

AGRICULTURAL

CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES

COUNTY

1935

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - CALIFORNIA

With the total f.o.b. value reaching \$49,836,400 in 1935, agricultural crops returned more money than any year since 1931 and registered a gain of 8 per cent over 1934. Generally, 1935 was characterized by heavier production of the major tree crops and lower average price compared with the previous year. Vegetable values showed an increase of more than \$2,400,000 which meant an increase of 32 per cent over 1934. Higher average prices throughout the year on most were responsible.

The increase in number of boxes of citrus fruits produced was offset by lower prices, especially for lemons. The total f.o.b. value of \$24,014,800 on these commodities was about the same as the previous year. Avocado production showed an increase of almost 90 per cent and total yields of apricots, almonds and peaches brought a higher total value for each of these products.

More than fifty vegetable crops are produced commercially in the county and on some of the land three crops a year are harvested. Celery, asparagus, snap beans, cabbage and carrots, along with some of the less prominent truck crops, showed particular gains in price.

Almost without exception crops escaped both freezing injury and heat damage. Winter and spring rains delayed maturity of all crops except lemons and threw planting of annual crops off schedule. The Valencia orange crop was the largest ever produced and the shipping season the longest in history.

The report does not cover live stock and dairy valuations, nor does the figure of total returns include rental and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The information included in the attached report is furnished in answer to requests for data from farmers, marketing agencies, transportation companies, chambers of commerce, state crop reporting service, banks and other institutions and individuals. Acreage figures are based on actual surveys by inspectors and estimates from our district agricultural inspectors, transportation company records, association secretaries, cooperatives and other shippers. More than 150 persons have been interviewed for the purpose of arriving at price and yield figures. We wish to take this opportunity to thank every one who furnished information.

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Bearing Acres</u>	<u>Total Production</u>	<u>Total f.o.b. Value</u>
<b>CITRUS FRUITS*</b>			
Oranges	44,566	9,211,900 boxes	\$ 17,786,100
Lemons	11,134	2,063,000 "	5,923,000
Grapefruit	712	190,800 "	305,700
	<u>56,412</u>	<u>11,465,700</u>	<u>\$ 24,014,800</u>
<b>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</b>			
Apples	441	17,600 boxes	13,200
Apricots	944	2,800 tons (green)	77,000
Almonds	1,008	504,000 lbs	70,600
Avocados**	2,191	4,260,000 lbs	303,100
Figs	772	920 tons	66,000
Grapes-table	1,919	4,800 "	76,800
Grapes-wine	2,550	7,000 "	91,000
Grapes-raisin	324		
Olives	1,236	575 "	20,800
Peaches-cling	692	1,200 "	39,600
Peaches-free	986	1,700 "	56,100
Pears	2,481	5,000 "	125,000
Persimmons	226	450 "	18,000
Plums	241	480 "	16,800
Prunes	54	110 "	2,200
Walnuts	25,217	18,947,000 lbs	1,540,000
Misc. Fruit	100		11,500
	<u>41,382</u>		<u>\$ 2,527,700</u>
<b>BUSHBERRIES &amp; STRAWBERRIES</b>			
Blackberries	150	112,500 trays	39,400
Loganberries	15	7,500 "	4,500
Raspberries	400	300,000 "	180,000
Strawberries	700	700,000 "	420,000
Youngberries	600	500,000 "	175,000
	<u>1,865</u>		<u>\$ 818,900</u>
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>			
Alfalfa hay	30,000	180,000 tons	2,385,000
Barley and Grain hay	28,000	56,000 tons	630,000
Beans-dry	18,000	162,000 sacks (100 lb)	769,500
Bean straw		7,000 tons	52,500
Beets-sugar	6,500	71,500 "	500,500
Wheat	8,700	101,800 sacks (100 lb)	152,700
Miscellaneous	3,000		130,000
	<u>94,200</u>		<u>\$ 4,620,200</u>

\* Figures for crop year Nov. 1, 1934, to Oct. 31, 1935. **7**

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Commodity	Bearing Acres	Total Production	Total f.o.b. Value
<b>TRUCK CROPS</b>			
Asparagus	1,100	132,000 crates (31 lb)	\$ 277,200
Beans, snap	4,000	544,000 hampers (30 lb)	571,200
Cabbage	2,200	19,800 tons	346,500
Carrots	2,400	3,600,000 doz. bunches	540,000
Cauliflower	3,000	900,000 crates (39 lb)	542,800
Celery	2,500	1,750,000 1/2 " (65 lb)	1,979,600
Chicory	600	96,000 crates (5 doz)	86,400
Corn	7,000	2,100,000 lugs (3 doz.ear)	945,000
Cucumbers	1,000	315,000 lugs (32 lb)	121,900
Lettuce	3,000	405,000 crates (4 doz.)	388,800
Onions	1,400	266,000 sacks (100 lb)	266,000
Parsley	300	750,000 doz. bunches	56,300
Peas	1,600	184,000 hampers (30 lb)	276,000
Peppers	400	106,000 lugs (15 lb)	47,700
Potatoes-white	2,800	420,000 sacks (100 lb)	315,000
Rhubarb	700	840,000 flats (20 lb)	232,300
Tomatoes	7,000	(2,296,000 lugs (32 lb)-Market 17,500 tons Canning)	1,179,500 183,700
	<u>41,000</u>		<u>\$ 8,355,900</u>

#### MARKET GARDENS

Artichokes	100	11,500 boxes (36 lb)	8,600
Beets	600	540,000 doz. bunches	98,800
Broccoli	200	30,000 crates (60 lb)	36,000
Cantaloupes	2,000	500,000 crates (45c)	225,000
Chard	100	75,000 doz. bunches	12,500
Egg plant	200	100,000 lugs (20 lb.)	30,000
Mustard	100	160,000 doz. bunches	12,000
Parsnips	200	80,000 lugs (26 lb)	32,000
Potatoes-sweet	800	160,000 lugs (32 lb)	99,000
Radishes	150	360,000 doz. bunches	28,800
Romaine	150	45,000 crates (3 doz.)	18,000
Rutabaga	300	30,000 sacks (100 lb)	36,000
Spinach	1,100	1,362,000 doz. bunches	189,800
Squash-summer	1,500	600,000 lugs (26 lb)	270,000
Squash-winter	700	3,850 tons	50,000
Turnips	400	360,000 doz. bunches	58,500
Watermelons	300	3,600 tons	36,000
Miscellaneous	<u>3,000</u>		<u>380,000</u>
	<u>11,900</u>		<u>\$ 1,621,000</u>

#### MURSEY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS

\$ 7,500,000

#### HONEY & BEESWAX

Honey	3,000,000 lbs	150,000
	50,000 "	10,000
		<u>\$ 160,000</u>