

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



County of Imperial

1954

OFFICE OF THE
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IMPERIAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
and
The State Director of Agriculture

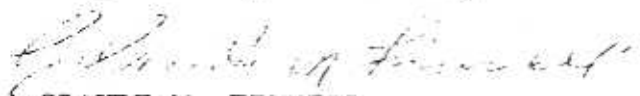
It is required by Sec. 65.5 of the Agricultural Code that the Agricultural Commissioner compile a report covering the acreage, production, and value of the agricultural products of the County. Herewith is submitted such a report for the County of Imperial.

I wish to emphasize that these values are Gross Values, F. O. B. Shipping Point and include the cost of production, harvesting, and preparation for market. The net income to farmers was not increased in proportion to the gross sales due to lower farm prices and increased costs of labor and all materials used in harvesting and handling the crops.

The members of our department, including office personnel, and District Inspectors have made an earnest endeavor to make this report as accurate as possible.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to farmers, packers, and shippers who have assisted in making this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,



CLAUDE M. FINNELL,
Agricultural Commissioner
Imperial County

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FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa	24,225	Carloads	\$ 9,883,800.00
Alfalfa Meal	1,658	"	2,636,220.00
Grain Hay	206	"	50,882.00
Straw	199	"	31,044.00
Barley	1,668	"	3,586,200.00
Wheat	75	"	246,750.00
Milo Maize	84	"	198,660.00
Flax Seed	559	"	2,908,477.00
Flax Straw	1,768	"	281,595.00
Flax Fibre	255	"	446,250.00
Flax Shive	70	"	10,365.00
Sugar Beets	24,738	"	14,842,800.00
Sugar Beet By-Products	103,000	Tons	2,540,000.00
Cotton	124,962	Bales	19,993,920.00
Cotton Seed	43,200	Tons	2,592,000.00
Cotton By-Products	14,444	"	1,315,216.00
Screenings-Seed	131	Carloads	116,721.00
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		Total.....	\$ 61,680,900.00

FRUIT AND NUTS

Grapefruit	298	Carloads	\$ 346,872.00
Oranges	42	"	62,496.00
Tangerines	21	"	78,960.00
Lemons	4	"	9,240.00
Grapes	32	"	110,880.00
Dates	305,000	Pounds	61,000.00
Pecans	20,000	"	10,000.00
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		Total.....	\$ 679,448.00

VEGETABLES

Lettuce	16,984	Carloads	\$	16,304,640.00
Carrots	4,822	"		5,198,116.00
Cabbage	353	"		197,680.00
Peas	15	"		24,675.00
Onions	242	"		108,900.00
Mixed Vegetables	298	"		447,000.00
Broccoli	117	"		93,600.00
Romaine	188	"		165,440.00
Cabbage (Bulk)	3,646	Tons		54,690.00
Carrots (Cull)	4,653	"		16,443.00
Total.....				\$ 22,511,184.00

TRUCK CROPS

Cantaloupes	4,044	Carloads	\$	6,159,012.00
Mixed Melons	68	"		102,000.00
Watermelons	2,596	"		1,518,660.00
Tomatoes	1,773	"		2,632,905.00
Tomatoes (Cannery)	1,038	Tons		23,874.00
Squash	332	Carloads		647,400.00
Cucumbers	62	"		93,000.00
Asparagus	47	"		189,504.00
Green Corn	105	"		129,150.00
Total.....				\$ 11,495,505.00

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES

Cattle	8,208	Carloads	\$	13,649,904.00
Sheep	1,985	"		6,848,250.00
Hogs	55	"		247,500.00
Dairy Cattle	6,425	Head		803,125.00
Hides	340	Tons		47,600.00
Wool	44	Carloads		1,267,200.00
Pasturage	354,685	Head		2,031,950.00
Market Milk	1,982,759	Gallons		1,708,749.00
Dairy Products	567,175	Pounds		276,746.00
Dairy Products	349,719	Gallons		411,873.00
Meat & Packing House Products	1,822	Tons		1,421,160.00
Total.....				\$ 28,714,077.00

APICULTURE AND POULTRY

Bees	33,358	Colonies	\$ 400,296.00
Honey	2,601,740	Pounds	286,191.00
Bee Wax	52,000	"	21,840.00
Poultry	160,000	Dozen	124,500.00
Turkeys	2,100	Heads	14,700.00
Eggs	17,300	Cases	<u>224,900.00</u>
Total.....			\$ 1,072,427.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Fertilizer	1,035	Carloads	\$ 129,375.00
Mineral Products	13,556	"	10,460,555.00
Dry Ice	1,282	Tons	41,024.00
Ice	194,974	"	<u>925,126.00</u>
Total.....			\$ 11,556,080.00

SEED AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers			\$ 10,000.00
Flower Seed	11,000	Pounds	22,000.00
Lettuce Seed	40,000	"	40,000.00
Onion Seed	70,000	"	70,000.00
Alfalfa Seed	11,827,237	"	2,838,536.00
Clover Seed	40,000	"	4,000.00
Sesbania Seed	200,000	"	12,000.00
Miscellaneous Seed	30,000	"	30,000.00
Barley Seed	1,200,000	"	42,000.00
Cotton Seed	782	Tons	132,940.00
Wheat Seed	435,325	Pounds	26,118.00
Oat Seed	114,500	"	6,297.00
Soy Beans	472,175	"	80,274.00
Flax Seed	324,000	"	<u>42,120.00</u>
Total.....			\$ 3,356,285.00

Soil Improvement Payments Total..... 112,979.00

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

Field Crops	\$ 61,680,900.00
Fruit and Nuts	679,448.00
Vegetables	22,611,184.00
Truck Crops	11,495,505.00
Animal Industries	28,724,057.00
Apiculture & Poultry	1,072,427.00
Miscellaneous Items	11,556,080.00
Seed and Cut Flowers	3,356,285.00
Soil Improvement Payments	<u>112,972.00</u>
TOTAL	\$141,278,865.00

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A moderate decrease is noted in the total valuation as listed in the 1954 Agricultural Report. Markets on many agriculture products were lower during the harvesting season and this condition was reflected directly in the total valuations.

Sheep and cattle pasturage was available and the number of head wintered in this area increased. The number of head of cattle fed out in feed yards indicated a slight increase over last year. 117 feed yards are now operating in this area.

Total shipments of alfalfa hay and meal decreased from last year's total. Weak markets prevailed generally throughout the year. Shipments of alfalfa hay late in the year steadied the market as well as moving much of the hay held in storage. Very little old hay remained unsold when first cuttings of alfalfa were ready. The decrease in shipments was accounted for mostly by the tonnage fed locally in feed yards.

Alfalfa seed production increased with a production of 11,827,237 lbs. for the crop. Yields were generally satisfactory although seed prices at harvest time were rather low.

Flax acreage increased for the year. Yields were good with satisfactory markets. Increase was partially due to cotton plantings.

Cotton plantings were reduced by acreage controls to a total of approximately 65,000 acres for the year. Yields were good with an over all average of 1.89 bales per acre.

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 REPORT OF CROPS GROWING
 MARCH 15, 1955

<u>FIELDS CROPS</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>GARDEN CROPS</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Alfalfa	171,192	Beans	63
Barley	68,480	Beets	126
Bermuda	476	Blackeyed Peas	40
Broom Corn	215	Broccoli	117
Cane	46	Cabbage	485
Castor Beans	10	Caltrop	3
Clover	1,645	Cantaloupes	8,316
Cotton	4,179	Carrots	5,038
Field Corn	1,668	Cauliflower	8
Flax	50,591	Celery	1
Flowers, Mixed	95	Chicory	1
Horse Beans	52	Chinese Lilies	9
Milo	577	Cucumbers	17
Millet	150	Endive	2
Oats	1,281	Garlic	218
Permanent Pasture	411	Honeydews	15
Rye Grass	12	Lettuce	4,382
Stock	12	Lettuce, Seed	234
Sudan	22	Okra	5
Sugar Beets	37,384	Onions	613
Tobacco	2	Onions, Seed	48
Water Chestnuts	4	Parsnips	15
Wheat	1,761	Peas	83
TOTALS	<u>340,265</u>	Persian Melons	159
		Romaine	28
<u>PERMANENT CROPS</u>		Squash	1,432
Asparagus	419	Tomatoes	3,999
Citrus, Mixed	143	Vegetables, Mixed	11
Dates	128	Watermelons	3,848
Grapes	577	TOTALS	<u>29,316</u>
Grapefruit	836		
Lemons	65	GRAND TOTALS	372,457
Nursery	10		
Oranges	341		
Peaches	1		
Pecans	116		
Tangerines	190		
TOTALS	<u>2,876</u>		