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Crop & Livestock  
Report

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### 1986 CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

Crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County for 1986 showed a gross return of \$254,474,500.

It was an off year for many products; hay and grain prices were down, the demand for some items of nursery stock was slack, and horse purchasers became more discriminating.

However, acreage available for nursery stock actually increased despite rapid development of remaining private land holdings for other purposes as the Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power pursued a new and aggressive leasing program under its transmission lines. Produce specialties, such as fresh herbs, in demand by restaurants in the area, are opening new possibilities for urban agriculture. Land in the Los Angeles Basin continues to be as productive, in cash yields, as any in the world.

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"The glory of the farmer is that, in the  
division of labors, it is his part to create."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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#### FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production Per Acre	Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Strawberries	1986	305	21.8	6,645	Ton	\$872	\$5,794,000
	1985	395	23.7	9,355		825	7,717,900
Peaches (Freestone)	1986	600 *	5.8	3,500	Ton	783	2,740,000
	1985	652	6.1	3,965		522	2,069,700
Pears (Bartlett)	1986	104	5.5	577	Ton	783	452,000
	1985	200	5.8	1,160		522	605,500
Lemons	1986	50	24	1,200	Ton	219	263,000
	1985	70	14.3	1,000		438	438,000
Avocados	1986	238	0.6	141	Ton	1,263	178,000
	1985	298	1.1	315		800	252,000
Miscellaneous	1986	396	Includes oranges, figs, nectarines,				1,004,000
	1985	353	and other fruits and nuts.				1,379,400
TOTAL	1986	1,973 **					\$10,431,000
	1985	1,968					12,462,500

\* Bearing acreage only.

\*\* Includes 280 acres of non-bearing peaches (Sprague variety).

## FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1986	8,413	7.52	63,250	Ton	\$85	\$5,376,000
	1985	10,671	7.98	85,180		103	8,773,500
Rangeland	1986	251,000					988,000
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Barley	1986	7,215	.33	2,389	Ton	87.1	208,000
	1985	7,515	.43	3,266		102	333,100
Grain Hay	1986	1,620	1.43	2,316	Ton	54	125,000
	1985	1,655	1.85	3,067		81	248,400
Wheat	1986	2,200	.25	548	Ton	96.9	53,000
	1985	4,000	.25	996		112	111,500
Miscellaneous	1986	1,727 *	Includes dry beans, sudan grass,				642,000
	1985	1,080 *	and grazing privileges on stubbles.				621,400
TOTAL	1986	21,175 **					\$7,392,000
	1985	24,921 **					11,075,500

\* Excluding stubble

\*\* Excluding Rangeland

## VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Dry Onions	1986	1,481	23.5	34,800	Ton	\$282	\$9,814,000
	1985	1,580	25.0	39,500		160	6,320,000
Sprouts, Bean and Alfalfa	1986			14,400	Ton	440	6,336,000
	1985			17,400		540	9,396,000
Table Greens	1986	895	Includes head cabbage as well as				2,454,000
	1985	825	lettuce, turnip greens, cilantro, and oriental specialties.				1,237,700
Sweet Corn	1986	767	4.73	3,630	Ton	533	1,935,000
	1985	883	4.74	4,183		570	2,384,300
Vine Crops	1986	491	Includes squash and melons.				1,160,000
	1985	687					748,600
Root Vegetables	1986	170	Includes turnips, beets, and daikon.				510,000
	1985	141					416,700
Miscellaneous	1986	2,068	*				19,442,000
	1985	2,806	*				27,401,600
TOTAL	1986	6,062					\$41,651,000
	1985	6,922					47,904,900

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

## FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1986 *	1,720	Cord	\$23.00	\$39,600
	1985 *	2,400 **	Cord	16.95 **	40,700
TOTAL	1986 *				\$39,600
	1985 *				40,700

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

\*\* Corrected figures for 1985

**NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .**

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1986	2,440,300	1,883	\$107,099,000
	1985	1,635,300	1,873	126,936,500
Bedding Plants	1986	1,247,000	122	18,414,000
	1985	907,500	152	14,576,000
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1986	1,400,900	19	9,471,000
	1985	755,800	46	18,557,800
Ground Covers	1986	483,500	68	6,645,000
	1985	944,700	80	4,848,000
Indoor Plants Flowering	1986	464,900	43	3,827,000
	1985	376,300	55	9,063,600
Vegetable Plants	1986	14,500	5	1,610,000
	1985	5,500	12	1,775,000
Miscellaneous	1986	221,300	279	3,780,000
	1985	308,400	139	3,359,300
Includes orchids bulbs, turf, seed, cacti and geranium cuttings				
TOTAL	1986	6,272,400	2,419	\$150,846,000
	1985	4,933,500	2,357	\$179,116,200

**CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .**

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Christmas Trees	1986		269	68,600	Tree	29.50	\$2,024,000
	1985		261 *	70,700 *	Tree	29.10	2,057,000 *
Carnations	1986	200,000	5.5	5,267,400		.15	790,000
	1985	200,000	9	5,563,400	Bloom	.15	834,500
Chrysanthemums	1986	3,000	12.5		Various		372,000
	1985	6,000	10				348,000
Miscellaneous	1986	21,800	78	Includes cut greens, cut			518,000
	1985	42,100	81	orchids and all other			413,400
					cut flowers.		
TOTAL	1986	224,800	365				\$3,704,000
	1985	248,100	361 *				3,652,900 *

\* Corrected figures for 1985

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .**

Species	Year	Number	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Horses	1986	24,600		Head	\$425	\$10,455,000	
	1985	16,300			\$847	\$13,806,000	
Chickens	1986	3,598,500	18,658,000	Lb.	.34	6,344,000	
	1985	3,238,000	16,789,000		.36	6,044,000	
Includes broilers, roasters, and stewers							
Sheep	1986	39,800	31,800	Cwt.	68.60	2,181,000	
	1985	44,600	35,700		68.30	2,437,000	
Beef Cattle	1986	4,400		Head	226.30	996,000	
	1985	4,000			228.30	913,200	
Includes calves and heifers							
Hogs	1986	11,700	14,000	Cwt.	52.20	731,000	
	1985	10,600	12,700		47.30	601,600	
Dairy Cattle	1986	4,500	13,500	Cwt.	53.70	725,000	
	1985	5,100	15,300		55.80	853,800	
Includes feeder, calves, and cull cows							
Miscellaneous	1986	Includes turkeys, rabbits, ducks,					2,299,000
	1985	goats, etc.					2,500,700
TOTAL	1986					\$23,731,000	
	1985					27,156,300	

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Eggs	1986	22,333,200	Doz.	\$ .50	\$11,167,000
	1985	11,365,200		\$ .59	6,705,500
Milk	1986	366,800	Cwt.	11.66	4,277,000
	1985	375,000		12.60	4,725,000
Honey	1986	993,600	Lb.	.59 *	586,000
	1985	700,000		.53	371,000
Pollination	1986	20,000	Hive	23.50	470,000
	1985	19,000		21.50	408,500
Wool	1986	340,800	Lb.	.51	174,000
	1985	225,000		.61	137,300
Beeswax	1986	5,500	Lb.	1.07	5,900
	1985	6,000		1.10	6,600
TOTAL	1986				\$16,679,900
	1985				12,353,900

\* Price supported by honey loan program.

SUMMARY

Commodity	1984	1985	1986
Fruit and Nuts	\$11,163,100	\$12,462,500	\$10,431,000
Field Crops	11,869,500	11,075,500	7,392,000
Vegetable Crops	47,112,700	47,904,900	41,651,000
Nursery Products	185,153,100	179,116,200	150,846,000
Cut Flowers	3,811,200	3,652,900	3,704,000
Livestock and Poultry	32,437,800	27,156,300	23,731,000
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Product	<u>11,846,500</u>	<u>12,353,900</u>	<u>16,679,900</u>
Subtotal	\$303,393,900 *	\$293,722,200 *	\$254,434,900 *
Forest Products	<u>30,800</u>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>39,600</u>
Grand Total	\$303,424,700	\$293,762,900	\$254,474,500

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

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$107,099,000	11. Alfalfa	\$5,376,000
2. Bedding Plants	18,414,000	12. Milk	4,277,000
3. Eggs	11,167,000	13. Indoor Plants, Flowering	3,827,000
4. Horses	10,455,000	14. Peaches (Freestone)	2,740,000
5. Dry Onions	9,814,000	15. Table Greens	2,454,000
6. Indoor Foliage Plants	9,471,000	16. Sheep	2,181,000
7. Ground Covers	6,645,000	17. Christmas Trees	2,024,000
8. Chickens	6,344,000	18. Sweet Corn	1,935,000
9. Sprouts, Bean and Alfalfa	6,336,000	19. Vegetable Plants	1,610,000
10. Strawberries	5,794,000	20. Vine Crops	1,160,000

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