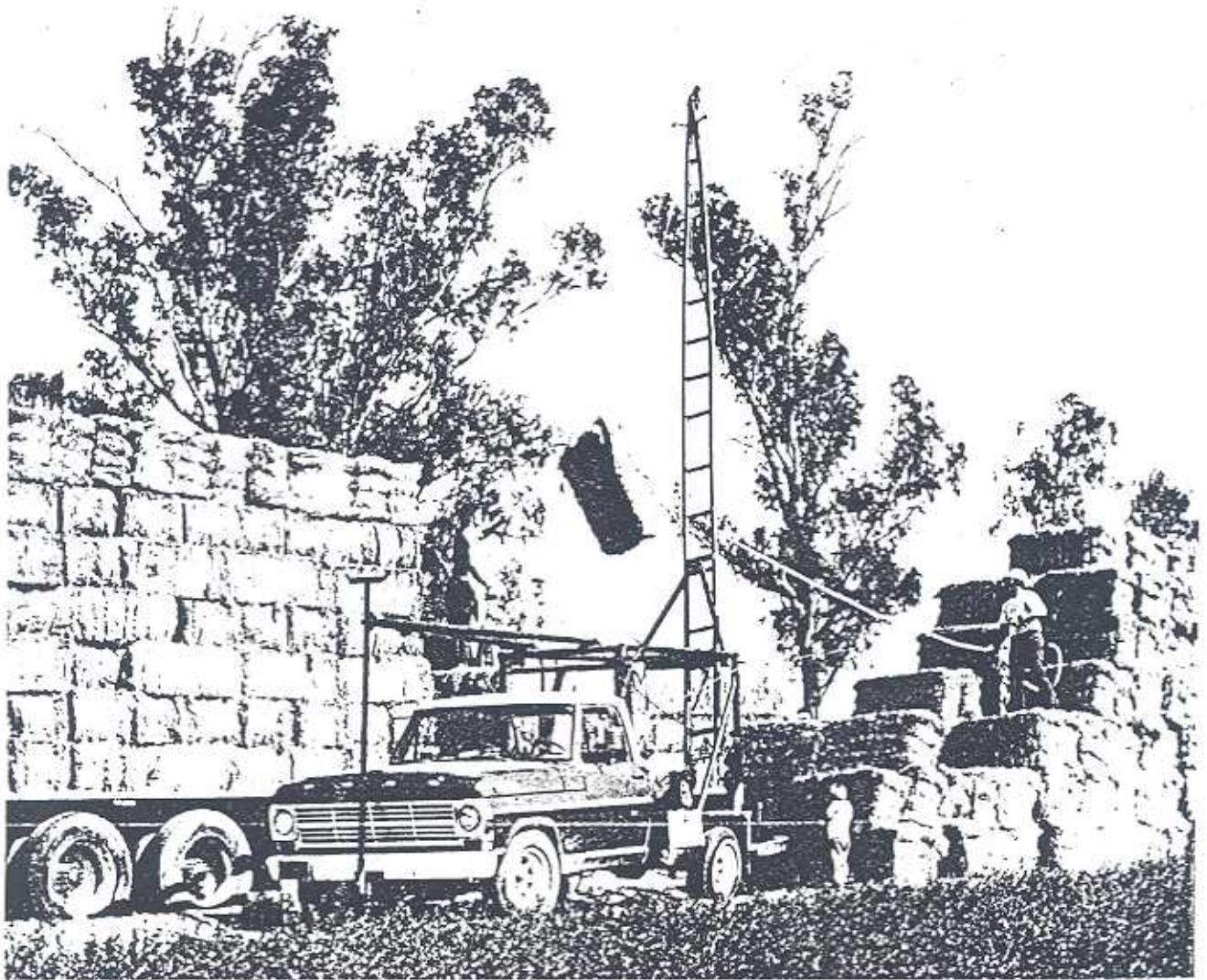


Imperial County Agriculture

1973



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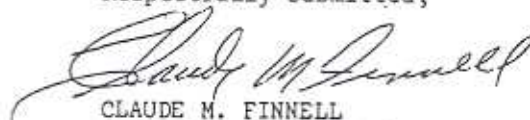
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

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

The year 1973 will undoubtedly go down in history as the most productive and the most astounding year ever experienced by Imperial County agriculture, with a record gross income of \$488,862,000. What started out to be a very good year turned out to be a fantastic year for agriculture. Prices on practically all commodities reached record levels, and not only did prices reach record levels, but weather cooperated to push production even higher than normal. The year saw the beginning of shortages and escalated costs as the price of fuel, fertilizer, and other needed materials doubled during the year and in many cases tripled. Imperial County producers farmed more intensively in 1973 than ever before, and this will continue as long as demand remains high and prices profitable.

Cattle was again the largest single gross producer, although cattle prices were both good and bad during 1973.

Respectfully submitted,



CLAUDE M. FINNELL
Agricultural Commissioner

IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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FIELD CROPS 1972 - 1973

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1973	18,000	1.75	Ton	31,500	80.00	\$ 2,520,000
	1972	48,000	1.75	Ton	84,000	60.00	5,040,000
Cotton Lint.....	1973	39,000	1142 A	Bale	92,800B	.65C	30,160,000D
	1972	30,000	1325 A	Bale	79,500B	.48C	19,102,000D
Cotton Seed.....	1973			Ton	30,500	118.00	3,599,000
	1972			Ton	27,000	58.55	1,581,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1973	126,000	8.0	Ton	1,008,000	53.00	53,424,000
	1972	123,000#	6.4	Ton	787,000	34.00	26,758,000#
Alfalfa, Dehydrated.....	1973	19,000	5.0	Ton	95,000	40.00	3,800,000
	1972	26,000	4.0	Ton	104,000	21.00	2,184,000
Pasture, Alfalfa.....	1973	107,000*		Acre		18.00	1,926,000
	1972	105,000*#		Acre		15.00	1,575,000
Pasture, Ryegrass.....	1973	29,000		Acre		130.00	3,770,000
	1972	27,000		Acre		125.00	3,375,000
Pasture, Sugar Beet Tops.....	1973	64,000		Acre		18.00	1,152,000
	1972	61,000		Acre		14.00	854,000
Pasture, Other.....	1973	24,000		Acre		42.00	1,008,000
	1972	25,000		Acre		22.00	550,000
Screenings.....	1973			Ton	550	20.00	11,000
	1972			Ton	740	14.00	10,000
Silage, (Sorghum).....	1973	1,000	25.0	Ton	25,000	5.50	138,000
	1972	680	25.0	Ton	17,000	5.00	85,000
Sorghum.....	1973	40,000	2.3	Ton	92,000	90.00	8,280,000
	1972	50,000	2.3	Ton	115,000	60.00	6,900,000
Straw.....	1973			Ton	36,000	20.00	720,000
	1972			Ton	24,000	12.00	288,000
Sugar Beets.....	1973	64,000	24.7	Ton	1,581,000	20.20	31,936,000D
	1972	61,000	25.8	Ton	1,574,000	18.20	28,647,000D
Wheat.....	1973	100,000	2.6	Ton	260,000	100.00	26,000,000
	1972	56,000	2.3	Ton	129,000	60.00	7,740,000

* Pastured Once

A. Pounds Per Acre

B. 500 Lb. Gross Bales

C. Price Per Pound

D. Includes All Government Payments

Corrected

TOTAL 1973 \$168,444,000
 TOTAL 1972 104,689,000#

VEGETABLE CROPS 1972 - 1973

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Units	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1973	4,500	1.91	Ton	8,600	678.14	\$ 5,832,000
	1972	4,000	1.53	Ton	6,100	518.68	3,164,000
Cabbage.....	1973	470	14.04	Ton	6,600	93.79	619,000
	1972	620	12.26	Ton	7,600	86.97	661,000
Cantaloupes.....	1973	9,500	6.95	Ton	66,000	189.45	12,504,000
	1972	12,000	6.00	Ton	75,600	142.67	10,786,000
Carrots.....	1973	4,500	14.64	Ton	65,900	107.62	7,092,000
	1972	4,400	11.00	Ton	48,400	81.50	3,945,000
Cucumbers.....	1973	520	5.77	Ton	3,000	175.67	527,000
	1972	330	6.69	Ton	2,200	125.91	277,000
Lettuce.....	1973	42,000	13.40	Ton	563,000	130.02	73,200,000
	1972	42,000	10.88	Ton	457,000	131.59	60,136,000
Melons (Other).....	1973	760	11.45	Ton	8,700	174.14	1,515,000
	1972	1,140	8.42	Ton	9,600	135.00	1,296,000
Onions (Market).....	1973	1,500	17.33	Ton	26,000	242.46	6,304,000
	1972	1,900	13.68	Ton	26,000	110.00	2,860,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1973	1,680	13.10	Ton	22,000	33.64	740,000
	1972	1,230	13.00	Ton	16,000	32.75	524,000
Squash.....	1973	940	3.51	Ton	3,300	226.99	749,000
	1972	800	3.75	Ton	3,000	244.00	732,000
Tomatoes.....	1973	2,000	7.00	Ton	14,000	313.42	4,388,000
	1972	2,500	11.20	Ton	28,000	175.89	4,925,000
Watermelons.....	1973	4,000	7.25	Ton	29,000	101.21	2,935,000
	1972	3,000	8.33	Ton	25,000	52.64	1,316,000
Mixed Vegetables.....	1973	2,500					2,697,000
	1972	2,600					2,552,000
(Broccoli, Cauliflower, Chinese Vegetables, Endive, Red & Butter Lettuce, Rapini, Romaine, Fava Beans, Garlic, Parsnips, and Banana Squash)							
						TOTAL 1973	\$119,102,000
						TOTAL 1972	93,174,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1972 - 1973

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1973	140	3.8	Ton	530	1,379.00	\$ 731,000
	1972	120	3.8	Ton	456	1,403.51	640,000
Grapefruit.....	1973	400	3.3	Ton	1,300	129.23	168,000 *
	1972	380	5.8	Ton	2,200	140.00 *	308,000 *
Lemons.....	1973	620	4.5	Ton	2,800	233.57	654,000 *
	1972	500	3.0	Ton	1,500	234.67 *	352,000 *
Oranges, Valencia.....	1973	920	3.7	Ton	3,400	119.41	406,000 *
	1972	1,000	3.6	Ton	3,600	137.50 *	495,000 *
Tangerines.....	1973	736	3.8	Ton	2,800	173.57	486,000
	1972	620	1.8	Ton	1,100	222.73	245,000
Mixed Fruit..... (Navel Oranges, Sour Oranges)	1973	49					18,000
	1972	67					23,000
Citrus By Products.....	1973			Ton	7,000	41.56	291,000
						TOTAL 1973	2,754,000
						TOTAL 1972	2,063,000 *

* Revised

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1972 - 1973

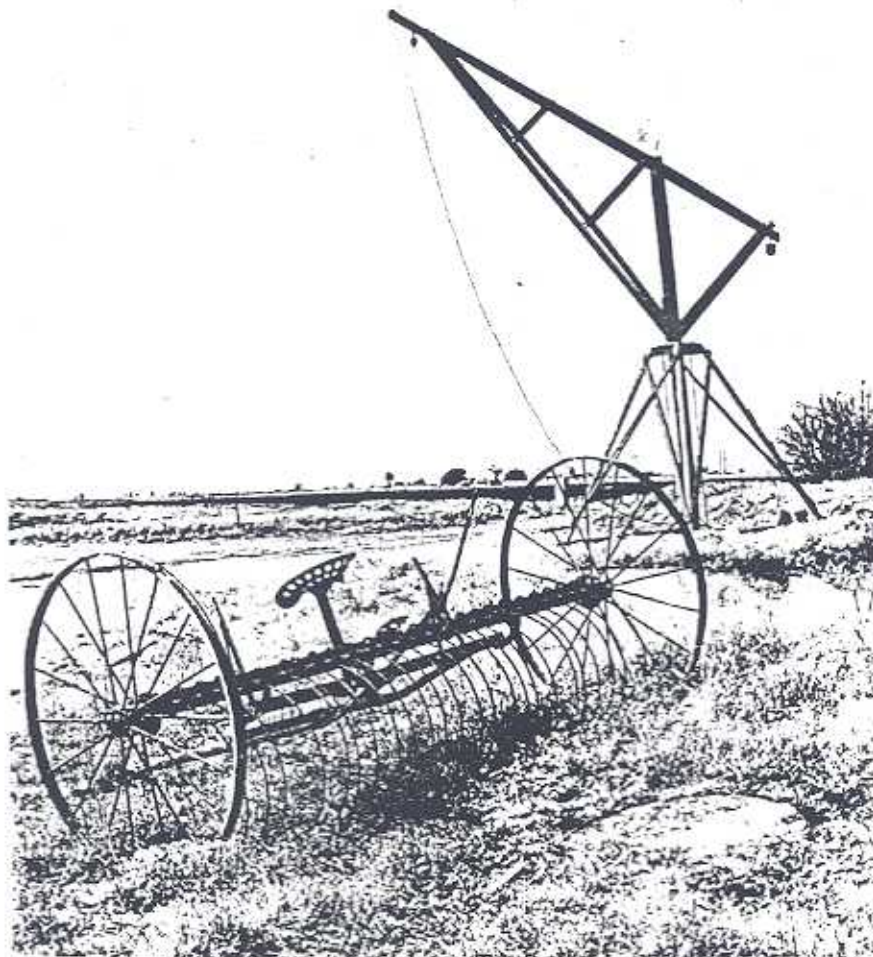
	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1973	798,000	5.34	Cwt	4,261,000	43.76	\$186,461,000
	1972	665,000	5.03	Cwt	3,345,000	34.87	116,640,000
Sheep.....	1973	160,000	.50	Cwt	80,000	35.91	2,873,000
	1972	120,000	.50	Cwt	60,000	30.08	1,805,000
Wool.....	1973	180,000	5.10	Lbs.	918,000	.75	689,000
	1972	131,000	5.10	Lbs.	668,000	.17	114,000
Milk.....	1973			Cwt	88,700	6.75	599,000
	1972			Cwt	183,000	6.36	1,164,000
Misc. Livestock.....	1973						22,000
	1972						18,000
(Hogs, Chickens and Eggs)							
TOTAL 1973							190,644,000
TOTAL 1972							119,741,000

APIARY PRODUCTS 1972 - 1973

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1973	39,000	66	Lbs.	2,600,000	.460	\$ 1,196,000
	1972	42,000	40	Lbs.	1,680,000	.315	529,000
Wax.....	1973	39,000		Lbs.	41,000	.78	32,000
	1972	42,000		Lbs.	26,000	.65	17,000
Pollination.....	1973	29,000		Colonies		8.62	250,000
	1972	26,000		Colonies		5.77	150,000
TOTAL 1973							1,478,000
TOTAL 1972							696,000

SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1972 - 1973

	Year	Acres	Per Unit	Units	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1973	8,600	262	Lbs.	2,253,000	1.06	\$ 2,386,000
	1972	3,000	285	Lbs.	855,000	.42	359,000
Cotton.....	1973			Ton	6,600	155.00	1,023,000
	1972			Ton	5,000	81.00	405,000
Wheat.....	1973	1,800	5,200	Lbs.	9,360,000	.05	468,000
	1972	1,250	4,740	Lbs.	5,925,000	.048	284,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1973						292,000
	1972						114,000
Misc. Vegetables, Flowers & Nursery Stock.....	1973						2,068,000
	1972						1,655,000
Certified Seed.....	1973						201,000
	1972						182,000
TOTAL 1973							\$6,440,000
TOTAL 1972							2,999,000



RECAPITULATION

	1972	1973
FIELD CROPS.....	\$ 104,689,000 *	\$ 168,444,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	93,174,000	119,102,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	119,741,000	190,644,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS.....	2,063,000 *	2,754,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	2,999,000	6,440,000
APIARY.....	696,000	1,478,000
TOTAL.....	\$ 323,362,000 *	488,862,000

* Revised

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

LETTUCE.....	\$ 73,200,000	COTTON SEED.....	\$ 4,622,000
HAY, ALFALFA.....	53,424,000	TOMATOES.....	4,388,000
SUGAR BEETS.....	31,936,000	ALFALFA, DEHYDRATED.....	3,800,000
COTTON LINT.....	30,160,000	PASTURE, RYEGRASS.....	3,770,000
WHEAT.....	26,000,000	WATERMELON.....	2,935,000
CANTALOUPE.....	12,504,000	BARLEY.....	2,520,000
SORGHUM.....	8,280,000	ALFALFA SEED.....	2,388,000
CARROTS.....	7,092,000	PASTURE, ALFALFA.....	1,926,000
ONIONS.....	7,044,000	PASTURE, SUGAR BEET TOPS....	1,152,000
ASPARAGUS.....	5,832,000		