

CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES

COUNTY

1936

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - 1936

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - CALIFORNIA

Making a sizeable price advance, the county's plant crops, with a total valuation of \$53,320,010, brought more money than any year since 1930. Comparing returns with 1935, the same commodities in total showed an increase of over \$3,500,000.

Figured separately is \$48,000 for apriary products. Also, in addition to the 1936 total is \$6,500,000 which was the value of eggs produced in the county. This figure is included in the report for the first time since the agricultural commissioner is now designated as enforcing officer of the state egg standardization law.

The year in general was characterized by smaller per acre production and correspondingly higher prices than 1935 for the county's most important crops. Adverse spring weather cut down production materially. Sizeable acreage increases for some commodities helped build up total value.

Basis of arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market for all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price.

Citrus, which accounts for approximately half of the county's agricultural income, brought in \$26,906,620, an increase of nearly \$3,000,000 above the previous year. Both lemons and oranges made notable gains while money received for grapefruit was less. Box production of oranges and grapefruit was substantially smaller; lemons about the same. Bearing acreage of the different citrus crops remained almost constant. An analysis of the individual commodities shows that among the crops giving particularly good account of themselves, in addition to oranges and lemons, were alfalfa, dry beans, sugar beets and pears. Among the truck crops, asparagus, green beans and potatoes scored high marks. Dropping in value, largely due to unfavorable weather which cut yields, were avocados, walnuts, tomatoes and celery.

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.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many persons, associations and agencies who helped this office by furnishing crop information.

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Agricultural Commissioner

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COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges	45,076	7,786,370	Boxes	\$18,383,620
Lemons	11,162	2,021,158	"	8,242,280
Grapefruit	813	136,538	"	280,720
TOTAL	57,051			\$26,906,620
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	896	60,000	Lbs.	\$ 8,400
Apples	365	36,500	Boxes (40 lb)	29,200
Apricots	960	1,920	Tons (Green)	62,400
Avocados**	2,267	2,150,000	Lbs.	258,000
Figs	456	570	Tons	45,600
Grapes-table	1,884		"	
Grapes-raisin	324		"	
Grapes-wine***	2,531	12,190	"	155,660
Olives	1,236	650	"	36,540
Peaches-cling	695	2,085	"	72,980
Peaches-free	1,065	3,195	"	159,750
Pears	2,373	4,746	"	237,300
Persimmons	212	530	"	23,850
Plums	228	912	"	59,280
Prunes	54	162	"	10,530
Walnuts	24,176	10,060,380	Lbs	1,017,850
Miscl. Fruit	200			24,000
TOTAL	39,922			\$2,201,340
<u>BUSHBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	92	82,800	Trays	\$ 37,260
Loganberries	30	27,000	"	16,200
Raspberries	162	145,800	"	145,800
Strawberries	700	437,500	"	393,750
Youngberries	563	506,700	"	253,350
TOTAL	1,547			\$ 846,360
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	36,397	181,985	Tons	\$3,002,750
Barley grain	7,500	135,000	Sacks (100 lb)	222,750
Grain hay	43,200	64,800	Tons	842,400
Beans-dry	20,868	244,660	Sacks (100 lb)	1,441,630
Bean-straw	-	10,434	Tons	83,470
Beets-sugar	5,900	59,140	"	332,140
Wheat	8,800	34,400	Sacks (100 lb)	60,200
Miscellaneous	3,000	-		149,500
TOTAL	125,665			\$6,134,840

\* Figures for crop year Nov. 1, 1935, to Oct. 31, 1936.

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\*\*\* Except for concords, and a few other varieties, practically all table grapes harvested were converted into wine.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,212	121,200	Crates (31 lb)	\$ 338,150
Beans-green	3,100	378,930	" (70 lb)	727,130
Cabbage	2,800	28,000	Tons	252,000
Carrots	3,200	4,080,000	Doz. bunches	693,600
Cauliflower	3,200	1,760,000	Crates (1 doz)	616,000
Celery	2,500	1,795,000	1/2 " (65 lb)	1,545,500
Cnicory	650	211,250	Crates (5 doz)	73,940
Corn	5,000	1,500,000	Lugs (3 doz. ears)	600,000
Cucumbers	1,160	380,000	" (32 lb)	126,320
Lettuce	2,400	530,000	Crates (5 doz)	360,000
Onions-dry	1,500	300,000	Sacks (100 lb)	270,000
Parsley	280	672,000	Doz. bunches	53,760
Peas	1,100	66,000	Crates (60 lb)	158,400
Peppers	1,000	250,000	Lugs (15 lb)	75,000
Potatoes-white	2,100	315,000	Sacks (100 lb)	686,700
Rhubarb	500	250,000	Boxes (42 lb)	105,000
Tomatoes	6,850	1,310,500	Lugs (32 lb) Market	655,250
		17,500	Tons - Canning	262,500
TOTAL -	38,552			\$7,599,250
<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets	800	720,000	Doz. bunches	\$ 120,000
Broccoli	350	35,000	Crates (60 lb)	31,500
Cantaloupe	1,400	315,000	Crates (45s)	157,500
Egg plant	150	75,000	Lugs (20 lb)	15,000
Mustard greens	125	200,000	Doz. bunches	7,500
Onions-green	250	375,000	Doz. bunches	93,750
Parsnips	250	87,500	Lugs (26 lb)	35,000
Potatoes-sweet	700	192,500	" (32 lb)	134,750
Radishes	150	168,750	Doz. bunches	16,870
Romaine	175	61,250	Crates (3 doz)	27,560
Rutabaga	250	43,750	Sacks (100 lb)	72,190
Spinach	1,000	750,000	Doz. bunches	150,000
Squash-summer	850	212,500	Lugs (24 lb)	74,380
Squash-winter	700	4,200	Tons	75,600
Turnips	700	630,000	Doz. bunches	84,000
Watermelons	250	3,000	Tons	54,000
Miscellaneous	2,000			300,000
TOTAL -	10,100			\$1,449,600
<u>NURSERY STOCK &amp; CUT FLOWERS</u>				\$8,182,000
<u>GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS -</u>				\$53,320,010
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>				
Honey		740,000	Pounds	44,400
Beeswax		13,000	"	3,900
TOTAL -				\$ 48,300
<u>POULTRY PRODUCTS</u>				
Eggs		902,000	Cases (30 doz)	\$6,500,000

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