

## GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA

Holtville, Cal.

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Dear Friend:-

Will drop you a few lines in regards to change of address. You may send my paper to Holtville, Cal., instead of San Diego, Cal.

Holtville is a small country town, located in the southeastern part of Imperial Valley, California. It is a very nice country. Most of the land around here is new and can be bought at a reasonable price, which is from \$150 to \$200 per acre, and that's cheap, I'm telling you for this land. There is also land selling from five to six and seven hundred dollars per acre. A couple years from now you won't be able to buy land here.

They raise alfalfa mostly. Cantaloupe, grapes, grapefruit, well most anything that will grow anywhere else will grow here. And that isn't all, but the grape season here is three weeks earlier than any other place in California, and by that the farmer gets the benefit of the early market.

I will tell you what one man did two years ago. He bought forty acres of land for \$500 per acre, and planted it all to grapes. When he harvested them that first year he got enough to pay for his land and put \$4000 in the bank, clear money. The second year, if I remember correctly, he netted \$32,000, clear money from that same piece of land. Now that's getting rich quick, isn't it? I honestly believe if I had 40 acres of land here and put 20 acres into alfalfa, and had eight or ten milk cows, and put the other 20 acres into grapes, or something else, I could be independent inside of five years.

Here we don't have to worry about rain. Just go out to the ditch and open the water gates and irrigate wherever we need moisture. We can raise a crop all the year round. The land never lies idle at all if you don't want it to.

Well, Irish, I for my part like this country fine, and I'm sure you would too. Just think we are only twenty miles from the Mexican border.

Please send my paper to Holtville. Greet all my friends.

Your friend,

Roy Iverson.