

Agricultural Crop Report

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

-1962-



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TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

and

CHARLES PAUL, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I herewith submit the annual report on the gross value of agricultural production in the County of Imperial for 1962 as required in Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

I am again pleased to report the gross value of agricultural production in Imperial County has reached record proportions. This report is indicative of a healthy and vigorously growing industry.

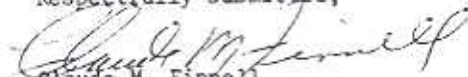
As this report reflects, one of the fastest growing industries in the County agricultural picture is the cattle feed lot operation. Imperial County is undoubtedly first in the nation in the production of finished cattle for slaughter.

I would call your attention to the figures on cotton production. The yield of 3.57 bales per acre on 51,000 acres sets an all time production record for the nation, and reflects the excellent use of land, water and weather by our County farmers.

It will be noted, also, that the lettuce industry, after suffering one of the worst years in its history in the 1961 season, in 1962 has regained its normal place in gross value. The increase in gross income is phenomenal in itself, but it must be noted that this increase is a direct reflection of increased expenditures, and does not indicate in any way a like increase in net income.

Each year we attempt to make our report as accurate as possible, and for the figures given in this report, we are most grateful to the members of the industry, the Extension Service, the experiment stations and others, including the staff of the Agricultural Commissioner's office for their help and assistance. This report was compiled under the direction of Agricultural Inspector, Ralph McCanna.

Respectfully submitted,


Claude M. Finnell
Agricultural Commissioner

IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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VEGETABLE CROPS — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1962	1,760	1.2	2,112	tons	\$510.00	\$ 1,077,000
	1961	1,725	1.7	2,930	tons	481.00	1,409,000
Cabbage.....	1962	2,570	16.5	42,400	tons	68.10	2,887,000
	1961	2,010	10.6	21,300	tons	44.00	937,200
Carrots.....	1962	3,180	15.	47,700	tons	90.00	4,293,000
	1961	3,010	20.2	60,800	tons	85.00	5,168,000
Cucumbers.....	1962	306	5.46	1,670	tons	78.00	130,000
	1961	353	4.7	1,660	tons	92.00	152,700
Garlic.....	1962	191	4.	764	tons	221.20	169,000
	1961	455	4.8	2,180	tons	120.00	278,000
Lettuce.....	1962	31,300	10.2	320,000	tons	88.06	28,180,000
	1961	40,660	6.3	256,200	tons	61.25	15,692,000
Cantaloupes.....	1962	7,640	4.11	31,400	tons	127.50	4,003,000
	1961	4,490	5.75	25,800	tons	142.75	3,683,000
Melons (Other).....	1962	90	11.5	1,035	tons	85.40	88,400
	1961	115	4.3	494	tons	79.20	39,100
Watermelons.....	1962	4,220	7.7	32,500	tons	52.50	1,706,000
	1961	3,980	9.3	37,000	tons	52.84	1,955,000
Onions (Mkt.).....	1962	1,200	12.	14,400	tons	70.00	1,008,000
	1961	1,170	11.6	13,570	tons	46.00	624,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1962	1,600	15.9	25,440	tons	36.56	930,000
	1961	1,430	8.	11,400	tons	36.00	410,400
Romaine.....	1962	150	10.2	1,530	tons	66.00	101,000
	1961	140	7.2	1,010	tons	48.90	49,400
Squash.....	1962	480	4.4	2,110	tons	283.90	599,000
	1961	590	6.5	3,840	tons	198.40	762,000
Tomatoes.....	1962	2,160	6.6	14,300	tons	294.90	4,217,000
	1961	2,600	7.3	18,980	tons	200.00	3,796,000
Mixed Vegetables*.....	1962	925					725,000
	1961						688,000

Total 1962 — \$50,113,400
Total 1961 — 35,643,800

*Fava Beans, Broccoli, Endive, Rapini, Okra, Potatoes, Black-eye Beans, Butter Lettuce, Chinese Vegetables, Celery, Egg Plant, Bell Peppers.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1962	106	4.25	tons	450	\$ 260.00	\$117,000
	1961	106	4.5	tons	477	300.00	143,100
Grapefruit.....	1962	716	15.	tons	10,740	50.00	537,000
	1961	712	10.	tons	7,120	30.00	214,000
Oranges, Valencia.....	1962	292	8.1	tons	2,370	212.00	502,000
	1961	294	8.9	tons	2,620	181.00	343,000
Tangerines.....	1962	308	5.	tons	1,540	210.00	323,400
	1961	313	3.8	tons	1,190	108.00	128,000
Mixed Fruit*.....	1962	138					51,300
	1961	218					54,700

Total 1962 — \$1,530,700
Total 1961 — 882,800

*Lemons, Grapes, Pecans.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1962	549,000	4.80	cwt.	2,635,000	\$26.10	\$68,770,000
	1961	485,000	3.90	cwt.	1,892,000	23.40	44,273,000
Sheep.....	1962	260,000	.6	cwt.	156,000	17.30	2,700,000
	1961	248,000	.6	cwt.	148,800	17.68	2,631,000
Hogs.....	1962	5,710	2.	cwt.	11,420	17.50	200,000
	1961	5,500	1.66	cwt.	9,130	18.60	170,000
Chickens (Broiler).....	1962						
	1961	20,800	3.	lbs.	624,000	.24	15,000
Chickens (Other).....	1962	9,300		each	9,300	.16	1,500
	1961	21,600		each	21,600	.20	4,320
Eggs.....	1962			doz.	277,500	.35	97,100
	1961			doz.	420,000	.36	151,200
Milk.....	1962			cwt.	204,000	5.24	1,069,000
	1961			cwt.	205,000	5.14	1,054,000
Milk (Manufactured).....	1962			cwt.	9,680	3.00	29,000
	1961			cwt.	19,700	2.92	57,500
Wool.....	1962	280,000	.032	cwt.	9,000	58.00	522,000
	1961	280,000	.033	cwt.	9,360	56.90	532,600

Total 1962 — \$73,388,600
 Total 1961 — 48,888,620

APIARY PRODUCTS — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1962	55,000	76	4,180,000	lbs.	\$.11	\$460,000
	1961	54,000	60	3,240,000	lbs.	.11	356,400
Wax.....	1962	55,000		68,750	lbs.	.45	31,000
	1961	54,000		40,500	lbs.	.45	18,250
Pollination.....	1962	18,400			colonies	3.50	64,400
	1961	9,000			colonies	4.25	38,250

Total 1962 — \$555,400
 Total 1961 — 412,900

FIELD CROPS — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1962	67,800	1.3	tons	88,100	\$ 49.00	\$ 4,317,000
	1961	88,200	1.75	tons	154,000	47.00	7,238,000
Cotton Lint.....	1962	51,000	3.57	500# bale	182,300	163.75	29,852,000
	1961	51,187	2.75	500# bale	141,000	162.50	22,912,000
Cotton Seed.....	1962	45,600	1.2	tons	53,700	49.00	2,632,000
	1961			tons	47,500	43.00	2,042,000
Flax Seed.....	1962	25,400	27.	56# BU.	686,000	3.35	2,298,000
	1961	9,570	40.	56# BU.	382,800	3.52	1,347,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1962	151,000	5.6	tons	845,600	23.75	20,083,000
	1961	171,000	5.6	tons	958,000	21.00	20,118,000
Pasture.....	1962	233,300				12.50	2,919,000
	1961	216,126				11.10	2,399,000
Screenings.....	1962			tons	18,500	20.00	370,000
	1961			tons	1,275	17.50	22,300
Silage (Sorghum).....	1962	8,450	35.	tons	296,000	4.75	1,406,000
	1961	8,360	20.	tons	167,000	5.00	835,000
Sorghum (Grain).....	1962	32,700	2.	tons	65,400	46.00	3,008,000
	1961	32,900	1.9	tons	62,500	44.00	2,750,000
Straw.....	1962			tons	60,800	15.00	912,000
	1961			tons	58,300	12.30	717,000
Sugar Beets.....	1962	51,604	21.	tons	1,084,000	15.06	16,325,000
	1961	45,579	22.3	tons	1,016,000	14.08	14,305,000
Safflower.....	1962	480	1.	tons	497	100.00	49,700
	1961						
Total 1962 —							\$84,171,700
Total 1961 —							74,685,300

SEED CROPS—CERTIFIED — 1961 - 1962

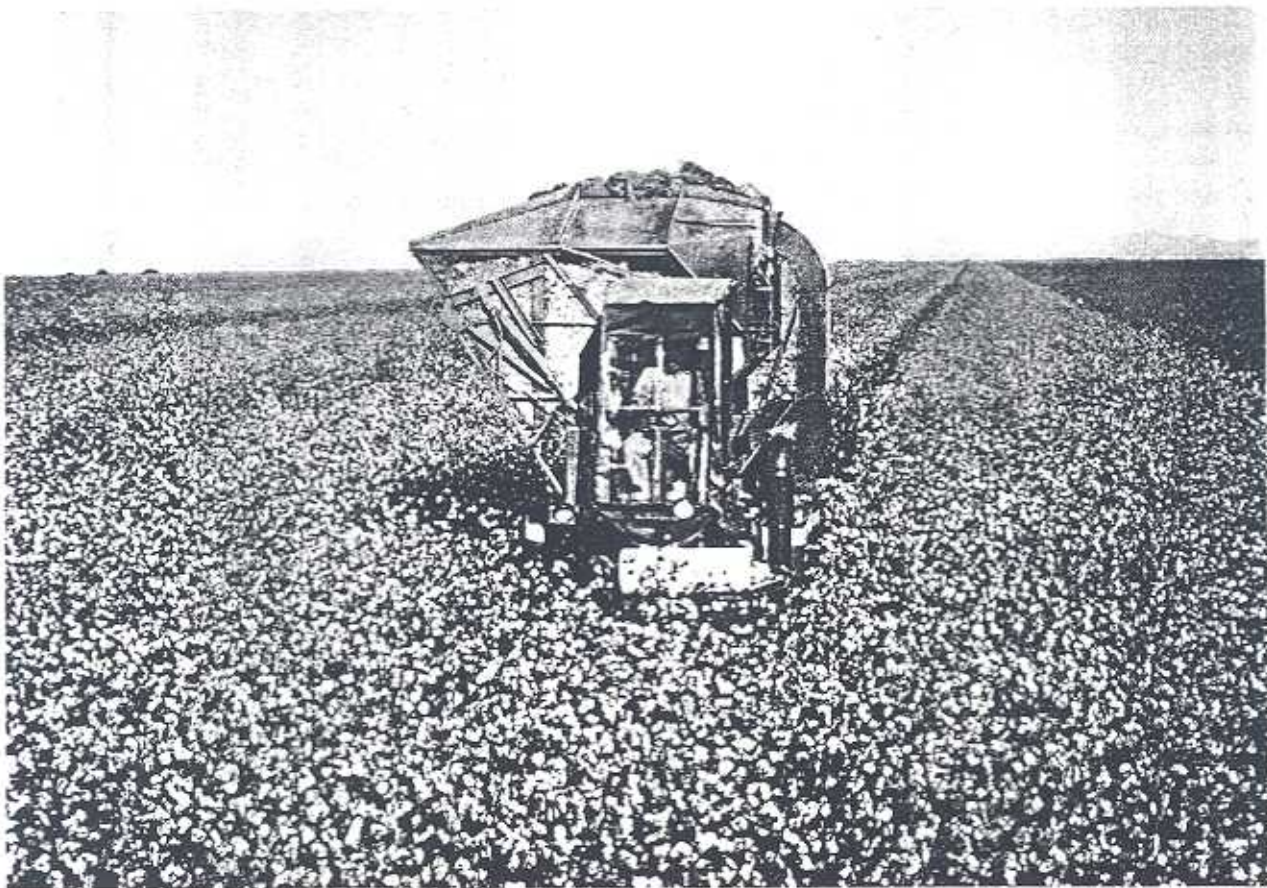
	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1962	352	3,510	lbs.	1,236,000	\$.035	\$ 43,260
	1961	1,018	3,407	lbs.	3,468,000	.03	104,000
Wheat.....	1962	12	3,075	lbs.	36,900	.045	1,660
	1961	12	2,733	lbs.	32,800	.04	1,312
Flax.....	1962	318	2,905	lbs.	924,000	.0724	66,900
	1961	40	3,671	lbs.	147,000	.085	12,500
Oats.....	1962						
	1961	69	2,365	lbs.	163,000	.056	9,130
Total 1962 —							\$111,820
Total 1961 —							126,942

SEED CROPS—NON-CERTIFIED — 1961 - 1962

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1962	2,500	3,995	lbs.	9,987,000	\$.0297	\$ 297,000
	1961	1,948	3,840	lbs.	7,480,000	.0272	203,460
Oats.....	1962	453	2,000	lbs.	906,000	.0274	24,900
	1961	440	2,150	lbs.	946,000	.035	33,110
Wheat.....	1962	250	3,108	lbs.	777,000	.0383	29,800
	1961	65	3,250	lbs.	211,000	.037	7,810
Sorghum.....	1962	427	4,000	lbs.	1,708,000	.0427	72,900
	1961	430	4,360	lbs.	1,875,000	.030	56,250
Flax.....	1962	114	2,421	lbs.	276,000	.0696	19,200
	1961	590	3,360	lbs.	1,982,000	.075	148,650
Alfalfa.....	1962	24,810	340	lbs.	8,437,000	.266	2,251,000
	1961	26,230	350	lbs.	9,180,000	.260	2,386,800
Cotton.....	1962	5,400		tons	6,530	250.00	1,630,000
	1961				8,000	250.00	2,000,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1962						129,700
	1961						64,442
Misc. Veg. & Flower.....	1962						325,000
	1961						658,180
Total 1962 —							\$4,779,500
Total 1961 —							5,558,702

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

ASPARAGUS.....	\$1,077,000	LETTUCE.....	\$28,180,000
BARLEY.....	4,317,000	ONIONS.....	1,938,000
CABBAGE.....	2,887,000	PASTURE.....	2,919,000
CANTALOUPE.....	4,008,000	SILAGE.....	1,406,000
CARROTS.....	4,293,000	SORGHUM.....	3,008,000
COTTON LINT.....	29,852,000	SUGAR BEETS.....	16,325,000
COTTON SEED.....	2,632,000	TOMATOES.....	4,217,000
FLAX SEED.....	2,298,000	WATERMELONS.....	1,706,000
HAY, ALFALFA.....	20,083,000	SEED CROPS.....	4,891,320



RECAPITULATION

	1961	1962
FIELD CROPS.....	\$ 74,685,000	\$ 84,171,700
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	35,643,800	50,113,400
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY.....	48,888,620	73,388,600
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS.....	882,800	1,530,700
SEED CROPS.....	5,685,644	4,891,320
APIARY PRODUCTS.....	412,900	555,400
TOTALS.....	\$166,198,764	\$214,651,120