

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 the County of Kern. This report covers the acreage, production and value of all crops produced in the county, including livestock and livestock products. Acreages of permanent crops are reported in actual bearing acres only, and other crops are reported in actual harvested acreage.

Gross income for 1958 was slightly above the previous year despite a 9% decrease in returns from cotton--the crop which represents 35% of our total agricultural income. Production was down to 1137 pounds lint per acre, and the price per pound was also less than a year ago.

It was not a profitable year for those who planted potatoes, and even though our report indicates a return of 25 million dollars this cannot be considered as the actual gross return to farmers. In many instances price adjustments to receivers lowered the original f.o.b. prices on which our report is based.

Vineyardists had another good year with an increase of 18% over 1957 returns.

Income from seed production was off 16% compared to a year ago. Alfalfa hay also brought a smaller return.

Acreage planted to melons was increased 82% and gross returns were reflected almost to the same extent. A tremendous increase was also seen in production of nursery stock. Several large nurseries have recently established growing grounds in Kern County for rose bushes, ornamentals, fruit and shade trees.

Total income from livestock was decreased slightly from last year. Actually more head of cattle were sold, but fatter cattle were brought into the feed lots and so less pounds were produced locally.

From 708,052 planted acres the total return to agriculture amounted to \$232,563,397. 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.

A sincere thanks is extended to everyone who cooperated with the personnel of this department and supplied us with the information which has been compiled into our annual crop report.

Very truly yours,


C. SELDON MORLEY
Agricultural Commissioner

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1958 ANNUAL CROP REPORT FOR KERN COUNTY

CROP ACREAGE - PRODUCTION - VALUE

C. Seldon Morely, Agricultural Commissioner

CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Deciduous Fruits and Nuts</u>			
Apples	29	4,291 bx.	15,019
Apricots	112	2,511 lugs	7,156
Apricots, cannery		24 tons	3,600
Figs	5	430 flats	753
Nectarines	65	24,910 lugs	82,203
Olives	144	617 tons	51,057
Peaches	246	119,584 lugs	394,627
Pears	89	66,961 bx.	291,280
Persimmons	13	11,999 bx.	40,197
Plums	1,635	782,947 lugs	2,896,904
Pomegranates	20	3,480 lugs	8,352
Prunes	8	3,167 lugs	9,026
Almonds	92	11 tons	9,306
Total	2,458		3,809,480
<u>Citrus Fruit</u>			
Grapefruit	6	2,450 fld. bx.	3,063
Oranges, Navel	1,075	96,365 ctn.	332,459
Oranges, Navel		394,829 fld. bx.	1,105,521
Oranges, Valencia	43	23,340 fld. bx.	58,350
Tangerines	32	14,815 lugs	40,741
Total	1,156		1,540,134
<u>Grapes</u>			
Table	21,882	5,557,719 lugs	18,340,473
Wine	3,408	96,301 tons	4,670,599
Raisin		2,483 tons	851,669
Grapes, cannery		10,087 tons	806,960
Total	25,290		24,669,701
<u>Melons</u>			
Cantaloupes	4,366	965,556 cr.	3,331,168
Casaba	50	7,623 cr.	24,012
Crenshaw	4	12 tons	630
Honeydew	570	270,290 cr.	648,696
Persian	70	18,169 cr.	39,972
Watermelons	2,130	17,770 tons	524,215
Total	7,190		4,568,693

1958 CROP	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Vegetables</u>			
Asparagus	194	14,282 cr.	78,551
Asparagus, processed		48 tons	10,320
Carrots	378	5,405 tons	132,423
Corn, Sweet	3,321	478,105 cr.	932,305
Cucumbers	21	164 tons	13,038
Garlic	422	1,382 tons	183,806
Lettuce	707	152,378 ctns.	213,329
Okra	60	200 tons	54,000
Onions	611	477,768 sks.	525,545
Onions, dehydrator	1,514	51,814 tons	1,554,420
Onions, green	100	16,517 cr.	63,590
Peas	1,777	211,832 hamp.	529,580
Potatoes	56,743	10,247,173 sks.	22,543,781
Potatoes, processed		908,704 sks.	2,090,019
Potatoes, seed		69,396 sks.	194,309
Potatoes, cull		107,248 tons	321,744
Potatoes, sweet	143	35,558 lugs	97,785
Potatoes, sweet, processed		45 tons	1,575
Squash	30	9,785 lugs	17,124
Tomatoes	130	75,400 lugs	154,570
Tomatoes		190 tons	5,510
Total	66,151		29,717,324
<u>Field and Forage Crops</u>			
Beans: Blackeye	1,731	1,328 tons	185,920
Castor	9,036	10,791 tons	1,294,920
Fava	35	21 tons	1,638
Soy	258	303 tons	40,905
Cotton	183,512	438,347 bales	73,854,018
Cotton seed (not planting)		162,274 tons	6,896,645
Flax	245	164 tons	19,680
Grain: Barley	105,115	129,980 tons	5,459,160
Field Corn	6,382	15,561 tons	809,172
Milo	39,167	79,858 tons	3,274,178
Oats	234	228 tons	13,680
Rice	5,459	9,138 tons	749,316
Wheat	37,245	43,029 tons	2,667,798
Hay: Alfalfa	105,853	773,938 tons	18,187,543
Grain	9,319	28,320 tons	679,680
Barley straw		600 tons	6,600
Nursery Stock	450		2,318,010
Pasture: Permanent	25,276		2,527,600
Stubble	22,129		77,452
Peanuts	682	301 tons	108,360
Popcorn	526	498 tons	49,800
Safflower	2,757	3,186 tons	223,020
Sesame	50	24-1/2 tons	4,900
Silage	3,270	47,700 tons	381,600
Sugar Beets	7,923	149,258 tons	1,470,191
Total	566,654		121,301,786

1958 CROP	ACERAGE	PRODUCTION	VALUE
<u>Seed, Certified</u>			
Alfalfa, Atlantic	258	66,887 lbs.	17,725
Alfalfa, Buffalo	1,539	737,508 lbs.	206,502
Alfalfa, DuPuits	2,834	1,260,423 lbs.	447,450
Alfalfa, Lahontan	1,025	148,361 lbs.	45,992
Alfalfa, Moapa	867	407,482 lbs.	203,741
Alfalfa, Narragansett	1,447	287,795 lbs.	143,898
Alfalfa, Ranger	20,726	9,018,410 lbs.	2,976,075
Alfalfa, Vernal	6,218	1,492,372 lbs.	679,029
Alfalfa, Williamsburg	436	202,392 lbs.	62,742
Barley, Arivat	90	179,330 lbs.	6,277
Beans, Blackeye #5	82	187,120 lbs.	26,197
Clover, Chesapeake Red	145	91,636 lbs.	35,280
Clover, Dollard Red	553	236,500 lbs.	92,235
Clover, Kenland Red	473	115,729 lbs.	52,078
Clover, Pennscott Red	183	106,944 lbs.	64,166
Fescue, Goars Tall	31	5,224 lbs.	731
Orchardgrass, Potomac	20	18,450 lbs.	7,380
Wheat, Ramona	80	172,777 lbs.	8,639
Total	37,007		5,076,137
<u>Seed, Uncertified</u>			
Alfalfa, African	40	25,765 lbs.	5,539
Alfalfa, Buffalo		23,703 lbs.	5,570
Alfalfa, Caliverde	20	17,107 lbs.	3,678
Alfalfa, DuPuits		20,831 lbs.	7,395
Alfalfa, Lahontan		72,098 lbs.	18,385
Alfalfa, Moapa		72,475 lbs.	20,293
Alfalfa, Narragansett		15,732 lbs.	6,293
Alfalfa, Ranger		311,108 lbs.	82,444
Alfalfa, Scandia	500	175,000 lbs.	61,250
Alfalfa, Vernal		50,955 lbs.	19,363
Alfalfa, Williamsburg		23,776 lbs.	6,657
Alfalfa, Common		1,046,357 lbs.	214,503
Alfalfa Screenings and Salvage		2,088 tons	29,879
Barley, Arivat		75,274 lbs.	2,258
Barley, Atlas	20	32,300 lbs.	969
Barley, California Mariout	40	153,624 lbs.	4,609
Beans, Blackeye #5	589	2,077,400 lbs.	114,257
Beans, Mung	50	17,547 lbs.	1,404
Bluegrass, Merion Kentucky	246	120,000 lbs.	144,000
Clover, Sour		8,245 lbs.	206
Cotton seed, planting		13,065 tons	1,633,125
Fescue, mixture		17,710 lbs.	708
Onion	48	16-1/2 tons	33,000
Orchardgrass, Potomac		800 lbs.	288
Rice, Caloro	20	59,473 lbs.	4,758
Sudan Grass	20	29,079 lbs.	1,163
Sugar beet	544	2,028,189 lbs.	263,665
Wheat, Ramona		60,636 lbs.	2,729
Wheatgrass, Topar	9	1,365 lbs.	478
Total	2,146		2,688,866

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

APIARY PRODUCTS

	<u>NUMBER OF HEAD</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Purebreds	993	431,637
Steers	161,814	18,204,075
Cows	14,271	2,261,954
Heifers	36,334	3,896,822
Calves	2,269	181,520
Bulls	302	89,090
Fertilizer		176,874
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Total		25,241,972
Sheep	7,846	62,768
Lambs	158,812	3,335,862
Wool	1,746,620 lbs.	611,317
Pelts	15,836	30,088
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Total		4,040,035
Swine	9,108	415,780
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Chinchilla		47,460
Nutria		10,775
Rabbits		81,900
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Total		140,135
Chickens	253,650	164,873
Fryers	808,850	374,487
Ducks	2,000	1,800
Geese	1,500	1,350
Squab	13,540	13,540
Turkeys	100,400	392,564
Game Birds	33,450	63,625
Eggs	5,326,650 doz.	2,290,460
Eggs, Turkey (hatching)	500,000 ea.	120,000
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Total		3,422,699
Milk, Market - pounds milk fat	4,652,000 lbs.	5,070,680
Milk, Manufacturing - pounds milk fat	16,000 lbs.	13,440
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Total		5,084,120
<u>Apiary Products</u>		
Beeswax	18,849 lbs.	7,540
Honey	2,827,320 lbs.	296,869
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Total		304,409

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL LIVESTOCK, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

38,649,150

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SUMMARYAcreage

	1957	1958
Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	2,425	2,458
Citrus Fruit	1,144	1,156
Grapes	23,804	25,290
Melons	3,952	7,190
Vegetables	64,227	66,151
Field and Forage Crops	542,537	566,654
Seed Certified	45,648	37,007
Seed, Uncertified	5,472	2,146
Total	689,209	708,052

Value:

Deciduous Fruits and Nuts	\$ 3,195,618	\$ 3,809,480
Citrus Fruits	1,207,175	1,540,134
Grapes	20,925,461	24,669,701
Melons	2,671,119	4,568,693
Vegetables	28,095,408	29,717,324
Field and Forage Crops	126,212,694	121,301,786
Seed, Certified	6,930,689	5,076,137
Seed, Uncertified	2,371,553	2,688,866
Beef Cattle	26,802,260	25,241,972
Sheep	4,916,664	4,040,035
Swine	311,661	415,780
Shetland Ponies	7,130	-----
Fur bearing animals	152,574	140,135
Poultry	2,654,620	3,422,699
Dairy Products	4,846,760	5,084,120
Apiary Products	266,186	304,409
Total	231,567,572	232,021,271
Agricultural Conservation Payments	61,970	281,000
Lamb and Wool Incentive Payments	499,943	43,862
Soil Bank	174,593	217,264
TOTAL RETURNS TO AGRICULTURE	\$ 232,304,078	\$ 232,563,397