

Imperial County Agriculture

1975



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TO: DR. LUTHER T. WALLACE, DIRECTOR OF
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AND

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

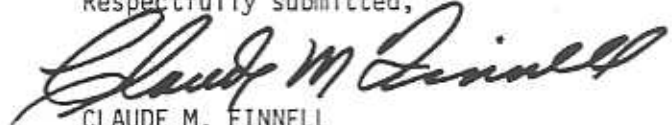
I herewith submit the annual crop report as required by
Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code.

The 1975 gross income from agricultural production in Imperial
County exceeded the half billion mark for the second time in
history, but the high prices received in 1974 disappeared in 1975.
With a ten percent decrease in gross income and a continued increase
in cost of production, the profit posture of our agricultural indus-
try returned to the historic struggle of making ends meet.

Cattlemen were faced with high feed prices and low meat prices
during the year, and sugar beet growers saw the price of sugar re-
cede as the world's sugar supply increased.

The agricultural industry is still a strong and viable industry
producing a gross income of \$500,182,000 in new wealth and maintain-
ing Imperial County among the top five agricultural counties in the
U. S. during 1975.

Respectfully submitted,



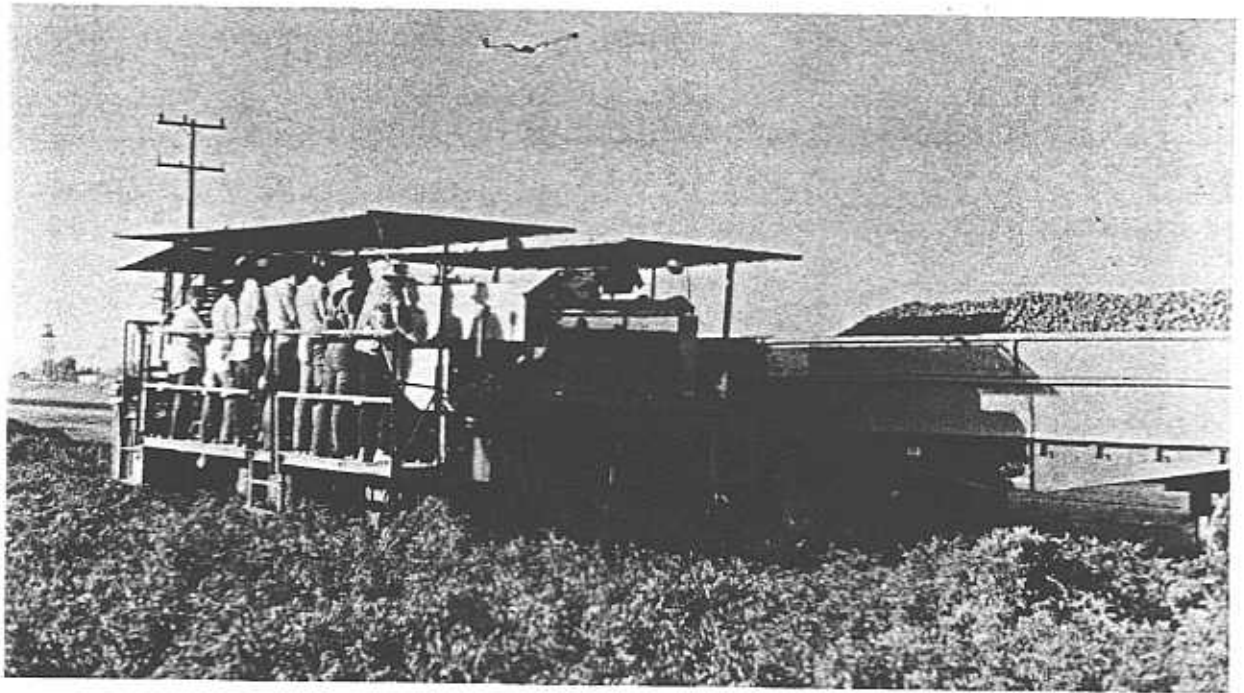
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FIELD CROPS 1974 - 1975

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1975	3,800	2.6	Ton	10,000	110.00	\$ 1,100,000
	1974	5,600	2.14	Ton	12,000	120.00	1,440,000
Cotton Lint.....	1975	45,000	1036A	Bale	93,200B	.55C	25,641,000
	1974	87,000	1191A	Bale	215,800B	.50C	53,950,000
Cotton Seed.....	1975			Ton	37,300	110.00	4,103,000
	1974			Ton	86,300	125.00	10,788,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1975	109,000	8.5	Ton	927,000	62.00	57,474,000
	1974	121,000	9.0	Ton	1,089,000	62.00	57,518,000
Alfalfa—Dehydrated, and Cube.....	1975	15,000	6.2	Ton	93,000	75.00	6,975,000
	1974	15,000	5.6	Ton	99,000	66.00	6,534,000
Pasture, Alfalfa.....	1975	93,000#		Per Acre		36.00	3,348,000
	1974	103,000#		Per Acre		30.00	3,090,000
Pasture, Ryegrass.....	1975	10,000		Per Acre		187.00	1,870,000
	1974	17,000		Per Acre		164.00	2,788,000
Pasture, Sugar Beet Tops.....	1975	65,000		Per Acre		26.00	1,690,000
	1974	65,000		Per Acre		26.00	1,690,000
Pasture, Other.....	1975	21,000		Per Acre		109.00	2,289,000
	1974	24,000		Per Acre		72.00	1,728,000
Screenings.....	1975			Ton	1,300	22.00	29,000
	1974			Ton	1,500	25.50	38,000
Silage (Sorghum).....	1975	600	25.0	Ton	15,000	7.00	105,000
	1974	400	26.0	Ton	10,400	7.50	78,000
Sorghum.....	1975	25,000	2.0	Ton	50,000	113.48	5,674,000
	1974	32,000	2.3	Ton	74,000	128.00	9,472,000
Straw.....	1975			Ton	79,000	22.00	1,738,000
	1974			Ton	76,000	23.45	1,782,000
Sudan Grass.....	1975	13,000	5.5	Ton	71,500	43.00	3,075,000
Sugar Beets.....	1975	65,000	24.9	Ton	1,619,000	35.39	57,296,000D
	1974	65,000	26.8	Ton	1,742,000	51.18	89,156,000D
Wheat.....	1975	165,000	2.2	Ton	363,000	120.00	43,560,000
	1974	104,000	2.53	Ton	263,000	130.00	34,190,000

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

TOTAL 1975 \$215,967,000
 TOTAL 1974 284,242,000

VEGETABLE CROPS 1974 - 1975

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1975	4,400	1.91	Ton	8,400	1,050.24	\$ 8,822,000
	1974	4,600	1.63	Ton	7,500	887.74	6,658,000
Cabbage.....	1975	330	16.06	Ton	5,300	102.45	543,000
	1974	1,200	10.25	Ton	12,300	65.04	800,000
Cantaloupes.....	1975	7,400	5.32	Ton	39,400	280.94	11,069,000
	1974	8,300	7.53	Ton	62,500	221.92	13,870,000
Carrots.....	1975	5,200	17.21	Ton	89,500	152.29	13,630,000
	1974	5,900	18.86	Ton	111,300	93.77	10,437,000
Cucumbers.....	1975	1,000	4.70	Ton	4,700	212.34	998,000
	1974	600	5.50	Ton	3,300	182.43	602,000
Garlic.....	1975	900	5.67	Ton	5,100	182.75	932,000
	1974	700	4.29	Ton	3,000	188.67	566,000
Lettuce.....	1975	45,000	13.42	Ton	604,000	124.47	75,180,000
	1974	49,000	11.65	Ton	571,000	88.40	50,476,000
Melons (Other).....	1975	1,200	11.25	Ton	13,500	152.00	2,052,000
	1974	800	14.25	Ton	11,400	170.00	1,938,000
Onions (Market).....	1975	1,500	15.33	Ton	23,000	196.57	4,521,000
	1974	1,700	12.59	Ton	21,400	105.79	2,264,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1975	3,200	15.00	Ton	48,000	55.17	2,648,000
	1974	3,000	12.00	Ton	36,000	45.72	1,646,000
Squash.....	1975	800	4.25	Ton	3,400	340.29	1,157,000
	1974	740	4.59	Ton	3,400	352.35	1,198,000
Tomatoes (Market).....	1975	1,400	11.50	Ton	16,100	618.01	9,950,000
	1974	3,000	12.93	Ton	38,800	191.88	7,445,000A
Tomatoes (Cannery).....	1975	3,200	20.09	Ton	64,300	61.31	3,942,000
Watermelons.....	1975	2,600	7.73	Ton	20,100	144.83	2,911,000
	1974	2,200	9.1	Ton	20,000	107.85	2,157,000
Mixed Vegetables (B).....	1975	2,300					3,933,000
	1974	2,300					2,706,000

A—Includes Cannery Tomatoes

B—Mixed Vegetables - Chinese Vegetables,
Mixed Lettuce, Rapini, Parsnips, Broccoli,
Okra, Rutabaga and Banana Squash.

TOTAL 1975 \$142,288,000
TOTAL 1974 102,763,000

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1974 - 1975

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1975	235	1.48	Ton	348	1,658.00	\$ 577,000
	1974	190	.8	Ton	152	1,233.00	187,000
Grapefruit.....	1975	430	3.2	Ton	1,400	142.00	199,000
	1974	430	3.4	Ton	1,500	143.33	215,000
Lemons.....	1975	840	5.0	Ton	4,200	184.00	773,000
	1974	620	3.0	Ton	1,900	263.20	500,000*
Orange, Valencia.....	1975	950	3.7	Ton	3,500	166.00	581,000
	1974	950	3.2	Ton	3,000	115.00	345,000
Tangerines.....	1975	730	2.6	Ton	1,900	197.00	374,000
	1974	720	2.7	Ton	1,900	191.58	364,000
Mixed Fruit.....	1975						34,000
(Navel & Sour Oranges).....	1974						27,000
Citrus By-Products.....	1975			Ton	11,200	32.00	358,000
	1974			Ton	7,400	44.04	326,000

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TOTAL 1975 \$2,896,000
TOTAL 1974 1,964,000

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1974 - 1975

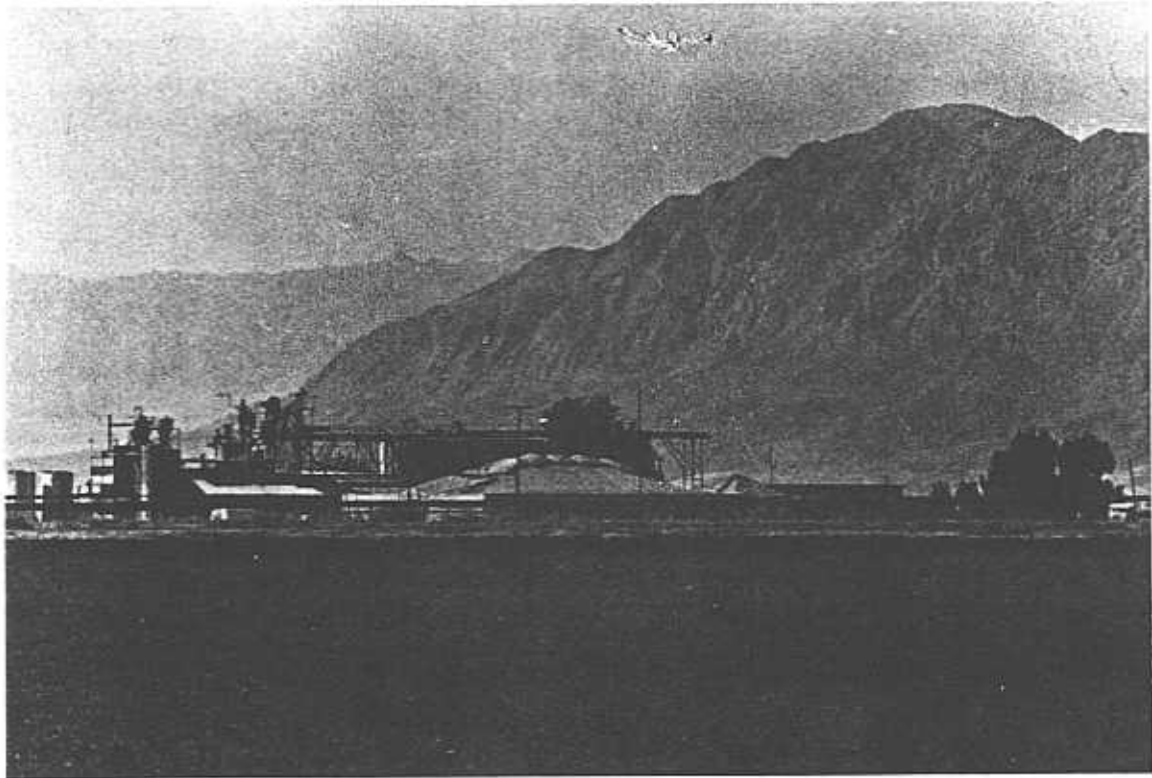
	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1975	569,000	4.69	Cwt	2,669,000	45.72	\$ 122,027,000
	1974	720,000	4.97	Cwt	3,578,000	42.21	151,027,000
Sheep.....	1975	163,000	.50	Cwt	81,500	48.32	3,938,000
	1974	160,000	.50	Cwt	80,000	38.50	3,080,000
Wool.....	1975	165,000	4.0	Lbs	660,000	.42	277,000
	1974	162,000	4.0	Lbs	648,000	.40	259,000
Milk.....	1975			Cwt	94,700	9.46	896,000
	1974			Cwt	94,900	8.30	788,000
Misc. Livestock.....	1975						66,000
	1974						28,000
TOTAL 1975							\$127,204,000
TOTAL 1974							155,182,000

APIARY PRODUCTS 1974 - 1975

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1975	40,000	47	Lbs	1,880,000	.36	\$ 677,000
	1974	42,000	48	Lbs	2,016,000	.38	766,000
Wax.....	1975	40,000		Lbs	38,000	1.13	43,000
	1974	42,000		Lbs	39,000	1.20	47,000
Pollination.....	1975	34,500		Colonies		9.48	327,000
	1974	29,000		Colonies		9.97	289,000
TOTAL 1975							\$,1047,000
TOTAL 1974							1,102,000

SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1974 - 1975

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1975	8,500	240	Lbs	2,040,000	.66	\$ 1,346,000
	1974	15,000	373	Lbs	5,595,000	.98	5,483,000
Cotton.....	1975			Ton	8,600	570.00	4,902,000
	1974			Ton	3,000	440.00	1,320,000
Wheat.....	1975	850	5,349	Lbs	4,547,000	.073	332,000
	1974	2,900	4,641	Lbs	13,459,000	.085	1,144,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1975						157,000
	1974						141,000
Misc. Vegetables.....	1975						3,046,000
Flowers & Nursery Stock.....	1974						3,303,000
Certified Seed.....	1975						997,000
	1974						479,000
TOTAL 1975							\$10,780,000
TOTAL 1974							11,870,000



RECAPITULATION

	1974	1975
APIARY.....	\$ 1,102,000	\$ 1,047,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	11,870,000	10,780,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	155,182,000	127,204,000
FIELD CROPS.....	284,242,000	215,967,000
VEGETABLE CROPS.....	102,763,000	142,288,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS.....	1,954,000*	2,896,000
TOTAL.....	\$557,123,000*	\$500,182,000

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MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

LETTUCE	\$ 75,180,000	ONIONS	\$ 7,169,000
HAY, ALFALFA	64,449,000	SORGHUM	5,674,000
SUGAR BEETS	57,296,000	PASTURE, ALFALFA	3,348,000
WHEAT	43,560,000	SUDAN GRASS	3,075,000
COTTON LINT	25,641,000	WATERMELONS	2,911,000
TOMATOES	13,892,000	PASTURE, RYEGRASS	1,870,000
CARROTS	13,630,000	PASTURE, SUGAR BEET TOPS	1,690,000
CANTALOUPEs	11,069,000	ALFALFA SEED	1,346,000
COTTON SEED	9,005,000	SQUASH	1,157,000
ASPARAGUS	8,822,000	BARLEY	1,100,000