

KERN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Director
State Department of Agriculture

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Kern

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

Gross income for 1957 was only slightly lower than the previous year, despite an unusually bad potato market which brought returns for that crop down 52% compared with 1956.

Cotton farmers continued to break their own production records and this year we have another all-time high of 1207 pounds lint per acre. Total returns amounted to ninety million dollars, which accounts for 39% of the total agricultural income of the County of Kern.

Vineyardists realized a 15% increase in income over 1956 returns. Quality was excellent and growers found a receptive market for their crop. The price for wine grapes at \$50 per ton was the highest received since 1950.

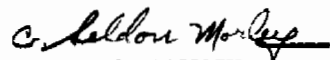
Alfalfa hay acreage was slightly decreased, but gross returns were considerably higher because of an increase both in price per ton and tons per acre. This was probably accountable to a reduction in the spotted alfalfa aphid population. Many farmers did not start control measures until late in July, and in most cases it was not necessary to treat more than three times.

Total income from livestock was increased 29%. Prices were higher than a year ago and more pounds were produced.

From 689,209 planted acres the total return to agriculture amounted to \$232,304,078. All prices in our crop report are based on f.o.b. market values and do not represent the net amount received by growers. From this income must be deducted the costs of production and preparation for market.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to each person who supplied us with records and data for this annual crop report.

Respectfully submitted,


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1957 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION - VALUE

C. Seldon Morley, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	29	4,815 bx.	15,649
Apples, canned		45 ton	2,475
Apricots	112	2,311 lug	6,240
Apricots, canned		951 ton	66,570
Berries, Straw	35	8,794 cr.	16,709
Berries, Straw		1,543 cans	8,872
Figs	9	430 flats	731
Nectarines	53	16,925 lugs	69,393
Olives	142	571 tons	126,225
Peaches	194	85,434 lugs	363,095
Pears	89	46,371 bx.	192,440
Persimmons	13	12,190 lugs	30,475
Plums	1,618	566,070 lugs	2,264,280
Pomegranates	17	2,790 bx.	3,069
Prunes	8	3,158 lugs	7,895
Almonds	92	10 tons	5,000
Almonds, shelled		8 tons	12,000
Pecans	11	5 tons	3,500
Walnuts	3	2 tons	1,000
Total	2,425		3,195,618
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	6	1,150 fld. bx.	1,208
Oranges, Navel	1,060	40,065 ctn.	110,179
Oranges, Navel		354,852 fld. bx.	975,843
Oranges, Valencia	43	22,118 fld. bx.	55,295
Tangerines	28	17,400 lugs	60,900
Lemons	7	2,500 fld. bx.	3,750
Total	1,144		1,207,175
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	20,448	5,317,292 lugs	15,951,876
Wine	3,346	72,559 tons	3,627,950
Raisin		2,382 tons	571,680
Zante Currants	10	17 tons	4,420
Grapes, cannery		11,839 tons	769,535
Total	23,804		20,925,461
<u>Melons</u>			
Cantaloupes	2,784	425,330 cr.	2,020,318
Casaba	5	4,067 cr.	5,694
Crenshaw	51	6,408 cr.	16,020
Honeydew	10	1,381 cr.	2,762
Honeyshaw	10	2,923 cr.	8,331
Persian	35	10,406 cr.	21,853
Watermelons	1,057	11,091 tons	596,141
Total	3,952		2,671,119

1957 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	107	8,969 cr.	50,226
Asparagus, processed		81 tons	14,013
Beans Green	60	7,835 hamp.	16,454
Cabbage	57	10,248 cr.	22,033
Carrots	219	2,195 tons	60,363
Celery	70	39,277 cr.	92,301
Corn, Sweet	2,337	434,656 cr.	1,130,106
Cucumbers, cannery	110	635 tons	34,925
Garlic	165	1,069 tons	175,316
Lettuce	1,113	281,880 ctns	422,820
Lettuce		7,321 cr.	20,499
Okra	40	600,000 lbs.	81,000
Onions	560	415,289 sks.	747,520
Onions, dehydrator	1,421	26,754 tons	802,620
Peas	1,479	144,495 hamp.	440,710
Potatoes	56,323	12,879,766 sks.	21,251,614
Potatoes, processed		687,426 sks.	1,443,595
Potatoes, processed		140,302 sks.	105,227
Potatoes, seed		148,918 sks.	461,646
Potatoes, culls		146,492 tons	439,476
Potatoes, Sweet	75	28,325 lugs	49,569
Squash	21	4,893 lugs	8,073
Tomatoes	70	102,410 lugs	225,302
Total	64,227		28,095,408
<u>Field and Forage Crops</u>			
Beans: Blackeye	2,528	1,876 tons	243,880
Castor	5,324	6,754 tons	1,013,100
Fava	100	135 tons	18,900
Other	10	4 tons	800
Soy	446	594 tons	53,460
Broom Corn	6	18 tons	9,360
Flax	80	1,600 bu.	5,360
Grain: Barley	89,036	99,545 tons	4,180,890
Field Corn	11,506	29,053 tons	1,452,650
Milo	32,194	71,661 tons	2,938,101
Oats	173	238 tons	12,614
Rice	4,158	8,084 tons	711,392
Rye	25	25 tons	1,000
Wheat	31,214	32,117 tons	2,344,541
Cotton	180,063	454,705 bales	79,982,610
Cotton seed (not planting)		170,447 tons	9,084,825
Hay: Alfalfa	106,162	798,790 tons	18,491,989
Grain	8,876	23,378 tons	550,552
Rice Straw		138 tons	1,242
Nursery Stock	323		745,948
Pasture: Permanent	21,814		2,181,400
Stubble	32,943		115,301
Peanuts	334	2,923 sks.	52,614
Safflower	490	490 tons	36,750
Silage	3,660	68,695 tons	343,475
Sugar Beets	11,072	163,994 tons	1,639,940
Total	542,537		126,212,694

1957 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	790	295,618 lbs.	82,773
Alfalfa, Buffalo	1,926	1,253,546 lbs.	350,993
Alfalfa, Caliverde	164	66,661 lbs.	16,332
Alfalfa, Dupuits	2,525	1,601,246 lbs.	464,361
Alfalfa, Lahontan	1,003	401,014 lbs.	172,436
Alfalfa, Moapa	5	2,843 lbs.	2,132
Alfalfa, Narragansett	478	191,987 lbs.	89,274
Alfalfa, Ranger	31,515	17,651,040 lbs.	4,677,526
Alfalfa, Vernal	4,591	1,629,309 lbs.	635,431
Alfalfa, Williamsburg	685	461,649 lbs.	131,570
Barley, Arivat	40	120,000 lbs.	4,500
Barley, California Mariout	10	47,780 lbs.	1,195
Clover, Dollard Red	290	85,762 lbs.	27,444
Clover, Chesapeake	245	96,603 lbs.	32,845
Clover, Kenland Red	362	201,407 lbs.	60,422
Clover, Pennscott Red	332	189,071 lbs.	85,082
Fescue, Goars Tall	73	38,733 lbs.	7,747
Milo, DD 38	50	79,373 lbs.	2,778
Oats, Kanota	14	41,200 lbs.	2,060
Orchard Grass, Potomac	20	15,010 lbs.	9,006
Rice, Caloro	320	802,505 lbs.	41,730
Sudan, Piper	190	404,621 lbs.	29,335
Wheat, Ramona 50	20	46,457 lbs.	3,717
Total	45,648		6,930,689

Seed, Uncertified

Alfalfa, Buffalo		47,882 lbs.	11,013
Alfalfa, African	13	7,042 lbs.	1,303
Alfalfa, California Common	4,012	1,203,710 lbs.	222,686
Alfalfa, Caliverde		36,623 lbs.	8,057
Alfalfa, Dupuits		119,986 lbs.	34,796
Alfalfa, Lahontan		64,025 lbs.	22,409
Alfalfa, Narragansett		6,630 lbs.	2,718
Alfalfa, Ranger		355,016 lbs.	72,778
Alfalfa, Scandia	280	168,972 lbs.	50,692
Alfalfa, Socheville	160	99,628 lbs.	27,896
Alfalfa, Vernal		50,396 lbs.	15,119
Alfalfa, Williamsburg		35,072 lbs.	5,612
Alfalfa, No. 2		318 tons	46,555
Screenings		2,284 tons	42,825
Barley, Black	4	13,778 lbs.	413
Barley		23,923 lbs.	598
Beans, Blackeye	250	540,500 lbs.	40,538
Beans, Soy	3	7,551 lbs.	378
Beet, Sugar	273	820,831 lbs.	93,370
Bluegrass, Merion Kentucky	197	95,436 lbs.	95,436
Canary Grass	120	184,527 lbs.	12,917
Carrot	56	14,000 lbs.	7,000
Clover, Dollar Red		398 lbs.	84
Clover, Kenland Red		2,523 lbs.	505
Clover, Pennscott Red		6,273 lbs.	1,568
Clover, Sour		21,598 lbs.	1,296
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1957 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Cotton seed, planting		11,435 tons	1,543,725
Fescue, Goars Tall		447 lbs.	67
Millet	10	10,500 lbs.	1,050
Orchard Grass, Potomac		1,100 lbs.	440
Rye Grass	60	31,553 lbs.	2,366
Sudan, Piper		15,200 lbs.	836
Trefoil, Viking Birdsfoot	14	2,514 lbs.	2,236
Wheat, Ramona 50		1,869 lbs.	93
Wheat	20	54,445 lbs.	2,178
Total	5,472		2,371,553

Apiary Products

Beeswax		14,342 lbs.	8,032
Honey		2,151,280 lbs.	258,154
Total			266,186

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LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	1,185	346,909
Steers	130,993	18,077,034
Cows	19,700	2,590,550
Heifers	42,469	5,244,922
Calves	3,127	207,946
Bulls	713	154,899
Fertilizer		180,000
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Sheep	18,462	138,465
Lambs	175,870	3,746,031
Wool	1,936,000 lbs.	987,360
Pelts	20,841	44,808
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Swine	8,148	311,661
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Shetland Ponies	31	7,130
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Chinchilla		49,400
Nutria		12,174
Rabbits		91,000
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Chickens	170,300	170,300
Fryers	541,000	432,800
Ducks	2,500	3,750
Geese	4,000	10,000
Squab	12,100	9,680
Turkeys	90,000	356,400
Game Birds	13,150	25,525
Eggs	3,576,300 doz.	1,484,165
Eggs, Turkey (hatching)	600,000 ea.	162,000
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Milk, Market - pounds milk fat	4,140,000 lbs.	4,844,000
Milk, Manufacturing - pounds milk fat	3,000 lbs.	2,760
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Grand Total of all Livestock and Livestock Products		39,691,669

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SUMMARY

Acreage

	1956	1957
Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	2,316	2,425
Citrus Fruits	1,141	1,144
Grapes	22,704	23,804
Melons	2,511	3,952
Vegetables	63,719	64,227
Field and Forage Crops	517,604	542,537
Seed, Certified	48,940	45,648
Seed, Uncertified	7,035	5,472
	665,970	689,209

Value

Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	\$ 2,925,330	\$ 3,195,618
Citrus Fruits	899,278	1,207,175
Grapes	18,249,144	20,925,461
Melons	1,399,865	2,671,119
Vegetables	54,858,668	28,095,408
Field and Forage Crops	112,332,886	126,212,694
Seed, Certified	8,465,314	6,930,689
Seed, Uncertified	2,807,627	2,371,553
Apiary Products	552,021	266,186
Beef Cattle	19,475,001	26,802,260
Sheep	4,178,483	4,916,664
Swine	228,406	311,661
Shetland Ponies	---	7,130
Fur bearing animals and pelts	154,540	152,574
Poultry	2,684,867	2,654,620
Dairy Products	4,042,500	4,846,760
	233,253,930	231,567,572
Agricultural Conservation Payments	9,798	61,970
Lamb and Wool Incentive Payments	---	499,943
Soil Bank	---	174,593
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$233,263,728	\$232,304,078