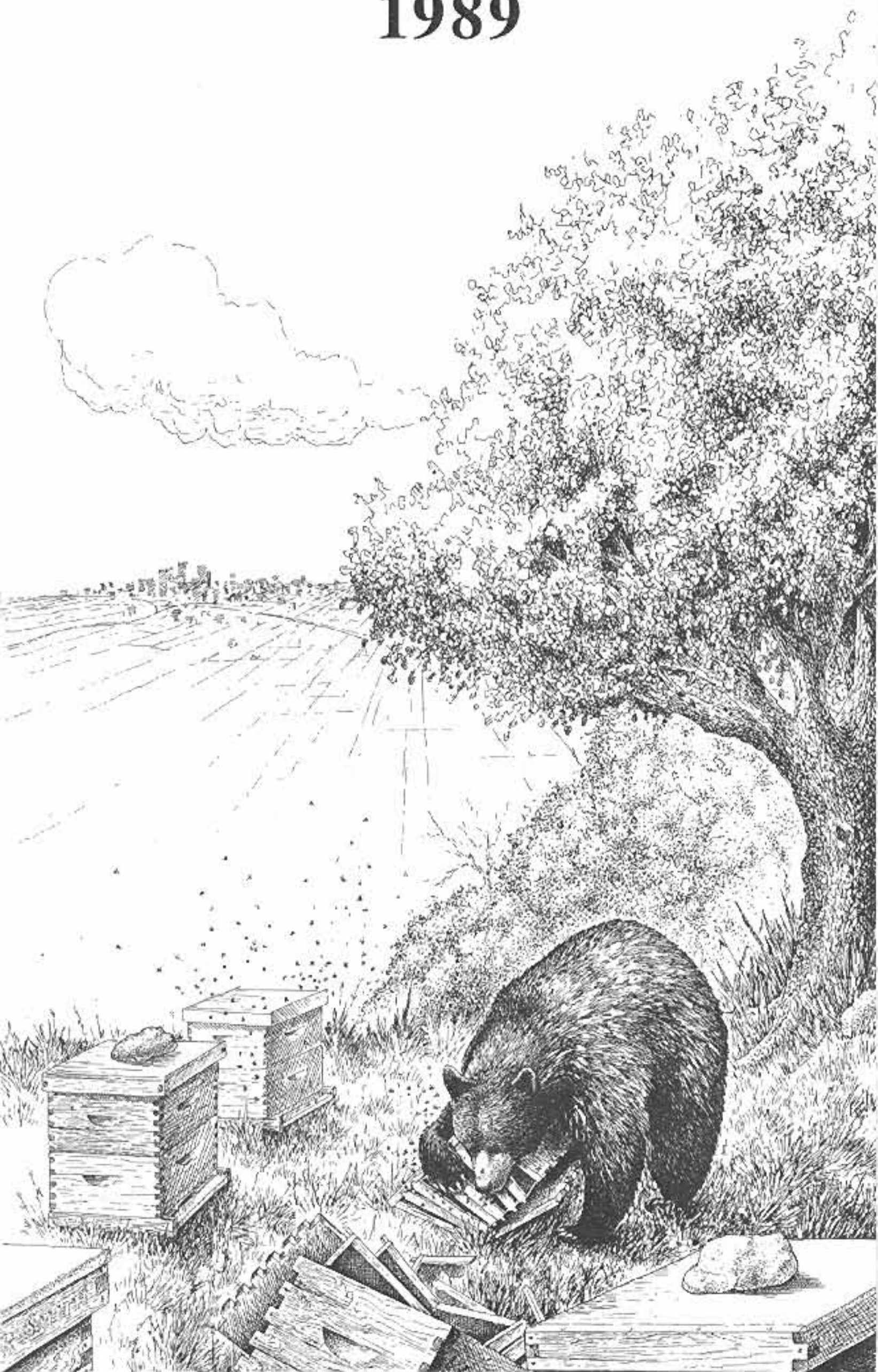


COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT 1989





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1989 CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

Despite continuing drought conditions, 1989 agricultural production values in Los Angeles County increased 6% to a total of \$313,529,900.

Recurring frosts played a major part in the decrease in strawberry and avocado profits. In addition avocado production was adversely affected by untimely winds. Expanding urbanization along with the continuing drought resulted in the decline of the 1989 barley, wheat and rangeland values.

Substantial amounts of dead or dying trees cleared out of the Angeles National Forest were responsible for the significant increase in forest product value.

Ornamental trees and shrubs remained Los Angeles County's most valuable crop with a remarkable increase of 22% this year and a gross net value of \$148,800,000.

Christmas tree production decreased due to Phytophthora sp. infestations and loss of acreage. Cut flower growers blamed freeze damage, loss of greenhouse and/or warehouse facilities, and significant decreases in growing areas for their reduced profits.

Los Angeles County agricultural production is continuing to hold its own with crop increases in some areas offsetting decreases in others.

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"The rules of the game
are what we call the laws of Nature."

Thomas Henry Huxley

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Pest Prevention . . . the Preferred Alternative to Pesticides

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Table with 8 columns: Crop, Year, Acreage, Production Per Acre, Production Total, Unit, Value Per Unit, Value Total. Rows include Strawberries, Peaches (Freestone), Avocados, Misc., and TOTAL for years 1988 and 1989.

* Bearing acreage only.
** Includes non bearing peach acreage.

NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1989	5,415,700	2,024	\$148,800,000
	1988	4,901,700	2,133	121,283,800
Bedding Plants	1989	1,008,000	113	19,100,000
	1988	1,333,400	124	21,363,500
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1989	570,000	40	2,515,000
	1988	635,700	44	9,103,000
Ground Covers	1989	899,150	68	4,495,000
	1988	998,700	74	5,269,900
Indoor Plants Flowering	1989	234,000	21	1,705,000
	1988	260,500	23	4,033,300
Miscellaneous	1989	131,870	263	3,863,000
	1988	149,500	292	6,235,500
Includes vegetable plants, orchids, cacti, and sod.				
TOTAL	1989	8,258,720	2,529	\$180,478,000
	1988	8,279,500	2,690	167,289,000

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity Sold	Unit Per Unit	Total
Christmas Trees	1989		77	19,500	Tree \$30.25	\$589,900
	1988		205	49,717	30.00	1,491,500
Carnations (standard)	1989	180,000	6	2,386,250	Bloom .18	429,500
	1988	180,000	5	2,370,750	.20	479,600
Chrysanthemums	1989	0	3.5			2,200
	1988	143,568	10			450,800
Miscellaneous	1989	0	79.5	Includes <i>Strelitzia</i> ,		271,500
	1988	58,550	77	<i>Gypsophila</i> , and all other cut flowers.		549,000
TOTAL	1989	180,000	166			\$1,293,100
	1988	382,118	297			2,970,900

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Number	Production Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
Chickens	1989	22,904,146	118,061,559	Lb.	\$.35	\$41,321,500
	1988	24,678,500	123,392,000		.36	44,421,200
Horses	1989	29,853		Head	400	11,941,200
	1988	32,500			225	7,301,000
Dairy Cattle	1989	4,210	42,100	Cwt.	120	5,052,000
	1988	4,820	48,210		86.25	4,158,100
Includes feeder calves and cull cows.						
Beef Cattle	1989	3,699		Head	532.00	1,967,868
	1988	3,100			500.00	1,574,000
Includes calves and heifers.						
Hogs	1989	9,157	13,736	Cwt.	46.30	636,000
	1988	10,000	14,930		47.00	701,800
Sheep	1989	18,993	28,486	Cwt.	21.20	603,900
	1988	20,792	31,188		23.60	736,000
Miscellaneous	1989		Includes ducks, rabbits, and			1,745,600
	1988		goats.			1,897,400
TOTAL	1989					\$63,268,100
	1988					60,789,500

FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1989	6,300	8.00	50,400	Ton	\$125.0	\$6,300,000
	1988	7,620	8.20	62,520		116.9	7,308,600
Rangeland	1989	240,000					620,000
	1988	243,500					930,000
Barley	1989	250	.25	63	Ton	50	3,100
	1988	4,715	.28	1,320		112	147,800
Grain Hay	1989	1,100	2.50	2,750	Ton	90	247,500
	1988	1,200	2.00	2,400		85	204,000
Wheat	1989	0			Ton		
	1988	2,700	.25	675		115	77,600
Miscellaneous	1989	450	*	Includes irrigated pasture and			181,000
	1988	1,045	*	grazing privileges on stubble.			465,500
TOTAL	1989	8,100	**				\$7,351,600
	1988	23,735	**				9,133,500

* Excluding stubble.

** Excluding rangeland.

VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Dry Onions	1989	1,675	27.0	45,225	Ton	\$280.00	\$12,663,000
	1988	1,702	29.4	50,040		247.90	12,404,900
Sprouts, Bean and Alfafa	1989			7,880	Ton	499	3,932,100
	1988			7,774		496	3,856,000
Table Greens	1989	720	Includes oriental specialties				2,591,500
	1988	780	and leaf lettuce.				2,148,900
Sweet Corn	1989	290	5.75	1,668	Ton	433	722,200
	1988	415	5.1	2,116		393	831,600
Vine Crops	1989	53	Includes squash, watermelons,				126,900
	1988	508	and other melons.				188,600
Root Vegetable	1989	171	Includes turnips, beets, and				454,300
	1988	148	carrots				428,300
Miscellaneous	1989	645	Includes radishes, parsley,				5,711,200
	1988	818	mushrooms, and fresh herbs.				6,149,300
TOTAL	1989	3,554					\$26,201,200
	1988	4,371					26,007,600

FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1989	2,000	Cord	\$15.00	\$30,000
	1988	1,800	Cord	15.00	27,000
Timber	1989*	278,900	Board ft.	\$1.00	\$278,700
	1988				-
TOTAL	1989				\$308,700
	1988				27,000

* Figures obtained from Franchise Tax Board, represent harvested timber for lumber.

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Eggs	1989	27,424,000	Doz.	\$.66	\$18,099,800
	1988	31,460,500		.45	14,157,200
Milk	1989	494,863	Cwt.	11.11	5,497,900
	1988	250,204		12.60	3,152,600
Pollination	1989	20,063	Hive	26.00	521,600
	1988	23,500		25.00	587,600
Honey	1989	401,320	Lb.	.61	244,800
	1988	1,092,830		.50	546,400
Wool	1989	138,373	Lb.	1.38	191,000
	1988	227,000		1.25	283,500
Beeswax	1989	4,000	Lb.	1.10	4,400
	1988	6,700	Lb.	1.10	6,900
TOTAL	1989				\$24,559,500
	1988				18,734,200

SUMMARY

Commodity	1987	1988	1989
Fruit and Nuts	\$11,697,000	\$10,620,500	\$10,100,800
Field Crops	8,492,700	9,133,500	7,351,600
Vegetable Crops	21,665,800	26,007,600	26,201,200
Nursery Products	153,144,100	167,289,000	180,478,000
Cut Flowers	3,577,000	2,970,900	1,293,100
Livestock and Poultry	58,302,100	60,789,500	63,268,100
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Products	<u>18,164,000</u>	<u>18,734,200</u>	<u>24,559,500</u>
Subtotal	\$275,042,700 *	\$295,545,200 *	\$313,252,300 *
Forest Products	<u>21,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>278,900</u>
Grand Total	\$275,063,700	\$295,572,200	\$313,531,200

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

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$148,800,000	10. Dairy Cattle	\$ 5,052,000
2. Chickens	41,321,500	11. Ground Covers	4,495,000
3. Bedding Plants	19,100,000	12. Sprouts, bean and Alfalfa	3,932,100
4. Eggs	18,099,800	13. Strawberries	2,765,900
5. Dry Onions	12,663,000	14. Table Greens	2,591,500
6. Horses	11,941,200	15. Indoor Foliage Plant	2,515,000
7. Alfalfa Hay	6,300,000	16. Beef Cattle	1,967,900
8. Peaches	5,616,000	17. Indoor Flowering Plants	1,705,000
9. Milk	5,497,900		

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