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CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1938

OFFICE OF

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1938

Value of crops grown in this county dropped to $44,980,000 for the year 1938, a decrease of $12,400,000 below 1937 and lower than any other year since 1933. Apiary products brought $105,000, not included above, compared with $360,000 in 1937.

Decreased returns to citrus growers accounted for most of the reduction. With a greater crop than 1937 the returns were down to $18,500,000, a drop of $10,000,000.

Walnut yields were far below normal. Although price per pound was higher, total valuation dropped from $1,438,400 in 1937 to $722,400 this past year. Avocados, on the other hand, produced a large crop along with an increase in bearing acreage. The crop's value was set at $308,100, a gain of about $40,000 from the previous year.

In the berry group 1938 prices were higher, largely on account of increased acreage planted to strawberries. Total returns for strawberries and bushberries came to $1,241,000 in the past year.

An increase of 7,500 acres in alfalfa plantings did not offset lower per ton prices. Acreage totaled 44,000 in 1938 with returns of $3,644,000, a decrease in returns of $592,000 from 1937.

Truck crops as a group were worth about five per cent less in 1938 than the year before. Carrots, for the first time, checked up a million dollar total. Several other vegetables made smaller gains while returns for potatoes, dry onions, Chili peppers and melons dipped sharply. Combined value for truck crops and vegetables listed in the market garden class came to $8,841,790, less by $460,800 than the year before.

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 livestock and dairy valuations nor do the total returns include rental and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration except federal diversion payments for walnuts and oranges.

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. The farm advisor's office, 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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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
CITRUS FRUITS*				
Oranges	41,056	9,159,800	Boxes	$ 13,727,800
Lemons	10,536	1,753,500	Boxes	4,570,600
Grapefruit	986	256,400	Boxes	209,300
Limes	25	194,000	Pounds	8,400
Totals -	52,603			$ 18,516,100
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	637	207,000	Pounds	24,850
Apples	577	57,700	Boxes	46,150
Apricots	1,047	2,350	Tons	63,600
Avocados**	2,830	4,250,000	Pounds	308,100
Figs	524	1,050	Tons	62,900
Grapes	4,737	14,200	Tons	241,600
Olives	1,544	300	Tons	14,500
Peaches-cling	342	1,200	Tons	35,900
Peaches-free	929	3,700	Tons	167,200
Pears	1,318	5,250	Tons	281,700
Persimmons	255	750	Tons	30,600
Plums	282	850	Tons	42,300
Walnuts	23,212	7,786,000	Pounds	772,400
Miscl.Fruit	176			9,600
Totals -	38,410			$ 2,101,400
BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES				
Blackberries	100	75,000	Trays	48,750
Loganberries	30	16,500	Trays	12,375
Raspberries	200	160,000	Trays	160,000
Strawberries	850	510,000	Trays	535,500
Youngberries	775	968,750	Trays	484,375
Totals -	1,955			$ 1,241,000
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay	44,000	275,000	Tons	3,644,000
Barley grain	12,000	156,000	Sacks(100 lb)	156,000
Beans-dry	21,820	237,550	Sacks(100 lb)	837,100
Bean straw		10,900	Tons	87,200
Beats-sugar	4,280	47,880	Tons	287,300
Grain hay	38,000	63,350	Tons	602,000
Pop corn	900	540	Tons	48,600
Wheat	30,000	195,000	Sacks(120 lb)	250,500
Miscellaneous	3,000			117,500
Totals -	154,000			$ 6,030,200

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1937, to October 31, 1938.
**. Figures for crop year October 1, 1937, to September 30, 1938.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
TRUCK CROPS				
Asparagus	1,400	182,000	Crates (31 lb)	310,300
Beans-green	4,000	420,000	Crates (70 lb)	808,500
Cabbage *	3,600	30,600	Tons	351,900
Carrots	3,600	5,760,000	Dozen bunches	1,017,600
Cauliflower *	2,900	1,334,000	Crates (1 doz)	560,250
Celery **	2,800	2,100,000	1/2 crates (65 lb)	1,470,000
Chicory	625	203,000	Crates (5 doz)	71,000
Corn-green	5,000	1,500,000	Lugs (3 doz ears)	750,000
Cucumbers-pickle	600	3,180	Tons	85,550
Cucumbers-table	500	137,500	Lugs (32 lb)	75,600
Lettuce	1,150	258,750	Crates (3 doz)	155,250
Melons ***	1,150	258,750	Crates (60 lb)	116,450
Onions-dry	850	255,000	Sacks (50 lb)	165,750
Peas	1,200	38,400	Crates (60 lb)	138,240
Peppers-Chili-(dried)	1,225	1,617,000	Pounds	161,700
Potatoes-sweet	750	187,500	Lugs (32 lb)	112,500
Potatoes-white	1,900	256,500	Sacks (100 lb)	218,000
Rhubarb	450	225,000	Boxes (42 lb)	78,750
Spinach-canning	400	800	Tons	16,000
Spinach-market	1,250	375,000	Dozen bunches	206,250
Squash-winter	700	5,600	Tons	56,000
Tomatoes-canning	6,800	23,000	Tons	276,000
Tomatoes-market		956,500	Lugs (32 lb)	593,000
Watermelons	250	2,500	Tons	21,250
Totals -	43,100			$ 7,815,840
MARKET GARDENS				
Beets	825	783,650	Dozen bunches	117,550
Broccoli	500	75,000	Crates (60 lb)	78,750
Eggplant	75	52,500	Lugs (20 lb)	23,600
Mustard greens	125	250,000	Dozen bunches	21,900
Onions-green	300	78,000	Crates	97,500
Parsnips	225	135,000	Lugs (26 lb)	54,000
Parsley	280	700,000	Dozen bunches	46,700
Peppers-bell	250	125,000	Lugs (15 lb)	37,500
Radishes	300	300,000	Dozen bunches	30,000
Romaine	300	135,000	Crates (3 doz)	47,250
Rutabaga	150	30,000	Sacks (100 lb)	33,000
Squash-summer	825	330,000	Lugs (24 lb)	181,500
Turnips	725	725,000	Dozen bunches	96,700
Miscellaneous	1,000			160,000
Totals -	5,880			$ 1,025,950
NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS				$ 8,250,000
GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS				$44,980,490
APIARY PRODUCTS				
Honey		2,000,000	Pounds	$ 100,000
Beeswax		20,000	Pounds	5,000
Totals -				$ 105,000

* Figures for crop year October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938
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*** Melons include cantaloupes, honey dews, casabas and Japanese melons.
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