

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**CROP & LIVESTOCK**





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## 1983 CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

Nursery products production recovered to surpass pre-recession levels as landscapers purchased more ornamentals, especially large, boxed trees.

Strawberries suffered from wind damage while summer rains plus early heat shortened the season. Good prices for the new varieties (Douglas and Pajaro) partially offset the reduced yield. Peach acreage continued to increase in Antelope Valley. Prices for all fruits (except avocados) were up, reflecting, in part, the success of the Direct Marketing Program.

Grains were off, but hay prices were good and rangeland profitable. The retirement of some growers and increased utility costs began to be reflected in cut flower production. There were other losses to urbanization, specifically, turkey and egg production. However, the mushroom growing industry, which recycles manure and straw from local racetracks, continues to thrive as does the production of bean and alfalfa sprouts, essentially an urban and a growing undertaking.

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*"A river is more than an amenity, it is a treasure.  
It offers a necessity of life that must be rationed  
among those who have power over it."*

*Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes*

### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Strawberries	1983	384	20.1	7,720	Ton	\$ 881	\$ 6,803,900
	1982	430	21.2	9,116		871	7,940,000
Peaches (Freestone)	1983	520	6.0	3,120	Ton	652	2,034,800
	1982	500	5.8	2,900		565	1,638,500
Pears (Bartlett)	1983	230	7.2	1,656	Ton	565	936,000
	1982	260	8.0	2,080		347	721,800
Avocados	1983	208	3.0	615	Ton	611	375,900
	1982	612	2.1	1,285		1,000	1,285,200
Lemons	1983	115	6.7	778	Ton	339	264,000
	1982	115	10.0	1,150		132	151,800
Misc. Citrus & Other Fruits & Nuts	1983	645	Includes figs, cherries, nectarines, and walnuts.				1,408,600
	1982	664					893,700
TOTAL	1983	2,102					\$11,823,200
	1982	2,581					12,631,000

## FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1983	14,133	7.01	99,089	Ton	\$110	\$10,926,300
	1982	16,527	7.50	123,953		92	11,403,700
Range land	1983	242,000					1,398,000
	1982	242,000					1,208,000
Barley	1983	8,368	.72	6,001	Ton	110	660,600
	1982	8,610	.93	8,007		117	936,900
Wheat	1983	6,517	.45	2,935	Ton	127	372,800
	1982	4,935	.75	3,701		138	510,800
Sugar Beets	1983	317	29	9,193	Ton	30	275,800
	1982	340	30	10,200		40	408,000
Grain Hay	1983	1,965	1.49	2,920	Ton	87	255,000
	1982	1,690	2.60	4,394		77	338,300
Alfalfa Seed	1983	200	300	60,000	Lbs.	1.92	116,200
	1982	200	300	60,000		1.85	111,000
Miscellaneous	1983	959	Includes dry beans, Sudan grass, and				739,200
	1982	987	grazing privileges on stubble.				648,400
TOTAL	1983	33,289*					\$14,742,900
	1982	34,954*					15,565,100

\*Acreage totals exclude rangeland.

## VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Sprouts, Bean & Alfalfa	1983			23,090	Ton	\$554	\$12,795,000
	1982			17,598		505.25	8,891,400
Onions, Dry	1983	1,822	25	45,460	Ton	244	11,090,400
	1982	1,453	25	36,825		110	3,940,800
Table Greens	1983	1,163	Includes head cabbage as well as lettuce,				4,230,400
	1982	1,215	collards, turnip greens, cilantro, and				6,506,600
Sweet Corn	1983	1,224	5.9	7,242	Ton	331	2,395,800
	1982	1,246	6	7,476		335.50	2,508,200
Vine Crops	1983	743	Includes squash and melons.				1,008,800
	1982	624		6,244	Ton		1,123,800
Root Vegetables	1983	97	Includes turnips, beets, and carrots				389,600
	1982	247		5,184	Ton		985,300
Miscellaneous	1983	2,706	*				27,444,900
	1982	3,116					29,028,400
TOTAL	1983	7,755					\$59,354,900
	1982	7,881					52,948,500

\*Confidentiality is maintained for products produced by 3 or fewer growers (tomatoes, mushrooms, rhubarb, etc.)

## FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1983*	2,970	Cord	\$15	\$44,550
	1982*	2,700		15	40,500
Timber	1983*	none	Board Foot	---	-----
	1982*	150,000		12.54	18,750
TOTAL	1983*				\$44,550
	1982*				59,250

\*Year is U.S.F.S. fiscal year (begins 10/1, ends 9/30)

NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1983	306,700	1,741	31,602,300	Plant	\$3.49	\$110,345,700
	1982	no record	1,819	32,329,000		2.63	83,025,000
Bedding Plants	1983	618,000	78	2,493,000	Flat	5.23	13,041,700
	1982	450,000	35	2,606,000		4.39	11,440,000
Indoor Plants Foliage	1983	860,100	34	9,984,570	Pot	.90	9,019,000
	1982	2,070,000	not reported	9,578,000		.92	8,812,000
Ground Cover	1983	883,700	73	848,900	Flat	6.26	5,321,900
	1982	225,000	86	964,000		5.10	4,916,000
Indoor Plants Flowering	1983	772,600	27	1,022,900	Pot	4.66	4,753,300
	1982	990,000	not reported	952,000		3.41	3,246,000
Vegetable Plants	1983	75,000	33	427,200	Flat	5.80	2,477,000
	1982	225,000	30	497,000		5.37	2,669,000
Miscellaneous	1983	442,460	268	Includes orchids, bulbs, turf, seed, cacti, and geranium cuttings			10,001,200
	1982	450,000	217			4,838,000	
TOTAL	1983	3,888,560	2,254				\$154,959,800
	1982	4,410,000	2,187				118,946,000

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Christmas Trees	1983		169	61,800	Tree	\$ 26.50	\$1,639,800
	1982		195	53,225		23.50	1,251,000
Chrysanthemums	1983	248,000	16		Various		635,500
	1982	990,000					967,000
Carnations	1983	300,000		3,300,000	Bloom	.15	495,000
	1982	855,000		11,202,788		.14	1,568,000
Miscellaneous	1983	82,000	54	Includes cut greens, cut orchids, and all other cut flowers.			381,500
	1982	not reported	165			1,593,000	
TOTAL	1983	630,000	239				\$3,151,800
	1982	1,845,000	369				5,379,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Number	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Horses	1983	12,400		Head	\$850	\$10,540,000
	1982	11,100			850	9,435,000
Chickens Includes broilers, roasters, and stewers.	1983	4,897,000	25,395,800	Lbs.	.33	8,380,600
	1982	5,360,200	27,796,700		.34	9,420,700
Cattle Includes feeder calves and cull cows.	1983	40,500	119,567	Cwt.	57.10	6,827,500
	1982	39,800	117,500		58.60	6,881,600
Sheep	1983	50,000	40,000	Cwt.	56.40	2,256,000
	1982	50,500	40,400		55.80	2,255,000
Cattle Includes calves and heifers.	1983	5,500		Head	224.25	1,233,400
	1982	5,200			229.62	1,194,800
Hogs	1983	9,800	11,760	Cwt.	51.50	605,600
	1982	11,100	13,320		58.20	775,000
Turkeys	1983	80,290	1,445,200	Lbs.	.36	517,400
	1982	378,900	6,820,200		.39	2,659,900
Miscellaneous	1983		Includes ducks, rabbits, goats, etc.			2,360,000
	1982				2,342,200	
TOTAL	1983					\$32,720,500
	1982					35,547,400

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Milk	1983	383,000	Cwt.	\$13.07	\$ 5,007,000
	1982	400,000		13.30	5,320,000
Honey	1983	1,200,000	Lbs.	.56	672,000
	1982	1,125,000		.60	675,000
Pollination	1983	16,000	Hives	20.50	328,000
	1982	16,000		21.50	344,000
Eggs	1983	507,350	Doz.	.53	268,900
	1982	8,980,100		.50	4,477,200
Wool	1983	359,170	Lbs.	.62	222,700
	1982	515,000		.98	504,700
Beeswax	1983	15,000	Lbs.	1.40	21,000
	1982	19,000		1.75	33,250
TOTAL	1983				\$ 6,519,600
	1982				11,354,150

SUMMARY

Commodity	1981	1982	1983
Fruit and Nuts	\$ 13,005,200	\$ 12,631,000	\$ 11,823,200
Field Crops	19,548,400	15,665,100	14,742,900
Vegetables	53,418,000	52,984,500	59,354,900
Nursery Stock	119,185,000	118,946,000	154,959,800
Cut Flowers	5,031,000	5,379,000	3,151,800
Livestock and Poultry	35,923,800	35,547,400	32,720,500
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Products	<u>24,864,000</u>	<u>11,354,150</u>	<u>6,519,600</u>
Subtotal	\$270,975,400	\$252,507,150	\$283,272,700*
Forest Products	<u>not reported</u>	<u>59,250**</u>	<u>44,550</u>
Grand Total	\$270,975,400	\$252,566,400**	\$283,317,250*

\*Figures are gross values. U.S.D.A. payments are not included.

\*\*Correcting error in 1982 report.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$110,345,700	12. Milk	\$5,007,000
2. Bedding Plants	13,041,700	13. Indoor Plants (Flowering)	4,753,300
3. Sprouts, Bean & Alfalfa	12,795,000	14. Table Greens	4,230,000
4. Onions, Dry	11,090,400	15. Vegetable Plants	2,477,000
5. Alfalfa Hay	10,926,300	16. Corn, Sweet	2,396,800
6. Horses	10,540,000	17. Sheep	2,256,000
7. Indoor Plants (Foliage)	9,019,000	18. Peaches (Freestone)	2,034,900
8. Chickens	8,380,600	19. Christmas Trees	1,639,800
9. Cattle	6,827,500	20. Cattle (Stock)	1,233,400
10. Strawberries	6,803,900	21. Vine Crops (Squash, Melons)	1,008,800
11. Ground Covers	5,321,900		

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