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Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

# Los Angeles County

1951-1963

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# CROP REPORT

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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## CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1951

Plant crops and apiary products brought \$107,570,000 to Los Angeles County farmers in 1951, the seventh successive year of severe drought. This value is the third largest ever received and was exceeded only in 1945 (\$111,976,100) and 1946 (\$112,286,500).

Livestock production value is not included.

Returns for plant crops were 13% greater than in 1950 although harvested acreage totals and production per acre were lower for most crops, the notable exceptions being almonds, avocados, peaches, celery, and carrots.

Citrus with 44,230 bearing acres returned \$32,031,000 compared to \$31,638,300 for the crop of 46,730 acres the year before.

Acreage of other orchard crops, grapes and berries, showed little change but receipts increased by \$853,800 to \$4,110,800.

The harvested acreage of field crops, including alfalfa and the dry farm bean and grain crops, decreased 50,590 acres because of drought to a total of 104,120 acres but these farmers received \$16,391,700, almost 4-1/2 million more than in 1950.

Vegetable growers harvested within 2,000 acres of the 1950 total but got \$23,109,000 for these crops, or about \$4,400,000 more money.

Production of Chinese vegetables (food vegetables for Chinese dishes) is a rapidly growing industry and the value is estimated separately for the first time. This amounted to \$320,000 for the crops grown on 200 acres with bean sprouts grown in water accounting for \$200,000 of the total.

Nursery stock and cut flowers were up \$2 million to a total of \$31,500,000.

### "10 Million Dollar" Crops

Nursery stock	\$18,500,000
Cut flowers	13,000,000
Alfalfa hay	11,150,000
Valencia oranges	11,137,000
Navel "	10,317,000
Lemons	10,141,000

### "Million Dollar" Crops

Celery	\$5,750,000
Cabbage	1,850,000
Green onions	1,485,000
Cauliflower	1,386,000
Avocados	1,105,000
Carrots	1,050,000

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.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
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# PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1951

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	9,970	2,866,000	Boxes	\$10,317,000
Oranges-Valencia	23,360	4,385,000	"	11,137,000
Lemons	10,090	2,474,000	"	10,141,000
Grapefruit	770	240,000	"	420,000
Limes	40	320,000	Pounds	16,000
Total	44,230			\$32,031,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,870	567,000	Pounds	164,400
Apples	250	17,500	Boxes	47,200
Apricots	210	23,100	Lugs	28,900
Avocados**	2,500	425,000	Flats	1,105,000
Figs	190	95,000	"	57,000
Grapes	1,350	2,700	Tons	162,000
Olives	1,080	50	"	5,000
Peaches	740	207,200	Lugs	414,400
Pears	530	43,700	Boxes	148,600
Walnuts	7,410	33,300	Cwt.	567,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	250			50,000
Total	16,380			\$2,749,500
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	75	30,000	Tray(12	45,000
Strawberries	450	585,000	" bskt)	1,316,300
Total	525			\$1,361,300
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	51,500	300,000	Tons	11,150,000
" seed, certified	445	298,200	Pounds	164,000
" seed, common	3,400	1,974,300	"	493,600
Beans, dry-blackeye	4,500	72,000	Cwt.	648,000
" " -garbanzo	1,000	2,500	"	30,000
" " baby lima	300	4,500	"	27,500
" " standard lima	4,800	60,000	"	681,000
Beets, sugar***	610	10,300	Tons	98,400
Castor beans	370	428,700	Pounds	54,900
Corn, field	430	8,000	Cwt	33,400
" milo	520	11,200	"	39,100
" silage	500	7,500	Tons	67,500
Cotton	365	456	Bales	91,200
Flaxseed	300	6,000	Bushels	22,800
Flowerseed	280			126,000
Grain-barley	8,000	96,000	Cwt	326,400
" -oats	500	5,000	"	18,000
" -wheat****	2,000	30,000	"	120,000
Grain hay	16,000	12,000	Tons	480,000
Irrigated pastures	8,000			1,280,000
Miscellaneous	300			45,000
Total	104,120			\$15,996,800

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1951  
 \*\* " " " September 30, 1951  
 \*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments  
 \*\*\*\* " " " " Wheat Crop Insurance payments

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	600	90,000	Crates(32#)	\$ 383,000
Beans	800	105,000	" (70#)	660,000
Beans, green lima	350	35,000	" (80#)	219,000
" " "				
processing	110	330,000	Pounds	25,000
Beets, table	600	270,000	Crates(3 doz.)	297,000
Broccoli	100	15,000	" (42#)	45,000
Cabbage	3,000	855,000	" (80#)	1,850,000
Carrots	1,000	600,000	Sacks (50#)	1,050,000
Cauliflower	2,800	1,260,000	Crates(12 heads)	1,386,000
Celery	2,700	3,100,000	" , sturdy	5,750,000
Chinese food veg.	200			320,000
Eorn	2,000	360,000	" (5 doz.)	720,000
Cucumbers, pickle	350	2,400	Tons	139,000
" , table	400	240,000	Lugs (32#)	375,000
Eggplant	100	30,000	Crates(60#)	60,000
Endive	450	225,000	Crates(3 doz.)	281,000
Lettuce	750	300,000	" " "	450,000
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,400	350,000	" (55#)	700,000
Melons, water	150	1,800	Tons	72,000
Mustard greens	700	297,000	Crates(4 doz.)	327,000
Onions, dry	1,000	650,000	Sacks(50#)	813,000
Onions, green	1,100	495,000	Crates(8 doz.)	1,485,000
Parsley	100	50,000	" (6 doz.)	112,500
Parsnips	225	168,700	Lugs(26#)	253,000
Peppers, green	125	18,700	Crates(50#)	65,600
Potatoes, sweet	150	45,000	Lugs(32#)	83,000
" , white	350	122,500	Cwt.	318,000
Radishes	800	320,000	Crates(6 doz.)	448,000
Rhubarb	200	200,000	Flats(20#)	280,000
Romaine	800	480,000	Crates(3 doz.)	648,000
Spinach, canning	190	1,470	Tons	36,700
" , market	1,500	600,000	Crates (4 doz.)	660,000
Squash, Italian	350	122,500	Lugs(26#)	196,000
" , summer	250	87,500	" "	144,200
" , winter	1,300	11,700	Tons	468,000
Tomatoes, canning	2,000	25,000	"	765,000
" , market	700	315,000	Lugs(32#)	394,000
Turnips	800	400,000	Crates(2½ doz.)	480,000
Misc.vegetables	700			350,000
Total	31,200			\$ 23,109,000
<b>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</b>				
Cut Flowers	3,000			\$ 13,000,000
Nursery Stock				18,500,000
Total				\$ 31,500,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 200,500
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	378,000
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	16,900
Total	\$ 595,400
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$107,343,000

## APIARY PRODUCTS

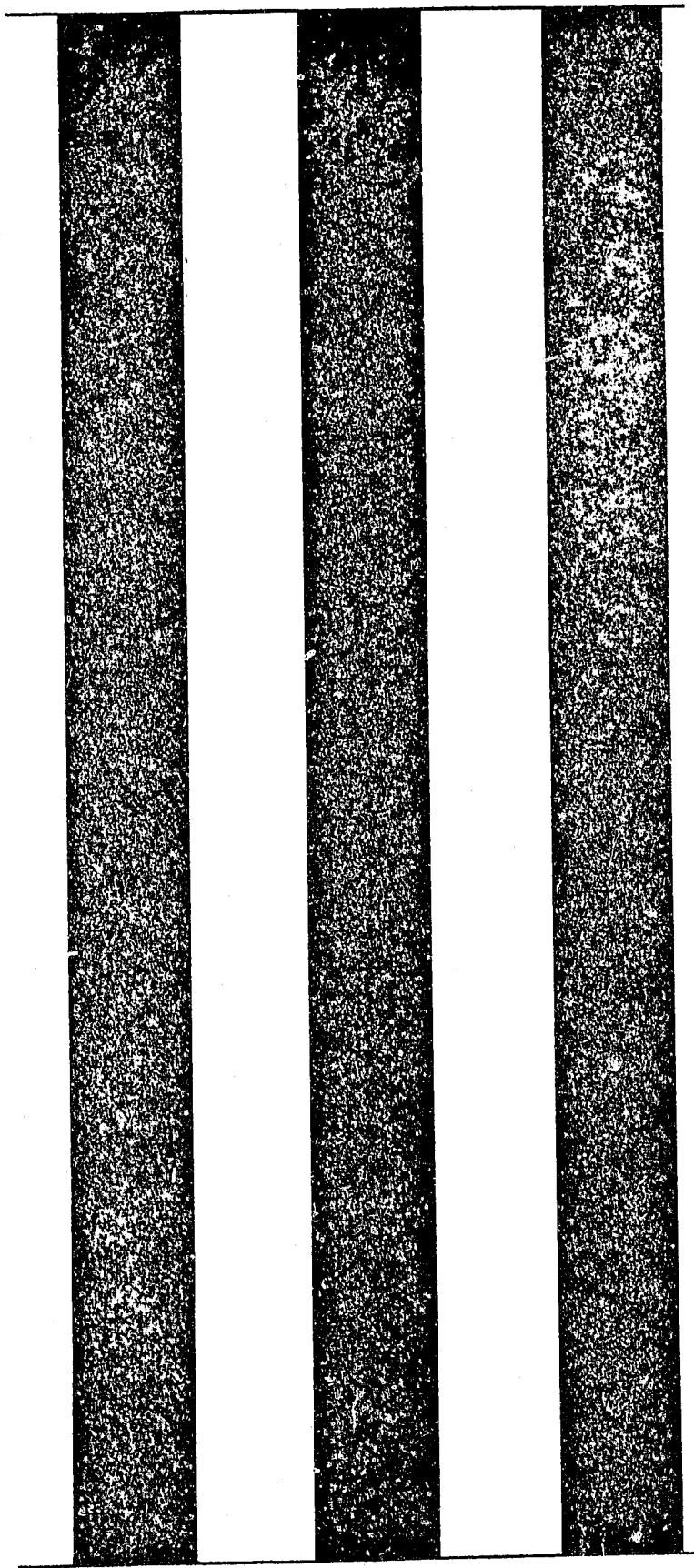
Honey	1,860,000 pounds	\$ 195,000
Beeswax	36,000 "	18,000
Pollination Services	9,000 colonies	14,000
Total		\$ 227,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$107,570,000

## SUMMARY 1947-1951 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 28,354,000	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000	2,749,500
Berries	896,600	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000	1,361,300
Field Crops	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800	15,996,800
Vegetables	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300	23,109,000
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000	31,500,000
A.C.A. Payments	220,500	82,000	210,800	265,700	595,400
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	107,066,400	99,491,600	87,308,300	95,222,100	107,343,000
Apiary Products	230,700	169,700	93,280	183,700	227,000
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	\$107,297,100	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580	\$95,405,800	\$107,570,000





1952

**CROP REPORT**  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



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## CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1952

Los Angeles County farmers received \$106,394,000 for their 1952 harvest of plant crops and honey from 245,000 crop acres. This does not include livestock production value.

This was the fourth largest return ever received and is \$1,176,000 less than in 1951 with 200,000 crop acres. The year of highest return was 1946 with crops which sold for \$112,286,500.

Abundant rainfall and good growing weather increased the production of almost all important deciduous and field crops.

Growers of field crops, such as hay, grain, beans, etc., harvested crops that brought \$18,804,800 from 154,830 acres, compared with \$16,000,000 from 104,120 acres the year before when approximately 40,000 acres of wheat was a total failure due to drought.

The vegetable crop value of \$22,146,600 was almost a million dollars less than in 1951. Poor prices and reduced acreage lowered the returns of most important vegetable crops except celery, which brought \$7,260,000, an increase of \$1,500,000 over 1951 for less acreage and production.

Total citrus returns of \$28,678,000 were \$3,353,000 under 1951, due chiefly to an unusually poor crop of navels with small sizes and defects, such as water rot. Navel returns alone were \$2,751,000 less than the year before although navel orchards decreased only 270 acres. Valencias lost 1,470 acres which accounts for virtually all the decrease of \$580,000 in value of this crop.

Acreage of other orchard crops and grapes and berries totaled 16,600, only 305 less than in 1951, but high production of most of these crops resulted in a total value of \$5,060,000, a gain of \$950,000.

### Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$18,500,000	: Navels	\$7,566,000	: Green onions	\$1,200,000
Cut flowers	12,500,000	: Celery	7,260,000	: Dry onions	1,120,000
Alfalfa	11,800,000	: Strawberries	1,800,000	: Tomatoes	1,116,000
Valencias	10,557,000	: Irrig. Pastures	1,425,000	: Avocados	1,100,800
Lemons	10,200,000	: Cabbage	1,269,000	: Cauliflower	1,025,000

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. District agricultural inspectors, 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 - 1952

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	9,700	1,940,000	Boxes(pkd)	\$ 7,566,000
Oranges-Valencia	21,890	4,140,000	" "	10,557,000
Lemons	9,380	2,150,000	" "	10,200,000
Grapefruit	670	160,000	" "	336,000
Limes	40	320,000	Pounds	19,000
Total	42,180			\$28,678,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,900	81,700	Pounds	22,100
Apples	180	12,000	Boxes(45#)	43,000
Apricots	210	9,000	Lugs (25#)	11,700
Avocados**	2,560	512,000	Flats(13#)	1,100,800
Figs	190	76,000	" (6#)	53,200
Grapes	1,310	5,000	Tons	314,000
Olives	1,400	2,100	"	133,500
Peaches	760	228,000	Lugs (20#)	365,000
Pears	450	88,500	Boxes(50#)	314,200
Walnuts	6,760	54,100	Cwt	811,500
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	230			46,000
Total	15,950			\$ 3,215,000
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	50	20,000	Tray(12	45,000
Strawberries	600	900,000	" bskt)	1,800,000
Total	650			\$ 1,845,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	53,500	340,000	Tons	11,800,000
" seed, certified	950	294,500	Pounds	117,800
" " , common***	(3,800)	1,273,000	"	292,800
" stubble****	(25,000)			205,200
Beans, dry-blackeye	5,000	66,700	Cwt	800,400
" " -garbanzo	2,700	38,600	"	461,600
" " -standard lima	4,000	57,600	"	638,000
Beets, sugar*****	700	12,950	Tons	132,000
Corn, field	410	7,400	Cwt	27,300
" , milo	450	7,600	"	30,600
" , silage	500	7,500	Tons	56,300
Cotton	470	660	Bales	118,500
Flower seed	450			202,500
Grain-barley	15,000	225,000	Cwt.	720,000
" -oats	700	7,300	"	31,000
" -wheat*****	42,000	191,000	"	725,800
Grain hay	18,000	27,000	Tons	945,000
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,425,000
Miscellaneous	500			75,000
Total	154,830			\$18,804,800

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1952

\*\* " " " September 30, 1952

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops. Included in 53,500 acres of alfalfa hay.

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments

\*\*\*\*\* " " " " Wheat Crop Insurance payments

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	600	78,000	Crates (32#)	\$ 290,000
Beans, snap	700	105,000	" (70#)	630,000
" , green lima	400	52,000	" (80#)	240,000
Beets, table	500	225,000	" (3 doz)	270,000
Broccoli	100	16,000	" (42#)	42,000
Cabbage	3,500	875,000	" (80#)	1,269,000
Carrots	800	640,000	Sacks (50#)	896,000
Cauliflower-market	2,000	800,000	Crates (12 heads)	800,000
" -processing	450	3,300,000	Pounds	225,000
Celery	2,400	2,640,000	Crates (sturdy)	7,260,000
Chinese food veg.	200			370,000
Corn, sweet	2,200	385,000	Crates (5 doz)	674,000
Cucumbers, pickle	325	1,950	Tons	117,000
" , table	500	375,000	Lugs (32#)	281,000
Endive	300	120,000	Crates (3 doz)	162,000
Lettuce	600	180,000	" "	180,000
Melons, cantaloupes				
and misc.	1,100	302,000	" (55#)	558,700
Melons, water	60	720	Tons	29,000
Mustard greens	700	245,000	Crates (4 doz)	270,000
Onions, dry	800	560,000	Sacks (50#)	1,120,000
" , green	1,200	600,000	Crates (8 doz)	1,200,000
Parsley	100	70,000	" (6 doz)	105,000
Parsnips	200	140,000	Lugs (26#)	210,000
Peppers, dry	230	215	Tons	93,000
" , green	200	30,000	Crates (50#)	97,500
Potatoes, sweet	150	48,800	Lugs (32#)	110,000
" , white	310	124,000	Cwt.	533,000
Pumpkins	120	1,200	Tons	39,000
Radishes	1,000	450,000	Crates (6 doz)	495,000
Rhubarb	170	127,500	Flats (20#)	223,400
Romaine	800	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	440,000
Spinach, market	1,000	400,000	" (4 doz)	500,000
Squash, Italian	300	150,000	Lugs (30#)	210,000
" , summer	350	140,000	" "	175,000
" , winter	1,300	9,100	Tons	228,000
Tomatoes, canning	950	18,500	"	518,000
" , market	800	400,000	Lugs (32#)	600,000
Turnips	800	320,000	Crates (2½ doz)	336,000
Misc.vegetables	700			350,000
Total	28,915			\$22,146,600

## NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	2,500	\$12,500,000
Nursery stock		18,500,000
Total		\$31,000,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 158,500
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	84,500
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	<u>13,600</u>
Total	\$ 256,600

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$105,946,000

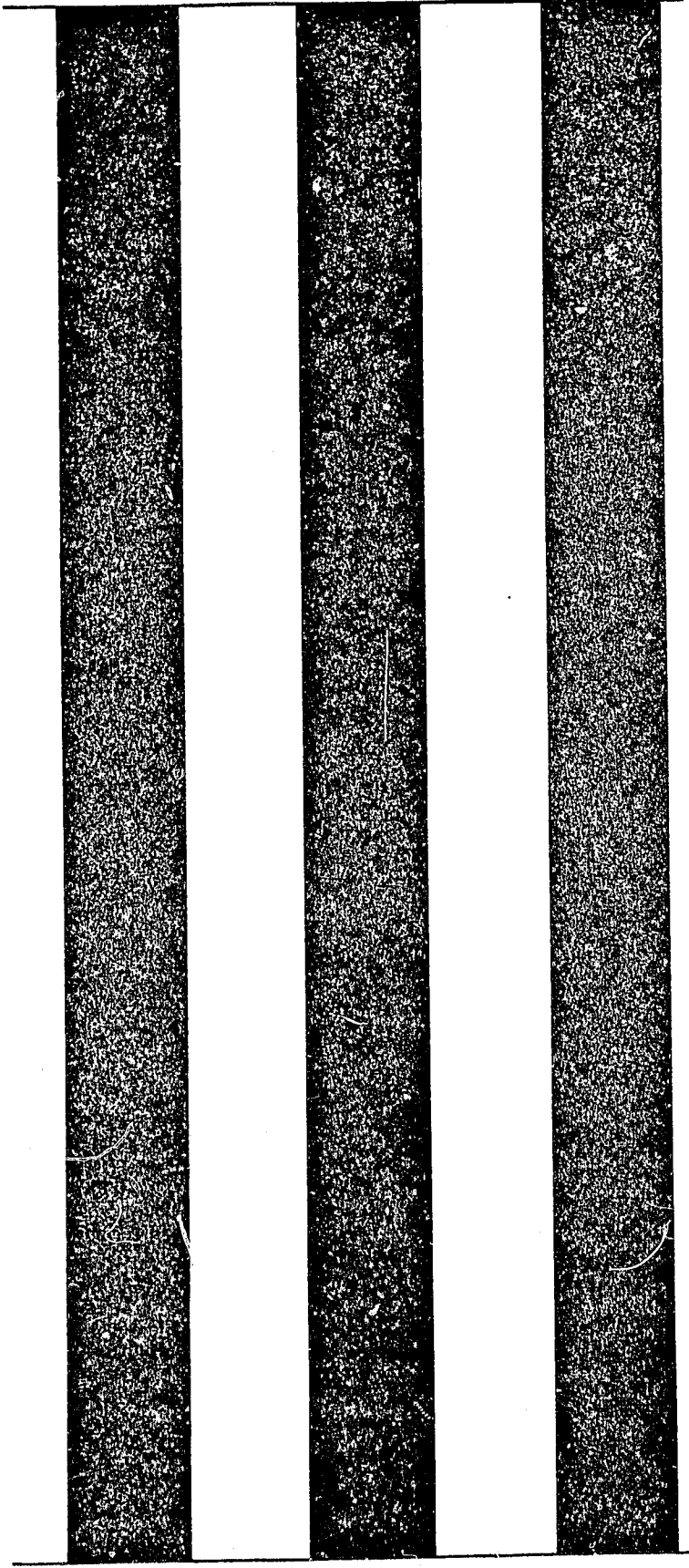
## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	3,400,000 pounds	\$ 391,000
Beeswax	57,000 "	24,000
Pollination Services	11,000 colonies	<u>33,000</u>
Total		\$ 448,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$106,394,000

## S U M M A R Y 1948-1952 Inclusive

CROP	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000	\$ 28,678,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000	2,749,500	3,215,000
Berries	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000	1,361,300	1,845,000
Field Crops	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800	15,996,800	18,804,800
Vegetables	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300	23,109,000	22,146,600
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000	31,500,000	31,000,000
P. M. A. Payments	<u>82,000</u>	<u>210,800</u>	<u>265,700</u>	<u>595,400</u>	<u>256,600</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	99,491,600	87,308,300	95,222,100	107,343,000	105,946,000
Apiary Products	<u>169,700</u>	<u>93,280</u>	<u>183,700</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>448,000</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580	\$95,405,800	\$107,570,000	\$106,394,000

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# **CROP REPORT** **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1953  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Los Angeles County farmers received \$93,050,800 from plant crops and honey from 231,000 crop acres in 1953. This total represents a drop of \$13,343,200 from 1952 when 245,000 crop acres were farmed.

The reduction was due to a combination of lower prices received by farmers for most crops throughout the year; acreage loss to subdivisions; and the near failure of deciduous fruits and loss to several dry farmed field crops as a result of adverse weather. Spring rains were inadequate and late frosts hit hard.

There were bright spots, however. Lemons from 9,460 acres, due to good production and high prices, yielded a record breaking return of \$11,300,000. Because of above normal yields in the Antelope Valley, 42,500 acres of wheat brought \$1,148,000, the highest return ever known for this crop. Celery growers who enjoyed good prices at the peak production period in the spring, received \$8,120,000 or almost a million dollars more than in 1952. Strawberry production from 550 acres was worth \$1,856,200, a new high. Field corn grown in the Antelope Valley where the poultry industry offers a ready market zoomed to 1,450 acres from only 410 acres the year before.

Citrus returns came to \$26,574,000, as compared to a 1952 total for this crop of \$28,678,000. A preponderance of small sizes plus loss of 2,400 acres of Valencias to subdivision, caused a drop from \$10,557,000 in 1952 to \$8,580,000 this past year.

Peaches, Bartlett pears, and walnuts, were crops that produced lightly because of spring frosts. Certain dry farmed crops, such as garbanzo beans and grain hay, suffered due to insufficient moisture in the spring. Honey production was low because of drought conditions in the spring that prevented flowers from developing.

Alfalfa hay because of both a reduction in acreage and a dip in price, returned \$7,583,000 compared with \$11,800,000 in 1952. However, income from alfalfa seed and stubble used for sheep feed showed an increase of \$115,000.

Value of vegetables totaled \$20,179,100, which was nearly \$2,000,000 below 1952. Crop acres were down 3,435 but lower prices for most vegetables also contributed to the reduction. Spinach, romaine, mustard greens, and endive, which are particularly subject to smog damage, totaled only 1,950 crop acres as compared to 4,700 in 1948.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$18,500,000	Navels	\$6,327,000
Lemons	11,300,000	Strawberries	1,856,200
Cut Flowers	10,000,000	Irrigated pastures	1,430,000
Valencias	8,580,000	Wheat	1,148,000
Celery	8,120,000	Avocados	1,073,200
Alfalfa hay	7,583,000	Green onions	1,025,000

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. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures was made. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

# PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1953

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc	8,830	2,220,000	Boxes(rkd)	\$ 6,327,000
Oranges-Valencia	19,500	3,900,000	"	8,580,000
Lemons	9,460	2,260,000	"	11,300,000
Grapefruit	650	180,000	"	342,000
Limes	40	360,000	Pounds	25,000
Total	38,480			\$26,574,000

<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,990	258,400	Pounds	72,400
Apples	190	11,400	Boxes (45#)	51,300
Apricots	200	6,000	Lugs (25#)	10,800
Avocados**	2,700	405,000	Flats (13#)	1,073,200
Figs	190	47,500	" (6#)	35,600
Grapes	1,310	3,930	Tons	275,100
Olives	1,400	110	"	13,200
Peaches	790	11,800	Lugs (20#)	21,300
Pears	430	12,500	Boxes (50#)	50,400
Walnuts	6,550	14,000	cwt.	238,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	220			22,000
Total	15,970			\$ 1,863,300

<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	50	25,000	Tray(12	56,200
Strawberries	550	825,000	" bskt)	1,856,200
Total	600			\$ 1,912,400

<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	49,000	308,000	Tons	7,583,000
" seed, certified	1,900	693,500	Pounds	180,300
" " , common***	(3,500)	1,662,500	"	332,500
" stubble***	(25,000)			216,000
Beans, dry-blackeye	5,500	71,500	cwt.	715,000
" " -garbanzo	250	800	"	10,000
" " -standard lima	1,600	19,500	"	213,600
Beets, sugar****	70	890	Tons	8,800
Corn, field	1,450	49,900	cwt	167,100
" , milo	520	15,900	"	47,600
" , silage	500	6,000	Tons	39,000
Cotton	60	66	Bales	11,200
Flower seed	580			261,000
Grain-barley	16,000	232,000	cwt.	675,000
" -oats	400	6,400	"	20,200
" -wheat*****	42,500	319,000	"	1,148,000
Grain hay	17,000	20,000	Tons	500,000
Irrigated pastures	11,000			1,430,000
Miscellaneous	500			75,000
Total	148,830			\$13,633,300

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1953

\*\* " " " September 30, 1953

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops. Included in the 49,000 acres of alfalfa hay.

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments

\*\*\*\*\* " " " Wheat Crop Insurance Payments

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	420	63,000	Crates (32#)	267,700
Beans, snap	600	93,000	" (70#)	558,000
" , green lima	450	40,500	" (80#)	170,000
Beets, table	450	202,500	" (3 doz)	202,500
Broccoli	100	16,000	" (42#)	32,000
Cabbage	2,500	625,000	" (80#)	781,300
Carrots	700	600,000	Sacks (50#)	900,000
Cauliflower	1,800	720,000	Crates (12 heads)	648,000
Celery	2,200	2,800,000	" (sturdy)	8,120,000
Chinese food veg.	200			350,000
Corn, sweet	1,800	335,000	" (5 doz)	670,000
Cucumbers, pickle	350	2,100	Tons	117,600
" , table	450	337,500	Lugs (30#)	337,500
Endive	250	100,000	Crates (3 doz)	125,000
Lettuce	350	122,500	" (3 " )	110,300
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,400	364,000	" (55#)	655,200
Melons, water	150	1,600	Tons	24,800
Mustard, greens	400	160,000	Crates (4 doz)	160,000
Onions, dry	1,350	945,000	Sacks (50#)	661,500
" , green	1,300	585,000	Crates (8 doz)	1,025,000
Parsley	170	204,000	" (6 doz)	245,000
Parsnips	200	130,000	Lugs (26#)	162,500
Peppers, dry	250	312	Tons	143,500
" , green	150	30,000	Crates (50#)	75,000
Potatoes, sweet	150	45,000	Lugs (32#)	90,000
" , white	500	126,000	cwt	170,500
Pumpkins	100	800	Tons	20,000
Radishes	1,200	516,000	Crates (6 doz)	541,800
Rhubarb	120	120,000	Flats (20#)	198,000
Romaine	500	300,000	Crates (3 doz)	330,000
Spinach, market	800	320,000	" (4 doz)	400,000
Squash, Italian	300	150,000	Lugs (30#)	202,500
" , summer	300	135,000	" (30#)	189,000
" , hanana	1,000	5,500	Tons	192,500
Tomatoes, canning	620	9,800	"	225,400
" , market	600	420,000	Lugs (32#)	483,000
Turnips	700	280,000	Crates (2½ doz)	294,000
Misc. Vegetables	600			300,000
Total	25,480			\$20,179,100

## NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	1,600	\$10,000,000
Nursery stock		18,500,000
Total		\$28,500,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 200,000
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	46,700
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	2,000
Total	\$ 248,700

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$92,910,800

## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	875,000 pounds	\$ 105,000
Beeswax	13,000 "	6,000
Pollination Services	8,800 colonies	29,000
		\$ 140,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$93,050,800

## S U M M A R Y 1949-1953 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000	\$ 28,678,000	\$26,574,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,904,500	2,147,000	2,749,500	3,215,000	1,863,300
Berries	886,800	1,110,000	1,361,300	1,845,000	1,912,400
Field Crops	11,407,800	11,870,800	15,996,800	18,804,800	13,633,300
Vegetables	17,031,700	18,690,300	23,109,000	22,146,600	20,179,100
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	30,000,000	29,500,000	31,500,000	31,000,000	28,500,000
P.M.A. Payments	210,800	265,700	595,400	256,600	248,700
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	<u>87,308,300</u>	<u>95,222,100</u>	<u>107,343,000</u>	<u>105,946,000</u>	<u>92,910,800</u>
Apiary Products	93,280	183,700	227,000	448,000	140,000
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	<u>\$87,401,580</u>	<u>\$95,405,800</u>	<u>\$107,570,000</u>	<u>\$106,394,000</u>	<u>\$93,050,800</u>



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# **CROP REPORT** **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1954  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Los Angeles County farmers received \$85,040,200 for plant crops and honey from 224,000 crop acres in 1954. This is a drop of \$8,010,600 from 1953 when 231,000 crop acres were harvested.

Loss of farm land to subdivisions, poor prices for several major crops and low yields for others were principal causes for reduction in value. Citrus diverted to subdivisions totaled 4,070 acres, more than half of which was Valencia oranges.

Citrus returns came to \$19,679,000 compared with \$26,574,000 in 1953. One of the lightest crops of Valencias in many years brought \$5,520,000, almost \$3,000,000 less than the previous year. Lemons netted \$9,200,000 compared with \$11,300,000 in 1953; the crop was big but by-products per ton prices were about half as much as the year before. Avocado yields were poor and value dropped to \$687,500 from \$1,073,200 in 1953.

Deciduous fruit and nut crops brought more money than any time since 1946. Bartlett pears worth \$50,400 in 1953--when the crop was a near failure because of spring frosts--jumped to \$476,000 this year. Peaches, apples, and almonds also showed gains.

Unfavorable weather cut down production of alfalfa and grains. Alfalfa hay was worth \$5,451,000, approximately \$2,000,000 below 1953. Antelope Valley field corn was grown on 5,500 acres with record breaking yields; because of the increase of poultry and livestock industries in the Valley more of this crop will be planted on land formerly in other farm products.

Nursery stock value advanced to \$22,000,000 from \$18,500,000, the year before, stimulated by demand from owners of new homes. There are nearly 2,600 nursery locations in the county.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery Stock	\$22,000,000	Navel Oranges	\$ 4,710,000
Lemons	\$ 9,200,000	Irrigated Pastures	\$ 1,600,000
Cut Flowers	\$ 8,500,000	Strawberries	\$ 1,435,000
Valencias	\$ 5,520,000	Dry Beans	\$ 1,334,000
Alfalfa Hay	\$ 5,451,000	Carrots	\$ 1,215,000
Celery	\$ 4,920,000	Green Onions	\$ 1,080,000

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 statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers, were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

# PLANT CROP REPORT -- LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1954

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>			
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	8,150	1,360,000 Boxes (pkd)	\$ 4,710,000
Oranges-Valencia	16,880	1,500,000 " "	5,520,000
Lemons	8,770	2,340,000 " "	9,200,000
Grapefruit	570	120,000 " "	230,000
Limes	40	320,000 Pounds	19,000
Total	34,410		\$19,679,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>			
Almonds	2,090	373,500 Pounds	100,900
Apples	180	16,600 Boxes (45#)	52,300
Apricots	190	8,240 Lugs (25#)	15,200
Avocados**	2,610	250,000 Flats (13#)	687,500
Figs	170	51,000 " (6#)	43,400
Grapes	1,210	4,840 Tons	290,400
Olives	1,400	1,200 "	86,000
Peaches	760	168,500 Lugs (20#)	272,300
Pears	430	133,300 Boxes (50#)	476,000
Walnuts	5,900	11,000 cwt.	178,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	200		40,000
Total	15,140		\$ 2,242,000
<u>BERRIES</u>			
Bushberries	50	35,000 Tray (12	105,000
Strawberries	500	700,000 bskt)	1,435,000
Total	550		\$ 1,540,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>			
Alfalfa hay	44,100	231,000 Tons	5,451,000
" seed, certified	1,700	799,800 Pounds	280,000
" " , common***	(6,100)	2,897,500 "	724,400
" stubble***	(24,000)		228,000
Beans, dry-blackeye	4,400	77,000 cwt	746,500
" " -garbanzo	1,900	26,000 "	273,500
" " -standard lima	2,400	29,200 "	314,000
Beets, sugar****	90	1,480 Tons	13,400
Corn, field	5,600	206,600 cwt	698,300
" , milo	1,700	52,700 "	150,200
" , silage	600	6,000 Tons	36,000
Cotton	50	71 Bales	12,800
Flower seed	200		110,000
Grain-barley	22,500	356,000 cwt.	854,000
" -oats	350	5,500 "	18,300
" -wheat*****	35,800	132,500 "	483,500
Grain hay	16,000	27,200 Tons	654,000
Irrigated pastures	12,000		1,600,000
Miscellaneous	500		75,000
Total	149,890		\$12,722,900

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1954

\*\* " " " September 30, 1954

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops.  
Included in the 44,100 acres of alfalfa hay.

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments.

\*\*\*\*\* " " " " " Wheat Crop Insurance Payments



# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	320	56,000	Crates (32#)	\$ 252,000
Beans, snap	700	105,000	" (70#)	656,300
" , green lima	350	35,000	" (80#)	158,000
Beets, table	420	192,000	" ( 3 doz.)	192,000
Broccoli	100	15,000	" (42#)	33,800
Cabbage	2,300	630,000	" (80#)	882,000
Carrots	900	810,000	Sacks (50#)	1,215,000
Cauliflower	1,200	600,000	Crates (12 head)	575,000
Celery	2,100	2,520,000	" (sturdy)	4,920,000
Chinese food veg.	200		"	400,000
Corn, sweet	1,700	340,000	" (5 doz.)	850,000
Cucumbers, pickle	60	360	Tons	21,600
" , table	400	280,000	Lugs (30#)	350,000
Endive	200	80,000	Crates ( 3 doz)	104,000
Greens, mustard				
& misc.	600	240,000	"	264,000
Lettuce	350	140,000	" ( 3 doz)	210,000
& misc.				
& misc.	900	225,000	" (55#)	360,000
Melons, water	110	1,350	Tons	25,200
Onions, dry	800	740,000	Sacks (50#)	740,000
" , green	1,200	540,000	Crates ( 8 doz.)	1,080,000
Parsley	100	100,000	" ( 6 doz.)	150,000
Parsnips	300	225,000	Lugs (26#)	393,700
Peppers, dry	140	175	Tons	61,200
" , green	120	24,000	Crates (50#)	60,000
Potatoes, sweet	100	30,000	Lugs (32#)	60,000
" , white	70	23,800	cwt	59,500
Pumpkin	150	1,500	Tons	30,000
Radishes	1,100	467,000	Crates ( 6 doz.)	537,000
Rhubarb	120	144,000	Flats (20#)	230,400
Romaine	500	400,000	Crates ( 3 doz.)	500,000
Spinach	800	320,000	" ( 4 doz.)	448,000
Squash, Italian	400	180,000	Lugs (30#)	270,000
" , summer	300	135,000	" (30#)	216,000
" , winter	1,100	8,250	Tons	247,500
Tomatoes, canning	600	10,200	"	234,600
" , market	550	700	Lugs (32#)	539,000
Turnips	600	240,000	Crates (2 1/2 doz.)	324,000
Misc.vegetables	500			300,000
Total	22,460			\$17,949,800

## NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	1,400	\$ 8,500,000
Nursery stock		22,000,000
Total		\$30,500,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 79,200
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	40,000
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	2,300
Total	\$ 121,500

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$84,755,200

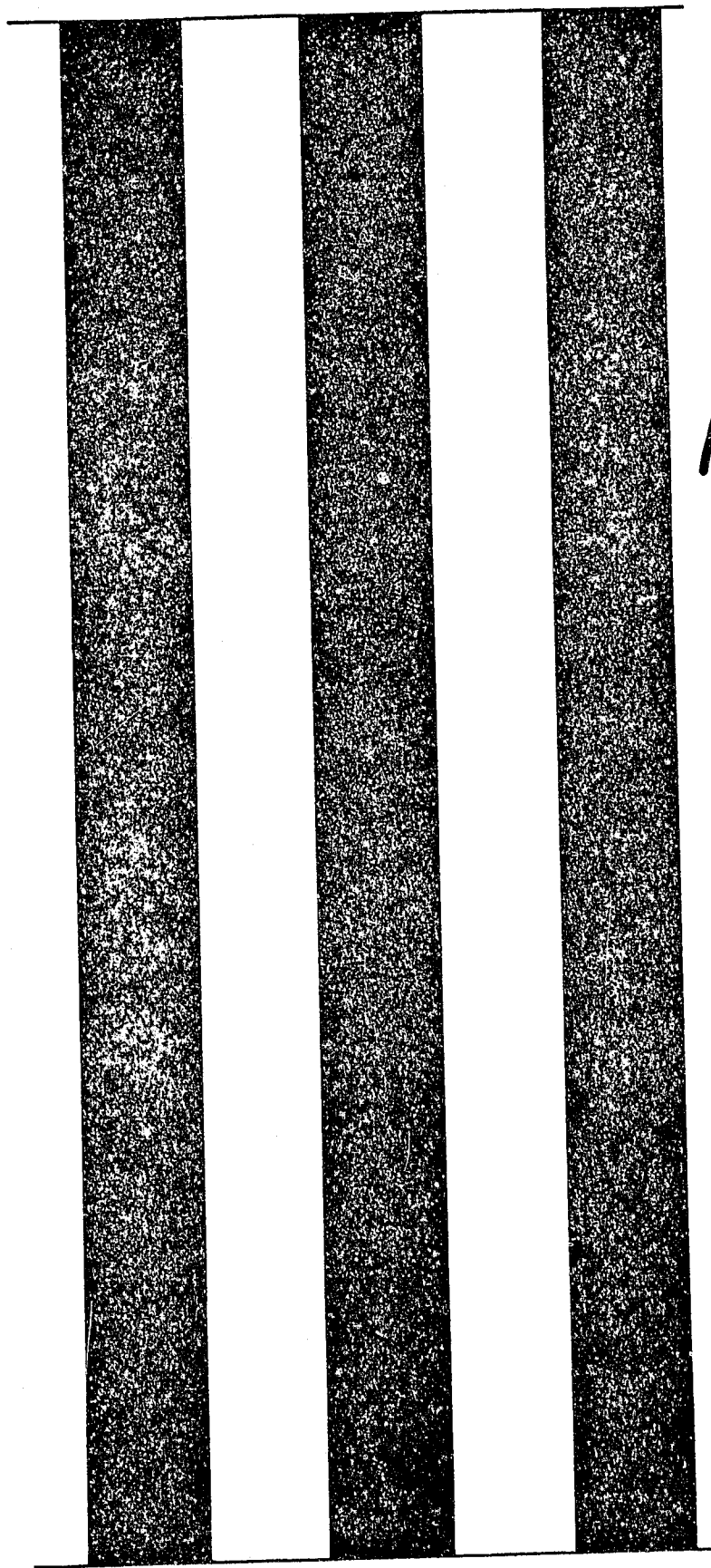
## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	2,100,000 pounds	\$ 252,000
Beeswax	35,000 "	15,000
Pollination Services	3,500 colonies	18,000
Total		\$ 285,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$85,040,200

## S U M M A R Y 1950-1954 Inclusive

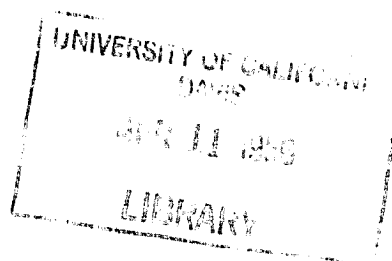
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000	\$ 28,678,000	\$26,574,000	\$19,679,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,147,000	2,749,500	3,215,000	1,863,300	2,242,000
Berries	1,110,000	1,361,300	1,845,000	1,912,400	1,540,000
Field Crops	11,870,800	15,996,800	18,804,800	13,633,300	12,722,900
Vegetables	18,690,300	23,109,000	22,146,600	20,179,100	17,949,800
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	29,500,000	31,500,000	31,000,000	28,500,000	30,500,000
A.S.C. Payments	265,700	595,400	256,600	248,700	121,500
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	95,222,100	107,343,000	105,946,000	92,910,800	84,755,200
Apiary Products	183,700	227,000	448,000	140,000	285,000
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	\$95,405,800	\$107,570,000	\$106,394,000	\$93,050,800	\$85,040,200



1955

# **CROP REPORT**

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1955  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Los Angeles County farmers received \$85,519,800 for plant crops and honey from 205,000 crop acres in 1955. This constituted a gain of \$479,600 from 1954 when 224,000 crop acres were harvested.

Despite loss of farm land to residential subdivisions and industry, increased value or production of several crops offset the decreases in others.

Citrus with 4,040 less acres returned \$17,308,000 compared with \$19,679,000 a year ago. Valencia small sizes were detrimental from the marketing standpoint and value dropped to \$5,130,000 about \$400,000 from 1954. Biggest difference in the citrus group the past two years was lemons. The 1955 value of \$7,800,000 was nearly \$1,400,000 below the previous year's figure, the main cause of which was lower production and lower prices paid to growers for by-products fruit.

Avocado acreage, (2,610) held its own. In spite of lower prices than in 1954, production doubled to bring the valuation to \$927,000, nearly \$250,000 more than the year before.

For the first time in this county vegetables brought higher returns than citrus. Vegetables were valued at \$18,915,600 which was almost \$1,000,000 ahead of 1954. Celery, the county's most important vegetable crop was worth \$5,440,000. Year round succession of plantings of row crops such as green onions, spinach, and radishes make them important items in the truck crop field. One notable drop in acreage due to subdivisions was cauliflower, lessened to 950 acres from 1,200 the year before. Strawberries, although the acreage has remained about the same for the past two years, (550 acres in 1955) were worth over a million dollars more than in 1954, valued at \$2,585,000, due to higher yields and better prices.

Spring frosts seriously affected the apple crop, and to some extent, both peaches and pears in the Antelope Valley. Almonds escaped damage and the crop was the heaviest and most valuable on record, bringing \$280,400.

Field crop prices had a value of \$12,198,200, slightly less than the 1954 figure. Alfalfa accounted for more than half of this amount.

Nursery stock value advanced to \$24,000,000 from \$22,000,000, the year before, stimulated by demand from owners of new homes. There are nearly 2,600 nursery locations in the county.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery Stock	\$24,000,000	Navel Oranges	\$4,080,000
Lemons	7,800,000	Strawberries	2,585,000
Cut Flowers	7,500,000	Carrots	1,440,000
Alfalfa Hay	6,442,000	Irrigated Pastures	1,200,000
Celery	5,440,000	Cabbage	1,170,000
Valencias	5,130,000	Green Onions	1,128,000

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers, were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
April 3, 1956

# PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1955

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>			
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	7,110	1,200,000 Boxes(pkd) \$	4,080,000
" -Valencia	14,610	1,800,000 " "	5,130,000
Lemons	8,090	2,000,000 " "	7,800,000
Grapefruit	530	140,000 " "	290,000
Limes	30	120,000 Pounds	8,000
Total	30,370		\$ 17,308,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>			
Almonds	2,240	710,000 Pounds	280,400
Apples	180	5,400 Boxes(45#)	19,400
Apricots	190	6,000 Lugs(25#)	9,000
Avocados**	2,610	530,000 Flats(13#)	927,500
Figs	180	72,000 " (6#)	64,800
Grapes	1,200	3,600 Tons	216,000
Olives	1,430	650 "	82,000
Peaches	740	103,600 Lugs (20#)	196,800
Pears	420	106,000 Boxes(50#)	424,000
Walnuts	5,450	12,000 cwt.	192,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	170	-	25,000
Total	14,810		\$ 2,436,900
<u>BERRIES</u>			
Bushberries	80	37,500 Tray(12 bskt)	93,800
Strawberries	550	1,100,000 " "	2,585,000
Total	630		\$ 2,678,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>			
Alfalfa hay	42,200	222,300 Tons	6,442,000
" seed, certified	1,990	855,700 Pounds	179,700
" " , common***	(7,110)	2,417,400 "	459,300
" stubble***	(22,000)		179,000
Beans, dry-blackeye	4,200	65,200 cwt	489,000
" " -garbanzo	1,000	4,800 "	50,800
" " -standard lima	1,200	14,300 "	150,000
Beets, sugar****	70	1,180 Tons	11,400
Corn, field	3,500	134,000 cwt	395,300
" , milo	1,300	38,200 "	93,400
" , silage	500	5,000 Tons	30,000
Cotton	50	25 Bales	3,700
Flower seed	100		50,000
Grain-barley	26,800	366,300 cwt	808,400
" -oats	300	2,500 "	7,000
" -wheat*****	26,500	204,000 "	714,200
" hay	15,500	23,700 Tons	740,000
" straw***	(8,000)	6,000 "	120,000
Irrigated pastures	11,000		1,200,000
Miscellaneous	500		75,000
Total	136,710		\$12,198,200

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1955

\*\* " " " September 30, 1955

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops; included in 42,200 acres of alfalfa hay or 26,800 acres of barley

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments

\*\*\*\*\* " " " Wheat Crop Insurance payments

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	360	57,600	Crates (32#)	\$ 230,400
Beans, snap	600	90,000	" (70#)	585,000
" , green lima	200	20,000	" (80#)	100,000
Beets, table	350	157,500	" (3 doz.)	196,800
Broccoli	100	15,000	" (42#)	43,500
Cabbage	1,800	585,000	" (80#)	1,170,000
Carrots	1,000	900,000	Sacks (50#)	1,440,000
Cauliflower	950	546,000	Crates (12 head)	682,500
Celery	2,200	2,530,000	" (sturdee)	5,440,000
Chinese food veg.	300			540,000
Corn, sweet	1,600	320,000	" (5 doz)	512,000
Cucumbers, table	400	260,000	Lugs (30#)	300,000
Endive	150	60,000	Crates (3 doz)	96,000
Greens, mustard & misc.	500	200,000	"	250,000
Lettuce	500	225,000	" (3 doz)	337,500
Melons, cantaloupes, & misc.	750	195,000	"	292,500
Melons, water	170	1,700	Tons	47,600
Onions, dry	750	712,500	Sacks (50#)	712,500
" , green	1,200	480,000	Crates (8 doz.)	1,128,000
Parsnips	200	160,000	Lugs (26#)	320,000
Peppers, dry	70	87	Tons	26,000
" , green	100	20,000	Crates (50#)	80,000
Potatoes, sweet	100	35,000	Lugs (32#)	87,500
Potatoes, white	350	107,000	cwt	226,500
Pumpkins	160	1,600	Tons	48,000
Radishes	1,100	412,500	Crates (6 doz.)	577,500
Rhubarb	100	100,000	Flats (20#)	175,000
Romaine	600	480,000	Crates (3 doz.)	600,000
Spinach	900	360,000	" (4 doz.)	540,000
Squash, Italian	350	140,000	Lugs (30#)	238,000
" , summer	250	112,500	" (30#)	197,000
" , winter	950	6,650	Tons	199,500
Tomatoes, canning	400	5,800	"	136,300
" , market	600	390,000	Lugs (32#)	585,000
Turnips	600	300,000	Crates (2 1/2 doz)	450,000
Misc.vegetables	500			325,000
Total	21,210			\$18,915,600

## NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers	1,200	\$ 7,500,000
Nursery stock		24,000,000
Total		\$31,500,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PAYMENTS

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments	\$	80,500
Conservation Programs		2,500
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers		
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation		9,300
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	\$	92,300
Total		

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$ 85,129,800

## APIARY PRODUCTS


Honey	2,495,000 pounds	\$	349,000
Beeswax	42,000 "		21,000
Pollination Services	4,000 colonies		20,000
Total		\$	390,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 85,519,800

## S U M M A R Y 1951-1955 Inclusive

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$32,031,000	\$ 28,678,000	\$ 26,574,000	\$ 19,679,000	\$ 17,308,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,749,500	3,215,000	1,863,300	2,242,000	2,436,900
Berries	1,361,300	1,845,000	1,912,400	1,540,000	2,678,800
Field Crops	15,996,800	18,804,800	13,633,300	12,722,900	12,198,200
Vegetables	23,109,000	22,146,600	20,179,100	17,949,800	18,915,600
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	31,500,000	31,000,000	28,500,000	30,500,000	31,500,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	595,400	256,600	248,700	121,500	92,300
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	<u>107,343,000</u>	<u>105,946,000</u>	<u>92,910,800</u>	<u>84,755,200</u>	<u>85,129,800</u>
Apiary Products	227,000	448,000	140,000	285,000	390,000
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	<u>\$107,570,000</u>	<u>\$106,394,000</u>	<u>\$93,050,800</u>	<u>\$85,040,200</u>	<u>\$85,519,800</u>





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# **CROP REPORT**

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1956  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops brought Los Angeles County farmers \$86,755,500 in 1956 from 198,600 harvested acres, \$1,235,700 more than the return from 205,000 crop acres in 1955.

Favorable weather for most crops and better control of destructive pests were chiefly responsible for the good harvest. Losses from spotted alfalfa aphid, citrus red scale, corn earworm, and pear blight were reduced. More effective chemical control of weeds increased grain and hay yields. Loss of farm land to subdivision continued at about the same rate as before.

Citrus with 4,270 fewer acres than last year returned \$16,918,000 compared with \$17,308,000 in 1955. Valencia sizes were larger, the crop was bigger, and the price was better bringing an increase in value to \$6,600,000, about \$1,500,000 above 1955. Lemons dropped from \$7,800,000 to \$6,550,000 mostly due to a decrease in production caused by a severe hot spell in September 1955.

Despite higher prices avocado crop returns dropped to \$438,900 compared to \$927,500 the previous year because of a very light set of fruit on Fuerte trees.

Vegetable production from 20,910 crop acres had a total value of \$20,039,800, an increase of \$1,124,200 over 1955. 14 vegetables returned over \$500,000 each including celery worth \$5,544,000. Increased production of strawberries despite lower prices, brought \$2,970,000 compared to \$2,585,000 in 1955.

In the Antelope Valley favorable spring weather resulted in a good set of fruit on peach and pear trees. Prices were lower but increased production brought higher returns for both crops. Alfalfa hay production increased by 23,500 tons due to effective control of spotted alfalfa aphid.

Field crops returned \$11,887,000 slightly less than 1955 chiefly due to lower alfalfa hay prices. Wheat and barley totaled \$1,752,300 an increase of \$229,700.

Nursery stock, in continuous demand from new home builders, advanced in value to \$24,500,000, an increase of \$500,000 over the year before. Retail and wholesale nursery locations in the county total nearly 2,700.

The 1954 Federal Census of Agriculture report recently released lists Los Angeles County as third in the nation in value of farm products including livestock production.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

Nursery stock	\$24,500,000	Alfalfa hay	\$5,752,000	Carrots	\$1,350,000
Cut flowers	8,000,000	Celery	5,544,000	Sweet corn	1,125,000
Valencia oranges	6,600,000	Navel oranges	3,500,000	Irrig.pastures	1,100,000
Lemons	6,550,000	Strawberries	2,970,000	Green onions	1,089,000

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statisticians office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
March 18, 1957

# PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1956

CROP	HEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	5,730	900,000	Boxes(pkd)	\$ 3,500,000
" Valencia	12,440	2,100,000	" "	6,600,000
Lemons	7,410	1,700,000	" "	6,550,000
Grapefruit	490	120,000	" "	264,000
Limes	30	60,000	Pounds	4,000
Total	26,100			\$16,918,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	2,240	280,000	Pounds	110,700
Apples	170	15,700	Boxes(45#)	39,200
Apricots	180	5,400	Lugs (25#)	9,200
Avocados**	2,610	154,000	Flats(13#)	438,900
Figs	180	54,000	" (6#)	40,500
Grapes	1,160	2,000	Tons	150,000
Olives	1,030	950	"	115,500
Peaches	730	225,000	Lugs (20#)	337,500
Pears	380	124,800	Boxes(50#)	444,900
Walnuts	4,890	5,000	cwt.	65,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	150			26,000
Total	13,720			\$ 1,777,400
<u>BERRIES</u>				
bushberries	80	64,000	Tray(12 bskt)	192,000
Strawberries	600	1,800,000	"	2,970,000
Total	680			\$ 3,970,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	42,700	236,700	Tons	5,752,000
" seed, certified	2,040	752,860	Pounds	263,500
" " , common***	(6,190)	2,340,000	"	561,600
" stubble***	(25,000)			205,000
Beans, dry-blackeye	3,300	50,000	Cwt	400,000
" " -garbanzo	2,200	35,000	"	315,000
" " -standard lima	1,800	22,900	"	240,000
Beets, sugar****	50	1,000	Tons	9,500
Corn, field	2,600	118,600	Cwt	373,500
" , milo	1,400	43,400	"	123,700
" , silage	300	4,500	Tons	27,000
Cotton	190	247	Bales	48,400
Grain, barley	28,000	396,000	Cwt	953,600
" , oats	850	10,500	"	35,500
" , wheat*****	27,800	228,200	"	798,700
Grain hay	12,700	20,300	Tons	570,000
" straw***	(4,000)	4,000	"	80,000
Irrigated pastures	10,000			1,100,000
Miscellaneous	200			30,000
Total	136,130			\$11,887,000

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1956

\*\* " " " September 30, 1956

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops, included in 42,700 acres of alfalfa hay or 28,000 acres of barley.

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments.

\*\*\*\*\* " " " " Wheat Crop Insurance payments.

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	370	55,500	Crates(32#)	\$ 249,800
Beans, snap	600	105,000	" (70#)	735,000
" , green lima	200	20,000	" (80#)	90,000
Beets, table	350	140,000	" (3 doz.)	175,000
Broccoli	100	2,500	" (42#)	31,300
Cabbage	1,700	10,000	" (80#)	637,500
Carrots	1,000	900,000	Sacks (50#)	1,350,000
Cauliflower	900	495,000	Crates(12 head)	569,300
Celery	2,100	2,520,000	" (sturdee)	5,544,000
Chinese Food veg.	300			600,000
Corn, sweet	1,800	450,000	" (5 doz)	1,125,000
Cucumbers, table	400	240,000	Lugs (30#)	264,000
Endive	150	60,000	Crates(3 doz)	90,000
Greens, mustard & Misc.	600	240,000	Crates	360,000
Lettuce	500	350,000	" (3 " )	560,000
Melons, cantaloupes & Misc.	550	165,000	"	305,300
" , water	120	1,440	Tons	36,000
Onions, dry	550	478,000	Sacks (50#)	932,100
" , green	1,100	495,000	Crates(8 doz)	1,089,000
Parsnips	250	200,000	Lugs (26#)	420,000
Peppers, green	120	24,000	Crates(50#)	108,000
Potatoes, sweet	100	35,000	Lugs (32#)	84,000
" , white	400	108,000	Cwt	237,600
Pumpkins	150	1,500	Tons	37,500
Radishes	1,100	385,000	Crates(6 doz)	520,000
Rhubarb	150	180,000	Flats (20#)	306,000
Romaine	600	180,000	Crates(3 doz)	644,000
Spinach	900	360,000	" (4 doz)	576,000
Squash, Italian	400	160,000	Lugs (30#)	264,000
" , Summer	250	100,000	" "	175,000
" , Winter	1,000	10,000	Tons	250,000
Tomatoes, canning	400	6,400	"	150,400
" , market	400	320,000	Lugs (32#)	464,000
Turnips	800	400,000	Crates(2½ doz)	560,000
Misc.vegetables	500			500,000
Total	20,910			\$20,039,800

## NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers	1,100	8,000,000
Nursery Stock		24,500,000
Total		\$32,500,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PAYMENTS

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments	\$	65,000
Conservation Programs		2,160
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers		
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation		4,300
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments		
Soil Bank		8,640
Acreage Reserve Payments		
Total	\$	80,100
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$	\$86,364,300


## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	2,475,000 pounds	347,000
Beeswax	41,300 "	24,000
Pollination Services	4,000 colonies	20,200
		\$ 391,200
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS		\$86,755,500

## S U M M A R Y 1952-1956 Inclusive

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$28,678,000	\$26,574,000	\$19,679,000	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	3,215,000	1,863,300	2,242,000	2,436,900	1,777,400
Berries	1,845,000	1,912,400	1,540,000	2,678,800	3,162,000
Field Crops	18,804,800	13,633,300	12,722,900	12,198,200	11,887,000
Vegetables	22,146,600	20,179,100	17,949,800	18,915,600	20,039,800
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	31,000,000	28,500,000	30,500,000	31,500,000	32,500,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	256,600	248,700	121,500	92,300	80,100
Total Plant Crops	105,946,000	92,910,800	84,755,200	85,129,800	86,364,300
Apiary Products	448,000	140,000	285,000	390,000	391,200
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	\$106,394,000	\$93,050,800	\$85,040,200	\$85,519,800	\$86,755,500

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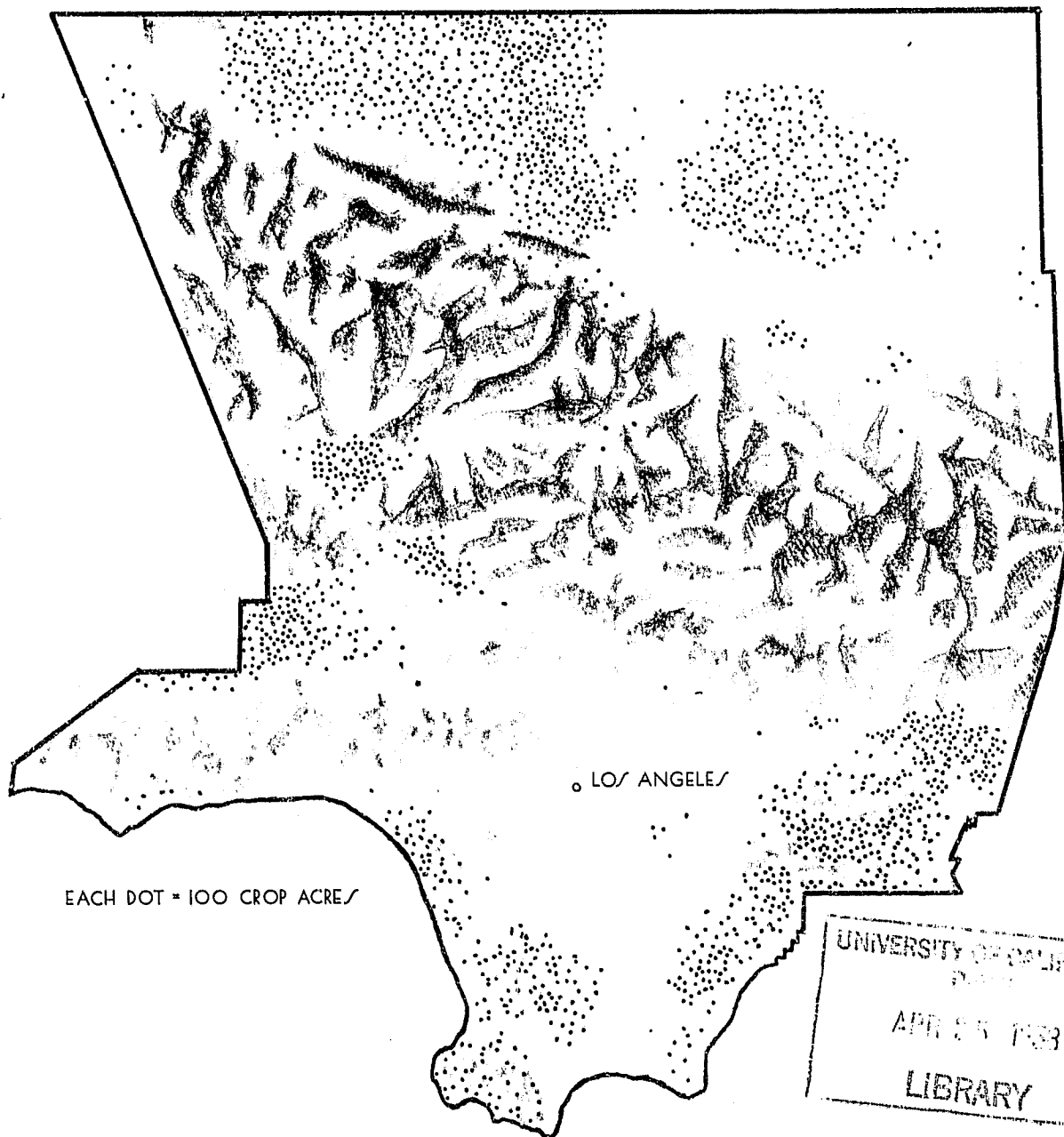
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# **CROP REPORT**

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

### **1957**



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER



LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1957  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1957 from 177,100 harvested acres brought \$86,276,800. This was less than 1% below the 1956 total of \$86,755,500 from 198,600 crop acres. The 1957 returns were greater than either the 1955 or the 1954 values.

Continued loss of farm land to subdivision was largely offset by high production and generally favorable prices.

Citrus returns dropped to \$13,740,000 with a reduction of 7,850 acres. The crop brought \$16,918,000 in 1956. The navel crop volume and return was about the same. The lemon value of \$5,450,000 was \$1,100,000 under the previous year. Production per acre was higher and the total crop was about the same but prices were lower than 1956. Valencias dropped from \$6,600,000 to \$4,590,000 due to lower production from less acreage. Avocado returns increased to \$488,400 from \$438,900 because of higher prices for a smaller crop.

Vegetable production from 20,800 crop acres showed an increase in value of \$2,075,000 totaling \$22,114,800. This is the highest return since the \$23,109,000 total of 1951. The Celery crop returned \$7,260,000 due to good yields and high prices during the spring shipping season. Carrots, cabbage, green onions, and potatoes also showed sizeable increases in value. Strawberries brought \$2,800,000 about the same as last year.

In the Antelope Valley favorable spring weather resulted in a good set of fruit on almond, peach, and pear trees. Total returns surpassed last year by \$104,900. The Alfalfa hay crop brought higher prices with a return of \$4,855,000 from 34,000 acres.

Field crops returned \$10,466,700 compared with \$11,887,000 in 1956. The decrease was mostly due to acreage reductions of wheat, dry beans and field corn.

Nursery stock continued to increase in value with a total of \$26,600,000, a gain of \$2,100,000 from last year. At the end of 1957 the number of nursery locations in the county totaled 2,618, about one third of the state's total. Cut flowers were worth \$8,300,000, an increase of \$300,000 over 1956.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

Nursery stock	\$26,600,000	Lemons	\$5,450,000	Carrots	\$1,804,000
Cut flowers	8,300,000	Valencia oranges	4,590,000	Green onions	1,358,500
Celery	7,260,000	Navel oranges	3,440,000	Irrig.pastures	1,150,000
Alfalfa hay	5,865,000	Strawberries	2,800,000	Sweet corn	1,004,600

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
April 7, 1958

# PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1957

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,920	1,760,000	Cartons	\$ 3,440,000
" Valencia	8,040	2,700,000	"	4,590,000
Lemons	5,970	3,300,000	"	5,450,000
Grapefruit	320	250,000	"	260,000
Total	18,250			\$ 13,740,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,700	632,500	Pounds	232,000
Apples	60	6,600	Boxes(45#)	16,600
Apricots	40	2,400	Lugs (25#)	3,500
Avocados (2)	2,210	132,000	Flats(13#)	488,400
Cherries	30	35,700	Pounds	5,000
Figs	100	40,000	Flats( 6#)	40,000
Grapes	260	780	Tons	62,400
Olives	660	1,000	"	102,000
Peaches	470	161,700	Lugs (20#)	265,000
Pears	280	129,200	Boxes(50#)	468,600
Walnuts	2,910	5,700	cwt.	114,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	40			16,000
Total	8,760			\$ 1,813,500
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	80	60,000	Tray(12 bskt)	180,000
Strawberries	750	1,600,000	"	2,800,000
Total	830			\$ 2,980,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay (3)	40,500	229,700	Tons	5,865,000
" seed;certified	1,940	696,600	Pounds	174,200
" " ,common		1,816,000	"	326,900
" stubble				216,000
Beans,dry-blackeye	2,200	28,600	cwt.	217,000
" " -garbanzo	1,200	7,800	"	93,600
" " -standard lima	1,300	10,400	"	105,000
Beets, sugar(4)	60	1,270	Tons	10,200
Corn, field	800	36,000	cwt.	99,000
" , milo	1,050	28,400	"	66,700
" , silage	300	4,500	Tons	22,500
Cotton	160	232	Bales	46,600
Grain, barley(5)	28,900	369,400	cwt.	797,400
" , oats	570	6,400	"	19,800
" , wheat (6)	23,100	169,800	"	602,800
Grain hay	12,900	21,500	Tons	568,500
" straw		3,700	"	55,500
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,150,000
Miscellaneous	200			30,000
Total	124,680			\$ 10,466,700

- (1) Crop year ending October 31,1957 (4) Does not include Sugar Act Payments.  
 (2) " " " September 30,1957 (5) Includes 5,000 acres of grain straw.  
 (3) Includes 4,540 acres of common alfalfa seed and 27,000 acres of alfalfa stubble. (6) Does not include Wheat Crop Insurance Payments.

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	360	50,400	Crates (32#)	\$ 226,800
Beans; snap	500	87,500	" (70#)	656,200
" , green lima	100	9,000	" (80#)	45,000
Beets, table	300	120,000	" (3 doz.)	138,000
Cabbage	1,600	480,000	" (80#)	840,000
Carrots	1,100	880,000	Sacks (50#)	1,804,000
Cauliflower	700	350,000	Crates (12 head)	350,000
Celery	1,950	2,340,000	" (sturdee)	7,260,000
Chinese Food vegetables	300			735,000
Corn, sweet	1,900	427,500	" (5 doz.)	1,004,600
Cucumbers, table	300	150,000	Lugs (30#)	187,500
Endive	150	60,000	Crates (3 doz.)	75,000
Greens, mustard & Misc.	750	300,000	"	435,000
Lettuce	800	560,000	" (3 doz.)	504,000
Melons, cantaloupes & Mic.	560	134,600	"	307,800
" , water	190	2,090	Tons	41,800
Onions, dry	600	450,000	Sacks (50#)	607,500
" , green	1,100	522,500	Crates (8 doz.)	1,358,500
Parsnips	150	120,000	Lugs (26#)	210,000
Peppers, green	150	30,000	Crates (50#)	112,500
Potatoes, white	1,030	277,200	cwt.	639,100
Pumpkins	200	2,200	Tons	48,400
Radishes	1,200	480,000	Crates (6 doz.)	648,000
Rhubarb	170	204,000	Flats (20#)	377,400
Romaine	600	390,000	Crates (3 doz.)	332,000
Spinach	800	360,000	" (4 doz.)	540,000
Squash, Italian	400	160,000	Lugs (30#)	280,000
" , Summer	300	120,000	"	210,000
" , Winter	700	4,900	Tons	147,000
Tomatoes; canning	340	4,200	"	98,700
" , market	350	350,000	Lugs (32#)	595,000
Turnips	750	450,000	Crates (2½ doz.)	675,000
Misc. vegetables	400			625,000
Total	20,800			\$ 22,114,800
<u>NURSERY STOCK</u>				
Bedding & Vegetable Plants	140			3,525,000
Bulbs, Seeds & Cuttings	530			1,923,000
Ornamentals, Roses & Trees	2,050			19,088,800
Pot Plants	50			2,063,200
Total	2,770			\$ 26,600,000
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Asters	80			480,000
Carnations	80			2,240,000
Chrysanthemum	300			1,460,000
Daisies	150			450,000
Stocks	200			400,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	200			3,270,000
Total	1,010			\$ 8,300,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PAYMENTS


Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments	\$	29,306
Conservation Programs		1,910
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers		
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation		
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments		24
Soil Bank		
Acreage Reserve Payments		27,588
Conservation Reserve		21,372
Total	\$	80,200
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$	86,095,200

## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,350,000 Pounds	148,500
Beeswax	23,000 "	13,100
Pollination	4,000 Colonies	20,000
Total		\$ 181,600
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS		\$ 86,276,800

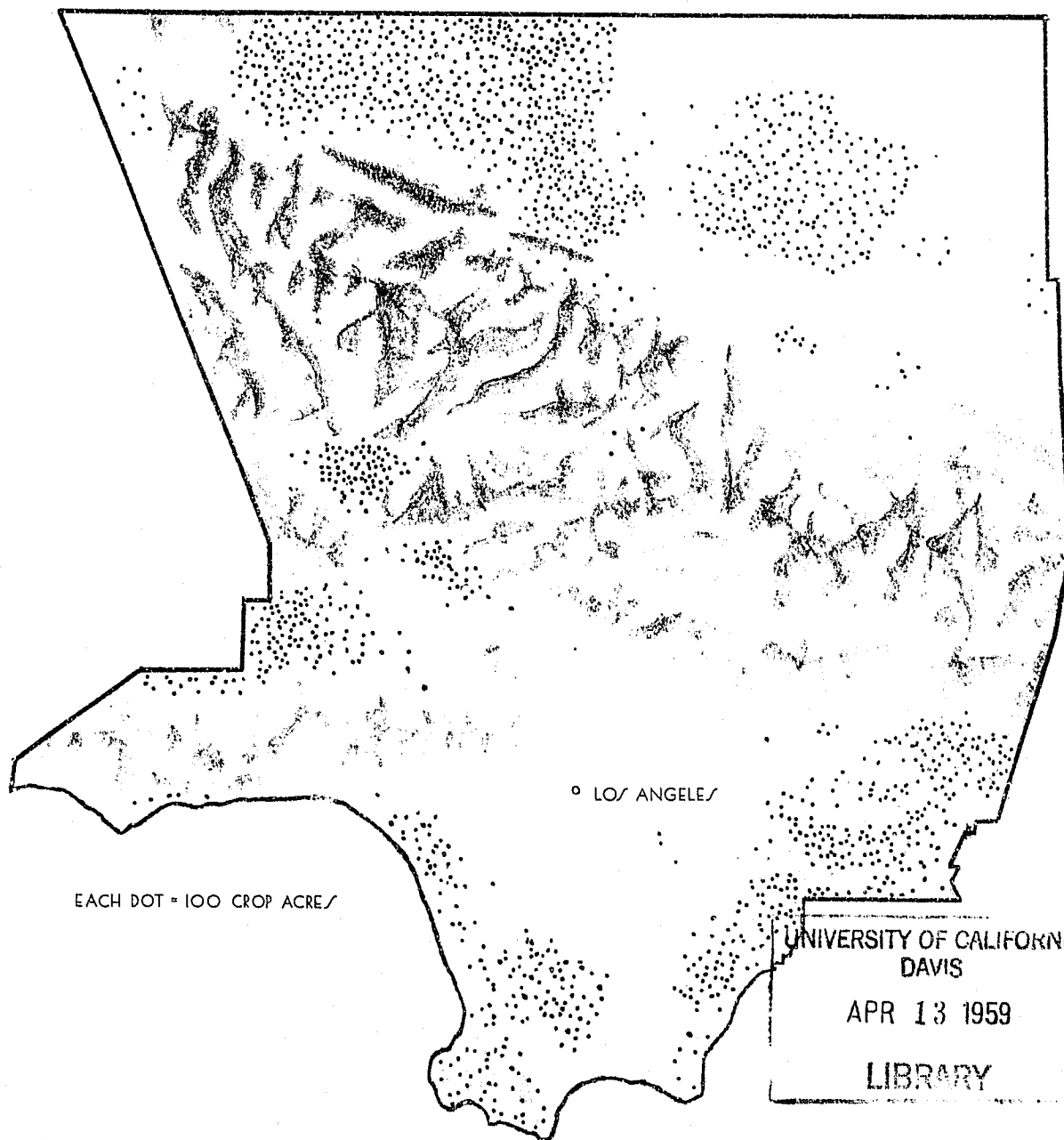
## S U M M A R Y 1953-1957 Inclusive

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$26,574,000	\$19,679,000	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	1,863,300	2,242,000	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500
Berries	1,912,400	1,540,000	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000
Field Crops	13,633,300	12,722,900	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700
Vegetables	20,179,100	17,949,800	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800
Nursery Stock	18,500,000	22,000,000	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000
Cut Flowers	10,000,000	8,500,000	7,500,000	8,000,000	8,300,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	248,700	121,500	92,300	80,100	80,200
Total Plant Crops	92,910,800	84,755,200	85,129,800	86,364,300	86,095,200
Apiary Products	140,000	285,000	390,000	391,200	181,600
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$93,050,800	\$85,040,200	\$85,519,800	\$86,755,500	\$86,276,800

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**CROP REPORT**  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**1958**



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1958  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Los Angeles County plant crops harvested from 172,435 crop acres brought \$88,335,800 in 1958, with apiary products included. With the lowest crop acreage of record, the total return was the largest since 1953, and has only been exceeded in ten of the 26 years since complete records have been kept.

Loss of farm land to subdivision was largely offset by high production of many crops and by favorable prices. Good growing weather, abundant rainfall, and better control of destructive pests were chiefly responsible for the good harvest and high quality. Chemical control of weeds materially increased grain and hay yields.

Citrus returns from 17,255 acres dropped to \$10,400,000 from \$13,740,000 in 1957. The biggest reduction was in navel oranges, with the lightest crop in many years. Lemon value of \$4,160,000 was \$1,290,000 under the previous year. Valencias, also a light crop, returned \$3,940,000 compared with \$4,590,000 in 1957.

In the Antelope Valley weather was conducive to good sets of peaches, Bartlett pears and almonds. Value of almonds was \$292,400 compared with \$232,000 the year before. Per acre production was higher than in other areas of the State where the crop was light due to adverse spring weather. Peach values gained substantially and pear returns were about the same for the past two years. The total value of Antelope Valley crops came to \$10,494,840, one of the highest on record.

Vegetable production worth \$23,512,900 from 20,595 crop acres showed an increase over 1957 of \$1,398,100. The celery crop brought \$8,250,000 because of high production and prices. This total was \$990,000 above that of 1957. Other gains were in green onions, Chinese food vegetables, radishes and rhubarb.

Field crops were worth \$11,484,500 compared with \$10,466,700 in 1957. Over half of the million-dollar increase came from abundant wheat and barley crops.

Nursery stock accounting for a third of the total plant crop returns, together with cut flowers, brought \$37,300,000. Los Angeles County probably remains the first county in the nation in value of these horticultural specialties, as it was in the last Federal census of 1954. It was then the third county in value of all farm crops, including livestock and dairy products. At the end of 1958 there were 2,694 nursery locations in the county, about one-third of the state total.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$29,432,000	Lemons	\$4,160,000	Green onions	\$1,500,000
Celery	8,250,000	Valencia oranges	3,940,000	Carrots	1,400,000
Cut flowers	7,900,000	Strawberries	2,660,000	Irrig. pastures	1,200,000
Alfalfa hay	6,197,300	Navel oranges	1,920,000	Wheat	1,046,300

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
March 25, 1959

PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1958

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,536	600,000	Cartons	\$ 1,920,000
" Valencia	7,455	1,380,000	"	3,940,000
Lemons	5,951	2,600,000	"	4,160,000
Grapefruit	313	220,000	"	380,000
Total	17,255			\$10,400,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,696	680,000	Pounds	292,400
Apples	63	11,400	Boxes(45#)	27,300
Apricots	36	5,400	Lugs (25#)	9,800
Avocados(2)	2,331	466,000	Flats(13#)	838,800
Cherries	36	54,000	Pounds	8,100
Figs	97	36,000	Flats(6#)	32,400
Grapes	255	780	Tons	66,300
Olives	656	220	"	20,000
Peaches	477	188,000	Lugs (20#)	334,000
Pears	274	132,500	Boxes(50#)	486,000
Walnuts	2,695	5,400	cwt.	102,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	62			58,800
Total	8,678			\$ 2,275,900
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	60	48,000	Tray (12 bskt.)	144,000
Strawberries	700	1,330,000	"	2,660,000
Total	760			\$ 2,804,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay (3)	37,700	236,300	Tons	6,197,300
" seed,certified	770	218,680	Pounds	70,000
" " ,common		1,066,000	"	202,600
" stubble				204,000
Beans,dry-blackeye	1,600	24,200	cwt.	181,500
" " -garbanzo	1,800	23,000	"	287,500
" " -standard lima	1,200	16,300	"	167,000
Beets,sugar(4)	15	90	Tons	900
Corn, field	520	24,960	cwt.	64,900
" , milo	1,340	38,860	"	89,400
" , silage	200	3,000	Tons	21,000
Cotton	212	413	Bales	74,300
Grain, barley(5)	27,300	410,800	cwt.	909,400
" , oats	800	15,800	"	37,600
" , wheat (6)	27,000	337,500	"	1,046,300
Grain hay	11,500	20,600	Tons	553,200
" straw		8,000	"	120,000
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,200,000
Miscellaneous	200			57,600
Total	121,657			\$11,484,500

(1)Crop year ending October 31, 1958

(2)" " " September 30, 1958

(3)Includes 2,600 acres of common alfalfa seed and 24,000 acres of alfalfa stubble.

(4)Does not include Sugar Act Payments.

(5)Includes 12,000 acres of grain straw.

(6)Does not include Wheat Crop Insurance Payments.



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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	360	36,000	Crates (32#)	\$ 144,000
Bears, snap	400	64,000	" (70#)	512,000
Beets, table	250	118,000	" (3 doz.)	165,000
Cabbage	1,500	487,500	" (80#)	828,700
Carrots	1,050	850,000	Sacks (50#)	1,400,000
Cauliflower	700	350,000	Crates (12 head)	437,500
Celery	1,850	2,200,000	" (Sturdee)	8,250,000
Chinese food vegetables	400			950,000
Corn, sweet	1,700	382,500	" (5 doz.)	898,900
Cucumbers, table	250	125,000	Lugs (30#)	143,800
Endive	150	52,500	Crates (3 doz.)	65,600
Greens, mustard & misc.	800	280,000	"	448,000
Lettuce	800	520,000	" (3 doz.)	650,000
Melons, cantaloupes & misc.	650	185,200	"	435,200
" , water	100	1,000	Tons	30,000
Onions, dry	1,150	805,000	Sacks (50#)	805,000
" , green	1,200	600,000	Crates (8 doz.)	1,500,000
Peppers	150	26,200	Crates (50#)	91,700
Potatoes, white	1,350	310,500	cwt.	574,500
Pumpkins	160	1,600	Tons	64,000
Radishes	1,250	500,000	Crates (6 doz.)	800,000
Rhubarb	225	225,000	Flats (20#)	550,000
Romaine	500	300,000	Crates (3 doz.)	330,000
Spinach	700	280,000	" (4 doz.)	476,000
Squash, Italian	300	120,000	Lugs (30#)	222,000
" , summer	375	150,000	" "	270,000
" , winter	700	5,250	Tons	262,500
Tomatoes, canning	100	800	Tons	18,800
" , market	250	375,000	Lugs (32#)	618,700
Turnips	725	435,000	Crates (2½ doz.)	696,000
Misc. vegetables	500			875,000
Total	20,595			\$23,512,900
<u>NURSERY STOCK</u>				
Bedding & vegetable plants	145			4,535,000
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	465			2,341,000
Ornamentals, roses & trees	1,850			20,425,000
Pot plants	40			2,131,000
Total	2,500			\$29,432,000
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Asters	60			370,000
Carnations	75			2,025,000
Chrysanthemums	300			1,500,000
Daisies	100			300,000
Stocks	175			350,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	280			3,355,000
Total	990			\$ 7,900,000

# Los Angeles County Crop Report - 1958

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PAYMENTS

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments	\$	68,524
Conservation Programs		786
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers		

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation		0
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments		

Soil Bank		34,410
Acreage Reserve Payments		44,580
Conservation Reserve		
Total	\$	148,300

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$87,957,600
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### APIARY PRODUCTS

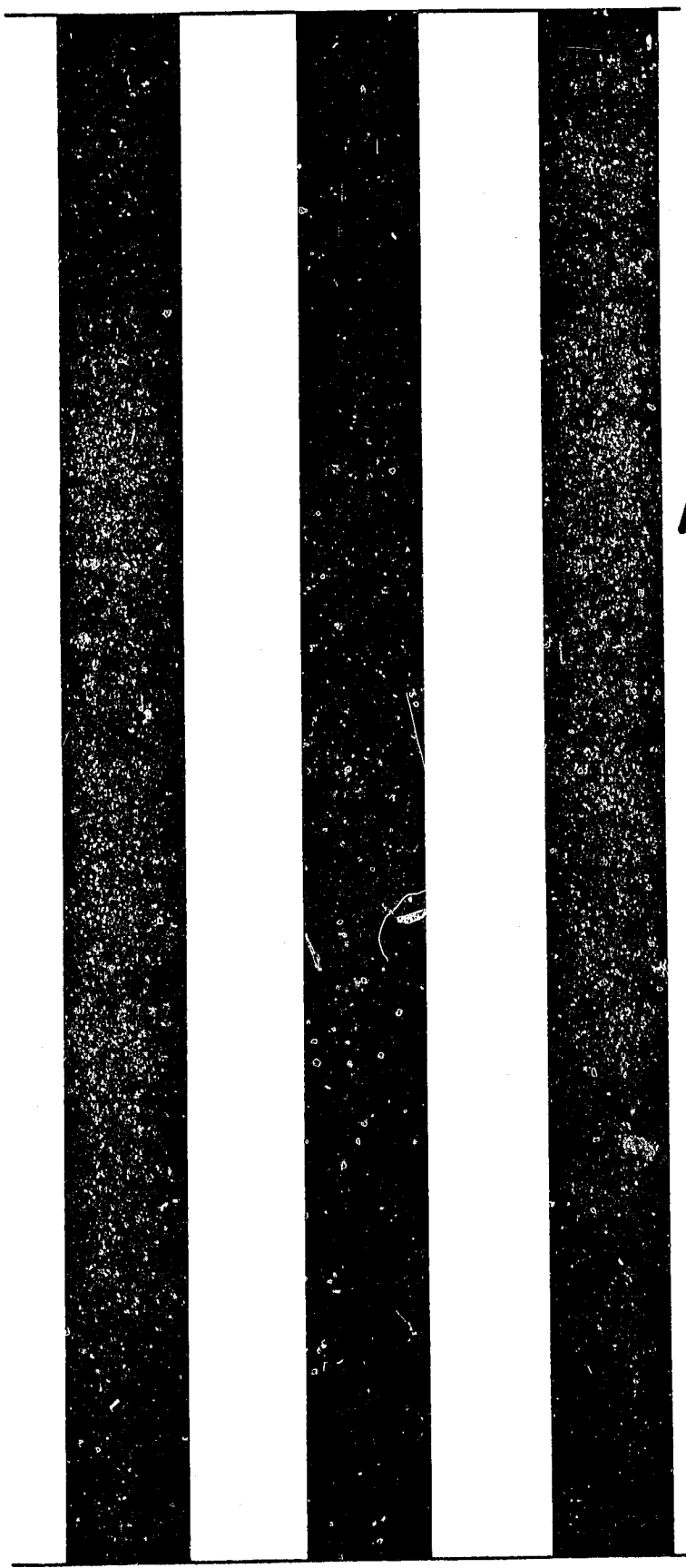
Honey	3,500,000 Pounds	350,000
Beeswax	60,000 "	28,200
Total		\$ 378,200

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS	\$88,335,800
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### S U M M A R Y 1954-1958 Inclusive

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$19,679,000	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,242,000	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900
Berries	1,540,000	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000
Field Crops	12,722,900	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,484,500
Vegetables	17,949,800	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900
Nursery Stock	22,000,000	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000
Cut Flowers	8,500,000	7,500,000	8,000,000	8,300,000	7,900,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	121,500	92,300	80,100	80,200	148,300
Total Plant Crops	84,755,200	85,129,800	86,364,300	86,095,200	87,957,600
Apiary Products	285,000	390,000	391,200	181,600	378,200
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$85,040,200	\$85,519,800	\$86,755,500	\$86,276,800	\$88,335,800

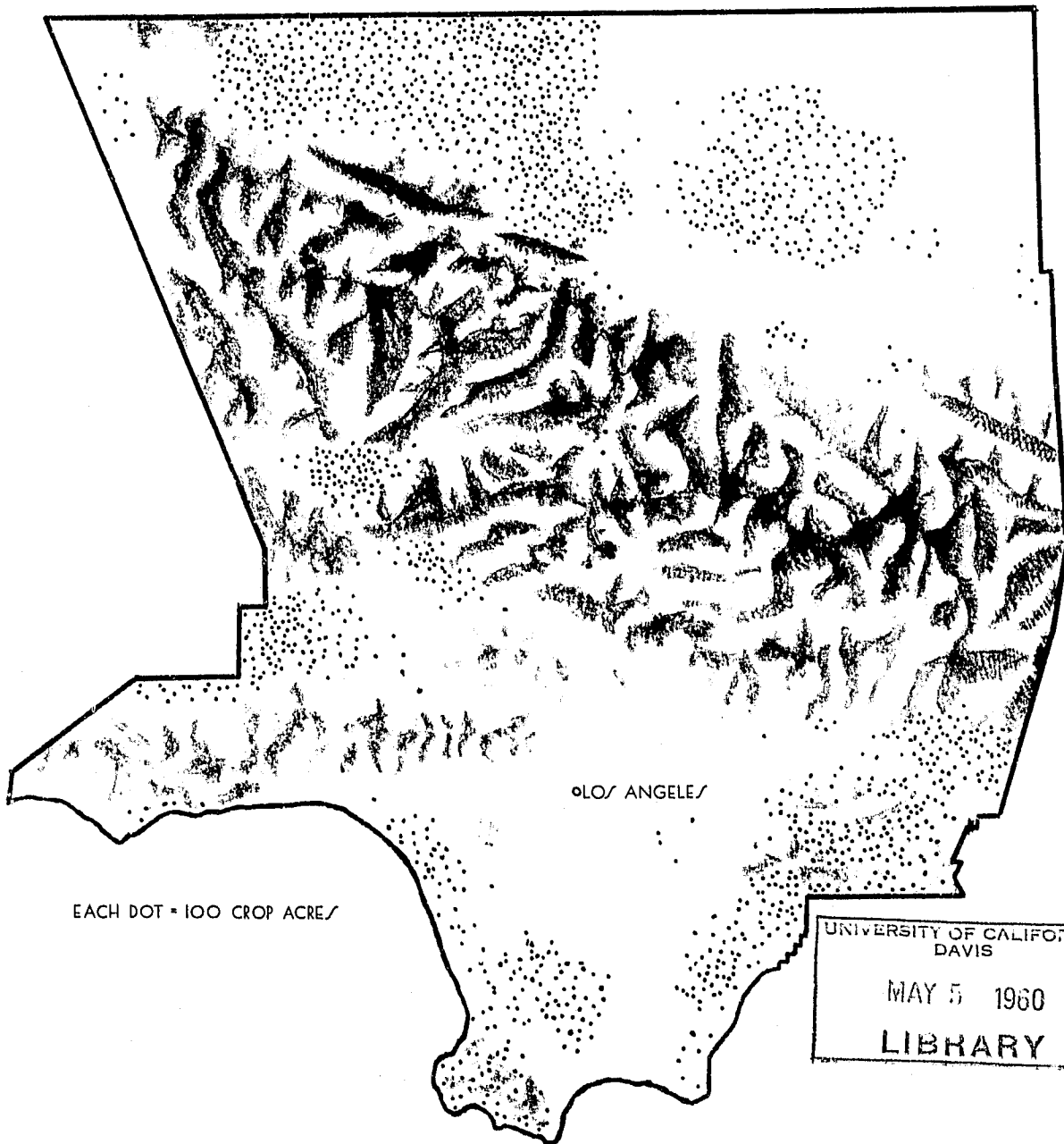
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1959  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1959 brought \$86,217,800 from 157,500 harvested acres compared to \$88,187,500 from 172,400 harvested acres in 1958.

Planted acreage decreased very little below 1958. Two-thirds of the total decrease of 14,900 acres harvested was in dry-farmed field crops such as beans, grain and hay, which were reduced more than 10,000 acres and over \$1,300,000 because of drouth.

It seems likely that the county will retain its Federal Census rating as the leading county in the United States, in value of "Horticultural Specialities" which includes nursery stock and cut flowers. These crops returned \$37,936,800 which is more than in any previous year.

Citrus returns from 16,577 acres increased to \$13,028,000 from \$10,400,000 in 1958. Prices were lower but production of Navel and Valencia oranges was about double the previous year and the lemon crop was also larger. Valencia returns were up \$1,130,000 to make a total of \$5,070,000; while Navels brought \$2,480,000, an increase of \$560,000 over 1958. The lemon crop was valued at \$5,100,000 compared to \$4,160,000 the previous year.

Vegetable production worth \$18,297,000 from 19,090 harvested acres showed a decrease from 1958 of \$5,215,900. Most of the loss was in the celery crop which dropped from \$8,250,000 in 1958 to \$4,100,000 in 1959, due to much lower prices. Some other vegetable values were lower because of decreased acreage.

Field crops were worth \$11,349,300 compared to \$11,484,500 the previous year. Alfalfa hay increased in value more than \$1,000,000 but dry-farmed bean, grain and hay crop production was reduced considerably due to lack of rainfall.

Avocados due to increased production totaled \$1,044,000, compared with \$838,800 in 1958. A heavy crop of Antelope Valley peaches increased the value to \$338,200.

Strawberries with less production from fewer acres showed higher returns due to stronger prices aided by early spring shipments to eastern markets, with a total return of \$3,167,500 from 650 acres.

The honey crop was the poorest in 26 years of record caused by a light bloom due to lack of rain. Only 675,000 pounds of honey and 11,000 pounds of beeswax were produced valued at \$66,000.

200,000 acres of range land were added to the field crops listing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture payments to farmers were deleted from this report in order to conform with the new state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$30,458,000	Valencia oranges	\$5,070,000	Green onions	\$1,415,000
Cut flowers	7,478,800	Celery	4,100,000	Carrots	1,360,000
Alfalfa hay	7,274,000	Strawberries	3,167,500	Irrig. pastures	1,320,000
Lemons	5,100,000	Navel oranges	2,480,000	Avocados	1,044,000

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, and companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

April 7, 1960

PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1959

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,488	1,180,000	Cartons	\$ 2,480,000
" Valencia	7,018	2,600,000	"	5,070,000
Lemons	5,766	3,400,000	"	5,100,000
Grapefruit	305	270,000	"	378,000
Total	16,577			\$13,028,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,698	733,000	Pounds	262,500
Apples	71	7,850	Boxes(45#)	18,500
Apricots	36	4,400	Lugs (25#)	6,400
Avocados (2)	2,433	632,600	Flats(13#)	1,044,000
Cherries	36	34,200	Pounds	4,500
Figs	97	34,000	Flats(6#)	34,700
Grapes	253	885	Tons	70,800
Olives	656	510	"	63,800
Peaches	517	205,600	Lugs (20#)	348,200
Pears	293	72,700	Boxes(50#)	248,600
Walnuts	2,597	7,800	cwt.	140,400
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	65			61,700
Total	8,752			\$ 2,304,100
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	30	21,000	Trays(7#)	68,500
Strawberries	650	1,267,000	" (11#)	3,167,500
Total	680			\$ 3,236,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>HARVESTED ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	37,800	222,900	Tons	7,274,000
" seed (3)	(1,800)	558,000	Pounds	122,800
Beans,dry-blackeye	2,000	30,600	cwt.	221,800
" " -garbanzo	200	900	"	10,800
" " -standard lima	600	6,700	"	77,100
Beets,sugar	35	1,050	Tons	10,500
Corn, field	375	17,600	cwt.	46,500
" milo	900	34,200	"	71,800
" silage	100	1,500	Tons	11,200
Cotton	215	355	Bales	60,300
Cottonseed		149	Tons	6,600
Grain,barley	25,500	278,700	cwt.	607,600
" oats	150	3,000	"	7,200
" wheat	23,500	217,500	"	674,200
Grain hay	9,200	9,900	Tons	306,900
" straw (4)	(6,000)	4,000	"	60,000
Irrigated pastures	8,700			1,320,000
Range	200,000			(5) 430,000
Miscellaneous	150			30,000
Total	309,425			\$11,349,300

- (1)Crop year ending October 31, 1959.  
 (2) " " " September 30, 1959.  
 (3)Acreage included in 37,800 acres of alfalfa hay.

- (4)Acreage included in 25,500 acres of barley.  
 (5)Includes \$280,000 paid for sheep grazing on alfalfa, barley and sweet corn stubble.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	130	10,400	Crates (32#)	\$ 36,400
Beans, snap	350	56,000	" (70#)	470,400
Beets, table	300	150,000	" (45#)	195,000
Cabbage	1,400	455,000	" (80#)	864,500
Carrots	1,000	800,000	Sacks (50#)	1,360,000
Cauliflower	750	394,000	Crates (45#)	472,800
Celery	1,750	2,100,000	" (60#)	4,100,000
Chinese food vegetables	300			990,000
Corn, sweet	1,650	363,000	" (46#)	834,900
Cucumbers, table	250	112,500	Lugs (32#)	152,000
Endive	125	50,000	Crates (60#)	62,500
Greens, mustard & misc.	850	340,000	" (45#)	510,000
Lettuce	650	520,000	" (36#)	676,000
Melons, cantaloupes & misc.	720	160,000	" (83#)	392,000
" , water	145	1,540	Tons	42,000
Onions, dry	1,260	882,000	Sacks (50#)	842,000
" , green	1,300	615,000	Crates (60#)	1,415,000
Peppers	100	25,000	" (50#)	75,000
Potatoes, white	850	152,000	cwt.	316,200
Pumpkins	200	1,800	Tons	54,000
Radishes	1,200	480,000	Crates (45#)	720,000
Rhubarb	160	120,000	Flats (20#)	210,000
Romaine	300	240,000	Crates (30#)	300,000
Spinach	650	308,700	" (36#)	540,200
Squash, Italian	250	100,000	Lugs (24#)	160,000
" , summer	350	140,000	" (24#)	259,000
" , winter	600	5,400	Tons	270,000
Tomatoes, canning	100	1,050	Tons	23,600
" , market	250	250,000	Lugs (32#)	462,500
Turnips	650	390,000	Crates (45#)	624,000
Misc. vegetables	500			867,000
Total	19,090			\$18,297,000
<u>NURSEERY STOCK</u>				
Bedding & vegetable plants	120			3,825,000
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	470			2,048,500
Ornamentals, roses & trees	1,470			22,639,500
Pot plants	40			1,945,000
Total	2,100			\$30,458,000
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Asters	40			210,000
Carnations	80			2,304,000
Chrysanthemums	250			1,095,000
Daisies	60			180,000
Stocks	150			225,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	300			3,464,800
Total	880			\$ 7,478,800

# Los Angeles County Crop Report - 1959

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$86,151,200

## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	675,000 Pounds	60,800
Beeswax	11,000 "	4,700
Pollination	550 Colonies	1,100
Total		\$ 66,600

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

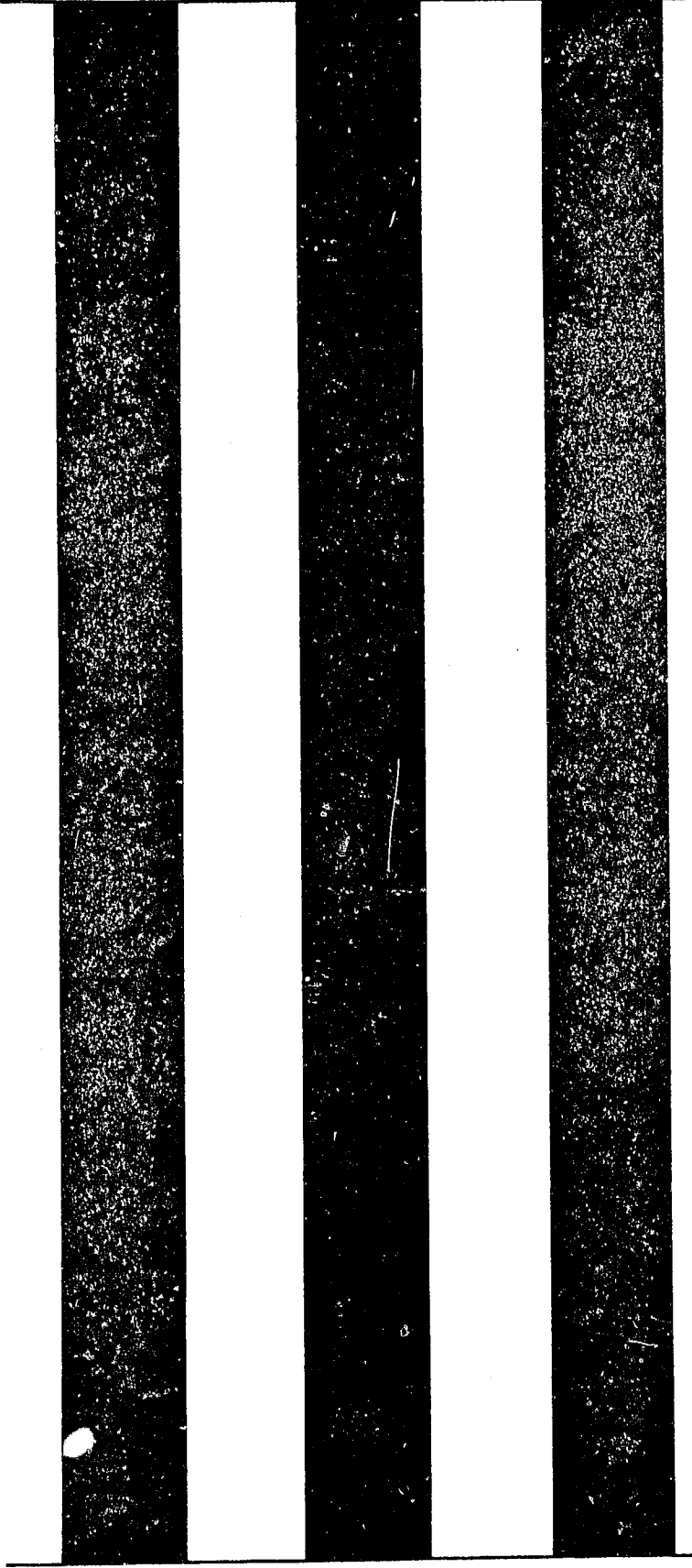
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## S U M M A R Y 1955-1959 Inclusive

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900	2,304,100
Berries	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000	3,236,000
Field Crops	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,484,500	11,349,300
Vegetables	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900	18,297,000
Nursery Stock	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000	30,458,000
Cut Flowers	7,500,000	8,000,000	8,300,000	7,900,000	7,478,800
Total Plant Crops*	85,037,500	86,284,200	86,015,000	87,809,300	86,151,200
Apiary Products	390,000	391,200	181,600	378,200	66,600
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$85,427,500	\$86,675,400	\$86,196,600	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800

\*U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.



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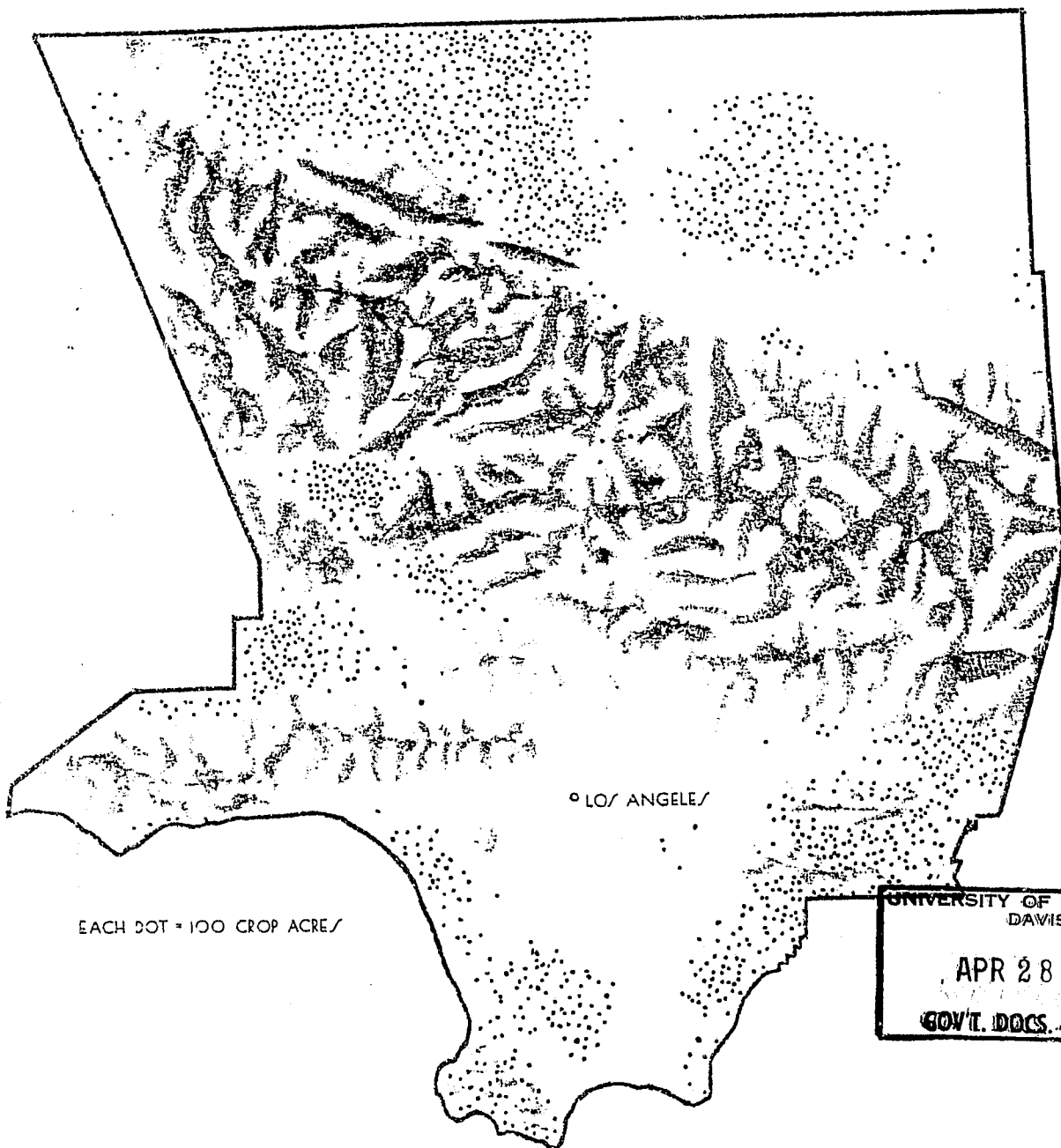
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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1960  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1960 brought \$79,230,100 from 145,664 harvested acres. This compares with returns of \$86,217,800 from 157,500 harvested acres in 1959.

Farmers net returns for several crops were reduced by poor prices and short crops while their production costs stayed up. Continued though slower acreage loss to subdivision also contributed to the total decrease in crop value for the county.

Nursery stock and cut flowers continued to produce high returns per acre with a total value of \$37,810,000 from 2,880 acres. High value greenhouse production is increasing.

Value of citrus crops produced on 15,114 acres decreased to \$10,300,000 from \$13,028,000 in 1959 due to lower yields. There were 1,463 less bearing acres but most of the production loss resulted from smaller sized oranges while fewer lemons were picked because of very low by-products prices. Fresh citrus fruits brought slightly higher prices than in 1959.

A large crop of pears in Antelope Valley, with good prices, brought \$540,700, the highest returns since 1946. Peaches brought \$318,800 compared to \$338,200 in 1959. Almond production was down due to low yields from non-irrigated orchards with total returns of \$169,800. Avocado production for the county was again high but prices dropped sharply. Total returns were \$760,000, a reduction of \$284,000 from last year.

Vegetable production declined because of less acreage of many crops, particularly celery, potatoes and cabbage. Sweet corn acreage increased to 1,950 acres with a value of \$1,097,000. Value of all vegetable crops was \$15,451,300 compared to \$18,297,000 in 1959.

Field crops dropped from \$11,349,300 to \$9,761,600 due to decreased production of dry-farmed grain and to lower prices for alfalfa hay. Barley and wheat value dropped from \$1,281,800 to \$734,300. Acreage of irrigated pasture declined with a drop in value to \$900,000 compared to \$1,320,000 the previous year.

Strawberries returned \$3,448,500, the highest on record for the county. Increased early spring shipments to eastern markets at high prices helped strengthen local prices.

The honey crop was back to normal after a very poor crop in 1959. Production of 1,600,000 pounds of honey and 27,000 pounds of beeswax was valued at \$219,600.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$30,549,000	Valencia oranges	\$3,800,000	Green onions	\$1,270,000
Cut flowers	7,261,000	Strawberries	3,448,500	Sweet corn	1,097,000
Alfalfa hay	6,546,000	Celery	2,709,000	Carrots	1,094,000
Lemons	4,050,000	Navel oranges	2,120,000		

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, and companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

March 29, 1961

PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1960

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,231	900,000	Cartons	\$ 2,120,000
" -Valencia	6,226	1,750,000	"	3,800,000
Lemons	5,381	2,600,000	"	4,050,000
Grapefruit	276	220,000	"	330,000
Total	15,114			\$10,300,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,698	508,000	Pounds	161,400
Almond hulls		335	Tons	8,400
Apples	83	5,500	Boxes (45#)	14,300
Apricots	37	3,900	Lugs (25#)	7,200
Avocados (2)	2,535	634,000	Flats (13#)	760,000
Cherries	44	62,000	Pounds	10,200
Figs	96	28,800	Flats (6#)	25,900
Grapes	253	820	Tons	73,800
Olives	657	450	"	46,400
Peaches	548	183,000	Lugs (20#)	326,800
Pears	289	292,700	" (24#)	540,700
Walnuts	2,173	7,500	cwt.	187,500
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	72			52,800
Total	8,485			\$ 2,215,400
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	15	7,500	Trays (7#)	22,500
Strawberries	550	1,210,000	" (11#)	3,448,500
Total	565			\$ 3,471,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u> <u>HARVESTED ACRES</u>				
Alfalfa hay	37,500	235,000	Tons	5,546,000
" seed(3)	(1,500)	592,500	Pounds	147,500
Beans, dry-blackeye	1,000	13,000	cwt.	149,500
" " -garbanzo	1,600	15,200	"	114,000
" " -lima	870	9,300	"	135,000
Beets, sugar	40	840	Tons	9,600
Corn, milo	600	25,800	cwt.	54,200
" , silage	170	4,250	Tons	28,000
Cotton lint	220	310	Bales	49,000
Cottonseed		147	Tons	7,500
Grain, barley	24,500	194,000	cwt.	420,000
" , wheat	20,500	98,200	"	314,300
Grain hay	9,100	10,500	Tons	317,000
" straw(4)	(4,000)	2,000	"	30,000
Irrigated pastures	6,000			900,000
Range	200,000			(5) 500,000
Miscellaneous	200			40,000
Total	302,300			\$ 9,761,600

- (1)Crop year ending October 31, 1960.  
 (2) " " " September 30, 1960  
 (3)Acreage included in 37,500 acres of alfalfa hay.

- (4)Acreage included in 24,500 acres of barley.  
 (5)Includes \$300,000 paid for sheep grazing on alfalfa, barley and sweet corn stubble.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Beans, snap	200	34,000	Crates (70#)	\$ 297,500
Beets, table	300	157,500	" (45#)	212,600
Cabbage	1,100	330,000	" (80#)	577,500
Carrots	850	663,000	Sacks (50#)	1,094,000
Cauliflower	600	330,000	Crates (45#)	412,500
Celery	1,200	1,260,000	Crates (60#)	2,709,000
Chinese food vegetables	150			969,000
Corn, sweet	1,950	438,700	" (46#)	1,097,000
Cucumbers	200	120,000	Lugs (32#)	168,000
Greens, mustard & misc.	800	320,000	Crates (45#)	448,000
Lettuce	600	420,000	" (36#)	462,000
Melons, cantaloupe	675	114,800	" (83#)	333,000
" , miscellaneous	120	24,000	" (80#)	48,000
" , water	85	850	Tons	25,500
Onions, dry	1,050	630,000	Sacks (50#)	661,500
" , green	1,100	770,000	Crates (40#)	1,270,000
Peppers	100	20,000	" (50#)	70,000
Potatoes, white	260	85,800	cwt.	298,800
Pumpkins	200	1,900	Tons	57,000
Radishes	1,100	440,000	Crates (45#)	770,000
Rhubarb	180	126,000	Flats (20#)	233,100
Romaine	350	297,500	Crates (30#)	297,500
Spinach	500	250,000	" (36#)	412,500
Squash, Italian	200	80,000	Lugs (24#)	100,000
" , summer	300	120,000	" (24#)	174,000
" , winter	425	3,600	Tons	216,000
Tomatoes, canning	125	750	"	17,600
" , market	250	350,000	Flats (22#)	525,000
Turnips	750	375,000	Crates (45#)	618,700
Misc. vegetables	600			876,000
Total	16,320			\$15,451,300
<u>NURSERY STOCK</u>				
Bedding & veg. plants	115			4,087,000
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	570			2,480,000
General ornamentals & trees	1,320			22,232,000
Pot plants	35			1,750,000
Total	2,040			\$30,549,000
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Asters	40			240,000
Carnations	60			2,160,000
Chrysanthemums	230			1,344,000
Stocks	120			270,000
Misc. (Daisies, Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties	390			3,247,000
Total	840			\$ 7,261,000

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP. REPORT - 1960

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$79,009,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,600,000 Pounds	208,000
Beeswax	27,000 "	11,600
Pollination	600 Colonies	1,200
Total		\$ 220,800

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

\$79,230,100

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1956-1960 Inclusive

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000	\$10,300,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900	2,304,100	2,215,400
Berries	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000	3,236,000	3,471,000
Field Crops	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,484,500	11,349,300	9,761,600
Vegetables	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900	18,297,000	15,451,300
Nursery Stock	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000	30,458,000	30,549,000
Cut Flowers	8,000,000	8,300,000	7,900,000	7,478,800	7,261,000
Total Plant Crops*	86,284,200	86,015,000	87,809,300	86,151,200	79,009,300
Apiary Products	391,200	181,600	378,200	66,600	220,800
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$86,675,400	\$86,196,600	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100

\*U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT  
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ESTIMATED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION  
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DURING 1960

			<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>DAIRY CATTLE</u>				
	<u>CATTLE</u>			
Heifers	10,000	@	\$170.00	\$1,700,000.00
Calves	90,000		11.00	990,000.00
Cull Cows	40,000		180.00	7,200,000.00
	<u>Whole Milk-Cwt.</u>			
Market Milk	12,500,612		5.13	64,128,000.00
Manufacturing	389,991		2.67	1,041,000.00
Other	500,024		2.67	1,335,000.00
Dairy Cattle Total .....				\$76,394,000.00
<u>BEEF CATTLE</u>				
<u>Feeders</u>				
Grades: Yearling				
4,000 hd.avg.gain				
per head - 400#	1,600,000#	@ \$	.24	\$ 384,000.00
<u>Calves</u>				
5,000 hd.avg.gain				
per head - 200#	1,000,000#		.26	<u>260,000.00</u>
Grades Total .....				\$ 644,000.00
<u>Purebreds:</u>				
Hereford Calves	1,300	@	\$125.00	\$ 162,500.00
Angus Calves	400		125.00	<u>50,000.00</u>
Purebred Total .....				\$ 212,500.00
<u>Slaughter Stock:</u>				
<u>Feedlots</u>				
104,466 hd.avg.gain				
per hd. - 300#	31,339,800#	@ \$	.254	<u>\$ 7,960,309.00</u>
CATTLE TOTAL .....				\$85,210,809.00

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		<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>HORSES</u>			
<u>RECREATION</u>			
<u>Purebreds</u>			
American	80	\$300.00	\$ 24,000.00
Arabic	90	500.00	45,000.00
Morgan	20	350.00	7,000.00
Palamino	30	300.00	9,000.00
Pintos	15	200.00	3,000.00
Quarter Horses	300	400.00	120,000.00
Standardbreds	65	350.00	22,750.00
Tennessee Walking	10	500.00	5,000.00
Thoroughbreds	750	2,000.00	1,500,000.00
Purebreds Total .....	1,360		\$ 1,735,750.00
<u>Grades-Light</u>			
All Breeds	1,500	\$100.00	\$ 150,000.00
<u>Grades-Heavy</u>			
All Breeds	30	\$100.00	3,000.00
Grades Total .....	1,530		\$ 153,000.00
Hackneys	45	\$500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Shetland Ponies	150	\$400.00	60,000.00
HORSES TOTAL .....	3,085		\$ 1,971,250.00

SHEEP

Feeders:

Lambs

Produced on Range  
30,000 hd. avg. gain  
per head - 80#

2,400,000#      \$ .20      \$ 480,000.00

Slaughter Stock:

Feedlots:

8,000 hd. avg. gain  
per hd. - 30#

240,000#      .20      \$ 48,000.00

LAMBS TOTAL ..... \$ 528,000.00



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Production Report

		<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Wool:</u>			
<u>Ewe Clip</u>			
30,000 hd.avg.gain	270,000#	@ .32	\$ 86,400.00
per hd - 9#			
<u>Lamb Clip</u>			
4,000 hd.avg. gain	14,000#	.32	<u>4,480.00</u>
per hd. - 3½#			
Wool Total .....			\$ 90,880.00
SHEEP TOTAL .....			\$ 618,880.00

SWINE

Feeders:

50,000 hd.avg.gain	11,500,000#	@ .173	\$1,989,500.00
per hd. - 230#			

Cull Sows:

3,000 hd.avg.wt.	900,000#	.13	<u>117,000.00</u>
300#			

SWINE TOTAL .....			\$ 2,106,500.00
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GOATS

Milk Goats:

Producing Does-3,800	3,230,000 Qts.	.50	\$1,615,000.00
hd.-avg. 850 qts.			

Breeding Stock:

<u>Purebreds</u>			
Female Kids	800	@ 75.00	60,000.00
Male Kids	200	75.00	15,000.00

All Ages - sold for meat	2,500	4.00	<u>10,000.00</u>
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GOAT TOTAL .....			\$ 1,700,000.00
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		<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>POULTRY</u>			
<u>Chickens:</u>			
Chicks	6,000,000	@ .34 ea	\$ 2,040,000.00
Colored Fryers 5,000,000-avg.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ #	16,250,000#	.18 $\frac{1}{2}$ #	2,973,750.00
Culled Hens	1,400,000	.30 ea	420,000.00
Cases of Eggs	1,231,250	9.872 Cs.	12,154,900.00
CHICKENS TOTAL .....			<u>\$ 17,588,650.00</u>
<u>Turkeys:</u>			
Poults	500,000	.50 ea	\$ 250,000.00
Hatching Eggs	1,750,000	.28 ea	490,000.00
850,000 turkeys sold at avg.wt. of 20# each	17,000,000#	.254#	<u>4,318,000.00</u>
TURKEY TOTAL .....			<u>\$ 5,058,000.00</u>
<u>Ducks:</u>			
Young Ducks	190,000	1.00 ea	\$ 190,000.00
POULTRY TOTAL .....			<u>\$22,836,650.00</u>

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		<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>RABBITS</u>			
Stewers	49,500 @	\$1.00	\$ 49,500.00
Fryers	1,260,000	1.00	<u>1,260,000.00</u>
RABBIT TOTAL .....			\$ 1,309,500.00

<u>FUR ANIMALS</u>			
Mink Pelts	7,000 @	16.75	\$ 117,250.00
MINK TOTAL .....			<u>\$ 117,250.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL - ESTIMATED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING 1960..			\$115,870,839.00

		<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>FERTILIZERS</u>			
Cattle Dairies	31,000,000 cu.ft.	.02	620,000.00
Feedlot Cattle	12,700,000 cu.ft.	.04	508,000.00
Poultry Ranches	180,000 tons	3.00	540,000.00
Rabbitries	2,000	2.50	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL FERTILIZER .....			\$ 1,673,000.00

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CATTLE .....		\$ 85,210,809.00
Dairy Cattle	\$ 76,394,000.00	
Beef Cattle	<u>8,816,809.00</u>	
HORSES .....		\$ 1,971,250.00
SHEEP .....		\$ 618,880.00
Lamb	\$ 528,000.00	
Wool	<u>90,880.00</u>	
SWINE .....		\$ 2,106,500.00
GOATS .....		\$ 1,700,000.00
POULTRY .....		\$ 22,836,650.00
Chickens	\$17,588,650.00	
Turkeys	5,058,000.00	
Ducks	<u>190,000.00</u>	
RABBITS .....		\$ 1,309,500.00
FUR ANIMALS .....		\$ <u>117,250.00</u>
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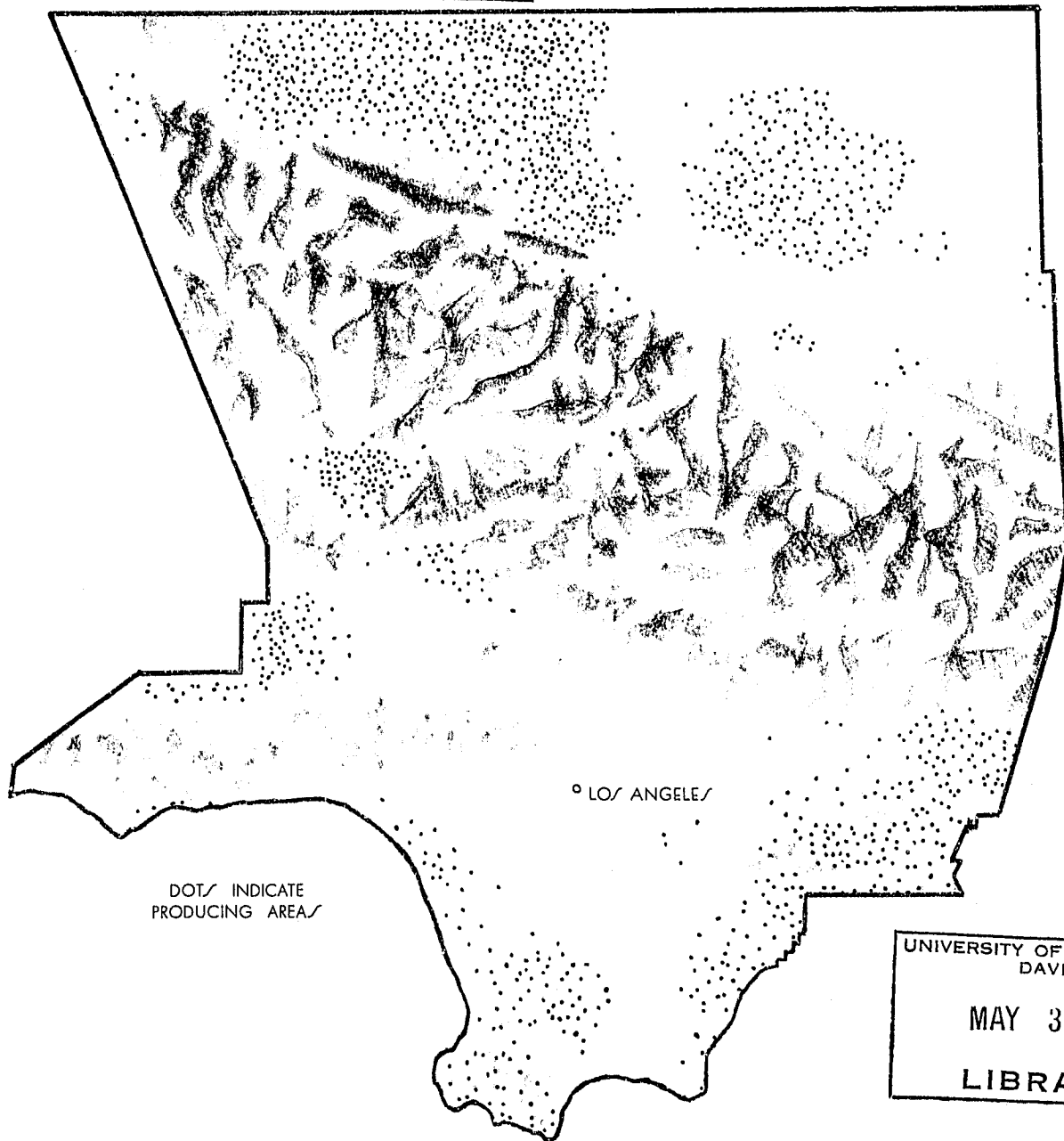
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Production of plant crops in Los Angeles County in 1961 amounted to \$73,485,100 from 95,635 harvested acres, as compared to \$79,230,100 from 145,664 harvested acres in 1960. Of this decrease of 50,029 acres, over 40,000 acres consisted of dry-farmed grain and hay crops that were planted but not harvested.

The third consecutive year of subnormal rainfall resulted in a near failure of dry-farmed hay and grain, and contributed to reduced production from irrigated tree crops. Lower prices per unit received for some of the more important crops also played a part in the reduced returns to farmers.

A light crop of citrus was harvested from 11,953 acres due to poor growing conditions. Returns per unit were higher for navel oranges and lemons but lower for Valencias. Avocado production dropped, but a much better price brought a higher total value than the year before. Because of poor fruit set, pear and peach production declined in the Antelope Valley, resulting in a total value of \$493,000 compared with \$859,500 for these two crops in 1960.

Returns for vegetables declined to \$13,550,900 compared to \$15,451,300 the year before, mainly due to 1,860 less acres planted because of the inroads into agricultural lands of subdivision and freeway construction. Sweet corn and carrot acreage increased 450 acres, with a corresponding increase in production and higher returns.

Field crops dropped about \$2,000,000 due partly to a lower price for alfalfa hay in the Antelope Valley and partly because of the virtual crop failure of dry-farmed grain and hay throughout the county.

Aided by a mild winter and dry spring weather, strawberry production per acre was the highest on record. Prices were high on the early crop, a portion of which was shipped to eastern markets. Total returns were \$3,625,000 from 500 acres.

Nursery stock and cut flowers totaled \$37,038,000, an amount which probably keeps Los Angeles County in first place in the United States in production of horticultural specialties, the same as reported by the Federal Census in 1959.

The honey crop also suffered from the lack of rainfall, with a production of 1,225,000 pounds of honey and 20,445 pounds of beeswax valued at \$180,700.

The number of million-dollar crops remained at eleven, namely, nursery stock, cut flowers, alfalfa hay, strawberries, lemons, Valencia oranges, navel oranges, carrots, celery, sweet corn and green onions.

The format of the report has been changed this year to agree with the standardized form now being put into use throughout the state. U.S. Department of Agriculture payments amounting to \$280,000 are not included.

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Agricultural Commissioner

April 24, 1962

FRUIT & NUT CROPS

Acreage, Production, and Value 1961

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>							
Oranges	1961	2,496	3.8	9,500	ton	\$ 189	\$ 1,800,000
Navel & Misc.	1960	3,231	5.3	17,100		124	2,120,000
Oranges	1961	4,734	5.8	27,550	ton	105	3,500,000
Valencia	1960	6,226	5.3	33,250		114	3,800,000
Lemons	1961	4,503	7.0	31,600	ton	114	3,600,000
	1960	5,381	9.2	49,400		82	4,050,000
Grapefruit	1961	220	11.9	2,625	ton	86	225,000
	1960	276	13.3	3,666		90	330,000
Total	1961	11,953					\$ 9,125,000
	1960	15,114					10,300,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>							
Almonds	1961	1,588	.15	240	ton	\$ 630	\$ 151,200
	1960	1,698	.15	254		635	161,400
Apples	1961	54	1.5	81	ton	104	8,400
	1960	83	1.5	124		115	14,300
Apricots	1961	17	2.4	41.3	ton	160	6,600
	1960	37	1.3	48.8		147	7,200
Avocados	1961	2,159	1.0	2,242	ton	369	828,000
	1960	2,535	1.6	4,121		184	760,000
Cherries	1961	20	.6	12.2	ton	328	4,000
	1960	40	.7	31.0		329	10,200
Figs	1961	78	.6	46.8	ton	500	23,400
	1960	96	.9	86.4		300	25,900
Grapes	1961	124	2.4	300	ton	115	34,500
	1960	253	3.2	820		90	73,800
Olives	1961	569	.26	150	ton	130	20,000
	1960	657	.68	450		103	46,400
Peaches	1961	400	2.9	1,150	ton	195	224,500
Freestone	1960	548	3.3	1,830		178	326,800
Pears	1961	261	7.8	2,040	ton	138	280,500
Bartlett	1960	289	12.1	3,512		154	540,700
Walnuts	1961	1,338	.22	300	ton	460	138,000
	1960	2,173	.17	375		500	187,500
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	1961	59					37,500
	1960	72					61,200
Total	1961	6,667					\$ 1,756,600
	1960	8,485					2,215,400



FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Bushberries	1961	-			ton	\$	\$
	1960	15	1.8	26.2		859	22,500
Strawberries	1961	500	13.7	6,875	ton	527	3,625,000
	1960	<u>550</u>	12.1	6,655		518	<u>3,448,500</u>
Total	1961	500					\$ 3,625,000
	1960	565					3,471,000
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TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1961	19,120					\$14,506,600
	1960	24,164					15,986,400

FIELD CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Barley	1961	5,000	.69	3,440	ton	\$ 44.75	\$ 154,000
	1960	24,500	.40	9,700		43.30	420,000
Beans, dry edible Blackeye	1961	600	.79	475	ton	141.35	67,000
	1960	1,000	.65	650		230.00	149,500
Garbanzo	1961	-			ton		
	1960	1,600	.48	760		150.00	114,000
Lima	1961	350	.54	190	ton	300.00	57,000
	1960	870	.53	465		290.30	135,000
Cotton lint	1961	165	607 lb.	182	bale	.32 lb.	31,800
	1960	220	775	310		.29	49,000
Cotton seed	1961			82	ton	57.00	4,700
	1960			147		51.00	7,500
Hay Alfalfa	1961	36,500	6.4	232,000	ton	23.50	5,456,000
	1960	37,500	6.3	235,000		27.90	6,546,000
Grain	1961	4,500	1.91	8,600	ton	24.40	210,000
	1960	9,100	1.15	10,500		30.20	317,000

# FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Pasture and range							
Irigated	1961	5,000				\$150.00	\$ 750,000
	1960	6,000				150.00	900,000
Other	1961	200,000					400,000*
	1960	200,000					500,000
Silage							
Corn	1961	-			ton		
	1960	170	25	4,250		6.50	28,000
Sorghum	1961	500	30	15,000	ton	5.00	75,000
	1960	200	35	7,000		5.70	40,000
Sorghum grain	1961	850	2.25	1,912	ton	45.00	86,000
	1960	600	2.15	1,290		42.00	54,200
Straw	1961	-			ton		
	1960			2,000		15.00	30,000
Sugar beets	1961	500	18	9,000	ton	11.20	100,800
	1960	40	21	840		11.43	9,600
Wheat	1961	5,430	.77	4,177	ton	68.90	287,800
	1960	20,500	.24	4,910		64.00	314,300
TOTAL	1961	259,395					\$ 7,680,100
	1960	302,300					9,614,100

## SEED CROPS

Alfalfa	1961	(2,500)**	340	850,000	lb.	0.26	\$ 221,000
	1960	(1,500)	395	592,500		0.25	147,500

\* Amount shown for 1961 paid mostly for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1960 amount includes \$300,000 paid for such grazing.

\*\* This acreage is included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Asparagus	1961	40	1.6	64	ton	\$240.00	\$ 15,400
	1960	40	1.2	48		250.00	12,000
Beans, snap	1961	150	5.25	787	ton	243.00	191,300
	1960	200	5.95	1,190		250.00	297,500
Beets, table	1961	275	11.8	3,230	ton	58.90	223,200
	1960	300	11.8	3,544		60.00	212,600
Cabbage	1961	950	14.0	13,320	ton	53.75	716,000
	1960	1,100	12.0	13,200		43.75	577,500
Carrots	1961	1,050	18.2	19,162	ton	67.85	1,300,000
	1960	850	19.5	16,575		66.00	1,094,000
Cauliflower	1961	450	12.4	5,580	ton	55.55	310,000
	1960	600	12.4	7,425		55.55	412,500
Celery	1961	600	30.0	18,000	ton	70.00	1,260,000
	1960	1,200	31.5	37,800		71.70	2,709,000
Chinese Food Veg.	1961	150			ton		975,000
	1960	150					969,000
Corn, sweet	1961	2,200	5.0	10,994	ton	104.00	1,145,000
	1960	1,950	5.2	10,090		108.75	1,097,000
Cucumbers	1961	100	8.0	800	ton	103.00	82,500
	1960	200	9.6	1,920		87.50	168,000
Lettuce, leaf	1961	600	12.0	7,200	ton	70.00	504,000
	1960	600	12.6	7,560		61.10	462,000
Melons							
Cantaloupe	1961	410	9.3	3,826	ton	59.00	225,900
	1960	675	7.0	4,764		69.90	333,000
Casabas & Others	1961	125	6.4	800	ton	46.25	37,000
	1960	120	8.0	960		50.00	48,000
Watermelons	1961	225	10.7	2,400	ton	25.00	60,000
	1960	85	10	850		30.00	25,500
Mushrooms	1961			685	ton	934.00	640,000
	1960			600		960.00	576,000
Mustard & Other Greens	1961	850	9	7,650	ton	62.20	476,000
	1960	800	9	7,200		62.20	448,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Onions							
Dry	1961	350	20.3	7,100	ton	\$ 74.80	\$ 531,000
	1960	1,050	15	15,750		42.00	661,500
Green	1961	800	16	12,800	ton	87.50	1,120,000
	1960	1,100	14	15,400		82.50	1,270,000
Parsnips	1961	50	7.8	390	ton	154.00	60,000
	1960	-					
Peppers	1961	70	5	350	ton	160.00	56,000
	1960	100	5	500		140.00	70,000
Potatoes	1961	480	12.7	6,000	ton	45.80	275,000
	1960	260	16.5	4,290		69.65	298,800
Pumpkins	1961	190	9	1,700	ton	41.35	70,300
	1960	200	9.5	1,900		30.00	57,000
Radishes	1961	1,200	7.9	9,450	ton	80.00	756,000
	1960	1,100	9	9,900		77.80	770,000
Rhubarb	1961	160	6.5	1,040	ton	150.00	156,000
	1960	180	7	1,260		185.00	233,100
Romaine	1961	250	12	3,000	ton	73.30	220,000
	1960	350	12.7	4,462		66.70	297,500
Spinach	1961	350	9	3,150	ton	97.20	306,200
	1960	500	9	4,500		91.70	412,500
Squash							
Italian & Summer	1961	350	4.8	1,680	ton	167.00	280,000
	1960	500	4.8			114.00	274,000
Winter	1961	430	8.5	3,650	ton	65.00	237,200
	1960	425	8.5	3,600		60.00	216,000
Tomatoes	1961	275	10.1	2,778	ton	148.00	411,000
	1960	375	12.3	4,600		118.00	542,600
Turnips	1961	750	9.9	7,425	ton	94.40	701,200
	1960	750	11.2	8,437		73.30	618,700
Miscellaneous	1961	600					240,000
	1960	560					288,000
TOTAL	1961	14,480					\$13,581,200
	1960	16,320					15,451,300

# NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production area		Quantity sold by Producers	Unit	Value	
		House acres	Field acres			Per acre	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1961		20	250,000	Plant	\$ .75	\$ 187,500
	1960		20	220,000		.60	132,000
Vegetable plants - greenhouse grown	1961	14		1,400,000	Flats	.77	1,080,000
	1960	20		1,600,000		.72	1,150,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1961		1,200				22,212,500
	1960		1,295				22,100,000
Bedding plants & ground cover	1961		75	1,135,000	Flats	2.25	2,550,000
	1960		95	1,200,000		2.45	2,937,000
Indoor decorative plants	1961	33					2,100,000
	1960	35					1,750,000
Cactus & succulents	1961		45				675,000
	1960		60				855,000
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots, dichondra seed, etc.	1961		573				1,710,000
	1960		515				1,625,000
TOTAL	1961	47	1,913				\$30,515,000
	1960	55	1,985				30,549,000
<u>Cut Flowers &amp; Decoratives</u>							
Carnations	1961	65		59,000,000	Bloom	.04	2,360,000
	1960	60		54,000,000		.04	2,160,000
Chrysanthemums Standard	1961	45		6,750,000	Bloom	.20	1,350,000
	1960	55		5,000,000		.19	950,000
Pompom	1961		130	380,000	Bunch	1.20	455,000
	1960		175	330,000		1.20	395,000
Gladiolus	1961		5	15,000	Doz. Spike	1.00	15,000
	1960		25	73,000		1.02	75,000
Roses	1961	7		5,250,000	Bloom	.06	315,000
	1960	8		6,000,000		.06	360,000
Miscellaneous	1961		428				2,305,000
	1960		517				3,321,000
TOTAL	1961	117	563				\$ 6,800,000
	1960	123	717				7,261,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$73,303,900

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
		Total		Per unit	Total
Honey	1961	1,225,000	lb.	\$ .14	\$ 171,500
	1960	1,600,000		.13	208,000
Beeswax	1961	20,445	lb.	.45	9,200
	1960	27,000		.43	11,600
Pollination	1961	250	Colony	2.00	500
	1960	600		2.00	1,200
Total	1961				\$ 181,200
	1960				220,800

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

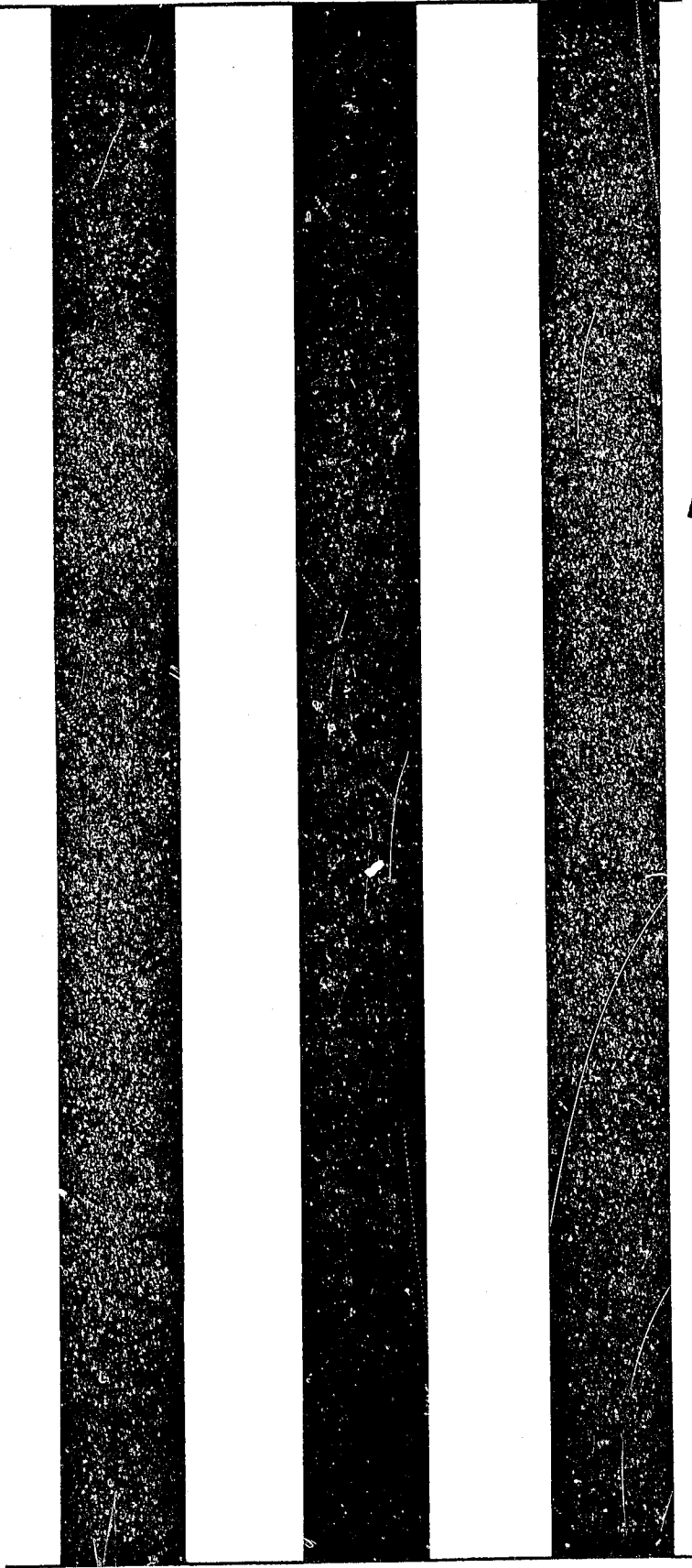
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1957-1961 Inclusive

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000	\$10,300,000	\$ 9,125,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	1,813,500	2,275,900	2,304,100	2,215,400	1,756,600
Berries	2,980,000	2,804,000	3,236,000	3,471,000	3,625,000
Field Crops	10,466,700	11,484,500	11,349,300	9,761,600	7,901,100
Vegetables	22,114,800	23,512,900	18,297,000	15,451,300	13,581,200
Nursery Stock	26,600,000	29,432,000	30,458,000	30,549,000	30,515,000
Cut Flowers	8,300,000	7,900,000	7,478,800	7,261,000	6,800,000
Total Plant Crops*	86,015,000	87,809,300	86,151,200	79,009,300	73,303,900
Apiary Products	181,600	378,200	66,600	220,800	181,200
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$86,196,600	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100	\$73,485,100

\*U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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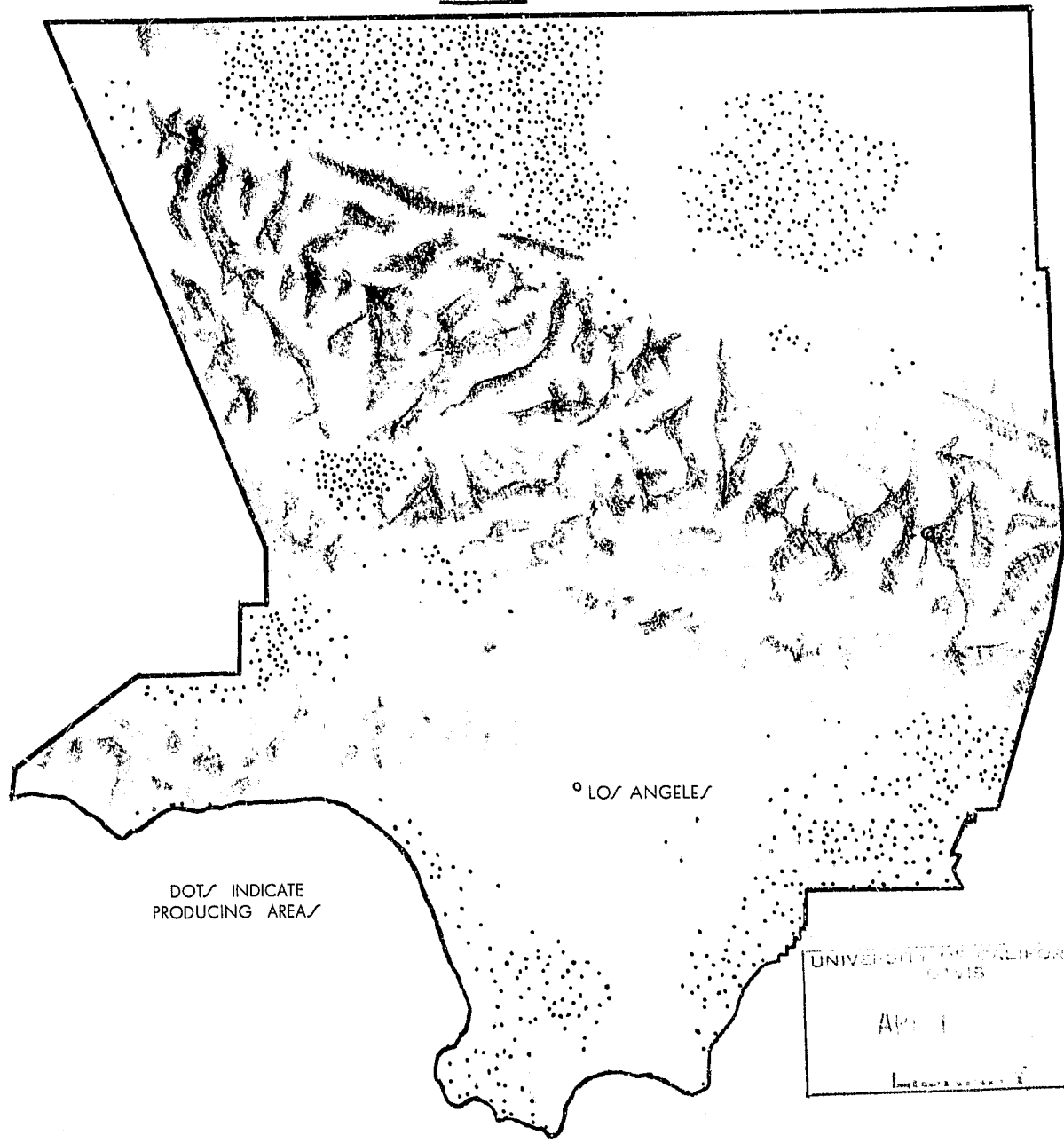
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**1962**



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER



LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1962  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

The 1962 valuation of plant crop production in Los Angeles County showed a gain of more than five million dollars over the previous year. Harvest of 130,390 acres in 1962 resulted in gross returns of \$79,243,600 as compared with \$73,485,100 from 95,635 harvested acres in 1961.

This gain in valuation was largely due to higher returns realized by several important crops and to an increase in dry-farmed acreage harvested following adequate rainfall.

Eleven crops returned one million dollars or more. They were: nursery stock, cut flowers, alfalfa hay, strawberries, lemons, Valencia oranges, navel oranges, carrots, celery, sweet corn, and green onions.

Citrus: A total of 10,384 acres returned \$9,550,000. Higher navel orange yields with good returns and a gain in lemon production contributed to an increase in the total value. Valencia and grapefruit production declined slightly. (1961, 11,953 acres, \$9,125,000)

Other fruits and nuts: The largest Antelope Valley pear crop since 1946 raised pear valuation to \$488,200. Excellent fruit quality enabled growers to compete favorably with pears grown in other districts. Strawberries continue to be an important crop in the southern part of the county. High production on 550 acres brought returns of \$3,720,000. (1962, 6,932 acres, \$5,613,500 - 1961, 7,167 acres, \$5,381,600)

Field crops: The benefit of favorable rainfall was best reflected in the success of dry-farmed hay, grain and bean crops. Barley grain returns alone were up to \$987,000. Higher prices for alfalfa hay and expanded sugar beet plantings in the Antelope Valley also contributed to the gain over 1961. (1962, 96,905 acres, \$11,050,800 - 1961, 59,395 acres, \$7,901,100)

Vegetables: An over-all increase in returns more than offset the effect of fewer acres planted. Celery, carrots, sweet corn, and bunch vegetables with values totaling \$7,712,000, continued to be the county's leading vegetable crops. (1962, 13,660 acres, \$14,163,800 - 1961, 14,480 acres, \$13,581,200)

Nursery stock and cut flowers: Los Angeles County, shown in the 1959 Federal census as the nation's leading grower of horticultural specialty crops, appears to have retained that position. Flower crops with a high unit value are on the increase. (1962, \$38,232,000 - 1961, \$37,315,000)

Apiary products: The effects of adequate rain were shown in one of the largest honey crops in several years. An increase of \$452,300 in the value of apiary products emphasized the worth to the county's beekeepers of rainfall and subsequent good nectar flow. (1962, \$633,500 - 1961, \$181,200)

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. U.S. Department of Agriculture payments amounting to \$218,000 are not included. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with the State statistician's office, and prices compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' association, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>							
Oranges	1962	2,067	6.2	12,800	Ton	\$195.30	\$ 2,500,000
Navel & Misc.	1961	2,496	3.8	9,500	"	189.50	1,800,000
Oranges	1962	4,115	5.3	21,850	"	135.00	2,950,000
Valencia	1961	4,734	5.8	27,550	"	127.05	3,500,000
Lemons	1962	3,998	9.0	36,100	"	108.00	3,900,000
	1961	4,503	7.0	31,600	"	113.90	3,600,000
Grapefruit	1962	204	10.3	2,100	"	95.24	200,000
	1961	220	11.9	2,625	"	85.70	225,000
Total	1962	10,384					\$ 9,550,000
	1961	11,953					9,125,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>							
Almonds	1962	1,587	.03	42.5	"	770.60	32,800
	1961	1,588	.15	240	"	630.00	151,200
Apples	1962	55	3.9	216	"	110.85	24,000
	1961	54	1.5	81	"	103.70	8,400
Apricots	1962	17	1.5	25	"	120.00	3,000
	1961	17	2.4	41.3	"	159.80	6,600
Avocados	1962	2,097	1.7	3,564	"	200.00	713,000
	1961	2,159	1.0	2,242	"	369.30	828,000
Cherries	1962	20	.58	11.5	"	320.00	3,700
	1961	20	.61	12.2	"	327.85	4,000
Figs	1962	64	.54	34.6	"	534.70	18,500
	1961	78	.60	46.8	"	500.00	23,400
Grapes	1962	124	2.7	330	"	100.00	33,000
	1961	124	2.4	300	"	115.00	34,500
Olives	1962	568	.07	40	"	85.00	3,400
	1961	569	.26	150	"	133.30	20,000
Peaches	1962	413	4.2	1,724	"	183.80	316,900
Freestone	1961	400	2.9	1,150	"	195.20	224,500
Pears	1962	278	13.6	3,780	"	129.15	488,200
Bartlett	1961	261	7.8	2,040	"	137.50	280,500
Walnuts	1962	1,092	.39	430	"	500.00	215,000
	1961	1,338	.22	300	"	460.00	138,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	1962	67					42,000
	1961	59					37,500
Total	1962	6,382					\$ 1,813,500
	1961	6,667					1,756,600

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Strawberries	1962	550	15.4	8,470	Ton	\$439.20	\$ 3,720,000
	1961	500	13.7	6,875	"	527.30	3,625,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1962	17,316					\$15,163,500
	1961	19,120					14,506,600

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1962	26,000	.81	21,000	Ton	\$ 47.00	\$ 987,000
	1961	5,000	.69	3,440	"	44.75	154,000
Beans, dry edible Blackeye	1962	300	.37	110	"	171.80	18,900
	1961	600	.79	475	"	141.05	67,000
Garbanzo	1962	350	.80	280	"	230.00	64,400
	1961	-					-
Lima	1962	1,200	.47	560	"	210.00	117,600
	1961	350	.54	190	"	300.00	57,000
Cotton lint	1962	210	750 lb.	315	Bale	.35 lb.	55,100
	1961	165	552 lb.	182	"	.35 "	31,800
Cotton seed	1962			136	Ton	53.00	7,200
	1961			82	"	57.00	4,700
Hay, alfalfa	1962	35,800	6.4	230,000	"	27.10	6,233,000
	1961	36,500	6.4	232,000	"	23.50	5,456,000
Hay, grain	1962	7,700	1.95	15,000	"	27.05	406,000
	1961	4,500	1.91	8,600	"	24.40	210,000
Oats	1962	260	1.12	290	"	53.45	15,500

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Pasture & range	1962	5,200				\$150.00	\$ 780,000
Irrigated	1961	5,000				150.00	750,000
Other	1962	300,000					750,000*
	1961	200,000					400,000
Safflower	1962	635	0.5	325	Ton	90.00	29,300
	1961	-					-
Silage	1962	600	35	21,000	"	5.00	105,000
Sorghum	1961	500	30	15,000	"	5.00	75,000
Sorghum grain	1962	400	1.90	760	"	46.05	35,000
	1961	850	2.25	1,912	"	45.00	86,000
Straw	1962			6,000	"	15.00	90,000
	1961			-			-
Sugar beets**	1962	2,150	14.7	31,500	"	15.50	488,300
	1961	500	18	9,000	"	11.20	100,800
Wheat	1962	16,100	.48	7,690	"	73.43	564,700
	1961	5,430	.77	4,177	"	68.90	287,800
Total	1962	396,905					\$10,747,000
	1961	259,395					7,680,100

Acreage, production  
& value of  
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1962	2,650***	385	1,019,300	Lb.	.297	303,800
	1961	2,500***	340	850,000	"	.25	221,000

\*Amount shown for 1962 includes \$300,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1961 amount includes about \$250,000 for such grazing.

\*\*Includes Sugar Act payments for 1962; not included for 1961.

\*\*\*Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1962	35	1.6	56	Ton	\$264.29	\$ 14,800
	1961	40	1.6	64	"	240.00	15,400
Beans, snap	1962	150	5.6	840	"	250.00	210,000
	1961	150	5.25	787	"	243.00	191,300
Beets, table	1962	300	12.4	3,712	"	66.81	248,000
	1961	275	11.8	3,240	"	68.90	223,200
Cabbage	1962	925	14.0	12,960	"	68.75	891,000
	1961	950	14.0	13,320	"	53.75	716,000
Carrots	1962	900	20.0	18,000	"	77.22	1,390,000
	1961	1,050	18.2	19,162	"	67.85	1,300,000
Cauliflower	1962	425	12.4	5,265	"	66.65	351,000
	1961	450	12.4	5,580	"	55.55	310,000
Celery	1962	400	30.0	12,000	"	121.65	1,460,000
	1961	600	30.0	18,000	"	70.00	1,260,000
Chinese Food Veg.	1962	200			"		1,157,000
	1961	150			"		975,000
Corn, sweet	1962	2,250	5.2	11,638	"	93.65	1,090,000
	1961	2,200	5.0	10,994	"	104.00	1,145,000
Cucumbers	1962	160	6.3	1,005	"	93.75	94,200
	1961	100	8.0	800	"	103.00	82,500
Lettuce, leaf	1962	700	12.7	8,925	"	83.30	743,800
	1961	600	12.0	7,200	"	70.00	504,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1962	250	8.7	2,175	"	51.85	112,800
	1961	410	9.3	3,826	"	59.00	225,900
Casaba & others	1962	50	7.2	360	"	48.61	17,500
	1961	125	6.4	800	"	46.25	37,000
Watermelon	1962	60	12.5	750	"	32.80	24,600
	1961	225	10.7	2,400	"	25.00	60,000
Mushrooms	1962			650	"	900.00	585,000
	1961			685	"	934.00	640,000
Mustard & other greens	1962	900	9.0	8,100	"	62.20	504,000
	1961	850	9.0	7,650	"	62.20	476,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Onions, dry	1962	290	21.7	6,300	Ton	\$ 48.00	\$ 302,800
	1961	350	20.3	7,100	"	74.80	531,000
Onions, green	1962	750	16	12,000	"	90.00	1,080,000
	1961	800	16	12,800	"	87.50	1,120,000
Peppers	1962	50	5.6	280	"	180.70	50,600
	1961	70	5.0	350	"	160.00	56,000
Potatoes	1962	440	13.2	5,830	"	43.40	253,000
	1961	480	12.7	6,000	"	45.80	275,000
Pumpkins	1962	200	8.0	1,600	"	30.00	48,000
	1961	190	9.0	1,700	"	41.35	70,300
Radishes	1962	1,300	7.9	10,235	"	88.90	910,000
	1961	1,200	7.9	9,450	"	80.00	756,000
Rhubarb	1962	150	5.5	825	"	140.00	115,500
	1961	160	6.5	1,040	"	150.00	156,000
Romaine	1962	200	12.7	2,550	"	83.30	212,500
	1961	250	12.0	3,000	"	73.30	220,000
Spinach	1962	300	9.0	2,700	"	133.30	360,000
	1961	350	9.0	3,150	"	97.20	306,200
Squash Italian & summer	1962	350	5.4	1,890	"	145.50	275,000
	1961	350	4.8	1,680	"	167.00	280,000
Winter	1962	450	9.0	4,050	"	55.00	222,700
	1961	430	8.5	3,650	"	65.00	237,200
Tomatoes	1962	250	13.2	3,300	"	127.25	420,000
	1961	275	10.1	2,778	"	148.00	411,000
Turnips	1962	725	9.5	6,887	"	97.20	670,000
	1961	750	9.9	7,425	"	94.40	701,200
Miscellaneous	1962	500					350,000
	1961	650					300,000
TOTAL	1962	13,660					\$14,163,800
	1961	14,480					13,581,200

# NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1962		18	225,000	Plant	\$ .75	\$ 170,000
	1961		20	250,000	"	.75	187,500
Vegetable plants - greenhouse grown	1962	13		1,500,000	Flats	.82	1,225,000
	1961	14		1,400,000	"	.77	1,080,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1962		1,150				22,020,000
	1961		1,200				22,212,500
Bedding plants & ground cover	1962		73	1,290,000	Flats	2.31	2,975,000
	1961		75	1,135,000	"	2.25	2,550,000
Indoor decorative plants	1962	35					2,375,000
	1961	33					2,100,000
Cactus & succulents	1962		36				720,000
	1961		45				675,000
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots, dichondra seed, etc.	1962		535				1,635,000
	1961		573				1,710,000
Total	1962	48	1,812				\$31,120,000
	1961	47	1,913				30,515,000
<u>Cut Flowers &amp; Decoratives</u>							
Carnations	1962	70		56,000,000	Bloom	.045	2,520,000
	1961	65		59,000,000	"	.04	2,360,000
Chrysanthemums Standard & disbuds	1962	34		5,248,000	"	.25	1,312,000
	1961	45		6,750,000	"	.20	1,350,000
Pompom	1962		120	360,000	Bunch	1.50	540,000
	1961		130	380,000	"	1.20	455,000
Gladiolus	1962		8	28,000	Doz.	1.20	33,000
	1961		5	15,000	Spike	1.00	15,000
Roses	1962	6		4,255,000	Bloom	.065	275,000
	1961	7		5,250,000	"	.06	315,000
Miscellaneous	1962		412				2,432,000
	1961		428				2,305,000
TOTAL	1962	110	540				\$ 7,112,000
	1961	117	563				6,800,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$78,610,100

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1962	3,430,000	Lb.	\$ .15	514,500
	1961	1,225,000	"	.14	171,500
Beeswax	1962	57,200	"	.44	25,200
	1961	20,445	"	.45	9,200
Pollination	1962	21,500	Colony	4.35	93,800
	1961	250	"	2.00	500
Total	1962				633,500
	1961				181,200

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

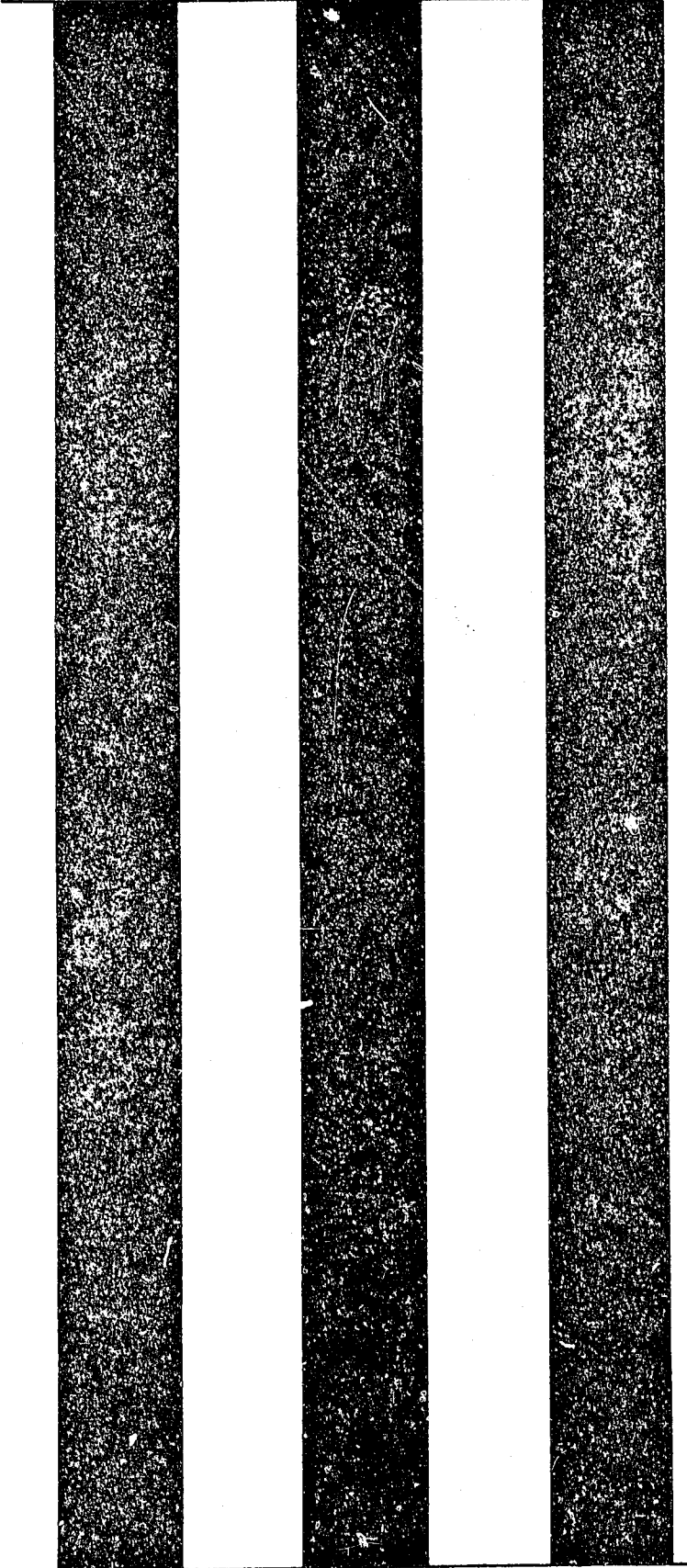
\$79,243,600

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1958-1962 Inclusive

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000	\$10,300,000	\$ 9,125,000	\$ 9,550,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,275,900	2,304,100	2,215,400	1,756,600	1,893,500
Berries	2,804,000	3,236,000	3,471,000	3,625,000	3,720,000
Field Crops	11,484,500	11,349,300	9,761,600	7,901,100	11,050,800
Vegetables	23,512,900	18,297,000	15,451,300	13,581,200	14,163,800
Nursery Stock	29,432,000	30,456,000	30,549,000	30,515,000	31,120,000
Cut Flowers	7,900,000	7,478,800	7,261,000	6,800,000	7,112,000
Total Plant Crops	\$87,809,300	\$86,151,200	\$79,009,300	\$73,303,900	\$78,610,100
Apiary Products	378,200	66,600	220,800	181,200	633,500
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100	\$73,485,100	\$79,243,600

\*U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.

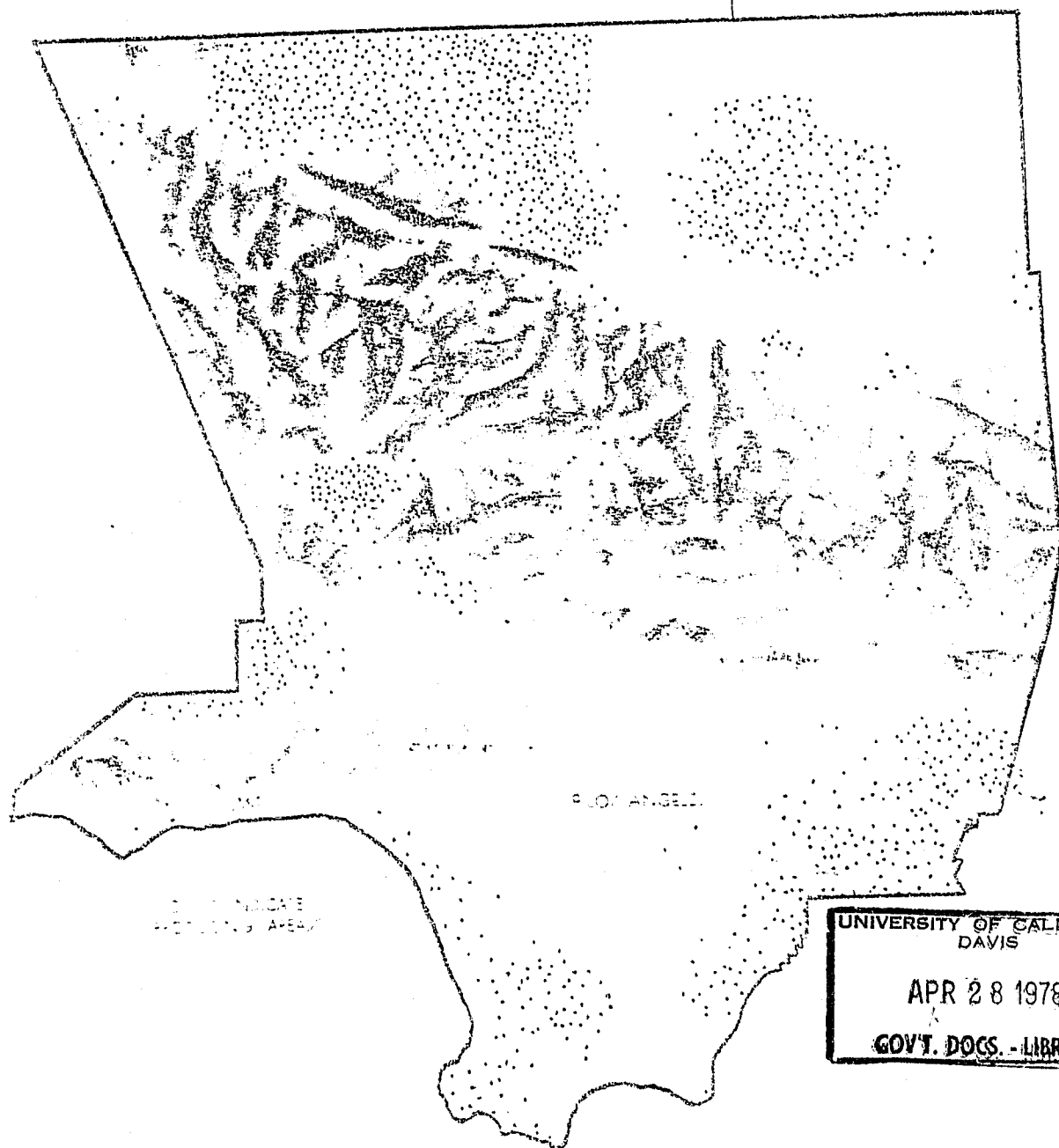


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# CROP REPORT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

## 1963



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1963  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crop production in Los Angeles County for 1963 totaled \$83,712,500, an increase of \$4,468,900 over the previous year and the highest reached since 1959 when plant crops returned \$86,217,800. Acres harvested declined from 130,390 in 1962 to 128,600 in 1963. Increased production this year on this somewhat reduced acreage indicates that in the case of many crops higher yields per acre continue to be realized.

Important crops returning one million dollars or more included alfalfa hay, nursery stock, cut flowers, lemons, navel oranges, strawberries, valencia oranges, carrots, green onions, celery, and sweet corn.

Citrus: (1963 - 9,460 acres, \$10,200,000; 1962 - 10,384 acres, \$9,550,000) Navel and valencia orange production was good and prices high in 1963 despite some loss and downgrading of fruit due to a winter freeze. Lower lemon yields were offset by higher prices with a smaller percentage of the crop going to by-products.

Other fruits and nuts: (1963 - 6,920 acres, \$6,573,600; 1962 - 6,932 acres, \$5,613,500) Although Antelope Valley pear production was down 25% over the previous year, the highest returns on record were posted for this crop due in large part to the good appearance and quality of fruit from this area. Almonds produced a fine crop, coming back sharply from the low, freeze-affected 1962 crop. Strawberries returned a record \$4,450,000, as the effect of favorable growing conditions, steady demand, and high prices were felt.

Field crops: (1963 - 96,350 acres, \$14,209,500; 1962 - 96,905 acres, \$11,050,800) Increased acreage in Antelope Valley, high yields, and good prices pushed alfalfa hay returns to \$9,450,000, an all time record. The average yield is now approaching 7 tons per acre. Sugar beet production increased sharply, helped by favorable weather, improved cultural techniques, and fewer insect and disease problems. In general, other dry-farmed grain and hay crops were near normal as timely spring rains offset the effect of below average seasonal rainfall.

Vegetables: (1963 - 13,440 acres, \$15,317,200; 1962, 13,660 acres, \$14,163,800) High carrot yields, averaging 25 tons per acre on increased acreage, coupled with excellent prices pushed carrot values close to the two million dollar mark. Better yields and good prices also led sweet corn to increased returns of \$1,400,000.

Nursery stock and cut flowers: (1963 - \$37,075,000; 1962 - \$38,232,000) Los Angeles County appears to have retained its position as the nation's number one producer of horticultural specialty crops. The trend continues toward intensified use of available acreage and glasshouse space for specialized flower crops. Dichondra seed returns were high as a strong demand more than doubled wholesale prices.

Apiary products: (1963 - \$337,200; 1962 - \$633,500) The honey crop decreased sharply as the effect of light seasonal rainfall was felt on the wild nectar sources. Only 1,853,000 pounds of honey and 27,800 pounds of beeswax were produced.

Value figures reflect the gross valuation of plant crops as they are sold within the county and are based on delivery price at market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture payments to farmers of \$545,000 are not included. Price, acreage and yield averages have been checked with the State statistician's office and prices compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, grower's associations, and produce dealers are consulted before the determination of final figures. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is acknowledged and appreciated.

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1963

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>							
Oranges	1963	1,872	7.1	13,300	Ton	\$203.00	\$ 2,700,000
Navel & Misc.	1962	2,067	6.2	12,800	"	195.30	2,500,000
Oranges	1963	3,787	6.1	23,100	"	134.20	3,100,000
Valencia	1962	4,115	5.3	21,850	"	135.00	2,950,000
Lemons	1963	3,600	8.1	29,100	"	143.00	4,160,000
	1962	3,998	9.0	36,100	"	108.00	3,900,000
Grapefruit	1963	201	8.8	1,770	"	135.60	240,000
	1962	204	10.3	2,100	"	95.24	200,000
Total	1963	9,460					\$10,200,000
	1962	10,384					9,550,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>							
Almonds	1963	1,587	2.4	355	"	640.00	228,000
	1962	1,587	.03	42.5	"	770.60	32,800
Apples	1963	63	1.03	65.2	"	69.00	4,500
	1962	55	3.9	216	"	110.85	24,000
Apricots	1963	17	1.5	25	"	140.00	3,500
	1962	17	1.5	25	"	120.00	3,000
Avocados	1963	2,078	1.5	3,120	"	241.00	752,000
	1962	2,097	1.7	3,564	"	200.00	713,000
Cherries	1963	18	.86	15.5	"	340.00	5,300
	1962	20	.58	11.5	"	320.00	3,700
Figs	1963	66	.51	33.6	"	500.00	16,800
	1962	64	.54	34.6	"	534.70	18,500
Grapes	1963	124	2.5	310	"	95.00	29,500
	1962	124	2.7	330	"	100.00	33,000
Olives	1963	568	1.4	800	"	75.00	60,000
	1962	568	.07	40	"	85.00	3,400
Peaches	1963	439	3.8	1,670	"	173.90	290,000
Freestone	1962	413	4.2	1,724	"	183.80	316,900
Pears	1963	277	10.1	2,810	"	200.00	562,000
Bartlett	1962	278	13.6	3,780	"	129.15	488,200
Walnuts	1963	1,012	.29	300	"	440.00	132,000
	1962	1,092	.39	430	"	500.00	215,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1963	71					40,000
	1962	67					42,000
Total	1963	6,320					\$ 2,123,600
	1962	6,382					1,893,500

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Strawberries	1963	600	16.5	9,900	Ton	\$449.50	\$ 4,450,000
	1962	550	15.4	8,470	"	439.20	3,720,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS							\$16,773,600
							15,163,500

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1963

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1963	24,000	.81	19,500	Ton	48.70	\$ 950,000
	1962	26,000	.81	21,000	"	47.00	987,000
Beans, dry edible Blackeye	1963	550	.54	300	"	190.00	57,000
	1962	300	.37	110	"	171.80	18,900
Garbanzo	1963	200	.33	66	"	240.00	15,800
	1962	350	.80	280	"	230.00	64,400
Lima	1963	720	.63	455	"	220.00	100,000
	1962	1,200	.47	560	"	210.00	117,600
Cotton Lint	1963	190	724 lb.	250	Bale	.30 lb.	42,000
	1962	210	750 lb.	315	"	.35 lb.	55,100
Cotton Seed	1963			109	Ton	47.00	5,100
	1962			136	"	53.00	7,200
Hay, alfalfa	1963	40,400	6.9	278,000	"	34.00	9,450,000
	1962	35,800	6.4	230,000	"	27.10	6,233,000
Hay, grain	1963	8,300	2.27	18,900	"	33.50	632,000
	1962	7,700	1.95	15,000	"	27.05	406,000
Oats	1963	200	1.5	300	"	50.00	15,000
	1962	260	1.12	290	"	53.45	15,500

# FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Pasture & range							
Irrigated	1963	4,500				\$175.00	\$ 790,000
	1962	5,200				150.00	780,000
Other	1963	200,000					540,000*
	1962	300,000					750,000*
Safflower	1963	100	0.5	50	Ton	72.00	3,600
	1962	635	0.5	325	"	90.00	29,300
Silage							
Sorghum	1963	800	30	24,000	"	6.50	156,000
	1962	600	35	21,000	"	5.00	105,000
Sorghum grain	1963	140	2.3	320	"	47.00	15,000
	1962	400	1.90	760	"	46.05	35,000
Straw	1963			2,000	"	25.00	50,000
	1962			6,000	"	15.00	90,000
Sugar beets**	1963	2,150	28.3	60,940	"	14.10	859,000
	1962	2,150	14.7	31,500	"	15.50	488,300
Wheat	1963	14,100	.39	5,550	"	70.25	390,000
	1962	16,100	.48	7,690	"	73.43	564,700
Total	1963	296,350					\$14,070,500
	1962	396,905					10,747,000

## Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1963	1,800***	275	495,000	Lb.	.28	\$ 139,000
	1962	2,650***	385	1,019,300	"	.297	303,800

\*Amount shown for 1963 includes \$250,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1962 amount includes about \$300,000 for such grazing.

\*\*Does not include estimated \$140,000 Sugar Act payments for 1963; includes estimated \$72,000 Sugar Act payments for 1962.

\*\*\*Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1963

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1963	35	1.6	56	Ton	\$280.30	\$ 15,700
	1962	35	1.6	56	"	264.29	14,800
Beans, snap	1963	175	5.9	1,040	"	243.00	253,000
	1962	150	5.6	840	"	250.00	210,000
Beets, table	1963	300	11.8	3,544	"	66.65	236,000
	1962	300	12.4	3,712	"	66.81	248,000
Cabbage	1963	900	13.7	12,348	"	56.30	695,000
	1962	925	14.0	12,960	"	68.75	891,000
Carrots	1963	975	25.0	24,375	"	80.00	1,950,000
	1962	900	20.0	18,000	"	77.22	1,390,000
Cauliflower	1963	400	12.5	5,000	"	66.00	330,000
	1962	425	12.4	5,265	"	66.65	351,000
Celery	1963	400	34.5	13,800	"	83.30	1,150,000
	1962	400	30.0	12,000	"	121.65	1,460,000
Chinese Food Veg.	1963	150					1,480,000
	1962	200					1,157,000
Corn, sweet	1963	2,350	5.6	13,200	"	106.05	1,400,000
	1962	2,250	5.2	11,638	"	93.65	1,090,000
Cucumbers	1963	100	7.2	720	"	109.45	78,800
	1962	160	6.3	1,005	"	93.75	94,200
Lettuce, leaf	1963	600	13.5	8,100	"	83.35	675,000
	1962	700	12.7	8,925	"	83.30	743,800
Melons Cantaloupe	1963	230	9.7	2,233	"	59.10	132,000
	1962	250	8.7	2,175	"	51.85	112,800
Casaba & others	1963	130	12.6	1,640	"	34.60	56,700
	1962	50	7.2	360	"	48.61	17,500
Watermelon	1963	310	13.7	4,250	"	32.25	137,000
	1962	60	12.5	750	"	32.80	24,600
Mushrooms	1963			580	"	1,000.00	580,000
	1962			650	"	900.00	585,000
Mustard & other greens	1963	1,000	10.1	10,100	"	71.30	720,000
	1962	900	9.0	8,100	"	62.20	504,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Onions, dry	1963	400	20.6	8,250	Ton	\$ 80.00	660,000
	1962	290	21.7	6,300	"	48.00	302,800
Onions, green	1963	730	16	11,680	"	91.60	1,070,000
	1962	750	16	12,000	"	90.00	1,080,000
Peppers	1963	60	6.2	375	"	200.00	75,000
	1962	50	5.6	280	"	180.70	50,600
Potatoes	1963	--					--
	1962	440	13.2	5,830	"	43.40	253,000
Pumpkins	1963	200	9.0	1,800	"	35.00	63,000
	1962	200	8.0	1,600	"	30.00	48,000
Radishes	1963	1,200	7.5	9,000	"	92.00	828,000
	1962	1,300	7.9	10,235	"	88.90	910,000
Rhubarb	1963	150	5.4	810	"	150.00	122,000
	1962	150	5.5	825	"	140.00	115,500
Romaine	1963	200	13.5	2,700	"	93.35	252,000
	1962	200	12.7	2,550	"	83.30	212,500
Spinach	1963	300	9.0	2,700	"	157.75	426,000
	1962	300	9.0	2,700	"	133.30	360,000
Squash Italian & summer	1963	300	4.8	1,440	"	158.35	228,000
	1962	350	5.4	1,890	"	145.50	275,000
Winter	1963	370	9.0	3,330	"	50.00	166,000
	1962	450	9.0	4,050	"	55.00	222,700
Tomatoes	1963	275	12.1	3,332	"	131.45	438,000
	1962	250	13.2	3,300	"	127.25	420,000
Turnips	1963	700	10.7	7,490	"	86.80	650,000
	1962	725	9.5	6,887	"	97.20	670,000
Miscellaneous	1963	500					450,000
	1962	500					350,000
TOTAL	1963	13,440					\$15,317,200
	1962	13,660					14,163,800



# NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1963		15	180,000	Plant	\$ .75	\$ 135,000
	1962		18	225,000	"	.75	170,000
Vegetable plants - greenhouse grown	1963	12		1,430,000	Flats	.80	1,143,000
	1962	13		1,500,000	"	.82	1,225,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1963		1,100				19,850,000
	1962		1,150				22,020,000
Bedding plants & ground cover	1963		80	1,260,000	Flats	2.10	2,646,000
	1962		73	1,290,000	"	2.31	2,975,000
Indoor decorative plants	1963	55					3,450,000
	1962	35					2,375,000
Cactus & succulents	1963		40				800,000
	1962		36				720,000
Bulbs, cuttings, roots, dichondra seed, etc.	1963		528				2,136,000
	1962		535				1,635,000
Total	1963	67	1,763	1830			\$30,160,000
	1962	48	1,812	1812			31,120,000
<u>Cut Flowers &amp; Decoratives</u>							
Carnations	1963	60		45,000,000	Bloom	.052	2,340,000
	1962	70		56,000,000	"	.045	2,520,000
Chrysanthemums Standard & disbuds	1963	40		6,000,000	"	.23	1,380,000
	1962	34		5,248,000	"	.25	1,312,000
Pompom	1963	33	80	350,000	Bunch	1.80	630,000
	1962		120	360,000	"	1.50	540,000
Gladiolus	1963		5	18,000	Doz.	1.25	23,000
	1962		8	28,000	"	1.20	33,000
Roses	1963	7		4,480,000	Bloom	.064	286,000
	1962	6		4,255,000	"	.065	275,000
Miscellaneous (such as orchids, daisies, stocks & about 20 other varieties)	1963		375				2,256,000
	1962		412				2,432,000
TOTAL	1963	140	460				\$ 6,915,000
	1962	110	540				7,112,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$83,375,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1963	1,853,000	Lb.	\$ .15	\$ 278,000
	1962	3,430,000	"	.15	514,500
Beeswax	1963	27,800	"	.44	12,200
	1962	57,200	"	.44	25,200
Pollination	1963	10,450	Colony	4.50	47,000
	1962	21,500	"	4.35	93,800
Total	1963				\$ 337,200
	1962				633,500
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS					\$83,712,500

S U M M A R Y  
1959-1963, Inclusive

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$13,023,000	\$10,300,000	\$ 9,125,000	\$ 9,550,000	\$10,200,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,304,100	2,215,400	1,756,600	1,893,500	2,123,600
Berries	3,236,000	3,471,000	3,625,000	3,720,000	4,450,000
Field Crops	11,349,300	9,761,600	7,901,100	11,050,800	14,209,500
Vegetables	18,297,000	15,451,300	13,581,200	14,163,800	15,317,200
Nursery Stock	30,458,000	30,549,000	30,515,000	31,120,000	30,160,000
Cut Flowers	7,478,800	7,261,000	6,800,000	7,112,000	6,915,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$86,151,200	\$79,009,300	\$73,303,900	\$78,610,100	\$83,375,300
Apiary Products	66,600	220,800	181,200	633,500	337,200
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100	\$73,485,100	\$79,243,600	\$83,712,500

\*U.S. Department of Agriculture Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT  
9744 Atlantic Avenue  
South Gate, Calif.

ESTIMATED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
FOR THE YEAR 1963

SUMMARY

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
DAIRY CATTLE	\$ 70,976,500
BEEF CATTLE	10,836,670
TOTAL CATTLE	81,813,170
CHICKENS	19,868,403
TURKEYS	5,935,448
DUCKS	130,000
TOTAL POULTRY	25,933,851
HORSES	1,714,000
SWINE	1,259,100
GOATS	1,428,000
SHEEP	544,830
RABBITS	377,736
FUR ANIMALS	112,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION	\$113,183,187

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<u>Classification</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Cattle</u>			
<u>Dairy Cattle</u>			
Calves	74,000 hd	\$ 13.00	\$ 962,000
Heifers	8,500 hd	185.00	1,572,500
Cull Cows	31,000 hd	178.00	5,518,000
Milk			
Market	11,992,000 cwt	5.07	60,799,000
Manufacturing	391,000 cwt	2.83	1,107,000
Other	360,000 cwt	2.83	1,018,000
<hr/> Total Dairy Production			\$70,976,500
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<u>Beef Cattle</u>			
Purebred Calves			
Hereford	350 hd	\$125.00	\$ 43,750
Angus	200 hd	125.00	25,000
Feeders			
Calves (avg. gain	2,700 hd		
200# per head	540,000 lbs	.248	133,920
Yearlings (avg. gain	6,500 hd		
400# per head	2,600,000 lbs	.229	595,400
Slaughter Stock			
Feedlot cattle	143,000 hd		
(avg. gain			
300# per head)	42,900,000 lbs	.234	10,038,600
<hr/> Total Beef Production			\$10,836,670
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TOTAL CATTLE PRODUCTION			\$81,813,170
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<u>Classification</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Poultry</u>			
<u>Chickens</u>			
Chicks	13,912,000 ea	\$ .151	\$ 2,101,000
Fryers	4,835,000 ea		
(avg. wt. 3½#)	16,922,500 lbs	.176	2,978,360
Roasters	1,818,000 ea		
(avg. wt. 5½#)	9,999,000 lbs	.213	2,129,787
Culled Hens	1,544,000 ea		
(avg. wt. 4½#)	6,948,000 lbs	.072	500,256
Eggs	38,600,000 dz	.315	12,159,000
Total Chicken Production			\$19,868,403
<u>Turkeys</u>			
Poults	716,000 ea	\$ .518	\$ 370,888
Turkeys	668,000 ea		
(avg. wt. 20#)	13,360,000 lbs	.219	2,925,840
Turkeys	1,216,000 ea		
(avg. wt. 10#)	12,160,000 lbs	.217	2,638,720
Total Turkey Production			\$ 5,935,448
<u>Ducks</u>			
Young Ducks	130,000 ea	\$1.00	\$ 130,000
Total Duck Production			\$ 130,000
TOTAL POULTRY PRODUCTION			\$25,933,851

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Horses</u>			
Purebred			
American Saddle	75 hd	\$300.00	\$ 22,500
Appaloosa	20 hd	350.00	7,000
Arabian	85 hd	500.00	42,500
Morgan	20 hd	350.00	7,000
Palomino	50 hd	300.00	15,000
Pinto	20 hd	200.00	4,000
Quarter Horse	375 hd	500.00	187,500
Standardbred	50 hd	350.00	17,500
Tennessee Walking	10 hd	350.00	3,500
Thoroughbred	450 hd	2,000.00	900,000
Hackney	40 hd	500.00	20,000
Shetland Ponies	150 hd	400.00	60,000
Grade	1,500 hd	150.00	225,000
TOTAL HORSE PRODUCTION			\$ 1,714,000

<u>Goats</u>			
Breeding Stock-Kids			
Female	500 hd	\$75.00	\$ 37,500
Male	100 hd	75.00	7,500
Sold for Meat (all ages)	2,000 hd	4.00	8,000
Milk	2,750,000 qts	.50	1,375,000
TOTAL GOAT PRODUCTION			\$ 1,428,000

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Swine</u>			
Feeders (avg. gain 230# per head)	30,000 hd 6,900,000 lbs	(\$ .169	\$ 1,166,100
Cull Sows (avg. gain 300# per head)	2,500 hd 750,000 lbs	.124	93,000
TOTAL SWINE PRODUCTION			\$ 1,259,100

<u>Sheep</u>			
Lambs (avg. gain 80# per head)	28,000 hd 2,240,000 lbs	\$ .187	\$ 418,880
Feedlots (avg. gain 30# per head)	400 hd 12,000 lbs	.192	2,304
Wool			
Ewe Clip (avg. 9# per head)	30,000 hd 270,000 lbs	.455	122,850
Lamb Clip (avg. 3½# per head)	500 hd 1,750 lbs	.455	796
TOTAL SHEEP PRODUCTION			\$ 544,830

<u>Rabbits</u>			
Stewers	13,300 ea	\$1.00	364,436
Fryers	364,436 ea	1.00	13,300
TOTAL RABBIT PRODUCTION			\$ 377,736

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Fur Animals</u>			
Mink Pelts	7,500 ea	\$15.00	\$ 112,500
TOTAL FUR ANIMAL PRODUCTION			\$ 112,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING 1963			\$113,183,187

Fertilizer\*

Dairy Cattle	25,000,000 cu. ft.
Feedlot Cattle	18,000,000 cu. ft.
Poultry	96,000 tons

\*Fertilizer may be sold or is given to an individual who will remove it while in other instances the livestock owner must pay for fertilizer removal. Therefore, no dollar value is given for this commodity.