

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT
Kings County, California
1943

Compiled by the Agricultural Commissioner of Kings County
in compliance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code
of California.

We are indebted to many growers, packers, shippers and
various official agencies for their help and cooperation
in compiling this report, for which we wish to express
our appreciation.

L. O. Haupt
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
Kings County

The income for Kings County farm crops for 1943 was the highest in the history of the industry, but net returns were probably not in excess of other years on account of the high production costs. Some crops were, no doubt, produced without profit or even in some cases at a loss and may show a marked decline during the following year.

Wherever it is possible, accurate returns have been compiled for crops produced entirely within the county, but in the case of some crops, which are more or less migratory, estimates have necessarily been used as in the case of honey, sheep, wool and beef cattle.

These figures are not intended to be the growers net profit, but rather the gross or f.o.b. returns which would include picking, hauling and packing charges.

No attempt has been made to estimate the value of produce raised and consumed on the farm or to compute the value of victory garden production, but if these figures were available, they would amount to a large sum.

The returns for crops and increased tonnages produced, indicates the response of Kings County growers in the production of necessary food crops in cooperation with the War Food Administration for the war effort, although the growers were handicapped by the shortage of farm labor and essential farm machinery.

PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
KINGS COUNTY 1943

GRAPES:

| | <u>Tons</u> | <u>Green Tons</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Thompson Seedless, Raisins | 3438 | 13752 | \$155.00 | \$ 532,890.00 |
| " " Dehydrated | 94 | 94 | 33.00 | 3,102.00 |
| " " Winery | 173 | 173 | 33.00 | 5,709.00 |
| Muscat, Winery | 2322 | 2322 | 35.50 | 82,431.00 |
| " Raisin | 4942 | 19768 | 165.00 | 815,430.00 |
| " Partly Dried | 352 | 1408 | | 52,594.00 |
| " Dehydrated (with Kings Co) | 3114 | 12456 | 205.00 | 638,370.00 |
| " For Dehydrating to other Counties | 2899 | 2899 | 35.50 | 102,915.00 |
| Sultana, Raisins | 306 | 1218 | 150.00 | 45,900.00 |
| " Winery | 298 | 298 | 31.75 | 9,461.50 |
| Wine Grapes (Black) | 3330 | 3330 | 85.00 | 283,050.00 |
| Table Grapes | 1260 | 1260 | 85.00 | <u>107,100.00</u> |
| Total Grapes | | | | \$2,678,952.50 |

FRUIT AND NUTS:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Peaches, Freestone: | | | | |
| " Trucked Out | 873 | 873 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 69,840.00 |
| " Dried | 1527 | 10689 | 440.00 | 671,880.00 |
| " Shipped | 4146.57 | 4146.57 | | 346,169.00 |
| " For Freezing | 270 | 270 | 70.00 | 18,900.00 |
| Peaches, Clingstone: | 4944.6 | | 65.00 | 321,399.00 |
| Apricots, Canning | 1385 | 1385 | 100.00 | 138,500.00 |
| " Trucked Out | 902 | 902 | 100.00 | 90,200.00 |
| " Dried | 550 | 3850 | 640.00 | 352,000.00 |
| " Pits | 193 | | 37.50 | 7,237.50 |
| Prunes | 149.31 | | | 27,473.04 |
| Persimmons | 48 | 48 | 65.00 | 3,120.00 |
| Olives | 165 | 165 | 173.64 | 28,651.83 |
| Olives, (Oil) | 50 | 50 | 100.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Walnuts | 232 | 232 | 500.00 | <u>116,000.00</u> |
| Total Fruit and Nuts | | | | \$2,196,370.37 |

FIELD CROPS:

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--|--|------------------|
| Flax | 207600 bu. | | | \$ 672,624.00 |
| Cotton | 31305 Bales | | | 3,130,500.00 |
| Cottonseed | 14097 Tons | | | 760,714.50 |
| Hay (Est.) | 189000 Tons | | | 3,784,320.00 |
| Grain Sorghum (Est.) | 5000 Ton | | | 285,000.00 |
| Wheat | 396000 Bu. | | | 574,200.00 |
| Barley (Est.) | 710000 | | | 4,400,000.00 |
| Oats (Est.) | 2200 Ton | | | 110,000.00 |
| Rice | 7428 - 100 lb | | | <u>26,000.00</u> |
| Total Field Crops | | | | \$13,743,358.50 |

note
145% of Hay fed in Kings Co.

LIVESTOCK:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Hogs | \$ 370,973.28 |
| Turkeys and Turkey Eggs | 460,060.30 |
| Poultry and Eggs | 250,500.00 |
| Lambs and Wool | 475,623.18 |
| Cattle (Including Sales of Feed Yards) | 3,527,621.00 |
| Dairy Products | <u>6,110,622.00</u> |
| Total Livestock | \$ 11,195,399.76 |

VEGETABLES:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Carrots | <i>2700 at</i> | \$ 9,450.00 | <i>None 1944</i> |
| Watermelons | <i>3754</i> | 225,240.00 | <i>25% increase</i> |
| Other Melons | <i>66386 cwt</i> | 199,158.00 | <i>same</i> |
| Peanuts | <i>84 tons</i> | 11,256.00 | <i>none</i> |
| Potatoes | <i>10760 - 100# sks</i> | 21,520.00 | <i>none</i> |
| Spinach | <i>9986 cwt</i> | 24,965.00 | <i>none</i> |
| Tomatoes | | 6,500.00 | <i>none</i> |
| Other Vegetables | | <u>10,000.00</u> | |
| Total Vegetables | | \$ 508,089.00 | |

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Nursery Stock | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Honey | 41,040.00 |
| Wax | <u>3,586.80</u> |
| Total Miscellaneous Crops | \$ 52,126.80 |

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| Total Field Crops..... | 13,743,358.50 | |
| Total Livestock..... | 11,195,399.76 | |
| Total Vegetables | 508,089.00 | |
| Total Misc. Crops | <u>52,126.80</u> | |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$30,374,296.93 | |

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