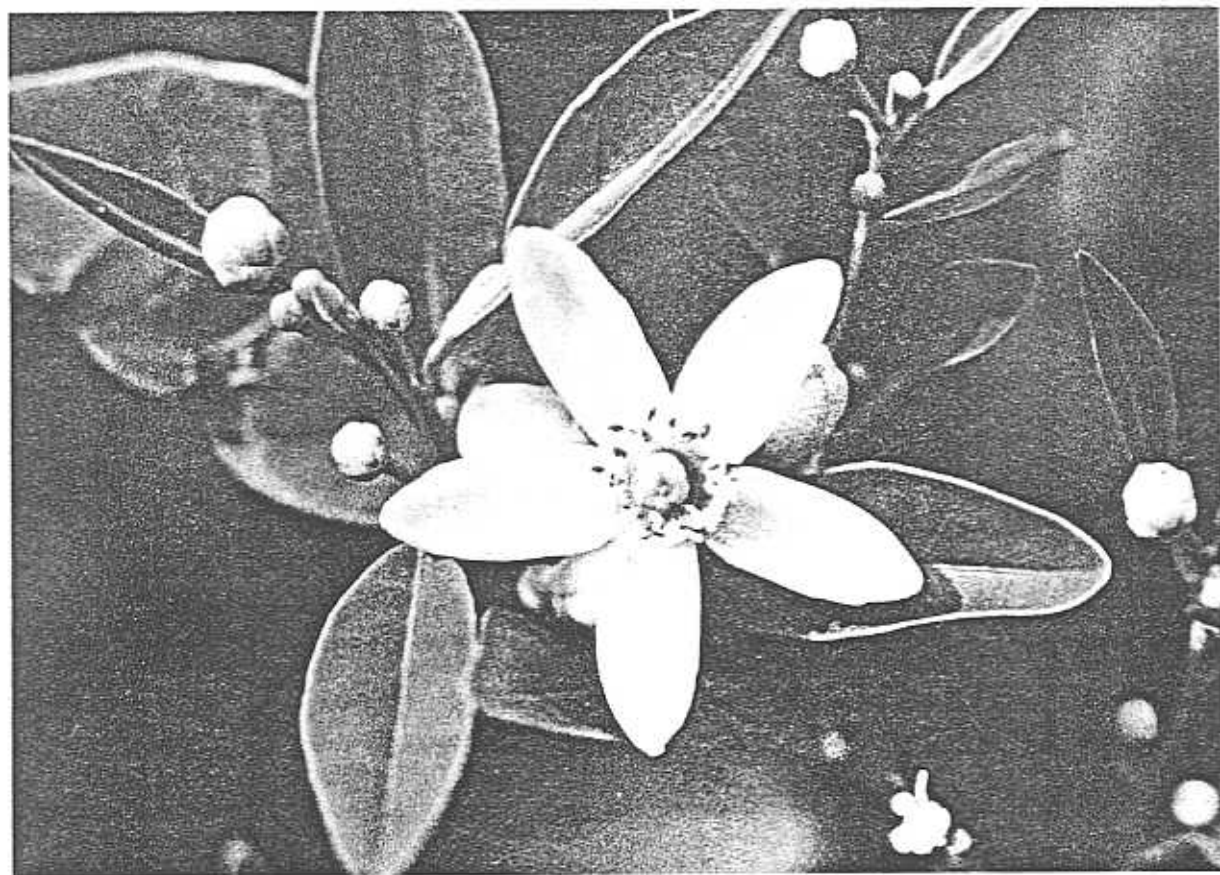


Imperial County Agriculture

1969



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

AND

JERRY FIELDER, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I herewith submit the annual report on the gross value of agricultural production in the County of Imperial for 1969, as required in Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code.

This report indicates a substantial rise in the gross value of livestock to Imperial County.

Not only is cattle 'king' in terms of gross value, but cattle deserves the title of 'king' because of its tremendous contribution to the entire agricultural industry of the County. The cattle industry contributes to the growth of practically every field crop. This growth reflects the confidence of our livestock men in the economic stability and future of Imperial Valley.

This gross value report reflects the size and diversity of our agricultural industry. Except for livestock, the values seem to have reached a plateau with very little movement up or down, although the cost of farming continues to rise at an estimated 7% per year.

We express our thanks to all those who helped to make this report possible. This report was compiled under the direction of Henry Knipp.

Respectfully submitted


CLAUDE M. FINNELL
Agricultural Commissioner

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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BRUSHED TOMATOES

FIELD CROPS 1968 - 1969

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1969	74,000	2.0	Ton	148,000	52.00	\$ 7,696,000
	1968	99,000	1.8	Ton	178,000	46.00	8,188,000
Cotton Lint.....	1969	44,000	968 a	Bale	88,700b	.37c	16,410,000d
	1968	38,190	1660 a	Bale	132,050b	.37c	24,429,000d
Cotton Seed.....	1969			Ton	33,000	33.00	1,089,000
	1968			Ton	46,000	54.00	2,484,000
Flax Seed.....	1969	1,800	43.0	56# Bu.	77,000	3.20	246,000
	1968	2,000	37.0	56# Bu.	74,000	3.48	257,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1969	140,000	6.8	Ton	952,000	29.00	27,608,000
	1968	136,000	6.5	Ton	884,000	26.50	23,426,000
Pasture.....	1969	243,000				12.60	3,062,000
	1968	240,000				9.50	2,280,000
Safflower.....	1968	450	1.1	Ton	500	89.50	45,000
Screenings.....	1969			Ton	1,000	34.00	34,000
	1968			Ton	2,200	35.00	77,000
Silage (Sorghum).....	1969	2,000	22.0	Ton	44,000	5.00	220,000
	1968	1,000	20.0	Ton	20,000	5.00	100,000
Sorghum.....	1969	60,000	2.5	Ton	150,000	49.00	7,350,000
	1968	75,000	1.8	Ton	135,000	44.00	5,940,000
Straw.....	1969			Ton	55,000	12.00	660,000
	1968			Ton	46,000	12.10	557,000
Sugar Beets.....	1969	76,000	17.5	Ton	1,330,000	17.20	22,876,000d
	1968	59,200	21.0	Ton	1,243,000	16.68	20,733,000d
Wheat.....	1969	10,000	2.5	Ton	25,000	52.00	1,300,000
	1968	1,000	1.6	Ton	1,600	46.00	74,000

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

TOTAL 1969 \$88,551,000
 TOTAL 1968 88,590,000

VEGETABLE CROPS 1968 - 1969

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1969	2,400	1.58	Ton	3,800	663.94	\$ 2,523,000
	1968	2,200	1.77	Ton	3,900	503.33	1,963,000
Cabbage.....	1969	1,300	10.0	Ton	13,000	60.15	782,000
	1968	2,710	10.4	Ton	28,200	61.10	1,723,000
Cantaloupes.....	1969	16,300	5.0	Ton	82,000	121.33	10,000,000
	1968	13,100	5.9	Ton	77,300	153.57	11,871,000
Carrots.....	1969	4,200	12.0	Ton	50,000	83.00	4,150,000
	1968	4,900	14.0	Ton	68,600	75.00	5,145,000
Cucumbers.....	1969	390	5.1	Ton	2,000	138.50	277,000
	1968	380	5.5	Ton	2,090	267.94	560,000
Lettuce.....	1969	44,000	9.18	Ton	404,000	95.75	38,683,000
	1968	41,500	9.66	Ton	401,000	85.06	34,109,000
Melons (Other).....	1969	720	7.50	Ton	5,400	203.70	1,100,000
	1968	930	8.67*	Ton	8,060	140.94	1,136,000
Onions (Market).....	1969	2,300	10.0	Ton	23,000	65.00	1,495,000
	1968	1,700	15.7	Ton	26,700	98.00	2,617,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1969	1,240	11.5	Ton	14,000	40.00	560,000
	1968	1,070	10.4	Ton	11,100	40.00	444,000
Squash.....	1969	340	5.0	Ton	1,700	188.10	320,000
	1968	750	3.33	Ton	2,500	248.80	622,000
Tomatoes.....	1969	2,200	6.4	Ton	14,000	243.85	3,414,000
	1968	1,940	6.3	Ton	12,200	241.23	2,943,000
Tomatoes, Cannery.....	1968	280	14.0	Ton	3,920	37.50	147,000
Watermelons.....	1969	4,100	7.4	Ton	30,000	53.77	1,613,000
	1968	4,410	5.9	Ton	26,000	61.00	1,588,000
Mixed Vegetables.....	1969	1,435					1,605,000
	1968	1,400					1,365,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$66,522,000
						TOTAL 1968	66,231,000

(Blackeye Beans, Broccoli, Chinese Vegetables, Endive, Fava Beans, Garlic, Okra, Red and Butter Lettuce, Rapini and Romaine.)

* Revised

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1968 - 1969

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1969	35	3.8	Ton	130	916.00	\$119,000
	1968	70	2.0	Ton	140	650.00	91,000
Grapefruit.....	1969	300	7.7	Ton	2,300	67.82	156,000
	1968	400	8.0	Ton	3,200	83.00	266,000
Lemons.....	1969	220	7.5	Ton	1,650	139.39	230,000
	1968	130	3.0	Ton	390	100.00	39,000
Oranges, Valencia.....	1969	750	4.9	Ton	3,700	84.05	311,000
	1968	750	3.1	Ton	2,300	109.07	251,000
Tangerines.....	1969	400	3.5	Ton	1,400	115.00	161,000
	1968	330	3.0	Ton	990	124.50	123,000
Mixed Fruit.....	1969	50					11,000
	1968	50					15,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$988,000
						TOTAL 1968	785,000

(Navel Oranges, Sour Oranges)

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1968 - 1969

	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1969	578,000	5.03	Cwt.	2,908,000	29.10	\$84,623,000
	1968	560,000	4.60	Cwt.	2,576,000	26.50	68,264,000
Sheep.....	1969	100,000	.6	Cwt.	60,000	27.35	1,641,000
	1968	160,000	.6	Cwt.	96,000	24.60	2,362,000
Hogs.....	1969	1,500	2.1	Cwt.	3,150	23.00	72,000
	1968	2,000	2.1	Cwt.	4,200	20.00	84,000
Chickens (Hens).....	1969	2,500	4.0	Lbs.	10,000	.095	1,000
	1968	2,500	4.0	Lbs.	10,000	.06	600
Eggs.....	1969			Doz.	70,000	.42	29,000
	1968			Doz.	73,000	.36	26,300
Milk.....	1969			Cwt.	307,000	5.89	1,808,000
	1968			Cwt.	313,000	5.72	1,790,000*
Wool.....	1969	110,000	5.1	Lbs.	561,000	.39	219,000
	1968	167,000	5.1	Lbs.	852,000	.43	366,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$88,393,000
						TOTAL 1968	72,892,900*

* Revised

APIARY PRODUCTS 1968 - 1969

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1969	31,000	44	Lbs.	1,364,000	.12	\$ 164,000
	1968	36,000	25	Lbs.	900,000	.118	106,000
Wax.....	1969	31,000		Lbs.	22,700	.67	15,000
	1968	36,000		Lbs.	15,000	.70	10,500
Pollination.....	1969	32,700		Colonies		4.85	159,000
	1968	32,000		Colonies		4.90	157,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$338,000
						TOTAL 1968	273,500

SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1968 - 1969

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1969	7,300	222	Lbs.	1,621,000	.40	\$ 648,000
	1968	15,000	280	Lbs.	4,200,000	.36	1,512,000
Barley.....	1969	500	4,350	Lbs.	2,175,000	.026	57,000
	1968	1,180	3,400	Lbs.	4,000,000	.024	96,000
Cotton.....	1969			Ton	2,250	82.00	185,000
	1968			Ton	7,000	70.00	490,000
Ryegrass.....	1969	80	395	Lbs.	32,000	.08	2,600
	1968	620	270	Lbs.	167,000	.08	13,000
Sorghum.....	1969	225	3,200	Lbs.	720,000	.038	27,400
	1968	230	3,000	Lbs.	690,000	.025	17,000
Triticale.....	1969	250	2,800	Lbs.	700,000	.036	25,000
Wheat.....	1969	1,150	2,800	Lbs.	3,220,000	.029	93,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1969						22,000
	1968						20,000
Misc. Vegetables and Flowers.....	1969						479,000
	1968						988,000
Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers.....	1969						60,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$1,599,000
						TOTAL 1968	3,136,000

SEED CROPS - CERTIFIED 1968 - 1969

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1969	1,315	204	Lbs.	268,000	.54	\$145,000
	1968	1,080	275	Lbs.	297,000	.41	122,000
Barley.....	1969	350	3,535	Lbs.	1,237,000	.028	35,000
	1968	420	3,480	Lbs.	1,462,000	.025	37,000
Wheat.....	1969	770	1,535	Lbs.	1,182,000	.135	160,000
	1968	3,320	3,200	Lbs.	10,624,000	.035	372,000
						TOTAL 1969	\$340,000
						TOTAL 1968	531,000



RECAPITULATION

	1968	1969
FIELD CROPS.....	\$ 88,590,000	\$ 88,551,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	66,231,000	66,522,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	72,892,900	88,393,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS.....	785,000	988,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	3,667,000	1,939,000
APIARY.....	273,500	338,000
TOTAL.....	\$232,439,400*	\$246,731,000

* Revised

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

LETTUCE	\$38,683,000	TOMATOES	\$3,414,000
HAY, ALFALFA	27,608,000	PASTURE	3,062,000
SUGAR BEETS	22,876,000	ASPARAGUS	2,523,000
COTTON LINT	16,410,000	ONIONS	2,055,000
CANTALOUPEs	10,000,000	WATERMELONS	1,613,000
BARLEY	7,696,000	WHEAT	1,300,000
SORGHUM	7,350,000	COTTON SEED	1,274,000
CARROTS	4,150,000	MELONS (OTHER)	1,100,000