



CROP AND LIVESTOCK

Los Angeles County 1982 Report



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1982 CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

Nursery products continued to be the County's leading source of income from agriculture. Most categories were stable in comparison with 1981, with the noteworthy exceptions of milk production and sugar beet acreage. The decline in milk production cannot be traced to a single cause. The cutback on sugar beet acreage took place when the leading buyer closed their refinery. Dry onions suffered from over production.

On the positive side, the county continued to produce a wide variety of green vegetables, making vegetables crops the number two money maker for growers. Honey flow was good, wool production was up, barley made money and strawberries continued as high value specialty crop, exemplary for the use of utility right-of-way land, in close proximity to many urban consumers.

For the first time, we have arranged the items for each category in this annual report in the order of their dollar value. We hope this makes it handier to get the over all picture and to extract useful information.

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*"Nature has made neither sun nor air nor waves
private property; they are public gifts."*

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Strawberries	1982	430	21.2	9,116	Ton	\$ 371.00	\$ 7,940,000
	1981	405	24.9	10,092		812.50	8,200,500
Avocados	1982	612	2.1	1,285	Ton	1,000.00	1,285,200
	1981	710	3.0	2,130		520.00	1,107,600
Peaches (Freestone)	1982	500	5.8	2,900	Ton	565.00	1,638,500
	1981	501	7.3	3,657		561.75	2,054,000
Pears (Bartlett)	1982	260	8.0	2,080	Ton	347.00	721,800
	1981	260	3.0	803		480.00	385,400
Lemons	1982	115	10.0	1,150	Ton	132.00	151,800
	1981	150	9.0	1,350		110.00	148,500
Misc. Citrus & Other Fruits & Nuts	1982	664	Includes figs, cherries, apples				893,700
	1981	675	and pomegranates.				1,007,200
TOTAL	1982						\$12,631,000
	1981						13,005,200

FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1982	16,527	7.50	123,953	Ton	\$ 92.00	\$11,403,700
	1981	20,327	7.90	160,986		85.00	13,683,800
Rangeland	1982	242,000					1,208,000
	1981	242,000					998,000
Barley	1982	8,610	.93	8,007	Ton	117.00	936,900
	1981	5,013	.22	1,103		130.00	143,400
Wheat	1982	4,935	.75	3,701	Ton	138.00	510,800
	1981	6,600	.75	990		128.25	127,000
Sugar Beets	1982	340	30.00	10,200	Ton	40.00	408,000
	1981	2,775	37.00	102,675		33.00	3,388,300
Grain Hay	1982	1,690	2.60	4,394	Ton	77.00	338,300
	1981	1,320	2.10	2,744		73.40	201,400
Alfalfa Seed	1982	200	300.00	60,000	Lbs.	1.85	111,000
	1981	200	89.00	17,800		1.60	28,500
Miscellaneous	1982	907	Includes dry beans, Sudan grass,				648,400
	1981	1,160	and grazing privileges on stubble.				978,000
TOTAL	1982						\$15,665,100
	1981						19,548,400

VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Sprouts, Bean & Alfalfa	1982			17,598	Ton	\$505.25	\$ 8,891,400
	1981			14,200		633.00	8,989,800
Table Greens*	1982	1,215			Ton		6,506,600
	1981	964		5,952			2,007,800
Onions, Dry	1982	1,453	25.0	35,825	Ton	110.00	3,940,800
	1981	1,007	33.3	33,533		376.25	12,616,000
Corn, Sweet	1982	1,246	6.0	7,476	Ton	335.50	2,508,200
	1981	1,528	6.1	9,321		419.50	3,909,500
Vine Crops**	1982	624		6,244	Ton		1,123,800
	1981	523		5,513			1,298,800
Root Vegetables***	1982	247		5,184	Ton		985,300
	1981	156		2,761			740,200
Miscellaneous****	1982	3,116					29,028,400
	1981	3,078					23,856,000
TOTAL	1982	7,881					\$52,948,500
	1981	7,256					53,418,000

* Includes head cabbage as well as lettuce, collards, turnip greens, cilantro, all oriental specialties, etc.

** Includes squash and melons.

*** Includes turnips, beets and carrots.

**** Confidentiality is maintained for products which are produced by three or fewer growers (tomatoes, mushrooms, rhubarb, etc.).

FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Price	Value
Timber	USFS Fiscal Year Oct. '81-Oct.'82	150,000 Board Ft.	\$125	\$ 18,750
Firewood	USFS Fiscal Year Oct. '81-Oct.'82	1,350,000 Board Ft.	150	405,000
TOTAL	USFS Fiscal Year Oct. '81-Oct.'82			\$423,750

NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1982		1,819	32,329,000	Plants	2.63	\$ 83,025,000
	1981		1,911	36,684,053		2.24	82,172,000
Bedding Plants	1982	450,000	35	2,606,000	Flats	4.39	11,440,000
	1981		51	1,879,000		6.19	11,640,000
Indoor Plants Foliage	1982	2,070,000		9,578,000	Pots	.92	8,812,000
	1981	1,845,000		13,002,800		.72	9,362,000
Ground Cover	1982	225,000	86	964,000	Flats	5.10	4,916,000
	1981		101	1,191,000		5.06	6,026,000
Indoor Plants Flowering	1982	990,000		952,000	Pots	3.41	3,246,000
	1981	810,000		923,000		2.72	2,510,000
Vegetable Plants	1982	225,000	30	497,000	Flats	5.37	2,669,000
	1981	225,000		334,422		4.34	1,452,000
Miscellaneous	1982	450,000	217	Includes orchids, bulbs, turf, seed, cacti, and geranium cuttings.			4,838,000
	1981	225,000	219				6,023,000
TOTAL	1982	4,410,000	2,187				\$118,946,000
	1981	3,100,000	2,282				119,185,000

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1982	855,000		11,202,788	Blooms	\$.14	\$1,568,000
	1981	855,000		10,326,875		.14	1,446,000
Christmas Trees	1982		195	53,225	Trees	23.50	\$1,251,000
	1981		181	50,510		24.70	1,248,000
Chrysanthemums	1982	990,000		1,106,336	Var.	Var.	\$967,000
	1981	810,000	9	772,434			947,000
Miscellaneous	1982		165	Includes cut greens, cut orchids, and all other cut flowers.			\$1,593,000
	1981		165				1,390,000
TOTAL	1982	1,845,000	369				\$5,379,000
	1981	1,675,000	355				5,031,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Number	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Horses	1982	11,100		Head	\$850.00	\$ 9,435,000
	1981	9,800			720.00	7,056,000
Chickens Includes broilers, roasters & stewers.	1982	5,360,200	27,796,700	Lbs.	.34	9,420,700
	1981	6,519,000	32,828,000		.33	10,864,500
Cattle Includes calves & heifers.	1982	5,200		Head	229.62	1,194,000
	1981	4,800			248.75	1,194,800
Includes feeder calves & cull cows.	1982	39,800	11,750,000	Cwt.	172.90	6,881,600
	1981	43,700	13,030,000	Cwt.	160.65	7,020,200
Turkeys	1982	378,900	6,820,200	Lbs.	.39	2,659,900
	1981	689,200	14,405,600		.41	5,086,300
Sheep	1982	50,500	4,040,000	Cwt.	55.80	2,255,000
	1981	50,000	4,000,000		56.30	2,252,000
Hogs	1982	11,100	1,332,000	Cwt.	58.20	775,000
	1981	10,000	1,200,000		48.00	576,000
Miscellaneous	1982		Includes ducks, rabbits, goats, etc.			2,342,200
	1981					2,335,400
TOTAL	1982					\$35,547,400
	1981					37,489,200

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Milk	1982	400,000	Cwt.	\$13.30	\$ 5,320,000
	1981	1,321,750		13.05	17,249,000
Eggs	1982	8,980,100	Doz.	.50	4,477,200
	1981	9,354,500		.55	5,145,900
Honey	1982	1,125,000	Lbs.	.60	675,000
	1981	480,000		.54	259,000
Wool	1982	515,000	Lbs.	.98	504,700
	1981	300,000		.93	279,000
Pollination	1982	16,000		21.50	344,000
	1981	16,000		22.50	352,000
Beeswax	1982	19,000	Lbs.	1.75	33,250
	1981	8,000		1.80	14,400
TOTAL	1982				\$11,354,150
	1981				24,864,000

SUMMARY

Commodity	1980	1981	1982
Fruit and Nuts	\$ 12,127,100	\$ 13,005,200	\$ 12,831,000
Field Crops	27,887,600	19,548,400	15,665,100
Vegetables	38,138,800	53,418,000	52,984,500
Nursery Stock	118,863,000	119,185,000	118,945,000
Cut Flowers	5,837,000	5,031,000	5,379,000
Livestock and Poultry	36,227,220	35,923,800	35,547,400
Apiary, Livestock and Poultry Products	<u>24,290,000</u>	<u>24,864,000</u>	<u>11,354,150</u>
Subtotal	\$261,968,820	\$270,975,400	\$252,507,150*
Forest Products			<u>423,750</u>
Grand Total	\$261,968,820	\$270,975,400	\$252,930,900

* Figures are gross values. USDA payments are not included.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$83,025,000	14. Onions, Dry	\$3,940,800
2. Bedding Plants	11,440,000	15. Indoor Plants (Flowering)	3,246,000
3. Alfalfa Hay	11,403,700	16. Vegetable Plants	2,669,000
4. Horses	9,435,000	17. Turkeys	2,659,900
5. Chickens	9,420,700	18. Corn, Sweet	2,508,200
6. Sprouts Bean & Alfalfa	8,891,400	19. Sheep	2,255,000
7. Indoor Plants	8,812,000	20. Peaches (Freestone)	1,638,500
8. Strawberries	7,940,000	21. Carnations	1,568,000
9. Cattle	6,881,600	22. Avocados	1,285,200
10. Table Greens	6,506,600	23. Christmas Trees	1,251,000
11. Milk	5,320,000	24. Cattle (Stock)	1,194,000
12. Ground Covers	4,916,000	25. Vine Crops (Squash, Melons)	1,123,800
13. Eggs	4,477,200		

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