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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1972

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

SUMMARY

1968-1972, Inclusive

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 4,294,000	\$ 2,312,000	\$ 3,430,800	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	2,038,000	1,903,000	2,564,710	2,240,240	2,366,900
Berries	3,507,000	3,776,000	3,476,000	3,006,000	2,760,450
Field Crops	11,349,000	9,551,000	9,146,200	9,102,600	8,774,700
Vegetables	13,075,000	11,555,000	10,886,500	10,063,200	10,036,200
Nursery Stock	31,340,000	35,491,000	36,837,000	40,641,000	46,245,000
Cut Flowers	<u>5,500,000</u>	<u>5,202,000</u>	<u>4,823,000</u>	<u>4,556,000</u>	<u>4,507,000</u>
Total Plant Crops*	\$71,103,000	\$69,790,000	\$71,164,210	\$72,899,040	\$77,240,150
Apiary Products	<u>192,000</u>	<u>431,000</u>	<u>234,500</u>	<u>540,000</u>	<u>328,480</u>
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$71,295,000	\$70,221,000	\$71,398,710	\$73,439,040	\$77,568,630
Livestock & Poultry	<u>86,171,500</u>	<u>80,954,000</u>	<u>62,690,000</u>	<u>49,766,000</u>	<u>43,099,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$157,466,500	\$151,175,000	\$134,088,710	\$123,205,040	\$120,667,630

* U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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(a Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Farm in West San Fernando Valley. Tree farms are steadily expanding in popularity throughout L.A. County.)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1972 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County totaled \$120,668,000.

Paced once again by record wholesale nursery crop sales, total cash receipts from all plant crops increased to \$77,240,000, the highest total since 1967. Livestock returns continued to drop however declining some 13% to \$49,099,000 for the year.

Ten crops--excluding livestock categories--returned \$1 million dollars or more in 1972. They were: lemons, \$1,580,000; strawberries, \$2,760,450; alfalfa hay, \$5,655,000; bean sprouts, \$1,800,000; sweet corn, \$2,048,000; green onions, \$1,559,000; mushrooms, \$1,080,000; sugar beets, \$1,017,000; cut flowers, \$4,507,000; and nursery stock \$46,245,000.

Due largely to a drop of nearly 25% in acreage, citrus crops returned only \$2,549,900 in 1972. In the case of oranges, increases in unit price were offset by yield reductions. Better lemon yield this year helped meet lower unit prices.

Grain and other field crops returns were down in yield throughout the County due primarily to lack of adequate rainfall. Fortunately, high demand resulted in higher prices and field crops as a group returned \$8,774,700.

Other fruit and nut crops produced \$2,366,900 for growers last year with almond growers in the Antelope Valley harvesting their best crop since 1969. While peach production was average, pears suffered greatly because of cold injury and expected alternate-year bearing tendencies. Good demand and higher prices at roadside stands contributed to higher returns for Antelope Valley fruit. Better prices for avocado and strawberries nearly overcame loss of acreage and lower yields for these crops.

Over 6,000 acres of vegetables were harvested during 1972 with sweet corn, green onions, radishes, leaf lettuce and cabbage the main crops produced. Over 25 other vegetables were marketed. Returns to vegetable growers before cultural and selling costs are deducted totaled \$10,036,200.

Gross income for all nursery stock reached an all time high of \$46,245,000, a 15% increase over 1971. As in recent years, the trend toward production of ornamental stock for out-of-state sales was the strongest reason. One-third of all ornamental plants produced in Los Angeles County are now being shipped to some 47 of the fifty states. A renewed environmental interest also contributed to better local demand. Cut flower production remained near the \$4 million dollar mark.

Apiary production decreased to \$328,480 in 1972 although honey prices reached record highs because of a world-wide shortage. Poor honey flow was responsible for the yield decrease.

Livestock and poultry production continued to decline in Los Angeles County during 1972. The 13% drop in livestock and poultry production was attributed to a steady exodus of dairy animals. Small decreases of other animal numbers were offset by increased prices. Beef and pork prices remained high for the entire year while poultry and egg revenues climbed during the last quarter of the reporting period.

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or on FOB price for commodities shipped out-of-state. All prices have been compared to Federal-State Market News quotation. United States Department of Agriculture payments amounted to \$438,072 are are not included in the total gross returns reported. All figures are gross values and do not reflect net farm income.

Assistance received from the many individuals and agencies consulted is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CITRUS FRUITS							
Oranges	1973	446	3.8	1,695	Ton	158.00	268,000
Navel & Misc.	1972	604	4.7	2,839	Ton	\$133.00	\$ 378,000
Oranges	1973	312	4.2	1,311	"	120.50	158,000
Valencia	1972	852	5.9	5,027	"	107.00	538,000
Lemons	1973	1,124	6.7	7,475	"	211.00	1,577,000
Grapefruit	1972	1,209	7.6	9,188	"	172.00	1,580,000
	1973	30	6.7	201	"	149.25	30,000
	1972	46	7.6	350	"	154.00	53,900
Total	1973	1,912					2,033,000
	1972	2,711					\$2,549,900
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS							
Almonds	1973	941	.088	83	Ton	1640.00	136,000
Apples	1972	901	.305	275	Ton	720.00	198,000
Avocados	1973	27	3.8	103	"	155.25	16,000
Cherries	1972	29	1.14	33	"	88.00	2,900
Figs	1973	1,039	1.50	1,559	"	703.00	1,096,000
Grapes	1972	1,027	.60	616	"	1,000.00	616,000
Olives	1973	29	2.6	75	"	600.00	45,000
Peaches	1972	30	2.3	69	"	490.00	33,800
Pears	1973	22	5.0	110	"	1,480.00	162,800
Walnuts	1972	22	6.3	138	"	1,199.00	165,000
	1973	2	10.0	20	"	100.00	2,000
	1972	6	10.0	60	"	105.00	6,300
	1973	2	—	—	"	—	—
	1972	28	4.0	112	"	240.00	26,900
Peaches	1973	317	6.7	2,124	"	282.50	600,000
Freestone	1972	334	6.0	2,004	"	292.00	585,000
Pears	1973	286	13.1	3,746	"	187.00	700,000
Bartlett	1972	227	8.7	2,410	"	230.00	554,000
Walnuts	1973	338	1.17	395	"	494.00	195,000
	1972	339	.58	197	"	555.00	109,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1973	50					100,000
	1972	43					70,000
Total	1972	3,036					2,930,400
							\$2,366,900

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

5715 2,505 (43%)

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FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Silage - Sorghum	1973	700	5.0	3,500	Ton	\$ 52.00	182,000
	1972	500	5.0	2,500	Ton	\$ 32.00	80,000
	1971	500	5.0	2,500	Ton	32.00	80,000
Sugar beets (*)	1973	1,500	28.5	42,750	"	19.00	812,000
	1972	1,870	34.0	63,580	"	16.00	1,017,000
	1971	1,870	34.0	63,580	"	16.00	1,017,000
Wheat	1973	7,900	.38	3,002	"	93.50	281,000
	1972	8,000	.30	2,400	"	64.00	154,000
	1971	8,000	.30	2,400	"	64.00	154,000
Misc. Field Crops (*)	1973						252,000
	1972						220,000
	1971						220,000

Total	1973	206,710					11,843,500
	1972	253,173					\$ 8,765,700
	1971	253,173					8,765,700

35%
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& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1973	100 (*) 75	7,500	Lbs.	\$.26	\$ 6,500
	1972	200 (*) 150	30,000	Lbs.	\$.30	\$ 9,000
	1971	200 (*) 150	30,000	Lbs.	.30	9,000

(*) Does not include estimated \$83,816.00 Sugar Act payments for 1972 or \$93,300 for 1971.

(*) Amount shown for 1973 includes \$220,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1972 amount includes \$186,000 for such grazing. STRAW ALSO INCLUDED IN MISC. FIGURE 220,000

(*) Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

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VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Bean Sprouts	1973			5,100	Ton	373.00	1,902,000
	1972	-	-	5,000	Ton	\$360.00	\$1,800,000
	1971			4,950	"	360.00	1,782,000
Beets, table	1973	40	6.2	248	"	104.00	25,800
	1972	85	8.4	714	"	91.00	65,000
	1971	97	8.7	849	"	73.00	60,000
Cabbage	1973	325	12.2	3,965	"	93.50	371,000
	1972	325	10.0	3,250	"	96.00	312,000
	1971	304	10.0	3,040	"	96.50	293,000
Carrots	1973	400	30.0	12,000	"	132.00	1,584,000
	1972	150	38.0	5,700	"	100.00	570,000
	1971	149	32.0	4,768	"	107.50	512,000
Cauliflower	1973	50	11.9	595	"	90.00	53,600
	1972	25	11.5	288	"	84.00	24,200
	1971	28	11.7	328	"	91.50	30,000
Chinese Food Vegetables	1973	115	11.5	1,323	"	130.00	172,000
	1972	35	16.0	560	"	106.00	59,400
	1971	44	19.2	845	"	93.00	80,000
Corn, sweet	1973	1,715	4.4	7,546	"	222.00	1,675,000
	1972	2,560	5.0	12,800	"	160.00	2,048,000
	1971	2,730	5.5	15,015	"	155.00	2,327,000
Lettuce, leaf	1973	335	6.6	2,211	"	209.25	463,000
	1972	230	7.5	1,725	"	120.00	207,000
	1971	237	8.5	2,014	"	110.00	222,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1973	70	7.9	553	"	108.00	59,700
	1972	130	7.9	1,027	"	115.00	118,000
	1971	113	7.4	836	"	81.50	68,100
Watermelon	1973	30	7.0	210	"	100.00	21,000
	1972	70	7.5	525	"	55.00	28,900
	1971	111	6.0	666	"	31.00	34,000
Mushrooms	1973	-	-	900	"	1,240.00	1,116,000
	1972	-	-	900	"	1,200.00	1,080,000
	1971	-	-	913	"	1,160.00	1,059,000
Mustard & other greens	1973	825	10.2	8,415	"	68.50	576,000
	1972	1,050	10.1	10,605	"	66.00	700,000
	1971	600	10.0	6,000	"	87.50	525,000
Onions, dry	1973	280	17.5	4,900	"	90.00	441,000
	1972	100	20.0	2,000	"	142.00	284,000
	1971	9	16.0	144	"	66.00	9,500
Onions, green	1973	575	22.8	13,110	"	171.25	2,245,000
	1972	400	23.0	9,100	"	171.00	1,559,000
	1971	541	19.0	10,279	"	192.00	1,973,000
Pumpkins	1973	108	13.9	1,501	"	70.00	105,000
	1972	120	14.0	1,680	"	50.00	84,000
	1971	93	9.0	837	"	65.75	55,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Radishes	1973	395	7.2	2,844	Ton	166.00	472,080
	1972	450	7.0	3,150	Ton	\$115.00	\$ 362,000
	1971	420	6.0	2,460	"	118.25	291,000
Rhubarb	1973	87	10.0	870	"	155.00	135,000
	1972	75	10.0	750	"	250.00	188,000
	1971	84	6.5	546	"	187.00	102,000
Squash, Summer	1973	90	5.5	495	"	273.00	135,000
	1972	90	4.6	414	"	237.00	98,100
	1971	120	5.0	640	"	145.25	75,000
Squash, Winter	1973	55	10.0	550	"	100.00	55,000
	1972	40	10.0	400	"	45.00	18,000
	1971	40	9.0	360	"	43.00	16,000
Tomatoes, Mkt.	1973	185	7.0	1,295	"	165.00	214,000
	1972	50	16.0	800	"	300.00	240,000
	1971	64	11.0	704	"	240.00	257,000
Turnips	1973	90	9.0	810	"	100.00	81,000
	1972	115	9.0	1,035	"	87.50	90,600
	1971	60	9.0	540	"	100.25	56,000
Misc. Vegetables	1973	115					75,000
	1972	100					100,000
	1971	132					125,000
Total	1973	5,885					11,853,100
	1972	6,200					\$10,036,200
	1971	6,976					10,065,200

217,960

32,628,500

6,200
5,885
315

18%

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Bedding Plants	1973		58	1,579,000	FLATS	3.42	\$5,400,000
	1972		60	1,439,000	Flats	3.40	\$4,893,000
	1971		60	1,300,000	"	2.70	3,700,000
Cacti-Succulents	1973		16				244,000
	1972		16				196,000
	1971		10				126,000
Geranium cuttings	1973		150	10,500,000	CUTTINGS	.07	735,000
	1972		160	12,240,000	Cuttings	.065	796,000
	1971		150	10,250,000	"	.07	661,000
Ground cover	1973		93	1,245,000	FLATS	2.90	3,710,000
	1972		93	1,280,000	Flats	2.50	3,200,000
	1971		93	1,100,000	"	2.95	2,585,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1973		59				240,000
	1972		68				445,000
	1971		65				200,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1973		1,610	30,100,000	PLANTS	1.03	31,003,000
	1972		1,605	27,100,000	Plants	1.05	28,455,000
	1971		2,100	22,000,000	"	1.10	25,500,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other specialties	1973		57				731,000
	1972		57				747,000
	1971		50				675,000
Vegetable plants	1973	12		698,000	FLATS	1.36	949,000
	1972	12		765,000	Flats	1.14	872,000
	1971	14		900,000	"	1.05	947,000
Indoor plants foliage	1973	25		5,654,000	POTS	.64	3,618,000
	1972	17		5,350,000	Pots	.56	2,996,000
	1971	18		2,270,000	"	.70	1,389,000
Indoor potted flowering	1973	35		1,673,500		1.67	2,795,000
	1972	49		2,440,000	"	1.15	2,806,000
	1971	47		2,100,000	"	1.30	2,730,000
Orchid plants	1973	9					1,240,000
	1972	9					839,000
	1971	9					895,000
Total	1973	81	2,073				50,665,000
	1972	87	2,059				\$46,245,000
	1971	89	2,096				40,612,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold		Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1973	31		12,000,000	Blooms	.06	720,000
	1972	40		15,000,000	Blooms	.065	\$ 975,000
	1971	40		18,000,000	"	.06	1,080,000
Christmas trees	1973		227	35,000		10.50	368,000
	1972		230	40,500	Trees	10.85	440,500
	1971		231	35,000	"	10.00	350,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1973	15		1,100,000	Blooms	.23	308,000
	1972	18		1,404,000	Blooms	.23	322,920
	1971	19		1,430,000	"	.23	341,000
-Pompon	1973	35	45	207,500	BUNDLE	2.95	612,000
	1972	43	50	248,000	Bundle	2.96	734,000
	1971	45	51	260,500	"	2.75	765,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1973	19					665,000
	1972	21					745,000
	1971	21					735,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1973		270				1,242,000
	1972		285				1,300,000
	1971		285				1,300,000
Total	1973	100	542				3,915,000
	1972	122	565				\$ 4,507,000
	1971	125	547				4,556,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS
1972

Acres
~~262,322~~
220,726

Value
~~\$87,010,160~~
87,208,500

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Total			Per Unit	Total
Honey	1973	1,350,000		Lbs.	.23	580,000
	1972	712,500		Lbs.	.30	\$ 214,000
	1971	1,660,000		"	.22	407,000
Beeswax	1973	22,500		"	.72	16,200
	1972	11,875		"	.63	7,480
	1971	24,000		"	.63	15,000
Pollination	1973	14,500		Colonies	8.00	116,000
	1972	16,500		Colonies	6.50	107,000
	1971	22,000		"	5.50	121,000
Total	1973					712,200
	1972					\$ 328,480
	1971					340,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1973

\$11,568,000
87,920,700

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production			Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>							
Dairy							
Cows	1972	18,500	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ --
	1971	28,000	--	--	--	--	--
Gull Cows	1972	--	5,500	5,500,000	Cwt.	24.00	1,320,000
	1971	--	8,000	8,000,000	"	21.40	1,712,000
Calves	1972	1,000	16,000	--	Head	65.00	1,040,000
	1971	2,000	25,000	--	"	55.00	1,375,000
Heifers	1972	1,700	1,500	--	"	330.00	495,000
	1971	1,500	1,500	--	"	275.00	412,500
Beef							
Feeder Calves	1972	6,000	5,000	1,000,000	Cwt.	37.90	379,000
	1971	6,500	3,500	700,000	"	33.90	237,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1972	20,000	36,000	11,000,000	"	35.00	3,850,000
	1971	28,000	40,000	12,500,000	"	31.90	3,988,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>							
Breeding Stock	1972	30,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1971	28,000	--	--	--	--	--
Fat Lambs	1972	28,000	21,000	1,680,000	Cwt.	29.80	501,000
	1971	20,000	24,500	1,960,000	"	26.70	523,000
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>							
Slaughter Hogs	1972	3,500	3,800	457,000	Cwt.	26.70	122,000
	1971	3,500	3,600	432,000	"	19.10	82,500
<u>BROILERS & FRYERS</u>							
	1972	216,000	2,266,000	6,798,000	Lb.	.173	1,176,000
	1971	342,000	2,363,000	8,272,000	"	.172	1,423,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>							
Hens	1972	--	500,000	1,750,000	Lb.	.056	98,000
	1971	--	800,000	3,600,000	"	.040	144,000
Laying Hens	1972	730,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1971	1,143,000	--	--	--	--	--
Roasters	1972	419,000	1,583,000	8,706,000	Lb.	.220	1,915,000
	1971	513,000	1,429,000	7,860,000	"	.200	1,572,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>							
	1972	325,000	1,185,000	23,700,000	Lb.	.220	5,214,000
	1971	328,000	1,309,000	26,180,000	"	.214	5,603,000
<u>CHICKS</u>							
	1972	--	7,870,000	--	Each	.113	889,000
	1971	--	9,957,000	--	"	.116	1,155,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production			Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks, Poults,	1972	—	—	—	—	\$ —	\$ 196,000
Goats, Rabbits)	1971	—	—	—	—	—	197,000
<u>HORSES</u>							
	1972	56,000	5,000	—	Head	450.00	2,250,000
	1971	55,000	5,000	—	"	425.00	2,125,000
Total	1972						\$19,445,000
	1971						20,549,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u>					
Market	1972	3,177,000	Cwt.	\$ 6.05	\$19,219,000
	1971	3,960,000	"	5.91	23,402,000
Manufacturing	1972	7,160	"	4.19	30,000
	1971	10,000	"	4.37	38,000
<u>WOOL</u>					
	1972	202,600	Lb.	.30	61,000
	1971	308,300	"	.15	46,000
<u>EGGS</u>					
	1972	14,843,000	Dozen	.282	4,186,000
	1971	23,241,000	"	.240	5,578,000
<u>GOATS' MILK</u>					
	1972	525,000	Qt.	.30	158,000
	1971	500,000	"	.30	150,000
Total	1972				\$23,654,000
	1971				29,217,000
GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION					\$43,099,000

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLANT CROP VALUES

A FIFTEEN YEAR COMPARISON

