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CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT  
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Strawberries enjoyed a slightly better year than 1983 returning over \$6,854,600 to growers. The Chandler variety was especially in demand by growers replanting for the 1985 season. The Santa Ana and Palmer varieties, developed for their shipping qualities, have not been successful here where sales are often from roadside stands directly to the consumer.

A rainless February severely reduced winter grain crops and lessened the rangeland yield. Out of control leafminers on tomatoes caused defoliation and resulted in unmarketable, sun-scalded fruit. Vine crops in the San Fernando Valley were effected by mosaic; army worms were also extremely abundant in that area. Bean and alfalfa sprout growing suffered from price competition.

Los Angeles County nurserymen grossed approximately 20% more than last year, representing gains in productivity and better prices. Land devoted to nursery products in the Los Angeles area earns approximately \$78,000 per acre per year. For land devoted to agricultural use, this figure is probably unmatched any place else in the world.

In gross dollar value, livestock and poultry stayed about the same as last year while apiary, livestock, and poultry products doubled in value due to increased egg production, the large demand on hives for pollenization contracts, and the increase in fees for that service.

Total returns for all crop and livestock production in 1984 amounted to \$303,163,900.

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*"When speculation has done its worst,  
two and two still make four."*

--- Samuel Johnson

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#### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value
			Per Acre	Total			Total
Strawberries	1984	404	20.8	8,390	Ton	\$817	\$ 6,854,600
	1983	384	20.1	7,720		881	6,803,900
Peaches (Freestone)	1984	600	5.5	3,300	Ton	620	2,046,000
	1983	520	6.0	3,120		652	2,034,800
Pears (Bartlett)	1984	220	6.0	1,320	Ton	600	792,000
	1983	230	7.2	1,656		565	936,000
Lemons	1984	115	13.1	1,507	Ton	226	340,600
	1983	115	6.7	778		339	264,000
Avocados	1984	208	1.0	200	Ton	539	107,800
	1983	208	3.0	615		611	375,900
Miscellaneous Includes citrus & other fruits & nuts	1984	568					1,022,100
	1983	645					1,408,600
TOTAL	1984	2,115					\$11,163,100
	1983	2,102					11,823,200

## FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1984	12,176	8.19	99,589	Ton	\$ 95	\$ 9,460,900	
	1983	14,133	7.01	99,089		110		10,926,300
Rangeland	1984	251,000					1,018,000	
	1983	242,000					1,398,000	
Grain Hay	1984	1,355	1.88	2,544	Ton	76	193,300	
	1983	1,965	1.49	2,920		87	255,000	
Barley	1984	8,835	.12	1,096	Ton	138	151,200	
	1983	8,368	.72	6,001		110	660,600	
Wheat	1984	4,104	.25	1,037	Ton	126	130,600	
	1983	6,517	.45	2,935		127	372,800	
Sugar Beets	1984	260	20	5,200	Ton	24	124,800	
	1983	317	29	9,193		30	275,800	
Alfalfa Seed	1984	150	300	45,000	lb.	1.93	86,900	
	1983	200	300	60,000		1.92	115,200	
Miscellaneous Includes dry beans, Sudan grass, and grazing privileges on stubble.	1984	1,082*					703,800	
	1983	959*					739,200	
TOTAL	1984	27,962**					\$11,869,500	
	1983	33,289**					14,742,900	

\*Excluding stubble.

\*\*Excluding rangeland.

## VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	Total
Sprouts, Bean & Alfalfa	1984			20,500	Ton	\$427	\$ 8,751,600	
	1983			23,090		554	12,795,000	
Onions, Dry	1984	1,477	21	31,017	Ton	260	8,064,400	
	1983	1,822	25	45,460		244	11,090,400	
Table Greens	1984	929	Includes head cabbage as well as lettuce, turnip greens, cilantro, and oriental specialties.				2,394,300	
	1983	1,163					4,230,400	
Sweet Corn	1984	841	4.8	4,025	Ton	502	2,020,100	
	1983	1,224	5.9	7,242		331	2,395,800	
Vine Crops	1984	757	Includes squash and melons.				704,300	
	1983	743					1,008,800	
Root Vegetables	1984	122	Includes turnips, beets and carrots.				300,900	
	1983	97					389,600	
Miscellaneous	1984	2,909	*				24,877,100	
	1983	2,706					27,444,900	
TOTAL	1984	7,035					\$47,112,700	
	1983	7,755					59,354,900	

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

## FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1984*	2,051	Cord	\$15	\$30,800
	1983*	2,970		15	44,550
TOTAL	1984*				\$30,800
	1983*				44,550

\*U.S.E.S. fiscal year (10/1 through 9/30).



NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1984	182,500	1,716	37,256,100	Plant	\$3.45	\$128,533,400
	1983	506,700	1,741	31,602,300		3.49	110,345,700
Bedding Plants	1984	507,200	68	3,739,500	Flat	5.21	19,482,800
	1983	618,000	78	2,493,000		5.23	13,041,700
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1984	480,900	57	11,739,700	Pot	1.26	14,792,000
	1983	860,100	34	9,984,570		.90	9,019,000
Ground Cover	1984	768,600	104	1,185,700	Flat	6.14	7,280,200
	1983	883,700	73	848,900		6.26	5,321,900
Indoor Plants, Flowering	1984	680,200	24	1,125,800	Pot	4.88	5,493,900
	1983	772,600	27	1,022,900		4.65	4,753,300
Vegetable Plants	1984	35,000	33	333,000	Flat	3.17	1,057,000
	1983	75,000	33	427,000		5.80	2,477,000
Miscellaneous	1984	254,600	178	Includes orchids, bulbs, turf, seed, cacti and geranium cuttings.			8,513,800
	1983	442,460	268				10,001,200
TOTAL	1984	2,909,000	2,180				\$185,153,100
	1983	3,888,560	2,254				154,959,800

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Christmas Trees	1984		238	68,100	Tree	\$28.00	\$1,909,800
	1983		169	61,800		26.50	1,639,800
Carnations	1984	260,000	9	6,857,200	Bloom	.12	822,864
	1983	300,000		3,300,000		.15	495,000
Chrysanthemums	1984	245,000	13		Various		579,800
	1983	248,000	16				635,500
Miscellaneous Includes cut greens, cut orchids, and all other cut flowers.	1984	68,500	99				498,700
	1983	82,000	54				381,500
TOTAL	1984	573,500	359				\$3,811,200
	1983	630,000	239				3,151,800

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Number	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Horses	1984	13,800		Head	\$850	\$11,730,000
	1983	12,400			850	10,540,000
Chickens Includes broilers, roasters and stewers	1984	4,371,000	22,668,000	Lb.	.36	8,160,500
	1983	4,897,000	25,395,800		.33	8,380,600
Cattle Includes feeder, calves and cull cows	1984	35,000	103,320	Cwt.	56.30	5,816,900
	1983	40,500	119,567		57.10	6,827,500
Sheep	1984	57,000	45,600	Cwt.	59.70	2,723,200
	1983	50,000	40,000		56.40	2,256,000
Cattle Includes calves and heifers	1984	3,300		Head	225.50	744,200
	1983	5,500			224.25	1,233,400
Hogs	1984	9,400	11,280	Cwt.	49.70	560,600
	1983	9,800	11,760		51.50	605,600
Turkeys	1984	40,000	720,000	Lb.	.42	302,400
	1983	80,290	1,445,200		.36	517,400
Miscellaneous Includes ducks, rabbits, goats, etc.	1984					2,400,000
	1983					2,360,000
TOTAL	1984					\$32,437,800
	1983					32,720,500

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Milk	1984	418,000	Cwt.	\$13.03	\$ 5,447,000
	1983	383,000		13.07	5,007,000
Eggs	1984	9,182,000	Doz.	.59	5,417,400
	1982*	8,980,100		.50	4,477,200
Pollination	1984	22,000	Hive	21.50	473,000
	1983	16,000		20.50	328,000
Honey	1984	614,000	Lb.	.50	307,000
	1983	1,200,000		.56	672,000
Wool	1984	238,184	Lb.	.82	195,300
	1983	359,170		.62	222,700
Beeswax	1984	6,000	Lb.	1.14	6,800
	1983	15,000		1.40	21,000
TOTAL	1984				\$11,846,500
	1983				6,519,600

\*No reliable figure available for 1983.

SUMMARY

Commodity	1982	1983	1984
Fruit and Nuts	\$ 12,361,000	\$ 11,823,200	\$ 11,138,100
Field Crops	15,665,100	14,742,900	11,869,500
Vegetables	52,984,500	59,354,900	47,112,700
Nursery Stock	118,946,000	154,959,800	184,917,300
Cut Flowers	5,379,000	3,151,800	3,811,200
Livestock and Poultry	35,547,400	32,720,500	32,437,800
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Products	<u>11,354,150</u>	<u>6,519,600</u>	<u>11,846,500</u>
Subtotal	\$252,507,150*	\$283,272,700*	\$303,133,100*
Forest Products	<u>59,250</u>	<u>44,550</u>	<u>30,800</u>
Grand Total	\$252,566,400	\$283,317,250	\$303,163,900

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

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$128,533,400	11. Cattle	\$5,816,900
2. Bedding Plants	19,482,800	12. Indoor Plants (Flowering)	5,493,900
3. Indoor Plants (Foliage)	14,792,000	13. Milk	5,447,000
4. Horses	11,730,000	14. Eggs	5,417,400
5. Alfalfa Hay	9,460,900	15. Sheep	2,723,200
6. Sprouts, Bean & Alfalfa	8,751,600	16. Table Greens	2,394,300
7. Chickens	8,160,500	17. Sweet Corn	2,020,100
8. Onions, Dry	8,064,400	18. Peaches (Freestone)	2,046,000
9. Ground Covers	7,280,200	19. Christmas Trees	1,909,800
10. Strawberries	6,854,000	20. Vegetable Plants	1,057,000

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