

**CROP REPORT**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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## AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1945

Los Angeles County farmers received \$111,852,000 for the plant crops they produced in 1945. This is the highest return in history and is \$6,839,900 more than in 1944. Apiary products add \$124,100 to the total. Livestock and dairy farmers' returns are not included.

The increase in returns over 1944 was not shared by all crops. Citrus brought \$48,173,000 which was \$900,000 under 1944. Navel oranges returned \$13,272,000, up \$637,000. Lemons at \$10,593,000 were about the same as 1944.

Reduced yields lowered the total value of nearly all of the other fruit and nut crops in the county. Pears, walnuts, almonds, and grapes showed sharp valuation drops because of below normal production. Fruit and nut crops, aside from citrus, totaled \$5,027,400 compared with \$6,374,000 in 1944.

Approximately 46,000 crop acres of vegetables were harvested, about the same acreage as in the two previous years. The return of \$29,675,000 was substantially greater than in previous years and \$5,000,000 more than in 1944.

Ten vegetable crops brought more than a million dollars apiece. Celery was again the most valuable of them and returned \$6,507,000. The other vegetables in the million dollar class were cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, dry onions, green onions, white potatoes, spinach, and tomatoes.

Field crop acreage was lower than in the previous year and brought \$11,057,800, which was about \$250,000 under 1944.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$11,500,000 and cut flowers \$5,400,000. Both of these sums represent increases.

Farmers' production costs remained high. Many difficulties were encountered in obtaining fertilizer and certain kinds of insecticides. In the instance of some of the vegetable crops, yields and quality were reduced because the proper insecticides were not to be had in sufficient quantities.

In arriving at totals, 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. Marketing program committees, the farm advisor's office, several hundred farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were interviewed before final determination of figures used. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies who furnished crop information is greatly appreciated.

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COMMODITY	BEARING ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUIT*</b>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,520	3,752,000	Boxes	\$ 13,272,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,760	7,628,000	Boxes	23,564,000
Lemons	12,250	2,795,000	Boxes	10,593,000
Grapefruit	1,180	230,000	Boxes	690,000
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	54,000
Total	57,830			\$ 48,173,000
<b>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</b>				
Almonds	1,080	192,300	Pounds	67,300
Apples	360	54,000	Boxes	148,500
Apricots	700	196,000	Lugs	196,000
Avocados**	3,300	330,000	Flats	1,155,000
Figs	400	234,000	Flats	152,000
Grapes	4,590	9,180	Tons	578,500
Olives	1,600	960	Tons	225,600
Peaches-cling	200	80,000	Boxes	72,000
Peaches-free	710	213,000	Boxes	266,300
Pears	740	151,700	Boxes	364,000
Persimmons	190	45,600	Lugs	86,600
Plums	150	39,000	Crates	68,300
Walnuts	15,910	68,700	Cwt.	1,580,800
Misc. Fruits	380			66,500
Total	30,310			\$ 5,027,400
<b>BERRIES</b>				
Bushberries	345	258,800	Crates	582,200
Strawberries	160	80,000	Crates	280,000
	505			\$ 862,200
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>				
Alfalfa hay	49,000	245,000	Tons	5,880,000
Alfalfa seed	2,100	451,500	Pounds	114,000
Beans-dry	18,000	197,600	Cwt.	1,501,800
Bean straw		5,000	Tons	75,000
Beets-sugar	225	3,285	Tons	32,700
Flax	400	2,400	Bushels	8,000
Flower seed	530	-		238,500
Grain-barley	18,800	206,300	Cwt.	443,500
Grain-oats	700	8,400	Cwt.	18,900
Grain-wheat	33,300	299,300	Cwt.	778,000
Grain-hay	37,000	59,400	Tons	1,424,600
Irrigated pastures	2,000	-		250,000
Popcorn	300	3,000	Cwt.	26,300
Silage corn	500	5,000	Tons	30,000
Vegetable seed	170	-		76,500
Miscellaneous	1,800	-		160,000
Total	164,825			\$11,057,800

\* Figures for crop year November 1, 1944 to October 31, 1945.

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COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLE CROPS</b>				
Asparagus	1,500	225,000	Pyramid crate (30#)	\$ 843,800
Beans-string	1,300	260,000	Bushel Hamper (30#)	715,000
Beans-green lima	1,800	360,000	Bushel Hamper (32#)	675,000
Beets-table	1,000	250,000	Crates (4 doz.)	375,000
Broccoli	300	45,000	Crates (42#)	135,000
Cabbage	4,400	52,800	Tons	2,376,000
Carrots	2,600	780,000	Crates (6 doz.)	1,755,000
Sauliflower	3,600	1,440,000	Pony Crates (12 hds.)	1,944,000
Celery	2,400	2,169,000	Half Crates	6,507,000
Corn-green	3,400	425,000	Crates (6 doz.)	1,020,000
Cucumbers-pickle	860	5,160	Tons	245,800
Cucumbers-table	940	305,500	Lugs (30#)	244,400
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates (60#)	72,000
Endive (chicory)	450	157,500	Crates (4 doz.)	275,600
Garlic	60	6,000	Sacks (100#)	120,000
Lettuce	800	120,000	Crates (5 doz.)	270,000
Melons-cantaloupes	1,250	281,300	Crates	562,500
Melons-water	175	1,750	Tons	61,300
Melons-other	300	69,000	Crates	120,800
Mustard greens	500	216,800	Crates (40#)	216,800
Onions-dry	1,400	700,000	Sacks (50#)	1,400,000
Onions-green	800	324,000	Crates	1,134,000
Parsley	175	122,500	Crates (6 doz.)	245,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs (26#)	358,900
Peas	1,450	145,000	Bushel Hamper (28#)	398,800
Peppers-green	90	11,300	Crates (50#)	36,500
Peppers-dry	600	300	Tons	159,000
Potatoes-sweet	520	83,200	Crates (50#)	228,800
Potatoes-white	1,575	433,100	Sacks (100#)	1,017,300
Radishes	900	315,000	Crates (6 doz.)	488,300
Rhubarb	370	425,500	Flats (20#)	468,000
Romaine	500	150,000	Crates (55#)	375,000
Rutabagas	165	28,900	Sacks (100#)	101,000
Spinach-processing	500	2,550	Tons	70,100
Spinach-market	2,500	750,000	Crates (40#)	1,012,500
Squash-Italian	330	107,300	Lugs (30#)	177,000
Squash-summer	525	170,600	Lugs (30#)	247,400
Squash-winter	1,760	6,160	Tons	369,600
Tomatoes-canning	2,400	16,800	Tons	520,800
Tomatoes-market	1,900	712,500	Lugs (32#)	1,603,100
Turnips	1,100	440,000	Crates (3 doz.)	528,000
Misc. Vegetables	400			200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,995</b>			<b>\$ 29,674,600</b>
<b>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</b>				
Cut Flowers	1,700			5,400,000
Nursery stock				11,500,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 16,900,000</b>
<b>AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS (Est)</b>				
Soil building practices				135,000
Harvesting of legume seed				13,000
Flax payments				2,000
Sugar Act payments to beet growers				7,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 157,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS</b>				<b>\$111,852,000</b>

COMMODITY	YIELD	VALUE
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>		
Honey	1,000,000 pounds	\$ 120,000
Beeswax	10,000 pounds	4,100
		\$ <u>124,100</u>

SUMMARY

Citrus Fruit	\$ 48,173,000
Other Tree Crops	5,027,400
Berries	862,200
Field Crops	11,057,800
Vegetables	29,674,600
Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers	16,900,000
A.A.A. Payments	<u>157,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$ 111,852,000
Apiary Products	<u>124,100</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES	\$ 111,976,100