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LOS ANGELES

COUNTY

1937

AGRICULTURAL

COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1937

Moving ahead to a total valuation of \$57,380,457, the county's plant crops returned more money than any year since 1930. This is an increase of more than \$4,000,000 compared with 1936 on the same commodities. Apiary products brought \$381,250 not included above.

Adverse weather caused losses to many crops. Maturity was retarded which threw the normal harvest season off balance. Along broad lines prices were high and volume light the first half of 1937. During the last six months, however, abnormally big yields brought over production of deciduous fruits and truck crops and correspondingly lower prices. Uninterrupted good weather for growing and harvesting lasted until the end of the year and wholesale market prices did not recover from low levels. The total value for most vegetables compared favorably with 1936, largely because of unusually big yields.

Despite reduction in volume following last January's freeze the citrus group marked up a \$1,250,000 increase ahead of 1936, bringing the total f.o.b. value to \$28,130,779. Money received for oranges and grapefruit showed gains but lemons brought about \$2,000,000 less than the previous year.

A bumper walnut crop with a value of \$1,438,398 returned \$400,000 more than the year before.

Two new crops are itemized separately for the first time. Limes, taking their place on the produce map, brought back more than \$9,000. As planted non-bearing acreage begins to produce fruit yields will increase. Growers produced 770 tons of pop corn valued at \$84,700.

In the berry classification increased profits were noted despite a short season and a small crop. Youngberry value was sharply up because of the "fresh" frozen outlet that prevented over supplies going on the market. Alfalfa gave an outstanding performance. Both yields and prices were on the upswing, bringing the total to \$4,336,200 for 1937. Among vegetable crops which sold for less money were lettuce, potatoes, celery and cauliflower.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the wholesale market on all crops except citrus and avocados. For these two the report is made on total f.o.b. price. The report does not cover live stock and dairy valuations nor do the total returns include rental and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration except a diversion payment from the government on walnuts.

To make for accuracy the price, acreage and yield averages have been checked with the state crop statistician's office and prices were compared with Federal-State Market News Service quotations. Several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, prorate agencies and dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. We wish to thank the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information.

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges	40,571	6,313,380	Boxes	\$21,231,897
Lemons	10,010	1,537,572	Boxes	6,496,242
Grapefruit	893	160,563	Boxes	393,540
Limes	20	165,500	Pounds	9,100
Totals -	51,494			\$28,130,779
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	637	200,000	Pounds	26,500
Apples	598	52,300	Boxes	28,250
Apricots	1,267	3,800	Tons	102,625
Avocados**	2,647	3,565,000	Pounds	267,375
Figs	496	745	Tons	49,950
Grapes-raisin	318)			
" table	1,165)	14,365	Tons	284,780
" wine***	3,098)			
Olives	1,543	612	Tons	46,400
Peaches-cling	339	1,350	Tons	44,070
" free	893	3,572	Tons	151,810
Pears	1,497	5,360	Tons	241,150
Persimmons	252	700	Tons	21,000
Plums	241	1,928	Tons	77,120
Walnuts	23,450	21,323,217	Pounds	1,438,398
Miscl. Fruit	225			17,000
Totals -	38,666			\$2,796,428
<u>BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES</u>				
Blackberries	115	86,250	Trays	43,125
Loganberries	30	15,000	Trays	12,000
Raspberries	180	144,000	Trays	165,600
Strawberries	700	385,000	Trays	385,000
Youngberries	675	675,000	Trays	405,000
Totals -	1,700			\$1,010,725
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	36,500	246,375	Tons	4,336,200
Barley	11,500	124,000	Sacks(100 lb)	176,080
Grain hay	34,000	51,800	Tons	828,800
Beans-dry	21,250	285,064	Sacks(100 lb)	1,122,500
" -straw	-	10,657	Tons	84,100
Beets-sugar	3,682	39,940	Tons	219,660
Wheat	18,300	109,800	Sacks(100 lb)	177,875
Miscellaneous	3,000			110,000
Totals	128,232			\$7,055,215

- * Figures for crop year November 1, 1936 to October 31, 1937
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 *** Except for concord, and a few other varieties, practically all table grapes harvested were converted into wine.

COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,350	168,750	Crates(31 lb)	\$ 313,875
Beans-green	4,000	440,000	Crates(70 lb)	924,000
Cabbage*	3,800	30,400	Tons	364,800
Carrots	2,900	5,070,000	Dozen bunches	845,825
Cauliflower*	3,000	1,350,000	Crates(1-doz)	607,500
Celery**	2,450	1,715,000	1/2 crates(65 lb)	1,200,500
Chicory	700	180,000	Crates(5-doz)	72,000
Corn-green	5,000	1,750,000	Lugs(3-doz.ears)	962,500
Cucumbers-pickle	700	4,060	Tons	89,000
" -table	550	165,000	Lugs(32 lb)	57,750
Lettuce	1,350	350,000	Crates(3-doz)	157,500
Onions-dry	900	108,970	Sacks(100 lb)	207,450
Parsley	280	672,000	Dozen bunches	36,960
Peas	1,200	72,000	Crates (60 lb)	151,200
Peppers-Chili	2,125	12,750	Tons	328,500
" -Bell	300	150,000	Lugs(15 lb)	45,000
Pop corn	1,200	770	Tons	84,700
Potatoes-white	1,950	291,500	Sacks(100 lb)	247,775
Rhubarb	500	187,500	Boxes(42 lb)	65,625
Tomatoes-market	7,500	1,117,800	Lugs(32 lb)	804,800
" -canning		28,000	Tons	378,000
Totals -	41,755			\$7,945,260
<u>MARKET GARDENS</u>				
Beets	825	709,500	Dozen bunches	106,425
Broccoli	600	105,000	Crates(60 lb)	63,000
Melons***	1,450	305,800	Crates(60 lb)	167,125
Egg plant	150	105,000	Lugs(20 lb)	31,500
Mustard greens	125	275,000	Dozen bunches	24,000
Onions-green	260	403,000	Dozen bunches	84,630
Parsnips	215	129,000	Lugs(26 lb)	48,375
Potatoes-sweet	650	162,500	Lugs(32 lb)	113,750
Radishes	275	302,500	Dozen bunches	22,700
Romaine	225	90,000	Crates (3 doz)	36,000
Rutabaga	180	36,000	Sacks (100 lb)	48,600
Spinach	1,475	1,679,000	Dozen bunches	241,200
Squash-summer	850	318,750	Lugs(24 lb)	143,400
" -winter	550	3,575	Tons	42,900
Turnips	700	665,000	Dozen bunches	88,445
Watermelons	250	3,000	Tons	30,000
Miscellaneous	1,000			150,000
Totals -	9,780			\$1,442,050
<u>NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS</u>				\$9,000,000
<u>GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS</u>				\$57,380,457
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>				
Honey		6,000,000	Pounds	360,000
Beeswax		21,000	Pounds	21,250
Total				\$381,250

* Figures for crop year October 1 to September 30

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*** Melons includes cantalopes, honey dews, casabas and Japanese melons.