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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1973

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
1973 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County rose to \$136,802,000 in 1973, the highest total since 1969.

Higher prices received for plant crops and improved yields more than offset some loss of acreage and a continuing decrease in the number of dairy herds. Record wholesale nursery crop sales -- up 10% -- led all plant crop groups showing increases.

Twelve crops -- excluding livestock categories -- returned \$1 million dollars or more in 1973. They were: strawberries, \$3,962,000; lemons, \$1,577,000; avocados, \$1,096,000; alfalfa hay, \$8,035,000; carrots, \$1,584,000; bean sprouts, \$1,902,000; green onions, \$2,245,000; sweet corn, \$1,675,000; bedding plants and ground covers, \$9,110,000; ornamental trees and shrubs, \$31,003,000; indoor decorative plants, \$6,413,000; and cut flowers, \$3,915,000.

Citrus crops returned \$2,033,000 during 1973 despite a hefty 30% loss in acreage. Higher prices were received for all varieties, with lemons showing the highest unit returns. Average yield was slightly below the previous year.

Avocado yields returned to near normal following an extremely small 1972 crop to help raise other fruits and nuts as a group to \$3,052,800. A frost-free bloom period resulted in a better deciduous fruit crop set in the Antelope Valley. The "U-pick" cherry crop becomes increasingly important as young trees come into production.

A 30% yield increase over 1972 and a slight increase in acreage resulted in \$3,962,000 strawberry crop, the best since 1966. Unit prices held at near the same level as those reported the previous year.

Animal feed crops such as alfalfa hay, grain hay, and grains generally, showed higher relative price gains than those field crops sold for direct consumer use. Alfalfa hay returned the highest prices on record, averaging over \$55 per ton. Total receipts from all field crops totaled \$11,850,000.

Over 5,800 acres of vegetables were harvested during 1973, with sweet corn, green onions, mushrooms, radishes, leaf lettuce and cabbage the main crops produced. Over 26 other vegetables were also grown and harvested. Returns to growers totaled \$11,853,100.

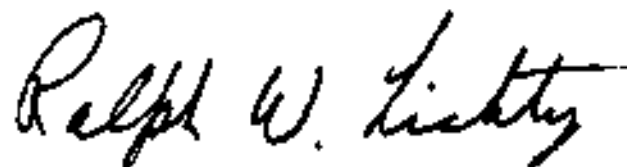
Total gross receipts rose to \$48,759,000 in 1973 for livestock and poultry products. Consumer boycotts, high feed costs, relocation of dairy herds to outside of the County and other negative effects were offset by slightly larger beef cattle inventories and higher prices received.

Apiary production rose to \$712,200 in 1973 due largely to increased worldwide demand for honey and better prices for pollination services.

For the third year in a row, nursery stock exceeded the previous all time high, returning \$50,665,000. Increased local and out-of-state demand prompted by continued interest in home gardening and commercial landscaping contributed to the 10% increase in gross returns. Cut flower production suffered from a decrease in acreage and reduced demand.

All figures reported are gross values and do not reflect net farm income. 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 with Federal-State Market News quotations. United States Department of Agriculture payments dropped to \$168,761 from the \$438,012 reported the previous year and are not included in the total gross returns reported.

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
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>							
Oranges	1973	446	3.8	1,695	Ton	\$ 158.00	\$ 268,000
Navel & Misc.	1972	604	4.7	2,839	"	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
	1972	1,209	7.6	9,188	"	172.00	1,580,000
Grapefruit	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
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>							
Almonds	1973	941	.088	83	Ton	1,640.00	136,000
	1972	901	.305	275	"	720.00	198,000
Apples	1973	27	3.8	103	"	155.25	16,000
	1972	29	1.14	33	"	88.00	2,900
Avocados	1973	1,039	1.50	1,559	"	703.00	1,096,000
	1972	1,027	.60	616	"	1,000.00	616,000
Cherries	1973	29	2.6	75	"	600.00	45,000
	1972	30	2.3	69	"	490.00	33,800
Figs	1973	22	5.0	110	"	1,480.00	162,800
	1972	22	6.3	138	"	1,199.00	165,000
Grapes	1973	2	10.0	20	"	100.00	2,000
	1972	6	10.0	60	"	105.00	6,300
Olives	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	277	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	1973	3,053					\$ 3,052,800
	1972	3,036					2,366,900

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
BERRIES							
Strawberries	1973	400	20.7	8,280	Ton	\$ 478.50	\$ 3,962,000
	1972	375	15.4	5,775	"	478.00	2,760,450
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Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1973	5,365					\$ 9,047,800
	1972	6,122					7,677,250

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1973	12,000	.94	11,280	Ton	\$ 87.25	\$ 984,000
	1972	11,800	.55	6,490	"	62.00	402,000
Garbanzo	1973	270	.40	108	"	540.00	58,300
	1972	110	.50	55	"	468.00	25,700
Lima**	1973	130	.80	104	"	800.00	83,200
	1972	100	.65	65	"	216.00	14,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1973	22,475	6.50	146,088	"	55.00	8,035,000
	1972	23,313	6.30	146,872	"	38.50	5,655,000
Hay, Grain	1973	5,235	2.2	11,517	"	43.50	501,000
	1972	5,680	2.0	11,360	"	35.00	398,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1973	1,500					345,000
	1972	1,800					450,000
Range Land	1973	155,000					310,000
	1972	200,000					350,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Silage - Sorghum	1973	700	5.0	3,500	Ton	\$ 52.00	\$ 182,000
	1972	500	5.0	2,500	"	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
Wheat	1973	7,900	.38	3,002	"	93.50	281,000
	1972	8,000	.30	2,400	"	64.00	154,000
Misc. Field Crops(✓)	1973						252,000
	1972						220,000
Total	1973	206,710					\$11,843,500
	1972	255,173					8,765,700

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1973	100(*)	75	7,500	Lbs.	\$.86	\$ 6,500
	1972	200(*)	150	30,000	"	.30	9,000

(✓) Does not include estimated \$78,038.00 Sugar Act payments for 1973 or \$83,816 for 1972.

(✓) Amount shown for 1973 includes \$252,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1972 includes \$220,000 for such grazing. Straw also included in misc. figure.

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

(**) High unit value figure was caused by the entire lima bean crop being sold for seed use.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Bean Sprouts	1973	--	--	5,100	Ton \$	373.00	\$ 1,902,000
	1972	--	--	5,000	"	360.00	1,800,000
Beets, table	1973	40	6.2	248	"	104.00	25,800
	1972	85	8.4	714	"	91.00	65,000
Cabbage	1973	325	12.2	3,965	"	93.50	371,000
	1972	325	10.0	3,250	"	96.00	312,000
Carrots	1973	400	30.0	12,000	"	132.00	1,584,000
	1972	150	38.0	5,700	"	100.00	570,000
Cauliflower	1973	50	11.9	595	"	90.00	53,600
	1972	25	11.5	288	"	84.00	24,200
Chinese Food Vegetables	1973	115	11.5	1,323	"	130.00	172,000
	1972	35	16.0	560	"	106.00	59,400
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
Lettuce, leaf	1973	335	6.6	2,211	"	209.25	463,000
	1972	230	7.5	1,725	"	120.00	207,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1973	70	7.9	553	"	108.00	59,700
	1972	130	7.9	1,027	"	115.00	118,000
Watermelon	1973	30	7.0	210	"	100.00	21,000
	1972	70	7.5	525	"	55.00	28,900
Mushrooms	1973	--	--	800	"	1,240.00	992,000
	1972	--	--	900	"	1,200.00	1,080,000
Mustard & other greens	1973	825	10.2	8,415	"	68.50	576,000
	1972	1,050	10.1	10,605	"	66.00	700,000
Onions, dry	1973	280	17.5	4,900	"	90.00	441,000
	1972	100	20.0	2,000	"	142.00	284,000
Onions, green	1973	575	22.8	13,110	"	171.25	2,245,000
	1972	400	23.0	9,100	"	171.00	1,559,000
Pumpkins	1973	108	13.9	1,501	"	70.00	105,000
	1972	120	14.0	1,680	"	50.00	84,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Radishes	1973	395	7.2	2,844	Ton	\$ 166.00	\$ 472,000
	1972	450	7.0	3,150	"	115.00	362,000
Rubarb	1973	87	10.0	870	"	155.00	135,000
	1972	75	10.0	750	"	250.00	188,000
Squash, Summer	1973	90	5.5	495	"	273.00	135,000
	1972	90	4.6	414	"	237.00	98,100
Squash, Winter	1973	55	10.0	550	"	100.00	55,000
	1972	40	10.0	400	"	45.00	18,000
Tomatoes, Mkt.	1973	185	7.0	1,295	"	165.00	214,000
	1972	50	16.0	800	"	300.00	240,000
Turnips	1973	90	9.0	810	"	100.00	81,000
	1972	115	9.0	1,035	"	87.50	90,600
Misc. Vegetables	1973	115					75,000
	1972	100					100,000
Total	1973	5,885					\$11,853,100
	1972	6,200					10,036,200

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	"	3.40	4,893,000
Cacti-Succulents	1973		16				244,000
	1972		16				196,000
Geranium cuttings	1973		150	10,500,000	Cuttings	.07	735,000
	1972		160	12,240,000	"	.065	796,000
Ground cover	1973		93	1,245,000	Flats	2.98	3,710,000
	1972		93	1,280,000	"	2.50	3,200,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1973		59				240,000
	1972		68				445,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1973		1,610	30,100,000	Plants	1.03	31,003,000
	1972		1,605	27,100,000	"	1.05	28,455,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dicondra seed & other specialties	1973		57				731,000
	1972		57				747,000
Vegetable plants	1973	12		698,000	Flats	1.36	949,000
	1972	12		765,000	"	1.14	872,000
Indoor plants foliage	1973	25		5,654,000	Pots	.64	3,618,000
	1972	17		5,350,000	"	.56	2,996,000
Indoor potted flowering	1973	35		1,673,500	"	1.67	2,795,000
	1972	49		2,440,000	"	1.15	2,806,000
Orchid plants	1973	9					1,240,000
	1972	9					839,000
Total	1973	81	2,043				\$50,665,000
	1972	87	2,059				46,245,000

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	"	.065	975,000
Christmas trees	1973		227	35,000	Trees	10.50	368,000
	1972		230	40,500	"	10.85	440,500
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1973	15		1,100,000	Blooms	.28	308,000
	1972	18		1,404,000	"	.23	322,920
-Pompon	1973	35	45	207,000	Bundle	2.95	612,000
	1972	43	50	248,000	"	2.96	734,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1973	19					665,000
	1972	21					745,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1973		270				1,242,000
	1972		285				1,300,000
Total	1973	100	542				\$ 3,915,000
	1972	122	565				4,507,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS 1973	Acres 220,726	Value \$87,330,900
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APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Value	
		Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Honey	1973	1,350,000	Lbs.	.43	\$ 580,000
	1972	712,500	"	.30	214,000
Beeswax	1973	22,500	"	.72	16,200
	1972	11,875	"	.63	7,480
Pollination	1973	14,500	Colonies	8.00	116,000
	1972	16,500	"	6.50	107,000
Total	1973				\$ 712,200
	1972				328,480

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1973	\$88,043,100
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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	1973	9,200	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ --
	1972	18,500	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1973	--	2,700	2,700,000	Cwt.	32.91	889,000
	1972	--	5,500	5,500,000	"	24.00	1,320,000
Calves	1973	1,000	8,000	--	Head	80.00	640,000
	1972	1,000	16,000	--	"	65.00	1,040,000
Heifers	1973	1,600	1,500	--	"	400.00	600,000
	1972	1,700	1,500	--	"	330.00	495,000
Beef							
Feeder Calves	1973	6,000	9,000	1,800,000	Cwt.	54.89	988,000
	1972	6,000	5,000	1,000,000	"	37.90	379,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1973	25,000	41,000	12,300,000	"	44.27	5,445,000
	1972	20,000	36,000	11,000,000	"	35.00	3,850,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>							
Breeding Stock	1973	49,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1972	30,000	--	--	--	--	--
Fat Lambs	1973	28,000	30,000	2,400,000	Cwt.	35.33	848,000
	1972	28,000	21,000	1,680,000	"	29.80	501,000
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>							
Slaughter Hogs	1973	3,000	3,600	432,000	Cwt.	38.56	167,000
	1972	3,500	3,800	457,000	"	26.70	122,000
<u>BROILERS & FRYERS</u>							
	1973	505,000	2,540,000	8,890,000	Lb.	.248	2,205,000
	1972	216,000	2,266,000	6,798,000	"	.173	1,176,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>							
Hens	1973	--	380,000	1,330,000	Lb.	.134	178,000
	1972	--	500,000	1,750,000	"	.056	98,000
Laying Hens	1973	545,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1972	730,000	--	--	--	--	--
Roasters	1973	385,000	404,000	2,222,000	Lb.	.340	755,000
	1972	419,000	1,583,000	8,706,000	"	.220	1,915,000
<u>TURKEYS</u>							
	1973	260,000	1,138,000	22,760,000	Lb.	.348	7,920,000
	1972	325,000	1,185,000	23,700,000	"	.220	5,214,000
<u>CHICKS</u>							
	1973	--	6,767,000	--	Each	.144	974,000
	1972	--	7,870,000	--	"	.113	889,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Value		
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight Unit	Per Unit	Total	
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits)	1973	--	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ 200,000
	1972	--	--	--	--	--	196,000
<u>HORSES</u>	1973	56,000	5,000	--	Head	450.00	2,250,000
	1972	56,000	5,000	--	"	450.00	2,250,000
Total	1973						\$24,059,000
	1972						19,445,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u>					
Market	1973	2,700,000	Cwt.	\$ 6.93	\$18,711,000
	1972	3,177,000	"	6.05	19,219,000
Manufacturing	1973	7,700	"	4.68	36,000
	1972	7,160	"	4.19	30,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1973	315,000	Lb.	.33	104,000
	1972	202,600	"	.30	61,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1973	11,082,000	Dozen	.512	5,674,000
	1972	14,843,000	"	.282	4,186,000
<u>GOATS' MILK</u>	1973	500,000	Qt.	.35	175,000
	1972	525,000	"	.30	158,000
Total	1973				\$24,700,000
	1972				23,654,000
GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION					
\$48,759,000					

SUMMARY

1969-1973, Inclusive

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 2,312,000	\$ 3,430,800	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900	\$ 2,033,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1,903,000	2,564,710	2,240,240	2,366,900	3,052,800
Berries	3,776,000	3,476,000	3,006,000	2,760,450	3,962,000
Field Crops	9,551,000	9,146,200	9,102,600	8,774,700	11,850,000
Vegetables	11,555,000	10,886,500	10,063,200	10,036,200	11,853,100
Nursery Stock	35,491,000	36,837,000	40,641,000	46,245,000	50,665,000
Cut Flowers	<u>5,202,000</u>	<u>4,823,000</u>	<u>4,556,000</u>	<u>4,507,000</u>	<u>3,915,000</u>
Total Plant Crops*	\$69,790,000	\$71,164,210	\$72,899,040	\$77,240,150	\$87,330,900
Apiary Products	<u>431,000</u>	<u>234,500</u>	<u>540,000</u>	<u>328,480</u>	<u>712,200</u>
Total Plant Crops * & Apiary Products	\$70,221,000	\$71,398,710	\$73,439,040	\$77,568,630	\$88,043,100
Livestock & Poultry	<u>80,954,000</u>	<u>62,690,000</u>	<u>49,766,000</u>	<u>43,099,000</u>	<u>48,759,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$151,175,000	\$134,088,710	\$123,205,040	\$120,667,630	\$136,802,100

*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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