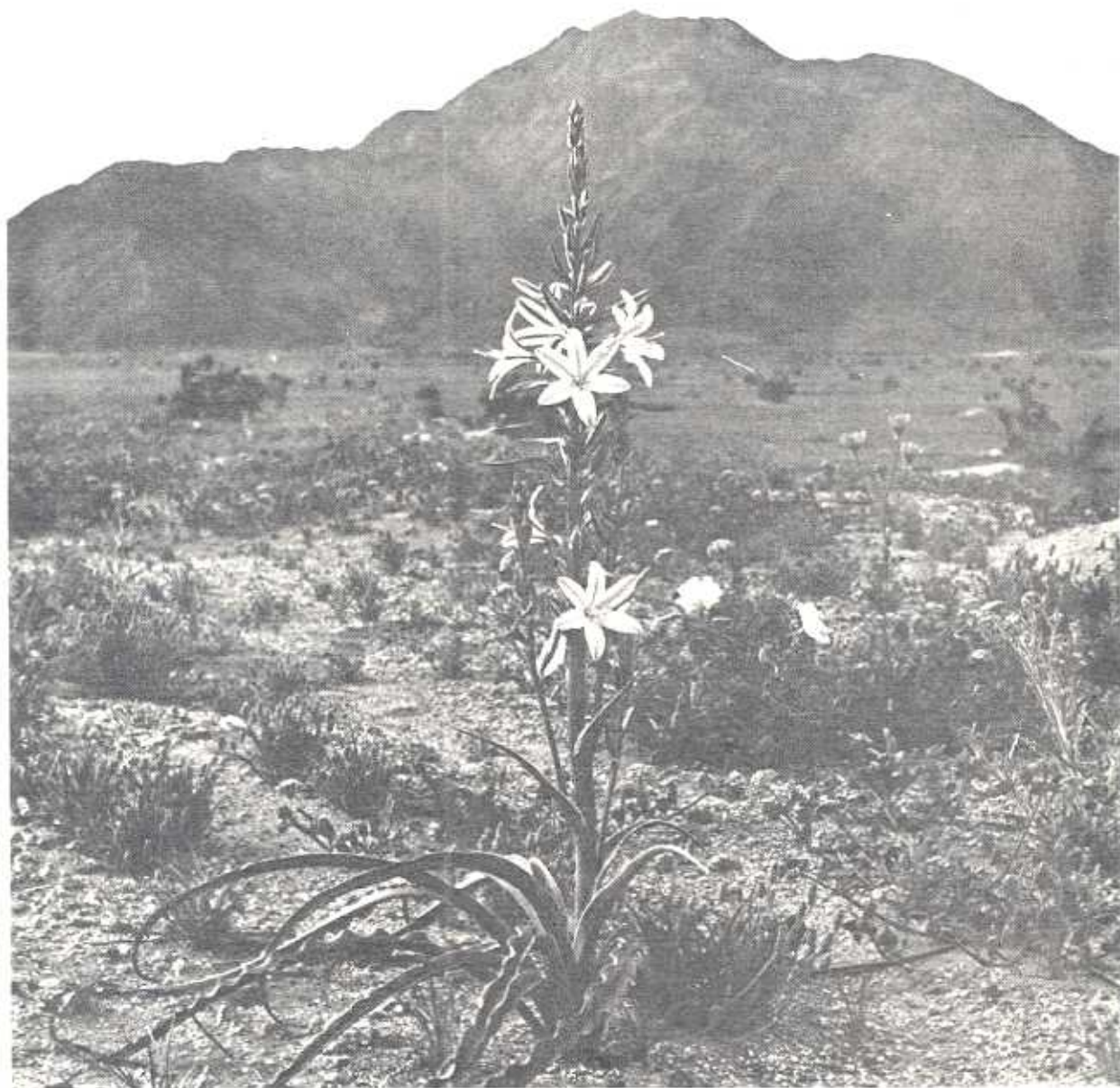


Imperial County Agriculture

1972



*Office of the
Agricultural Commissioner*



TO: C. B. CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

and

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

I herewith submit the annual crop report as required by
Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code.


1972 was a very good year for Imperial County agriculture.
Agricultural gross income showed a healthy increase of 10% over
1971.

There were some interesting highlights in this past year.
We saw, for the first time since cattle feeding became an impor-
tant part of our agricultural industry, a downturn in numbers of
cattle shipped. The number of cattle shipped and the per-head
gain indicated that cattle came in much lighter and were on feed
longer. This may indicate a short meat supply for some time to
come, and, as predicted, a continued rise in meat prices.

Practically all segments of agriculture in the County
gained during the year, but tremendous increases in cost of
equipment, supplies and labor erased a good part of the gross
gain.

1972 was a very good year.

Respectfully submitted,


CLAUDE M. FINNELL
Agricultural Commissioner

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
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HERMAN SPERBER



FIELD CROPS 1971 - 1972

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1972	48,000	1.75	Ton	84,000	60.00	\$ 5,040,000
	1971	61,000	1.8	Ton	110,000	59.80#	6,578,000
Cotton Lint.....	1972	30,000	1325 A	Bale	79,500B	.48C	19,102,000D
	1971	33,000	665 A	Bale	45,700B	.60C	13,710,000D
Cotton Seed.....	1972			Ton	27,000	58.55	1,581,000
	1971			Ton	18,000	62.50	1,125,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1972	157,000	6.4	Ton	1,004,000	34.00	34,136,000
	1971	170,000	7.0	Ton	1,190,000	32.10	38,199,000
Alfalfa, Dehydrated.....	1972	26,000	4.0	Ton	104,000	21.00	2,184,000
	1971			Ton	114,000	21.00	2,394,000
Pasture, Alfalfa.....	1972	133,000*				15.00	1,995,000
	1971	129,000*				14.50	1,871,000
Pasture, Ryegrass.....	1972	27,000				125.00	3,375,000
	1971	21,000				120.00	2,520,000
Pasture, Sugar Beet Tops.....	1972	61,000				14.00	854,000
	1971	59,000				12.00	708,000
Pasture, Other.....	1972	25,000				22.00	550,000
	1971	25,000				19.20	480,000
Screenings.....	1972			Ton	740	14.00	10,000
	1971			Ton	650	13.90	9,000
Silage, (Sorghum).....	1972	680	25.0	Ton	17,000	5.00	85,000
	1971	1,200	24.2	Ton	29,000	5.00	145,000
Sorghum.....	1972	50,000	2.3	Ton	115,000	60.00	6,900,000
	1971	46,000	2.5	Ton	115,000	57.00	6,555,000
Straw.....	1972			Ton	24,000	12.00	288,000
	1971			Ton	27,000	12.50	338,000
Sugar Beets.....	1972	61,000	25.8	Ton	1,574,000	18.20	28,647,000D
	1971	59,000	26.3	Ton	1,552,000	18.30	28,400,000D
Wheat.....	1972	56,000	2.3	Ton	129,000	60.00	7,740,000
	1971	45,000	2.4	Ton	108,000	59.00	6,372,000

* Pastured Once

A. Pounds Per Acre

B. 500 Lb. Gross Bales

C. Price Per Pound

D. Includes All Government Payments

Revised

TOTAL	1972	\$112,487,000
TOTAL	1971	109,404,000

VEGETABLE CROPS 1971 - 1972

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Units	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1972	4,000	1.53	Ton	6,100	518.68	\$ 3,164,000
	1971	3,600	1.40	Ton	5,000	740.80	3,704,000
Cabbage.....	1972	620	12.26	Ton	7,600	86.97	661,000
	1971	620	11.77	Ton	7,300	50.54	369,000
Cantaloupes.....	1972	12,600	6.00	Ton	75,600	142.67	10,786,000
	1971	10,500	5.66	Ton	59,400	180.67	10,732,000
Carrots.....	1972	4,400	11.00	Ton	48,400	81.50	3,945,000
	1971	3,800	13.55	Ton	51,500	141.00	7,262,000
Cucumbers.....	1972	330	6.69	Ton	2,200	125.91	277,000
	1971	650	2.31	Ton	1,500	163.33	245,000
Lettuce.....	1972	42,000	10.88	Ton	457,000	131.59	60,136,000
	1971	38,000	11.69	Ton	444,000	100.89	44,795,000
Melons (Other).....	1972	1,140	8.42	Ton	9,600	135.00	1,296,000
	1971	1,050	6.19	Ton	6,500	180.77	1,175,000
Onions (Market).....	1972	1,900	13.68	Ton	26,000	110.00	2,860,000
	1971	1,950	12.82	Ton	25,000	59.40	1,485,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1972	1,230	13.00	Ton	16,000	32.75	524,000
	1971	500	12.60	Ton	6,300	32.54	205,000
Squash.....	1972	800	3.75	Ton	3,000	244.00	732,000
	1971	500	3.60	Ton	1,800	387.78	698,000
Tomatoes.....	1972	2,500	11.20	Ton	28,000	175.89	4,925,000
	1971	1,850	11.35	Ton	21,000	259.81	5,456,000
Watermelons.....	1972	3,000	8.33	Ton	25,000	52.64	1,316,000
	1971	3,000	9.00	Ton	27,000	75.78	2,046,000
Mixed Vegetables.....	1972	2,600					2,552,000
	1971	2,100					1,917,000
(Broccoli, Cauliflower, Endive, Red & Butter Lettuce, Okra, Rapini, Romaine, Sweet Corn and Banana Squash)					TOTAL	1972	\$93,174,000
					TOTAL	1971	80,089,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1971 - 1972

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1972	120	3.8	Ton	456	1,403.51	\$ 640,000
	1971	50	2.8	Ton	140	1,319.00	185,000
Grapefruit.....	1972	380	5.8	Ton	2,200	53.64	118,000
	1971	380	4.5	Ton	1,700	81.00	138,000
Lemons.....	1972	500	3.0	Ton	1,500	156.00	234,000
	1971	260	8.0	Ton	2,100	152.86	321,000
Oranges, Valencia.....	1972	1,000	3.6	Ton	3,600	58.61	211,000
	1971	932	6.3	Ton	5,900	77.80	459,000
Tangerines.....	1972	620	1.8	Ton	1,100	222.73	245,000
	1971	590	2.5	Ton	1,500	136.00	204,000
Mixed Fruit.....	1972	67					23,000
	1971	78					11,000
(Navel Oranges, Sour Oranges)					TOTAL	1972	\$1,471,000
					TOTAL	1971	1,318,000

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1971 - 1972

	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1972	665,000	5.03	Cwt	3,345,000	34.87	\$116,640,000
	1971	679,000	4.86	Cwt	3,300,000	31.94	105,402,000
Sheep.....	1972	120,000	.50	Cwt	60,000	30.08	1,805,000
	1971	85,000	.50	Cwt	42,500	24.75	1,052,000
Wool.....	1972	131,000	5.10	Lbs.	668,000	.17	114,000
	1971	88,000	5.10	Lbs.	449,000	.145	65,000
Milk.....	1972			Cwt	183,000	6.36	1,164,000
	1971			Cwt	178,000	6.31	1,123,000
Misc. Livestock.....	1972						18,000
	1971						45,000
(Hogs, Chickens and Eggs)							
TOTAL 1972							\$119,741,000
TOTAL 1971							107,687,000

APIARY PRODUCTS 1971 - 1972

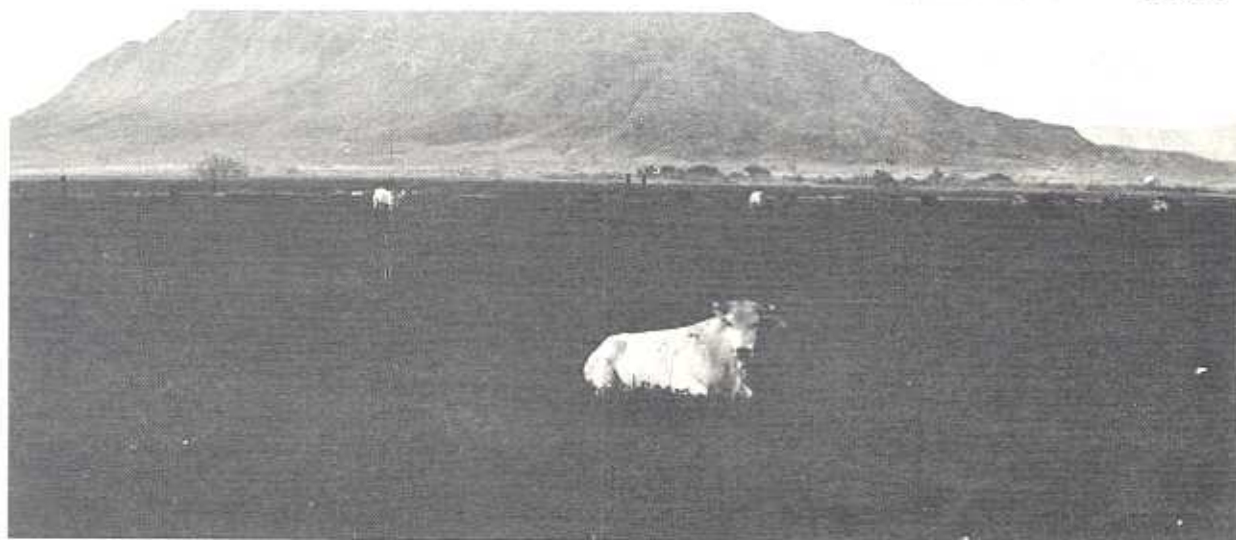
	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1972	42,000	40	Lbs.	1,680,000	.315	\$ 529,000
	1971	35,500	40	Lbs.	1,420,000	.206	293,000
Wax.....	1972	42,000		Lbs.	26,000	.65	17,000
	1971	35,500		Lbs.	25,000	.64	16,000
Pollination.....	1972	26,000		Colonies		5.77	150,000
	1971	32,000		Colonies		5.06	162,000
TOTAL 1972							\$696,000
TOTAL 1971							471,000

SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1971 - 1972

	Year	Acres	Per Unit	Units	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1972	3,000	285	Lbs.	855,000	.42	\$ 359,000
	1971	9,000	191	Lbs.	1,719,000	.345	593,000
Barley.....	1972	430	3,930	Lbs.	1,690,000	.04	68,000
	1971	1,100	3,260	Lbs.	3,586,000	.046	165,000
Cotton.....	1972			Ton	5,000	81.00	405,000
	1971			Ton	3,000	85.00	255,000
Rape.....	1971	1,700	573	Lbs.	974,000	.50	487,000
Ryegrass.....	1971	710	711	Lbs.	505,000	.05	25,000
Sorghum.....	1972	240	2,600	Lbs.	624,000	.058	36,000
	1971	280	3,080	Lbs.	863,000	.032	28,000
Wheat.....	1972	1,250	4,740	Lbs.	5,925,000	.048	284,000
	1971	560	3,730	Lbs.	2,089,000	.03	63,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1972						10,000
	1971						22,000
Misc. Vegetables and Flowers.....	1972						1,560,000
	1971						763,000
Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers.....	1972						95,000
	1971						221,000
TOTAL 1972							\$ 2,817,000
TOTAL 1971							2,622,000

SEED CROPS - CERTIFIED 1971 - 1972

	Year	Acres	Per Unit	Units	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1972	200	300	Lbs.	60,000	.45	\$ 27,000
	1971	305	370	Lbs.	113,000	.38	43,000
Barley.....	1972	420	5,000	Lbs.	2,100,000	.035	74,000
	1971	555	3,400	Lbs.	1,887,000	.037	70,000
Oats.....	1971	30	1,135	Lbs.	34,000	.05	2,000
Wheat.....	1972	460	4,500	Lbs.	2,070,000	.037	76,000
	1971	620	3,180	Lbs.	1,972,000	.04	79,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1972						5,000
TOTAL 1972							\$ 182,000
TOTAL 1971							194,000



RECAPITULATION

	1971	1972
FIELD CROPS.....	\$ 109,404,000	\$ 112,487,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	80,089,000	93,174,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	107,687,000	119,741,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS.....	1,318,000	1,471,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	2,816,000	2,999,000
APIARY.....	471,000	686,000
TOTAL.....	\$ 301,785,000	\$ 330,568,000

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS 1971 - 1972

LETTUCE.....	\$ 60,136,000	CARROTS.....	\$ 3,945,000
HAY, ALFALFA.....	34,136,000	ONIONS.....	3,384,000
SUGAR BEETS.....	28,647,000	PASTURE, RYEGRASS.....	3,375,000
COTTON LINT.....	19,102,000	ASPARAGUS.....	3,164,000
CANTALOUPE.....	10,786,000	ALFALFA, DEHYDRATED.....	2,184,000
WHEAT.....	7,740,000	PASTURE, ALFALFA.....	1,995,000
SORGHUM.....	6,900,000	COTTON SEED.....	1,581,000
BARLEY.....	5,040,000	WATERMELON.....	1,316,000
TOMATOES.....	4,925,000		