

CROP REPORT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



OFFICE OF
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AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1939

Value of crops grown in the county reached a total of \$45,107,000 in 1939, an increase of \$126,000 from the year before. Returns for both navel and valencia oranges were lower than the previous year, despite a higher box production. An especially large lemon crop brought the f.o.b. value of lemons up to \$5,265,000, a gain of nearly a million dollars from the previous year. The total valuation for the citrus group amounted to \$17,600,000 compared to \$18,500,000 in 1938.

Other fruit and nut crops about held their own when comparing the past two years. Walnuts, the most valuable tree crop aside from citrus, were worth \$1,055,000, a marked gain from 1938. Avocado production was up but lower per pound prices almost offset production gains; the total value came to \$327,900.

Alfalfa plantings increased nearly 5% to 46,000 acres with returns amounting to \$3,881,000. Following several unprofitable years, dry bean growers made further reductions in acreage and the sum received for this commodity dipped to \$686,000.

Apiary products brought \$55,000, not included in the grand total for agricultural crops, compared to \$105,000 in 1938. Reason for the decrease was the poor nectar flow.

In the truck crop and market garden classifications many vegetables brought more money than in 1938. This was due to acreage increases or to big yields which counteracted lower per unit returns. Indicating a changing trend in foods was the sizeable increase in the amount of all green salad vegetables consumed. Celery, the most important truck crop, sold for more than \$2,000,000. Registering sharp losses were green beans and onions. As a group, however, vegetables were worth more than \$9,000,000, an increase of \$450,000 in round numbers from 1938.

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. Federal diversion and benefit payments made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have been included in the totals for oranges, walnuts, sugar beets and wheat. However, approximately \$200,000 for range control and soil building practices has not been added.

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 FRUIT*				
Oranges	42,520	9,825,400	Boxes	\$12,097,400
Lemons	11,082	2,620,000	"	5,265,000
Grapefruit	1,085	260,000	"	226,000
Limes	65	265,000	Pounds	8,350
Total	54,752			\$17,596,750
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	664	215,000	Pounds	22,600
Apples	579	72,400	Boxes	43,450
Apricots	1,051	2,100	Tons	63,100
Avocados**	2,976	6,152,000	Pounds	327,900
Figs	541	1,220	Tons	85,200
Grapes	4,747	14,240	"	192,250
Olives	1,525	400	"	10,750
Peaches-cling	344	1,200	"	27,100
Peaches-free	987	3,950	"	153,950
Pears	1,278	4,470	"	255,000
Persimmons	267	940	"	37,400
Plums	310	930	"	46,500
Walnuts	23,087	13,156,000	Pounds	1,055,200
Miscellaneous Fruits	207			12,450
Total	38,563			\$2,332,850
BUSHBERRIES & STRAWBERRIES				
Blackberries	100	75,000	Trays	41,250
Loganberries	25	13,750	"	7,600
Raspberries	220	170,500	"	141,550
Strawberries	900	675,000	"	641,250
Youngberries and Boysenberries	800	800,000	"	360,000
Total	2,045			\$1,191,650
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay	46,000	287,500	Tons	3,881,250
Barley grain	13,000	175,500	Sacks(100 lb)	175,500
Beans-dry	15,660	164,900	Sacks(100 lb)	686,300
Beans-straw		5,000	Tons	25,000
Beets-sugar	4,850	59,700	"	417,900
Grain hay	40,000	66,400	"	763,600
Pop corn	950	525	"	39,200
Wheat	28,500	199,500	Sacks(120 lb)	258,400
Miscellaneous***	3,000			150,000
Total	151,960			\$8,397,150

* Figures for crop year November 1, 1938, to October 31, 1939.

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*** Includes silage corn, Kafir corn, alfalfa seed, etc.

COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
TRUCK CROPS				
Asparagus	1,600	248,000	Crates(31 lb)	345,950
Beans-green	3,250	243,750	Crates(70 lb)	491,400
Cabbage*	3,400	25,500	Tons	382,500
Carrots	3,500	2,012,500	Crts(3 dz bunches)	1,006,250
Cauliflower*	3,000	1,200,000	Crates	540,000
Celery**	2,700	2,295,000	Half crts(65 lbs)	2,062,500
Corn-green	5,500	1,430,000	Lugs(3 dz)	643,500
Cucumbers-pickles	390	2,455	Tons	44,400
Cucumbers-table	800	320,000	Lugs (32 lb)	128,000
Endive(Chicory)	630	203,125	Crts(5 dz)	101,550
Lettuce	1,300	325,000	" (3 dz)	136,500
Melons***	1,250	300,000	" (60 lb)	150,000
Onions-dry	800	480,000	Sacks(50 lb)	96,000
Peas	1,200	72,000	Crts(60 lb)	172,800
Peppers-Chili-dried	1,020	1,050	Tons	214,200
Potatoes-sweet	780	201,500	Lugs(32 lb)	110,850
Potatoes-white	1,700	280,500	Sacks(100 lb)	238,450
Rhubarb	450	180,000	Boxes(42 lb)	57,600
Spinach-canning	210	420	Tons	7,400
Spinach-market	1,250	375,000	Crts(4 dz bunches)	206,250
Squash-winter	750	6,000	Tons	102,000
Tomatoes-canning	5,750	17,335	Tons	236,650
Tomatoes-market		900,000	Lugs(32 lb)	630,000
Watermelons	250	2,500	Tons	25,000
Total	41,480			\$8,129,750
MARKET GARDENS				
Beets-table	850	276,250	Crates(3 dz bunches)	107,750
Broccoli	450	67,500	" (60 lb)	91,100
Eggplant	80	64,000	Lugs(20 lb)	22,400
Mustard greens	150	75,000	Crates(4 dz bunches)	30,000
Onions-green	330	85,800	"	120,100
Parsnips	250	162,500	Lugs(26 lb)	68,250
Parsley	280	165,000	Crts(6 dz bunches)	74,250
Peppers-Bell	300	150,000	Lugs(15 lb)	45,000
Radishes	450	157,500	Crts(6 dz bunches)	75,600
Romaine	370	185,000	Crts(3 dz)	59,200
Rutabagas	150	30,000	Sacks(100 lb)	27,000
Squash-summer	820	412,500	Lugs(24 lb)	185,600
Turnips	720	253,750	Crates(3 dz bunches)	95,150
Miscellaneous	900			157,500
Total	6,100			\$1,158,900
NURSERY STOCK & CUT FLOWERS				
Cut flowers	2,000			3,300,000
Nursery stock				5,000,000
Total	2,000			\$8,300,000
GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS				\$45,107,050
APIARY PRODUCTS				
Honey		1,000,000	Pounds	50,000
Beeswax		20,000	"	5,000
				\$55,000

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