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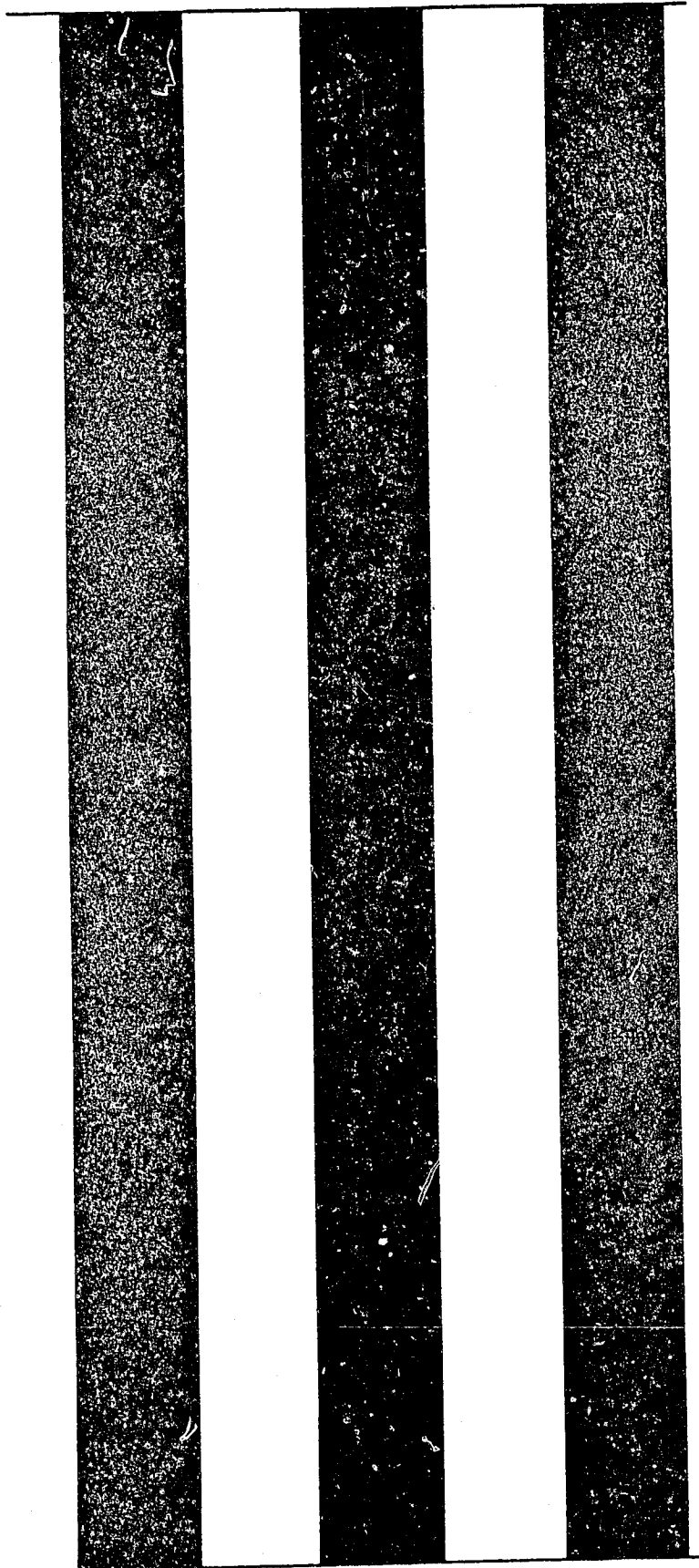
Kern County

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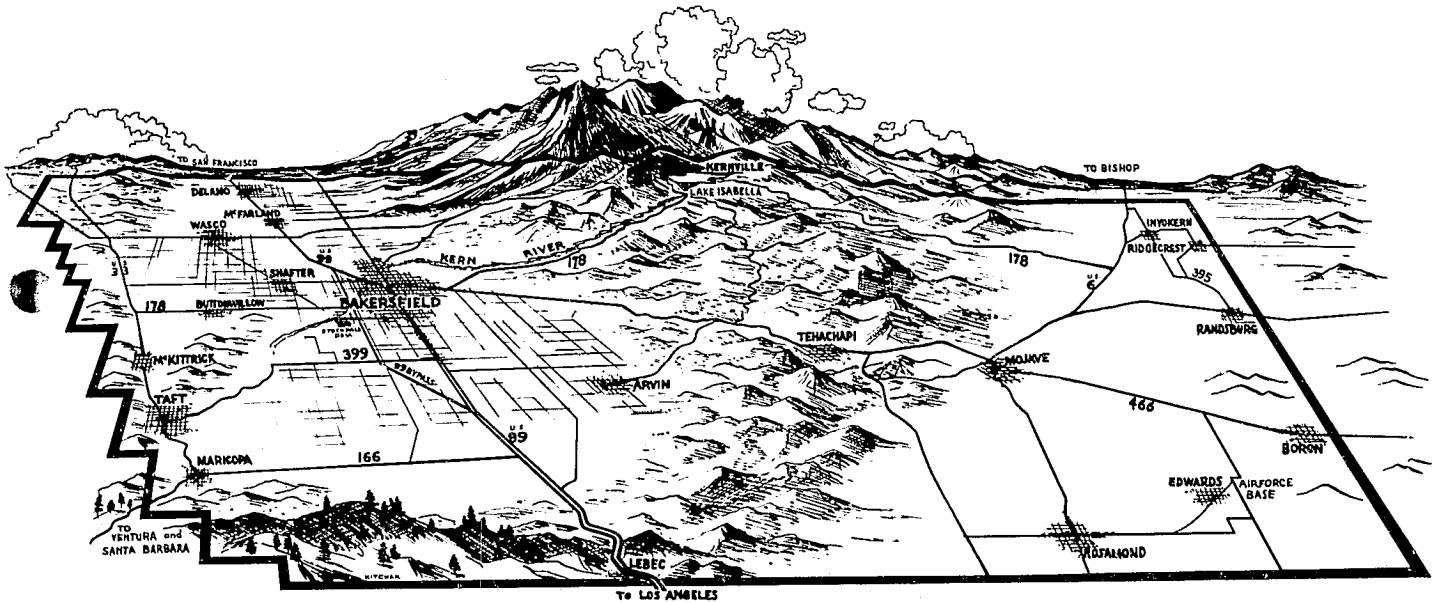
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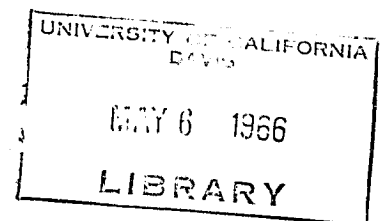
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KERN COUNTY



AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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County of Kern

The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all agricultural crops produced in the county, including livestock and livestock products. Acreage of permanent crops is reported in actual bearing acres only, all other crops are reported in harvested acreage.

From 704,681 planted acres and 2,700,000 acres of rangeland the total gross return to agriculture amounted to \$283,955,570.

Cotton is still the most valuable crop produced in the county with a total return of \$91,112,000. Once again a record yield was achieved with an average of 1,308 pounds lint per acre. Yields have increased each year since 1960--at that time the average was 1,027 pounds lint per acre. Efficient farming practices, in addition to constant research and development by the dedicated personnel of the U.S. Cotton Field Station at Shafter and continuance of the One Variety Cotton District, have been primary factors in making Kern County one of the outstanding cotton producing areas in the United States.

Despite lower prices beef cattle returns increased over the prior year. It has been the trend for operators of feed lots to purchase smaller feeder calves, and as a result more pounds are produced in the county by the time the animals are ready for market. Gross returns on the sale of cattle and calves amounted to \$38,743,000. All other segments of the livestock industry, including livestock and poultry products, were valued at \$14,768,310.

Approximately 2,500 acres of grapes came into bearing during 1963 which resulted in an overall production increase although yields per acre were down. Some growers were hard hit by adverse weather conditions during harvest season. Fresh market grapes showed an increase in value, but raisins, cannery and wine varieties returned less than in 1962. Total returns were \$30,329,000 from 34,064 acres of grapes.

Alfalfa hay was the fourth ranking crop with a return of \$27,118,000. Although there were four thousand acres less than in the previous year, production per acre was higher and returns to the growers were very favorable.

Potato growers increased their planted acreage by 3,000 over the previous season and production was correspondingly higher. However, returns were not favorable because of a depressed market situation and some quality difficulties. Our report shows a valuation of \$26,480,000, but the true f.o.b. price could possibly be lower because of shipments which rolled unsold and later brought lower prices than originally quoted.

In addition to the above-mentioned crops seventeen others brought returns of over one million dollars each into the country. All prices used in this 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 cost of production and preparation for market.

Our most sincere thanks is extended to the farmers of Kern County who produced these crops, and who also furnished the vital information contained herein to our Agricultural Inspectors for compilation in this report which is used so widely by allied industries, banks, railroads, and persons interested in the economy of the County of Kern.

Respectfully submitted,

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1963
PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	117	746	863
Apples	31	177	208
Apricots	141	8	149
Cherries	1	14	15
Grapefruit	8	0	8
Grapes, Raisin	20,253	1,268	21,521
Table	9,992	1,251	11,243
Wine	3,819	1,090	4,909
Nectarines	392	30	422
Olives	105	141	246
Oranges, Navel	1,239	2,306	3,545
Valencia	62	1,234	1,296
Tangerine	78	145	223
Peaches, Cling	490	60	550
Freestone	1,312	351	1,663
Pears	180	127	307
Persimmons	13	--	13
Plums	1,870	769	2,639
Pomegranates	84	6	90
TOTAL	40,187	9,723	49,910

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1963	99,400	1.37	136,000	ton	\$ 46.00	\$ 6,256,000
	1962	110,000	1.39	153,000	ton	43.00	6,579,000
Beans, dry edible	1963	13,500	1.10	14,800	ton	154.00	2,279,000
	1962	7,730	1.21	9,320	ton	138.00	1,286,000
Beans, castor	1963	453	1.10	498	ton	120.00	59,800
	1962	424	.93	394	ton	125.00	49,300
Corn, field	1963	999	2.32	2,320	ton	53.00	123,000
	1962	2,380	2.44	5,810	ton	50.00	290,000
Cotton lint	1963	171,700	a/1308	b/468,000	bales	c/ .3512	82,181,000
	1962*	191,500	a/1275	b/509,700	bales	c/ .3352	85,426,000
Cottonseed	1963	xx		178,000	ton	47.00	8,366,000
	1962*	xx		192,200	ton	51.00	9,802,000
Cottonseed, planting	1963	xx		8,850	ton	63.80	565,000
	1962	xx		11,600	ton	62.40	724,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1963	115,000	7.91	910,000	ton	29.80	27,118,000
	1962	119,000	7.69	915,000	ton	22.00	20,130,000
Grain	1963	13,300	2.89	38,400	ton	34.00	1,306,000
	1962	10,700	2.74	29,300	ton	28.50	835,000
Other tame	1963	2,280	4.21	9,590	ton	26.00	249,000
	1962	1,860	5.00	9,300	ton	25.00	233,000
Oats	1963	1,650	.96	1,580	ton	47.00	74,300
	1962	2,050	1.74	3,560	ton	46.00	171,000
Pasture, Irrigated	1963	25,700	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,570,000
	1962	19,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	1,900,000
Other	1963	28,800	xx	xx	acre	10.00	288,000
	1962	21,000	xx	xx	acre	3.00	63,000
Range	1963	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	.75	2,025,000
	1962	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	.75	2,025,000

- a. Pounds lint per acre
- b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
- c. Price per pound
- * Revised

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Peanuts	1963	691	.92	635	ton	\$ 340.00	\$ 216,000
	1962	624	.68	425	ton	350.00	149,000
Rice	1963	3,000	1.50	4,500	ton	100.00	450,000
	1962	3,440	2.00	6,880	ton	84.00	578,000
Safflower	1963	12,900	1.09	14,100	ton	80.00	1,128,000
	1962	11,300	1.19	13,400	ton	93.50	1,253,000
Silage	1963	8,360	27.20	227,000	ton	9.00	2,043,000
	1962	6,490	23.00	149,000	ton	7.65	1,140,000
Sorghum grain	1963	31,500	1.93	60,700	ton	44.00	2,671,000
	1962	25,800	2.15	55,400	ton	43.50	2,410,000
Sugar beets	1963	22,600	22.88	517,000	ton	11.40	5,894,000
	1962*	11,500	19.04	219,000	ton	11.10	2,431,000
Wheat	1963	26,000	1.00	26,000	ton	65.00	1,690,000
	1962	25,100	1.14	28,500	ton	70.00	1,995,000
Miscellaneous	1963	97	xx	827	ton	35.00	28,900
	1962	1,190	xx	2,130	ton	23.30	49,600
Sunflower) Straw)							
TOTAL	1963	577,930 2,700,000	range				\$ 147,581,000
	1962*	571,088 2,700,000	range				139,518,900

* Revised

CERTIFIED SEED CROPS: ACRYFAGI, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa, Buffalo	1963	956	65	626,000	lb.	\$.43	\$ 269,000
	1962	777	579	450,000	lb.	.55	248,000
Alfalfa, Cody	1963	462	33.	153,000	b.	.38	58,140
	1962	xx		xx			xx
Alfalfa, Moapa	1963	218	523	114,000	lb.	.38	43,300
	1962	696	450	313,000	lb.	.39	122,000
Alfalfa, Ranger	1963	5,360	515	2,762,000	lb.	.33	911,000
	1962	6,390	378	2,416,000	lb.	.47	1,136,000
Alfalfa, Williamsburg	1963	696	490	341,000	lb.	.35	119,000
	1962	503	284	143,000	lb.	.43	64,400
Alfalfa Other Varieties	1963	3,540	376	1,331,000	lb.	.40	532,000
	1962	4,879	247	1,202,800	lb.	.47	568,500
Barley	1963	235	2,847	669,000	lb.	.04	26,800
	1962*	27	2,509	6,100	lb.	.04	22,520
Beans, Blackeye	1963	1,121	2,113	2,479,000	b.	.10	248,000
	1962*	664	1,658	1,100,000	lb.	.09	99,100
Clover, Sudan	1963	145	127	90,900	b.	.22	20,000
	1962	37	152	103,000	lb.	.22	22,700
Oats	1963	98	2,347	230,000	lb.	.05	11,500
	1962*	332	2,613	884,000	lb.	.05	44,200
Safflower	1963	xx		xx			xx
	1962	105	2,005	24,000	lb.	.05	31,200
Wheat, Ramona	1963	315	3,195	1,198,000	lb.	.05	59,900
	1962	1,040	3,111	1,410,000	lb.	.05	70,300
Miscellaneous	1963	24		40,000	b.	.30	12,400
	1962	xx		xx			xx
TOTAL	1963	13,229					\$2,311,040
	1962*	16,090					2,458,520

* Revised

UNCERTIFIED SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa, common and other varieties	1963	7,940	333	2,646,000	lb.	\$.34	\$ 900,000
	1962	7,750	290	2,249,000	lb.	.39	877,000
Beans, Blackeye	1963	164	951	156,000	lb.	.08	12,500
	1962*	56	821	46,000	lb.	.08	3,680
Beans, Blackeye & Red Kidney	1963	297	421	125,000	lb.	.95	119,000
	1962	420	460	193,000	lb.	.70	135,000
Grass, Miscellaneous	1963	173	3,064	530,000	lb.	.18	95,400
	1962 *	268	2,522	676,000	lb.	.15	101,000
Vegetable	1963	180	388	69,900	lb.	.80	55,900
	1962	277	541	150,100	lb.	.60	90,800
Miscellaneous	1963 **	127	xx	314,000	lb.	.04	12,600
	1962 **	232	xx	489,000	lb.	.05	25,000
Screenings and Cleanings	1963	xx	xx	2,440	ton	16.70	40,700
	1962	xx	xx	1,510	ton	16.00	24,200
TOTAL	1963	8,881					\$ 1,236,100
	1962	9,003					1,256,680

* Revised

** Includes production from certified seed acreage.

VEGETABLE CROPS. ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Carrots	1963	1,690	15.33	25,900	ton	\$ 32.00	\$ 829,000
	1962	1,790	12.96	23,200	ton	29.50	684,000
Corn, Sweet	1963	3,980	3.69	14,700	ton	110.00	1,617,000
	1962	3,790	4.56	17,300	ton	90.30	1,562,000
Garlic	1963	690	4.71	3,250	ton	118.00	384,000
	1962	260	5.35	1,390	ton	135.00	188,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1963	3,260	9.42	30,700	ton	129.00	3,960,000
	1962	3,700	6.08	22,500	ton	72.50	1,631,000
Other melons	1963	315	12.54	3,950	ton	122.00	482,000
	1962	528	2.22	1,170	ton	119.00	139,000
Watermelons	1963	2,480	15.52	38,500	ton	33.30	1,282,000
	1962	2,670	10.74	28,670	ton	26.00	745,000
<u>Onions, Total</u>	1963	1,840	20.64	38,810	ton	42.30	1,640,000
	1962	1,730	18.10	31,320	ton	43.00	1,347,000
Dry	1963	290	26.69	8,410	ton	83.00	698,000
	1962	282	23.83	6,720	ton	57.70	388,000
Dehydrator	1963	1,590	19.12	30,400	ton	31.00	942,000
	1962	1,450	16.97	24,600	ton	39.00	959,000
Peas, green	1963	1,400	1.34	1,870	ton	204.00	381,000
	1962	1,410	1.72	2,510	ton	200.00	502,000

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Potatoes, Total	1963	46,710	16.16	754,490	ton	\$ 35.10	\$26,480,000
	1962	43,900	16.19	709,300	ton	40.00	28,372,000
Fresh Market	1963			542,500	ton	40.55	21,992,000
	1962			548,000	ton	45.65	25,005,600
Processed	1963			83,800	ton	43.50	3,646,000
	1962			61,800	ton	48.00	2,966,400
Seed	1963			7,390	ton	56.70	419,000
	1962			xx		xx	xx
Cull	1963			120,800	ton	3.50	423,000
	1962			99,500	ton	4.00	398,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1963	168	10.48	1,760	ton	151.00	266,000
	1962	150	9.00	1,350	ton	128.00	173,000
Tomatoes	1963	410	18.59	7,620	ton	96.50	735,000
	1962	577	14.63	8,440	ton	61.00	515,000
Miscellaneous	1963	934	xx	3,790	ton	150.00	569,000
	1962	990	xx	4,320	ton	105.00	454,000
Asparagus) Beans, green) Cucumbers) Lettuce) Peppers) Squash)							
TOTAL	1963	63,907					\$ 38,625,000
	1962	61,445					36,312,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples	1963	31	7.94	246	ton	\$ 216.00	\$ 53,000
	1962	28	8.32	233	ton	160.00	37,300
<u>Grapes, All</u>	1963	34,064	7.91	269,300	ton	112.60	30,329,000
<u>Total</u>	1962	31,615	8.30	262,356	ton	111.50	29,250,480
<u>Raisin varieties</u>	1963	20,253					
	1962	18,473					
Fresh Market	1963			61,000	ton	260.00	15,860,000
	1962			52,400	ton	215.00	11,266,000
Raisins (dry)	1963			2,330	ton	240.00	559,000
	1962			4,860	ton	258.00	1,254,000
Processed	1963			14,400	ton	58.00	835,000
	1962			9,940	ton	62.50	621,000
Crushed	1963			66,800	ton	33.00	2,204,000
	1962			72,300	ton	55.00	3,976,500
<u>Table varieties</u>	1963	9,992					
	1962	9,411					
Fresh Market	1963			31,600	ton	240.00	7,584,000
	1962			32,300	ton	226.00	7,300,000
Raisins (dry)	1963			22	ton	440.00	9,680
	1962			19	ton	420.00	7,980
Crushed	1963			35,200	ton	28.00	986,000
	1962			33,200	ton	45.00	1,494,000
<u>Wine varieties</u>	1963	3,819					
	1962	3,731					
Crushed	1963			50,900	ton	45.00	2,291,000
	1962			42,700	ton	78.00	3,331,000
Grapefruit	1963-64**	8	9.38	75	ton	80.00	6,000
	1962-63	6	8.33	50	ton	80.00	4,000
	1961-62	6	8.50	51	ton	73.00	3,720

** 1963-1964 figures not included in totals in this report

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Crop	Year	Beaing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Nectarines	1963	392	2.56	1,005	ton	\$ 395.00	\$ 397,000
	1962	384	2.79	1,070	ton	348.00	372,000
Olives	1963	105	3.40	357	ton	245.00	87,500
	1962	95	3.66	348	ton	191.00	66,500
Oranges, Navel	1963-64**	1,239	11.14	13,800	ton	138.00	1,904,000
	1962-63	1,134	6.44	7,300	ton	139.00	1,015,000
	1961-62	1,107	3.56	3,940	ton	145.00	571,000
Oranges, Valencia	1963-64**	62	8.45	524	ton	75.00	39,300
	1962-63	44	5.43	239	ton	110.00	26,300
	1961-62	44	8.82	388	ton	66.00	25,600
<u>Peaches, Total</u>	1963	1,802	6.89	12,418	ton	203.00	2,526,000
	1962	1,685	6.16	10,380	ton	169.00	1,753,000
Fresh Market	1963			6,038	ton	354.00	2,137,000
	1962			4,960	ton	278.00	1,379,000
Processed	1963			6,380	ton	61.00	389,000
	1962			5,420	ton	69.00	374,000
Plums	1963	1,870	4.65	8,690	ton	290.00	2,520,000
	1962	1,806	3.47	6,270	ton	296.00	1,856,000
Pomegranates	1963	84	.85	72	ton	104.00	7,490
	1962	16	2.88	46	ton	90.00	4,140
Tangerines	1963-64**	78	8.33	416	ton	215.00	89,400
	1962-63	42	7.24	304	ton	278.00	84,500
	1961-62	39	4.10	160	ton	168.00	28,900
Miscellaneous	1963	438	xx	2,490	ton	212.00	528,000
	1962	415	xx	2,290	ton	148.00	339,000
TOTAL	1963	40,012					\$ 37,577,790
	1962	37,240					34,305,640

* Revised

** 1963-1964 figures not included in totals in this report

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AREA, SALES AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Item	Year	Acres	Quantity sold by producers	Unit	Value	
					Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>						
Citrus Trees	1963	56	163,000	plant	2.30	\$ 375,000
	1962	21	124,000	plant	2.50	310,000
Deciduous fruit and nut trees	1963	46	310,000	plant	.53	164,000
	1962	46	309,000	plant	.50	155,000
Grapevines	1963	71	1,482,000	plant	.06	88,900
	1962	76	1,617,000	plant	.075	121,000
Ornamental trees and shrubs	1963	33	342,000	plant	.38	130,000
	1962	16	280,000	plant	.30	84,000
Rose plants	1963	455	5,997,000	plant	.35	2,099,000
	1962	336	4,775,000	plant	.27	1,289,000
Plants and propagative material	1963	15	xx		xx	78,300
	1962	50	xx		xx	60,000
Asparagus plants)						
Strawberry plants)						
Sweet potato plants)						
<u>Cut Flowers and Turf</u>	1963	46	xx		xx	59,800
	1962	34	xx		xx	46,800
TOTAL	1963	722				\$2,995,000
	1962	579				2,065,800

APIARY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1963	416,000	lb.	\$.14	\$ 58,200
	1962	2,249,000	lb.	.12	270,000
Beeswax	1963	8,700	lb.	.44	3,830
	1962	46,900	lb.	.44	20,600
Pollination	1963	12,500	colony	4.50	56,300
	1962	15,100	colony	4.50	68,000
TOTAL	1963				\$ 118,330
	1962				358,600

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

	Production				Value	
	Year	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle and calves	1963	310,000	1,802,000	cwt.	\$21.50	\$ 38,743,000
	1962	289,000	1,430,000	cwt.	23.00	32,890,000
Sheep and lambs	1963	191,000	169,000	cwt.	16.30	2,755,000
	1962	180,000	178,000	cwt.	17.00	3,026,000
Hogs	1963	4,360	9,230	cwt.	16.10	149,000
	1962	8,200	18,000	cwt.	17.50	315,000
Horses	1963	xx	xx	xx	xx	317,000
	1962	xx	xx	xx	xx	137,000
Broilers and Fryers	1963	561,000	1,963,500	lb.	.17	334,000
	1962	812,000	2,741,000	lb.	.17	466,000
Chickens, other	1963	335,000	1,675,000	lb.	.07	117,000
	1962	344,000	1,720,000	lb.	.06	103,000
Turkeys	1963	419,000	8,658,000	lb.	.22	1,905,000
	1962	403,000	7,354,000	lb.	.22	1,624,000
Rabbits	1963	16,000	64,000	ea.	1.00	16,000
	1962	15,000	60,000	ea.	1.00	15,000
Game Birds	1963	xx				60,000
	1962	xx				59,000
TOTAL	1963					\$44,396,000
	1962					38,635,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1962-1963

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk Market	1963	\$ 1,312,000	cwt	\$ 3 89	\$ 5,104,000
	1962 *	1,182,000	cwt.	3 99	4,716,000
Manufacturing	1963	2,640	cwt.	2.77	7,310
	1962 *	14,700	cwt.	3.21	47,200
Wool	1963	1,853,000	lb.	.435	806,000
	1962	1,816,000	lb.	.41	745,000
Eggs, chicken Market	1963	7,087,000	doz.	.38	2,693,000
	1962	6,881,000	doz.	.36	2,470,000
Misc Items	1963	xx		xx	505,000
	1962 *	xx		xx	500,000
TOTAL	1963				\$ 9,115,310
	1962 *				8,485,200

* Revised

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1963-1964
(In number of head)

Item	January 1, 1963	January 1, 1964
* <u>All cattle and calves</u>	269,100	274,800
* Cattle on feed	130,000	133,100
* Milk cows, two years and over	11,900	13,200
* Sheep and lambs	171,000	169,300
* Hogs	6,400	6,600
* Sheep on feed (not included in stock sheep)	5,600	00
Hens and pullets of laying age	356,535	347,000
Turkey breeder hens	45,000	45,500

* Estimates of California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

SUMMARY

		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1963	577,930 2,700,000	\$147,581,000
	1962 *	571,082 2,700,000	139,518,900
Certified Seed	1963	13,229	2,311,040
	1962 *	16,090	2,458,520
Uncertified Seed	1963	8,881	1,236,100
	1962 *	9,003	1,256,680
Vegetable Crops	1963	63,907	38,625,000
	1962	61,445	36,312,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1963	40,012	37,577,790
	1962	37,240	34,305,640
Nursery Products	1963	722	2,995,000
	1962	579	2,065,800
Apiary Products	1963		118,330
	1962		358,600
Livestock and Poultry	1963		44,396,000
	1962		38,635,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	1963		9,115,310
	1962 *		8,485,200
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1963	704,681	
RANGELAND	1963	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	<u>1963</u>		<u>\$283,955,570</u>
TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1962	695,445	
RANGELAND	1962	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	<u>1962 *</u>		<u>\$263,396,340</u>

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all agricultural crops produced in the county, including livestock and livestock products. The values quoted are gross figures and do not represent net income to the farmers of this county. Acreage of permanent crops is actual bearing acres only, all other crops are reported as harvested acreage.

1964 was a banner year. The total value of all crops produced in the county amounted to \$311,755,440, which is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % more than the previous year and sets an all-time record.

The total value of cotton was only slightly less than in 1963. More acres were planted, but the yield per acre dropped to 1260 pounds lint from 1310 pounds lint. The latest census reports show 462,000 bales have been ginned; however, this figure is subject to change when final reports have been compiled.

This was an exceptionally good year for potato growers. Demand and price both remained high throughout the season, and as a result, value for the entire crop is reported at \$48,871,000, which is 46% more than last year and the highest figure attained since 1956 when the total value was \$49,523,005.

A greater number of cattle moved through the feed yards located throughout the county, and the total liveweight production was up sufficiently to more than offset a drop in unit value. The total value is reported at \$42,500,000.

The grape crop was of the usual high quality and a good market was reflected in the overall value of \$34,176,000. This is an increase of 11% above the previous year.

Alfalfa hay acreage and production were up, but price was down. The total value of the crop is \$24,482,000.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have cooperated with the personnel of this department by furnishing the "facts and figures" which have made this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Seldon Morley

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1964
PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	158	1,142	1,300
Apples	41	224	265
Apricots	141	8	149
Cherries	1	14	15
Figs	1		1
Grapefruit	7		7
Grapes, Raisin	20,324	1,203	21,527
Table	10,267	1,155	11,422
Wine	3,651	1,086	4,737
Nectarines	387	10	397
Olives	171	75	246
Oranges, Navel	1,378	2,283	3,661
Tangerines	94	133	227
Valencia	75	1,254	1,329
Other		1	1
Peaches, Cling	538	133	671
Freestone	1,475	179	1,654
Pears	198	109	307
Pecans	4	1	5
Persimmons	13		13
Plums	1,851	508	2,359
Pomegranates	84	6	90
Walnuts	9	4	13
 TOTAL	 40,868	 9,528	 50,396

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1964	96,700	1.55	150,000	ton	\$ 45.00	6,750,000
	1963	99,400	1.37	136,000	ton	46.00	6,256,000
Beans, dry edible	1964	12,200	1.07	13,100	ton	157.00	2,057,000
	1963	13,500	1.10	14,800	ton	154.00	2,279,000
Beans, castor	1964	171	1.10	188	ton	120.00	22,600
	1963	453	1.10	498	ton	120.00	59,800
Corn, field	1964	710	2.00	1,420	ton	54.50	77,400
	1963	999	2.32	2,320	ton	53.00	123,000
Cotton lint	1964	175,600	a/1260	b/462,000	bales c/	.3560	82,236,000
	1963*	171,500	a/1310	b/469,340	bales c/	.3512	82,416,000
Cottonseed	1964			175,600	ton	48.00	8,429,000
	1963*			178,900	ton	47.00	8,408,000
Cottonseed, planting	1964			9,200	ton	70.50	649,000
	1963			8,850	ton	63.30	565,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1964	130,000	7.95	1,033,000	ton	23.70	24,482,000
	1963	115,000	7.91	910,000	ton	29.80	27,118,000
Grain	1964	14,200	3.08	43,800	ton	27.75	1,215,000
	1963	13,300	2.89	38,400	ton	34.00	1,306,000
Other Tame	1964	1,680	4.54	7,620	ton	24.80	189,000
	1963	2,280	4.21	9,590	ton	26.00	249,000
Oats	1964	1,190	1.65	1,960	ton	47.00	92,100
	1963	1,650	.96	1,580	ton	47.00	74,300
Pasture, Irrigated	1964	22,900	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,290,000
	1963	25,700	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,570,000
Other	1964	56,100	xx	xx	acre	10.00	561,000
	1963	28,800	xx	xx	acre	10.00	288,000
Range	1964	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,700,000
	1963	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	.75	2,025,000
Peanuts	1964	720	0.71	509	ton	347.00	177,000
	1963	691	0.92	635	ton	340.00	216,000

- a. Pounds lint per acre
b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
c. Price per pound
* Revised

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1964	2,150	2.10	4,520	ton	\$ 96.00	\$ 434,000
	1963	3,000	1.50	4,500	ton	100.00	450,000
Safflower	1964	4,540	1.70	7,730	ton	75.00	580,000
	1963	12,900	1.09	14,100	ton	80.00	1,128,000
Silage	1964	6,690	25.70	172,000	ton	7.15	1,230,000
	1963	8,360	27.20	227,000	ton	9.00	2,043,000
Sorghum grain	1964	22,000	2.11	46,400	ton	45.50	2,111,000
	1963	31,500	1.93	60,700	ton	44.00	2,671,000
Sugar beets	1964	28,600	20.56	588,000	ton	10.40	6,115,000
	1963	22,600	22.88	517,000	ton	11.40	5,894,000
Wheat	1964	17,300	1.15	19,900	ton	53.00	1,055,000
	1963	26,000	1.00	26,000	ton	65.00	1,690,000
Miscellaneous, (Sunflower) (Straw) (Sugar cane)	1964	96	xx	1,070	ton	35.00	37,500
	1963	97	xx	827	ton	35.00	28,900
TOTAL	1964	593,547 2,700,000	Range				\$143,489,600
	1963*	577,730 2,700,000	Range				\$147,858,000

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa							
Buffalo	1964	1,240	548	679,000	lb.	\$.33	\$ 224,000
	1963	956	655	626,000	lb.	.43	269,000
Cody	1964	292	235	68,700	lb.	.35	24,000
	1963	462	331	153,000	lb.	.38	58,140
Moapa	1964	206	505	104,000	lb.	.36	37,400
	1963	218	523	114,000	lb.	.38	43,300
Ranger	1964	4,780	527	2,520,000	lb.	.32	806,000
	1963	5,360	515	2,762,000	lb.	.33	911,000
Williamsburg	1964	892	395	352,000	lb.	.32	113,000
	1963	696	490	341,000	lb.	.35	119,000
Other Varieties	1964	3,820	363	1,387,000	lb.	.39	541,000
	1963	3,540	376	1,331,000	lb.	.40	532,000
Barley	1964	473	2,753	1,302,000	lb.	.04	52,100
	1963	235	2,847	669,000	lb.	.04	26,800
Beans, Blackeye	1964	630	2,800	1,764,000	lb.	.09	159,000
	1963	1,120	2,213	2,479,000	lb.	.10	248,000
Clover and Sudan	1964	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1963	145	627	90,900	lb.	.22	20,000
Oats	1964	230	2,678	616,000	lb.	.04	24,600
	1963	98	2,347	230,000	lb.	.05	11,500
Wheat							
Ramona 50	1964	936	1,874	1,754,000	lb.	.04	70,200
	1963	375	3,195	1,198,000	lb.	.05	59,900
Miscellaneous	1964	61	xx	41,000	lb.	.33	13,500
	1963	24	xx	40,000	lb.	.31	12,400
TOTAL	1964	13,560					\$2,064,800
	1963	13,229					2,311,040

NONCERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Common and Other Varieties	1964	7,190	368	2,649,000	lb.	\$.34	\$ 901,000
	1963	7,940	333	2,646,000	lb.	.34	900,000
Beans	1964	517	1,393	720,000	lb.	.08	57,600
(Blackeyes)	1963	164	951	156,000	lb.	.08	12,500
(Brown Crowder)							
(Knuckle Hulls)							
(Purple Hulls)							
(Texas Creams)							
Grains	1964	396	xx	851,000	lb.	.04	34,000
(Barley)	1963	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
(Oats)							
(Rye)							
(Wheat)							
Grass	1964	240	xx	107,000	lb.	1.10	118,000
Miscellaneous	1963	297	xx	125,000	lb.	.95	119,000
Sugar Beet	1964	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1963	173	3,064	530,000	lb.	.18	95,400
Vegetable	1964	167	xx	86,100	lb.	.80	68,900
	1963	180	xx	69,900	lb.	.80	55,900
Miscellaneous	1964	440	xx	561,000	lb.	.09	50,500
(Castor Beans)	1963	127	xx	314,000	lb.	.04	12,600
(Mex. June Corn)							
(Millet)							
(Purple Vetch)							
(Sudan)							
(Safflower)							
(Sunflower)							
Screenings and Cleanings	1964	xx	xx	1,780	ton	21.40	38,100
	1963	xx	xx	2,440	ton	16.70	40,700
TOTAL	1964	8,950					\$1,268,100
	1963	8,881					1,236,100

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Carrots	1964	1,410	18.79	26,500	ton	\$ 22.50	\$ 596,000
	1963	1,690	15.33	25,900	ton	32.00	829,000
Corn, Sweet	1964	3,040	4.34	13,200	ton	108.00	1,426,000
	1963	3,980	3.69	14,700	ton	110.00	1,617,000
Garlic	1964	545	7.17	3,910	ton	129.00	504,000
	1963	690	4.71	3,250	ton	118.00	384,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1964	3,590	9.72	34,900	ton	100.00	3,490,000
	1963	3,260	9.42	30,700	ton	129.00	3,960,000
Other melons	1964	343	11.92	4,090	ton	121.00	495,000
	1963	315	12.54	3,950	ton	122.00	482,000
Watermelons	1964	2,100	14.96	31,400	ton	38.60	1,212,000
	1963	2,480	15.52	38,500	ton	33.30	1,282,000
<u>Onions, Total</u>	1964	2,727	16.08	43,850	ton	33.80	1,482,000
	1963*	1,910	20.32	38,810	ton	42.30	1,640,000
Dry	1964	407	22.73	9,250	ton	48.00	444,000
	1963*	320	26.28	8,410	ton	83.00	698,000
Dehydrator	1964	2,320	14.91	34,600	ton	30.00	1,038,000
	1963	1,590	19.12	30,400	ton	31.00	942,000
Peas, green	1964	789	2.59	2,040	ton	194.00	396,000
	1963	1,400	1.34	1,870	ton	204.00	381,000
<u>Potatoes, Total</u>	1964	39,400	17.72	698,160	ton	70.00	48,871,000
	1963	46,700	16.16	754,490	ton	35.10	26,480,000
Fresh Market	1964			536,000	ton	80.00	42,880,000
	1963			542,500	ton	40.55	21,992,000
Processed	1964			98,100	ton	52.00	5,101,000
	1963			83,800	ton	43.50	3,646,000
Seed	1964			6,960	ton	89.00	619,000
	1963			7,390	ton	56.70	419,000
Cull	1964			57,100	ton	4.75	271,000
	1963			120,800	ton	3.50	423,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1964	152	3.91	595	ton	160.00	95,200
	1963	168	10.48	1,760	ton	151.00	266,000

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VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Tomatoes	1964**	xx		xx		xx	
	1963	410	18.59	7,620	ton	\$96.50	\$ 735,000
Miscellaneous	1964	1,980	xx	19,500	ton	67.00	1,307,000
	1963	934	xx	3,790	ton	150.00	569,000
TOTAL	1964	56,076					\$59,874,200
	1963	63,937					38,625,000

** Not listed separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.
Included in miscellaneous production.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1964	41	10.40	426	ton	\$156.00	\$ 66,500
	1963	31	7.94	246	ton	216.00	53,000
<u>Grapes, All</u>	1964	34,242	7.81	267,575	ton	127.72	34,176,000
	<u>Total</u> **	1963	34,064	7.91	269,308	ton	112.60
<u>Raisin varieties</u>	1964	20,324					
	1963	20,253					
Fresh Market	1964			60,100	ton	260.00	15,626,000
	1963			61,000	ton	260.00	15,860,000
Raisins, dry weight	1964			6,150	ton	249.00	1,531,000
	1963			2,330	ton	240.00	559,000
Processed	1964			16,100	ton	58.00	934,000
	1963			14,400	ton	58.00	835,000
Crushed	1964			51,600	ton	45.60	2,353,000
	1963			66,800	ton	33.00	2,204,000
<u>Table varieties</u>	1964	10,267					
	1963	9,992					
Fresh Market	1964			38,100	ton	263.00	10,020,000
	1963			31,600	ton	240.00	7,584,000
Raisins, dry weight	1964			xx		xx	xx
	1963			22	ton	440.00	9,680
Crushed	1964			32,700	ton	39.00	1,275,000
	1963			35,200	ton	28.00	986,000
<u>Wine varieties</u>	1964	3,651					
	1963	3,319					
Crushed	1964			41,300	ton	59.00	2,437,000
	1963			50,900	ton	45.00	2,291,000

**Production includes raisins on a fresh equivalent basis.

Drying ratio: 1964 - 4.5 to 1
1963 - 4 to 1

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Citrus							
Grapefruit	1964	7	8.57	60	ton	\$120.00	\$ 7,200
	1963*	8	9.38	75	ton	80.00	6,000
Oranges, Navel	1964	1,378	13.20	18,200	ton	94.50	1,720,000
	1963*	1,239	11.14	13,800	ton	138.00	1,904,000
Oranges, Valencia	1964**	135	13.33	1,800	ton	87.00	157,000
	1963*	62	8.45	524	ton	75.00	39,300
Tangerines	1964	94	8.00	752	ton	175.00	132,000
	1963*	78	5.33	416	ton	215.00	89,400
Nectarines	1964	387	5.35	2,070	ton	275.00	569,000
	1963	392	2.56	1,005	ton	395.00	397,000
Olives	1964	171	2.96	506	ton	204.00	103,000
	1963	105	3.40	357	ton	245.00	87,500
<u>Peaches, Total</u>	1964	2,013	7.92	15,940	ton	153.39	2,445,000
	1963	1,802	6.89	12,418	ton	203.41	2,526,000
Fresh Market	1964			8,840	ton	230.00	2,033,000
	1963			6,038	ton	354.00	2,137,000
Processed	1964			7,100	ton	58.00	412,000
	1963			6,380	ton	61.00	389,000
Plums	1964	1,851	4.06	7,520	ton	242.00	1,820,000
	1963	1,870	4.65	8,690	ton	290.00	2,520,000
Pomegranates	1964	84	1.13	95	ton	75.00	7,130
	1963	84	0.86	72	ton	104.00	7,490
Miscellaneous	1964	512	xx	4,070	ton	190.00	773,000
	1963	438	xx	2,490	ton	212.00	528,000
TOTAL	1964	40,915					\$41,975,830
	1963*	40,173*					38,486,370

* Revised

** Includes 60 acres not classified as bearing by the Crop Reporting Service which produced a commercial crop in 1964.

<u>NURSERY PRODUCTS</u>	YEAR	ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Nursery Crops</u>						
Citrus Trees	1964	60	258,000	plant	\$2.30	\$ 593,000
	1963	56	163,000	plant	2.30	375,000
Trees and Shrubs	1964	58	470,000	plant	.56	263,000
	1963	79	653,000	plant	.45	294,000
Grapevines	1964	63	1,378,000	plant	.07	96,500
	1963	71	1,482,000	plant	.06	88,900
Rose plants	1964	425	6,295,000	plant	.315	1,983,000
	1963	455	5,997,000	plant	.35	2,099,000
Plants and propagative material	1964	15	xx		xx	26,000
	1963	15	xx		xx	78,300
<u>Cut Flowers & Turf</u>	1964	111	xx		xx	130,000
	1963	46	xx		xx	59,800
TOTAL	1964	732				\$3,091,500
	1963	722				2,995,000

APIARY PRODUCTS	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1964	655,000	lb.	\$.12	\$ 78,600
	1963	416,000	lb.	.14	58,200
Beeswax	1964	11,000	lb.	.42	4,620
	1963	8,700	lb.	.44	3,830
Pollination	1964	14,600	colony	4.40	64,200
	1963	12,500	colony	4.50	56,300
TOTAL	1964				\$ 147,420
	1963				118,330

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1964	367,500	2,125,000	cwt.	\$20.00	\$ 42,500,000
	1963	310,000	1,802,000	cwt.	21.50	38,743,000
Sheep and lambs	1964	198,000	192,000	cwt.	19.50	3,744,000
	1963	191,000	169,000	cwt.	16.30	2,755,000
Hogs	1964	5,200	12,500	cwt.	16.10	201,000
	1963	4,360	9,230	cwt.	16.10	149,000
Horses	1964	xx	xx		xx	409,000
	1963	xx	xx		xx	317,000
Broilers and fryers	1964	792,000	2,770,000	lb.	.165	457,000
	1963	561,000	1,963,500	lb.	.17	334,000
Chickens, other	1964	310,000	1,552,000	lb.	.055	85,400
	1963	335,000	1,675,000	lb.	.07	117,000
Turkeys	1964	472,000	10,157,000	lb.	.21	2,133,000
	1963	419,000	8,658,000	lb.	.22	1,905,000
Rabbits	1964	16,000	64,000	ea.	1.00	16,000
	1963	16,000	64,000	ea.	1.00	16,000
Game birds and squab	1964	xx	xx		xx	85,700
	1963	xx	xx		xx	60,000
TOTAL	1964					\$ 49,631,100
	1963					44,396,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk					
Market	1964	1,467,000	cwt.	\$ 3.98	\$ 5,839,000
	1963*	1,306,000	cwt.	3.91	5,106,000
Manufacturing	1964	3,210	cwt.	3.08	9,890
	1963*	2,900	cwt.	2.90	8,410
Wool	1964	1,941,000	lb.	.475	922,000
	1963	1,853,000	lb.	.435	806,000
Eggs, chicken	1964	6,519,000	doz.	.39	2,542,000
Market	1963	7,087,000	doz.	.38	2,693,000
Misc. Items	1964	xx		xx	900,000
	1963	xx		xx	505,000
TOTAL	1964				\$ 10,212,890
	1963				9,118,410

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JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1964-1965
(In number of head)

ITEM	January 1, 1964	January 1, 1965
* <u>All cattle and calves</u>	274,800	293,600
* Cattle on feed	133,100	138,000
* Milk cows, two years and over	13,200	14,400
* Sheep and lambs	169,300	172,700
* Hogs	6,500**	5,300
Hens and pullets of laying age	347,000	327,000

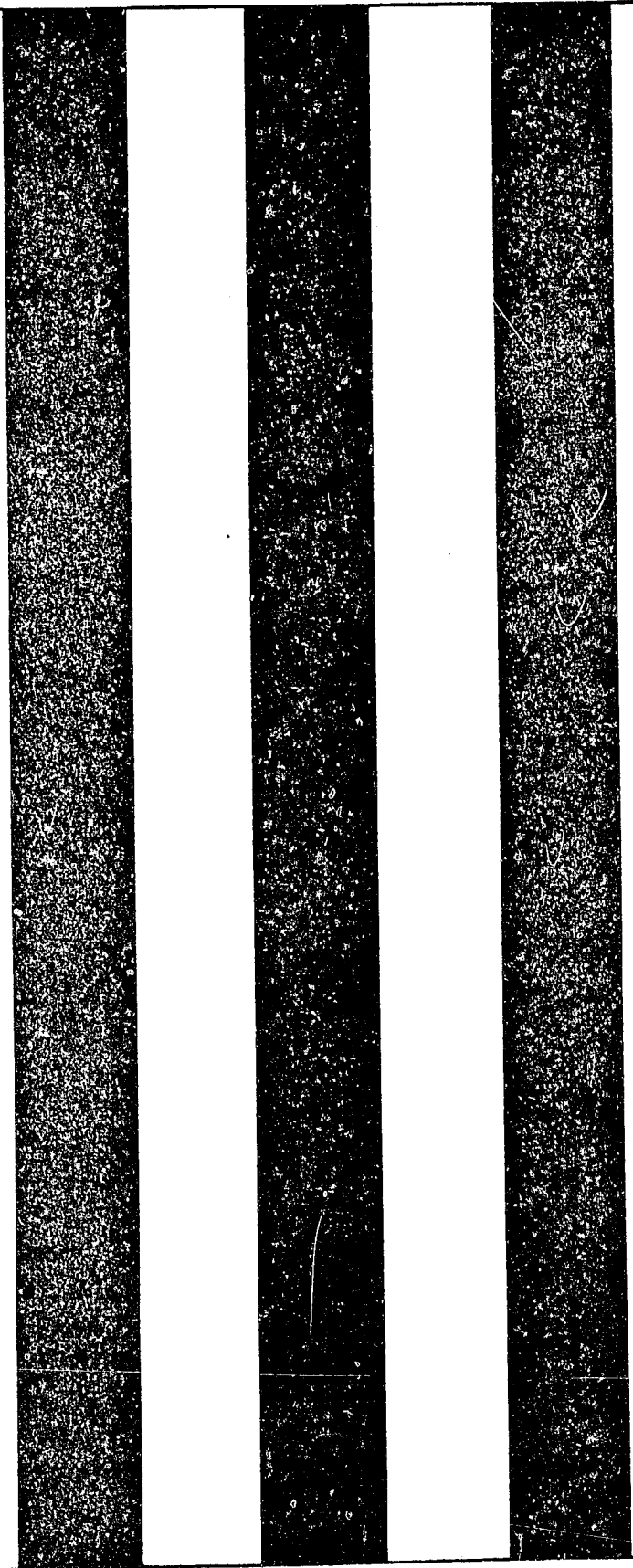
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		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1964	593,547 2,700,000	\$ 143,489,600
	1963*	577,130 2,700,000	147,858,000
Certified Seed Crops	1964	13,560	2,064,800
	1963	13,229	2,311,040
Noncertified Seed Crops	1964	8,950	1,268,100
	1963	8,881	1,236,100
Vegetable Crops	1964	56,076	59,874,200
	1963*	63,937	38,625,000
Fruit and Nut Crops	1964	40,915	41,975,830
	1963*	40,173	38,486,370
Nursery Products	1964	732	3,091,500
	1963	722	2,995,000
Apiary Products	1964		147,420
	1963		118,330
Livestock and Poultry	1964		49,631,100
	1963		44,396,000
Livestock and Poultry Products	1964		10,212,890
	1963*		9,118,410
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1964	713,780	
RANGELAND	1964	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1964		\$ 311,755,440
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1963*	704,672	
RANGELAND	1963	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1963*		\$ 285,144,250

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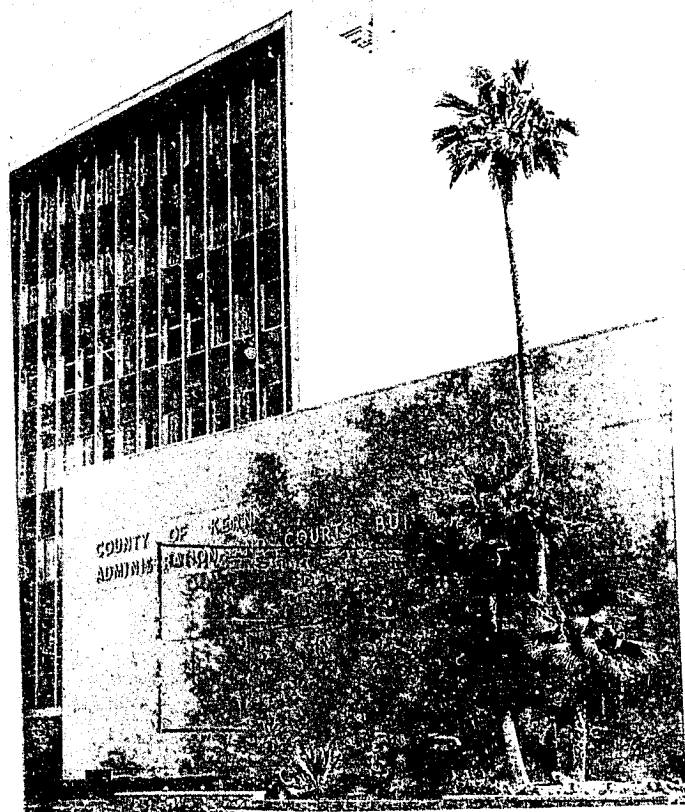
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The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all agricultural crops produced in the county, including livestock and livestock products. The values quoted are gross figures and do not represent net income to the farmers of this county. Acreage of permanent crops is actual bearing acres only, all other crops are reported as harvested acreage.

The total value of all crops produced in the county amounted to an estimated \$349,215,800, which is 12% above the revised 1964 value of \$310,476,450. This represents the greatest gross return to agriculture in the history of the county; however, it must be emphasized that cost of production has continued to spiral upward and in many instances net returns to growers have been below their cost of production figures.

The estimated value of cotton is \$78,501,000, which is 13% less than the 1964 figures of \$90,328,000. Fewer acres were planted, and in addition unfavorable weather conditions both in the spring and in the fall contributed toward a decrease in pounds lint per acre and a loss in grade which is reflected in the average price received. Ginnings were delayed and as a result the official census report is not available at this time. The production figures as shown are subject to change when final reports have been compiled.

1965 was a record year for potato growers. Demand and price remained at a high level throughout the late spring season, which resulted in orderly marketing of the crop. The total value of potatoes is \$74,587,400, an increase of 53% above the \$48,871,000 crop of 1964. Records show that greater tonnage has been produced in former years, but the value of \$105.00 per ton for late spring market potatoes has never been exceeded.

Beef cattle production and value increased considerably. A greater number of head moved through the feed yards, and price per pound received was also greater than a year ago.

Value of the grape crop decreased 22% from \$34,176,000 in 1964 to \$26,577,000 in 1965. More acres came into production and both yield and production were higher than the previous year, but demand was slow and low prices prevailed throughout the season,

Our report indicates that twenty crops, including livestock and livestock products, were valued at over two million dollars each, and agriculture continues to be the leading industry in the County of Kern.

We are proud of the records established, and extend our sincere thanks to all who have assisted our personnel by supplying them with the information for this report which is so widely used by allied and other industries, not only in this county but throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Seldon Morley

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Agricultural Commissioner

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PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	231	1,219	1,450
Apples	62	317	379
Apricots	141	84	225
Cherries	1	14	15
Figs	1	0	1
Grapefruit	7	0	7
Grapes, Raisin	21,167	622	21,789
Table	10,923	838	11,761
Wine	4,837	385	5,222
Nectarines	384	5	389
Olives	171	75	246
Oranges, Navel	1,992	2,127	4,119
Tangerines	94	216	310
Valencia	209	1,665	1,874
Other	0	1	1
Peaches, Cling	530	133	663
Freestone	1,497	88	1,585
Pears	218	99	317
Pecans	4	1	5
Persimmons	13	0	13
Plums	2,080	255	2,335
Pomegranates	84	6	90
Walnuts	9	4	13
TOTAL	44,655	8,154	52,809

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1965	95,400	1.57	150,000	ton	\$ 49.00	\$ 7,350,000
	1964	96,700	1.55	150,000	ton	45.00	6,750,000
Beans, dry edible	1965	12,100	1.21	14,600	ton	200.00	2,920,000
	1964	12,200	1.07	13,100	ton	157.00	2,057,000
Beans, castor	1965	180	1.00	180	ton	184.00	33,100
	1964	171	1.10	188	ton	120.00	22,600
Corn, field	1965	1,380	2.30	3,170	ton	56.50	179,000
	1964	710	2.00	1,420	ton	54.50	77,400
Cotton lint	1965	171,700	a/1222	b/438,000	bales	c/.3200	70,080,000
	1964*	175,600	a/1245	b/457,000	bales	c/.3560	81,346,000
Cottonseed	1965			166,700	ton	47.00	7,835,000
	1964*			173,600	ton	48.00	8,333,000
Cottonseed, planting	1965			8,500	ton	68.90	586,000
	1964			9,200	ton	70.50	649,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1965	138,000	7.25	1,000,000	ton	23.00	23,000,000
	1964	130,000	7.95	1,033,000	ton	23.70	24,482,000
Grain	1965	14,100	3.26	46,000	ton	29.00	1,334,000
	1964	14,200	3.08	43,800	ton	27.75	1,215,000
Other Tame	1965	2,250	6.00	13,500	ton	22.00	297,000
	1964	1,680	4.54	7,620	ton	24.80	189,000
Oats	1965	710	1.48	1,050	ton	48.00	50,400
	1964	1,190	1.65	1,960	ton	47.00	92,100
Pasture, Irrigated	1965	25,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,500,000
	1964	22,900	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,290,000
Other	1965	55,000	xx	xx	acre	9.50	522,000
	1964	56,100	xx	xx	acre	10.00	561,000
Range	1965	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,700,000
	1964	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,700,000
Peanuts	1965	651	0.816	531	ton	347.00	184,000
	1964	720	0.71	509	ton	347.00	177,000

- a. Pounds lint per acre
b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
c. Price per pound
* Revised

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1965	1,900	2.47	4,700	ton	\$ 96.00	\$ 451,000
	1964	2,150	2.10	4,520	ton	96.00	434,000
Safflower	1965	5,570	1.17	6,500	ton	82.00	533,000
	1964	4,540	1.70	7,730	ton	75.00	580,000
Silage	1965	6,270	23.90	150,000	ton	7.30	1,095,000
	1964	6,690	25.70	172,000	ton	7.15	1,230,000
Sorghum grain	1965	26,800	2.39	64,000	ton	45.00	2,880,000
	1964	22,000	2.11	46,400	ton	45.50	2,111,000
Sugar beets	1965	20,000	23.50	470,000	ton	9.70	4,559,000
	1964*	28,600	20.56	588,000	ton	9.80	5,762,000
Wheat	1965	13,400	1.16	15,600	ton	51.00	796,000
	1964	17,300	1.15	19,900	ton	53.00	1,055,000
Miscellaneous, (Straw (Sugar cane)	1965	1,210	xx	1,210	ton	xx	20,200
	1964	96	xx	1,070	ton	xx	37,500
TOTAL	1965	591,621					\$129,904,700
		2,700,000	Range				
	1964*	593,547					142,150,600
		2,700,000	Range				

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa	1965*	xx	xx	xx		\$	xx
Buffalo	1964	1,240	548	679,000	lb.	.33	224,000
Cody	1965*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1964	292	235	68,700	lb.	.35	24,000
Moapa	1965	205	561	115,000	lb.	.30	34,500
	1964	206	505	104,000	lb.	.36	37,400
Ranger	1965	4,260	446	1,900,000	lb.	.34	646,000
	1964	4,780	527	2,520,000	lb.	.32	806,000
Williamsburg	1965*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1964	892	395	352,000	lb.	.32	113,000
Other Varieties	1965	6,100	313	1,910,000	lb.	.39	745,000
	1964	3,820	363	1,387,000	lb.	.39	541,000
Barley	1965	724	3,012	2,181,000	lb.	.03	65,400
	1964	473	2,753	1,302,000	lb.	.04	52,100
Cowpeas (Blackeye)	1965	111	1,090	121,000	lb.	.10	12,100
	1964	630	2,800	1,764,000	lb.	.09	159,000
Oats	1965	332	1,840	611,000	lb.	.03	18,300
	1964	230	2,678	616,000	lb.	.04	24,600
Wheat, Ramona 50	1965	103	1,592	164,000	lb.	.05	8,200
	1964	936	1,874	1,754,000	lb.	.04	70,200
Miscellaneous (clover)	1965	110	xx	76,900	lb.	xx	24,600
(peanuts)	1964	61	xx	41,000	lb.	xx	13,500
TOTAL	1965	11,945					\$1,554,100
	1964	13,560					2,064,800

*Not listed separately in 1965 in order to avoid revealing individual operations. These are included with "other varieties".

NONCERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Common and Other Varieties	1965	7,490	288	2,155,000	lb.	\$.36	\$ 776,000
	1964	7,190	368	2,649,000	lb.	.34	901,000
Cowpeas (Blackeye)	1965	200	1,500	300,000	lb.	.10	30,000
	1964	517	1,393	720,000	lb.	.08	57,600
Grain { Barley Oats Wheat }	1965	145	xx	382,000	lb.	.03	11,500
	1964	396	xx	851,000	lb.	.04	34,000
Miscellaneous { Grass Mex. June Corn Sudan }	1965	466	xx	557,000	lb.	xx	178,000
	1964	680	xx	768,000	lb.	xx	168,500
Pe Vegetable	1965	219	xx	122,000	lb.	.71	86,600
	1964	167	xx	86,100	lb.	.80	68,900
Screenings and Cleanings	1965	xx	xx	1,070	ton	24.00	25,700
	1964	xx	xx	1,780	ton	21.40	38,100
TOTAL	1965	8,520					\$1,107,800
	1964	8,950					1,268,100

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Carrots	1965	1,450	14.55	21,100	ton	\$ 50.00	\$1,055,000
	1964	1,410	18.79	26,500	ton	22.50	596,000
Corn, Sweet	1965	3,220	4.04	13,000	ton	118.00	1,534,000
	1964	3,040	4.34	13,200	ton	108.00	1,426,000
Garlic	1965	615	6.99	4,300	ton	120.00	516,000
	1964	545	7.17	3,910	ton	129.00	504,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1965	3,440	7.67	26,400	ton	103.00	2,719,000
	1964	3,590	9.72	34,900	ton	100.00	3,490,000
Other melons	1965	450	10.73	4,830	ton	170.00	821,000
	1964	343	11.92	4,090	ton	121.00	495,000
Watermelons	1965	2,090	13.01	27,200	ton	29.30	797,000
	1964	2,100	14.96	31,400	ton	38.60	1,212,000
<u>Onions, Total</u>	1965	2,891	22.31	64,500	ton	43.16	2,784,000
	1964	2,727	16.08	43,850	ton	33.80	1,482,000
Dry	1965	711	22.36	15,900	ton	80.30	1,277,000
	1964	407	22.73	9,250	ton	48.00	444,000
Dehydrator	1965	2,180	22.29	48,600	ton	31.00	1,507,000
	1964	2,320	14.91	34,600	ton	30.00	1,038,000
Peas, green	1965	485	4.10	1,990	ton	207.00	412,000
	1964	789	2.59	2,040	ton	194.00	396,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1965	358	5.28	1,890	ton	162.00	306,000
	1964	152	3.91	595	ton	160.00	95,200
<u>Potatoes, Total</u>	1965	58,000	15.36	890,870	ton	83.72	74,587,400
	1964	39,400	17.72	698,160	ton	70.00	48,871,000
<u>Late Spring</u>	1965	49,700					
	1964	33,800					
Fresh Market	1965			604,000	ton	105.00	63,420,000
	1964			493,200	ton	80.00	39,456,000
Processed	1965			143,000	ton	48.00	6,864,000
	1964			92,700	ton	52.00	4,820,200
Culls	1965			53,300	ton	4.50	240,000
	1964			52,700	ton	4.75	250,000

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Potatoes</u>							
<u>Winter</u>	1965	8,300					
	1964	5,600					
Fresh Market	1965			77,600	ton	48.00	3,725,000
	1964			42,800	ton	30.00	3,424,000
Processed	1965			6,360	ton	49.00	312,000
	1964			5,400	ton	52.00	280,800
Seed	1965*			xx			xx
	1964			6,960	ton	89.00	619,000
Culls	1965			6,610	ton	4.00	26,400
	1964			4,400	ton	4.75	21,000
Tomatoes, Total	1965	1,036	14.92	15,460	ton	61.51	951,000
	1964**	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Fresh Market	1965	236	12.12	2,860	ton	177.00	506,000
	1964	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Processed	1965	800	15.75	12,600	ton	35.30	445,000
	1964	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Miscellaneous	1965	1,660	xx	6,850	ton	xx	1,069,000
	1964	1,980	xx	19,500	ton	xx	1,307,000
(Asparagus, processed)							
(Green Beans							
(Cucumbers							
(Lettuce							
(Peas, processed							
(Squash							
TOTAL	1965	75,695					\$87,551,400
	1964	56,076					59,874,200

*Included in Fresh Market

**Included in Miscellaneous

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1965	62	5.82	361	ton	\$188.00	\$ 67,900
	1964	41	10.40	426	ton	156.00	66,500
<u>Grapes, Total</u>	1965	36,927	7.82	288,837	ton	92.01	26,577,000
	1964	34,242	7.81	267,575	ton	127.72	34,176,000
<u>Raisin Varieties</u>	1965	21,167					
	1964	20,324					
Fresh Market	1965			53,200	ton	210.00	11,172,000
	1964			60,100	ton	260.00	15,626,000
Raisins, dry weight	1965*			6,360	ton	224.00	1,425,000
	1964*			6,150	ton	249.00	1,531,000
Processed	1965			10,000	ton	50.00	500,000
	1964			16,100	ton	58.00	934,000
Crushed	1965			72,700	ton	28.00	2,036,000
	1964			51,600	ton	45.60	2,353,000
<u>Table Varieties</u>	1965	10,923					
	1964	10,267					
Fresh Market	1965			37,200	ton	212.00	7,886,000
	1964			38,100	ton	263.00	10,020,000
Crushed	1965			37,100	ton	23.00	853,000
	1964			32,700	ton	39.00	1,275,000
<u>Wine Varieties</u>	1965	4,837					
	1964	3,651					
Crushed	1965			48,300	ton	56.00	2,705,000
	1964			41,300	ton	59.00	2,437,000

*Total production includes raisins on a fresh equivalent basis.

Drying ratio: 1965 - 4.77 to 1

1964 - 4.50 to 1

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL	
<u>Citrus</u>								
Grapefruit	1965	7	9.00	63	ton	\$ 80.00	\$ 5,040	
	1964	7	8.57	60	ton	120.00	7,200	
Oranges, Navel	1965	1,992	14.41	28,700	ton	73.00	2,095,000	
	1964	1,378	13.20	18,200	ton	94.50	1,720,000	
Oranges, Valencia	1965	209	20.38	4,260	ton	58.30	248,000	
	1964*	135	13.33	1,800	ton	87.00	157,000	
Tangerines	1965	94	10.96	1,030	ton	140.00	144,000	
	1964	94	8.00	752	ton	175.00	132,000	
Nectarines	1965	384	3.44	1,320	ton	258.00	341,000	
	1964	387	5.35	2,070	ton	275.00	569,000	
Peaches, Total	1965	2,027	6.40	12,980	ton	167.72	2,177,000	
	1964	2,013	7.92	15,940	ton	153.39	2,445,000	
Fresh Market	1965			6,770	ton	267.00	1,808,000	
	1964			8,840	ton	230.00	2,033,000	
Processed	1965			6,210	ton	59.50	369,000	
	1964			7,100	ton	58.00	412,000	
Plums	1965	2,080	4.19	8,720	ton	212.00	1,849,000	
	1964	1,851	4.06	7,520	ton	242.00	1,820,000	
Pomegranates	1965	84	1.61	135	ton	73.00	9,860	
	1964	84	1.13	95	ton	75.00	7,130	
Miscellaneous (Almonds) (Apricots) (Olives) (Pears) (Persimmons) (Plums)	1965	618	xx	6,860	ton	xx	954,000	
	1964	638	xx	4,070	ton	xx	876,000	
TOTAL	1965	44,484					\$34,467,800	
	1964	40,915					41,975,830	

*Includes 60 acres not classified as bearing by the Crop Reporting Service which produced a commercial crop in 1964.

NURSERY PRODUCTS	YEAR	ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Citrus Trees	1965	80	374,000	plant	\$2.60	\$ 972,000
	1964	60	258,000	plant	2.30	593,000
Trees and Shrubs	1965	76	580,000	plant	.55	319,000
	1964	58	470,000	plant	.56	263,000
Rose Plants	1965	496	7,353,000	plant	.35	2,574,000
	1964	425	6,295,000	plant	.315	1,983,000
Plants, propagative material, and cut flowers	1965	204	xx	xx	xx	293,000
	1964*	189	xx	xx	xx	252,500
TOTAL	1965	856				\$4,158,000
	1964	732				3,091,500

*Includes grapevines and cut flowers published separately in 1964.

APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1965	433,000	lb.	\$.105	\$ 45,500
	1965	655,000	lb.	.12	78,600
Beeswax	1965	7,220	lb.	.43	3,100
	1964	11,000	lb.	.42	4,620
Pollination	1965	6,810	colony	4.50	30,600
	1964	14,600	colony	4.40	64,200
TOTAL	1965				\$ 79,200
	1964				147,420

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1965	504,000	3,236,000	cwt.	\$21.50	\$ 69,574,000
	1964	367,500	2,125,000	cwt.	20.00	42,500,000
Sheep and lambs	1965	208,000	190,000	cwt.	22.00	4,180,000
	1964	198,000	192,000	cwt.	19.50	3,744,000
Hogs	1965	3,920	7,970	cwt.	19.00	151,000
	1964	5,200	12,500	cwt.	16.10	201,000
Horses	1965	xx	xx		xx	394,000
	1964	xx	xx		xx	409,000
Broilers and fryers	1965	593,000	2,075,000	lb.	.172	357,000
	1964	792,000	2,770,000	lb.	.165	457,000
Chickens, other	1965	471,000	2,355,000	lb.	.06	141,000
	1964	310,000	1,552,000	lb.	.055	85,400
Turkeys	1965	766,000	14,457,000	lb.	.225	3,253,000
	1964	472,000	10,157,000	lb.	.21	2,133,000
Rabbits	1965	12,700	50,800	ea.	1.05	13,300
	1964	16,000	64,000	ea.	1.00	16,000
Game birds and squab	1965	xx	xx		xx	114,000
	1964	xx	xx		xx	85,700
TOTAL	1965					\$ 78,177,300
	1964					49,631,100

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk					
Market	1965	1,651,000	cwt.	\$ 4.40	\$ 6,670,000
	1964*	1,482,000	cwt.	3.98	5,898,000
Manufacturing	1965	1,980	cwt.	3.28	6,500
	1964*	3,500	cwt.	3.11	10,900
Wool	1965	1,956,000	lb.	.419	820,000
	1964	1,941,000	lb.	.475	922,000
Eggs, chicken	1965	10,219,000	doz.	.37	3,781,000
Market	1964	6,519,000	doz.	.39	2,542,000
Miscellaneous	1965	xx	xx	xx	938,000
	1964	xx	xx	xx	900,000
TOTAL	1965				\$ 12,215,500
	1964				10,272,900

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JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1965-1966
(In number of head)

ITEM	January 1, 1965	January 1, 1966
* <u>All cattle and calves</u>	298,600	328,600
* Cattle on feed	138,000	161,446
* Milk cows, two years and over	14,400	14,800
* Stock sheep and lambs	172,700	181,200
* Hogs	5,300	6,500
Hens and pullets of laying age	327,000	394,750

*Estimates of California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

S U M M A R Y

		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1965	591,621 2,700,000	\$ 129,904,700
	1964*	593,547 2,700,000	142,150,600
Certified Seed Crops	1965	11,945	1,554,100
	1964	13,560	2,064,800
Noncertified Seed Crops	1965	8,520	1,107,800
	1964	8,950	1,268,100
Vegetable Crops	1965	75,695	87,551,400
	1964	56,076	59,874,200
Fruit and Nut Crops	1965	44,484	34,467,800
	1964	40,915	41,975,830
Nursery Products	1965	856	4,158,000
	1964	732	3,091,500
Apiary Products	1965		79,200
	1964		147,420
Livestock and Poultry	1965		78,177,300
	1964		49,631,100
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	1964*		10,272,900
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1965	733,121	
(Irrigated acres 699,461)			
(Dry Farm Barley 27,700)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 5,960)			
RANGELAND	1965	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1965		\$ 349,215,800
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1964	713,780	
(Irrigated acres 686,080)			
(Dry Farm Barley 24,000)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 3,700)			
RANGELAND	1964	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1964*		\$ 310,476,450

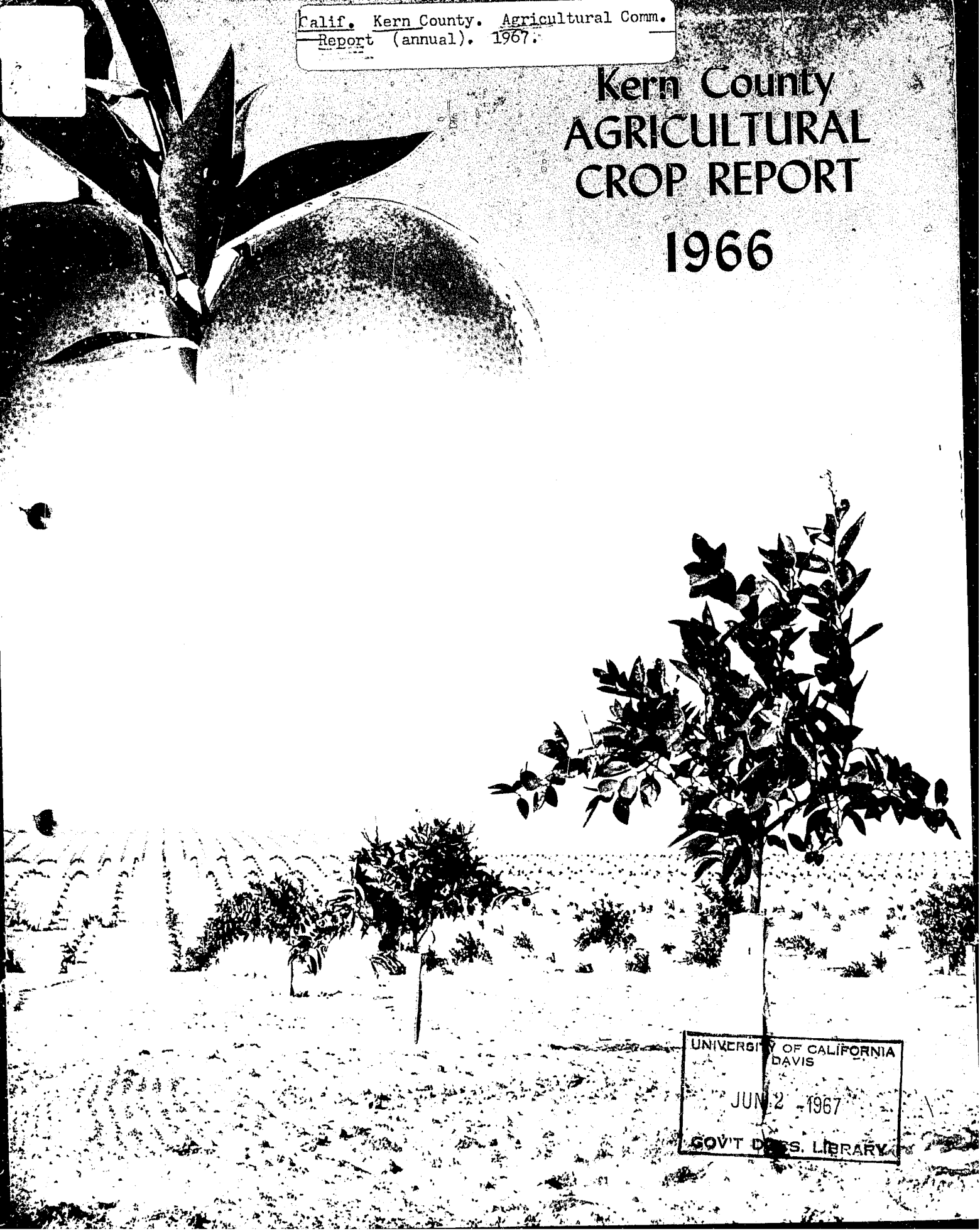
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County of Kern

The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code. The values quoted are gross figures and do not represent net income to the farmers of this county.

The total value of all crops produced amounted to an estimated \$301,712,260 which is 14% below the revised 1965 valuation of \$351,279,710. It can be appreciated that the percentage of decrease is not much more when we realize that some of the greatest money producing crops were on the minus side when compared with a year ago.

In 1947 cotton became the number one crop in Kern County and has held that position for nineteen years. Now there has been a change and the number one position is claimed by beef cattle with a total valuation of \$65,588,000. It is the first time in the history of county crop reporting that a segment of the livestock industry has exceeded the valuation of a planted crop. Fewer head of cattle moved through the feed yards during the year. Average price per pound was higher, but the net result was still a 7% reduction in gross value to producers from the \$69,574,000 received in 1965.

Cotton is still the major planted crop despite a reduction in acreage from 171,700 to 156,200. Unfavorable weather conditions and one of the worst years on record for insect damage contributed to a 32% decrease from \$78,736,800 in 1965 to \$53,820,000 in 1966. Production estimates available at this time indicate it is the first year since 1955 that the average yield has been less than one thousand pounds net lint per acre.

Potato growers suffered a complete reversal from the outstanding 1965 season. Demand was poor throughout the late spring season, many cars rolled unsold, prices were extremely low, and growers found it difficult to get back their cost of production.

On the brighter side, alfalfa hay was one of the best income crops of the year. Yields were up, price per ton was up, and the result was a 30% increase above 1965 figures.

Grape growers were beset by many problems but were still able to post a gain from the prior year and increase gross value by 15%.

The ten most valuable crops in Kern County listed in order of their importance are as follows: beef cattle, cotton, potatoes, grapes, alfalfa hay, barley, milk, navel oranges, sugar beets, sheep and lambs and sorghum grain.

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Despite all efforts put forth to keep pink bollworm out of Kern County it was discovered in the Cantil area in October. Stringent regulations have been put into effect. Growers and all others concerned are cooperating to the fullest extent in an effort to prevent further spread of the pest into the great San Joaquin Valley.

We are grateful to Kern County farmers for supplying our personnel with the information contained in this report, and to all others who continue to cooperate by helping to make the report as accurate and complete as possible.

Respectfully submitted,


C. Seldon Morley
Agricultural Commissioner

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PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	315	3,589	3,904
Apples	152	450	602
Apricots	35	85	120
Avocados	--	9	9
Cherries	1	14	15
Figs	1	--	1
Grapefruit	5	--	5
Grapes, Raisin	21,495	309	21,804
Table	10,909	628	11,537
Wine	4,990	207	5,197
All	37,394	1,144	38,538
Lemons	--	67	67
Nectarines	322	5	325
Olives	152	75	227
Oranges, Navel	2,525	3,119	7,644
Tangerines	100	315	415
Valencia	483	3,164	3,647
Peaches	2,105	197	2,302
Pears	285	76	361
Pecans	4	1	5
Persimmons	9	--	9
Pistachio Nuts	--	2	2
Plums	2,086	352	2,438
Pomegranates	90	--	90
Quince	--	3	3
Walnuts	9	96	105

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1966	93,400	1.71	160,000	ton	\$ 50.50	\$ 8,080,000
	1965	95,400	1.57	150,000	ton	49.00	7,350,000
Beans, dry edible	1966	16,000	1.08	17,300	ton	150.00	2,595,000
	1965	12,100	1.21	14,600	ton	200.00	2,920,000
Beans, Castor	1966	205	1.00	205	ton	200.00	41,000
	1965	180	1.00	180	ton	184.00	33,100
Corn, Field	1966	1,300	3.23	4,200	ton	53.00	223,000
	1965	1,380	2.30	3,170	ton	56.50	179,000
Cotton Lint	1966	156,200	a/ 975	b/318,000	bales	c/.2900	46,110,000
	1965*	171,700	a/1225	b/439,330	bales	c/.3200	70,292,800
Cottonseed	1966			121,350	ton	60.00	7,275,000
	1965*			167,200	ton	47.00	7,858,000
Cottonseed, planting	1966			5,750	ton	75.70	435,000
	1965			8,500	ton	68.90	586,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1966	120,000	8.89	1,067,000	ton	28.00	29,876,000
	1965	138,000	7.25	1,000,000	ton	23.00	23,000,000
Grain	1966	12,000	3.35	40,200	ton	30.00	1,206,000
	1965	14,100	3.26	46,000	ton	29.00	1,334,000
Other Tame	1966	3,400	5.85	19,900	ton	26.00	517,000
	1965	2,250	6.00	13,500	ton	22.00	297,000
Oats	1966	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1965	710	1.48	1,050	ton	48.00	50,400
Pasture, Irrigated	1966	21,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,100,000
	1965	25,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,500,000
Other	1966	36,500	xx	xx	acre	9.50	347,000
	1965	55,000	xx	xx	acre	9.50	522,000
Range	1966	2,698,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,698,000
	1965	2,700,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,700,000
Peanuts	1966	689	0.866	597	ton	358.00	214,000
	1965	651	0.816	531	ton	347.00	184,000

- a. Pounds lint per acre
b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
c. Price per pound
* Revised

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1966	1,900	2.53	4,800	ton	\$ 100.00	\$ 480,000
	1965	1,900	2.47	4,700	ton	96.00	451,000
Safflower	1966	17,500	1.31	23,000	ton	100.00	2,300,000
	1965	5,570	1.17	6,500	ton	82.00	533,000
Silage	1966	6,200	24.60	153,000	ton	7.00	1,071,000
	1965	6,270	23.90	150,000	ton	7.30	1,095,000
Sorghum grain	1966	41,300	2.26	93,200	ton	44.50	4,147,000
	1965	26,800	2.39	64,000	ton	45.00	2,880,000
Sugar beets	1966	20,000	20.20	404,000	ton	11.40	4,606,000
	1965	20,000	23.50	470,000	ton	9.70	4,559,000
Wheat	1966	20,000	1.20	23,900	ton	54.50	1,303,000
	1965	13,400	1.16	15,600	ton	51.00	796,000
Miscellaneous (Oats) (Straw)	1966	1,250	xx	1,300	ton	xx	21,300
	1965	1,210	xx	1,210	ton	xx	20,200
TOTAL	1966	568,844					\$115,645,300
		2,698,000	Range				
	1965*	591,621					130,140,500
		2,700,000	Range				

* Revised

CERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Ranger	1966	2,990	451	1,348,000	lb.	\$.38	\$ 512,000
	1965	4,260	446	1,900,000	lb.	.34	646,000
Proprietary and Other Varieties	1966	5,210	423	2,204,000	lb.	.39	860,000
	1965	6,305	321	2,025,000	lb.	.385	779,500
Barley	1966*	771	3,013	2,323,000	lb.	.04	92,900
	1965	724	3,012	2,181,000	lb.	.03	65,400
Cowpeas, Blackeye	1966	773	1,635	1,264,000	lb.	.08	101,000
	1965	111	1,090	121,000	lb.	.10	12,100
Oats	1966*	152	2,355	358,000	lb.	.04	14,300
	1965	332	1,840	611,000	lb.	.03	18,300
Wheat, Ramona 50	1966	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1965	103	1,592	164,000	lb.	.05	8,200
Miscellaneous (Clover) (Milo) (Peanuts) (Wheat)	1966	207	xx	226,000	lb.	xx	45,000
	1965	110	xx	76,900	lb.	xx	24,600
TOTAL	1966	10,103					\$1,625,200
	1965	11,945					1,554,100

* Portion bought roadside

NONCERTIFIED SEED CROPS YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE		
		PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Alfalfa, Common and Other Varieties	1966	6,260	397	2,487,000	lb.	\$.36	\$ 895,000
	1965	7,490	288	2,155,000	lb.	.36	776,000
Grain (Barley) (Oats) (Wheat)	1966*	523	xx	724,000	lb.	.04	29,000
	1965	145	xx	382,000	lb.	.03	11,500
Miscellaneous (Cowpeas) (Grass)	1966**	805	xx	373,000	lb.	xx	104,000
	1965	666	xx	857,000	lb.	xx	208,000
Vegetable	1966	380	xx	318,000	lb.	.33	105,000
	1965	219	xx	122,000	lb.	.71	86,600
Screenings and Cleanings	1966	xx	xx	1,410	ton	21.40	30,200
	1965	xx	xx	1,070	ton	24.00	25,700
TOTAL	1966	7,968					\$1,163,200
	1965	8,520					1,107,800

* Portion bought roadside and some dryland

** Varieties of Cowpeas other than Blackeye

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Snap	1966	257	3.58	921	ton	\$279.00	\$ 257,000
	1965*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Carrots	1966	2,370	14.20	33,700	ton	82.50	2,780,000
	1965	1,450	14.55	21,100	ton	50.00	1,055,000
Corn, Sweet	1966	2,680	3.42	9,160	ton	116.00	1,063,000
	1965	3,220	4.04	13,000	ton	118.00	1,534,000
Garlic	1966	430	5.63	2,420	ton	135.00	327,000
	1965	615	6.99	4,300	ton	120.00	516,000
Lettuce	1966	765	9.86	7,540	ton	81.00	611,000
	1965*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Melons Cantaloupe	1966	3,390	9.47	32,100	ton	119.00	3,820,000
	1965	3,440	7.67	26,400	ton	103.00	2,719,000
Other Melons	1966	386	10.00	3,860	ton	132.00	510,000
	1965	450	10.73	4,830	ton	170.00	821,000
Watermelons	1966	2,150	14.40	30,900	ton	32.60	1,007,000
	1965	2,090	13.01	27,200	ton	29.30	797,000
<u>Onions, TOTAL</u>	1966	3,739	22.80	85,200	ton	47.44	4,042,000
	1965	2,891	22.31	64,500	ton	43.16	2,784,000
Dry	1966	879	23.40	20,600	ton	99.00	2,039,000
	1965	711	22.36	15,900	ton	80.30	1,277,000
Dehydrator	1966	2,860	22.60	64,600	ton	31.00	2,003,000
	1965	2,180	22.29	48,600	ton	31.00	1,507,000
Peas, Green	1966	776	1.69	1,310	ton	162.00	212,000
	1965	485	4.10	1,990	ton	207.00	412,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1966	329	6.50	2,140	ton	184.00	394,000
	1965	358	5.28	1,890	ton	162.00	306,000

* Included in miscellaneous

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Potatoes, TOTAL</u>	1966	53,640	16.31	874,630	ton	\$ 36.32	\$31,771,800
	1965	58,000	15.36	890,870	ton	83.72	74,587,400
Late Spring, <u>TOTAL</u>	1966	46,900	17.21	807,000	ton	35.20	28,410,000
	1965	49,700	16.10	800,300	ton	88.12	70,524,000
Fresh Market	1966			535,000	ton	40.00	21,400,000
	1965			604,000	ton	105.00	63,420,000
Processed	1966			133,000	ton	48.00	6,384,000
	1965			143,000	ton	48.00	6,864,000
Culls	1966			139,000	ton	4.50	626,000
	1965			53,300	ton	4.50	240,000
<u>Winter, TOTAL</u>	1966	6,740	10.03	67,630	ton	49.71	3,361,800
	1965	8,300	10.91	90,570	ton	44.86	4,063,400
Fresh Market	1966			50,000	ton	60.00	3,000,000
	1965			77,600	ton	48.00	3,725,000
Processed	1966			8,430	ton	38.50	325,000
	1965			6,360	ton	49.00	312,000
Culls	1966			9,200	ton	4.00	36,800
	1965			6,610	ton	4.00	26,400
<u>Tomatoes, TOTAL</u>	1966	2,481	12.79	31,734	ton	32.33	1,026,000
	1965	1,036	14.92	15,460	ton	61.51	951,000
Fresh Market	1966	521	1.79	934	ton	112.00	105,000
	1965	236	12.12	2,860	ton	177.00	506,000
Processed	1966	1,960	15.70	30,800	ton	29.90	921,000
	1965	800	15.75	12,600	ton	35.30	445,000
Miscellaneous (Asparagus) (Beans, Green) (Beans, Fava) (Cucumbers) (Squash)	1966	1,130	xx	5,110	ton	xx	746,000
	1965	1,660	xx	6,850	ton	xx	1,069,000
TOTAL	1966	74,523					\$48,566,800
	1965	75,695					87,551,400

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Apples	1966	152	3.81	579	ton	\$239.00	\$	138,000
	1965	62	5.82	361	ton	188.00		67,900
Almonds	1966	315	1.58	498	ton	1060.00		528,000
	1965**	xx	xx	xx		xx		xx
<u>Grapes, TOTAL</u>	1966	37,394	7.00	261,753	ton	116.38		30,462,000
	1965	36,927	7.82	288,837	ton	92.01		26,577,000
<u>Raisin Varieties</u>	1966	21,495						
	1965	21,167						
Fresh Market	1966			59,000	ton	233.00		13,747,000
	1965			53,200	ton	210.00		11,172,000
Raisins, dry weight	1966*			6,530	ton	226.00		1,476,000
	1965*			6,360	ton	224.00		1,425,000
Processed	1966			16,700	ton	55.00		918,000
	1965			10,000	ton	50.00		500,000
Crushed	1966			37,500	ton	34.50		1,294,000
	1965			72,700	ton	28.00		2,036,000
<u>Table Varieties</u>	1966	10,909						
	1965	10,923						
Fresh Market	1966			44,300	ton	224.00		9,923,000
	1965			37,200	ton	212.00		7,886,000
Crushed	1966			30,200	ton	24.60		743,000
	1965			37,100	ton	23.00		853,000
<u>Wine Varieties</u>	1966	4,990						
	1965	4,837						
Crushed	1966			46,300	ton	51.00		2,361,000
	1965			48,300	ton	56.00		2,705,000

* Total production includes raisins on a fresh equivalent basis
 Dry ratio: 1966 - 4.25 to 1 = 27,753
 1965 - 4.77 to 1 = 30,337

** Included in miscellaneous

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Citrus</u>							
Grapefruit	1966	5	11.60	58	ton	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,640
	1965	7	9.00	63	ton	80.00	5,040
Oranges, Navel	1966	2,525	11.60	29,300	ton	160.00	4,688,000
	1965*	1,992	14.40	28,700	ton	133.00	3,817,000
Oranges, Valencia	1966	483	24.00	11,600	ton	135.00	1,566,000
	1965*	209	20.40	4,260	ton	113.00	481,000
Tangerines	1966	100	14.90	1,490	ton	180.00	268,000
	1965*	94	11.00	1,030	ton	160.00	165,000
Nectarines	1966	322	3.60	1,160	ton	293.00	340,000
	1965	384	3.44	1,320	ton	258.00	341,000
<u>Peaches, TOTAL</u>	1966	2,105	6.91	14,550	ton	169.35	2,464,000
	1965	2,027	6.40	12,980	ton	167.72	2,177,000
Fresh Market	1966			7,120	ton	273.00	1,944,000
	1965			6,770	ton	267.00	1,808,000
Processed	1966			7,430	ton	70.00	520,000
	1965			6,210	ton	59.50	369,000
<u>Pears, TOTAL</u>	1966	285	10.77	3,070	ton	148.53	456,000
	1965**	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Fresh Market	1966			1,500	ton	220.00	330,000
	1965**			xx		xx	xx
Processed	1966			1,570	ton	80.00	126,000
	1965**			xx		xx	xx
Plums	1966	2,086	3.62	7,550	ton	313.00	2,363,000
	1965	2,080	4.19	8,720	ton	212.00	1,849,000
Pomegranates	1966	90	4.69	422	ton	71.00	30,000
	1965	84	1.61	135	ton	73.00	9,860
Miscellaneous (Apricots) (Olives) (Persimmons)	1966	202	xx	1,190	ton	xx	204,000
	1965	618	xx	6,860	ton	xx	954,000
TOTAL	1966	46,064					\$43,511,640
	1965	44,484					36,443,800

* Revised
** Included in miscellaneous

NURSERY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Citrus Trees	1966	43	203,000	plant	\$2.75	\$ 558,000
	1965	80	374,000	plant	2.60	972,000
Trees and Shrubs	1966	72	602,000	plant	.55	331,000
	1965	76	580,000	plant	.55	319,000
Rose Plants	1966	650	9,821,000	plant	.35	3,437,000
	1965	496	7,353,000	plant	.35	2,574,000
Plants, propagative material and cut flowers	1966	212	xx		xx	396,000
	1965	204	xx		xx	298,000
TOTAL	1966	977				\$4,722,000
	1965	856				4,158,000

<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>	YEAR	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		UNIT	<u>VALUE</u>	
		TOTAL			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1966	423,000		lb.	\$.11	\$ 46,500
	1965	433,000		lb.	.105	45,500
Beeswax	1966	7,050		lb.	.40	2,820
	1965	7,220		lb.	.43	3,100
Pollination	1966	7,680		colony	4.50	34,600
	1965	6,810		colony	4.50	30,600
TOTAL	1966					\$ 83,920
	1965					79,200

<u>LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY</u>	YEAR	NO. OF HEAT	<u>PRODUCTION</u>		UNIT	<u>VALUE</u>	
			TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT			PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1966	452,000	2,915,000		cwt.	\$22.50	\$ 65,588,000
	1965	504,000	3,236,000		cwt.	21.50	69,574,000
Sheep and lambs	1966	197,000	189,000		cwt.	22.60	4,271,000
	1965	208,000	190,000		cwt.	22.00	4,180,000
Hogs	1966	3,300	6,930		cwt.	23.00	159,000
	1965	3,920	7,970		cwt.	19.00	151,000
Horses	1966	xx	xx			xx	538,000
	1965	xx	xx			xx	394,000
Fryers	1966	332,000	1,162,000		lb.	.178	207,000
	1965	593,000	2,075,000		lb.	.172	357,000
Chickens, other	1966	376,000	1,692,000		lb.	.08	135,000
	1965	471,000	2,355,000		lb.	.06	141,000
Turkeys	1966	629,000	10,693,000		lb.	.23	2,459,000
	1965	766,000	14,457,000		lb.	.225	3,253,000
Rabbits	1966	13,000	52,000		ea.	1.15	15,000
	1965	12,700	50,800		ea.	1.05	13,300
Game birds and Squab	1966	xx	xx			xx	120,000
	1965	xx	xx			xx	114,000
TOTAL	1966						\$ 73,492,000
	1965						78,177,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk Market	1966	1,751,000	cwt.	\$ 4.39	\$ 7,687,000
	1965*	1,618,000	cwt.	4.03	6,521,000
Manufacturing	1966	4,130	cwt.	3.68	15,200
	1965*	2,400	cwt.	3.17	7,610
Wool	1966	2,200,000	lb.	.473	1,041,000
	1965	1,956,000	lb.	.419	820,000
Eggs, chicken Market	1966	7,949,000	doz.	.435	3,458,000
	1965	10,219,000	doz.	.37	3,781,000
Miscellaneous	1966	xx	xx		701,000
	1965	xx	xx		938,000
TOTAL	1966				\$ 12,902,200
	1965*				12,067,610

* Revised

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1966-1967
(In number of head)

ITEM	January 1, 1966	January 1, 1967
* <u>All cattle and calves</u>	400,700	388,200
* Cattle on feed	161,466	151,700
* Milk cows, two years and over	17,000	18,700
* Stock sheep and lambs	192,200	187,900
* Hogs	4,200	3,900
Hens and pullets of laying age	394,750	423,050
* Estimates of California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service		

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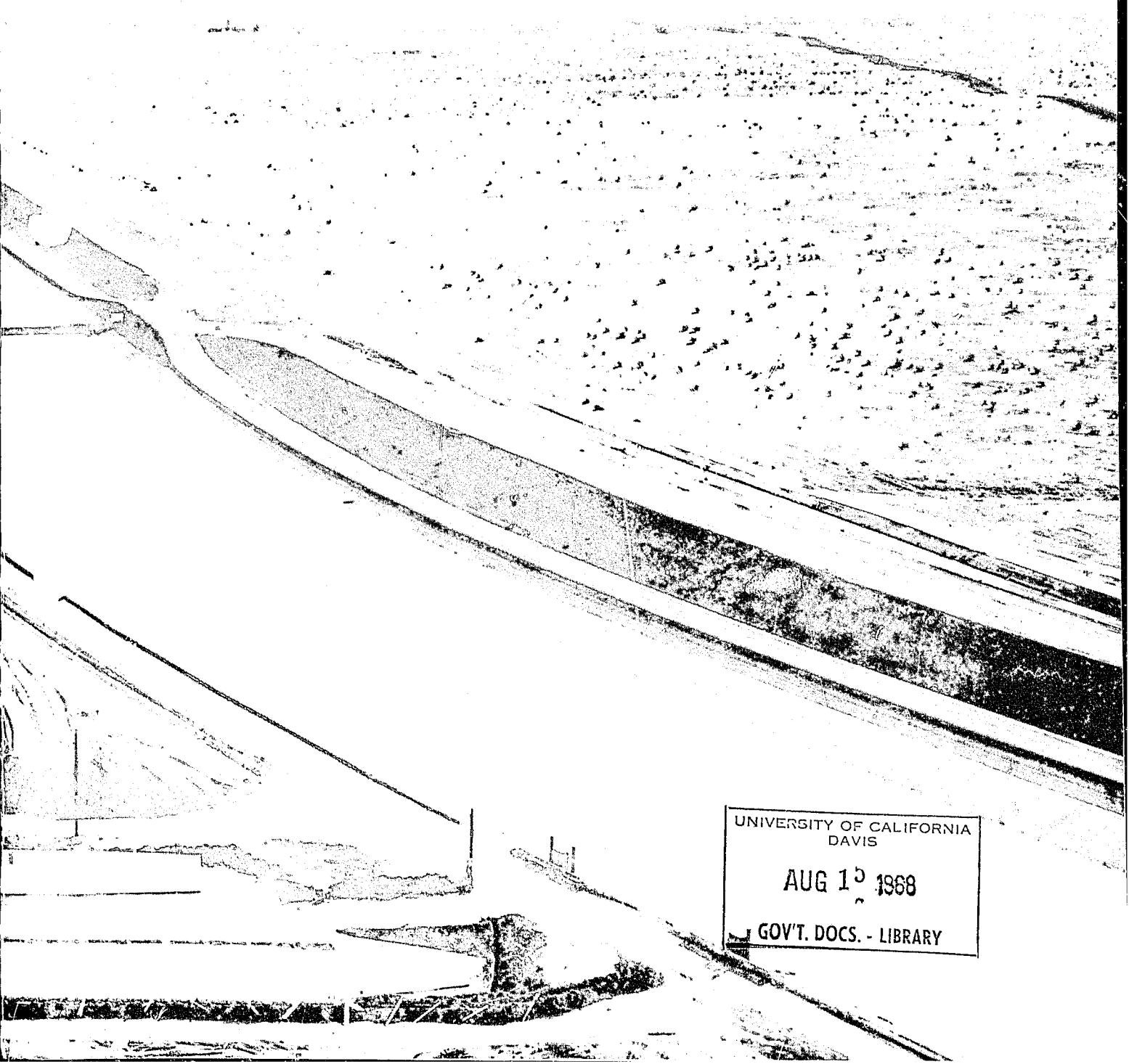
		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1966	568,844 2,698,000	\$ 115,645,300
	1965*	591,621 2,700,000	130,140,500
Certified Seed Crops	1966	10,103	1,625,200
	1965	11,945	1,554,100
Noncertified Seed Crops	1966	7,968	1,163,200
	1965	8,520	1,107,800
Vegetable Crops	1966	74,523	48,566,800
	1965	75,695	87,551,400
Fruit and Nut Crops	1966	46,064	43,511,640
	1965	44,484	36,443,800
Nursery Products	1966	977	4,722,000
	1965	856	4,158,000
Apiary Products	1966		83,920
	1965		79,200
Livestock and Poultry	1966		73,492,000
	1965		78,177,300
Livestock and Poultry Products	1966		12,902,200
	1965		12,067,610
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1966	708,479	
(Irrigated acres 675,479)			
(Dry Farm Barley 23,000)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 10,000)			
RANGELAND	1966	2,698,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1966		\$ 301,712,260
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TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE	1965	733,121	
(Irrigated acres 699,461)			
(Dry Farm Barley 27,700)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 5,960)			
RANGELAND	1965	2,700,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1965*		\$ 351,279,710

* Revised

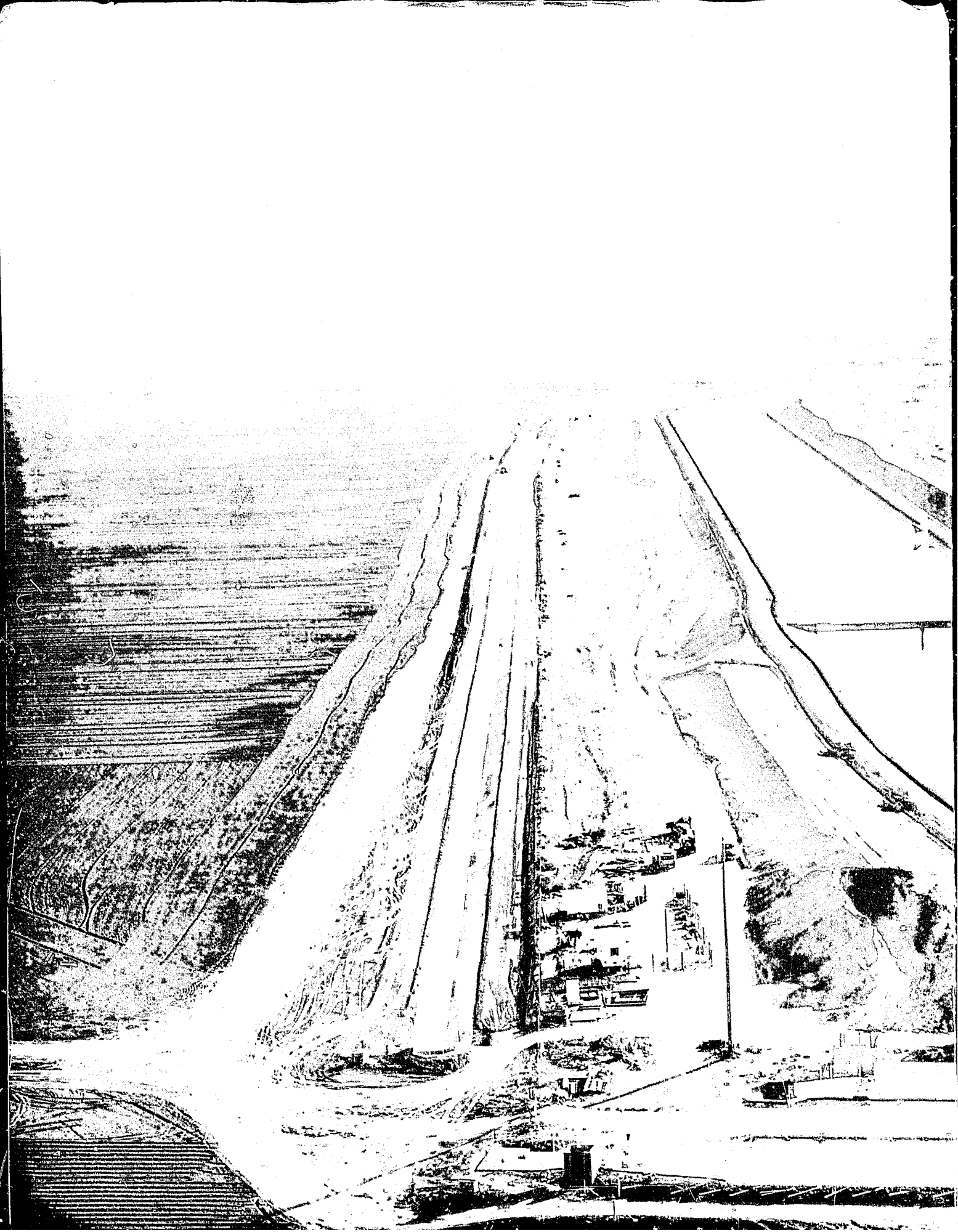


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The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code. The values quoted are gross FOB figures and in no way represent net income to the farmers of this county.

The total valuation of all crops produced amounted to an estimated \$297,175,730, which is 3% below the revised 1966 valuation of \$306,382,900. Adverse weather conditions were a contributing factor to the decline. Record breaking low temperatures in December severely damaged the rapidly expanding citrus crop. Extreme low temperatures were recorded in the Tehachapi Valley in April, and even with heavy heating it was impossible to save the peaches, nectarines and some of the pears. Another cold wave which occurred in the same area in June was disastrous to the apple crop. Summer weather arrived with a vengeance after a cold wet spring, and temperatures recorded in August were the highest for that month since records were begun in 1900.

Beef cattle remains the number one item in our report with an estimated value of \$57,430,000, 18% below the revised 1966 value of \$69,668,000. Fewer head moved through the feed yards, but the price per pound was a little above that of a year ago.

Fears for the future of the Kern County cotton crop were realized in 1967 when pink boll-worm moths were found in four locations in the southern part of the county. A full scale cooperative program was immediately initiated for the eventual eradication of this destructive pest. Harvested acreage of cotton was down 6%, yields were down 16%, in fact it was the lowest yield per acre since 1953. An increase in price per pound received kept the gross valuation of \$54,230,000 only slightly below the \$54,715,000 received in 1966.

Grape crop values were increased by 9% for a total of \$33,206,000. Both yield and price received were above 1966 figures.

Potato growers were faced with extreme difficulties. The gross value of \$29,687,800 was 7% less than the unprofitable \$31,771,800 recorded last year. A heavy carryover of fall and winter crops in other states depressed the late spring market, and this factor along with low yields made it impossible for many growers to get back their cost of production. In some instances quality difficulties were experienced upon arrival at destination which contributed to even lower returns than the FOB prices quoted in our report. The winter crop produced the lowest yields in the history of potato growing in this area. A great deal of the production had to be estimated on acreage not yet harvested, and final records of the crop may be even lower than indicated.

Our sincere thanks is extended to all who contributed information and advice in order to make this report as accurate as possible. We hope it will be of interest and value to those who use it as a guide and estimate of the agricultural wealth of Kern County.

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Cover - California Department of Water Resources photograph by William Mosier. Typical view, looking south along the California aqueduct. Turnout in foreground furnishes water to local farmers. Note undeveloped land west of aqueduct.

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PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	444	7,248	7,692
Apples	172	618	790
Apricots	112	66	178
Avocados	--	9	9
Cherries	1	1	2
Figs	1	--	1
Grapefruit	4	--	4
Grapes, Raisin	21,287	666	21,953
Table	10,491	781	11,272
Wine	5,203	832	6,035
All	36,981	2,279	39,260
Lemons	--	653	653
Nectarines	189	65	254
Olives	216	3	219
Oranges, Navel	2,683	6,160	8,843
Valencia	762	2,681	3,443
Tangerines and Tangelos	210	299	509
Peaches	1,635	914	2,549
Pears	301	84	385
Pecans	--	4	4
Persimmons	10	--	10
Pistachio	2	16	18
Plums	1,757	264	2,021
Pomegranates	94	7	101
Quince	--	3	3
Walnuts	3	186	189

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1967	110,000	2.14	235,000	ton	\$ 46.00	\$ 10,810,000
	1966	93,400	1.71	160,000	ton	50.50	8,080,000
Beans, dry edible	1967	9,380	0.878	8,240	ton	200.00	1,648,000
	1966	16,000	1.08	17,300	ton	150.00	2,595,000
Beans, Castor	1967**	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1966	205	1.00	205	ton	200.00	41,000
Corn, Field	1967	7,000	2.04	14,300	ton	48.00	686,000
	1966	1,300	3.23	4,200	ton	53.00	223,000
Cotton Lint	1967	146,810	a/835	b/256,000	bale	c/.3740	47,872,000
	1966*	156,200	a/991	b/323,220	bale	c/.2900	46,867,000
Cottonseed	1967			96,770	ton	62.00	6,000,000
	1966*			123,550	ton	60.00	7,413,000
Cottonseed, planting	1967			5,230	ton	68.50	358,000
	1966			5,750	ton	75.70	435,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1967	117,000	8.23	963,000	ton	28.50	27,446,000
	1966	120,000	8.89	1,067,000	ton	28.00	29,876,000
Grain	1967	12,300	3.25	40,000	ton	30.00	1,200,000
	1966	12,000	3.35	40,200	ton	30.00	1,206,000
Other tame	1967	2,580	6.51	16,800	ton	21.50	361,000
	1966	3,400	5.85	19,900	ton	26.00	517,000
Oats	1967	549	1.31	719	ton	51.00	36,700
	1966	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Pasture, Irrigated	1967	18,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	1,800,000
	1966	21,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	2,100,000
Other	1967	61,800	xx	xx	acre	9.00	556,000
	1966	36,500	xx	xx	acre	9.50	347,000
Range	1967	2,698,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,698,000
	1966	2,698,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,698,000
Peanuts	1967	656	0.869	570	ton	344.00	196,000
	1966	689	0.866	597	ton	358.00	214,000

a. Pounds lint per acre

b. 500 lb. gross weight bales

c. Price per pound

* Revised

** Included in misc. field crops
and uncertified seed

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1967	2,510	1.92	4,820	ton	\$ 95.00	\$ 458,000
	1966	1,900	2.53	4,800	ton	100.00	480,000
Safflower	1967	9,190	1.12	10,300	ton	85.00	876,000
	1966	17,500	1.31	23,000	ton	100.00	2,300,000
Silage	1967	4,130	22.60	93,400	ton	6.50	607,000
	1966	6,200	24.60	153,000	ton	7.00	1,071,000
Sorghum grain	1967	54,800	1.93	106,000	ton	40.00	4,240,000
	1966	41,300	2.26	93,200	ton	44.50	4,147,000
Sugar beets	1967	16,900	23.70	401,000	ton	11.60	4,652,000
	1966*	21,000	20.00	420,000	ton	11.30	4,746,000
Wheat	1967	23,000	1.11	25,500	ton	49.00	1,250,000
	1966	20,000	1.20	23,900	ton	54.50	1,303,000
Miscellaneous (Castor beans (Sesame (Straw	1967	1,410	xx	xx		xx	36,100
	1966	1,250	xx	xx		xx	21,300
TOTAL	1967	598,015					\$113,786,800
		2,698,000	Range				
	1966	569,844					116,680,300
		2,698,000	Range				

*Revised

CERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa.	1967	2,180	353	769,000	lb.	\$.42	\$ 323,000
Ranger	1966	2,990	451	1,348,000	lb.	.38	512,000
Proprietary and	1967	4,080	348	1,630,000	lb.	.436	711,000
Other Varieties	1966	5,210	423	2,204,000	lb.	.39	860,000
Barley	1967	1,320	3,229	4,262,000	lb.	.034	145,000
	1966*	771	3,013	2,323,000	lb.	.04	92,900
Cowpeas,	1967	375	1,643	616,000	lb.	.129	79,500
Blackeye	1966	773	1,635	1,264,000	lb.	.08	101,000
Oats	1967	189	2,116	400,000	lb.	.03	12,000
	1966*	152	2,355	358,000	lb.	.04	14,300
Wheat,	1967	432	762	329,000	lb.	.044	14,500
Ramona 50	1966	xx	xx	xx			xx
Miscellaneous	1967	40	xx	44,600	lb.	xx	14,600
(Grass)	1966	207	xx	226,000	lb.	xx	45,000
(Milo)							
(Peanuts)							
TOTAL	1967	9,216					\$1,299,600
	1966	10,103					1,625,200

*Portion bought roadside

NONCERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Common and Other Varieties	1967	4,410	329	1,451,000	lb.	\$.403	\$ 585,000
	1966	6,260	397	2,487,000	lb.	.36	895,000
Beans, Castor	1967	293	1,600	469,000	lb.	.108	50,700
	1966	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Grain (Barley) (Oats) (Wheat)	1967	455	xx	596,000	lb.	.033	19,700
	1966*	523	xx	724,000	lb.	.04	29,000
Miscellaneous (Cowpeas) (Grass) (Peanuts)	1967	227	xx	617,000	lb.	xx	148,000
	1966**	805	xx	373,000	lb.	xx	104,000
Vegetable	1967	882	xx	622,000	lb.	.20	124,000
	1966	380	xx	318,000	lb.	.33	105,000
Screenings and Cleanings	1967	xx	xx	624	ton	25.50	15,900
	1966	xx	xx	1,410	ton	21.40	30,200
TOTAL	1967	6,267					\$ 943,300
	1966	7,968					1,163,200

* Portion bought roadside and some dryland
**Varieties of Cowpeas other than Blackeye

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Snap	1967	492	1.59	782	ton	\$249.00	\$ 195,000
	1966	257	3.58	921	ton	279.00	257,000
Carrots	1967	2,110	25.70	54,200	ton	87.00	4,715,000
	1966	2,370	14.20	33,700	ton	82.50	2,780,000
Corn, Sweet	1967	2,310	2.99	6,910	ton	140.00	967,000
	1966	2,680	3.42	9,160	ton	116.00	1,063,000
Garlic	1967	460	5.67	2,610	ton	120.00	313,000
	1966	430	5.63	2,420	ton	135.00	327,000
Lettuce	1967	1,940	9.02	17,500	ton	108.00	1,890,000
	1966	765	9.86	7,540	ton	81.00	611,000
Melons							
Cantaloupe	1967	3,990	7.89	31,500	ton	143.00	4,504,000
	1966	3,390	9.47	32,100	ton	119.00	3,820,000
Other Melons, <u>TOTAL</u>	1967	1,170	7.21	8,440	ton	126.18	1,064,980
	1966	386	10.00	3,860	ton	132.00	510,000
Fresh Market	1967			7,340	ton	144.00	1,057,000
	1966			3,860	ton	132.00	510,000
Processed	1967			1,100	ton	7.25	7,980
	1966			xx	xx	xx	xx
Watermelons	1967	2,360	13.10	30,900	ton	45.00	1,391,000
	1966	2,150	14.40	30,900	ton	32.60	1,007,000
<u>Onions, TOTAL</u>	1967	5,110	19.18	98,000	ton	44.42	4,353,000
	1966	3,739	22.80	85,200	ton	47.44	4,042,000
Dry	1967	1,480	20.60	30,500	ton	68.60	2,092,000
	1966	879	23.40	20,600	ton	99.00	2,039,000
Dehydrator	1967	3,630	18.60	67,500	ton	33.50	2,261,000
	1966	2,860	22.60	64,600	ton	31.00	2,003,000
Peas	1967	295	1.26	372	ton	285.00	106,000
	1966	776	1.69	1,310	ton	162.00	212,000
Potatoes, Sweet	1967	307	5.08	1,560	ton	159.00	248,000
	1966	329	6.50	2,140	ton	184.00	394,000

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Potatoes, TOTAL</u>	1967	50,210	16.21	813,960	ton	\$ 36.47	\$29,687,800
	1966	53,640	16.31	874,630	ton	36.32	31,771,800
<u>Late Spring, TOTAL</u>	1967	44,000	17.48	769,000	ton	35.90	27,609,000
	1966	46,900	17.21	807,000	ton	35.20	28,410,000
Fresh Market	1967			523,000	ton	42.00	21,966,000
	1966			535,000	ton	40.00	21,400,000
Processed	1967			116,000	ton	43.60	5,058,000
	1966			133,000	ton	48.00	6,384,000
Culls	1967			130,000	ton	4.50	585,000
	1966			139,000	ton	4.50	626,000
<u>Winter, TOTAL</u>	1967	6,210	7.24	44,960	ton	46.24	2,078,800
	1966	6,740	10.03	67,630	ton	49.71	3,361,800
Fresh Market	1967*			37,900	ton	54.00	2,047,000
	1966			50,000	ton	60.00	3,000,000
Processed	1967			xx		xx	xx
	1966			8,430	ton	38.50	325,000
Culls	1967			7,060	ton	4.50	31,800
	1966			9,200	ton	4.00	36,800
<u>Tomatoes, TOTAL</u>	1967	2,775	13.21	36,653	ton	40.28	1,476,600
	1966	2,481	12.79	31,734	ton	32.33	1,026,000
Fresh Market	1967**	25	10.10	253	ton	267.00	67,600
	1966	521	1.79	934	ton	112.00	105,000
Processed	1967	2,750	13.20	36,400	ton	38.70	1,409,000
	1966	1,960	15.70	30,800	ton	29.90	921,000
Miscellaneous	1967	2,490	xx	17,400	ton	xx	1,563,000
(Asparagus	1966	1,130	xx	5,110	ton	xx	746,000
(Beans, Snap, processed							
(Cabbage							
(Cucumbers							
(Okra							
(Peas							
(Peppers							
(Squash							
TOTAL	1967	76,019					\$52,474,380
	1966	74,523					48,566,800

* Includes Processed

**Includes canning tomatoes
sold Fresh Market

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Almonds	1967*	444	1.43	635	ton	\$1080.00	\$ 686,000
	1966*	315	1.58	498	ton	1060.00	528,000
Apples	1967	172	1.50	258	ton	284.00	73,300
	1966	152	3.81	579	ton	239.00	138,000
<u>Grapes, TOTAL**</u>	1967	36,981	7.11	262,772	ton	126.37	33,206,000
	1966	37,394	7.00	261,753	ton	116.38	30,462,000
<u>Raisin Varieties</u>	1967	21,287					
	1966	21,495					
Fresh Market	1967			57,800	ton	257.00	14,855,000
	1966			59,000	ton	233.00	13,747,000
Raisins, dry weight**	1967			5,430	ton	235.00	1,276,000
	1966			6,530	ton	226.00	1,476,000
Processed	1967			8,100	ton	60.00	486,000
	1966			16,700	ton	55.00	918,000
Crushed	1967			49,100	ton	42.60	2,092,000
	1966			37,500	ton	34.50	1,294,000
<u>Table Varieties</u>	1967	10,491					
	1966	10,909					
Fresh Market	1967			35,300	ton	302.00	10,661,000
	1966			44,300	ton	224.00	9,923,000
Crushed	1967			40,100	ton	30.70	1,231,000
	1966			30,200	ton	24.60	743,000
<u>Wine Varieties</u>	1967	5,203					
	1966	4,990					
Crushed	1967			50,000	ton	52.10	2,605,000
	1966			46,300	ton	51.00	2,361,000

* Includes production from young orchards officially classified as non-producing
Production and unit value are in terms of meat equivalents

**Total production includes raisins on a fresh equivalent basis
Dry ratio: 1967 - 4.12 to 1 = 22,372
1966 - 4.25 to 1 = 27,753

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Citrus</u>							
Grapefruit	1967	4	10.00	40	ton	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800
	1966	5	11.60	58	ton	80.00	4,640
Oranges, Navel TOTAL	1967	2,683	6.29	16,870	ton	126.85	2,140,000
	1966*	2,525	11.60	29,300	ton	140.00	4,102,000
Navel, Fresh Market	1967			9,190	ton	217.00	1,994,000
	1966*			29,300	ton	140.00	4,102,000
Navel Processed	1967			7,680	ton	19.00	146,000
	1966			xx	xx	xx	xx
Oranges, Valencia TOTAL	1967	762	15.80	12,040	ton	102.82	1,238,000
	1966	483	24.00	11,600	ton	135.00	1,566,000
Valencia Fresh Market	1967			8,780	ton	125.00	1,098,000
	1966			11,600	ton	135.00	1,566,000
Valencia Processed	1967			3,260	ton	43.00	140,000
	1966			xx	xx	xx	xx
Tangerines	1967	210	2.17	455	ton	200.00	91,000
	1966	100	14.90	1,490	ton	180.00	268,000
Nectarines	1967	189	4.47	844	ton	339.00	286,000
	1966	322	3.60	1,160	ton	293.00	340,000
Peaches, TOTAL	1967	1,635	5.99	9,800	ton	210.80	2,066,000
	1966	2,105	6.91	14,550	ton	169.35	2,464,000
Fresh Market	1967			5,150	ton	329.00	1,694,000
	1966			7,120	ton	273.00	1,944,000
Processed	1967			4,650	ton	80.00	372,000
	1966			7,430	ton	70.00	520,000
Pears, TOTAL	1967	301	3.28	986	ton	242.49	239,100
	1966	285	10.77	3,070	ton	148.53	456,000
Fresh Market	1967			613	ton	280.00	172,000
	1966			1,500	ton	220.00	330,000
Processed	1967			373	ton	180.00	67,100
	1966			1,570	ton	80.00	126,000

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Plums	1967	1,757	3.36	5,910	ton	343.00	\$2,027,000
	1966	2,086	3.62	7,550	ton	313.00	2,363,000
Pomegranates	1967	94	2.89	272	ton	91.50	24,900
	1966	90	4.69	422	ton	71.00	30,000
Miscellaneous (Apricots (Cherries (Olives (Persimmons (Plums, processed (Quince	1967	345	xx	1,590	ton	xx	289,000
	1966	202	xx	1,190	ton	xx	204,000
TOTAL	1967	45,577					\$42,369,100
	1966	46,064					42,925,640

NURSERY PRODUCTS	YEAR	ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Citrus Trees	1967	61	279,000	plant	\$2.50	\$ 698,000
	1966	43	203,000	plant	2.75	558,000
Trees and Shrubs	1967	94	733,000	plant	.59	432,000
	1966	72	602,000	plant	.55	331,000
Rose Plants	1967	749	11,408,000	plant	.35	3,993,000
	1966	650	9,821,000	plant	.35	3,437,000
Plants, propagative material and cut flowers	1967	195	xx	xx	xx	304,000
	1966	212	xx	xx	xx	396,000
TOTAL	1967	1,099				\$5,427,000
	1966	977				4,722,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1967	756,000	lb.	\$.105	\$ 79,400
	1966*	564,000	lb.	.11	62,000
Beeswax	1967	12,600	lb.	.62	7,810
	1966*	9,400	lb.	.40	3,760
Pollination	1967	12,100	colony	5.00	60,500
	1966*	10,900	colony	4.50	49,000
TOTAL	1967				\$147,710
	1966*				114,700

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	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			TOTAL	LTW/WEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1967	420,000	2,383,000		cwt.	\$24.10	\$ 57,430,000
	1966*	452,000	2,915,000		cwt.	23.90	69,668,000
Sheep and lambs	1967	213,000	218,000		cwt.	21.70	4,731,000
	1966	197,000	189,000		cwt.	22.60	4,271,000
Hogs	1967	3,600	7,500		cwt.	21.50	161,000
	1966	3,300	6,930		cwt.	23.00	159,000
Horses	1967	xx	xx			xx	1,323,000
	1966	xx	xx			xx	538,000
Pigons	1967	517,000	1,811,000		lb.	.173	313,000
	1966	332,000	1,162,000		lb.	.178	207,000
Chicken, other	1967	381,000	1,619,000		lb.	.04	64,800
	1966	376,000	1,692,000		lb.	.08	135,000
Turkeys	1967	611,000	11,569,000		lb.	.19	2,198,000
	1966	629,000	10,693,000		lb.	.23	2,459,000
Rabbits	1967	3,510	14,000		lb.	.26	3,640
	1966	13,000	52,000		lb.	.29	15,100
Game birds and Squab	1967	xx	xx			xx	73,000
	1966	xx	xx			xx	120,000
TOTAL	1967						\$ 66,297,440
	1966*						77,572,100

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS		PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
YEAR	PER UNIT			TOTAL	
<u>Milk</u>					
Market	1967	1,994,000	cwt.	\$ 4.57	\$ 9,113,000
	1966*	1,785,000	cwt.	4.37	7,800,000
Manufacturing	1967	3,250	cwt.	4.13	13,400
	1966*	3,500	cwt.	3.68	12,900
Wool	1967	1,973,000	lb.	.384	758,000
	1966	2,200,000	lb.	.473	1,041,000
Eggs, chicken	1967	8,401,000	doz.	.384	3,226,000
Market	1966	7,949,000	doz.	.435	3,458,000
Miscellaneous	1967	xx	xx	xx	1,320,000
	1966	xx	xx	xx	701,000
TOTAL	1967				\$ 14,430,400
	1966*				13,012,900

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(In number of head)

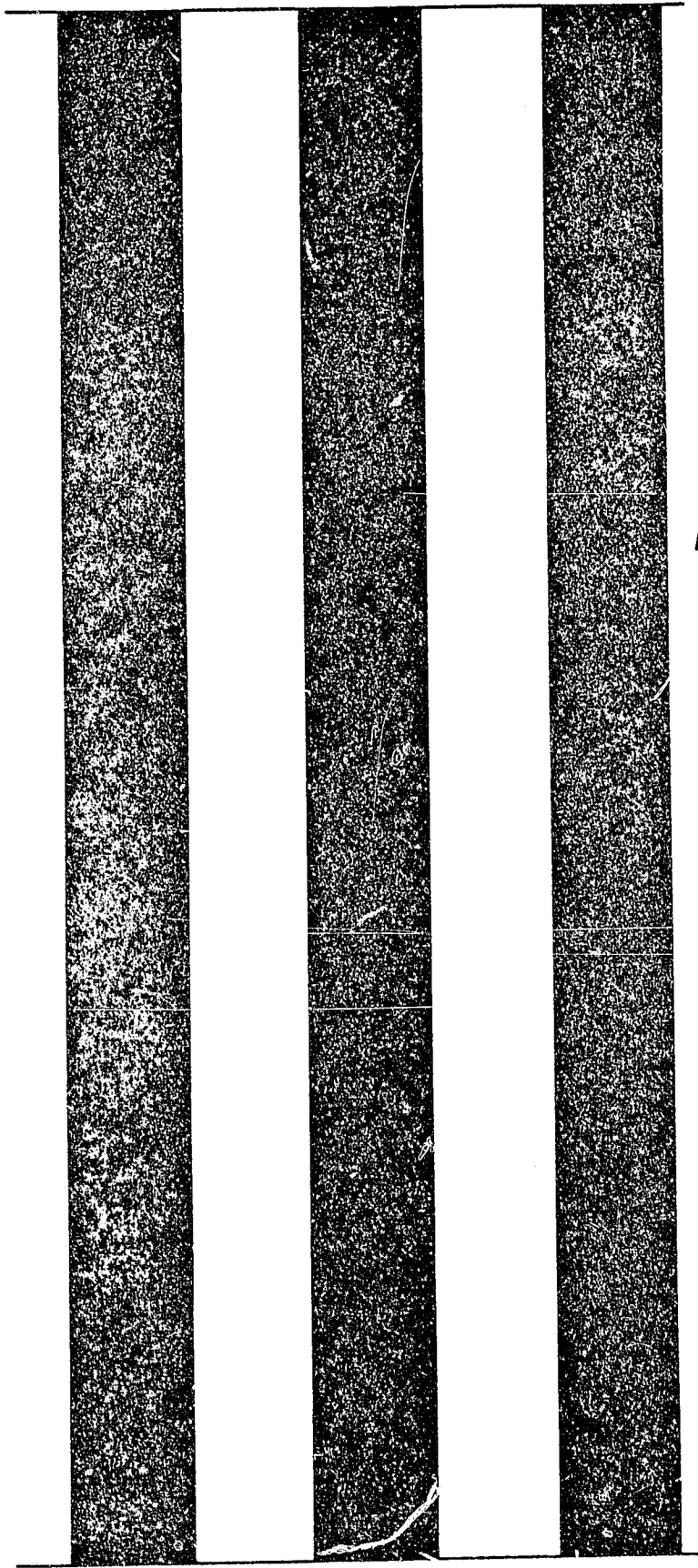
ITEM	January 1, 1967	January 1, 1968
<u>*All cattle and calves</u>	388,200	355,700
* Cattle on feed	151,700	119,000
* Milk cows, two years and over	18,700	21,200
* Stock sheep and lambs	187,900	164,400
* Hogs	3,900	4,600
Hens and pullets of laying age	423,000	439,000

*Estimates of California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

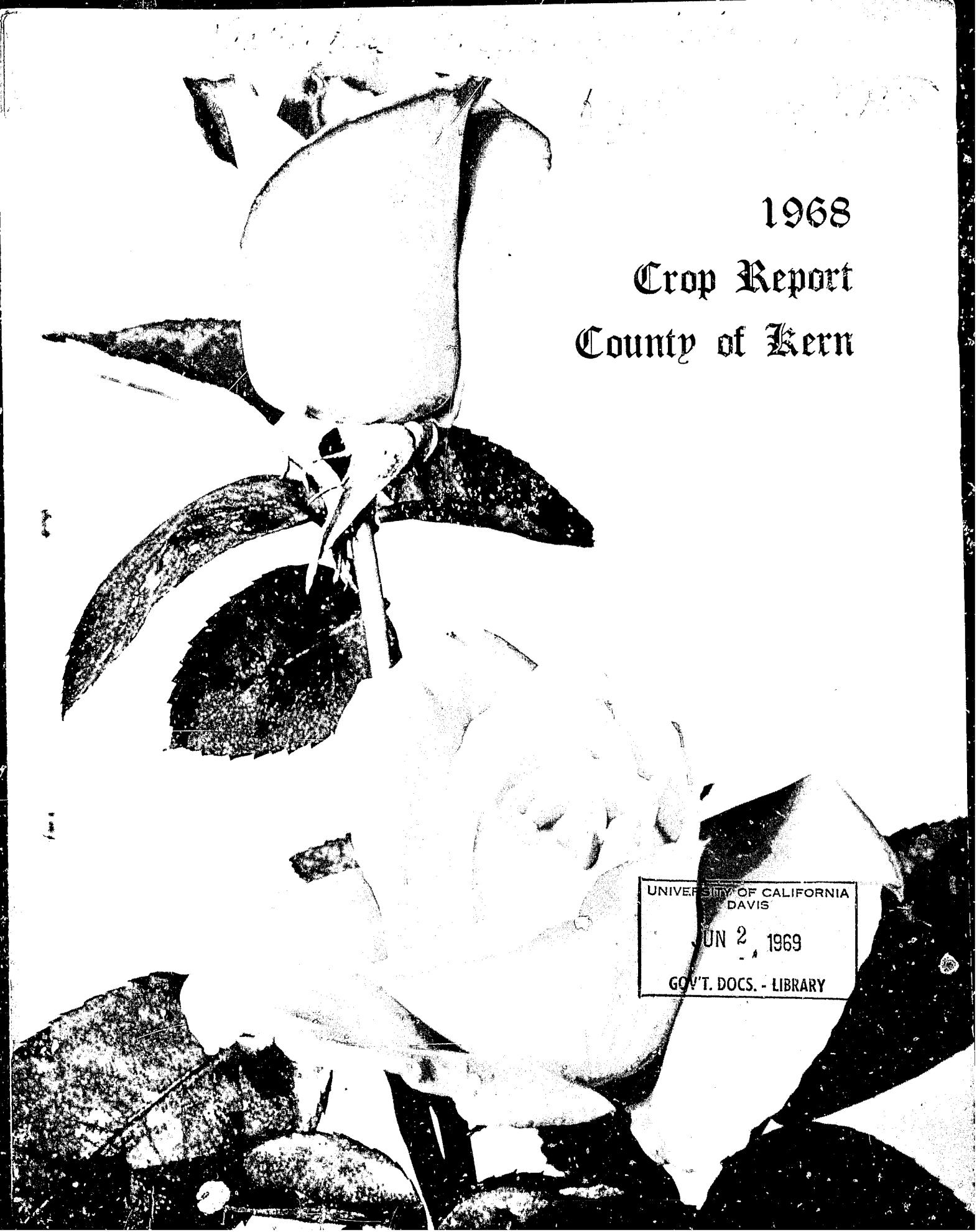
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		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1967	598,015 2,698,000	\$ 113,786,800
	1966*	569,844 2,698,000	116,680,300
Certified Seed Crops	1967	9,216	1,299,600
	1966	10,103	1,625,200
Noncertified Seed Crops	1967	6,267	943,300
	1966	7,968	1,163,200
Vegetable Crops	1967	76,019	52,474,380
	1966	74,523	48,566,800
Fruit and Nut Crops	1967	45,577	42,369,100
	1966	46,064	42,925,640
Nursery Products	1967	1,099	5,427,000
	1966	977	4,722,000
Apiary Products	1967		147,710
	1966*		114,760
Livestock and Poultry	1967		66,297,440
	1966*		77,572,100
Livestock and Poultry Products	1967		14,430,400
	1966		13,012,900
TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE		1967	736,193
(Irrigated acres 694,993)			
(Dry Farm Barley 22,000)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 19,200)			
RANGELAND		1967	2,698,000
TOTAL VALUE		1967	\$ 297,175,730
TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE		1966*	709,479
(Irrigated acres 676,479)			
(Dry Farm Barley 23,000)			
(Dry Farm Wheat 10,000)			
RANGELAND		1966	2,698,000
TOTAL VALUE		1966*	\$ 306,382,900

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The Annual Crop Report for the County of Kern is submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code. The values quoted are gross FOB figures and do not represent net income to the farmers of this county.

The total valuation of all crops produced amounted to an estimated \$324,237,780, which is 9½% above the revised 1967 valuation of \$296,162,230.

Cotton regained top position of all crops despite a 35% decrease in price received for lint. There was an 18% increase in total acreage harvested, 41% increase in yield per acre, and the valuation of the entire crop including cottonseed and planting seed increased by 11%. However, it was not a profitable year for cotton farmers. Production costs continued to rise while profits declined. Only once in more than twenty years (1966) has the price of cotton lint gone below thirty cents. As a matter of interest, the highest price received was in 1951 at \$.4075 per pound.

Although total head of beef cattle marketed and total pounds produced are both reduced from 1967 reports, estimates did indicate an increase in average weight per animal which could be considered as Kern County production. Price per pound also increased and the gross value is only 3% less than the previous year. Records show that feed lot production has declined since 1965.

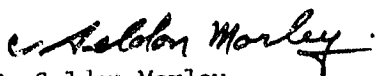
A 40% increase in estimated values for the 1968 potato crop, as compared to 1967, may appear to be particularly attractive, but a true comparison should go beyond the prior year and back to the last really good year of 1965 when the potato crop reached a record value of \$74,587,400.

The grape crop showed an increase in bearing acreage, total production and price per pound, and the valuation for 1968 was 14% above that of 1967. This is a distinct tribute to the grape growers who were beset by a myriad of problems.

Returns on alfalfa hay were less than in 1967, acreage and price per ton were less, but yields per acre increased.

Our report shows twenty-nine commodities with an estimated value of over one million dollars each. Historical records have indicated that extensive acceleration of agricultural production in Kern County depended upon a sufficient supply of irrigation water. With the arrival of water through the California aqueduct desert land is beginning to "blossom as a rose" as vast acreages are being planted or prepared for planting on the West Side of the County.

A great deal of cooperation and assistance is needed in order to secure the information for the annual crop report, and to each who contributed a part we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.


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PERMANENT ACREAGE

	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total
Almonds	763	9,634	10,397
Apples	172	956	1,128
Apricots	112	66	178
Avocados	--	86	86
Cherries	1	3	4
Figs	1	--	1
Grapefruit	4	--	4
Grapes, Raisin	21,525	454	21,979
Table	10,829	446	11,275
Wine	5,609	472	6,081
All	37,963	1,372	39,335
Lemons	--	658	658
Nectarines	194	73	267
Olives	217	3	220
Oranges, Navel	3,126	6,737	9,863
Valencia	1,104	2,477	3,581
Tangerines and Tangelos	240	390	630
Peaches	1,531	923	2,454
Pears	301	113	414
Pecans	--	4	4
Persimmons	10	--	10
Pistachios	2	78	80
Plums	1,395	326	2,021
Pomegranates	88	6	94
Quince	--	3	3
Walnuts	3	224	227

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Barley	1968	125,000	1.51	189,000	ton	\$ 42.30	\$ 7,995,000
	1967	110,000	2.14	235,000	ton	46.00	10,810,000
Beans, dry edible	1968	16,800	0.923	15,500	ton	160.00	2,480,000
	1967	9,380	0.878	8,240	ton	200.00	1,648,000
Corn, Field	1968	3,500	2.02	7,070	ton	50.00	354,000
	1967	7,000	2.04	14,300	ton	48.00	686,000
Cotton Lint	1968	173,700	a/1178	b/427,000	bale	c/.2425	51,774,000
	1967	146,810	a/ 835	b/256,000	bale	c/.3740	47,872,000
Cottonseed	1968			164,180	ton	50.00	8,209,000
	1967			96,770	ton	62.00	6,000,000
Cottonseed, planting	1968			5,820	ton	71.00	413,000
	1967			5,230	ton	68.50	358,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1968	115,000	8.60	989,000	ton	26.50	26,208,000
	1967	117,000	8.23	963,000	ton	28.50	27,446,000
Grain	1968	13,400	3.65	48,900	ton	30.00	1,467,000
	1967	12,300	3.25	40,000	ton	30.00	1,200,000
Other tame	1968	2,360	6.48	15,300	ton	24.20	370,000
	1967	2,580	6.51	16,800	ton	21.50	361,000
Oats	1968	395	1.95	770	ton	50.00	38,500
	1967	549	1.31	719	ton	51.00	36,700
Pasture, Irrigated	1968	19,100	xx	xx	acre	100.00	1,910,000
	1967	18,000	xx	xx	acre	100.00	1,800,000
Other	1968	46,800	xx	xx	acre	9.00	421,000
	1967	61,800	xx	xx	acre	9.00	556,000
Range	1968	2,658,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,658,000
	1967	2,698,000	xx	xx	acre	1.00	2,698,000
Peanuts	1968	710	0.993	705	ton	397.00	280,000
	1967	656	0.869	570	ton	344.00	196,000

- a. Pounds lint per acre
b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
c. Price per pound

FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Rice	1968	2,950	2.11	6,220	ton	\$100.00	\$ 622,000
	1967	2,510	1.92	4,820	ton	95.00	458,000
Safflower	1968	5,280	1.31	6,920	ton	71.00	491,000
	1967	9,190	1.12	10,300	ton	85.00	876,000
Silage	1968	3,030	24.80	75,100	ton	4.75	357,000
	1967	4,130	22.60	93,400	ton	6.50	607,000
Sorghum grain	1968	30,000	1.76	52,800	ton	42.00	2,218,000
	1967*	47,000	1.77	83,200	ton	40.00	3,328,000
Sugar beets	1968	33,700	23.20	782,000	ton	12.10	9,462,000
	1967	16,900	23.70	401,000	ton	11.60	4,652,000
Wheat	1968	21,000	0.93	19,500	ton	46.00	897,000
	1967	23,000	1.11	25,500	ton	40.00	1,250,000
Miscellaneous (Sesame (Straw	1968	158	xx	xx		xx	21,000
	1967	1,410	xx	xx		xx	36,100
TOTAL	1968	612,883					\$118,645,500
		2,658,000	Range				
	1967*	590,215					112,874,800
		2,698,000					

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CERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Ranger	1968	1,720	366	630,000	lb.	\$.38	\$ 239,000
	1967	2,180	353	769,000	lb.	.42	323,000
Proprietary and Other Varieties	1968	4,130	348	1,437,000	lb.	.42	604,000
	1967	4,680	348	1,630,000	lb.	.436	711,000
Barley	1968	991	3,040	3,013,000	lb.	.04	121,000
	1967	1,320	3,229	4,262,000	lb.	.034	145,000
Cowpeas, Blackeye	1968	393	2,170	853,000	lb.	.08	68,200
	1967	375	1,643	616,000	lb.	.129	79,500
Oats	1968	192	1,380	265,000	lb.	.036	9,540
	1967	189	2,116	400,000	lb.	.03	12,000
Wheat	1968	352	1,380	486,000	lb.	.04	19,400
	1967	432	762	329,000	lb.	.044	14,500
Miscellaneous (Milo (Peanuts)	1968	44	xx	82,100	lb.	xx	14,000
	1967	40	xx	44,600	lb.	xx	14,600
TOTAL	1968	7,822					\$1,075,140
	1967	9,216					1,299,600

NONCERTIFIED SEED CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa, Common and Other Varieties	1968	6,580	352	2,316,000	lb.	\$.39	\$ 903,000
	1967	4,410	329	1,451,000	lb.	.403	585,000
Beans, Castor	1968*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
	1967	293	1,600	469,000	lb.	.108	50,700
Grain (Barley (Oats (Wheat	1968	470	xx	1,250,000	lb.	.028	35,000
	1967	455	xx	596,000	lb.	.033	19,700
Cowpeas, Blackeye	1968	1,690	2,000	3,380,000	lb.	.06	203,000
	1967*	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Miscellaneous (Castor Beans (Grass (Peanuts	1968	222	xx	502,000	lb.	xx	175,000
	1967	227	xx	617,000	lb.	xx	148,000
Vegetable	1968	512	xx	568,000	lb.	.262	149,000
	1967	882	xx	622,000	lb.	.20	124,000
Screenings and Cleanings	1968	xx	xx	1,630	ton	16.50	26,900
	1967	xx	xx	624	ton	25.50	15,900
TOTAL	1968	9,474					\$1,491,900
	1967	6,267					943,300

*Included in Miscellaneous

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beans, Snap	1968	336	3.48	1,170	ton	\$245.00	\$ 287,000
	1967	492	1.59	782	ton	249.00	195,000
Carrots	1968	2,280	18.70	42,600	ton	45.00	1,917,000
	1967	2,110	25.70	54,200	ton	87.00	4,715,000
Corn, Sweet	1968	1,920	4.27	8,200	ton	135.00	1,115,000
	1967	2,310	2.99	6,910	ton	140.00	967,000
Cucumbers, processed	1968	560	7.86	4,400	ton	87.00	383,000
	1967	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Garlic	1968	815	5.85	4,770	ton	122.00	582,000
	1967	460	5.67	2,610	ton	120.00	313,000
Lettuce	1968	2,220	12.70	28,200	ton	75.00	2,115,000
	1967	1,940	9.02	17,500	ton	108.00	1,890,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1968	5,120	8.98	46,000	ton	116.00	5,336,000
	1967	3,990	7.89	31,500	ton	143.00	4,504,000
Other Melons	1968	960	9.89	9,490	ton	143.00	1,357,000
	1967	1,170	6.27	7,340	ton	144.00	1,057,000
Watermelons	1968	2,870	21.40	61,400	ton	40.00	2,456,000
	1967	2,360	13.10	30,900	ton	45.00	1,391,000
<u>Onions, TOTAL</u>	1968	6,410	22.57	144,700	ton	43.93	6,357,000
	1967	5,110	19.18	98,000	ton	44.42	4,353,000
Dry	1968	2,070	26.90	55,700	ton	61.40	3,420,000
	1967	1,480	20.60	30,500	ton	68.60	2,092,000
Dehydrator	1968	4,340	20.50	89,000	ton	33.00	2,937,000
	1967	3,630	18.60	67,500	ton	33.50	2,261,000
Peas	1968	284	1.39	395	ton	232.00	91,600
	1967	295	1.26	372	ton	285.00	106,000
Peppers, processed	1968	652	8.48	5,530	ton	74.00	409,000
	1967	xx	xx	xx		xx	xx
Potatoes, Sweet	1968	294	5.68	1,670	ton	146.00	244,000
	1967	307	5.08	1,560	ton	159.00	248,000

VEGETABLE CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
<u>Potatoes, TOTAL</u>	1968	38,800	18.40	714,110	ton	\$ 58.12	\$41,505,400
	1967	50,210	16.21	813,960	ton	36.47	29,687,800
<u>Late Spring, TOTAL</u>	1968	35,000	19.44	680,500	ton	58.38	39,728,000
	1967	44,000	17.48	769,000	ton	35.90	27,609,000
Fresh Market	1968			485,000	ton	70.00	33,950,000
	1967			523,000	ton	42.00	21,966,000
Processed	1968			124,000	ton	44.00	5,456,000
	1967			116,000	ton	43.60	5,058,000
Culls	1968			71,500	ton	4.50	322,000
	1967			130,000	ton	4.50	585,000
<u>Winter, TOTAL</u>	1968	3,800	8.84	33,610	ton	52.88	1,777,400
	1967	6,210	7.24	44,960	ton	46.24	2,078,800
Fresh Market	1968*			29,300	ton	60.00	1,758,000
	1967*			37,900	ton	54.00	2,047,000
Culls	1968			4,310	ton	4.50	19,400
	1967			7,060	ton	4.50	31,800
<u>Tomatoes, TOTAL</u>	1968	4,613	18.07	83,350	ton	43.50	3,626,000
	1967	2,775	13.21	36,653	ton	40.28	1,476,600
Fresh Market	1968	203	11.10	2,250	ton	224.00	504,000
	1967**	25	10.10	253	ton	267.00	67,600
Processed	1968	4,410	18.40	81,100	ton	38.50	3,122,000
	1967	2,750	13.20	36,400	ton	38.70	1,409,000
Miscellaneous (Asparagus, fresh and processed (Beans, snap, processed (Beans, Fava (Cabbage (Melons, processed (Peas, processed (Peppers (Squash	1968	1,500	xx	4,650	ton	xx	651,000
	1967	2,490	xx	18,500	ton	xx	1,570,980
TOTAL	1968	69,634					\$68,432,000
	1967	76,019					52,474,380

* Includes processed potatoes

**Includes canning tomatoes
sold Fresh Market

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Nectarines	1968	194	4.54	881	ton	\$402.00	\$ 354,000
	1967	189	4.47	844	ton	339.00	286,000
Oranges, Navel	1968	3,126	13.15	41,100	ton	117.50	4,829,100
	<u>TOTAL</u> 1967	2,683	6.29	16,870	ton	126.85	2,140,000
Fresh Market	1968			39,400	ton	122.00	4,807,000
	1967			9,190	ton	217.00	1,994,000
Processed	1968			1,700	ton	13.00	22,100
	1967			7,680	ton	19.00	146,000
Oranges, Valencia	1968	1,104	16.23	17,920	ton	59.36	1,063,700
	<u>TOTAL</u> 1967	762	15.80	12,040	ton	102.82	1,238,000
Fresh Market	1968			12,100	ton	84.00	1,016,000
	1967			8,780	ton	125.00	1,098,000
Processed	1968			5,820	ton	8.20	47,700
	1967			3,260	ton	43.00	140,000
Tangerines and Tangelos	1968	240	7.42	1,780	ton	181.00	322,000
	1967	210	2.17	455	ton	200.00	91,000
Olives	1968	217	2.87	623	ton	361.00	225,000
	1967	216	1.64	354	ton	269.00	95,200
<u>Peaches, TOTAL</u>	1968	1,531	9.35	14,310	ton	224.95	3,219,000
	1967	1,635	5.99	9,800	ton	210.80	2,066,000
Fresh Market	1968			6,960	ton	378.00	2,631,000
	1967			5,150	ton	329.00	1,694,000
Processed	1968			7,350	ton	80.00	588,000
	1967			4,650	ton	80.00	372,000
<u>Pears, TOTAL</u>	1968	301	6.23	1,874	ton	161.15	302,000
	1967	301	3.28	986	ton	242.49	239,100
Fresh Market	1968			875	ton	219.00	192,000
	1967			613	ton	280.00	172,000
Processed	1968			999	ton	110.00	110,000
	1967			373	ton	180.00	67,100
Plums	1968	1,695	2.91	4,930	ton	385.00	1,898,000
	1967	1,757	3.36	5,910	ton	343.00	2,027,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	YEAR	BEARING ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Pomegranates	1968	88	0.78	69	ton	\$171.00	\$ 11,800
	1967	94	2.89	272	ton	91.50	24,900
Miscellaneous (Apricots (Grapefruit (Persimmons (Plums, processed (Quince	1968	133	xx	645	ton	xx	173,000
	1967	133	xx	1,280	ton	xx	196,600
TOTAL	1968	47,527					\$51,426,600
	1967	45,577					42,369,100

NURSERY PRODUCTS	YEAR	ACRES	QUANTITY SOLD BY PRODUCERS	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Citrus Trees	1968	58	165,000	plant	\$2.25	\$ 371,000
	1967	61	279,000	plant	2.50	698,000
Trees and Shrubs	1968	122	721,000	plant	.60	433,000
	1967	94	733,000	plant	.59	432,000
Rose Plants	1968	821	11,766,000	plant	.35	4,118,000
	1967	749	11,408,000	plant	.35	3,993,000
Plants, Propagative Material and Cut Flowers	1968	220	xx		xx	256,000
	1967	195	xx		xx	304,000
TOTAL	1968	1,221				\$5,178,000
	1967	1,099				5,427,000

APIARY PRODUCTS	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Honey	1968	575,000	lb.	\$.11	\$ 63,200
	1967	756,000	lb.	.105	79,400
Beeswax	1968	9,600	lb.	.70	6,720
	1967	12,600	lb.	.62	7,810
Pollination	1968	12,300	colony	4.00	49,200
	1967	12,100	colony	5.00	60,500
TOTAL	1968				\$119,120
	1967				147,710

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cattle and calves	1968	355,000	2,179,000	cwt.	\$25.60	\$55,782,000
	1967	420,000	2,383,000	cwt.	24.10	57,430,000
Sheep and lambs	1968	192,000	189,000	cwt.	24.40	4,612,000
	1967	213,000	218,000	cwt.	21.70	4,731,000
Hogs	1968	2,600	5,200	cwt.	20.00	104,000
	1967	3,600	7,500	cwt.	21.50	161,000
Horses and misc. animals	1968	xx	xx		xx	719,000
	1967	xx	xx		xx	1,323,000
Fryers	1968	723,000	2,168,000	lb.	.172	373,000
	1967	517,000	1,811,000	lb.	.173	313,000
Poultry, other	1968	361,000	1,624,000	lb.	.05	81,200
	1967	381,000	1,619,000	lb.	.04	64,800
Turkeys	1968	544,000	11,013,000	lb.	.20	2,203,000
	1967	611,000	11,569,000	lb.	.19	2,198,000
Rabbits	1968	9,500	38,000	lb.	.275	10,400
	1967	3,510	14,000	lb.	.260	3,640
Game birds and Squab	1968	xx	xx		xx	87,100
	1967	xx	xx		xx	73,000
TOTAL	1968					\$63,971,700
	1967					66,297,440

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk					
Market	1968	2,165,000	cwt.	\$4.69	\$10,154,000
	1967*	1,977,000	cwt.	4.56	9,015,000
Manufacturing	1968	2,360	cwt.	4.16	9,820
	1967*	2,470	cwt.	4.01	9,900
Wool	1968	1,657,000	lb.	.39	646,000
	1967	1,973,000	lb.	.384	758,000
Eggs, chicken	1968	7,574,000	doz.	.398	2,977,000
Market	1967	8,401,000	doz.	.384	3,226,000
Miscellaneous	1968	xx		xx	111,000
	1967	xx		xx	1,320,000
TOTAL	1968				\$13,897,820
	1967*				14,328,900

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JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, 1968-1969
(In number of head)

ITEM	January 1, 1968	January 1, 1969
* <u>All cattle and calves</u>	346,000**	365,200
* Cattle on feed	119,000	120,000
* Milk cows, two years and over	21,200	20,800
* Stock sheep and lambs	163,800**	147,700
* Hogs	4,700**	4,700
Hens and pullets of laying age	439,000	429,000

* Estimates of California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

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		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Field Crops and Rangeland	1968	612,883 2,658,000	\$118,645,500
	1967*	590,215 2,698,000	112,874,800
Certified Seed Crops	1968	7,822	1,075,140
	1967	9,216	1,299,600
Noncertified Seed Crops	1968	9,474	1,491,900
	1967	6,267	943,300
Vegetable Crops	1968	69,634	68,432,000
	1967	76,019	52,474,380
Fruit and Nut Crops	1968	47,527	51,426,600
	1967	45,577	42,369,100
Nursery Products	1968	1,221	5,178,000
	1967	1,099	5,427,000
Apiary Products	1968		119,120
	1967		147,710
Livestock and Poultry	1968		63,971,700
	1967		66,297,440
Livestock and Poultry Products	1968		13,897,820
	1967		14,328,900
TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE		748,561	
(Irrigated acres 720,961			
(Dry Farm Barley 26,000			
(Dry Farm Wheat 13,000			
RANGELAND	1968	2,658,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1968		\$324,237,780
TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE		728,393	
(Irrigated acres 695,393			
(Dry Farm Barley 23,000			
(Dry Farm Wheat 10,000			
RANGELAND	1967	2,698,000	
TOTAL VALUE	1967		\$296,162,230

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