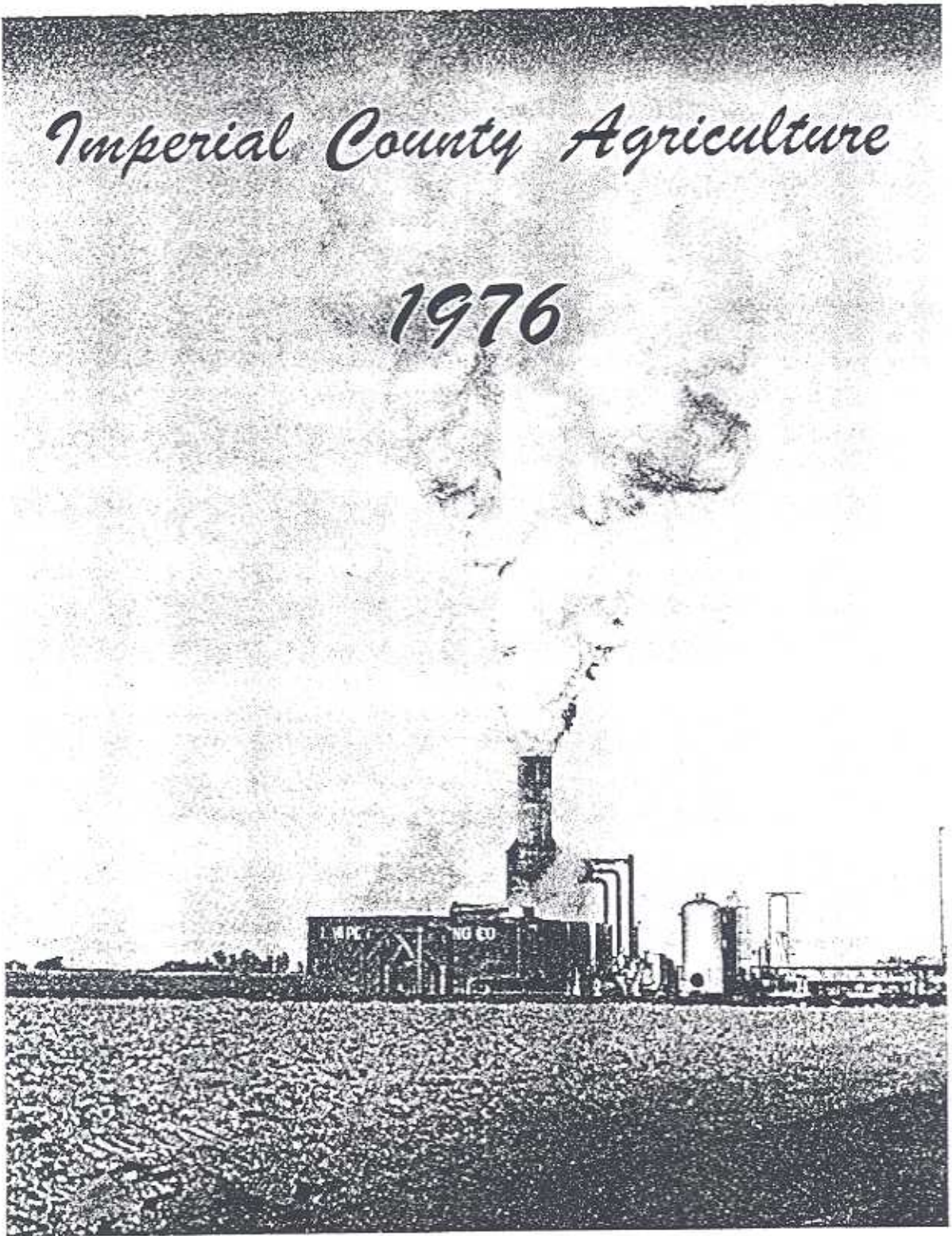


Imperial County Agriculture

1976



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TO: MR. RICHARD ROMINGER, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

and

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL


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

The 1976 gross income from agricultural products exceeded the
half billion mark for the third time in Imperial County's history.

Cattlemen and sugar beet growers continued to lose ground in
the face of low prices and increasing costs, but the County's
diversified agriculture is still strong and vigorous.

The agricultural production in Imperial County was an esti-
mated \$520,716,000 for 1976, but I would emphasize that this is a
gross income figure and includes all the costs of production and
harvesting.

Respectfully submitted,

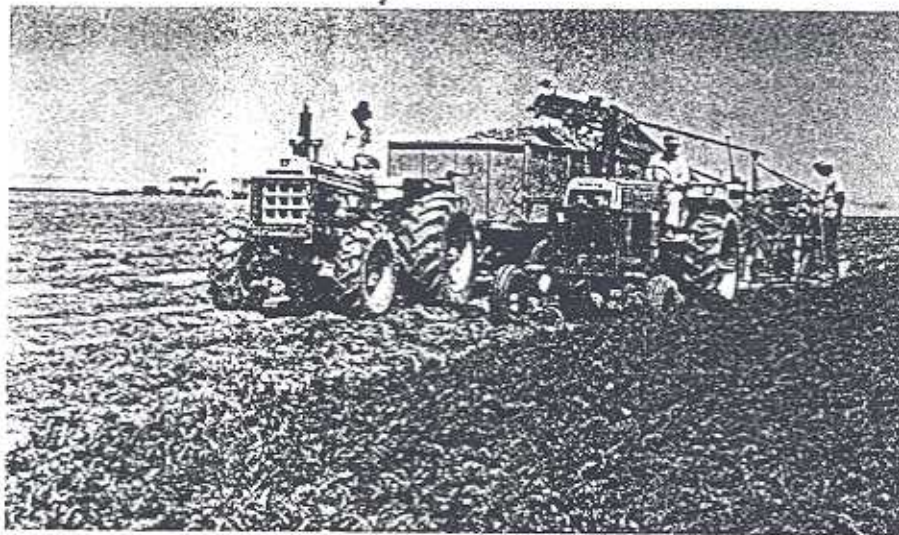

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Carrot Harvesting

FIELD CROPS 1975 - 1976

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa (Cube and Dehydrated).....	1976	25,000	7.72	Ton	193,000	85.17	\$ 16,438,000
	1975	15,000	6.20	Ton	93,000	75.00	6,975,000
Alfalfa (Hay).....	1976	146,100	8.28	Ton	1,210,000	69.33	83,889,000
	1975	109,000	8.50	Ton	927,000	62.00	57,474,000
Barley.....	1976	3,800	2.38	Ton	9,000	121.60	1,094,000
	1975	3,800	2.60	Ton	10,000	110.00	1,100,000
Cotton (Lint).....	1976	71,000	957A	Bale	141,500B	.65C	45,988,000
	1975	45,000	995A*	Bale	93,240B	.55C	25,641,000
Cotton (Seed).....	1976			Ton	50,000	100.00	5,000,000
	1975			Ton	37,300	110.00	4,103,000
Pasture (Alfalfa).....	1976	124,300#		Acre		36.00	4,474,000
	1975	93,000#		Acre		36.00	3,348,000
Pasture (Beet Fields).....	1976	58,000#		Acre		26.00	1,508,000
	1975	65,000#		Acre		26.00	1,690,000
Pasture (Rye Grass).....	1976	7,000		Acre		187.00	1,309,000
	1975	10,000		Acre		187.00	1,870,000
Pasture (Other).....	1976	33,500		Acre		107.00	3,585,000
	1975	21,000		Acre		109.00	2,289,000
Screenings.....	1976			Ton	820	20.00	16,000
	1975			Ton	1,300	22.00	29,000
Sorghum (Grain).....	1976	17,000	2.64	Ton	44,950	116.00	5,214,000
	1975	25,000	2.00	Ton	50,000	113.48	5,674,000
Sorghum (Silage).....	1976	860	27.20	Ton	23,400	7.10	166,000
	1975	600	25.00	Ton	15,000	7.00	105,000
Straw.....	1976			Ton	136,500	24.39	3,329,000
	1975			Ton	79,000	22.00	1,738,000
Sudan Grass.....	1976	26,000	4.275	Ton	111,160	46.50	5,169,000
	1975	13,000	5.50	Ton	71,500	43.00	3,075,000
Sugar Beets.....	1976	58,000	25.45	Ton	1,476,000	25.61	37,800,000D
	1975	65,000	24.90	Ton	1,619,000	35.39	57,296,000D
Wheat.....	1976	156,500	2.66	Ton	416,400	122.00	50,801,000
	1975	165,000	2.20	Ton	363,000	120.00	43,560,000

Pastured once
 A Pounds per acre
 B 500 lb. gross bales
 C Price per pound
 D Includes government payments
 * Revised

TOTAL 1976 \$265,780,000
 TOTAL 1975 215,967,000

VEGETABLE CROPS 1975 - 1976

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1976	4,270	1.80	Ton	7,690	1,129.34	\$ 8,685,000
	1975	4,400	1.91	Ton	8,400	1,050.24	8,822,000
Cabbage.....	1976	317	7.50	Ton	2,378	90.06	214,000
	1975	330	16.06	Ton	5,300	102.45	543,000
Cantaloupes.....	1976	8,850	6.37	Ton	56,400	249.48	14,071,000
	1975	7,400	5.32	Ton	39,400	280.94	11,069,000
Carrots.....	1976	5,510	20.10	Ton	110,750	45.71	5,062,000
	1975	5,200	17.21	Ton	89,500	152.29	13,630,000
Garlic.....	1976	625	6.32	Ton	3,950	153.52	607,000
	1975	900	5.67	Ton	55,100	182.75	932,000
Lettuce.....	1976	43,900	13.35	Ton	586,000	118.37	69,365,000
	1975	45,000	13.42	Ton	604,000	124.47	75,180,000
Melons (Other).....	1976	965	10.04	Ton	9,700	205.46	1,993,000
	1975	1,200	11.25	Ton	13,500	152.00	2,052,000
Onions (Market).....	1976	1,790	10.45	Ton	18,700	94.81	1,773,000
	1975	1,500	15.33	Ton	23,000	196.57	4,521,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1976	925	16.20	Ton	15,000	52.00	780,000
	1975	3,200	15.00	Ton	48,000	55.17	2,648,000
Romaine.....	1976	320	7.28	Ton	2,350	185.11	435,000
	1975	315	7.47	Ton	2,350	155.74	366,000
Squash.....	1976	1,070	11.64	Ton	12,500	281.44	3,518,000
	1975	800	4.25	Ton	3,400	340.29	1,157,000
Tomatoes (Cannery).....	1976	1,430	25.26	Ton	36,000	51.44	1,852,000
	1975	3,200	20.09	Ton	64,300	61.31	3,942,000
Tomatoes (Market).....	1976	1,766	10.87	Ton	19,200	415.83	7,984,000
	1975	1,400	11.50	Ton	16,100	618.01	9,950,000
Watermelons.....	1976	2,200	6.95	Ton	15,300	121.63	1,861,000
	1975	2,600	7.73	Ton	20,100	144.83	2,911,000
Mixed Vegetables*.....	1976	2,900		Ton	12,900		3,606,000
	1975	2,300		Ton	13,500		4,565,000

*Mixed Vegetables include the following:

Broccoli, Cauliflower, Chinese Vegetables, Corn,
Cucumbers, Eggplant, Mixed Lettuce, Okra,
Rapini, Rutabagas, and Turnips.

TOTAL 1976 \$121,806,000
TOTAL 1975 142,288,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1975 - 1976

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1976	282	1.55	Ton	437	1,880.00	\$ 822,000
	1975	235	1.48	Ton	348	1,658.00	577,000
Grapefruit.....	1976	495	3.60	Ton	1,780	136.88	244,000
	1975	430	3.20	Ton	1,400	142.00	199,000
Lemons.....	1976	1,315	6.40	Ton	8,400	197.86	1,662,000
	1975	840	5.00	Ton	4,200	184.00	773,000
Oranges (Valencia).....	1976	775	1.96	Ton	1,520	129.00	196,000
	1975	950	3.70	Ton	3,500	166.00	581,000
Tangerines.....	1976	450	2.20	Ton	990	195.00	193,000
	1975	730	2.60	Ton	1,900	197.00	374,000
Mixed Fruit (Navels, Tangelos, Limes).....	1976	300		Ton	650		61,000
	1975	60		Ton	430		34,000
Citrus By-Products.....	1976			Ton	8,200	24.63	202,000
	1975			Ton	11,200	32.00	358,000

TOTAL 1976 \$3,380,000
TOTAL 1975 2,896,000

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1975 - 1976

	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1976	558,000	4.75	Cwt	2,651,000	40.3765	\$107,038,000
	1975	569,000	4.69	Cwt	2,669,000	45.72	122,027,000
Sheep.....	1976	180,000	.50	Cwt	90,000	49.54	4,459,000
	1975	163,000	.50	Cwt	81,500	48.32	3,938,000
Milk.....	1976			Cwt	108,000	9.23	997,000
	1975			Cwt	96,000	9.54	916,000*
Wool.....	1976	186,000	4.0	Lbs	744,000	.79	588,000
	1975	165,000	4.0	Lbs	660,000	.42	277,000
Misc. Livestock (Hogs and Fish).....	1976						350,000
	1975						66,000
					TOTAL 1976		\$113,432,000
					TOTAL 1975		127,224,000*

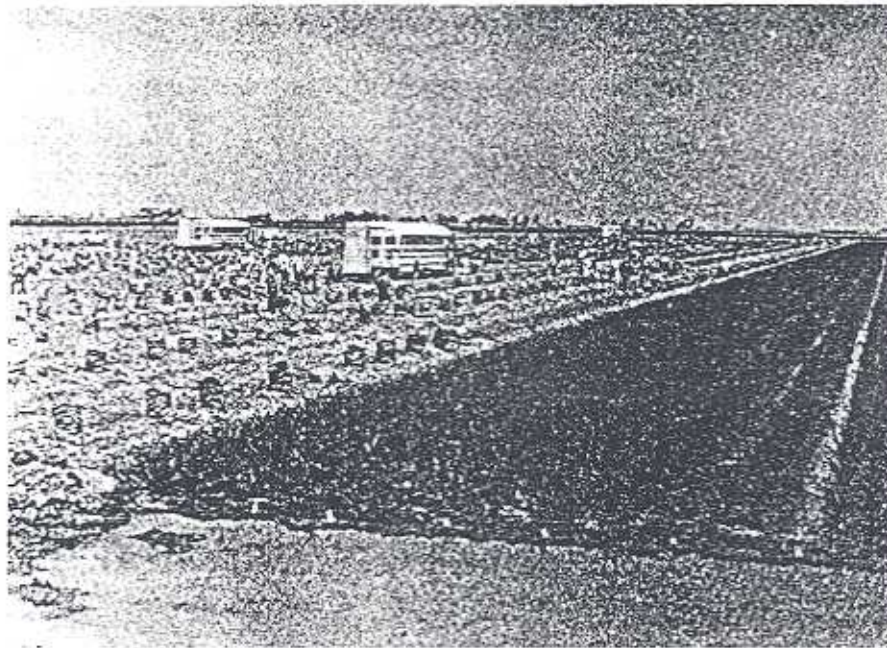
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APIARY PRODUCTS 1975 - 1976

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1976	40,000	36.17	Lbs	1,447,000	.37	\$ 535,000
	1975	40,000	47	Lbs	1,880,000	.36	677,000
Wax.....	1976	40,000		Lbs	29,000	1.21	35,000
	1975	40,000		Lbs	38,000	1.13	43,000
Pollination.....	1976	39,500		Colonies		9.87	390,000
	1975	34,500		Colonies		9.48	327,000
					TOTAL 1976		\$ 960,000
					TOTAL 1975		1,047,000

SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1975 - 1976

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1976	4,500	415	Lbs	1,867,000	.86	\$ 1,606,000
	1975	8,500	240	Lbs	2,040,000	.66	1,346,000
Barley.....	1976	145	5,023	Lbs	728,000	.075	55,000
Wheat.....	1976	1,726	3,351	Lbs	5,784,000	.066	382,000
	1975	850	5,349	Lbs	4,547,000	.073	332,000
Misc. Seed Crops (Cotton, Grass & Oat Seed)	1976						8,590,000
	1975						5,059,000
Nursery (Vegetable & Flower Seeds & Nursery Stock)	1976						4,177,000
	1975						3,046,000
Certified Seed.....	1976						545,000
	1975						997,000
					TOTAL 1976		\$15,355,000
					TOTAL 1975		10,780,000



Onion Harvesting

RECAPITULATION

	1975	1976
APIARY.....	\$ 1,047,000	\$ 960,000
FIELD CROPS.....	215,967,000	265,783,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS.....	2,896,000	3,380,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	127,224,000*	113,432,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	10,780,000	15,355,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	142,288,000	121,806,000
 TOTAL.....	 \$500,202,000*	 \$520,716,000

* Revised

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS 1976

CATTLE	\$107,038,000	SORGHUM	\$ 5,214,000
ALFALFA	100,327,000	SUDAN GRASS	5,169,000
LETTUCE	69,365,000	CARROTS	5,062,000
COTTON	50,988,000	SHEEP	4,459,000
WHEAT	50,801,000	SQUASH	3,518,000
SUGAR BEETS	37,800,000	ONIONS	2,553,000
CANTALOUPEs	14,071,000	WATERMELONS	1,861,000
PASTURE	10,876,000	LEMONS	1,662,000
TOMATOES	9,836,000	ALFALFA SEED	1,606,000
ASPARAGUS	8,685,000	BARLEY	1,094,000