navel	1,259	250,000 bx.	875,000
Oranges, Valencia	58	8,500 bx.	10,200
Tangerines	66	23,709 bx.	118,545
Lemons	8	150 bx.	750
Total	1,421		1,016,495
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	25,236	4,780,342 lugs	12,189,872
Wine	4,368	110,114 tons	3,303,420
Raisin		2,888 tons	476,520
Zante Currants	14	21 tons	4,725
Grapes, Canning		8,592 tons	644,400
Total	29,618		16,618,937

1951 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	274	1,414 tons	46,662
Cantaloupes	491	120,979 cr.	326,643
Casabas	74	213 tons	6,390
Honey Dews	140	22,641 cr.	44,150
Total	979		423,845
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	470	42,017 cr.	284,035
Asparagus, processed		111,311 lbs.	11,131
Carrots	80	6,272 sks.	16,307
Carrots, processed		947 tons	46,971
Celery	80	48,000 cr.	132,000
Corn, Sweet	1,592	207,544 cr.	591,500
Lettuce	977	143,584 cr.	682,024
Okra	100	556,145 lbs.	69,518
Onions	1,033	573,609 sks.	1,261,940
Onion, dehydrator	749	14,402 tons	439,261
Peas	1,290	180,651 hamp.	451,628
Potatoes	37,147	9,398.975 sks.	23,497,438
Potatoes		82,486 lugs	144,351
Potatoes, processed		141,764 sks.	106,323
Potatoes, seed		91,872 sks.	303,178
Potatoes, culls		23,719 tons	75,901
Potatoes, Sweet	356	74,597 lugs	261,090
Rutabagas	9	878 sks.	1,185
Spinach	80	40 tons	1,000
Tomatoes	391	106,838 lugs	208,334
Tomatoes, processed		2,379 tons	154,635
Vegetables, misc.	355	355 tons	56,800
Total	44,709		28,796,550
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			
Barley	25,669	3,850 tons	231,000
Oats	424	53 tons	3,710
Wheat	55,954	8,743 tons	612,010
Total	82,047		846,720
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			
Barley	8,924	8,032 tons	481,920
Flax	560	15,000 bu.	56,250
Grain Hay	420	630 tons	25,200
Millet	440	3,520 sks.	52,800
Milo	1,961	3,379 tons	223,014
Oats	115	86 tons	6,038
Sudan	1,124	3,372 tons	124,764
Wheat	8,905	8,348 tons	584,360
Total	22,449		1,554,346

1951 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Alfalfa	46,116	322,812 tons	12,266,856
Beans, Castor	85	70 tons	15,523
Beets, Sugar	1,702	40,099 tons	488,005
Corn, Broom	10	13 tons	6,500
Corn, Hybrid	130	196 tons	15,680
Cotton	320,000	496,386 bales	101,543,202
Cotton Seed		182,244 tons	13,249,139
Nursery Stock	437		225,579
Permanent Pasture	17,114		2,994,950
Safflower	20	3 tons	210
Silage	1,826	27,128 tons	154,223
Total	387,440		130,959,867
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	648	381,082 lbs.	257,230
Alfalfa, Buffalo	1,660	1,247,125 lbs.	723,333
Alfalfa, Ranger	8,239	5,481,737 lbs.	3,014,955
Alfalfa, Narragansett	13	5,445 lbs.	4,220
Clover, Kenland Red	70	16,178 lbs.	20,223
Fescue, Goars Tall	10	6,200 lbs.	6,014
Oats, Kanota	12	20,000 lbs.	1,050
Orchard Grass, Akaroa	59	18,515 lbs.	15,738
Total	10,711		4,042,763
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Alfalfa, Calif. Comm.	98	29,390 lbs.	6,613
Beet, Sugar	173	817,340 lbs.	98,898
Carrot	28	9,000 lbs.	2,970
Cotton Seed		16,310 tons	2,250,780
Mustard	3	4,200 lbs.	588
Rye	20	15,000 lbs.	600
Turnip	2	2,300 lbs.	322
Vetch, Hairy	35	5,280 lbs.	898
Total	359		2,361,669
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		24,517 lbs.	12,259
Honey		1,634,490 lbs.	163,449
Rental for alfalfa seed pollination		31,000 colonies	223,000
Total			398,708

1951
LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,038	578,000
Steers	102,158	24,492,381
Cows and Heifers	59,961	12,771,693
Calves	5,134	616,080
Bulls	2,651	1,029,542
Hides-Cow	70,485	352,425
Hides-Calf	4,704	5,645
Total		39,845,766
Sheep	12,000	216,000
Lambs	135,000	3,948,750
Wool	1,426,000 lbs.	1,140,800
Pelts	11,000	35,750
Total		5,341,300
Hogs	12,978	778,680
Total		778,680
Rabbits, domestic	140,250	189,338
Pelts	140,000	14,000
Total		203,338
Chickens	545,000	763,000
Ducks	5,000	7,500
Geese	1,000	3,500
Squab	10,500	7,875
Turkeys	64,550	387,300
Eggs	6,000,000 doz.	3,750,000
Total		4,919,175
Milk, Market	- pounds milk fat 3,206,000 lbs.	3,911,320
Milk, Manufacturing	- pounds milk fat 11,000 lbs.	11,220
Total		3,922,540
Grand Total of All Livestock		55,010,799

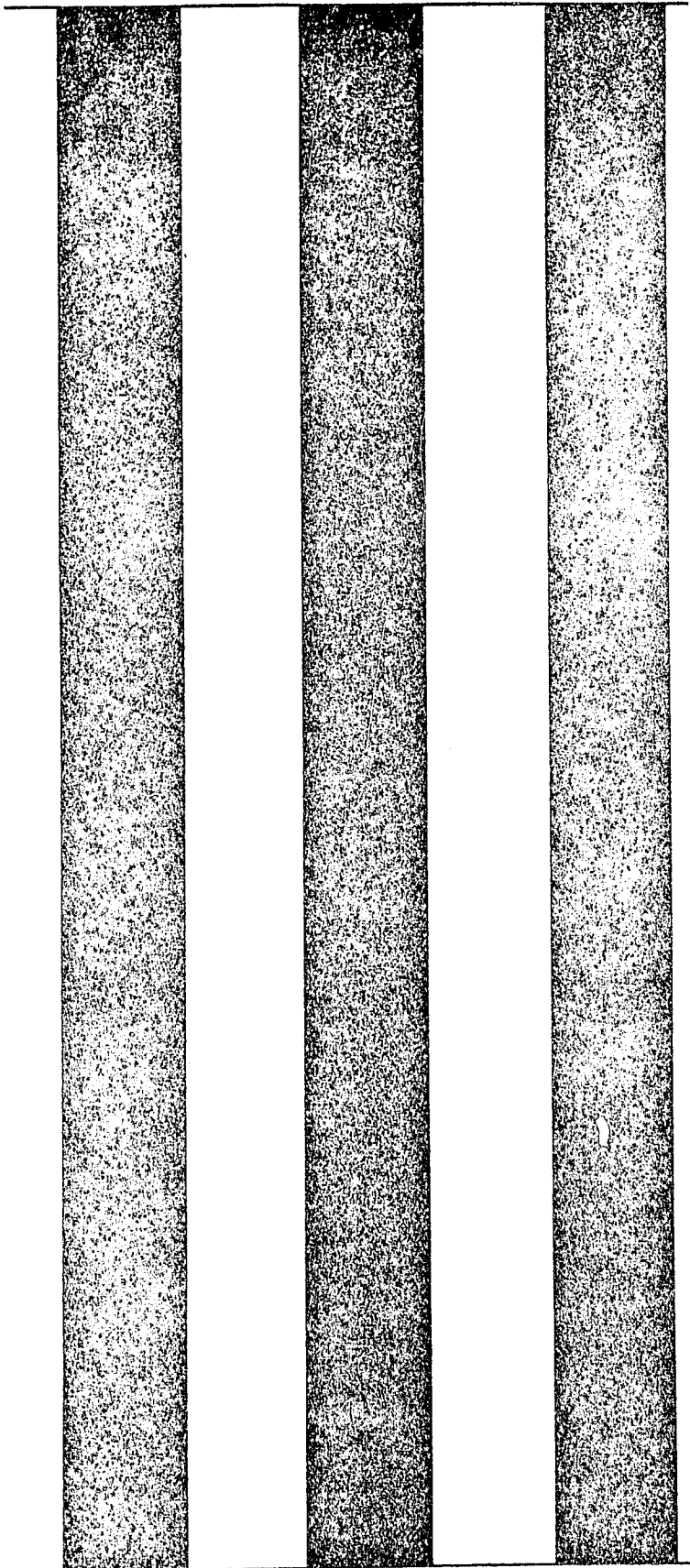
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	1950	1951
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,575	3,692
Citrus Fruit	1,403	1,421
Grapes	29,447	29,618
Melons	2,256	979
Vegetables	76,862	44,709
Grain, Dry Farm	64,650	82,047
Grain, Irrigated	105,771	22,449
Field Crops	254,297	387,440
Seed, Certified	3,255	10,711
Seed, Uncertified	1,339	359
Seed, Foundation	35	0
Total	542,890	583,425

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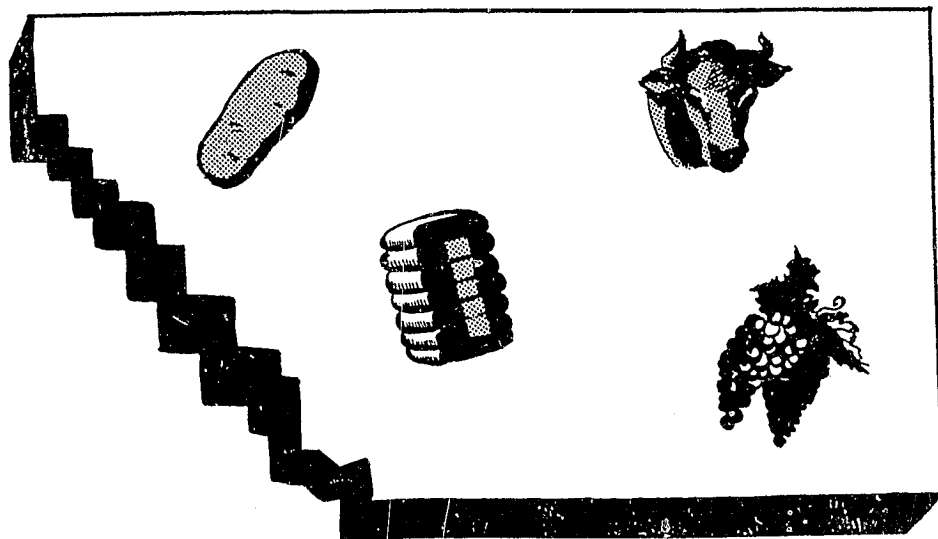
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$2,588,100	\$2,647,638
Citrus Fruit	397,497	1,016,495
Grapes	19,922,507	16,618,937
Melons	639,117	423,845
Vegetables	30,431,652	28,796,550
Grain, Dry Farm	1,213,813	846,720
Grain, Irrigated	6,430,987	1,554,346
Field Crops	80,719,502	130,959,857
Seed, Certified	2,444,174	4,042,763
Seed, Uncertified	213,322	2,361,669
Seed, Foundation	5,616	0
Apiculture	133,651	398,708
Beef Cattle	28,928,218	39,845,766
Sheep	3,989,150	5,341,300
Hogs	790,380	778,680
Rabbits	378,525	203,338
Poultry	4,227,528	4,919,175
Dairy Products	2,917,000	3,922,540
Total	\$186,370,739	\$244,678,337
Agricultural Conservation Payments	84,000	95,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$186,454,739	\$244,773,337
Total Carlot Shipments	66,755	45,293



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Agricultural Crop Report

COUNTY OF KERN



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KERN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
2610 M. Street, Bakersfield, California

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Mr. A. A. Brock
State Director of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

In accordance with section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report for Kern County. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in Kern County, including livestock and livestock products. Acreage of permanent crops is reported in actual bearing acres only.

The 1952 season got off to an unusual and spectacular start. Cold weather during the early part of the growing season was unfavorable for the cotton crop, followed by earthquakes in July and August which did much to upset the normal farming operations in certain areas. Cotton production was reduced from 779 pounds lint per acre to 729 pounds lint per acre. Grades were generally below those of a year ago, due principally to climatic conditions and premature defoliation. Although about the same acreage was planted to cotton the revenue from this crop was 31-1/2 million dollars less than last year.

A gross income of \$37,424,952 was received from 43,685 acres of potatoes. This represented an increase of 6,538 acres over 1951. Potato growers were fortunate in being able to supply a food crop to the nation at a time when a shortage of supply threatened a potato famine throughout the country.

Grape growers produced a smaller crop this past year, and although prices were not unusually high a fair return was received for quality fruit on an early market. Prices for wine grapes were generally below those of a year ago.

Substantial increases were made in grain crops, alfalfa hay and certified seed.

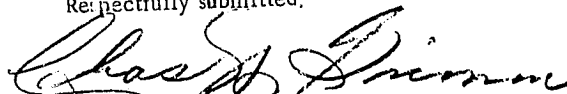
A general increase is shown in the number of animals on farms, particularly in small herds, but due to a decline in prices the overall income to the livestock industry is about 3 million dollars less than last year.

Total returns to agriculture for the year 1952, including livestock, amounted to \$231,975,419. This is \$12,797,918 less than the 1951 income, in spite of the fact that 40,125 additional acres were brought under cultivation. This is the first year since 1940 that agriculture in Kern County has not shown a substantial increase.

All prices in our crop report are based on f.o.b. market values and do not represent the net amount received by growers. From this income must be deducted the costs of production and preparation for market.

We wish to thank the many individuals who cooperated by making their records and other data available to us, which was of great assistance in the compiling of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles W. Grimm
Agricultural Commissioner

1952 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Charles W. Grimm, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	32	1,036 bx.	3,989
Apricots	130	3,628 lug	10,703
Apricots, processed		355 ton	35,500
Berries	120	13,500 cr.	33,075
Figs, dried	5	6 ton	780
Olives	213	763 ton	67,961
Peaches	103	44,883 lugs	134,649
Pears	93	22,694 bx.	53,331
Persimmons	20	15,617 lugs	39,043
Plums	1,772	552,454 lugs	2,292,684
Pomegranates	16	5,347 lugs	7,218
Almonds	47 (no prod.)		
Pecans	20 (no prod.)		
Walnuts	7	5 ton	2,125
Family Orchard	260	1,300 ton	130,000
Total	2,838		2,811,058
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	24	4,147 bx.	8,087
Oranges, Navel	1,117	153,199 bx.	651,096
Oranges, Valencia	60	7,340 bx.	11,010
Tangerines	68	26,365 bx.	68,549
Lemons	7	660 bx.	2,475
Total	1,276		741,217
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	22,695	6,397,707 lugs	15,994,268
Wine	4,078	56,815 ton	937,448
Raisin		3,783 ton	662,025
Zante Currants	10	25 ton	5,625
Grapes, processed		7,294 ton	364,700
Total	26,783		17,964,066

1952 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	72	670 tons	29,648
Cantaloupes	208	33,510 cr.	98,855
Casabas	10	24 tons	960
Total	290		129,463
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	550	22,071 cr.	69,524
Asparagus, processed		333,647 lbs.	35,633
Beans, Fava	40	8,250 bu.	33,000
Carrots	40	680 tons	27,200
Celery	40	21,841 cr.	45,866
Corn, Sweet	2,116	440,322 cr.	1,210,886
Lettuce	590	60,748 cr.	209,581
Okra	75	700,000 lbs.	94,500
Onions	645	382,870 sks.	1,110,323
Onions, dehydrated	584	9,540 tons	381,600
Peas	1,430	203,201 hamp.	548,643
Potatoes	43,685	10,060,729 sks.	36,721,661
Potatoes		2,777 lugs	7,637
Potatoes, processed		104,616 sks.	198,770
Potatoes, seed		79,267 sks.	380,482
Potatoes, cull		17,908 tons	116,402
Potatoes, Sweet	391	132,289 lugs	449,783
Squash	7	24 tons	720
Tomatoes	185	94,585 lugs	222,275
Vegetables, misc.	360	360 tons	57,600
Total	50,738		41,922,086
<u>Grain, Dry Farm</u>			
Barley	17,977	10,881 tons	652,860
Oats	174	103 tons	7,313
Wheat	70,961	41,358 tons	2,812,344
Total	89,112		3,472,517
<u>Grain, Irrigated</u>			
Barley	9,801	11,032 tons	661,920
Corn, Field	580	1,450 tons	95,700
Flax	350	12,250 bu.	45,938
Grain Hay	1,890	2,835 tons	121,905
Millet	180	2,520 sks.	37,800
Milo	2,454	4,322 tons	293,896
Oats	463	463 tons	32,873
Rice	75	2,625 sks.	13,913
Sudan	2,099	6,297 tons	236,138
Wheat	9,036	9,096 tons	618,528
Total	26,928		2,158,611

1952 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Alfalfa	56,607	396,249 tons	12,679,968
Beets, Sugar	1,252	30,458 tons	413,620
Corn, Broom	260	85 tons	42,500
Cotton	320,000	466,440 bales	72,694,674
Cotton Seed		170,576 tons	10,575,712
Nursery Stock	141		218,375
Permanent Pasture	20,086		3,515,050
Silage	1,000	15,000 tons	150,000
Total	399,346		100,289,899
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	1,151	706,239 lbs.	282,496
Alfalfa, Buffalo	4,441	2,702,062 lbs.	1,080,825
Alfalfa, Caliverde	173	101,449 lbs.	65,942
Alfalfa, Narragansett	48	20,871 lbs.	12,001
Alfalfa, Ranger	19,316	13,911,431 lbs.	5,564,572
Alfalfa, Williamsburg	136	185,417 lbs.	101,979
Clover, Kenland Red	84	24,369 lbs.	18,277
Fescue, Goars Tall	10	7,942 lbs.	2,780
Oats, Kanota	15	25,460 lbs.	1,273
Orchard Grass, Akaroa	58	44,231 lbs.	14,154
Total	25,432		7,144,299
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic		150,000 lbs.	37,500
Buffalo and Ranger		87,856 lbs.	17,571
Alfalfa, Calif. Common	440	85,800 lbs.	3,303
Barley, Arivat	138	569,413 lbs.	68,899
Beet, Sugar	119	642 lbs.	642
Birdsfoot Trefoil	2	24,450 lbs.	8,558
Carrot	28	16,000 tons	2,080,000
Cotton Seed, Planting		6,000 lbs.	1,500
Vetch, Hairy	80		
Total	807		2,217,973
<u>Apiary Products</u>			
Beeswax		14,665-1/2 lbs.	5,573
Honey		2,199,875 lbs.	230,987
Rental for alfalfa seed pollination		4,040 Colonies	28,280
Total			264,840

1952
LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	NUMBER OF HEAD	VALUE
Purebreds	1,161	503,200
Steers	131,584	26,940,508
Cows and Heifers	56,443	9,229,559
Calves	2,038	220,104
Bulls	2,983	826,888
Hides-Cow	77,992	389,960
Hides-Calf	2,038	2,446
Total		38,112,665
Sheep	6,000	72,000
Lambs	142,000	3,763,000
Wool	1,562,000 lbs.	781,000
Pelts	14,200	31,950
Total		4,647,950
Hogs	11,900	565,250
Total		565,250
Rabbits, domestic	140,000	175,000
Pelts	138,500	12,465
Total		187,465
Chickens	583,150	816,410
Ducks	5,000	7,500
Geese	1,000	3,500
Squab	10,000	7,500
Turkeys	73,000	427,050
Eggs	6,300,000 doz.	3,906,000
Total		5,167,960
Milk, Market	-pounds milk fat 2,869,000 lbs.	4,073,980
Milk, Manufacturing	-pounds milk fat 26,000 lbs.	29,120
Total		4,103,100
Grand Total of All Livestock		52,784,390

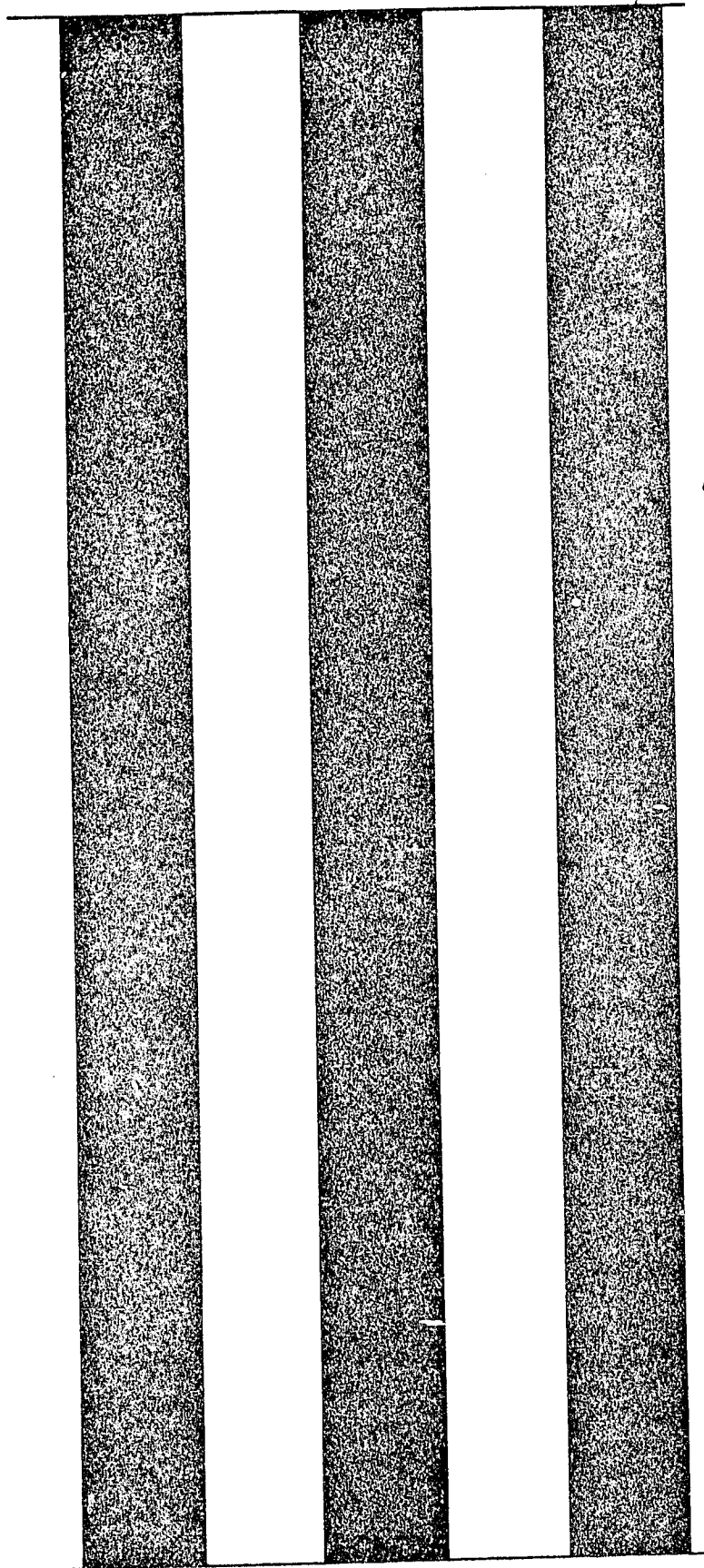
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	1951	1952
Fruit and Nut Crops	3,692	2,838
Citrus Fruit	1,421	1,276
Grapes	29,618	26,783
Melons	979	290
Vegetables	44,709	50,738
Grain, Dry Farm	82,047	89,112
Grain, Irrigated	22,449	26,928
Field Crops	387,440	399,346
Seed, Certified	10,711	25,432
Seed, Uncertified	359	807
Total	583,425	623,550

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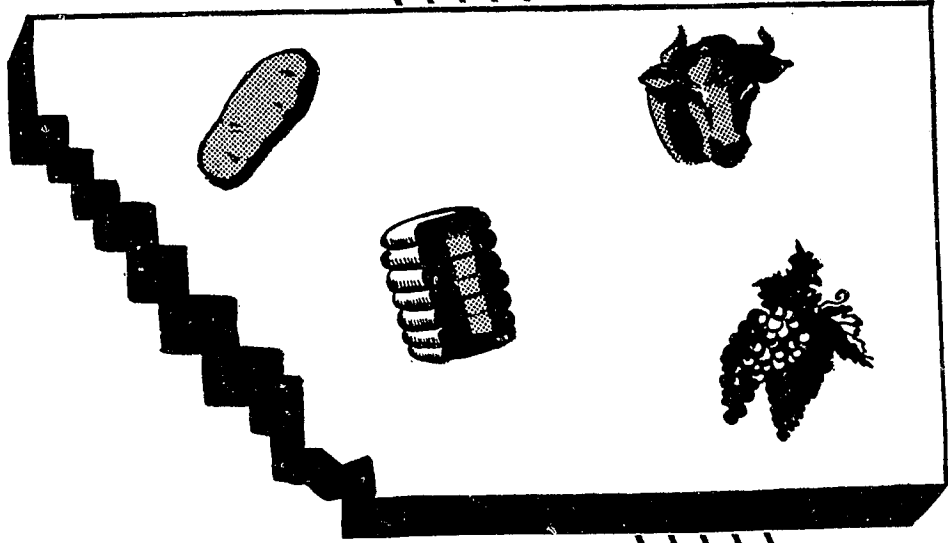
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$2,647,638	\$2,811,058
Citrus Fruit	1,016,495	741,217
Grapes	16,618,937	17,964,066
Melons	423,845	129,463
Vegetables	28,796,550	41,922,086
Grain, Dry Farm	846,720	3,472,517
Grain, Irrigated	1,554,346	2,158,611
Field Crops	130,959,867	100,289,899
Seed Certified	4,042,763	7,144,299
Seed Uncertified	2,361,669	2,217,973
Apiculture	398,708	264,840
Beef Cattle	39,845,766	38,112,665
Sheep	5,341,300	4,647,950
Hogs	778,680	565,250
Rabbits	203,338	187,465
Poultry	4,919,175	5,167,960
Dairy Products	3,922,540	4,103,100
Total	\$244,678,337	\$231,900,419
Agricultural Conservation Payments	95,000	75,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$244,773,337	\$231,975,419
Total Carlot Shipments	45,293	44,859



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Prices received by growers were generally below the 1952 level, due principally to declining markets. Weather conditions were not completely favorable during the early part of the season and as a result some crops were damaged and others retarded. However, during the balance of the season advantageous conditions prevailed for good growth and a abundant harvest of quality produce.

For eight consecutive years cotton has been our leading commodity, and has returned to the growers more income than any other single crop grown in the county. Acala 4-42 continued to prove its outstanding qualities by producing 738 pounds lint per acre.

Grapes were a high light in the agricultural picture and brought a remunerative return to the growers. At the time the Kern County harvest got underway we were favored with an open market and as a result prices were above normal.

Regardless of the substantial increase in number of acres planted to potatoes, income from this source was 44.6% less than that which was received the previous year. The heavy volume of potatoes which moved out of the county in competition with other potato growing areas caused a surplus, and as a result the market was lowered to such an extent returns to many growers did not cover their costs of production. This is the first year since 1941 that grapes have exceeded potatoes in dollar and cents income to the county.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of acres planted to alfalfa hay, field and sweet corn, but prices received for these crops and cereal grains have been on a downward trend.

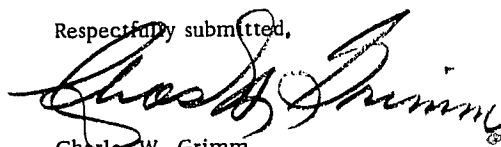
Livestock production remained comparable to 1952 as far as number of head is concerned, but prices continued the decline which has been felt the past two years.

From 659,275 planted acres the return to agriculture amounted to \$207,861,241 which is a decrease of \$24,114,178 or 10.36% under the 1952 totals.

All prices in our crop report are based on f.o.b. market values and do not represent the net amount received by growers. From this income must be deducted the costs of production and preparation for market. Net returns to growers have been substantially reduced by increased growing and production costs.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to each person who cooperated by making records and data available to us for this annual crop report.

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CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	32	1,904 bx.	6,188
Apricots	130	4,703 lug	8,936
Apricots, processed		823-1/2 tons	53,528
Berries	80	36,386 cr.	87,326
Berries		13,670 cans	64,933
Figs	5	750 lugs	1,125
Figs, dried		7-1/2 tons	300
Olives	228	493 tons	123,250
Peaches	136	23,408 lugs	58,520
Pears	93	49,700 bx.	211,225
Persimmons	20	5,357 lugs	16,875
Plums	1,786	574,539 lugs	2,039,613
Plums, processed		56 tons	420
Pomegranates	20	3,398 lugs	5,947
Almonds	47	25 tons	6,000
Pecans	20	12 tons	8,400
Walnuts	7	5 tons	2,750
Total	2,604		2,695,336
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	24	7,950 bx.	7,950
Oranges, Navel	1,107	232,119 bx.	754,387
Oranges, Valencia	58	10,662 bx.	23,456
Tangerines	68	22,175 bx.	49,894
Lemons	7	850 bx.	1,105
Total	1,264		836,792
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	22,079	5,275,560 lugs	19,783,350
Wine	3,712	81,740 tons	2,452,200
Raisin		1,380 tons	186,300
Zante Currants	10	24 tons	3,960
Grapes, Cannery		10,382 tons	571,010
Total	25,801		22,996,820

1953 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	206	1,386 tons	50,243
Cantaloupes	355	101,663 cr.	381,236
Casabas	5	3 tons	114
Total	566		431,593
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	400	17,768 cr.	143,921
Asparagus, processed		214,175 lbs.	23,559
Beans, Blackeye	91	1,440 sks.	14,400
Beans, Blackeye		525 hamp.	1,234
Beans, Fava	20	3,480 hamp.	15,660
Beans, String	80	2,550 hamp.	7,650
Carrots	5	51 tons	1,658
Cabbage	85	11,111 cr.	22,778
Celery	10	8,440 cr.	21,100
Corn, Sweet	2,753	406,996 cr.	1,078,539
Corn, Sweet, processed		839 tons	33,560
Garlic	1	4,250 lbs.	468
Lettuce	871	124,049 cr.	260,503
Okra	78	601,273 lbs.	81,172
Onions	686	285,219 sks.	285,219
Onions, dehydrated	945	21,968 tons	834,784
Peas	1,309	159,981 hamp.	551,934
Potatoes	55,729	12,531,854 sks.	20,301,603
Potatoes, lugs		40,800 lugs	42,840
Potatoes, processed		233,362 sks.	233,362
Potatoes, seed		98,102 sks.	255,065
Potatoes, culls		39,093 tons	129,007
Potatoes, Sweet	477	136,303 lugs	279,421
Tomatoes	285	143,360 lugs	329,728
Turnips	3	400 lugs	560
Total	63,828		24,949,725
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	56,068	51,738 tons	2,793,852
Corn, Field	2,258	4,159 tons	262,017
Milo	4,890	8,594 tons	446,888
Oats	140	107 tons	6,634
Rice	558	27,960 sks.	139,800
Wheat	42,974	15,237 tons	1,020,879
Total	106,888		4,670,070

CROP	1953	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Field Crops</u>				
Beets, Sugar		2,321	44,016 tons	588,054
Corn, Broom		613	211 tons	84,400
Cotton		319,954	492,755 bales	77,140,795
Cotton Seed			184,852 tons	9,969,068
Flax		390	12,600 bu.	47,880
Hay, Alfalfa		74,378	520,646 tons	9,892,274
Hay, Grain		4,455	13,293 tons	358,911
Nursery Stock		141		305,000
Pasture, Permanent		21,784		3,812,200
Pasture, Sudan Grass		3,787		94,675
Silage		1,000	15,000 tons	150,000
Sunflower Seed		1,168	1,426,228 lbs.	156,450
Total				102,599,707
<u>Seed, Certified</u>				
Alfalfa, Atlantic		1,301	621,514 lbs.	174,024
Alfalfa, Buffalo		4,583	2,305,160 lbs.	645,445
Alfalfa, Caliverde		580	259,787 lbs.	79,235
Alfalfa, Narragansett		253	111,520 lbs.	39,032
Alfalfa, Ranger		19,482	11,215,750 lbs.	3,140,410
Alfalfa, Vernal		10	6,427 lbs.	2,249
Alfalfa, Williamsburg		406	447,175 lbs.	125,209
Clover, Kenland Red		100	22,560 lbs.	7,670
Fescue, Alta		178	56,384 lbs.	7,894
Fescue, Goars Tall		50	7,569 lbs.	5,298
Milo, DD 38		10	35,000 lbs.	1,750
Orchard Grass, Akaroa		99	32,176 lbs.	8,688
Sudan, Piper		180	125,500 lbs.	11,295
Sudan, 23		40	18,400 lbs.	1,472
Wheat		310	154,500 lbs.	9,038
Total				4,258,709
<u>S. i., Common</u>				
Alfalfa, Atlantic, Buffalo, Narragansett, Ranger and Williamsburg		85	136,693 lbs.	27,338
Alfalfa, California Common		180	17,030 lbs.	3,406
Alfalfa, DePuits		5	160,696 lbs.	46,602
Alfalfa, Hairy Peruvian		30	585 lbs.	146
Beans, Mung		130	23,650 lbs.	2,365
Beet, Sugar		10	533,693 lbs.	64,577
Blue Grass, Merion			3,700 lbs.	7,400
Cotton Seed, Planting			12,250 tons	1,568,000
Melilotus indica			96,559 lbs.	4,828
Milo		10	22,500 lbs.	675
Milo, DD 38		76	229,500 lbs.	8,606
Oats, Kanota		30	46,800 lbs.	2,340
Rye		20	20,000 lbs.	800
Sudan, Sweet 372		170	197,500 lbs.	11,850
Sudan, Common Sweet		5	5,300 lbs.	318
Screenings and Cleanings			2,038,822 lbs.	33,691
Total				1,782,942

1953
LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1, 172	480, 520
Steers	132, 819	21, 719, 891
Cows	18, 146	1, 356, 958
Heifers	35, 823	4, 170, 514
Calves	9, 555	687, 960
Bulls	1, 963	318, 693
Hides-Cow	86, 209	193, 970
Hides-Calf	9, 510	9, 510
Total		28, 938, 016
Sheep	6, 500	58, 500
Lambs	145, 000	2, 773, 125
Wool	1, 520, 000 lbs.	805, 600
Pelts	9, 700	22, 310
Total		3, 659, 535
Hogs	11, 001	522, 548
Total	11, 001	522, 548
Rabbits, domestic	120, 000	120, 000
Pelts	42, 000	3, 360
Total		123, 360
Chickens	362, 880	508, 032
Fryers	540, 000	594, 000
Ducks	5, 000	7, 500
Geese	4, 200	15, 750
Squab	11, 000	8, 800
Turkeys	76, 650	429, 240
Eggs	7, 257, 600 doz.	3, 919, 104
Total		5, 482, 426
Milk, Market - pounds milk fat	2, 710, 000 lbs.	3, 604, 300
Milk, Manufacturing - pounds milk fat	17, 000 lbs.	17, 170
Total		3, 621, 470
Grand Total of All Livestock		42, 347, 355
<u>Apiary Products</u>		
Beeswax	11, 200 lbs.	4, 592
Honey	1, 680, 000 lbs.	201, 600
Total		206, 192

1953
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Acreage

	1952	1953
Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	2,838	2,604
Citrus Fruit	1,276	1,264
Grapes	26,783	25,801
Melons	290	566
Vegetables	50,738	63,828
Grain	116,040	106,888
Field Crops	399,346	429,991
Seed, Certified	25,432	27,582
Seed, Common	807	751
Total	623,550	659,275

Value

Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	\$ 2,811,058	\$ 2,695,336
Citrus Fruit	741,217	836,792
Grapes	17,964,066	22,996,820
Melons	129,463	431,593
Vegetables	41,922,086	24,949,725
Grain	5,631,128	4,670,070
Field Crops	100,289,899	102,599,707
Seed, Certified	7,144,299	4,258,709
Seed, Common	2,217,973	1,782,942
Beef Cattle	38,112,665	28,938,016
Sheep	4,647,950	3,659,535
Hogs	565,250	522,548
Rabbits	187,465	123,360
Poultry	5,167,960	5,482,426
Dairy Products	4,103,100	3,621,470
Apiary Products	264,840	206,192
Total	\$ 231,900,419	\$ 207,775,241

Agricultural Conservation Payments	75,000	86,000
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TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$ 231,975,419	\$ 207,861,241
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Total Carlot Shipments	44,859	55,436
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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

County of Kern

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Mr. W C. Jacobsen
Director
State Department of Agriculture

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

In accordance with section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the Annual Crop Report for Kern County. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in the county, including livestock and livestock products. Acreage of permanent crops is reported in actual bearing acres only.

Farming and marketing conditions were favorable throughout the year, and in most cases farmers were rewarded with fair returns. There is a definite tendency toward greater diversification in farming practices, and substantial increases have been recorded in grains, seed crops, alfalfa hay, sugar beets, rice and field corn.

This is the ninth year that cotton has lead all other crops in gross income. Allotments reduced the planted acreage from 319,954 of a year ago to 205,341. As a result growers were inclined to plant only their most productive land to this crop and carry on the best farming practices. This plan paid off with the highest yield per acre ever recorded in the county and no doubt within the state---913 pounds lint. An interesting comparison and food for thought is the fact that in spite of a 36% reduction in acreage, the gross income was reduced by only 13 per cent.

Potatoes were our next most important crop from the standpoint of farm income. After the experience of overproduction in 1953 growers voluntarily reduced their acreage by 22% from 55,729 to 43,273. A marketing order was invoked during the season, better prices prevailed, and gross income from this source was 39% above that received in 1953.

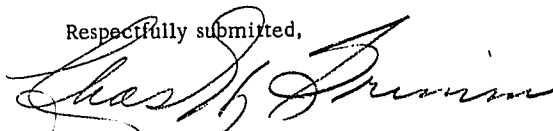
A severe heat wave during the latter part of June damaged some crops, particularly grapes, and gross returns from this crop were not as high as a year ago. Field corn also suffered from the vagaries of Mother Nature. This is a comparatively new crop and it is felt that yields can be considerably improved under more favorable circumstances.

The livestock picture is about the same as last year. This is an exceedingly important industry and represents a substantial portion of our agricultural income.

From 666,668 planted acres the return to agriculture amounted to \$224,529,969, which is an increase of \$16,668,728 or 8% above 1953 totals. All prices in our crop report are based on f.o.b. market values and do not represent the net amount received by growers. From this income must be deducted the costs of production and preparation for market.

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to each person who cooperated by making records and data available to us for this annual crop report.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles W. Grimm
Agricultural Commissioner

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1954 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION - VALUE

Compiled by Charles W. Grimm, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	32	4,918 bx.	14,262
Apples		33 1/2 tons	1,089
Apricots	126	1,956 lugs	4,890
Apricots, processed		222 tons	21,090
Berries	40	4,724 cans	22,675
Berries		450 cr.	1,013
Figs	5	2,569 lugs	6,037
Olives	236	187 tons	37,400
Peaches	117	29,029 lugs	129,179
Pears	93	50,830 bx.	109,285
Pears, processed		1,500 bx.	1,200
Persimmons	20	11,554 lugs	26,574
Plums	1,790	534,522 lugs	2,138,088
Pomegranates	20	5,964 lugs	10,139
Prunes	6	821 lugs	2,874
Almonds	47	20 tons	8,000
Pecans	20	14 tons	9,800
Walnuts	7	5 tons	2,875
Total	2,559		2,546,470
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	14	6,119 bx.	5,201
Oranges, Navel	1,093	341,738 bx.	1,418,213
Oranges, Valencia	47	7,526 bx.	15,805
Tangerines	68	20,712 bx.	74,563
Lemons	7	3,000 bx.	3,000
Total	1,229		1,516,782
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	22,314	4,810,235 lugs	16,835,823
Wine	3,795	72,624 tons	2,904,960
Raisin		1,709 tons	307,620
Zante Currants	10	27 tons	5,670
Grapes, Cannery		7,988 tons	519,220
Total	26,119		20,573,293
<u>Melons</u>			
Watermelons	258	1,148 tons	30,135
Cantaloupes	561	79,439 cr.	242,289
Total	819		272,424

1954 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	200	13,345 cr.	78,068
Asparagus, processed		110,927 lbs.	11,093
Beans, Blackeye	1,200	1,469,697 lbs.	139,621
Beans, Fava	20	1,200 hamp.	3,600
Beans, Pink	20	81,982 lbs.	6,149
Beans, String	30	1,500 hamp.	3,375
Carrots	230	2,617 tons	82,566
Celery	34	27,667 cr.	69,168
Celery		385 ton	4,620
Corn, Sweet	3,631	753,884 cr.	1,545,462
Cucumbers	12	2,318 lugs	4,752
Garlic	13	46 tons	8,280
Lettuce	578	75,628 cr.	238,228
Okra	55	200,000 lbs.	27,000
Onions	581	418,338 sks.	502,006
Onions, dehydrator	1,258	20,131 tons	603,930
Peas	3,011	272,742 hamp.	681,855
Potatoes	43,273	9,879,225 sks.	28,155,791
Potatoes, lugs		33,701 lugs.	42,126
Potatoes, processed		223,959 sks.	291,147
Potatoes, seed		105,635 sks.	390,850
Potatoes, culls		89,116 tons	178,232
Potatoes, Sweet	396	138,392 lugs.	325,221
Spinach	80	159 tons	3,180
Squash	18	7,158 lugs	14,316
Tomatoes	378	153,583 lugs	322,524
Total	55,018		33,733,160
<u>Field Crops</u>			
Beans, Castor	349	355 tons	42,600
Beets, Sugar	16,135	385,832 tons	5,015,816
Corn, Broom	107	34 tons	16,320
Cotton	205,341	398,241 bales	66,813,689
Cotton seed, (not planting)		149,796 tons	8,987,760
Flax	250	7,500 bu.	25,125
Hay, Alfalfa	89,224	624,568 tons	14,052,780
Hay, Grain	4,371	12,488 tons	349,664
Nursery Stock	142		355,178
Pasture, Permanent	28,822		3,602,750
Peanuts	373	106 tons	25,016
Popcorn	20	11,500 lbs.	690
Sesame Seed	75	67,132 lbs.	8,056
Silage	2,665	11,280 tons	112,800
Sunflower Seed	160	240,339 lbs.	19,227
Total	348,034		99,427,471

1954 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	1,481	554,969 lbs.	227,537
Alfalfa, Buffalo	2,675	1,086,852 lbs.	423,872
Alfalfa, Caliverde	1,710	636,489 lbs.	216,406
Alfalfa, Narragansett	1,303	379,488 lbs.	178,359
Alfalfa, Ranger	24,025	12,453,599 lbs.	4,981,440
Alfalfa, Vernal	1,292	668,807 lbs.	394,596
Alfalfa, Williamsburg	461	492,489 lbs.	201,920
Barley	165	400,700 lbs.	16,028
Beans, Blackeye	60	81,900 lbs.	11,466
Beans, Mung	16	18,700 lbs.	2,057
Birdsfoot trefoil, Viking	7	1,866 lbs.	1,866
Clover, Kenland Red	160	28,980 lbs.	17,388
Fescue, Goars Tall	50	17,193 lbs.	12,207
Milo, DD 38	95	485,300 lbs.	48,530
Oats	315	279,365 lbs.	19,556
Orchard Grass, Akaroa	28	8,821 lbs.	2,470
Sudan, Piper	617	777,244 lbs.	93,269
Sudan, 23	90	68,200 lbs.	7,502
Wheat	40	86,063 lbs.	4,303
Total	34,590		6,860,772
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Alfalfa, Buffalo	190	86,012 lbs.	26,664
Alfalfa, Caliverde	306	94,801 lbs.	23,700
Alfalfa, Calif. Common	490	193,462 lbs.	44,496
Alfalfa, DePuits	260	133,893 lbs.	56,905
Alfalfa, Ranger	30	18,144 lbs.	5,806
Alfalfa, Offgrade No. 2		271,554 lbs.	48,880
Barley	180	418,900 lbs.	14,662
Beans, Mung	6	6,080 lbs.	608
Beet, Sugar	334	1,507,924 lbs.	182,459
Blue Grass, Merion	50	15,940 lbs.	44,632
Cotton seed, planting		9,500 tons	1,254,000
Milo DD 38	160	713,793 lbs.	42,828
Oats	10	8,820 lbs.	441
Orchard Grass, Akaroa	23	7,290 lbs.	1,823
Peas, English	30	17,175 lbs.	2,576
Sudan, Piper	70	69,454 lbs.	6,945
Sudan, Sweet	320	391,925 lbs.	39,193
Wheat, Ramona 44	20	37,600 lbs.	1,880
Total	2,479		1,798,498
<u>Grain</u>			
Barley	87,643	95,661 tons	4,304,745
Corn, Field	26,018	52,579 tons	3,417,635
Milo	28,808	59,728 tons	3,046,128
Oats	165	126 tons	7,182
Rice	8,078	12,990 tons	1,221,060
Wheat	45,109	24,610 tons	1,722,700
Total	195,821		13,719,450

1954
LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,215	380,000
Steers	131,841	21,484,809
Cows and Heifers	72,553	8,325,457
Calves	8,648	492,936
Bulls	2,257	363,535
Hides-Cow	86,059	193,633
Hides-Calf	9,615	9,615
Total		31,249,985
Sheep	7,500	60,000
Lambs	158,000	3,270,600
Wool	1,662,000 lbs.	897,480
Pelts	9,200	19,320
Total		4,247,400
Hogs	9,965	515,191
Total		515,191
Rabbits	96,000	76,800
Pelts	33,600	2,520
Total		79,320
Chickens	345,000	431,250
Fryers	378,000	302,400
Ducks	5,000	7,500
Geese	2,520	6,300
Squab	11,000	8,800
Turkeys	61,320	380,184
Eggs	6,900,000 doz.	2,967,000
Total		4,103,434
Milk, Market	- pounds milk fat 3,068,000 lbs.	3,445,364
Milk, Manufacturing	- pounds milk fat 43,000 lbs.	36,507
Total		3,481,871
Grand Total of All Livestock		43,677,201
<u>Apiary Products</u>		
Beeswax	22,681 lbs.	10,206
Honey	3,402,200 lbs.	374,242
Total		384,448

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SUMMARY

Acreage

	1953	1954
Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	2,604	2,559
Citrus Fruits	1,264	1,229
Grapes	25,801	26,119
Melons	566	819
Vegetables	63,828	55,018
Field Crops	429,991	348,034
Seed, Certified	27,582	34,590
Seed, Uncertified	751	2,479
Grain	106,888	195,821
Total	659,275	666,668

Value

Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	\$ 2,695,336	\$ 2,546,470
Citrus Fruits	836,792	1,516,782
Grapes	22,996,820	20,573,293
Melons	431,593	272,424
Vegetables	24,949,725	33,733,160
Field Crops	102,599,707	99,427,471
Seed, Certified	4,258,709	6,860,772
Seed, Uncertified	1,782,942	1,798,498
Grain	4,670,070	13,719,450
Beef Cattle	28,938,016	31,249,985
Sheep	3,659,535	4,247,400
Hogs	522,548	515,191
Rabbits	123,360	79,320
Poultry	5,482,426	4,103,434
Dairy Products	3,621,470	3,481,871
Apiary Products	206,192	384,448
Total	\$207,775,241	\$ 224,509,969
Agricultural Conservation Payments	86,000	20,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$207,861,241	\$ 224,529,969
Total Carlot Shipments	55,436	65,178