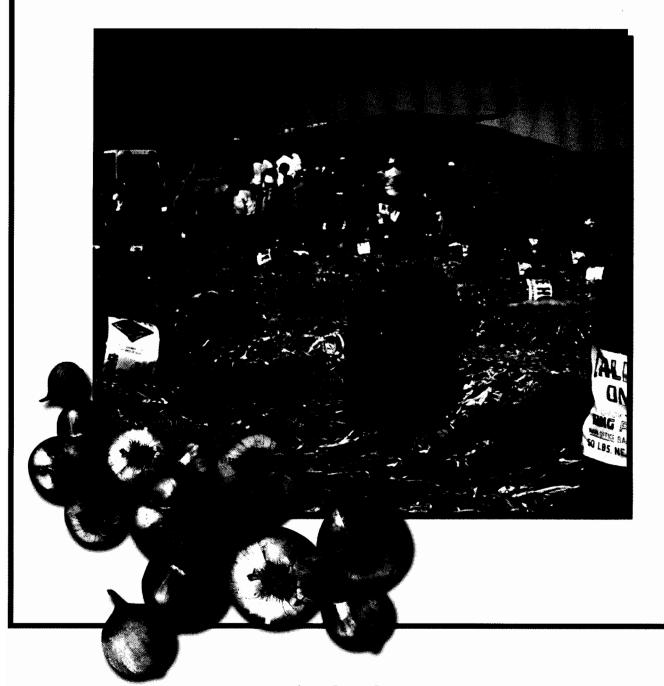
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1999 Crop Report



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1999 CROP REPORT

The overall gross value of agricultural crops and products in Los Angeles County for 1999 was \$253,010,000. The gross value of agricultural production decreased slightly, for the first time since 1992, to a total of \$253 million, a decrease of 2.88% from last year's \$260.5 million dollars.

The production of nursery stock continues to be our leading crop, producing \$179,804,000 in 1999. However, there was a 3.1% decrease from the 1998 production of \$185,592,500. Nursery production declined slightly as nursery growing grounds, primarily under electrical power line rights-of-way, were diverted to other uses.

On the brighter side, agricultural production in the Antelope Valley continues to flourish as vegetable crop production showed an 8.1% increase in 1999 with a total of \$42,648,300. Additional acres of root crops, primarily carrots, herbs, table greens, vine crops, and other miscellaneous vegetables accounted for the increase in production.

Although considered a major metropolitan county with 9.8 million residents, Los Angeles County produces more than 25 types of crops including 13 million dollar crops: ornamental trees and shrubs, bedding plants, root vegetables, peaches, dry onions, indoor plants, alfalfa hay, strawberries, herbs, ground covers, vine crops, table greens and rangeland.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of the nursery stock producers, growers and governmental agencies who contributed and provided information necessary for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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This annual publication presents statistical information on acreage, yield and gross value of agricultural products produced in Los Angeles County. This is in accordance with Sections 2279 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. The production values in this report represent gross values and do not reflect the cost of production, net income or loss to producers.

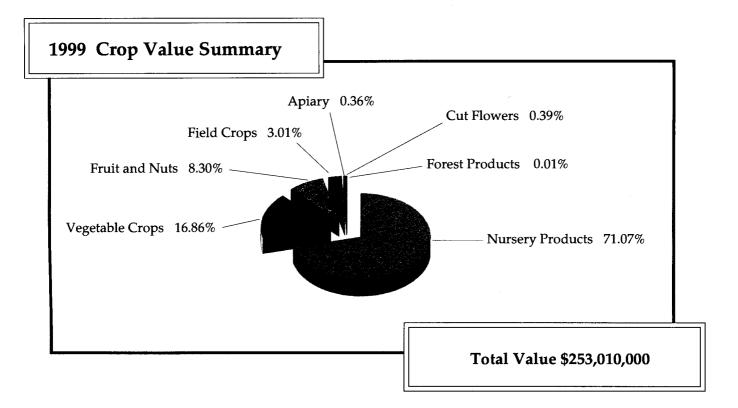
Million Dollar Crops

1.	Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$ 131,030,000
2.	Bedding Plants	32,465,000
3.	Root Vegetables	21,205,000
4.	Peaches	13,904,000
5.	Dry Onions	13,365,000
6.	Indoor Plants, Foliage	5,850,000
7.	Alfalfa Hay	5,090,000
8.	Strawberries	3,542,000
9.	Herbs	3,171,000
10.	Ground Covers	1,524,000
11.	Vine Crops	1,502,000
12.	Table Greens	1,490,000
13.	Rangeland	1,411,000

Summary

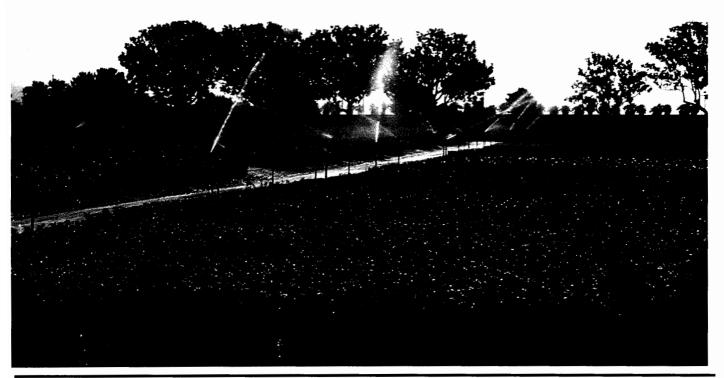
Commodity	<u>1997</u>	1998	<u>1999</u>
Nursery Products	171,220,605	185,592,500	179,804,000
Vegetable Crops	33,414,024	39,458,900	42,662,000
Fruit and Nuts	21,268,400 *	23,513,700	20,999,000
Field Crops	9,494,247	8,890,900	7,632,000
Apiary	1,164,128	1,995,100	912,000
Cut Flowers and Decoratives	1,356,176	1,052,100	986,000
Subtotal	237,917,580 *	260,503,200	252,995,000
Forest Products	39,801	15,100	15,000
Grand Total	\$237,957,381 *	\$260,518,300	\$253,010,000

^{*} Revised



Nursery Products

<u>Item</u>	Year	Green House <u>Sq. Ft</u> .	Field Acres	Total Value
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1999	8,189,786	1,516	\$131,030,000
	1998	7,878,826	1,782	\$138,200,800
Bedding Plants	1999	1,247,473	84	\$32,465,000
bedding I mins	1998	1,138,210	92	\$27,281,900
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1999	422,180	.13	\$5,850,000
muooi Flants, Foliage	1998	322,093	1	\$6,627,100
Indoor Plants, Flowering	1999	130,850	.13	\$892,000
indoor Frants, Flowering	1998	135,040	5	\$2,161,600
Ground Covers	1999	589,250	22	\$1,524,000
Glound Covers	1998	1,863,980	26	\$1,840,100
Miscellaneous	1999	168,398	431	\$8,043,000
Miscerianeous	1998	2,973,037	326	\$9,481,200
		Includes vegetable plant		
TOTAL	1999	10,747,937	2,053	\$179,804,000
	1998	14,311,186	2,232	\$185,592,500



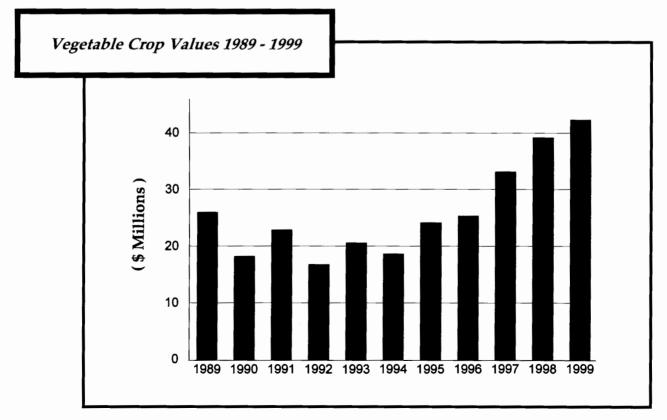
Fruit and Nut Crops

			Prod	uction		Va	lue
Crop	<u>Year</u>	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Peaches	1999 1998	1,000 901	16 15	16,000 13,201	Ton Ton	\$869 \$1,100	\$13,904,000 \$14,521,200
Strawberries	1999 1998	124 129	24 22	3,020 2,789	Ton Ton	\$1,173 \$969	\$3,542,000 \$2,701,800
Apples	1999 1998	301 75	3.3 8	975 630	Ton Ton	\$862 \$1,214	\$840,000 \$765,000
Nectarines	1999 1998	110 110	5 16	550 1,800	Ton Ton	\$1,091 \$1,166	\$600,000 \$2,100,000
Grapes	1999 1998	79 74	6 7	474 544	Ton Ton	\$735 \$682	\$348,000 \$371,000
Pears, Bartlett	1999 1998	30 40	9 9	270 360	Ton Ton	\$1,200 \$1,300	\$324,000 \$468,000
Cherries	1999 1998	150 150	0.7 1	105 113	Ton Ton	\$3,000 \$3,500	\$315,000 \$395,500
Avocados	1999 1998	41 87	1.7 4	70 341	Ton Ton	\$2,452 \$1,097	\$172,000 \$373,500
Miscellaneous	1999 1998	125 201	Includes and nuts.	citrus, asian p	pears, and o	other fruits	\$954,000 \$1,817,800
TOTAL	1999 1998	1,960 1,768		1			\$20,999,000 \$23,513,700

Vegetable Crops

			Production			7	/alue
Crop	<u>Year</u>	Acreage	Per Acre	<u>Total</u>	Unit	Per Unit	<u>Total</u>
Dry Onions	1999	2,210	30.54	67,500	Ton	\$198	\$13,365,000
	1998	2,425	24.23	58,750	Ton	\$281	\$16,530,000
Root Vegetables	1999	5,508	Includes c	arrots, potatoe	es, beets, rac	lishes,	\$21,205,000
C	1998	5,252	and daiko	•		·	\$15,211,400
Herbs	1999	536	Includes c	ilantro, parsle	v, and other	herbs.	\$3,171,000
	1998	443		71			\$3,557,300
Table Greens	1999	207	Includes le	eaf lettuce, spi	nach and ori	iental	\$1,490,000
	1998	204	specialties				\$1,634,900
Vine Crops	1999	286	Includes o	cucumbers, pu	mpkins, tom	natoes,	\$1,502,000
•	1998	239		elons, and gre		•	\$1,078,500
Miscellaneous	1999	343	Includes s	weet corns, lee	eks, green on	nions,	\$1,929,000
	1998	259		rs, and others	-	,	\$1,446,800
TOTAL	1999	9,090					\$42,662,000
	1998	8,822		عادة المستعلمين	Ma 🕮		\$39,458,900





Field Crops

				Prod	uction	v	alue
Crop	<u>Year</u>	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	<u>Unit</u>	Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1999 1998	6,056 5,270	8 8	48,476 41,849	Ton Ton	\$105 \$139	\$5,090,000 \$5,82 4 ,400
	1990	3,270	0	41,049	1011	Φ139	ФЭ,024,4 00
Grain Hay	1999	1,800	3.8	6,700	Ton	\$117	\$784,000
	1998	2,717	4	9,813	Ton	\$106	\$1,035,400
	1000	•••					** ** * * * * * * * *
Rangeland	1999	200,335					\$1,411,000
	1998	250,180					\$1,756,300
Miscellaneous	1999	1,060 *	* Acreage	excluding stu	ıbble		** \$347,000
	1998	1,210 *		cludes oat ha pasture and ¿ le.	-	•	** \$274,800
TOTAL	1999	8,916 ***	*** Excludir	ng rangeland	and stubble.		\$7,632,000
	1998	9,197 ***		- 0			\$8,890,900
	1770	7,271					45,575,700

Apiary Products

		•		V	alue
<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	Production	<u>Unit</u>	Per Unit	<u>Total</u>
Honey	1999	1,575,900	Lb.	\$. 56	\$883,000
•	1998	3,036,000		\$.65	\$1,973,400
Beeswax	1999	9,758	Lb.	\$2.65	\$26,000
	1998	9,100		\$2	\$19,400
Pollination	1999	102	Hive	\$25	\$3,000
	1998	87		\$27	\$2,300
Total	1999	: 15			\$912,000
Total	1998	No.			\$1,995,100
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Cut Flowers and Decoratives

		Green House	Field	Qua	antity	v	'alue
<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>	Sq. Ft.	Acres	Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Christmas Trees	1999		67	9,155	Tree	\$31	\$284,000
	1998		86 .	11,711	Tree	\$30	\$354,000
Pompom	1999	100,000		70,500	Bunch	\$2	\$141,000
•	1998	100,000		70,468	Bunch	\$2	\$139,700
Miscellaneous	1999	117,608	68			*24	\$561,000
	1998	117,613	67				\$558,400
		lilacs, mums, yarrow,					
		, delphinium, freesia,	and	T	y."		
	other cut	flowers.			3		
TOTAL	1999	217,608	135				\$986,000
	1998	217,613	153		الله الله		\$1,052,100

Forest Products

Item	Year	Value
*Firewood	1999	\$15,000

^{*} Figures obtained from State Board of Equalization, Timber Tax System.

Sustainable Agriculture Reporting

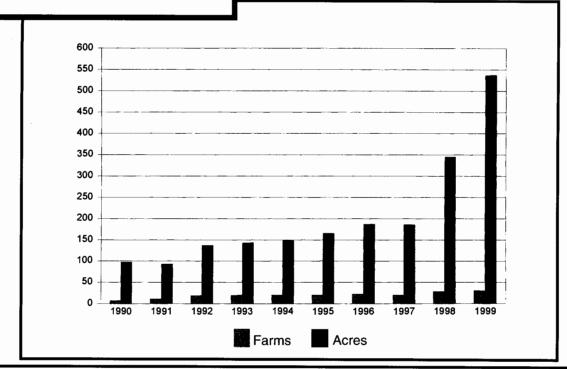
⊗ ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS **⊗**

	Estimated	l Acres
Crop	1999	1998
Apples	24	23
Avocados	35	40
Carrots	300	_
Cherries	20	19
Citrus	20	20
Grapes	50	25
Herbs (including sprouts)	10	11
Nectarines	4	4
Peaches	10	10
Asian Pears	5	5
Pears	2	2
Pistachios	10	40
Safflower	-	100
Misc. Trees	17	17
Vegetables (including Oriental & lettuce)	30	29
Total	537	345



	Farms	Acres
1999	30	537
1998	28	345

Organic Farming 1989 - 1999



Pest Detection Activities

Pest	Number Pest Detection	r of Traps Pest Eradication	Specimens <u>Trapped</u>
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	5,008	100	2
Melon Fly	5,015	3,628	4
Oriental Fruit Fly	5,015	225	18
Mexican Fruit Fly	4,985	400	1
Gypsy Moth	3,703	200	2
Japanese Beetle	3,040	400	3
Khapra Beetle	310	0	0
European Pine Shoot Moth	13	0	0
European Corn Borer	12	0	0
Bactrocera scutellata	5,015	485	1
Bactrocera correcta	5,015	100	2
TOTAL	37,131	5,538	33

Pest Eradication Activities

Pest	Method	Scope of Program
Mediterranean Fruit Fly	Increased sterile Medfly release for two single Medfly finds in 1999	2,250,000 steriles released in nine square miles over two weeks
Oriental Fruit Fly	Male annihilation treatments	3 treatment areas
Melon Fly	One eradication area for two flies Ground based Malathion foliar treatments Eradication traps Quarantine	299 properties treated 3,628 properties treated 75 square miles
Red Imported Fire Ant	Bait treatment	163 properties
Alligatorweed	Gross area inspected Hand removal and herbicide treatment (Net Area)	5,798 acres .02 acre
Halogeton	Mechanical control and chemical treatment	Two plants discovered and were removed by hand

Biological Control Activities

Pest

Agent/Mechanism

Scope of Programs

Mediterranean Fruit Fly

Sterile releases

15,922,638,000 sterile Medflies released

Pest Exclusion Violations Issued	Number of Violations Issued
Infested/Presumed Infested	330
Failure to Hold	274
Markings	236
Citrus Pests	117
Caribbean Fruit Fly	101
Plum Curculio and Blueberry Maggot	47
Burrowing and Reniform Nematodes	29
Red Imported Fire Ant	20
Japanese Beetles	19
Ozonium Root Rot	18
Cherry Fruit Fly	14
Walnut and Pecan Pests	11
Federal Foreign Quarantines	10
Mexican Fruit Fly	10
European Corn Borer	7
Colorado Potato Beetle	4
No Limited Permit	3
Oak Wilt	3
Golden Nematode	3
Cereal Leaf Beetle	2
Cotton Pests	2
Oriental Fruit Fly	2
Gypsy Moth	2
European Pine Shoot Moth	1
Lethal Yellowing	1
Nut Tree Pests	1
Federal Quarantine 13	1
Hydrilla	1
Insects Without Permit	1
Cornstalk & Sugarcane Borer	1
Total	1,271

Pest Intercepted Common Name/Genus species	Material	Source*	Scope of Program Pest Interceptions
Africanized honey bee Apis mellifera scutellata	Residential Sites	Det, Pub	38
Ant Myrmelachista sp.	Trailer	Quar	1
Ant Anoplolepis longipes	Cut flowers, Ginger, Citrus (lime), Not given	Quar	4
Ant Hypoponera gleadowi	Tree	Pub	1
Ant Cardiocondyla sp.	Coconut	Quar	1
Aphid Aphis sp.	Bird of Paradise	Nurs	. 1
Aphid Greenidea formosana	Cycas revoluta	Nurs	1
Aquatic snail Goniobasis sp.	Watercress	Quar	. 1
Armored scale Clavaspis sp.	Plumeria, Plumeria sticks	Nurs	2
Arrowhead scale Unaspis yannonensis	Citrus peel (dry)	Det	1
Big headed ant Pheidole megacephala	Cut tropical flowers, Ficus benjamina	Quar	31
Black headed ant Tapinoma melanocephalum	Palm seedlings	Quar	1
Black thread scale Ischnaspis longirostris	Cycas revoluta	Quar	1
Boxwood scale Pinnaspis buxi	Dracaena sp., Ti leaves	Quar	3

Pest Intercepted Common Name/Genus species	Material	Source*	Scope of Program Pest Interceptions
Burrowing bug Rhytidoptoporus identatus	Palm	Quar	1
Chaff scale Parlaloria pergandii	Citrus, Citrus (orange)	Det, Quar	2
Chinese rose beetle Adoretus sinicus	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Citrus snow scale Unaspis citri	Citrus (orange)	Quar	1
Citrus mealybug Planococcus citri	Citrus (lime)	Det	1
Coconut scale Aspidiotus destructor	Cycas revoluta, Palm frond	Quar	2
Coffee bean weevil Araecerus fasciculatus	Citrus, Malanga	Det, Quar	2
Coffee twig borer Xylandrus compactus	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Corn earworm Helicoverpa sp.	Carrot wood, Unknown	Quar	
Crickets (larvae)	Cut flowers, Dracaena warnecki	Quar	1
Croton scale Lepidosaphes tokionis	Codiaeum variegatum	Quar	1
Croton whitefly Orchamoplatus mammaeferus	Mixed wreath	Quar	1
Cuban snail Zachrysia provisoria	Tropical foliage plants	Quar	15
Cuban snail (eggs) Zachrysia provisoria	Ficus benjamina	Quar	156

Pest Intercepted Common Name/Genus species	Material	Source*	Scope of Program Pest Interceptions
Cutworm	Nappa cabbage	Quar	1
European corn borer Ostrinia nubilalis	Corn	Quar	1 .
Fire ant Solenopsis sp.	Ming tree	Quar	2
Florida red scale Ceroplastes floridensis	Ficus benjamina	Quar	1
Frog hopper (larvae) Fulgoroidea	Cut flowers, Taro leaves, Bitter leaves	Quar	18
Fruit fly Bactrocera scutellata	Avocado	Det	1
Fruit fly (larva) Anastrepha sp.	Citrus (grapefruit)	Quar	1
Gall wasp Epichrysocharus n. sp.	Eucalyptus citriodora	Nurs, Pub, Det	13
Giant silkworm moth	Moss	Quar	1
Green garden looper Chrysodeixis eriosoma	Cut flowers, Ti	Quar	2
Green shield scale Pulvinaria psidii	Brazilian pepper, Ficus nitida, Gardenia, Ginger, Mango, Marchamia	Nurs, Quar	12
Guava fruit fly Bactrocera correcta	Peach, Persimmon	Det	2
Gypsy moth Lymantria dispar	Fir, Magnolia, Ornamental tree	Det	3
Hawaiian flower thrips Thrips hawaiiensis	Lei	Quar	1

Pest Intercepted	Material	Source*	Scope of Program
Common Name/Genus species			Pest Interceptions
Insect Egg Mass	Dracaena, Ti	Quar	2
Japanese beetle Popillia japonica	Rose	Det	1
Katydid (nymph)	Bitter leaves	Quar	1
Leafhopper	Lalot	Quar	13
Leafhopper	Tea leaves	Quar	13
Leafhopper Gyponana germani	Herbs	Quar	1
Leafhopper (larva)	Phoenix roebelenii, Ti	Quar	2
Leafhopper (eggs)	Ti	Quar	1
Lesser snow scale Pinnaspis strachani	Tropical foliage plants	Quar, Nurs	21
Little fire ant Wasmannia auropunctata	Carrot wood	Quar	1
Long horned beetle Sybra alternans	Herbs	Quar	. 1
Lycopodium mealybug Pseudococcus lycopodii	Lycopodium	Quar	2
Magnolia white scale Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli	Bird of Paradise, Palms, Cut flowers, Foliage, Green mango, Heliconia, Mango, Michelia alba	Quar, Nurs	52
Mealybug (larva)	Hibiscus	Quar	
Mealybug Pseudococcus sp.	Cut flowers, Phoenix roebelenii	Nurs, Quar	3

Pest Intercepted Common Name/Genus species	Material	Source*	Scope of Program Pest Interceptions
Mealybug Nipaecoccus sp.	Palm frond, Queen palm, Syagrus	Nurs	3
Medfly Ceratitis capitata	Loquat, Peach	Det	2
Melon fruit fly Bactrocera cucurbitae	Citrus (lemon), Citrus (orange), Loquat, Persimmon	Det	4
Mexican leafroller Amorbia emigratella	Orchids	Quar	1
Mexican fruit fly Anastrepha ludens	Citrus (orange), Citrus (lime)	Det	7
Mining scale Howardia biclavis	Ficus benjamina, Plumeria	Quar	. 9
Moth (larva)	Mango fruit	Quar	1
Moth	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Noctuid moth Simplicia caeneusalis	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Noctuid moth Spodoptera sp.	Nappa cabbage	Quar	1
Olive fruit fly Bactrocera oleae	Avocado, Olive, Loquat, Citrus (grapefruit, lemon, orange, tangerine)	Det	222
Oriental scale Aonidiella orientalis	Tamarindo (green)	Quar	1
Oriental fruit fly Bactrocera dorsalis complex	Apple, Apricot, Peach, Avocado, Plum, Citrus, (grapefruit, lemon, orange), Loquat, Ornamental tree, Olive	Det	14

Pest Intercepted Common Name/Genus species	Material	Source*	Scope of Program Pest Interceptions
Pea leaf miner Liriomyza huidobrensis	Sugar snap peas	Quar	1
Plant hopper	Orchids, Ti	Quar	13
Planthopper (nymphs)	Betel leaves	Quar	1
Pyriform scale Protopulvinaria pyriformis	Cypress, Gardenia, Fatsia japonica, Ivy, Guava, Laurus nobilis, Rubber tree	Nurs, Pub, Det	9
Red banded leafroller Argyrotaenia velutinana	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Red Imported Fire Ant Solenopsis wagneri	Residential sites, Parks, Commercials, Schools, Golf Courses, Nurseries	Det, Pub	181
Red wax scale Ceroplastes rubens	Lei, Mixed wreath	Quar	2
Redgum lerp psyllid Glycaspis brimblecombei	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	Pub, Quar, Nurs	18
Sansevieria scale Parlatoria proteus	Palm frond	Quar	1
Scale Coccoidea sp.	Cycas revoluta	Quar	2
Scale Morganella longispina	Citrus (grapefruit)	Quar	1
Seed bug	Palm	Quar	1
Slender soft scale Coccus acutissimus	Cut flowers, Longan, Litchi chinensis, Lychee plants	Quar, Nurs	6

Pest Intercepted	<u>Material</u>	Source*	Scope of Program
Common Name/Genus species			Pest Interceptions
Slug Philomycus sp.	Dracaena	Quar	2
Slug Veronicella sp.	Basil, Taro, <i>Dracaena</i> , Poke leaves, Palms	Quar	23
Slug	Poke leaves, Taro stalk	Quar	3
Slug Pallifera sp.	Dracaena	Quar	1
Slug Meghimatium sp.	Dracaena	Quar	1
Snail Bradybaena similaris	Orange blossom, Palms, Tropical foliage plants, Yucca	Quar	44
Soil mealybug Rhizoecus americanus	Palms	Quar	9
Southern green stink bug Nezara viridula	Herbs	Quar	1
Spiraling whitefly (egg tracks) Aleurodicus dispersus	Cut flowers	Quar	28
Spiraling whitefly Aleurodicus dispersus	Betel leaves, Croton, Ti, Cut flowers, Taro, Palms, Dracaena, Bucida buceras	Quar	28
Squash borer Diaphania sp.	Fuzzy squash	Quar	13
Thrips Thrips (prob florum)	Leis, Orchid	Quar	1
Torpedo bug egg mass Siphanta acuta	Betel leaves, Herbs, Cut flowers, Ti	Quar	18

Pest Intercepted	Material	Source*	Scope of Program
Common Name/Genus species			Pest Interceptions
Torpedo bug Siphanta acuta	Bitter leaves, Herbs, Cycas revoluta, Cut flowers	Quar, Nurs	18
Tropical palm scale Hemiberlesia palmae	Bromeliad	Quar	2
Two spotted leafhopper Sophonia rufofascia	Brazilian pepper, Ti, Bird of Paradise, Palm, Cupaneopsis, Cut flowers, Fatsia japonica, Jasmine, Loquat, Mango	Nurs, Quar	20
Wax scale (larva) Ceroplastes sp.	Ti	Quar	1
Weevil Oxydema longulum	Cut flowers	Quar	1
Weevil	Seed	Quar	1
White footed ant Technomyrmex albipes	Bitter leaves, Poky leaves, Cut flowers, Fishtail palm, Ginger, Heliconia, Ti, Tomato, Tropical foliage	Quar	35
Woolly whitefly Aleurothrixus floccosus	Citrus (grapefruit, lime, lemon), Guava	Det, Nurs	4
	Total		

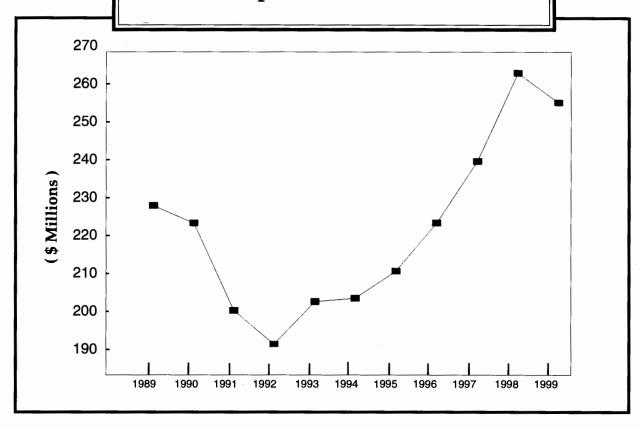
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Det: Detection

Nurs: Nursery Pub: Public

Quar: Quarantine

Total Crop Values 1990 - 1999



Year		Year	
1990	\$222,032,400	1995	\$209,850,749
1991	\$199,818,000	1996	\$222,238,449
1992	\$191,198,100	1997	\$237,957,381
1993	\$202,080,698	1998	\$260,518,300
1994	\$202,949,559	1999	\$253,010,000

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