

KERN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Lewis A. Burtch, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits</u>			
Apples	26	2,500 bx.	6,250
Apricots	438	29,493 lugs	73,733
Apricots, cannery		1,340 tons	139,360
Berries	70	7,000 cr.	17,500
Figs	5	1,700 lugs	3,825
Figs, dried		5½ tons	1,375
Nectarines	94	17,129 lugs	47,105
Olives	477	932 tons	186,400
Peaches, cannery	804	1,295½ tons	80,321
Peaches		123,236 lugs	246,472
Prunes	27	1,800 lugs	5,400
Pears	104	44,586 lugs	111,465
Persimmons	20	3,742 lugs	7,484
Plums	1,411	597,160 lugs	1,343,610
Pomegranates	21	12,798 lugs	19,197
Quinces	10	65 tons	3,900
Almonds	79	13,000 lbs.	4,680
Pecans - Not full bearing	21	2,300 lbs.	690
Walnuts	20	35 tons	15,750
Family Orchard	150	650 tons	32,500
Total	3,777		2,347,017
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	35	15,750 bx.	43,943
Oranges, Navel	1,366	252,820 bx.	973,357
Valencia	84	15,800 bx.	67,940
Tangerines	83	1,340 bx.	2,680
Lemons	8	2,316 bx.	11,765
Total	1,576		1,099,685
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	6,018	2,609,178 lugs	5,348,815
Wine	1,892	17,028 tons	1,702,800
Raisin	9,121	18,242 tons	3,465,980
Zante Currants	134	188½ tons	47,125
Total	17,165		10,564,720

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

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

LIVESTOCK SOLD*

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>Dollars Only TOTAL VALUE</u>
Steers	39,314	4,521,110
Cows & Heifers	32,328	3,394,440
Calves	14,437	505,295
Bills	1,639	204,875
Hides-Cow	73,281	476,327
Hides-Calf	14,437	43,311
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Total		9,145,358
Sheep	22,150	110,750
Lambs	193,335	2,219,486
Wool	1,772,000 lb.	637,920
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Total		2,968,156
Hogs	12,000	432,000
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Total		432,000
Turkeys	45,000	236,250
Poultry	495,000	742,500
Eggs	1,020,000 doz.	510,000
Ducks	8,000	18,000
Geese	1,500	5,250
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Total		1,512,000
Milk	5,479,682 gal.	2,465,857
Ice Cream Mfg.	637,478 gal.	637,478
Ice Milk Mfg.	84,437 gal.	59,106
Pounds Butter Mfg.	149,125 lb.	67,106
Cottage Cheese	447,014 lb.	120,694
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Total		3,350,241
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Grand total of all livestock		17,407,755
Total acreage of all crops	414,600 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Total tonnage of all crops incl. livestock	1,474,929	
Total value of all crops including livestock		90,386,158
Government payments to the AAA Program not available		300,000
estimated		<hr/>
Total returns to Agriculture		90,686,158

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

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