

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

1951

Mr. A. A. Brock
State Director of Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Charles W. Grimm
Agricultural Commissioner

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1951 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Compiled by Charles W. Grimm, Agricultural Commissioner

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

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

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

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LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

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

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ACREAGE

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

VALUE

Fruit and Nut Crops	\$2,588,100	\$2,647,638
Citrus Fruit	397,497	1,016,495
Grapes	19,922,507	16,618,937
Melons	639,117	423,845
Vegetables	30,431,652	28,796,550
Grain, Dry Farm	1,213,813	846,720
Grain, Irrigated	6,430,987	1,554,346
Field Crops	80,719,502	130,959,867
Seed, Certified	2,444,174	4,042,763
Seed, Uncertified	213,322	2,361,669
Seed, Foundation	5,616	0
Apiculture	133,651	398,708
Beef Cattle	28,928,218	39,845,766
Sheep	3,989,150	5,341,300
Hogs	790,380	778,680
Rabbits	378,525	203,338
Poultry	4,227,528	4,919,175
Dairy Products	2,917,000	3,922,540
Total	\$186,370,739	\$244,678,337
Agricultural Conservation Payments	84,000	95,000
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$186,454,739	\$244,773,337
Total Carlot Shipments	66,755	45,293