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Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

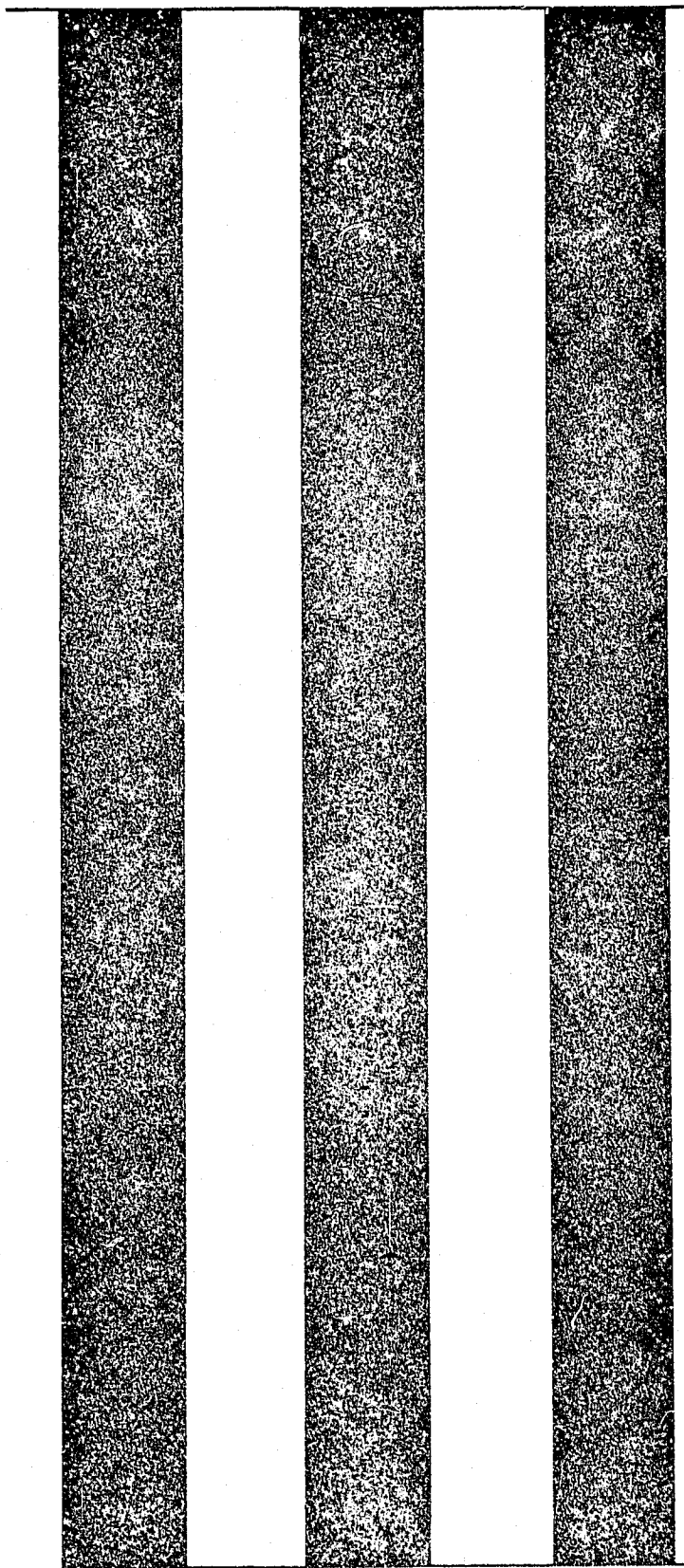
Los Angeles County

1921-1950

California County Agricultural Commissioners' Reports from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. This collection consists of annual crop and livestock data from each of the 58 California Counties. The collection covers 1915-1981; digitization of the rest of the collection is forthcoming.

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1921

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1921 - 1931
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CROP PRODUCTION LOS ANGELES COUNTY-1921

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<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Corn	6,500	162,500 bu.	\$ 126,125
Oats	1,500	30,000 "	15,300
Wheat	12,000	180,000 "	198,000
Barley	12,000	240,000 "	134,400
Grain Sorghums	3,200	64,000 "	48,000
Beans	34,000	446,000 "	1,338,000
Sugar Beets	31,800	261,375 ton	2,243,952
Alfalfa	28,000	154,000 "	2,156,000
Small grain for hay	96,000	96,000 "	1,536,000
Silage crops	4,200	29,400 "	205,800
Corn for forage	2,000	3,000 "	48,000
Grain for forage	1,400	2,800 "	22,400

8,070,977

TRUCK CROPS

Cabbage	5,000	40,500 ton	810,000
Cantaloupes	3,000	480,000 crates	782,400
Cauliflower	5,000	1,340,000 "	871,000
Celery	980	160,720 "	337,512
Lettuce	7,200	2,014,000 "	1,510,000
Melons	1,200	18,000 ton	540,000
Strawberries	2,000	259,900 crates	1,497,124
Other berries	600		360,000
Sweet Potatoes	3,000	360,000 bu.	450,000
Potatoes	18,000	1,800,000 "	1,188,000
Tomatoes	4,000	42,000 ton	2,100,000
Miscellaneous			2,000,000

12,446,036

FRUITS & NUTS

Almonds	762	76 ton	24,320
Apples	917	122,400 bu	165,240
Apricots	4,840	12,100 ton	726,000
Avacados	168		84,000
Figs	52	151 ton	21,895
Grapes	3,559	12,253 "	980,240
Grapefruit	363	114,700 boxes	430,125
Lemons	11,352	1,742,418 "	6,474,493
Oranges	40,813	8,463,175 "	23,887,768
Navels	20,913		
Valencias	19,074		
Seedlings	826		
Olives	2,835	1,400 ton	126,000
Peaches	5,986	28,204 "	1,269,180
Pears	2,228	4,078 "	285,460
Plums	462	590 "	31,270
Prunes	268	192 "	24,960
Walnuts	29,000	12,650,000 lb	2,530,000

37,060,951

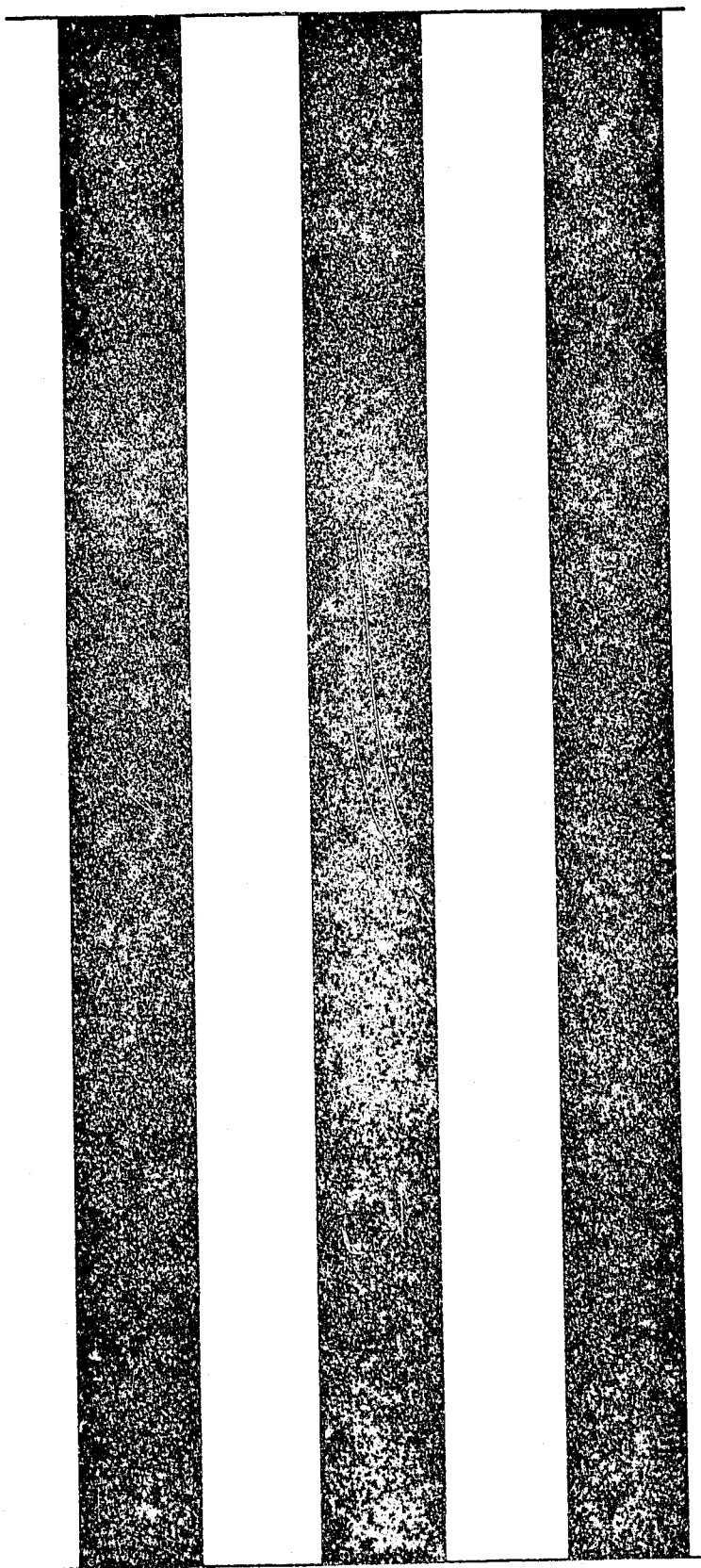
Total Crop Production \$57,577,964

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF LOS ANGELES, CAL. 1921.

	Capital Invested	Weekly Payroll	Annual Production
Motion Pictures (est)	\$20,000,000	\$500,000	\$140,000,000
Petroleum Products	170,232,799	352,395	103,736,659
Meat Packers	8,625,000	60,112	34,849,500
Canneries, Fruit & Veg.	3,859,130	36,388	6,146,679
Canneries, Fish	5,511,548	48,061	6,795,212
Confect., Fancy Foods	5,578,741	64,358	11,314,206
Food Products, Misc.	31,791,284	258,470	92,017,671
Wearing Apparel	13,522,911	158,717	31,739,087
Iron, Steel, Machinery	30,514,910	379,233	87,069,758
Car Shops	7,563,750	417,526	15,660,654
Light & Power	141,326,505	203,990	20,137,374
Autos, Parts, etc.	22,922,190	129,285	52,146,015
Gas, (Manufactured)	58,698,690	83,500	17,827,359
Leather Products	1,306,683	9,560	2,092,206
Furniture	8,818,047	127,974	19,495,738
Printing & Pub.	18,242,648	212,023	35,346,703
Cement, Brick, Clay Prod.	26,569,928	102,267	17,921,449
Glass Products	2,324,162	26,187	4,681,542
Lumber, Planing Mills	18,284,283	162,051	29,385,675
Boxes, Cans, Containers	3,493,825	27,212	7,052,633
Sheet Metal Products	894,070	13,376	1,970,365
Chemicals, Allied Prod.	9,408,367	50,660	16,239,126
Medicines, Drugs, etc.	1,775,207	6,618	3,642,540
Jewelry, Novelties	743,375	12,237	1,477,247
Laundries	7,299,636	155,872	7,462,405
Tobacco Products	593,455	9,386	1,418,165
Miscellaneous Products	50,125,641	211,675	33,300,673

\$670,037,285 \$3,819,133 \$800,926,641



1929

HAROLD J. RYAN
COMMISSIONER

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California - State
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

330 NORTH BROADWAY

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

November 13, 1931

Orpha Cummings, Librarian
Giannini Foundation Library
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Cummings:

Several weeks ago you requested copies of any forms prepared by this office pertaining to county acreage, crop statistics, valuation, etc.

I am sending you today a copy of our annual report which contains a record of the tree and vine crop acreages of the county; also I am sending you crop production estimates for the years 1929 and 1930.

I regret that we cannot send you copies of our earlier reports because our supply is exhausted.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth L. Wolff
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

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CROP PRODUCTION ESTIMATE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1929

Compiled by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
in cooperation with the agricultural department of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce

<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Beans (Lima)	12,869	190,000 sks.	\$ 1,900,000.
Beans (other)	2,000	20,000 sks.	200,000.
<u>Hay</u>			
Alfalfa	80,000	240,000 tons	4,800,000.
Grain hay	50,000	100,000 tons	1,800,000.
<u>Grains</u>			
Barley	4,000	48,000 sks	96,000.
Wheat	6,000	60,000 sks	150,000.
Grain sorghum	500	500 tons	22,500.
Sugar beets	5,362	24,367 tons	208,693.
Misc. Field Crops	16,000		228,000.
TOTAL FIELD CROPS ...			\$ 9,405,193.

<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>			
Lettuce	3,950	458,560 crts.	\$ 917,120.
Celery	1,100	594,000 crts.	2,079,000.
Cabbage	1,500	8,250 tons	177,375.
Cauliflower	3,850	1,772,500 crts.	1,240,750.
Cantaloupes (Misc. Melon)	900	270,000 crts.	270,000.
Asparagus	550	78,650 crts	176,000.
Tomatoes	2,363	10,700 tons.	245,440.
Carrots	200	50,600 crts.	65,270.
Watermelons	500	3,500 tons	70,000.
Cucumbers	495	2,673 tons	85,892.
Peas	350	38,850 hmprs.	64,285.
<u>Potatoes</u>			
White	3,000	270,000 sks.	540,000.
Sweet	500	1,500 tons	90,000.
Onions	600	6,600 tons	198,000.
Peppers	530	2,650 tons	79,500.
Market Gardens ...	4,200		3,360,000.
Misc. Vegetables	1,390		123,121.
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS ...			\$ 9,781,753.

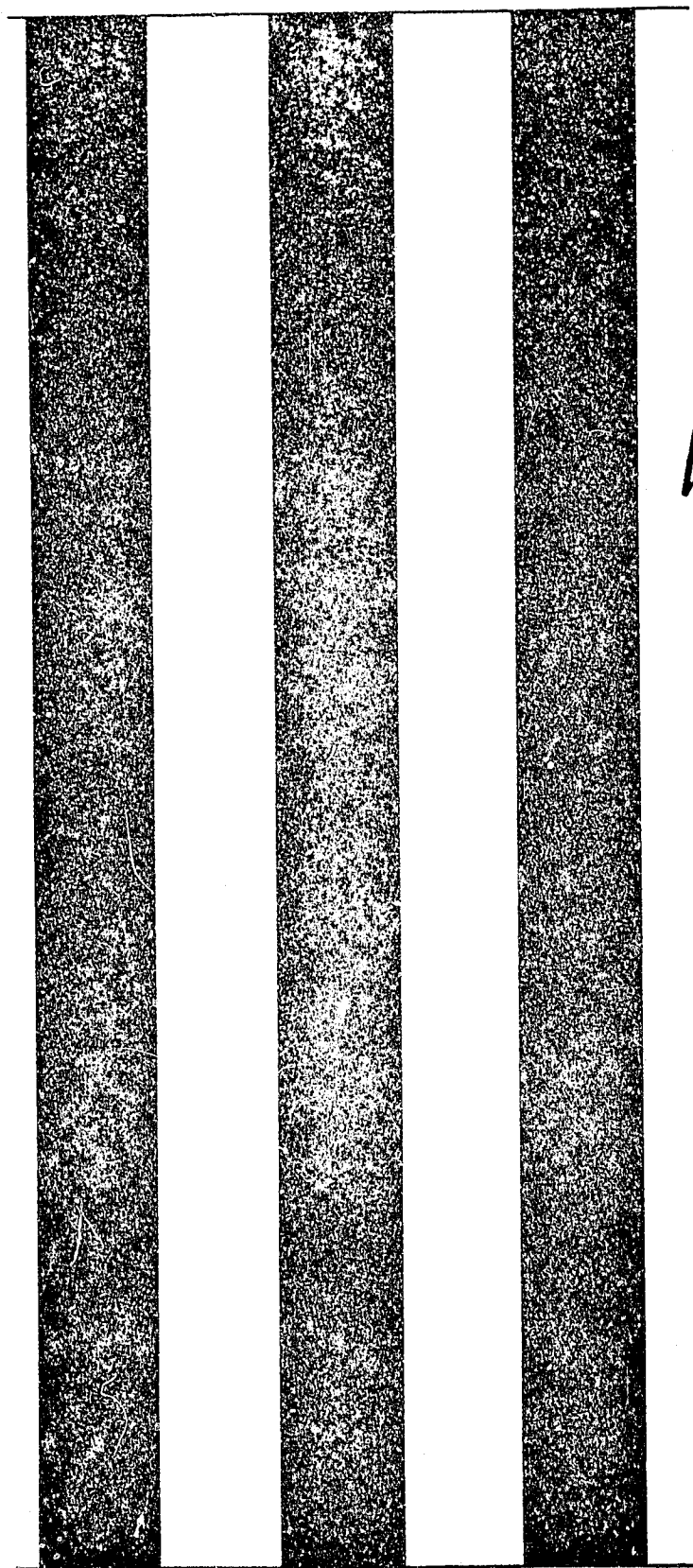
<u>FRUITS & NUTS</u>			
Apples	909	36,360 bxs.	\$ 32,724.
Apricots	1,688	6,075 tons	243,000.
Avocados	749	550 tons	220,000.
<u>Citrus</u>			
Grapefruit	517	62,400 bxs	202,800.
Lemons	11,552	1,920,000 bxs	6,532,500.
Oranges	41,820	7,804,000 bxs	22,508,800.
Grapes	5,588	18,764 tons	386,740.
Nursery stock	1,150		12,150,000.
<u>Nuts</u>			
Walnuts	28,443	7,846 tons	2,806,300.
Almonds	606	45 tons	15,300.
Olives	1,331	1,100 tons	137,500.
Peaches	3,565	7,130 tons	486,979.
Pears	4,334	6,154 tons	387,314.
Persimmons	411	1,006 tons	120,720.
Plums & prunes ...	486	1,952 tons	175,680.

<u>Grains</u>			
Barley	4,000	48,000 sks	96,000.
Wheat	6,000	60,000 sks	150,000.
Grain sorghum	500	500 tons	22,500.
Sugar beets	5,362	24,367 tons	208,693.
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TOTAL FIELD CROPS ...			\$ 9,405,193.

<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>			
Lettuce	3,950	458,560 crts.	\$ 1,917,120.
Celery	1,100	594,000 crts.	2,079,000
Cabbage	1,500	8,250 tons	177,375.
Cauliflower	3,850	1,772,500 crts.	1,240,750.
Cantaloupes (Misc. Melon)	900	270,000 crts.	270,000.
Asparagus	550	78,650 crts.	176,000.
Tomatoes	2,363	10,700 tons.	245,440.
Carrots	200	50,600 crts.	65,270.
Watermelons	500	3,500 tons	70,000.
Cucumbers	495	2,673 tons	85,892.
Peas	350	38,850 hmpers.	64,285.
<u>Potatoes</u>			
White	3,000	270,000 sks.	540,000.
Sweet	500	1,500 tons	90,000.
Onions	600	6,600 tons	198,000.
Peppers	530	2,650 tons	79,500.
Market Gardens ...	4,200		3,360,000.
Misc. Vegetables	1,390		123,121.
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS ...			\$ 9,781,753.

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Persimmons	411	1,006 tons	120,720.
Plums & prunes ...	486	1,952 tons	175,680.
Berries	2,000		1,000,000.
Misc. fruits	554	1,619 tons	161,720
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS .			\$ 47,568,077.

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 66,755,023.



1930

CROP PRODUCTION ESTIMATE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1930

Compiled by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's office
In cooperation with the agricultural department of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce

<u>FIELD CROPS</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Beans	16,195	235,500 sks	\$ 1,470,750
Bean straw	7,000	3,500 tons	17,500
<u>Hay</u>			
Alfalfa	38,000	228,000 tons	3,192,000
Small Grain....	50,000	100,000 tons	1,100,000
<u>Grains</u>			
Barley	4,000	48,000 sks.	38,400
Milo, etc.	500	10,000 sks	13,300
Wheat	8,000	64,000 sks	120,900
Silage	2,000	40,000 tons	160,000
Sugar Beets	4,046	28,794 tons	273,543
TOTAL FIELD CROPS.			\$ 6,386,393

<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>			
Asparagus	747	1,494 tons	\$ 298,800
Beans, green	1,480	148,000 sks	259,000
Berries	2,260		1,582,000
Cabbage	1,500	12,000 tons	360,000
Cantaloupes	2,035	712,250 crts	284,900
Carrots	1,465	439,500 crts	659,250
Cauliflower	5,500	1,925,000 crts	1,482,250
Celery	1,402	1,542,000 crts	4,240,500
Cucumbers	611	2,283 tons	92,840
Flower-Seed-Bulbs	1,100		1,100,000
Lettuce	3,917	587,550 crts	1,086,967
Market Gardens ...	4,200		3,360,000
Onions	1,200	682,000 lugs	238,700
<u>Potatoes</u>			
White	3,800	380,000 sks	760,000
Sweet	850	2,125 tons	74,375
Peas	420	65,520 hmprs.	131,040
Peppers	452	135,000 lugs	54,000
Spinach	470	2,350 tons	35,250
Tomatoes	5,755	34,530 tons	1,035,900
Watermelons	400	6,000 tons	120,000
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS			\$17,255,772

<u>FRUITS & NUTS</u>			
Apples	872	52,320 bxs	\$ 34,008
Apricots	1,294	4,758 tons	118,950
Avocados	893	893,000 lbs	312,550
Cherries	16	5 tons	750
<u>Citrus</u>			
Grapefruit	506	64,400 bxs	218,960
Lemons	11,518	1,463,950 bxs	6,873,844
Oranges	42,132	5,132,750 bxs	27,789,390
Figs	441	1,343 tons	120,870
Grapes	4,531	13,593 tons	299,048
Nursery stock			5,119,626
<u>Nuts</u>			

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<u>Grains</u>				
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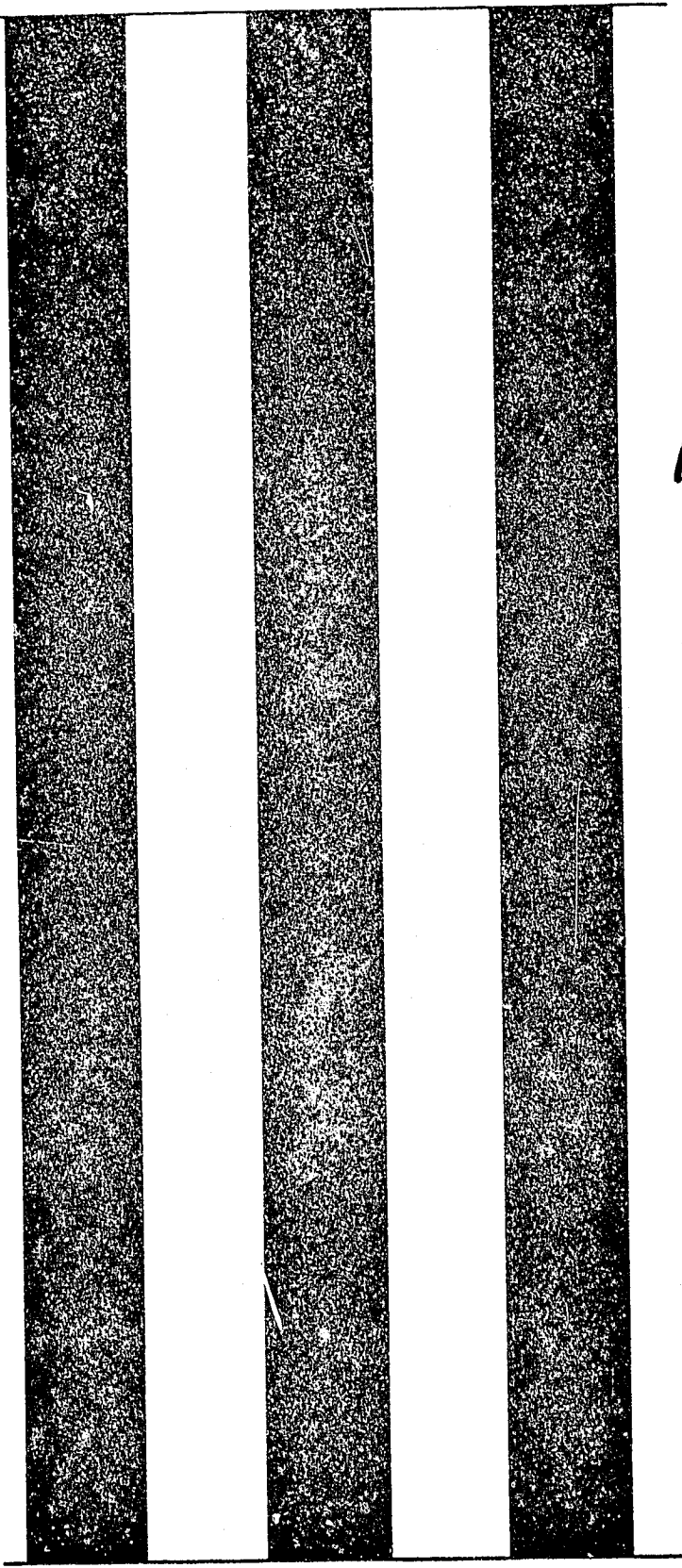
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Cauliflower	5,500	1,925,000	crts	1,482,250
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Cucumbers	611	2,283	tons	92,840
Flower-Seed-Bulbs	1,100			1,100,000
Lettuce	3,917	587,550	crts	1,086,967
Market Gardens ...	4,200			3,360,000
Onions	1,200	682,000	lugs	238,700
<u>Potatoes</u>				
White	3,800	380,000	skb	760,000
Sweet	350	2,125	tons	74,375
Peas	420	65,520	hmpers.	131,040
Peppers	452	135,000	lugs	54,000
Spinach	470	2,350	tons	35,250
Tomatoes	5,755	34,530	tons	1,035,900
Watermelons	400	6,000	tons	120,000
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS				\$17,255,772

FRUITS & NUTS

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<u>Citrus</u>				
Grapefruit	506	64,400	bx	218,960
Lemons	11,518	1,463,950	bx	6,873,844
Oranges	42,132	5,132,750	bx	27,789,390
Figs	441	1,343	tons	120,870
Grapes	4,531	13,593	tons	299,046
Nursery stock				5,119,626
<u>Nuts</u>				
Almonds	606	130	tons	26,000
Walnuts	28,849	4,130	tons	1,808,940
Olives	1,300	500	tons	35,000
Peaches	3,243	6,486	tons	162,150
Pears	4,374	5,000	tons	75,000
Persimmons	461	1,025	tons	82,000
Plums & prunes ...	552	2,208	tons	88,320
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				\$43,165,404

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS \$66,807,569

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**CROP
REPORT
LOS ANGELES
COUNTY
1937**

**AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONER**

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1937

Moving ahead to a total valuation of \$57,380,457, the county's plant crops returned more money than any year since 1930. This is an increase of more than \$4,000,000 compared with 1936 on the same commodities. Apiary products brought \$381,250 not included above.

Adverse weather caused losses to many crops. Maturity was retarded which threw the normal harvest season off balance. Along broad lines prices were high and volume light the first half of 1937. During the last six months, however, abnormally big yields brought over production of deciduous fruits and truck crops and correspondingly lower prices. Uninterrupted good weather for growing and harvesting lasted until the end of the year and wholesale market prices did not recover from low levels. The total value for most vegetables compared favorably with 1936, largely because of unusually big yields.

Despite reduction in volume following last January's freeze the citrus group marked up a \$1,250,000 increase ahead of 1936, bringing the total f.o.b. value to \$28,130,779. Money received for oranges and grapefruit showed gains but lemons brought about \$2,000,000 less than the previous year.

A bumper walnut crop with a value of \$1,438,398 returned \$400,000 more than the year before.

Two new crops are itemized separately for the first time. Limes, taking their place on the produce map, brought back more than \$9,000. As planted non-bearing acreage begins to produce fruit yields will increase. Growers produced 770 tons of pop corn valued at \$84,700.

In the berry classification increased profits were noted despite a short season and a small crop. Youngberry value was sharply up because of the "fresh" frozen outlet that prevented over supplies going on the market. Alfalfa gave an outstanding performance. Both yields and prices were on the upswing, bringing the total to \$4,336,200 for 1937. Among vegetable crops which sold for less money were lettuce, potatoes, celery and cauliflower.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price. The report does not cover live stock and dairy valuations nor do the total returns include rental and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration except a diversion payment from the government on walnuts.

To make for accuracy the price, acreage and yield averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. We wish to thank the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information.

HAROLD J. RYAN
Agricultural Commissioner

CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1937

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges	40,571	6,313,380	Boxes	\$21,231,897
Lemons	10,010	1,537,572	Boxes	6,496,242
Grapefruit	893	160,563	Boxes	393,540
Limes	20	165,500	Pounds	9,100
Totals -	51,494			\$28,130,779

OTHER FRUITS & NUTS

Almonds	637	200,000	Pounds	26,500
Apples	598	52,300	Boxes	28,250
Apricots	1,267	3,800	Tons	102,625
Avocados**	2,647	3,565,000	Pounds	267,375
Figs	496	745	Tons	49,950
Grapes-raisin	318)			
" table	1,165)	14,365	Tons	284,780
" wine***	3,098)			
Olives	1,543	612	Tons	46,400
Peaches-cling	339	1,350	Tons	44,070
" free	893	3,572	Tons	151,810
Pears	1,497	5,360	Tons	241,150
Persimmons	252	700	Tons	21,000
Plums	241	1,928	Tons	77,120
Walnuts	23,450	21,323,217	Pounds	1,438,398
Misc. Fruit	225			17,000
Totals -	38,666			\$2,796,428

BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES

Blackberries	115	86,250	Trays	43,125
Loganberries	30	15,000	Trays	12,000
Raspberries	180	144,000	Trays	165,600
Strawberries	700	385,000	Trays	385,000
Youngberries	675	675,000	Trays	405,000
Totals -	1,700			\$1,010,725

FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa hay	36,500	246,375	Tons	4,336,200
Barley	11,500	124,000	Sacks(100 lb)	176,080
Grain hay	34,000	51,800	Tons	828,800
Beans-dry	21,250	285,064	Sacks(100 lb)	1,122,500
" -straw	-	10,657	Tons	84,100
Beets-sugar	3,682	39,940	Tons	219,660
Wheat	18,300	109,800	Sacks(100 lb)	177,875
Miscellaneous	3,000			110,000
Totals	128,232			\$7,055,215

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1936 to October 31, 1937

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1936, to September 30, 1937.

*** Except for concords, and a few other varieties, practically all table grapes harvested were converted into wine.

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,350	168,750	Crates(31 lb)	\$ 313,875
Beans-green	4,000	440,000	Crates(70 lb)	924,000
Cabbage*	3,800	30,400	Tons	364,800
Carrots	2,900	5,070,000	Dozen bunches	845,825
Cauliflower*	3,000	1,350,000	Crates(1-doz)	607,500
Celery**	2,450	1,715,000	1/2 crates(65 lb)	1,200,500
Chicory	700	180,000	Crates(5-doz)	72,000
Corn-green	5,000	1,750,000	Lugs(3-doz.ears)	962,500
Cucumbers-pickle	700	4,060	Tons	89,000
" -table	550	165,000	Lugs(32 lb)	57,750
Lettuce	1,350	350,000	Crates(3-doz)	157,500
Onions-dry	900	108,970	Sacks(100 lb)	207,450
Parsley	280	672,000	Dozen bunches	36,960
Peas	1,200	72,000	Crates (60 lb)	151,200
Peppers-Chili	2,125	12,750	Tons	328,500
" -Bell	300	150,000	Lugs(15 lb)	45,000
Pop corn	1,200	770	Tons	84,700
Potatoes-white	1,950	291,500	Sacks(100 lb)	247,775
Rhubarb	500	187,500	Boxes(42 lb)	65,625
Tomatoes-market	7,500)	1,117,800	Lugs(32 lb)	804,800
" -canning)	28,000	Tons	378,000
Totals -	41,755			\$7,945,260

<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets	825	709,500	Dozen bunches	106,425
Broccoli	600	105,000	Crates(60 lb)	63,000
Melons***	1,450	305,800	Crates(60 lb)	167,125
Egg plant	150	105,000	Lugs(20 lb)	31,500
Mustard greens	125	275,000	Dozen bunches	24,000
Onions-green	260	403,000	Dozen bunches	84,630
Parsnips	215	129,000	Lugs(26 lb)	48,375
Potatoes-sweet	650	162,500	Lugs(32 lb)	113,750
Radishes	275	302,500	Dozen bunches	22,700
Romaine	225	90,000	Crates (3 doz)	36,000
Rutabaga	180	36,000	Sacks (100 lb)	48,600
Spinach	1,475	1,679,000	Dozen bunches	241,200
Squash-summer	850	318,750	Lugs(24 lb)	143,400
" -winter	550	3,575	Tons	42,900
Turnips	700	665,000	Dozen bunches	88,445
Watermelons	250	3,000	Tons	30,000
Miscellaneous	1,000			150,000
Totals -	9,780			\$1,442,050

NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS \$9,000,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS \$57,380,457

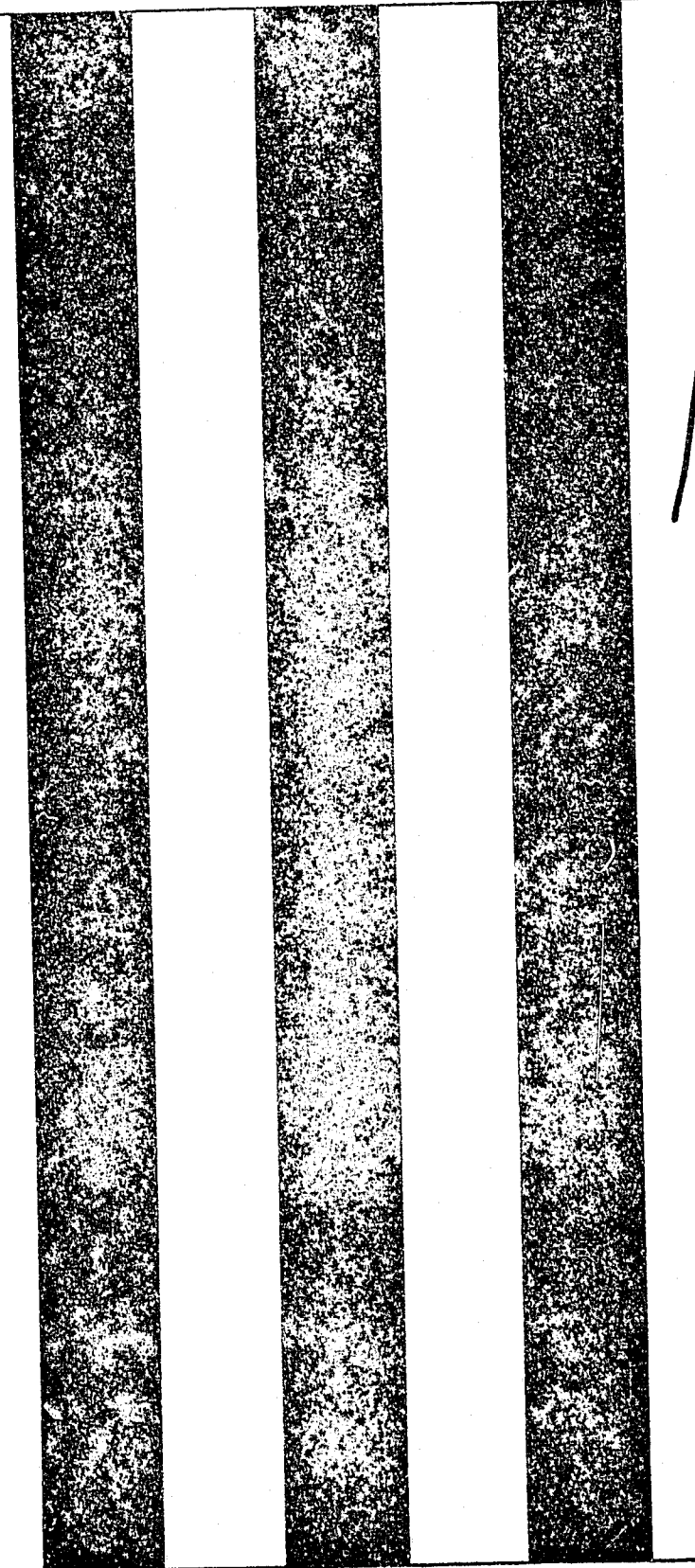
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	6,000,000	Pounds	360,000
Beeswax	21,000	Pounds	21,250
Total			\$381,250

* Figures for crop year October 1 to September 30

** Figures for crop year November 1 to October 31

*** Melons includes cantalopes, honey dews, casabas and Japanese melons.

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CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1938

OFFICE OF
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1938

Value of crops grown in this county dropped to \$44,980,000 for the year 1938, a decrease of \$12,400,000 below 1937 and lower than any other year since 1933. Apiary products brought \$105,000, not included above, compared with \$360,000 in 1937.

Decreased returns to citrus growers accounted for most of the reduction. With a greater crop than 1937 the returns were down to \$18,500,000, a drop of \$10,000,000.

Walnut yields were far below normal. Although price per pound was higher, total valuation dropped from \$1,438,400 in 1937 to \$722,400 this past year. Avocados, on the other hand, produced a large crop along with an increase in bearing acreage. The crop's value was set at \$308,100, a gain of about \$40,000 from the previous year.

In the berry group 1938 prices were higher, largely on account of increased acreage planted to strawberries. Total returns for strawberries and bushberries came to \$1,241,000 in the past year.

An increase of 7,500 acres in alfalfa plantings did not offset lower per ton prices. Acreage totaled 44,000 in 1938 with returns of \$3,644,000, a decrease in returns of \$592,000 from 1937.

Truck crops as a group were worth about five per cent less in 1938 than the year before. Carrots, for the first time, checked up a million dollar total. Several other vegetables made smaller gains while returns for potatoes, dry onions, Chili peppers and melons dipped sharply. Combined value for truck crops and vegetables listed in the market garden class came to \$8,841,790, less by \$460,800 than the year before.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price. The report does not cover livestock and dairy valuations nor do the total returns include rental and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration except federal diversion payments for walnuts and oranges.

The price, acreage and yield averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. We wish to thank the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information.

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HAROLD J. RYAN
Agricultural Commissioner

CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1938

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges	41,056	9,159,800	Boxes	\$ 13,727,800
Lemons	10,536	1,753,500	Boxes	4,570,600
Grapefruit	986	256,400	Boxes	209,300
Limes	25	194,000	Pounds	8,400
Totals -	52,603			\$ 18,516,100
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	637	207,000	Pounds	24,850
Apples	577	57,700	Boxes	46,150
Apricots	1,047	2,350	Tons	63,600
Avocados**	2,830	4,250,000	Pounds	308,100
Figs	524	1,050	Tons	62,900
Grapes	4,737	14,200	Tons	241,600
Olives	1,544	300	Tons	14,500
Peaches-cling	342	1,200	Tons	35,900
Peaches-free	929	3,700	Tons	167,200
Pears	1,318	5,250	Tons	281,700
Persimmons	255	750	Tons	30,600
Plums	282	850	Tons	42,300
Walnuts	23,212	7,786,000	Pounds	772,400
Misc'l. Fruit	176			9,600
Totals -	38,410			\$ 2,101,400
<u>BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	100	75,000	Trays	48,750
Loganberries	30	16,500	Trays	12,375
Raspberries	200	160,000	Trays	160,000
Strawberries	850	510,000	Trays	535,500
Youngberries	775	968,750	Trays	484,375
Totals -	1,955			\$ 1,241,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	44,000	275,000	Tons	3,644,000
Barley grain	12,000	156,000	Sacks(100 lb)	156,000
Beans-dry	21,820	237,550	Sacks(100 lb)	837,100
Bean straw		10,900	Tons	87,200
Beats-sugar	4,280	47,880	Tons	287,300
Grain hay	38,000	63,350	Tons	602,000
Pop corn	900	540	Tons	48,600
Wheat	30,000	195,000	Sacks(120 lb)	250,500
Miscellaneous	3,000			117,500
Totals -	154,000			\$ 6,030,200

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1937, to October 31, 1938.

** . Figures for crop year October 1, 1937, to September 30, 1938.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,400	182,000	Crates (31 lb)	310,300
Beans-green	4,000	420,000	Crates (70 lb)	808,500
Cabbage *	3,600	30,600	Tons	351,900
Carrots	3,600	5,760,000	Dozen bunches	1,017,600
Cauliflower *	2,900	1,334,000	Crates (1 doz)	560,250
Celery **	2,800	2,100,000	1/2 crates (65 lb)	1,470,000
Chicory	625	203,000	Crates (5 doz)	71,000
Corn-green	5,000	1,500,000	Lugs (3 doz ears)	750,000
Cucumbers-pickle	600	3,180	Tons	85,550
Cucumbers-table	500	137,500	Lugs (32 lb)	75,600
Lettuce	1,150	258,750	Crates (3 doz)	155,250
Melons ***	1,150	258,750	Crates (60 lb)	116,450
Onions-dry	850	255,000	Sacks (50 lb)	165,750
Peas	1,200	38,400	Crates (60 lb)	138,240
Peppers-Chili-(dried)	1,225	1,617,000	Pounds	161,700
Potatoes-sweet	750	187,500	Lugs (32 lb)	112,500
Potatoes-white	1,900	256,500	Sacks (100 lb)	218,000
Rhubarb	450	225,000	Boxes (42 lb)	78,750
Spinach-canning	400	800	Tons	16,000
Spinach-market	1,250	375,000	Dozen bunches	206,250
Squash-winter	700	5,600	Tons	56,000
Tomatoes-canning	6,800	23,000	Tons	276,000
Tomatoes-market		956,500	Lugs (32 lb)	593,000
Watermelons	250	2,500	Tons	21,250
Totals -	43,100			\$ 7,815,840

MARKET GARDENS

Beets	825	783,650	Dozen bunches	117,550
Broccoli	500	75,000	Crates (60 lb)	78,750
Eggplant	75	52,500	Lugs (20 lb)	23,600
Mustard greens	125	250,000	Dozen bunches	21,900
Onions-green	300	78,000	Crates	97,500
Parsnips	225	135,000	Lugs (26 lb)	54,000
Parsley	280	700,000	Dozen bunches	46,700
Peppers-bell	250	125,000	Lugs (15 lb)	37,500
Radishes	300	300,000	Dozen bunches	30,000
Romaine	300	135,000	Crates (3 doz)	47,250
Rutabaga	150	30,000	Sacks (100 lb)	33,000
Squash-summer	825	330,000	Lugs (24 lb)	181,500
Turnips	725	725,000	Dozen bunches	96,700
Miscellaneous	1,000			160,000
Totals -	5,880			\$ 1,025,950

NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS

\$ 8,250,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS

\$44,980,490

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	2,000,000	Pounds	\$ 100,000
Beeswax	20,000	Pounds	5,000
Totals -			\$ 105,000

* Figures for crop year October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938

** Figures for crop year November 1, 1937, to October 31, 1938

*** Melons include cantaloupes, honey dews, casabas and Japanese melons.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIVE STOCK DEPARTMENT
203 Administration Building
Union Stock Yards
Los Angeles, California.

ESTIMATED
LIVE STOCK PRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DURING 1938.

HORSES (Colts):		ESTIMATED VALUE
<u>PUREBREDS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	
Thorobreds	525	\$78,750.00
Standard	210	31,500.00
American Saddle	150	20,250.00
Percherons	30	4,950.00
Arabians	65	11,375.00
Shires	25	3,750.00
<u>GRADES</u>		
Saddle	250	10,000.00
Draft	50	2,250.00
Mules	75	3,750.00
<u>PUREBREDS</u>		
Jacks	5	875.00
Jennets	5	875.00

TOTAL HORSE PRODUCTION ----- \$174,325.00

CATTLE:			
Dairy Cattle -----			\$16,222,903.00
5,000 heifers @ \$45.00	\$225,000.00		
60,000 calves @ 4.00	240,000.00		
Butterfat (estimated)-			
22,650,733# @ .55 #	\$15,757,903.00		
Beef Cattle -----			1,164,560.00
Range - 6,540 head @ 40.00	\$261,600.00		
Feedlots - 75,400 head-			
11,227,000# gain @ .08	903,960.00		

TOTAL DAIRY AND CATTLE PRODUCTION \$17,387,463.00

SHEEP:

Meat produced in feedlots from 9,660 head-		
65,200# feedlot gain	@ .08 #	-----\$ 5,216.00
Lambs produced on range:		
35,000 head - average 80# each-		
2,800,000#	@ .09 #	----- 252,000.00
Ewes culled from range:		
6,000 head	@ 5.00 hd.	----- 30,000.00
		<u>\$287,216.00</u>

Wool:

Ewe clip - 32,000 head-average 8# hd.		
256,000#	@ .17 #	----- \$43,520.00
Lamb clip- 35,000 head-average 3 ¹ / ₂ # hd.		
122,500#	@ .12 #	----- 14,700.00
		<u>58,220.00</u>

TOTAL SHEEP PRODUCTION-

Hutton, Lamb and Wool----- \$345,436.00

GOATS:

Milk Goats:

2,080 kids, average value @ 3.00 ea.	--	6,240.00
2,600 goats producing av. 600		
qts. milk per year -		
1,560,000 qts. per yr.	@ .15 qt.	---\$234,000.00

Angora Goats:

320 kids average value	3.00	-----	960.00
Mohair clip:			
1800# (from 400 adult goats			
aver. 4 ¹ / ₂ # ea.)	@ .30 #	---	540.00
640# (from 320 kids			
aver. 2# ea.)	@ .30 #	---	<u>320.00</u>

TOTAL GOAT PRODUCTION----- \$242,060.00

HOGS:

47,000 head - 200# each - 9,400,000#	@ .0875-----	\$322,500.00
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FUR ANIMALS:

Silver Fox

Breeding Stock	500	\$100.00	\$ 50,000.00
Pelts (youngsold)	4900	40.00	196,000.00

Mink

Breeding Stock	800	60.00	48,000.00
Pelts (youngsold)	500	20.00	10,000.00

Chinchillas

Breeding Stock	500	500.00	250,000.00
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TOTAL FUR ANIMAL PRODUCTION----- \$554,000.00

POULTRY:

2,000,000 Laying Pullets	@ 1.25	\$2,500,000.00
1,500,000 Cull Hens-average 3 1/2#	.14 lb.	735,000.00
1,500,000 Broilers " 1 3/4#	.16 lb.	420,000.00
500,000 Colored Fryers 2 3/4#	.18 lb.	247,500.00
850,000 Cases EGGS	@ 7.85	<u>6,672,500.00</u>

TOTAL POULTRY PRODUCTION----- \$10,575,000.00

TURKEYS:

100,000-sold at aver. wt. of 12#	.22 lb.	\$264,000.00
75,000 Hatching eggs	.10 ea.	<u>7,500.00</u>

TOTAL TURKEY PRODUCTION----- \$271,500.00

DUCKS:

80,000 - Ducks valued at \$1.25 each----- \$100,000.00

TOTAL PRODUCTION -

POULTRY, TURKEYS AND DUCKS----- \$10,946,500.00

RABBITS:

40,000 Does	@ 2.00 ea.	\$80,000.00
4,000 Bucks	4.00 ea.	16,000.00
1,107,000 Fryers	.70 ea.	774,900.00
193,000 Stews	.50 ea.	96,500.00
1,352,500 Pelts and Hides	.085 "	<u>113,262.00</u>

TOTAL RABBIT PRODUCTION----- \$1,080,662.00

FERTILIZER:

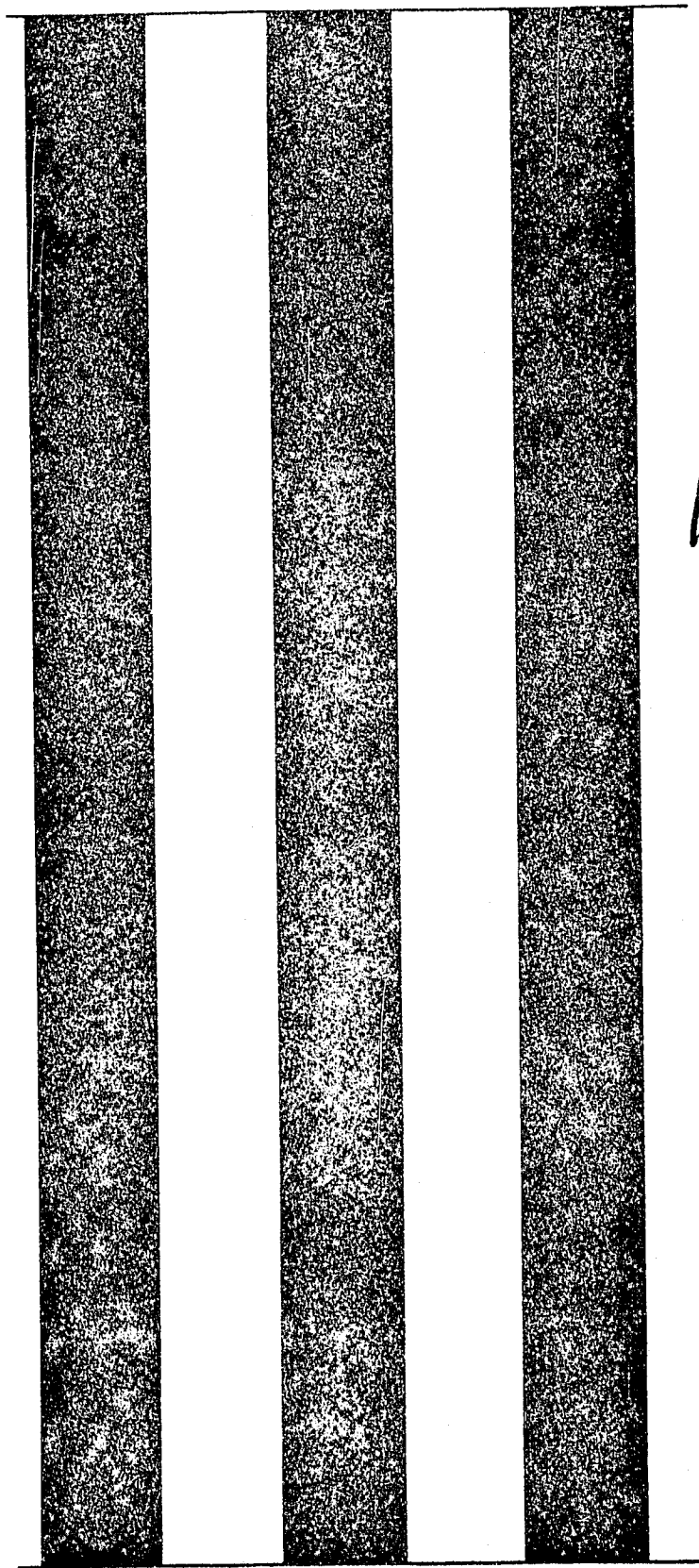
Cattle - Feedlots - -6,776,000	cu.ft.	@ .025	\$169,400.00
Sheep " 24,000	" "	.03	720.00
Dairies 14,600,000	" "	.02	292,000.00
Hog Ranches 70,000	tons	2.50	175,000.00
Fox Ranches 300	tons	5.00	1,500.00
Poultry Ranches 70,000	tons	5.00	350,000.00
Rabbitries 8,000	tons	4.50	<u>36,000.00</u>

TOTAL - FERTILIZER----- \$1,024,620.00

GRAND TOTAL - LIVE STOCK PRODUCTION----- \$32,577,566.00

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HORSES - (Colts) -----	\$	174,325.00
CATTLE -----		\$17,387,463.00
Dairy Cattle -----	\$16,222,903.00	
Beef Cattle on Range-----	261,600.00	
Beef Cattle in Feedlots-----	<u>902,960.00</u>	
SHEEP -----		\$ 345,436.00
Feedlot-----	\$ 5,216.00	
Range -----	282,000.00	
Wool -----	<u>58,220.00</u>	
GOATS -----		\$ 242,060.00
Milk Goats -----	\$ 240,240.00	
Angora Goats -----	<u>1,820.00</u>	
HOGS -----		\$ 822,500.00
POULTRY -----		\$10,946,500.00
Pullets, hens, broilers, fryers	\$ 3,902,500.00	
EGGS -----	6,672,500.00	
Turkeys -----	271,500.00	
Ducks -----	<u>100,000.00</u>	
RABBITS -----		\$ 1,080,662.00
FUR ANIMALS -----		554,000.00
FERTILIZER -----		\$ 1,024,620.00
GRAND TOTAL - LIVE STOCK PRODUCTION-----		<u>\$32,577,566.00</u>

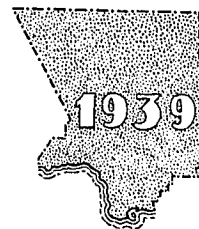


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CROP REPORT LOS ANGELES COUNTY



OFFICE OF
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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1939

Value of crops grown in the county reached a total of \$45,107,000 in 1939, an increase of \$126,000 from the year before. Returns for both navel and valencia oranges were lower than the previous year, despite a higher box production. An especially large lemon crop brought the f.o.b. value of lemons up to \$5,265,000, a gain of nearly a million dollars from the previous year. The total valuation for the citrus group amounted to \$17,600,000 compared to \$18,500,000 in 1938.

Other fruit and nut crops about held their own when comparing the past two years. Walnuts, the most valuable tree crop aside from citrus, were worth \$1,055,000, a marked gain from 1938. Avocado production was up but lower per pound prices almost offset production gains; the total value came to \$327,900.

Alfalfa plantings increased nearly 5% to 46,000 acres with returns amounting to \$3,881,000. Following several unprofitable years, dry bean growers made further reductions in acreage and the sum received for this commodity dipped to \$686,000.

Apiary products brought \$55,000, not included in the grand total for agricultural crops, compared to \$105,000 in 1938. Reason for the decrease was the poor nectar flow.

In the truck crop and market garden classifications many vegetables brought more money than in 1938. This was due to acreage increases or to big yields which counteracted lower per unit returns. Indicating a changing trend in foods was the sizeable increase in the amount of all green salad vegetables consumed. Celery, the most important truck crop, sold for more than \$2,000,000. Registering sharp losses were green beans and onions. As a group, however, vegetables were worth more than \$9,000,000, an increase of \$450,000 in round numbers from 1938.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price. The report does not cover live-stock and dairy valuations. Federal diversion and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have been included in the totals for oranges, walnuts, sugar beets and wheat. However, approximately \$200,000 for range control and soil building practices has not been added.

The price, acreage and yield averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. We wish to thank the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information.

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Agricultural Commissioner

CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1939

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT**</u>				
Oranges	42,520	9,825,400	Boxes	\$12,097,400
Lemons	11,082	2,620,000	"	5,265,000
Grapefruit	1,085	260,000	"	226,000
Limes	65	265,000	Pounds	8,350
Total	54,752			\$17,596,750
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	664	215,000	Pounds	22,600
Apples	579	72,400	Boxes	43,450
Apricots	1,051	2,100	Tons	63,100
Avocados**	2,976	6,152,000	Pounds	327,900
Figs	541	1,220	Tons	85,200
Grapes	4,747	14,240	"	192,250
Olives	1,525	400	"	10,750
Peaches-cling	344	1,200	"	27,100
Peaches-free	987	3,950	"	153,950
Pears	1,278	4,470	"	255,000
Persimmons	267	940	"	37,400
Plums	310	930	"	46,500
Walnuts	23,087	13,156,000	Pounds	1,055,200
Miscellaneous Fruits	207			12,450
Total	38,563			\$2,332,850
<u>BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	100	75,000	Trays	41,250
Loganberries	25	13,750	"	7,600
Raspberries	220	170,500	"	141,550
Strawberries	900	675,000	"	641,250
Rhubarb and Boysenberries	800	800,000	"	360,000
Total	2,045	1,754,250 1,559,250		\$1,191,650
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	46,000	287,500	Tons	3,881,250
Barley grain	13,000	175,500	Sacks(100 lb)	175,500
Beans-dry	15,660	164,900	Sacks(100 lb)	686,300
Beans-straw		5,000	Tons	25,000
Beets-sugar	4,850	59,700	"	417,900
Grain hay	40,000	66,400	"	763,600
Pop corn	950	525	"	39,200
Wheat	28,500	199,500	Sacks(120 lb)	258,400
Miscellaneous***	3,000			150,000
Total	151,960			\$6,397,150

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1938, to October 31, 1939.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1938, to September 30, 1939.

*** Includes silage corn, Kafir corn, alfalfa seed, etc.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,600	248,000	Crates(31 lb)	345,950
Beans-green	3,250	243,750	Crates(70 lb)	491,400
Cabbage*	3,400	25,500	Tons	382,500
Carrots	3,500	2,012,500	Crts(3 dz bunches)	1,006,250
Cauliflower**	3,000	1,200,000	Crates	540,000
Celery**	2,700	2,295,000	Half crts(65 lbs)	2,062,500
Corn-green	5,500	1,430,000	Lugs(3 dz)	643,500
Cucumbers-pickles	390	2,455	Tons	44,400
Cucumbers-table	800	320,000	Lugs (32 lb)	128,000
Endive(Chicory)	630	203,125	Crts(5 dz)	101,550
Lettuce	1,300	325,000	" (3 dz)	136,500
Melons***	1,250	300,000	" (60 lb)	150,000
Onions-dry	800	480,000	Sacks(50 lb)	96,000
Peas	1,200	72,000	Crts(60 lb)	172,800
Peppers-Chili-dried	1,020	1,050	Tons	214,200
Potatoes-sweet	780	201,500	Lugs(32 lb)	110,850
Potatoes-white	1,700	280,500	Sacks(100 lb)	238,450
Rhubarb	450	180,000	Boxes(42 lb)	57,600
Spinach-canning	210	420	Tons	7,400
Spinach-market	1,250	375,000	Crts(4 dz bunches)	206,250
Squash-winter	750	6,000	Tons	102,000
Tomatoes-canning	5,750)	17,335	Tons	236,650
Tomatoes-market)	900,000	Lugs(32. lb)	630,000
Watermelons	250	2,500	Tons	25,000
Total	41,480			\$8,129,750

<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets-table	850	276,250	Crates(3 dz bunches)	107,750
Broccoli	450	67,500	" (60 lb)	91,100
Eggplant	80	64,000	Lugs(20 lb)	22,400
Mustard greens	150	75,000	Crates(4 dz bunches)	30,000
Onions-green	330	85,800	"	120,100
Parsnips	250	162,500	Lugs(26 lb)	68,250
Parsley	280	165,000	Crts(6 dz bunches)	74,250
Peppers-Bell	300	150,000	Lugs(15 lb)	45,000
Radishes	450	157,500	Crts(6 dz bunches)	75,600
Romaine	370	185,000	Crts(3 dz)	59,200
Rutabagas	150	30,000	Sacks(100 lb)	27,000
Squash-summer	820	412,500	Lugs(24 lb)	185,600
Turnips	720	253,750	Crates(3 dz.bunches)	95,150
Miscellaneous	900			157,500
Total	6,100			\$1,158,900

<u>NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut flowers	2,000			3,300,000
Nursery stock				5,000,000
Total	2,000			\$8,300,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS \$45,107,050

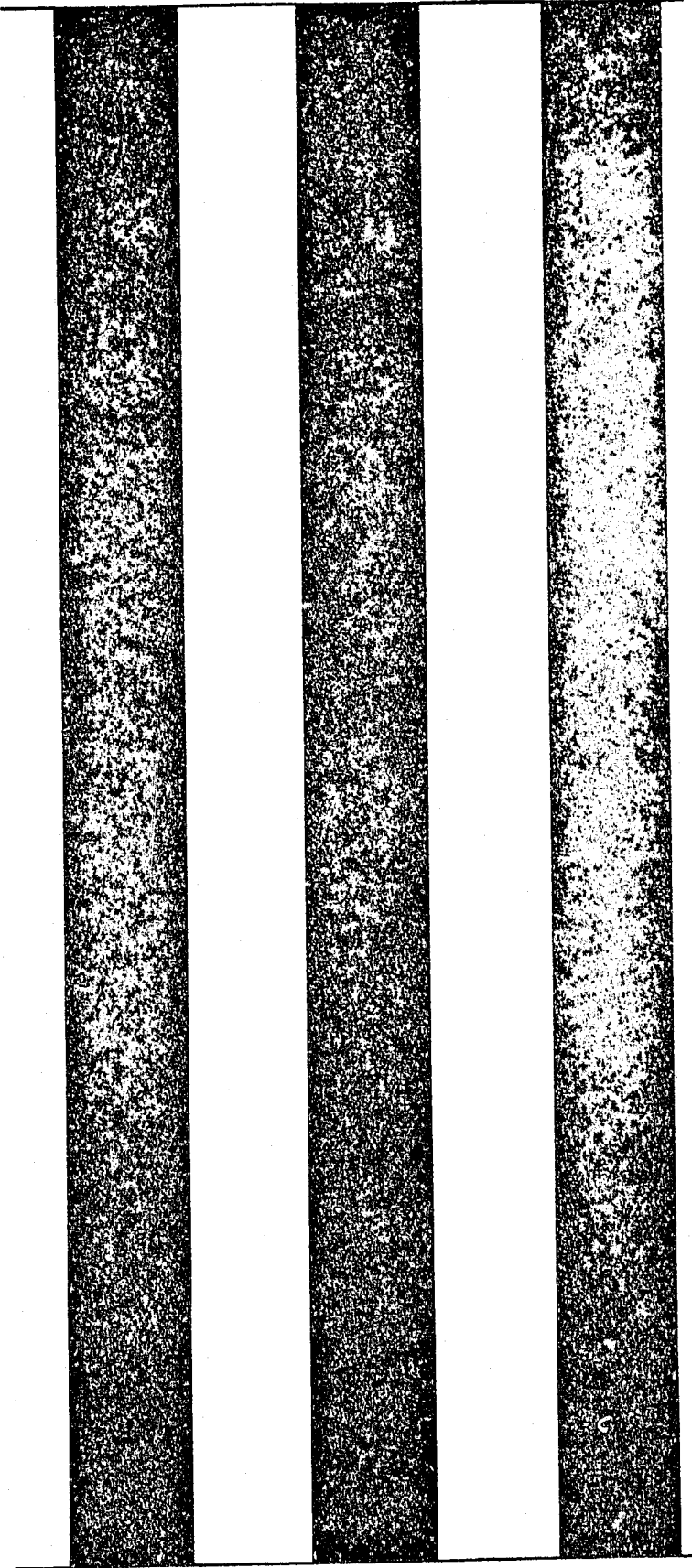
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>				
Honey		1,000,000	Pounds	50,000
Beeswax		20,000	"	5,000
				\$55,000

* Figures for crop year October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939

** Figures for crop year November 1, 1938, to October 31, 1939.

***Melons include cantaloupes, honeydews, casabas and Japanese melons.

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1940

Agricultural crop value in Los Angeles county advanced to \$52,060,000 in 1940. This sum represents a gain of 15% from the previous year and a larger total than for any year since 1937.

Both navel and Valencia oranges made a better price showing than in 1939, while value of lemons remained about the same. The f.o.b value of the citrus group came to \$21,378,600, nearly \$3,000,000 more than the year before. Valencia oranges with 28,300 acres in bearing, remain by far the most valuable crop grown in the county and accounted for \$10,629,500 of the total.

Most of the other tree fruits were worth less in 1940 than the preceding year. Despite higher prices lower yields pulled the walnut valuation down to \$806,000, a drop of \$250,000 from the 1939 figure. Peach and pear prices were depressed because the market was burdened with heavy supplies from other areas. Avocados, due to larger bearing acreage and improved prices, sold for more money than the previous year. The trend in this county is toward lower acreages of tree crops with the exception of Valencia oranges, lemons, avocados, and almonds. Greatest acreage reductions are noted in walnuts and Bartlett pears.

In the field crop classification, which includes the cereals, alfalfa, sugar beets and dry beans, values were generally lower compared with the previous year. Large acreage increases for beans and alfalfa failed to offset lower prices. Valuation for the entire group was nearly \$6,000,000, a decrease of \$400,000 from 1939.

Money returned by truck crops showed improvement during the past year. Celery, the county's most valuable vegetable crop, produced excellent yields and enjoyed a strong demand when volume was heavy. Value jumped from \$2,062,500 to \$3,120,000 for the year just closed. Green beans and carrots were among other major truck crops that moved ahead appreciably in value, both of them returning more than \$1,000,000.

Value of cut flowers, a \$3,200,000 crop, remained about stationary during the past two years. Nursery stock, however, gained 20% from 1939, bringing the total to \$6,000,000.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price and represents the return to Los Angeles county before deducting the cost of picking, hauling and packing. Federal diversion and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have been included in the totals for oranges and walnuts. Other conserving practices and soil building and diversion payments are listed separately in the report. The report does not cover livestock and dairy valuations.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with the state crop statisticians office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Efforts of the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information are greatly appreciated.

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CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1940

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
CITRUS FRUIT*				
Oranges, Navel & Misc.	14,379	3,260,900	Box	\$ 5,028,500
Oranges, Valencia	28,368	5,673,500	"	10,629,500
Lemons	11,426	2,667,400	"	5,463,400
Grapefruit	1,185	183,000	"	243,100
Limes	81	607,500	Pound	14,100
Total	55,439			\$21,378,600
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	755	192,500	Pounds	28,900
Apples	579	63,700	Boxes (45#)	44,600
Apricots	1,052	168,300	Lugs (25#)	42,100
Avocados**	3,124	328,500	Flat (13#)	358,900
Figs	551	367,000	Flat single layer (6#)	82,600
Grapes	4,765	14,295	Tons	285,900
Olives	1,526	425	Tons	25,500
Peaches-cling	344	103,200	Boxes (20#)	25,800
Peaches-free	1,028	257,000	" "	115,600
Pears	825	142,725	Standard boxes (50#)	178,400
Persimmons	267	76,100	L.A. lug (25#)	35,700
Plums	317	35,200	4 bskt crate (27#)	28,500
Walnuts	22,904	83,600	Cwt.	806,000
Misc. Fruits	220			12,100
Total	38,257			\$2,070,600
BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES				
Blackberries	100	75,000	Crates (12-1/2 pts)	48,000
Loganberries	30	16,500	" " "	10,800
Raspberries	240	187,200	" " "	149,800
Strawberries	1,000	800,000	" (12 pts)	680,000
Youngberries and boysenberries	825	907,500	" (12-1/2 pts)	408,400
Total	2,195			\$1,297,000
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay	48,300	306,200	Tons	3,751,000
Barley, oats, grain	14,000	140,000	Sacks (100#)	126,000
Beans-dry	19,980	216,830	Cwt.	607,000
Bean straw		5,500	Tons	27,500
Beets-sugar	3,800	40,500	"	198,400
Grain hay	40,000	60,000	"	660,000
Pop corn	900	11,700	Cwt.	54,000
Wheat	39,000	259,350	"	337,200
Miscellaneous***	3,500			125,000
Total	169,480			\$5,886,100

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1939, to October 31, 1940.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1939 to September 30, 1940.

*** Includes silage corn, sorghum corn, alfalfa seed, etc.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,650	264,000	Pyramid crates(30#)	\$ 396,000
Beans-snap	2,200	638,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	765,600
Beans-lima	1,400	350,000	" (32#)	336,000
Cabbage*	3,500	28,000	Tons	336,000
Carrots	3,750	1,080,000	Crates(6 doz)	1,080,000
Cauliflower*	3,750	1,406,250	Pony crates(12 hds)	604,700
Celery-white**	500	400,000	Half crates	760,000
Celery-green**	2,400	2,400,000	Half crates	2,400,000
Corn-green	5,500	632,500	Crates(6 doz)	632,500
Cucumbers-pickles	460	2,580	Tons	50,300
Cucumbers-table	800	340,000	L.A. lugs(30#)	170,000
Endive(Chicory)	650	276,250	Crates(4 doz)	99,500
Lettuce	1,350	228,150	" (5 ")	193,900
Melons***	1,200	312,000	" (60#)	187,200
Onions-dry	700	385,000	Sacks(50#)	288,800
Peas	800	68,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	112,200
Peppers-chili-dried	1,300	910	Tons	200,200
Potatoes-sweet	725	101,500	Crates(50#)	142,100
Potatoes-white	1,450	342,200	Sacks(100#)	359,300
Rhubarb	450	472,500	Flat 20#	89,800
Spinach-market	1,400	350,000	Crates(40#)	262,500
Squash-winter	700	5,250	Tons	115,500
Tomatoes-canning	6,200)	16,500	"	211,400
Tomatoes-market)	915,000	L.A.lug(32#)	658,800
Watermelons	240	2,280	Tons	22,800
Total	43,075			\$10,475,100
<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets-table	850	208,250	Crates(4 doz)	110,400
Broccoli	525	120,225	Pony crates(42#)	113,000
Egg plant	100	25,000	Crates(60#)	27,500
Mustard-greens	150	75,000	Crates(40#)	27,750
Onions-green	330	85,800	"	141,600
Parsnips	250	162,500	Lugs(26#)	65,000
Parsley	280	224,000	Crates(6 doz)	100,800
Peppers-bell	200	30,000	" (50#)	45,000
Radishes	480	192,000	" (6 doz)	111,400
Romaine	500	136,500	" (55#)	82,000
Rutabaga	150	33,750	Sacks(100#)	28,700
Squash-Italian	360	158,400	Lugs(30#)	139,400
Squash-summer	460	165,600	Lugs(30#)	134,200
Turnips	700	252,000	Crates(3 doz)	113,400
Miscellaneous	950			216,300
Total	6,285			\$1,456,450

* Figures for crop year October 1, 1939 to September 30, 1940

** Figures for crop year November 1, 1939 to October 31, 1940

*** Melons include cantaloupes, honeydews, casabas and Japanese melons.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
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NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers	1,900			\$3,200,000
Nursery stock				6,000,000
Total	1,900			\$9,200,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$51,763,850

Payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration through the Los Angeles County Agricultural Conservation Association have not been included in the values given in this report. They report totals for 1940 as follows:

* Soil building and diversion payments	\$200,000
Parity payments - wheat growers	8,118
Sugar act payments - sugar beet growers	87,200
Range conserving practices	1,108
Total	\$296,426
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GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$52,060,276

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	2,000,000	Pounds	\$100,000
Beeswax	50,000	"	10,000
Total			\$110,000

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CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1941

Crop value registered a 25% gain compared with the previous year and the 1941 total advanced to \$65,292,619. This sum represents higher returns than any year since 1937 and does not include livestock and dairy valuations.

The county's most valuable crop enterprise is citrus growing. In this group Valencia oranges constitute by far the most important individual crop. The f.o.b. value for Valencias advanced to \$15,140,000, exceeding the previous year's total by nearly \$5,000,000. Large lemon production brought with it an increase of about \$1,000,000 despite lower prices per box; returns totaled \$6,290,000. The amount of money realized from the sale of navel oranges approached \$6,000,000 - slightly more than in 1940. Citrus of bearing age totaled 56,564 acres, almost half of which was Valencia oranges.

Other tree crops, particularly walnuts, pears and olives, made striking gains in dollar value. Olive production tripled and price per ton was more than twice as great as the year before. Because of the strong demand, olives from roadside and yard plantings which had not been harvested for years went into commercial channels.

The prolonged heavy winter and spring rains had beneficial as well as harmful effects. Abundant moisture enabled grain growers in non-irrigated areas to increase acreage and yields were considerably higher than normal. Late in the spring, however, ground remained wet so that sugar beets and dry beans could not be planted on the usual amount of land. While dry bean production was lower, the value was nearly double. As a result of adverse growing conditions alfalfa yields were lowered by 36,000 tons but the crop brought \$4,324,000, a gain of \$600,000 which resulted from higher prices.

Lower yields of truck crops were for the most part offset by higher price returns. Value for this group was \$14,324,000 compared with about \$11,931,500 the preceding year. War conditions caused a noticeable trend toward the expansion of such new crops as flax, drug and spice plants; for the most part these are in the experimental stage.

Cut flowers increased \$500,000 in value, bringing the total to \$3,700,000. Nursery stock grown in the county was worth \$7,100,000, an increase of 18% from 1941.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two commodities the report is made on total f.o.b. price and represents the return to Los Angeles county before deducting the cost of picking, hauling and packing. Federal diversion and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have been included in the totals for oranges and walnuts. Other conserving practices and soil building and diversion payments are listed separately in the report.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, and land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Efforts of the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information are greatly appreciated.

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CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1941

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges, Navel & Misc.	14,691	3,684,500	Boxes	\$ 5,908,000
Oranges, Valencia	28,702	6,772,700	Boxes	15,139,000
Lemons	11,875	3,245,000	Boxes	6,289,800
Grapefruit	1,196	192,700	Boxes	182,200
Limes	100	725,000	Pounds	18,100
Total	56,564			\$27,537,100
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	834	246,000	Pounds	98,400
Apples	585	67,300	Boxes (45#)	57,200
Apricots	927	287,400	Lugs (25#)	126,400
Avocados**	3,188	513,300	Flats (13#)	367,000
Figs	563	380,000	Flats one layer (6#)	79,800
Grapes	4,765	15,500	Tons	425,900
Olives	1,537	1,540	Tons	199,800
Peaches-cling	284	80,900	Boxes (20#)	36,400
Peaches-free	1,030	252,350	Boxes (20#)	151,400
Pears	825	148,500	Standard boxes (50#)	259,900
Persimmons	267	79,300	L.A. lugs (25#)	63,400
Plums	322	83,720	4 bskt crates (27#)	56,500
Walnuts	22,638	142,600	Cwt.	1,682,000
Misc. fruits	225			17,800
Total	37,990			\$3,621,900
<u>BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	100	70,000	Crates (12-1/2 pts)	49,000
Loganberries	25	12,500	Crates (12-1/2 pts)	8,100
Raspberries	250	187,500	Crates (12-1/2 pts)	150,000
Strawberries	1,025	794,400	Crates (12 pts)	675,200
Youngberries and boysenberries	825	825,000	Crates (12-1/2 pts)	412,500
Total	2,225			\$1,294,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	47,000	270,300	Tons	4,324,000
Beans-dry	16,800	172,800	Cwt.	1,140,700
Bean straw		7,000	Tons	42,000
Beets-sugar	1,430	14,680	Tons	86,600
Grain-barley	12,500	150,000	Cwt.	225,000
" -oats	2,000	18,000	Cwt.	28,800
" -wheat	40,000	380,000	Cwt.	646,000
Grain hay	41,000	63,000	Tons	787,500
Popcorn	900	5,850	Cwt.	33,600
Miscellaneous***	3,500			158,400
Total	165,130			\$7,472,600

- * Figures for crop year November 1, 1940 to October 31, 1941.
 ** Figures for crop year October 1, 1940 to September 30, 1941.
 *** Includes silage corn, sorghum corn, alfalfa seed, etc.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
TRUCK CROPS				
Asparagus	1,650	264,000	Pyramid crates(30#)	\$514,800
Beans-snap	2,100	451,500	Bushel hamper(30#)	844,300
Beans-lima	2,000	486,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	558,900
Cabbage*	3,750	35,625	Tons	570,000
Cantaloupes	1,500	442,500	Crates	243,400
Carrots	3,950	1,106,000	Crates(6 doz)	1,161,300
Cauliflower*	4,200	1,680,000	Pony crates(12 hds)	856,800
Celery-white**	450	270,000	Half crates	472,500
Celery-green**	2,500	2,250,000	Half crates	2,587,500
Corn-green	5,300	625,400	Crates(6 doz)	675,400
Cucumbers-pickles	625	3,750	Tons	79,500
Cucumbers-table	575	287,500	L.A.lugs(30#)	172,500
Endive (Chicory)	700	290,500	Crates(4 doz)	159,800
Lettuce	1,175	205,600	Crates(5 doz)	195,300
Melons (Others)***	325	95,900	Crates	52,700
Onions-dry	725	344,400	Sacks (50#)	344,400
Peas	700	35,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	59,500
Peppers-chili-dried	1,000	750	Tons	225,000
Potatoes-sweet	725	101,500	Crates(50#)	146,200
Potatoes-white	1,350	328,000	Sacks(100#)	328,000
Rhubarb	450	585,000	Flat (20#)	122,900
Spinach-market	1,300	357,500	Crates (40#)	286,000
Squash-winter	725	6,160	Tons	123,200
Tomatoes-canning	7,500	22,525	Tons	362,000
Tomatoes-market		1,672,000	L.A.lugs (32#)	1,421,200
Watermelons	200	1,200	Tons	9,600
Total	45,475			\$12,572,700

MARKET GARDENS

Beets-table	750	180,000	Crates (4 doz)	103,000
Broccoli	685	119,900	Pony crates (42#)	149,900
Egg plant	40	16,000	Crates (60#)	28,000
Mustard-greens	175	74,400	Crates (40#)	29,800
Onions-green	335	94,800	Crates	184,900
Parsley	225	270,000	Crates (6 doz)	199,800
Parsnips	215	161,250	Lugs (26#)	91,900
Peppers-bell	150	18,750	Crates (50#)	37,500
Radishes	510	173,400	Crates (6 doz)	147,400
Romaine	525	142,800	Crates (55#)	107,100
Rutabaga	250	56,250	Sacks(100#)	45,000
Squash-Italian	325	123,500	Lugs (30#)	108,700
Squash-summer	450	146,250	Lugs (30#)	117,000
Turnips	725	221,100	Crates (3 doz)	121,600
Miscellaneous	1,000			275,000
Total	6,360			\$1,751,600

* Figures for crop year October 1, 1940 to September 30, 1941.

** Figures for crop year November 1, 1940 to October 31, 1941.

*** Melons include tip tops, honeydews, casabas and Japanese melons.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
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NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers	2,000			\$3,700,000
Nursery stock				<u>7,100,000</u>
Total				\$10,800,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$65,050,700

Payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration through the Los Angeles County Agricultural Conservation Association have not been included in the values given in this report. They report totals for 1941 as follows:

Parity payments - wheat growers	\$10,408
Range conserving practices	1,274
*Soil building and diversion payments	200,000
Sugar act payments - sugar beet growers	<u>30,237</u>
Total	\$241,919

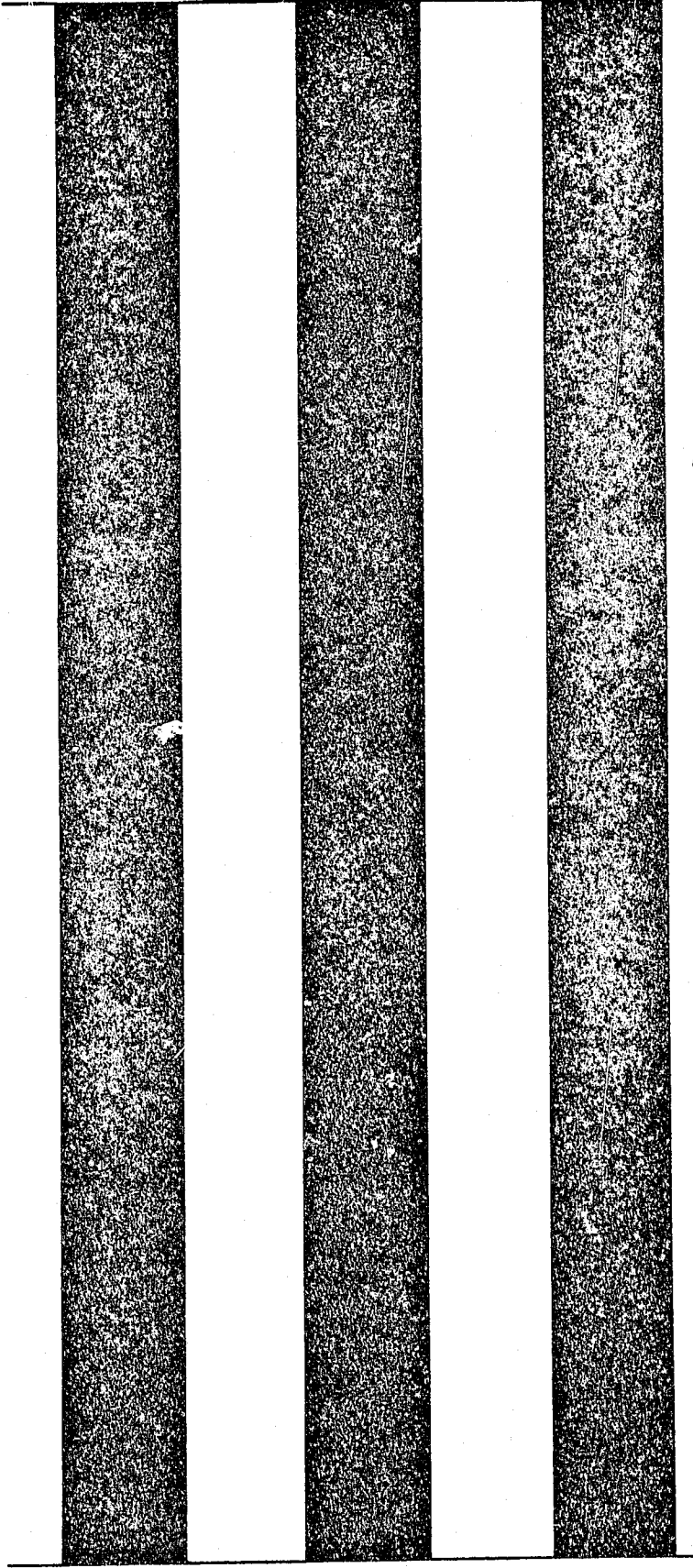
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GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$65,292,619

APIARY PRODUCTS:

Honey	4,400,000 Pounds	\$242,000
Beeswax	75,000 Pounds	<u>26,300</u>
Total		\$268,300

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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1942

Even though value of agricultural crops reached a new high in 1942 for Los Angeles county, the improved income by no means indicates a proportionate increase of prosperity for farmers. Sharp advances in costs of labor, transportation, materials, and other necessities cut deeply into cash returns. Total crop valuation for the past year came to \$79,551,900, a gain of 22% from 1941. Livestock and dairy valuations are not included in the report.

Burdened as they were by restrictions, labor difficulties and uncertainties brought about by the war, the year 1942 proved exceedingly trying in many ways for farmers. Evacuation of the 1,200 Japanese who farmed 36,500 crop acres upset the growing and marketing of vegetables and berries for several months and lower than normal yields were evident during the period when new tenants were adjusting themselves. As the year progressed farmers met the challenge brought about by the Japanese evacuation and proved their ability in growing truck crops successfully.

Lower yields for truck crops were more than offset by the higher prices received. Value for this group was \$19,280,500 compared with \$12,572,700 the preceding year. As in many past years, celery headed the list in dollar returns and brought \$3,806,400. Other vegetables exceeding \$1,000,000 included string beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower and tomatoes.

Dehydration of certain vegetables adapted to this purpose and fresh frozen products made sharp gains and further expansion of these industries is scheduled for 1943.

Most striking percentage dollar gains were made by citrus, which as a group constitutes the county's most valuable crop; the f.o.b. value rose to nearly \$32,000,000. Despite a 9% reduction in volume, Valencia oranges were worth \$18,370,000, an increase of 21% from the previous year. Both yields and prices of navel oranges were higher, while lemons brought less money than in 1941, chiefly because of decreased production.

Alfalfa hay and grain prices advanced with demand particularly strong as the year closed. The field crops as a whole returned \$11,748,200 which was more than \$3,000,000 above 1941 totals.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus. For this commodity the report is made on total f.o.b. price and represents the return to Los Angeles county, including the cost of picking, hauling and packing. Soil building and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration office are listed separately in this report.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, and land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Efforts of the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information are greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges, Navel & Misc.	14,641	4,756,000	Boxes	\$ 7,409,000
Oranges, Valencia	29,172	6,435,900	Boxes	18,370,000
Lemons	12,002	2,354,000	Boxes	5,618,000
Grapefruit	1,224	243,300	Boxes	486,900
Limes	115	730,000	Pounds	24,000
Total	57,154			\$31,907,900
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	868	211,000	Pounds	63,300
Apples	586	58,300	Boxes (45#)	104,900
Apricots	927	255,000	Lugs (25#)	191,200
Avocados**	3,197	714,000	Flats (13#)	592,600
Figs	564	338,400	Flats (1 layer-6#)	111,700
Grapes	4,772	13,100	Tons	459,300
Olives	1,531	270	Tons	34,000
Peaches-cling	284	85,200	Boxes (20#)	51,100
Peaches-free	1,086	217,200	Boxes (20#)	195,500
Pears	811	202,800	Standard boxes (50#)	547,400
Persimmons	267	82,800	L.A. Lugs (25#)	82,800
Plums	320	76,800	4 Bskt. crates (27#)	76,800
Walnuts	22,270	98,800	Cwt.	1,368,000
Misc. Fruits	225			23,400
Total	37,708			\$3,902,000
<u>BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	60	36,000	Crates (12-1/2 pt)	32,400
Raspberries	140	73,500	Crates (12-1/2 pt)	99,200
Strawberries	840	504,000	Crates (12 pts)	680,400
Youngberries and Boysenberries	670	469,000	Crates (12-1/2 pt)	375,200
Total	1,710			\$1,187,200
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	48,000	276,000	Tons	6,486,000
Beans-dry	20,750	231,500	Cwt.	1,545,000
Bean straw		9,000	Tons	90,000
Beets-sugar	1,800	21,130	Tons	137,300
Flax	400	8,560	Bushels	23,800
Grain-barley	27,000	324,000	Cwt.	486,000
Grain-oats	500	4,500	Cwt.	9,000
Grain-wheat	26,400	198,000	Cwt.	1,485,000
Grain hay	40,000	60,000	Tons	1,172,000
Popcorn	700	6,300	Cwt.	44,100
Silage corn	3,000	27,000	Tons	81,000
Miscellaneous***	3,000			189,000
Total	171,550			\$11,748,200

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1941, to October 31, 1942.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1941, to September 30, 1942.

*** Includes sorghum corn, alfalfa seed, etc.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,525	228,700	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 549,000
Beans-string	2,380	428,400	Bushel hamper(30#)	1,028,200
Beans-green lima	1,000	170,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	229,500
Cabbage	4,375	39,400	Tons	1,221,000
Cantaloupes	750	262,500	Crates	354,400
Carrots	3,660	823,500	Crates (6 doz)	1,811,700
Cauliflower	3,125	1,406,300	Pony crates(12 hds)	1,406,300
Celery	2,625	1,903,000	Half crates	3,806,400
Corn-green	4,350	435,000	Crates(6 doz)	652,500
Cucumbers-pickle	550	3,135	Tons	101,900
Cucumbers-table	785	314,000	L. A. lugs (30#)	329,700
Endive (Chicory)	575	201,300	Crates (4 doz)	201,300
Lettuce	950	142,500	Crates (5 doz)	213,800
Melons-others*	215	80,600	Crates	100,800
Onions-dry	2,150	1,075,000*	*Sacks(50#)	580,500
Peas	500	22,500	Bushel hamper(28#)	37,100
Peppers-chili-dried	880	900	Tons	377,000
Potatoes-sweet	325	45,500	Crates(50#)	84,200
Potatoes-white	1,225	318,500	Sacks(100#)	875,900
Rhubarb	390	468,000	Flats(20#)	163,800
Spinach-canning	65	240	Tons	5,000
Spinach-market	1,400	350,000	Crates(40#)	420,000
Squash-winter	1,035	7,760	Tons	194,000
Tomatoes-canning)	7,000	19,600	Tons	400,900
Tomatoes-market)		936,000	Lugs(32#)	1,404,000
Watermelons	30	180	Tons	5,400
Total	41,865			\$16,554,300
<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets-table	1,035	217,400	Crates(4 doz)	217,400
Broccoli	450	78,800	Crates(42#)	141,800
Eggplant	60	7,500	Crates(60#)	27,000
Mustard greens	200	85,000	Crates(40#)	63,800
Onions-green	540	118,800	Crates	415,800
Parsley	210	189,000	Crates(6 doz)	198,500
Parsnips	200	145,000	Lugs(26#)	145,000
Peppers-bell	55	6,300	Crates(50#)	22,100
Radishes	440	149,600	Crates(6 doz)	187,000
Romaine	415	103,800	Crates(55#)	155,700
Rutabaga	100	22,500	Sacks(100#)	38,300
Squash-Italian	645	200,000	Lugs(30#)	220,000
Squash-summer	650	182,000	Lugs(30#)	200,200
Turnips	780	214,500	Crates(3 doz)	171,600
Miscellaneous	1,325			522,000
Total	7,105			\$ 2,726,200

* Includes tiptops, honeydews and casabas.

** Approximately 10% of this total yield was not marketed because of low market prices.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	VALUE
<u>NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS</u>		
Cut flowers	1,300	\$ 3,250,000
Nursery stock		8,000,000
Total		<u>11,250,000</u>

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$ 79,275,800

Payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration through the Los Angeles County Agricultural Conservation Association have not been included in the values given in this report. While payments are not complete, the estimate for 1942 totals is:

Parity payments - Wheat growers	\$ 20,000
Range conserving practices	1,100
Soil building	210,000
Sugar act payments to sugar beet growers	45,000
Total	<u>\$ 276,100</u>

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$ 79,551,900

<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>		
Honey	1,000,000 Pounds	\$ 120,000
Beeswax	10,000 Pounds	4,200
Total		<u>\$ 124,200</u>



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Los Angeles County plant crops produced and sold in 1943 are valued at \$99,073,300. Adding \$936,000 for apiary products the total comes to \$100,009,300, which is greater than any previous year. This figure is an increase of \$20,333,200 above 1942 and \$34,448,381 over 1941. Livestock production figures are not included in this total.

Tremendously increased costs of production cut deeply into total returns. We have no data to measure the great increase in costs of labor, pest control materials, fertilizers, shock, transportation, and the multitude of other items the farmers had to pay for.

Labor supply was more nearly adequate throughout most of 1943 than in 1942 due largely to the importation of Mexican Nationals.

Quarterly vegetable crop surveys were carried on as a function of the County Civilian Defense Organization to provide information for farmers as to actual and intended plantings. Each of the county's commercial 1,400 truck crop farmers was interviewed in the course of these surveys.

The turnover of proprietorship of vegetable farms was considerably less than in 1942 while acreage and production were increased.

Prices of nearly all vegetables varied greatly during the year, especially those which were in surplus during midsummer. No account is taken in the report of unharvested crops lost because of poor prices.

The sale of farm produce directly from roadside stands to the consumer increased considerably during the year. Vegetable bedding plants were raised in great quantities by nurseries for sale to home gardeners.

Victory garden and other non-commercial vegetable production was a most important county wide source of food supply. Estimates made by county agricultural inspectors in June indicated a probable production from 270,000 such gardens equivalent to the quantity of vegetables that 2,700 commercial crop acres would produce. This is slightly over 5 per cent of the total crop acreage of vegetables in the county. At commercial valuation the total non-commercial garden production would have been worth \$1,122,000.

Among vegetable crops seven returned more than \$1,000,000 each. Headed by celery with a value of \$4,703,000, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, potatoes, dry onions and market spinach were in this bracket. Value of all vegetable crops was \$24,044,000 compared with \$19,122,500 the preceding year.

The f.o.b. value of citrus totaled \$45,808,500 compared to \$31,907,900 or 44 per cent more than the year before. Lemons and grapefruit were worth nearly twice as much as in 1942 and Valencia oranges gained more than \$6,000,000.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus. For this commodity the report is made on total f.o.b. price and represents the return to Los Angeles County, including the cost of picking, hauling and packing. Soil building and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration office are separately included in this report.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. The farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations and land companies, and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Efforts of the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information are greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges, Navel & Misc.	13,620	3,180,000	Boxes	\$ 9,800,000
Oranges, Valencia	30,300	6,600,000	Boxes	24,200,000
Lemons	12,100	3,115,000	Boxes	10,935,000
Grapefruit	1,190	365,000	Boxes	842,000
Limes	120	700,000	Pounds	31,500
Total	57,330			\$45,808,500
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,000	290,000	Pounds	116,000
Apples	480	48,000	Boxes (45#)	96,000
Apricots	900	198,000	Lugs (25#)	297,000
Avocados**	3,240	375,000	Flats (13#)	525,000
Figs	400	460,000	Flats (1 layer-6#)	193,200
Grapes	4,600	14,000	Tons	1,190,000
Olives	1,590	2,000	Tons	320,000
Peaches-cling	190	76,000	Boxes (20#)	64,600
Peaches-free	860	279,500	Boxes (20#)	433,200
Pears	790	118,500	Standard boxes (50#)	397,000
Persimmons	250	43,800	Lugs (25#)	72,300
Plums	300	75,000	4 bskt. crates (27#)	131,300
Walnuts	17,900	63,400	Cwt.	1,230,000
Misc. Fruits	380			48,000
Total	32,880			\$5,113,600
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Rushberries	650	325,000	Crates (12-1/2 pt)	568,800
Strawberries	460	172,500	Crates (12 pts)	422,600
Total	1,110			\$991,400
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	46,000	269,100	Tons	6,997,000
Beans-dry	23,400	283,900	Cwt.	2,039,400
Bean straw		10,000	Tons	120,000
Beets-sugar	250	2,609	Tons	23,700
Flax	750	8,200	Bushels	27,000
Grain-barley	25,000	237,500	Cwt.	534,400
Grain-oats	500	4,750	Cwt.	11,900
Grain-wheat	26,000	143,000	Cwt.	336,000
Grain-hay	43,000	64,500	Tons	1,806,000
Popcorn	500	4,000	Cwt.	44,000
Silage corn	2,000	18,000	Tons	108,000
Miscellaneous	3,000			220,000
Total	170,400			\$12,267,400

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1942 to October 31, 1943.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1942 to September 30, 1943.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	1,500	165,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 594,000
Beans-snap	1,950	292,500	Bushel hamper(30#)	570,400
Beans-green lima	1,750	227,500	Bushel hamper(32#)	477,800
Beets-table	1,400	315,000	Crates (4 doz)	504,000
Broccoli	550	96,300	Crates (42#)	264,700
Cabbage	5,800	46,400	Tons	1,763,000
Carrots	4,350	978,800	Crates (6 doz)	2,202,000
Cauliflower	2,700	1,080,000	Pony crates(12 hds)	1,728,000
Celery	2,200	1,650,000	Half crates	4,703,000
Corn-green	3,550	319,500	Crates (6 doz)	639,000
Cucumbers-Pickle	350	2,070	Tons	85,800
Cucumbers-table	800	320,000	Lugs (30#)	384,000
Eggplant	170	17,000	Crates (60#)	32,300
Endive (chicory)	500	150,000	Crates (4 doz)	262,500
Lettuce	880	130,500	Crates (5 doz)	293,600
Melons-cantaloupes	950	237,500	Crates	534,400
Melons-watermelons	190	1,330	Tons	53,200
Melons-others	180	54,000	Crates	121,500
Mustard greens	320	136,000	Crates (40#)	149,600
Onions-dry	1,050	577,500	Sacks (50#)	1,010,500
Onions-green	600	120,000	Crates	462,000
Parsley	180	117,000	Crates (6 doz)	198,900
Parsnips	300	210,000	Lugs (26#)	357,000
Peas	350	28,000	Bushel hamper (28#)	78,400
Peppers-green	190	23,800	Crates (50#)	78,400
Peppers-dry	360	258	Tons	119,900
Potatoes-sweet	900	135,000	Crates (50#)	371,300
Potatoes-white	2,500	575,000	Sacks (100#)	1,035,000
Radishes	600	204,000	Crates (6 doz)	357,000
Rhubarb	350	350,000	Flats (20#)	297,500
Romaine	450	112,500	Crates (55#)	208,000
Rutabagas	330	90,800	Sacks (100#)	263,000
Spinach-canning	400	1,960	Tons	52,500
Spinach-market	2,550	765,000	Crates (40#)	1,109,000
Squash-Italian	480	132,000	Lugs (30#)	119,000
Squash-summer	670	167,500	Lugs (30#)	167,500
Squash-winter	1,900	11,400	Tons	313,500
Tomatoes-canning)		16,200	Tons	486,000
Tomatoes-market)	4,900	682,000	Lugs (32#)	989,000
Turnips	1,150	373,800	Crates (3 doz)	373,800
Misc.Vegetables	500			234,000
Total	50,800			\$24,044,000

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	VALUE
<u>NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS</u>		
Cut flowers	900	\$ 3,000,000
Nursery stock		7,500,000
Total		<u>10,500,000</u>
TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS		\$98,724,900

Payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration through the Los Angeles County Agricultural Conservation Association have not been included in the values above given in this report. While payments are not complete, the estimate for 1943 totals is:

Bean loan		\$ 14,900
Incentive payment to vegetable and potato growers		55,000
Parity payment - wheat growers		19,000
Range conserving practices		1,300
Soil building practices		227,000
Sugar act payments to beet growers		31,200
Total		<u>\$ 348,400</u>

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$99,073,300
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APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	6,000,000 Pounds	\$ 900,000
Beeswax	80,000 Pounds	36,000
Total		<u>\$ 936,000</u>

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Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County brought \$105,012,100 in 1944. This total is greater than for any previous year, \$5,938,800 more than in 1943, an increase of 6%. Livestock production figures are not included in this report.

The f.o.b. price for citrus was \$49,075,000, up more than \$3,000,000 over the previous year. Valencia oranges, this county's most valuable individual crop, brought \$25,200,000. The navel orange crop returned \$12,635,000 which was nearly \$3,000,000 more than the year before. The lemon crop was smaller than for several years, particularly during the summer months but the average price per box was high and the crop reached an f.o.b. value of \$10,525,000. A much higher percentage of lemons was marketed in fresh fruit channels than in average years.

Despite a hot spell followed by rains late in the fall which greatly reduced the percentage of marketable walnuts, the large crop was worth \$2,028,000, an increase of 65% over 1943.

Supplies of most deciduous fruits from other growing sections were plentiful. This lowered selling price of such fruits. Reduced acreages decreased returns for the berry crop to \$875,800.

The cool spring and summer were responsible for a poor year for honey and beeswax production. The value dropped from \$936,000 in 1943 to \$124,000 this past year.

Approximately 48,000 crop acres of vegetables were grown in the county, a reduction of 3,000 acres from 1943. Nevertheless, total value of vegetables was nearly identical for the past two years. Based on a five year average, yields of most vegetable crops were about normal. As usual, celery with a value of \$4,704,000, was the most valuable commodity among truck crops. Other vegetables that returned more than a million dollars were cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, spinach, and tomatoes.

A smaller acreage of field crops and lower than usual production reduced the total value to \$11,304,800 which was less by about \$1,000,000 than the year before.

Farmers' production costs remained high. Ceilings held down prices for many of the county's most important fruits and vegetables, especially those that were scarce and consequently reduced the margin of profit for crops where the production costs increased.

Basis for arriving at valuation was farmers' price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus. For this commodity the report is made on total f.o.b. price and represents the return to Los Angeles County growers including the cost of picking, hauling, and packing.

Soil building and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration office are separately estimated in this report, as are honey returns.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,610	3,730,000	Boxes	\$ 12,635,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,540	6,232,000	Boxes	25,200,000
Lemons	12,220	2,365,000	Boxes	10,525,000
Grapefruit	1,180	235,000	Boxes	670,000
Limes	120	960,000	Pounds	45,000
Total	57,670			\$ 49,075,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,040	338,000	Pounds	118,000
Apples	380	57,000	Boxes (45#)	102,600
Apricots	700	245,000	Lugs (25#)	220,500
Avocados**	3,250	700,000	Flats (13#)	1,050,000
Figs	400	240,000	Flats (1 layer-6#)	144,000
Grapes	4,590	12,600	Tons	1,386,000
Olives	1,600	530	Tons	89,600
Peaches-cling	200	70,000	Boxes (20#)	49,000
Peaches-free	660	214,500	Boxes (20#)	289,600
Pears	750	210,000	Standard boxes(50#)	703,500
Persimmons	200	35,000	Lugs (25#)	66,500
Plums	150	41,300	4 bskt.crates(27#)	51,600
Walnuts	16,100	119,300	Cwt.	2,028,000
Misc.Fruits	380			76,000
Total	30,400			\$ 6,374,900
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Rushberries	470	282,000	Crates(12-1/2 pt)	634,500
Strawberries	150	63,800	Crates(12 pts)	223,300
Total	620			\$ 857,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	47,000	275,000	Tons	6,600,000
Beans-dry	22,500	223,600	Cwt	1,679,000
Bean straw		9,000	Tons	126,000
Beets-sugar	250	3,194	Tons	30,800
Flax	650	7,800	Bushels	25,700
Grain-barley	25,000	275,000	Cwt.	618,800
Grain-oats	500	6,000	Cwt.	15,000
Grain-wheat	26,000	130,000	Cwt.	325,000
Grain-hay	39,000	54,600	Tons	1,365,000
Popcorn	400	4,400	Cwt.	38,500
Silage corn	1,500	13,500	Tons	81,000
Miscellaneous	4,000			400,000
Total	166,800			\$11,304,800

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1943 to October 31, 1944.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1943 to September 30, 1944.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
VEGETABLES				
Asparagus	1,500	210,000	Pyramid orate(30#)	756,000
Beans-snap	1,650	330,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	759,000
Beans-green lima	1,800	360,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	600,000
Beets-table	1,250	300,000	Crates (4 doz)	435,000
Broccoli	420	63,000	Crates (42#)	141,800
Cabbage	4,400	44,000	Tons	1,712,000
Carrots	2,750	975,000	Crates (6 doz)	1,838,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,440,000	Pony crates(12 hds)	1,718,000
Celery	1,920	1,680,000	Half crates	4,704,000
Corn-green	4,000	440,000	Crates (6 doz)	704,000
Cucumbers-pickle	700	4,830	Tons	239,100
Cucumbers-table	770	250,000	Lugs (30#)	362,500
Eggplant	90	15,800	Crates (60#)	61,600
Endive (chicory)	470	164,500	Crates (4 doz)	263,200
Lettuce	800	120,000	Crates (5 doz)	198,000
Melons-cantaloupes	1,150	258,800	Crates	414,000
Melons-water	250	2,250	Tons	56,000
Melons-other	300	69,000	Crates	103,500
Mustard greens	470	199,800	Crates (40#)	209,800
Onions-dry	1,670	1,000,000	Sacks (50#)	900,000
Onions-green	800	320,000	Crates	1,088,000
Parsley	150	97,500	Crates (6 doz)	146,000
Parsnips	220	159,500	Lugs (26#)	239,000
Peas	500	45,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	117,000
Peppers-green	130	13,000	Crates (50#)	47,500
Peppers-dry	560	420	Tons	210,000
Potatoes-sweet	700	133,000	Crates (50#)	332,500
Potatoes-white	1,100	253,000	Sacks (100#)	572,000
Radishes	850	297,500	Crates (6 doz)	461,000
Rhubarb	350	350,000	Flats (20#)	332,500
Romaine	500	150,000	Crates (55#)	315,000
Rutabagas	180	36,000	Sacks (100#)	90,000
Spinach-canning	325	1,520	Tons	41,300
Spinach-table	2,975	1,041,000	Crates (40#)	1,197,000
Squash-Italian	340	93,500	Lugs (30#)	116,900
Squash-summer	530	145,800	Lugs (30#)	182,200
Squash-winter	2,100	14,700	Tons	404,300
Tomatoes-canning	2,200	18,300	Tons	576,500
Tomatoes-market	1,950	780,000	Lugs (32#)	1,404,000
Turnips	1,070	401,300	Crates (3 doz)	441,400
Misc. Vegetables	400			200,000
Total	47,890			\$24,689,600

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	VALUE
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NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers	1,200	\$ 3,500,000
Nursery stock		9,000,000
Total		\$12,500,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$104,802,100

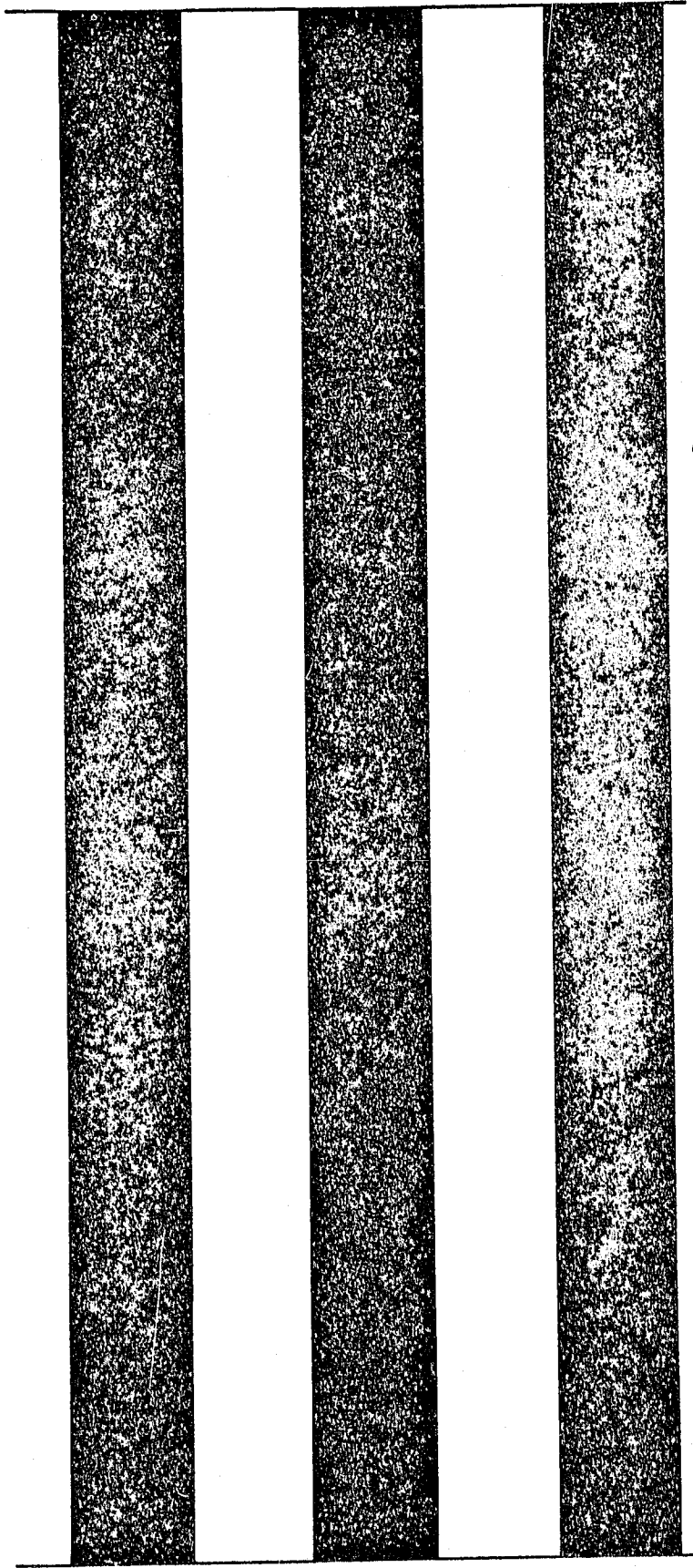
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Soil building practices	\$ 198,000
Harvesting of legume seed	4,500
Sugar Act payments to beet growers	7,500
Total	\$ 210,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$105,012,100

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	800,000 pounds	\$ 120,000
Beeswax	10,000 pounds	4,100
Total		\$ 124,100

Three vertical black bars of equal width and height, positioned side-by-side. They have a grainy, textured appearance.

1945

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1945

Los Angeles County farmers received \$111,852,000 for the plant crops they produced in 1945. This is the highest return in history and is \$6,839,900 more than in 1944. Apiary products add \$124,100 to the total. Livestock and dairy farmers' returns are not included.

The increase in returns over 1944 was not shared by all crops. Citrus brought \$48,173,000 which was \$900,000 under 1944. Navel oranges returned \$13,272,000, up \$637,000. Lemons at \$10,593,000 were about the same as 1944.

Reduced yields lowered the total value of nearly all of the other fruit and nut crops in the county. Pears, walnuts, almonds, and grapes showed sharp valuation drops because of below normal production. Fruit and nut crops, aside from citrus, totaled \$5,027,400 compared with \$6,374,000 in 1944.

Approximately 48,000 crop acres of vegetables were harvested, about the same acreage as in the two previous years. The return of \$29,675,000 was substantially greater than in previous years and \$5,000,000 more than in 1944.

Ten vegetable crops brought more than a million dollars apiece. Celery was again the most valuable of them and returned \$6,507,000. The other vegetables in the million dollar class were cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, dry onions, green onions, white potatoes, spinach, and tomatoes.

Field crop acreage was lower than in the previous year and brought \$11,057,800, which was about \$250,000 under 1944.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$11,500,000 and cut flowers \$5,400,000. Both of these sums represent increases.

Farmers' production costs remained high. Many difficulties were encountered in obtaining fertilizer and certain kinds of insecticides. In the instance of some of the vegetable crops, yields and quality were reduced because the proper insecticides were not to be had in sufficient quantities.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,520	3,752,000	Boxes	\$ 13,272,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,760	7,628,000	Boxes	23,564,000
Lemons	12,250	2,795,000	Boxes	10,593,000
Grapefruit	1,180	230,000	Boxes	690,000
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	54,000
Total	57,830			\$ 48,173,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,080	192,300	Pounds	67,300
Apples	360	54,000	Boxes	148,500
Apricots	700	196,000	Lugs	196,000
Avocados**	3,300	330,000	Flats	1,155,000
Figs	400	234,000	Flats	152,000
Grapes	4,590	9,180	Tons	578,500
Olives	1,600	960	Tons	225,600
Peaches-cling	200	80,000	Boxes	72,000
Peaches-free	710	213,000	Boxes	266,300
Pears	740	151,700	Boxes	364,000
Persimmons	190	45,600	Lugs	86,600
Plums	150	39,000	Crates	68,300
Walnuts	15,910	68,700	Cwt.	1,580,800
Misc.Fruits	380			66,500
Total	30,310			\$ 5,027,400
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	345	258,800	Crates	582,200
Strawberries	160	80,000	Crates	280,000
	505			\$ 862,200
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	49,000	245,000	Tons	5,880,000
Alfalfa seed	2,100	451,500	Pounds	114,000
Beans-dry	18,000	197,600	Cwt.	1,501,800
Bean straw		5,000	Tons	75,000
Beets-sugar	225	3,285	Tons	32,700
Flax	400	2,400	Bushels	8,000
Flower seed	530	-		238,500
Grain-barley	18,800	206,300	Cwt.	443,500
Grain-oats	700	8,400	Cwt.	18,900
Grain-wheat	33,300	299,300	Cwt.	778,000
Grain-hay	37,000	59,400	Tons	1,424,600
Irrigated pastures	2,000	-		250,000
Popcorn	300	3,000	Cwt	26,300
Silage corn	500	5,000	Tons	30,000
Vegetable seed	170	-		76,500
Miscellaneous	1,800	-		160,000
Total	164,825			\$11,057,800

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1944 to October 31, 1945.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1944 to September 30, 1945.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,500	225,000	Pyramid crate (30#)	\$ 843,800
Beans-string	1,300	260,000	Bushel Hamper (30#)	715,000
Beans-green lima	1,800	360,000	Bushel Hamper (32#)	675,000
Beets-table	1,000	250,000	Crates (4 doz.)	375,000
Broccoli	300	45,000	Crates (42#)	135,000
Cabbage	4,400	52,800	Tons	2,376,000
Carrots	2,600	780,000	Crates (6 doz.)	1,755,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,440,000	Pony Crates (12 hds.)	1,944,000
Celery	2,400	2,169,000	Half Crates	6,507,000
Corn-green	3,400	425,000	Crates (6 doz.)	1,020,000
Cucumbers-pickle	860	5,160	Tons	245,800
Cucumbers-table	940	305,500	Lugs (30#)	244,400
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates (60#)	72,000
Endive (chicory)	450	157,500	Crates (4 doz.)	275,600
Garlic	60	6,000	Sacks (100#)	120,000
Lettuce	800	120,000	Crates (5 doz.)	270,000
Melons-cantaloupes	1,250	281,300	Crates	562,500
Melons-water	175	1,750	Tons	61,300
Melons-other	300	69,000	Crates	120,800
Mustard greens	500	216,800	Crates (40#)	216,800
Onions-dry	1,400	700,000	Sacks (50#)	1,400,000
Onions-green	800	324,000	Crates	1,134,000
Parsley	175	122,500	Crates (6 doz.)	245,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs (26#)	358,900
Peas	1,450	145,000	Bushel Hamper (28#)	398,800
Peppers-green	90	11,300	Crates (50#)	36,500
Peppers-dry	600	300	Tons	159,000
Potatoes-sweet	520	83,200	Crates (50#)	228,800
Potatoes-white	1,575	433,100	Sacks (100#)	1,017,800
Radishes	900	315,000	Crates (6 doz.)	488,300
Rhubarb	370	425,500	Flats (20#)	468,000
Romaine	500	150,000	Crates (55#)	375,000
Rutabagas	165	28,900	Sacks (100#)	101,000
Spinach-processing	500	2,550	Tons	70,100
Spinach-market	2,500	750,000	Crates (40#)	1,012,500
Squash-Italian	330	107,300	Lugs (30#)	177,000
Squash-summer	525	170,600	Lugs (30#)	247,400
Squash-winter	1,760	6,160	Tons	369,600
Tomatoes-canning	2,400	16,800	Tons	520,800
Tomatoes-market	1,900	712,500	Lugs (32#)	1,603,100
Turnips	1,100	440,000	Crates (3 doz.)	528,000
Misc.Vegetables	400			200,000
Total	47,995			\$ 29,674,600
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut Flowers	1,700			5,400,000
Nursery stock				11,500,000
Total				\$ 16,900,000
<u>AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS (Est)</u>				
Soil building practices				135,000
Harvesting of legume seed				13,000
Flax payments				2,000
Sugar Act payments to beet growers				7,000
Total				\$ 157,000
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS				\$111,852,000

COMMODITY	YIELD		VALUE
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	1,000,000 pounds	\$	120,000
Reeswax	10,000 pounds	\$	4,100
		\$	<u>124,100</u>

SUMMARY

Citrus Fruit	\$	48,173,000
Other Tree Crops		5,027,400
Berries		862,200
Field Crops		11,057,800
Vegetables		29,674,600
Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers		16,900,000
A.A.A. Payments		<u>157,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$	111,852,000
Apiary Products		<u>124,100</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES	\$	111,976,100



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Plant products returned \$111,951,000 to Los Angeles County farmers for crops produced in 1946. Apiary products valued at \$335,000, brought the grand total to \$112,286,500. This is the highest return on record for the county but only an increase of \$310,400 from the previous year. Livestock and dairy returns are not included in the report.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$14,950,000 and cut flowers \$10,875,000, both of these sums representing sizeable gains, offsetting decreases in returns for other crops.

Citrus fruits remained the most important crop although their combined value of \$40,430,200 dropped nearly \$8,000,000 from 1945. The difference was due chiefly to the high percentage of small sized Valencias which resulted in low total production. Both lemons and grapefruit brought less money than the year before.

Most of the other fruit and nut crops made a better showing than in the previous year with a total value of \$7,471,000 compared to \$5,027,400 in 1945. Avocados, grapes, walnuts, and Bartlett pears made sizeable valuation increases due to improved prices and yields.

Field crops returned a total of \$15,867,200, an increase of more than \$3,000,000 from 1945. A larger acreage of alfalfa and good prices throughout the year helped to build up this total. Prices of dry beans improved following the removal of ceilings.

Truck crops with returns of \$20,919,000, were worth \$8,755,600 less than in 1945. The biggest share of the reduction was the result of lower per acre returns and in some instances also to acreage decreases. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, brought \$3,465,000, about half of the amount received the previous year. Other major crops that showed decreases in value were cabbage, carrots, dry and green onions, potatoes and spinach.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' Associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
CITRUS FRUIT*				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,460	3,263,400	Boxes	\$ 11,334,300
Oranges-Valencia	30,930	5,040,100	Boxes	19,659,200
Lemons	12,230	2,920,000	Boxes	8,812,300
Grapefruit	1,160	348,000	Boxes	588,000
Limes	130	1,040,000	Pounds	36,400
Total	57,910			\$ 40,430,200
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	1,180	531,000	Pounds	132,700
Apples	370	48,100	Boxes	129,900
Apricots	700	161,000	Lugs	177,100
Avocados**	3,310	695,100	Flats	1,598,700
Figs	400	200,000	Flats	110,000
Grapes	4,430	9,970	Tons	1,096,400
Olives	1,580	630	Tons	164,300
Peaches-cling	200	80,000	Lugs	72,000
Peaches-free	720	331,200	Lugs	414,000
Pears	750	212,300	Boxes	658,000
Persimmons	185	37,000	Lugs	46,200
Plums	150	41,200	Crates	66,000
Walnuts	15,685	101,950	Cwt.	2,701,700
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	420			104,200
Total	30,080			\$ 7,471,200
BERRIES				
Bushberries	425	318,700	Tray(12 basket)	605,600
Strawberries	250	162,500	Tray(12 basket)	650,000
Total	675			\$ 1,255,600
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay	51,000	290,700	Tons	8,430,300
Alfalfa seed	3,500	1,050,000	Pounds	378,000
Beans-dry	16,710	199,400	Cwt	2,748,700
Bean straw		3,000	Tons	52,500
Beets-sugar	730	10,750	Tons	109,600
Flax	140	2,240	Bushels	9,300
Flower seed	600			285,000
Grain-barley	21,200	275,600	Cwt	854,400
Grain-oats	1,000	13,500	Cwt	47,200
Grain-wheat	30,500	268,400	Cwt	912,600
Grain-hay	33,400	50,100	Tons	1,402,800
Irrigated pastures	3,500			525,000
Popcorn	150	1,620	Cwt	13,800
Silage corn	500	5,000	Ton	37,500
Miscellaneous	550			60,500
Total	163,480			\$15,867,200

*Figures for crop year November 1, 1945 to October 31, 1946

**Figures for crop year October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,500	195,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 760,500
Beans-string	1,650	330,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	742,500
Beans-green lima	2,000	388,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	640,200
Beets-table	800	192,000	Crates (4 doz)	240,000
Broccoli	300	45,000	Crates(42#)	112,500
Cabbage	3,900	35,100	Tons	1,404,000
Carrots	2,000	560,000	Crates	1,260,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,170,000	Pony crates(12 heads)	1,053,000
Celery	2,400	1,920,000	Half crates	3,456,000
Corn-green	3,000	375,000	Crates (6 doz)	862,500
Cucumbers-pickle	700	5,460	Tons	279,400
Cucumbers-table	800	320,000	Lugs (30#)	320,000
Eggplant	150	26,250	Crates(60#)	52,500
Endive	350	122,500	Crates (4 doz)	196,000
Garlic	75	6,750	Sacks(100#)	94,500
Lettuce	800	120,000	Crates (5 doz)	210,000
Melons-cantaloupes	1,600	320,000	Crates	432,000
Melons-water	400	4,800	Tons	120,000
Melons-other	150	36,000	Crates	45,000
Mustard greens	500	212,500	Crates(40#)	191,200
Onions-dry	1,600	640,000	Sacks(50#)	448,000
Onions-green	800	340,000	Crates	935,000
Parsley	225	157,500	Crates (6 doz)	252,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs(26#)	326,200
Peas	1,300	78,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	132,600
Peppers-green	75	9,375	Crates(50#)	25,800
Peppers-dry	460	460	Tons	276,000
Potatoes-sweet	400	60,000	Crates(50#)	180,000
Potatoes-white	950	300,200	Sacks(100#)	840,600
Radishes	750	262,500	Crates (6 doz)	420,000
Rhubarb	400	300,000	Flats(20#)	225,000
Romaine	450	146,250	Crates(55#)	292,500
Rutabagas	75	16,880	Sacks(100#)	46,400
Spinach-processing	500	3,500	Tons	96,200
Spinach-market	2,300	690,000	Crates(40#)	897,000
Squash,-Italian	330	107,250	Lugs(30#)	160,900
Squash-summer	525	170,630	Lugs(30#)	213,300
Squash-winter	1,500	9,000	Tons	283,500
Tomatoes-canning	2,500	25,000	Tons	812,500
Tomatoes-market	1,500	525,000	Lugs(32#)	787,500
Turnips	1,000	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	440,000
Misc.Vegetables	500			356,200
Total	45,115			\$ 20,919,000
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut Flowers	3,200			10,875,000
Nursery Stock				14,950,000
Total				\$ 25,825,000
<u>AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS(Est)</u>				
Soil building practices				158,500
Harvesting of legume seed				2,200
Sugar Act payments to beet growers				22,600
Total				\$ 183,300
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS				\$111,951,500

COMMODITY	YIELD UNIT	VALUE
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>		
Honey	1,600,000 pounds	\$ 320,000
Beeswax	30,000 pounds	15,000
Total		<u>335,000</u>

SUMMARY

Citrus Fruit	\$ 40,430,200
Other tree crops	7,471,200
Berries	1,255,600
Field crops	15,867,200
Vegetables	20,919,000
Nursery stock & cut flowers	25,825,000
A.A.A. Payments	<u>183,300</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$111,951,500
Apiary Products	<u>335,000</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES	\$112,286,500

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Plant products returned \$107,066,400 to Los Angeles County farmers in 1947. Apiary products added \$230,700, bringing the grand total up to \$107,297,100. This sum represented a drop of 4.4% from the all time high of \$112,286,500 received in 1946. Livestock and dairy returns are not included in this report.

The total value of citrus fruit fell from \$40,430,200 in 1946 to \$28,354,000 during the past year, a decrease of 30%. Valencia oranges dropped in value from \$19,659,200 in 1946 to \$10,879,300 during the year just closed. Navel oranges decreased in returns by 29%. Lemons, however, with a value of \$8,988,700 registered a gain of 2% during the year.

Most other fruit and nut crops followed the same trend as oranges and the combined value of \$4,741,100 was a drop of 36% from the previous year. Disappointing per acre production for pears and walnuts as well as poor prices for figs, grapes and several more crops were responsible.

Truck crops generally made as good or a better price showing than in 1946. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, brought \$9,425,000, almost three times as much as the previous year. Acreage reductions because of subdivisions and industrial building affected vegetable and orchard plantings. Field and tree crops increased in acreage in the Antelope Valley to partially offset decreases elsewhere.

Field crops returned \$15,518,600, a sum slightly below 1946. Alfalfa increased by 3,000 acres but brought less per ton. Dry bean acreage remained approximately the same with general price increases but most of the yields were poor to fair.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$16,000,000 and cut flowers \$13,500,000. There was a sizeable increase in the number of nurseries during the year and an increase of 800 acres of cut flowers.

In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,260	2,787,800	Boxes	\$ 7,984,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,690	5,775,200	"	10,879,300
Lemons	12,060	2,524,900	"	8,988,700
Grapefruit	1,120	254,000	"	460,000
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	42,000
Total	57,250			\$ 28,354,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,180	445,100	Pounds	145,600
Apples	370	33,300	Boxes	83,200
Apricots	700	122,500	Lugs	122,500
Avocados**	3,400	462,400	Flats	1,317,800
Figs	400	180,000	Flats	99,000
Grapes	4,430	8,850	Tons	372,100
Olives	1,580	4,750	Tons	614,900
Peaches-cling	180	67,500	Lugs	60,700
Peaches-free	740	222,000	"	277,500
Pears	720	109,450	Boxes	350,200
Persimmons	180	31,500	Lugs	63,000
Plums	150	41,250	Crates	72,200
Walnuts	15,280	73,350	Cwt.	1,100,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	390			62,400
Total	29,700			\$ 4,741,100
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	425	286,800	Tray(12 basket)	401,600
Strawberries	300	180,000	" " "	495,000
Total	725			\$ 896,600
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	54,000	313,200	Tons	7,986,600
Alfalfa seed	4,330	1,560,200	Pounds	210,600
Beans-dry	16,750	193,200	Cwt	3,191,500
Bean-straw		1,500	Tons	22,500
Beets-sugar	930	14,000	"	149,600
Flax	400	4,600	Bushels	39,200
Flower seed	610			307,500
Grain-barley	22,300	223,000	Cwt	758,200
Grain-oats	750	9,400	"	41,300
Grain-wheat	32,000	246,400	"	961,000
Grain-hay	31,500	47,200	Tons	1,181,200
Irrigated pastures	4,200			567,000
Popcorn	120	500	Cwt	5,400
Silage corn	400	4,000	Ton	32,000
Miscellaneous	650			65,000
Total	168,940			\$15,518,600

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1946 to October 31, 1947.

** Figures for crop year October 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,240	154,400	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 578,900
Beans-string	1,800	360,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	936,000
Beans-Green freezer	680	1,550,000	Pounds	139,500
Beans-" lima	750	131,200	Bushel hamper(32#)	328,100
Beets, table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz)	336,000
Broccoli	200	22,000	" (42#)	55,000
Cabbage	3,000	30,000	Tons	1,650,000
Carrots	1,200	390,000	Crates	1,365,000
Cauliflower	3,500	1,925,000	Pony crate(12 heads)	2,213,700
Celery	2,500	2,900,000	Half crates	9,425,000
Corn-green	2,200	330,000	Crates(6 doz)	792,000
Cucumbers-pickle	400	2,800	Tons	140,000
Cucumbers-table	600	270,000	Lugs(30#)	378,000
Eggplant	80	11,200	Crates(60#)	33,700
Endive	350	122,500	Crates(4 doz)	196,000
Lettuce	500	75,000	Crates(5 doz)	206,200
Melons-Cantaloupe				
& Misc.	1,200	270,000	Crates	540,000
Melons-water	300	2,700	Tons	67,500
Mustard greens	500	212,500	Crates(40#)	212,500
Onions-dry	1,200	780,000	Sacks(50#)	975,000
Onions-green	600	255,000	Crates	688,500
Parsley	230	157,500	Crates(6 doz)	236,200
Parsnips	280	206,600	Lugs(26#)	340,900
Peas	750	67,500	Bushel hamper(28#)	168,700
Peppers-green	50	6,200	Crates(50#)	20,300
Peppers-dry	270	270	Tons	120,000
Potatoes-sweet	350	52,500	Crates(50#)	157,500
Potatoes-white	600	189,000	Sacks(100#)	472,500
Radishes	750	281,200	Crates(6 doz)	450,000
Rhubarb	330	357,500	Flats(20#)	232,400
Romaine	450	157,500	Crates(55#)	330,700
Rutabagas	50	11,200	Sacks(100#)	39,400
Spinach-market	2,500	562,500	Crates(40#)	787,500
Squash-Italian	350	113,750	Lugs(30#)	159,300
Squash-summer	500	162,500	Lugs(30#)	195,000
Squash-winter	1,100	6,000	Tons	226,900
Tomatoes-canning	2,200	26,400	Tons	838,700
Tomatoes-market	1,200	450,000	Lugs(32#)	900,000
Turnips	900	360,000	Crates(3 doz)	396,000
Misc.vegetables	500			507,000
Total	36,860			\$27,835,600

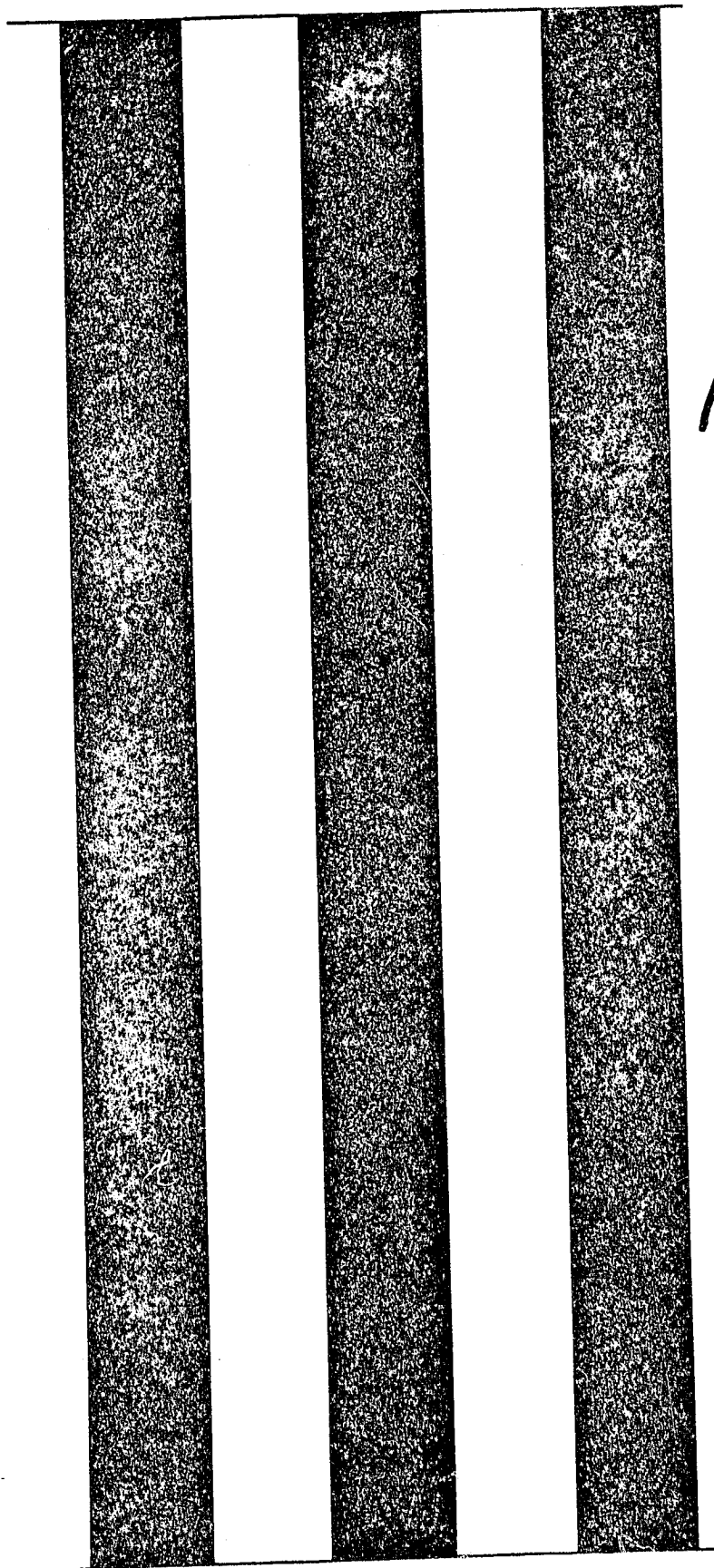
NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	4,000	\$13,500,000
Nursery stock		16,000,000
Total		\$29,500,000

COMMODITY	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS(EST)</u>			
Soil building practices			\$ 182,100
Sugar Act payments to beet growers			\$ 38,400
Total			\$ 220,500
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS			\$107,066,400
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	1,250,000	pounds	\$ 225,000
Beeswax	30,000	pounds	\$ 5,700
Total			\$ 230,700
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES			\$107,297,100

SUMMARY
1943 - 1947 Inclusive

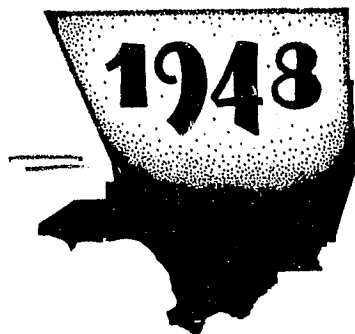
	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Citrus Fruits	45,808,500	49,075,000	48,173,000	40,430,200	28,354,000
Other Tree Crops	5,113,600	6,374,900	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100
Berries	991,400	857,800	862,200	1,255,600	896,600
Field Crops	12,267,400	11,304,800	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600
Vegetables	24,044,000	24,689,600	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	10,500,000	12,500,000	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000
A.A.A. Payments	348,400	210,000	157,000	183,300	220,500
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	99,073,300	105,012,100	111,852,000	111,951,500	107,066,400
Apiary Products	936,000	124,100	124,100	335,000	230,700
<u>Total Plant Crops and Apiary Products</u>	100,009,300	105,136,200	111,976,100	112,286,500	107,297,100



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CROP REPORT SUMMARY

Farmers in Los Angeles County received \$99,491,600 for plant crops in 1948. This with Apiary products valued at \$169,700 brought a total of \$99,661,300 for agricultural crops exclusive of livestock. This sum was 7% below the 107,066,400 received in 1947 and 11% less than the record high of \$112,286,500 in 1946.

Citrus fruit returns of \$27,448,000 were 3.2% under the previous year. Better Valencia prices for a smaller crop than in 1947 brought \$11,263,700, an increase of 3.5%, while Navel oranges with more boxes but poor sizes returned \$7,082,000, or 11% less than in 1947. Lemons brought more per box than in 1947, but production was lower with total returns of \$8,532,000, being 5% below 1947.

Yields of most other fruits were abnormally light because of frosts that came at blossom time. Total value for this group was \$4,446,900, compared with \$4,741,100 in 1947. Although total receipts for pears and walnuts increased, the avocado total was less and the olive crop valued at \$615,000 in 1947 was almost a total failure.

Of the field crops, alfalfa produced the highest value on record, the total returns reaching \$8,555,000. Blackeye beans were worth less than half the amount of money received for this crop in 1947. This brought the total value of the field crop group down to \$14,057,900, a drop of 9½% from the previous year.

Vegetable crop acres increased 1,400, bringing the total to 38,260 acres. Production per acre was up for many crops due to good growing weather and a long season. Prices, however, generally were down. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, fell off nearly \$6,000,000. The main reason for this was the extremely heavy supplies from other states on eastern markets at the time of this county's peak production. Vegetable receipts were \$19,918,100 compared to \$27,835,600 the year before.

Cut flowers again showed an increase in acreage and total returns, the figure for this item being \$16,000,000.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the market or f.o.b. price on commodities shipped out of state. In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1948

COMMODITY	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc	13,080	2,832,800	Boxes	\$ 7,082,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,040	4,940,200	"	11,263,700
Lemons	11,650	2,222,000	"	8,532,500
Grapefruit	1,080	340,000	"	533,800
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	36,000
Total	55,970			27,448,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,440	142,200	Pounds	37,000
Apples	370	35,100	Boxes	87,900
Apricots	670	134,000	Lugs	120,600
Avocados**	3,370	438,100	Flats	1,292,400
Figs	400	160,000	"	96,000
Grapes	4,410	8,800	Tons	397,000
Olives	1,580	15	"	2,100
Peaches, cling	180	67,500	Lugs	67,500
Peaches, free	780	214,500	"	278,800
Pears	720	122,400	Boxes	520,200
Plums	150	41,250	Crates	86,600
Walnuts	14,180	77,990	Cwt.	1,364,800
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	600			96,000
Total	28,850			4,446,900
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	600	465,000	Tray(12 basket)	465,000
Strawberries	300	255,000	" " "	573,700
Total	900			1,038,700
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	52,600	295,000	Tons	8,555,000
Alfalfa seed	3,000	720,000	Pounds	172,800
Beans, dry	14,300	207,300	Cwt.	2,176,600
Bean straw		1,400	Tons	23,100
Beets, sugar	740	10,720	Tons	99,100
Flax	300	5,400	Bushels	32,400
Flower seed	300			150,000
Grain-barley	20,600	185,400	Cwt.	500,600
Grain-oats	450	4,500	"	17,100
Grain-wheat	34,000	173,400	"	641,600
Grain-hay	27,000	20,300	Tons	649,600
Irrigated pastures	6,000			900,000
Silage corn***	1,000	7,500	Tons	60,000
Miscellaneous	800			80,000
Total	161,090			\$14,057,900

*Figures for crop year November 1, 1947 to October 31, 1948.

**Figures for crop year October 1, 1947 to September 30, 1948.

***Includes 500 acres of sweet corn harvested for silage after fresh corn was picked.

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COMMODITY	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,000	120,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 432,000
Beans-string	1,500	337,500	Bushel hamper(30#)	843,700
Beans-green freezer	570	1,745,300	Pounds	174,500
Beans-green lima	650	113,700	Bushel hamper(32#)	255,900
Beets, table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz)	315,000
Cabbage	3,500	38,500	Tons	1,347,500
Carrots	1,350	438,700	Crates	1,425,900
Cauliflower	3,700	1,665,000	Pony crate(12 heads)	1,498,500
Celery	2,200	2,090,000	Sturdy crates	3,657,500
Corn, green	3,000	600,000	Crates(5 doz)	1,050,000
Cucumbers, pickle	400	2,200	Tons	132,200
Cucumbers, table	600	300,000	Lugs (30#)	270,000
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates(60#)	48,000
Endive	350	122,500	Crates(4 doz)	171,500
Lettuce	750	127,500	Crates(5 doz)	191,300
Melons, cantaloupes				506,200
& Misc.	1,500	337,500	Crates	48,000
Melons, water	200	1,600	Tons	255,000
Mustard Greens	600	255,000	Crates(40#)	792,000
Onions-dry	1,200	720,000	Sacks(50#)	850,000
Onions-green	800	340,000	Crates	315,000
Parsley	300	210,000	Crates(6 doz)	382,800
Parsnips	330	239,300	Lugs(26#)	12,000
Peas	100	2,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	30,000
Peppers-green	80	10,000	Crates(50#)	97,200
Peppers-dry	180	190	Tons	120,000
Potatoes-sweet	200	40,000	Crates(50#)	749,600
Potatoes-white	1,100	319,000	Sacks(100#)	425,000
Radishes	850	340,000	Crate(5 doz)	153,000
Rhubarb	200	180,000	Flats(20#)	259,900
Romaine	550	192,500	Crates(55#)	600,000
Spinach, market	3,000	15,000	Tons	32,400
Spinach, canning	200	1,440	Tons	146,200
Squash, Italian	300	97,500	Lugs(30#)	243,700
Squash, summer	500	162,500	Lugs(30#)	157,500
Squash, winter	1,500	5,250	Tons	621,600
Tomatoes-canning	1,400	21,000	Tons	637,500
Tomatoes-market	1,200	510,000	Lugs (32#)	400,000
Turnips	1,000	400,000	Crates(3 doz)	270,000
Misc.vegetables	600			\$19,918,100
Total	38,260			
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut flowers	5,000			16,000,000
Nursery stock				16,500,000
Total				\$32,500,000

COMMODITY	YIELD UNIT	VALUE
<u>AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS (Estimate)</u>		
Agricultural conservation programs		\$ 54,000
Sugar Act payments to beet growers		28,000
Total		82,000
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS		\$99,491,600
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>		
Honey	1,502,000 pounds	157,100
Beeswax	30,000 pounds	12,600
Total		169,700
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES		\$99,661,300

SUMMARY
1944 - 1948 Inclusive

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Citrus Fruits	\$ 49,075,000	\$ 48,173,000	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$ 27,448,000
Other Tree Crops	6,374,900	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900
Berries	857,800	862,200	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700
Field Crops	11,304,800	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900
Vegetables	24,689,600	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	12,500,000	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000
A.A.A. Payments	210,000	157,000	183,300	220,500	82,000
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	105,012,100	111,852,000	111,951,500	107,066,400	99,491,600
Apiary Products	124,100	124,100	335,000	230,700	169,700
<u>Total Plant Crops and Apiary Products</u>	105,136,200	111,976,100	112,286,500	107,297,100	99,661,300



1949

CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1949

Growers in Los Angeles County received \$87,308,300 for plant crops in 1949. Apiary products added \$93,280, bringing the grand total to \$87,401,580 for crops other than livestock. The 1949 total was 12% below the \$99,491,600 received by farmers the previous year and 22% below the record high of \$112,286,500 in 1946.

Citrus fruit returns of \$24,866,700 compared with \$27,448,000 constituted a drop of 9% from 1948. Despite production cuts following last winter's freeze, navel oranges and lemons, because of increased prices, compared favorably with the 1948 return. Valencias, however, decreased in value to the extent of \$2,000,000. Other fruits brought \$2,904,500 compared with \$4,446,900 in 1948, a drop of 35%. Prices for deciduous fruits were low throughout the year on account of unusually big yields in all production areas of the state.

Because of a light fruit set and further reduction of the crop due to freezing injury, the value of avocados fell from \$1,297,400 the year before to \$878,400. Walnut yields per acre were the best for the past ten years.

In the field crop group alfalfa, due to poorer prices, dropped to \$6,792,000 from the 1948 all time high of \$8,555,000. Dry beans brought \$1,631,000, down approximately \$500,000 from the previous year. Total value for this group came to \$11,407,800 compared with \$14,057,900 in 1948. There is a gain each year in land devoted to irrigated pastures and the total in 1949 was 7,000 acres. There was a sharp drop in the harvested acreage of grain and grain hay because of inadequate rainfall.

Vegetables, on account of reduced acreage and poor prices for most kinds, were valued at \$17,031,700 compared with \$19,918,100 the year before. Celery was an exception, bringing \$4,370,000 compared with \$3,657,500 the previous year. There was a sizeable increase in acreage of cauliflower, a major truck crop in the county, but it brought less money on account of a low market most of the year.

Cut flowers and nursery stock accounted for \$30,000,000 against a total value of \$32,000,000 in 1948. Losses from freezing temperatures to field-grown cut flowers were almost compensated for by an improvement in price for the remaining undamaged glasshouse stock.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the market or f.o.b. price on commodities shipped out of state. In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statisticians' office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1949

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACRES</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>CITRUS FRUITS *</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	10,500	2,293,000	Boxes	\$ 6,879,000
Oranges-Valencia	26,560	4,384,600	"	9,207,600
Lemons	10,700	1,841,700	"	8,287,700
Grapefruit	810	220,200	"	484,400
Limes	40	160,000	Pounds	8,000
Total	48,610			\$24,866,700
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,730	610,500	Pounds	140,400
Apples	250	25,250	Boxes	50,500
Apricots	210	25,200	Lugs	12,600
Avocados**	2,440	292,800	Flats	878,400
Figs	170	85,000	"	42,500
Grapes	1,710	4,130	Tons	165,200
Olives	1,070	250	"	37,500
Peaches	610	183,000	Lugs	183,000
Pears	560	114,000	Boxes	238,000
Walnuts	8,210	82,100	Cwt.	1,108,400
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	240			48,000
Total	17,200			\$2,904,500
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	360	252,000	Tray(12 basket)	226,800
Strawberries	330	330,000	" " "	660,000
Total	690			\$ 886,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	53,400	283,000	Tons	6,792,000
Alfalfa seed	4,050	1,574,000	Pounds	373,000
Beans, dry	13,700	169,900	Cwt	1,631,000
Bean straw		1,400	Tons	22,400
Beats, sugar	1,030	17,800	"	163,000
Flax	230	3,450	Bushels	13,800
Flower seed	300			135,000
Grain-barley	12,300	86,100	Cwt.	211,000
" -oats	400	3,000	"	9,300
" -wheat	41,000	118,900	"	398,300
" -hay	18,000	21,600	Tons	540,000
Irrigated pastures	7,000			980,000
Pop corn	160	1,120	Cwt	9,000
Silage corn	500	7,500	Tons	45,000
Miscellaneous	800			80,000
Total	152,870			\$11,407,800

* Crop year ending October 31, 1949

** Crop year ending September 30, 1949

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	800	112,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 448,000
Beans, string	1,400	315,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	708,700
Beans, green lima	350	70,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	168,000
Beans, green process- ing	150	510,000	Pounds	38,300
Beets, table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz.)	315,000
Broccoli	150	20,250	Crates(42#)	46,600
Cabbage	3,000	30,000	Tons	900,000
Carrots	1,000	600,000	Crates(3 doz.)	540,000
Cauliflower-market	3,300	1,237,500	Crates(12 heads)	928,200
Cauliflower-processing	500	1,400,000	Pounds	98,000
Celery	2,300	2,185,000	Sturdy crates	4,370,000
Corn-green	2,700	540,000	Crates(5-doz.)	594,000
Cucumbers-pickle	460	2,790	Tons	153,500
Cucumbers-table	600	345,000	Lugs(30#)	241,500
Eggplant	125	25,000	Crates(60#)	37,500
Endive	350	105,000	Crates(4-doz)	147,000
Lettuce	800	160,000	Crates(5-doz)	280,000
Melons-cantaloupes & Misc.	1,000	300,000	Crates	525,000
Melons-water	125	1,250	Tons	31,200
Mustard greens	600	240,000	Crates(40#)	240,000
Onions-dry	1,000	550,000	Sacks(50#)	550,000
Onions-green	900	382,500	Crates	707,600
Parsley	300	150,000	Crates(6-doz.)	225,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs(26#)	261,000
Peas	100	8,500	Bushel hamper(28#)	29,800
Peppers-green	120	18,750	Crates(50#)	42,200
Peppers-dry	260	246	Tons	113,200
Potatoes-sweet	250	50,000	Crates(50#)	150,000
Potatoes-white	800	248,000	Sacks(100#)	562,100
Radishes	750	300,000	Crates(6-doz.)	330,000
Rhubarb	200	180,000	Flats(20#)	144,000
Romaine	500	150,000	Crates(55#)	225,000
Spinach-market	3,000	15,000	Tons	525,000
Spinach-processing	380	2,250	Tons	53,400
Squash-Italian	400	130,000	Lugs(30#)	143,000
Squash-summer	400	140,000	Lugs(30#)	161,000
Squash-winter	1,500	6,000	Tons	150,000
Tomatoes-canning	1,500	24,750	Tons	608,900
Tomatoes-market	1,000	500,000	Lugs(32#)	550,000
Turnips	750	375,000	Crates(3-doz.)	375,000
Misc. Vegetables	700			315,000
Total	35,520			\$17,031,700
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut Flowers	3,000			\$13,500,000
Nursery Stock				16,500,000
TOTAL				\$30,000,000

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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural conservation programs	\$ 147,300
Sugar Act payments to beet growers	30,500
Potato Price Support payments to growers	33,000
Total	\$ 210,800

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$87,308,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,081,000 pounds	\$ 86,480
Beeswax	20,000 "	6,800
Total		\$ 93,280

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$87,401,580

SUMMARY 1945 - 1949 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 48,173,000	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700
Other Fruits & Nuts	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500
Berries	862,200	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700	886,800
Field Crops	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800
Vegetables	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,031,700
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000
A.C.A. Payments	157,000	183,300	220,500	82,000	210,800
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	111,852,000	111,951,500	107,066,400	99,491,600	87,308,300
Apiary Products	124,100	335,000	230,700	169,700	93,280
<u>Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products</u>	\$111,976,100	\$112,286,500	\$107,297,100	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580

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CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1950

Los Angeles County growers received \$95,405,800 for plant crops and apiary products in 1950. This is a gain of 9% over the \$87,401,850 total in 1949 and 15% under the record high in 1946 of \$112,286,500.

The report does not include livestock production figures.

Citrus fruit brought \$31,638,300 compared with \$24,866,700 the year before, an increase of 27%. Production and price of navel and valencia oranges and lemons were higher than in 1949. Fruit sizes were better, loss from freezing injury was much less and by-products returns per box for lemons and valencias were better than in 1949.

Other fruits and nuts returned \$2,147,000, about \$759,000 below 1949. Per pound prices for deciduous fruits were up sharply but spring frosts in the Antelope Valley reduced pear and peach production to about one half of a normal crop while almonds were almost a total failure. The walnut set was poor and the return of \$518,700 was about half that received in 1949.

Alfalfa hay prices were less than in the previous year but the open fall permitted a longer harvest season. The 52,500 acres produced 291,400 tons worth \$6,410,800. Alfalfa seed brought \$657,000 compared with \$378,000 in 1949. Dry beans sold for \$1,851,400 this past year compared with \$1,631,000 the year before; the gain was due to increased production with higher prices for black eyes. Barley production and value more than doubled because of the late spring rains which produced good crops south of the mountains.

The \$18,690,300 received for vegetables was \$1,500,000 more than the year before. Biggest gain was the price received for celery, the county's most important truck crop. Despite subdivisions in some areas total plantings came to 2,500 acres, 200 more than in 1949. Value of the crop was \$6,037,500 compared with \$4,370,000 the year before. Other crops that exceeded \$1,000,000 in 1950 were tomatoes, cauliflower, and green onions. More than 50 kinds of vegetables are grown commercially in the county.

Cut flowers and nursery stock brought \$29,500,000 compared with \$30,000,000 in 1949. Favorable growing weather created an oversupply of flowers for several months. There are 250 commercial flower growers and 2,200 nurseries in the county.

Tree crops and vegetables were down about 5,000 acres compared with 1949 but the total crop acres of all crops for 1950 showed an increase of nearly 1,000 acres due to larger plantings of field crops.

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or f.o.b. price on commodities shipped out of state. In arriving at totals, price, acreage, and yield, averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1950

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	10,430	2,688,300	Boxes	\$ 8,602,600
Oranges-Valencia	25,030	5,212,200	"	12,769,900
Lemons	10,440	2,068,000	"	9,823,000
Grapefruit	790	208,000	"	436,800
Limes	40	120,000	Pounds	6,000
	46,730			\$31,638,300
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,750	6,500	Pounds	2,300
Apples	250	15,000	Boxes	40,500
Apricots	200	8,000	Lugs	8,000
Avocados**	2,450	245,000	Flats	796,300
Figs	180	81,000	"	52,600
Grapes	1,360	3,400	Tons	221,000
Olives	1,070	200	"	12,000
Peaches	670	151,000	Lugs	241,600
Pears	560	51,000	Boxes	204,000
Walnuts	7,810	27,300	Cwt.	518,700
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	250			50,000
Total	16,550			\$2,147,000
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	270	270,000	Tray(12	270,000
Strawberries	350	420,000	" bskt)	840,000
Total	620			\$1,110,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	52,500	291,400	Tons	6,410,800
" seed, certified	320	140,700	Pounds	78,800
" seed, common	5,600	3,304,000	"	578,200
Beans, dry-blackeye	3,500	59,500	Cwt	684,200
" -garbanzo	3,300	33,000	"	323,400
" -baby lima	1,100	19,800	"	139,600
" -standard lima	6,000	73,200	"	704,200
Beets, sugar	900	15,900	"	145,000
Corn, field	640	14,700	"	49,300
" , milo	910	19,100	"	50,600
" , silage	500	7,500	Tons	45,000
Flax	240	5,300	Bushels	19,800
Flower seed	200			9,000
Grain-barley	18,000	180,000	Cwt	441,000
" -oats	700	8,400	"	28,100
" -wheat	36,500	109,500	"	377,800
" -hay	20,000	30,000	Tons	690,000
Irrigated pastures	7,500			1,050,000
Miscellaneous	300			46,000
Total	158,710			\$11,870,800

* Crop year ending October 31, 1950
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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD.	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	700	115,500	Pyramid crate (30#)	\$ 519,800
Beans, string	1,000	300,000	Bushel hamper (30#)	600,000
Beans, green lima	300	75,000	" " (32#)	127,500
Beans, green lima processing	200	584,700	Pounds	46,800
Beets, table	600	180,000	Crates (4 doz)	234,000
Broccoli	130	18,200	Crates (42#)	40,000
Cabbage	2,800	33,600	Tons	957,600
Carrots	800	480,000	Crates (3 doz)	432,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,440,000	Crates (12 heads)	1,008,000
Celery	2,500	2,625,000	Sturdy crates	6,037,500
Corn, green	2,800	504,000	Crates (5 doz.)	604,800
Cucumbers, pickle	400	2,800	Tons	140,000
Cucumbers, table	500	250,000	Lugs (30#)	175,000
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates (60#)	40,000
Endive	350	105,000	Crates (4 doz)	157,500
Lettuce	1,000	200,000	Crates (5 doz)	300,000
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,000	275,000	Crates	550,000
Melons, water	150	1,500	Tons	37,500
Mustard greens	600	240,000	Crates (40#)	216,000
Onions, dry	1,300	845,000	Sacks (50#)	633,800
Onions, green	1,000	500,000	Crates	1,125,000
Parsley	150	75,000	Crates (6 doz.)	112,500
Parsnips	250	162,500	Lugs (26#)	203,100
Peas	150	12,000	Bushel hamper (28#)	31,200
Peppers, green	100	15,000	Crates (50#)	41,300
Peppers, dry	70	42	Tons	18,400
Potatoes, sweet	150	30,000	Crates (50#)	82,500
Potatoes, white	500	150,000	Sacks (100#)	345,000
Radishes	750	300,000	Crates (6 doz.)	345,000
Rhubarb	200	200,000	Flats (20#)	250,000
Romaine	700	210,000	Crates (55#)	294,000
Spinach, canning	350	1,600	Tons	36,200
Spinach, market	2,500	15,000	Tons	525,000
Squash, Italian	400	140,000	Lugs (30#)	168,000
Squash, summer	300	105,000	Lugs (30#)	126,000
Squash, winter	1,000	7,000	Tons	245,000
Tomatoes, canning	1,100	16,500	Tons	399,300
Tomatoes, market	900	450,000	Lugs (32#)	675,000
Turnips	800	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	360,000
Misc. Vegetables	900			450,000
Total	33,100			\$18,690,300

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	3,000		\$12,000,000
Nursery stock			17,500,000
Total			\$29,500,000

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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 229,500
Sugar Act payments to beet growers	36,200
Total	<u>\$ 265,700</u>

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$95,222,100

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,680,000 pounds	\$ 168,000
Beeswax	35,000 "	15,700
Total		<u>\$ 183,700</u>

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$95,405,800

SUMMARY 1946-1950 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300
Other Fruits & Nuts	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000
Berries	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000
Field Crops	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800
Vegetables	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000
A.C.A. Payments	<u>183,300</u>	<u>220,500</u>	<u>82,000</u>	<u>210,800</u>	<u>265,700</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	111,951,500	107,066,400	99,491,600	87,308,300	95,222,100
Apiary Products	<u>335,000</u>	<u>230,700</u>	<u>169,700</u>	<u>93,280</u>	<u>183,700</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products</u>	\$112,286,500	\$107,297,100	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580	\$95,405,800