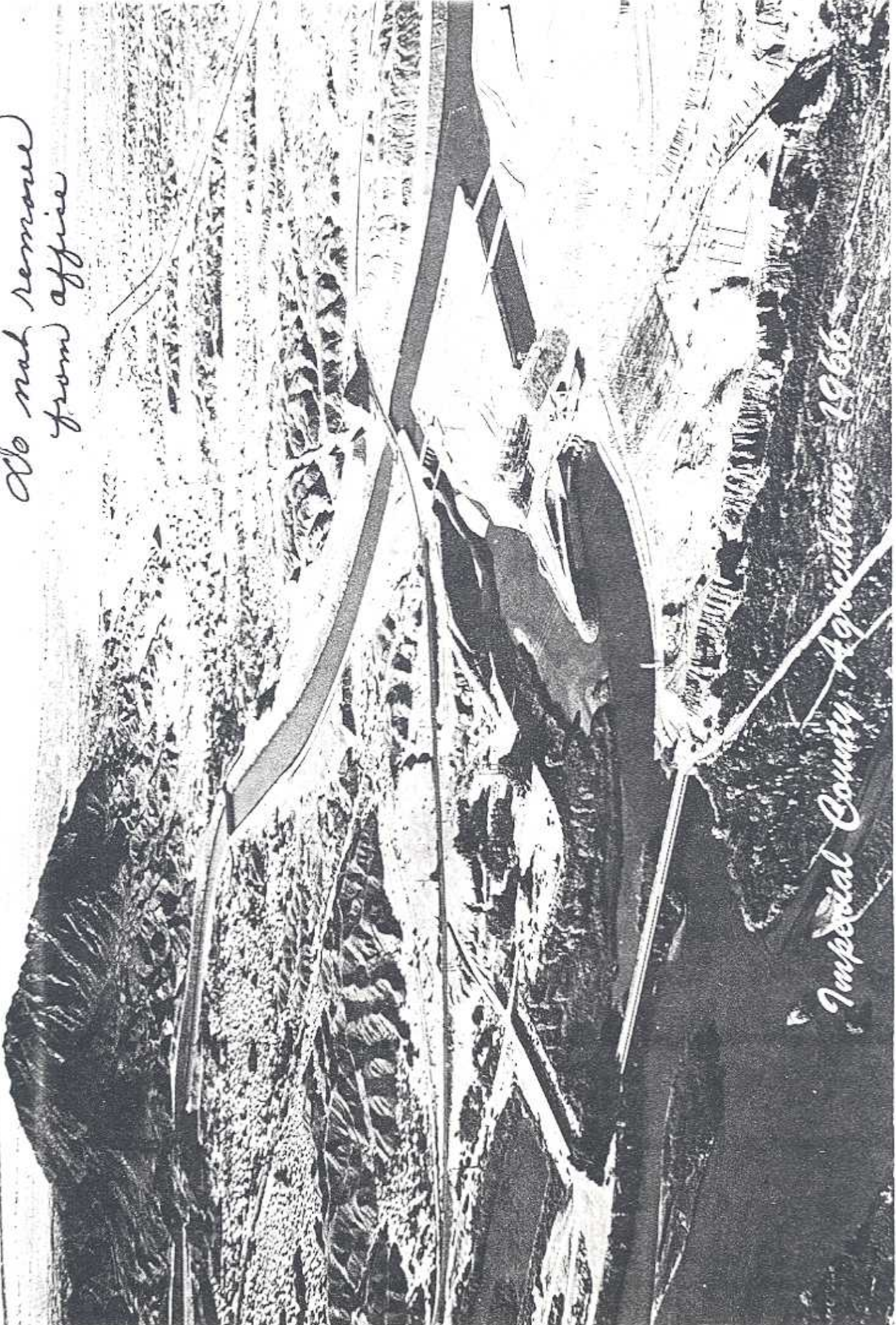


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Imperial County Agriculture - 1966





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

and

EARL COKE, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I herewith submit the annual report on the gross value of agriculture production in the County of Imperial for 1966, as required in Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code.

For agriculture, the year 1966 was one of mixed blessings. The year started with the most productive (gross income) lettuce season ever recorded in this county. The year was marked with a noticeable increase in cantaloupes, both acreage and production. Field crops, such as cotton and sugar beets, experienced one of the worst years in production and income.

We have noted on prior occasion the continuing shift into feed grains and this increase continued during 1966, with feed sorghum acreage the highest for any single crop.

Cattle feeding continued to improve, as has been the trend during the past several years, and actually returned the highest gross value of any single commodity. It can be seen from this report, cattle feeding is fast becoming the base on which a great amount of Imperial County agriculture is based.

While gross income figures tend to reflect the economic position of agriculture, gross income may/or may not reflect farm net income. Figures given in this report should be used as a statistical measurement of the relevant position of Imperial County Agriculture.

To those who assisted in making this report as accurate as possible, we express our sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAUDE M. FINNELL

Agricultural Commissioner

IMPERIAL COUNTY
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VEGETABLE CROPS 1965-1966

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Asparagus.....	1966	1,920	1.57	Ton	3,010	465.45	\$ 1,401,000
	1965	1,800	1.59	Ton	2,860	532.87	1,524,000
Cabbage.....	1966	1,670	11.89	Ton	19,860	86.10	1,710,000
	1965	1,700	9.62	Ton	16,360	41.08	672,000
Cantaloupes.....	1966	4,940	6.98	Ton	34,500	122.96	4,242,000
	1965	3,460	5.43	Ton	18,800	129.20	2,429,000
Carrots.....	1966	2,340	15.85	Ton	37,100	89.57	3,323,000
	1965	2,200	20.30	Ton	44,700	65.57	2,931,000
Cucumbers.....	1966	240	7.9	Ton	1,900	139.47	265,000
	1965	350	4.2	Ton	1,470	102.72	151,000
Lettuce.....	1966	35,790	11.32	Ton	405,200	132.79	53,806,000
	1965	38,930	9.04	Ton	351,900	57.02	20,064,000
Melons (Other).....	1966	300	9.37	Ton	2,810	151.96	427,000
	1965	320	6.41	Ton	2,050	148.78	305,000
Onions (Market).....	1966	1,080	12.64	Ton	13,650	119.78	1,635,000
	1965	800	12.45	Ton	9,960	112.65	1,122,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1966	1,800	12.28	Ton	22,100	40.00	884,000
	1965	1,630	13.40	Ton	21,800	40.00	872,000
Squash.....	1966	950	2.98	Ton	2,830	247.00	699,000
	1965	890	3.34	Ton	2,970	183.84	546,000
Tomatoes.....	1966	1,100	5.8	Ton	6,400	185.00	1,184,000
	1965	2,500	4.8	Ton	12,000	225.92	2,711,000
Watermelons.....	1966	3,720	8.33	Ton	31,000	56.26	1,744,000
	1965	4,310	8.80	Ton	38,000	53.97	2,051,000
Mixed Vegetables.....	1966	1,290					1,200,000
	1965	1,300					1,062,000

(Broccoli, Chinese Vegetables, Endive, Fava Beans, Garlic, Okra, Parsnips, Peas, Potatoes, Red & Butter Lettuce, Rapini & Romaine)

TOTAL 1966 — \$72,520,000
 TOTAL 1965 — 36,440,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1965-1966

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Dates.....	1966	85	2.7	Ton	229	393.01	\$ 90,000
	1965	135	2.4	Ton	324	333.33	108,000
Grapefruit.....	1966	460	9.0	Ton	4140	78.74	326,000
	1965	528	14.0	Ton	7390	81.75	604,000
Oranges, Valencia.....	1966	530	3.3	Ton	1750	129.36	226,000
	1965	398	5.0	Ton	1990	130.42	260,000
Tangerines.....	1966	280	3.0	Ton	840	154.76	130,000
	1965	295	4.3	Ton	1270	196.00	249,000
Mixed Fruit.....	1966	120					76,000
	1965	190					110,000
(Navel Oranges, Sour Oranges, Lemons, Pecans)							
						TOTAL 1966 —	\$ 848,000
						TOTAL 1965 —	1,331,000

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1965-1966

	YEAR	HEAD	UNIT GAIN	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Cattle.....	1966	558,000	4.69	Cwt.	2,617,000	25.39	\$66,446,000
	1965	507,000	4.89	Cwt.	2,479,000	24.38	60,438,000
Sheep.....	1966	145,000	.6	Cwt.	87,000	27.62	2,403,000
	1965	160,000	.6	Cwt.	96,000	22.00	2,112,000
Hogs.....	1966	3,000	2.1	Cwt.	6,300	25.00	158,000
	1965	4,500	2.2	Cwt.	9,900	20.00	198,000
Chickens (Hens).....	1966	2,000	2.5	lbs.	5,000	.07	350
	1965	4,000	2.5	lbs.	10,000	.05	500
Eggs.....	1966			doz.	75,000	.36	27,000
	1965			doz.	100,000	.30	30,000
Milk.....	1966			Cwt.	225,000	5.22	1,175,000
	1965			Cwt.	222,000	5.17	1,148,000
Milk (Manufactured).....	1966			Cwt.	1,800	4.07	7,400
	1965			Cwt.	1,000	3.82	3,800
Wool.....	1966	150,000	5.1	lbs.	765,000	.46	352,000
	1965	180,000	5.5	lbs.	990,000	.48	475,000
						TOTAL 1966 —	\$70,568,750
						TOTAL 1965 —	64,405,300

APIARY PRODUCTS 1965-1966

	YEAR	COLONIES	YIELD	UNIT	PRODUCTION	PER UNIT	VALUE
Honey.....	1966	47,000	57	lbs.	2,679,000	.11	\$295,000
	1965	51,000	67	lbs.	3,417,000	.10	342,000
Wax.....	1966	47,000		lbs.	44,600	.50	22,000
	1965	51,000		lbs.	57,000	.48	27,000
Pollination.....	1966	21,200		Colonies		3.91	83,000
	1965	17,000		Colonies		3.82	65,000
						TOTAL 1966 —	\$400,000
						TOTAL 1965 —	434,000

FIELD CROPS 1965-1966

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Barley.....	1966	99,000	1.6	Ton	158,400	51.50	8,158,000
	1965	103,000	2.2	Ton	226,600	50.20	11,375,000
Cotton Lint.....	1966	35,070	1224 ^a	Bale	89,450 ^b	.380 ^c	16,996,000 ^d
	1965	46,140	1717 ^a	Bale	165,000 ^b	.275 ^c	22,688,000
Cotton Seed.....	1966			Ton	30,300	63.00	1,909,000
	1965			Ton	60,900	47.00	2,862,000
Flax Seed.....	1966	1,930	27.	56 # Bu.	52,000	3.80	198,000
	1965	4,140	42.	56 # Bu.	173,900	3.34	581,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1966	127,000	6.4	Ton	813,000	28.50	23,171,000
	1965	138,000	6.4	Ton	883,000	25.25	22,301,000
Pasture.....	1966	220,000				10.50	2,310,000
	1965	250,000				12.50	3,125,000
Safflower.....	1966	1,690	.9	Ton	1,520	92.50	141,000
	1965	800	1.6	Ton	1,280	91.50	117,000
Screenings.....	1966			Ton	1,360	25.00	34,000
	1965			Ton	1,200	18.30	22,000
Silage (Sorghum).....	1966	3,000	20.0	Ton	60,000	5.00	300,000
	1965	3,200	21.0	Ton	67,200	5.00	336,000
Sorghum.....	1966	150,000	2.2	Ton	330,000	46.40	15,312,000
	1965	90,000	2.5	Ton	225,000	48.00	10,800,000
Straw.....	1966			Ton	66,000	12.00	792,000
	1965			Ton	58,000	12.70	737,000
Sugar Beets.....	1966	56,150	17.90	Ton	1,005,000	15.31	15,388,000 ^d
	1965	62,100	22.21	Ton	1,379,000	14.31	19,731,000 ^d
Wheat.....	1966	600	2.0	Ton	1,200	55.83	67,000
	1965	1,800	2.0	Ton	3,600	52.00	187,000

- a. Pounds per acre
b. 500 lb. gross weight bales
c. Price per pound
d. Includes all government payments

TOTAL 1966 — \$84,776,000
TOTAL 1965 — 94,852,000

SEED CROPS — NON-CERTIFIED 1965-1966

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Alfalfa.....	1966	12,050	367	lbs.	4,422,000	.320	\$1,415,000
	1965	16,965	290	lbs.	4,920,000	.285	1,402,000
Barley.....	1966	2,370	3,510	lbs.	8,319,000	.0266	221,000
	1965	1,850	3,500	lbs.	6,475,000	.0290	188,000
Cotton.....	1966			Ton	5,500	81.00	446,000
	1965			Ton	5,100	76.00	389,000
Sorghum.....	1966	360	3,710	lbs.	1,335,000	.0245	33,000
	1965	140	4,780	lbs.	669,000	.0260	17,400
Misc. Agriculture.....	1966						40,000
	1965						125,500
Misc. Vegetables & Flowers.....	1966						427,000
	1965						470,000

TOTAL 1966 — \$2,582,000
TOTAL 1965 — 2,590,900

SEED CROPS — CERTIFIED 1965-1966

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	UNIT	TOTAL	PER UNIT	VALUE
Barley.....	1966	540	3,480	lbs.	1,879,000	.0282	53,000
	1965	1,000	2,870	lbs.	2,870,000	.0314	90,000
Flax.....	1966	172	1,500	lbs.	258,000	.072	18,600
	1965	240	1,900	lbs.	456,000	.073	33,000
Wheat.....	1966	11	3,000	lbs.	33,000	.03	1,000
						TOTAL 1966 —	\$ 72,600
						TOTAL 1965 —	123,000

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

LETTUCE	\$53,806,000	ONIONS	2,519,000
HAY, ALFALFA	23,171,000	COTTON SEED	2,355,000
COTTON LINT	16,996,000	PASTURE	2,310,000
SUGAR BEETS	15,388,000	WATERMELONS	1,744,000
SORGHUM	15,312,000	CABBAGE	1,710,000
BARLEY	8,158,000	ALFALFA SEED	1,415,000
CANTALOUPE	4,242,000	ASPARAGUS	1,401,000
CARROTS	3,323,000	TOMATOES	1,184,000



RECAPITULATION

	1965	1966
FIELD CROPS.....	\$ 94,862,000	\$ 84,776,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	36,440,000	72,520,000
LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY.....	64,405,300	70,568,750
FRUIT AND NUT CROP.....	1,331,000	848,000
SEED CROPS.....	2,713,900	2,654,600
APIARY.....	434,000	400,000
TOTAL.....	\$200,186,200	\$231,767,350