

Agricultural Crop Report

County of Imperial

1955



Office of the
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT -- 1955

TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AND

W. C. JACOBSON, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

I herewith submit the annual report on the value of agricultural production in the County of Imperial for 1955 as required in Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

This report is a compilation of the gross value of all the commodities produced in Imperial County and represents the gross F. O. B. Shipping Point values. It is not intended to show the net income to farmers, which due to lower farm prices, increased cost of labor and other materials purchased by farmers, was in most cases lower than in 1954.

The figures contained herein were received from many sources and many individuals and was compiled under the direction of Assistant Agricultural Commissioner J. A. Sinclair. To all of those who have made this report as accurate as possible we wish to express our sincere gratitude.

Respectfully submitted

Claude M. Finell

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER,

IMPERIAL COUNTY

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HARVESTING CARROTS

VEGETABLES

Lettuce	17,337 Carloads	\$18,862,656.00
Carrots	3,599 Carloads	3,131,130.00
Carrots (topped)	12,049 Tons	331,347.00
Cabbage	496 Carloads	261,888.00
Cabbage (bulk)	2,513 Tons	37,695.00
Onions	163 Carloads	97,800.00
Mixed Vegetables	138 Carloads	121,440.00
Broccoli	147 Carloads	132,300.00
Romaine	165 Carloads	132,000.00
Garlic	16 Carloads	48,000.00
TOTAL		\$23,156,256.00

TRUCK CROPS

Cantaloupes	3,319 Carloads	\$3,368,785.00
Mixed Melons	10 Carloads	10,000.00
Watermelons	1,236 Carloads	883,740.00
Tomatoes	2,557 Carloads	3,451,950.00
Tomatoes (cannery)	7,129 Tons	163,254.00
Squash	304 Carloads	653,600.00
Cucumbers	66 Carloads	105,600.00
Asparagus	51 Carloads	144,993.00
Green Corn	53 Carloads	82,680.00
TOTAL		\$8,864,602.00



HARVESTING SUGAR BEETS



PICKING CANTALOUPE

1955 FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa	26,208	Carloads	\$11,583,936.00
Alfalfa Meal	1,216	Carloads	1,771,712.00
Barley	1,620	Carloads	3,274,020.00
Wheat	84	Carloads	276,360.00
Milo	157	Carloads	330,799.00
Flax Straw	976	Carloads	162,372.00
Flax Fiber	358	Carloads	574,070.00
Flax Seed	987	Carloads	7,031,388.00
Flax Shive	22	Carloads	5,280.00
Screenings — Seed	72	Carloads	71,280.00
Sugar Beets	19,294	Carloads	11,576,400.00
Sugar Beet By-Products	77,300	Tons	1,906,000.00
Grain Hay	54	Carloads	15,444.00
Straw	412	Carloads	80,340.00
Broom Corn	394	Tons	157,600.00
Soy Beans	788	Tons	69,619.00
Cotton	90,608	Bales	15,856,400.00
Cotton Seed	45,303	Tons	2,718,180.00
Cotton By-Products	30,968	Tons	2,773,033.00
TOTAL			\$60,234,233.00

FRUIT AND NUTS

Grapefruit	187	Carloads	\$255,816.00
Oranges	70	Carloads	111,230.00
Tangerines	22	Carloads	59,180.00
Lemons	20	Carloads	48,500.00
Grapes	48	Carloads	133,920.00
Dates	275,000	Pounds	55,000.00
Pecans	25,000	Pounds	12,500.00
TOTAL			\$676,146.00



CATTLE FEED YARD

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES

Cattle	9,347	Carloads	\$15,702,960.00
Sheep	2,326	Carloads	6,426,900.00
Hogs	13,329	Head	277,630.00
Dairy Cattle	8,325	Head	1,480,000.00
Pasturage (Cattle)	65,424	Head	1,308,480.00
Pasturage (Sheep)	348,900	Head	1,046,700.00
Hides	455	Tons	80,100.00
Wool	49	Carloads	899,200.00
Market Milk	1,484,484	Gallons	1,124,385.00
Dairy Products	604,845	Pounds	297,348.00
Dairy Products	305,651	Gallons	351,229.00
Meat	1,932	Tons	1,391,040.00
Meat By-Products	620	Tons	35,500.00
TOTAL			\$30,421,472.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Fertilizer	694	Carloads	\$ 84,350.00
Mineral Products	14,494	Carloads	12,319,900.00
Ice	146,229	Tons	694,587.00
TOTAL			\$13,098,837.00

APICULTURE AND POULTRY

Poultry	160,000	Head	\$112,000.00
Turkeys	2,100	Head	16,800.00
Eggs	17,820	Cases	256,608.00
Bees	45,121	Colonies	541,452.00
Honey	2,668,640	Pounds	293,550.00
Bee Wax	60,000	Pounds	30,000.00
TOTAL			\$1,250,410.00



ONION SEED FIELD

SEED AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers		\$ 78,721.00
Flower Seed	2,000 Pounds	4,000.00
Lettuce Seed	38,000 Pounds	38,000.00
Onion Seed	70,000 Pounds	70,000.00
Alfalfa Seed	13,696,890 Pounds	2,722,946.00
Clover Seed	250,000 Pounds	25,000.00
Sesbania Seed	200,000 Pounds	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Seed	40,000 Pounds	40,000.00
Oat Seed	528,800 Pounds	29,084.00
Barley Seed	8,680,194 Pounds	368,904.00
Flax Seed	3,651,100 Pounds	392,493.00
Wheat Seed	1,788,375 Pounds	96,568.00
Soy Bean Seed	633,818 Pounds	50,705.00
	TOTAL	\$3,926,421.00
Soil Improvement Payments Total		\$ 176,530.00

RECAPITULATION

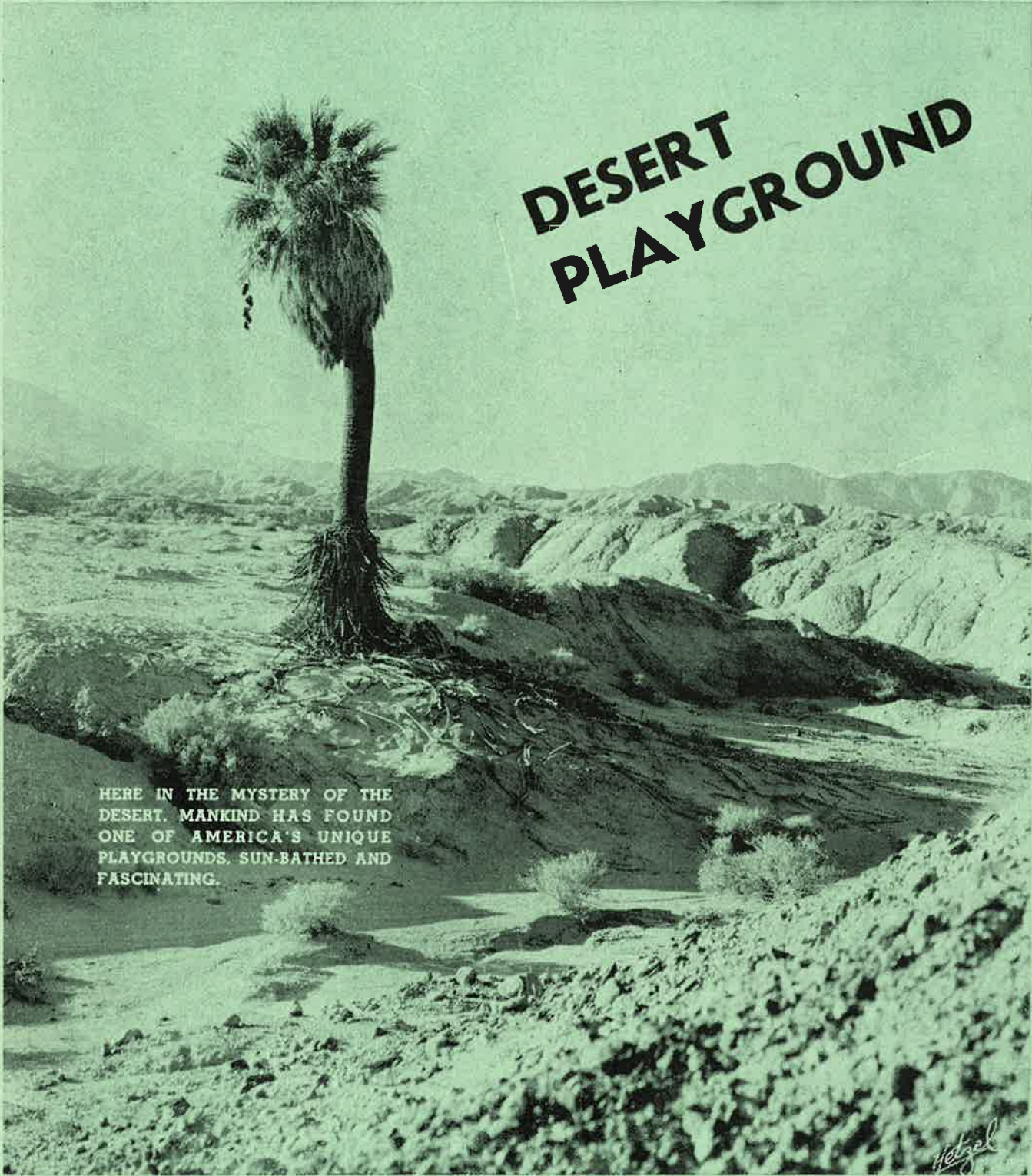
Field Crops	\$60,234,233.00
Fruit and Nuts	676,146.00
Vegetables	23,156,256.00
Truck Crops	8,864,602.00
Animal Industries	30,421,472.00
Apiculture and Poultry	1,250,410.00
Miscellaneous Items	13,098,837.00
Seed and Cut Flowers	3,926,421.00
Soil Improvement Payments	176,530.00
TOTAL	\$141,804,907.00

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REPORT OF CROPS GROWING

MARCH 15, 1955

FIELD CROPS	ACRES	GARDEN CROPS	ACRES
Alfalfa	171,192	Beans	63
Barley	68,480	Beets	126
Bermuda	476	Blackeyed Peas	40
Broom Corn	215	Broccoli	479
Cane	46	Cabbage	678
Castor Beans	10	Caltrop	3
Clover	1,645	Cantaloupes	8,316
Cotton	4,179	Carrots	5,591
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	28,284
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	340,265	Persian Melons	159
		Romaine	28
		Squash	1,432
		Tomatoes	3,999
		Vegetables (mixed)	11
		Watermelons	3,848
		TOTALS	29,316
PERMANENT CROPS			
Asparagus	419		
Citrus, (mixed)	143		
Dates	128		
Grapes	577		
Grapefruit	886		
Lemons	65		
Nursery	10		
Oranges	341		
Peaches	1		
Pecans	116		
Tangerines	190		
TOTALS	2,876		
GRAND TOTALS			372,457



DESERT PLAYGROUND

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DESERT, MANKIND HAS FOUND
ONE OF AMERICA'S UNIQUE
PLAYGROUNDS. SUN-BATHED AND
FASCINATING.

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