

CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



OFFICE OF
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COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1946

S U M M A R Y

Plant products returned \$111,951,000 to Los Angeles County farmers for crops produced in 1946. Apiary products valued at \$335,000, brought the grand total to \$112,286,500. This is the highest return on record for the county but only an increase of \$310,400 from the previous year. Livestock and dairy returns are not included in the report.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$14,950,000 and cut flowers \$10,875,000, both of these sums representing sizeable gains, offsetting decreases in returns for other crops.

Citrus fruits remained the most important crop although their combined value of \$40,430,200 dropped nearly \$8,000,000 from 1945. The difference was due chiefly to the high percentage of small sized Valencias which resulted in low total production. Both lemons and grapefruit brought less money than the year before.

Most of the other fruit and nut crops made a better showing than in the previous year with a total value of \$7,471,000 compared to \$5,027,400 in 1945. Avocados, grapes, walnuts, and Bartlett pears made sizeable valuation increases due to improved prices and yields.

Field crops returned a total of \$15,867,200, an increase of more than \$3,000,000 from 1945. A larger acreage of alfalfa and good prices throughout the year helped to build up this total. Prices of dry beans improved following the removal of ceilings.

Truck crops with returns of \$20,919,000, were worth \$8,755,600 less than in 1945. The biggest share of the reduction was the result of lower per acre returns and in some instances also to acreage decreases. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, brought \$3,465,000, about half of the amount received the previous year. Other major crops that showed decreases in value were cabbage, carrots, dry and green onions, potatoes and spinach.

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
CITRUS FRUIT*				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,460	3,263,400	Boxes	\$ 11,334,300
Oranges-Valencia	30,930	5,040,100	Boxes	19,659,200
Lemons	12,230	2,920,000	Boxes	8,812,300
Grapefruit	1,160	348,000	Boxes	588,000
Limes	130	1,040,000	Pounds	36,400
Total	57,910			\$ 40,430,200
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	1,180	531,000	Pounds	132,700
Apples	370	48,100	Boxes	129,900
Apricots	700	161,000	Lugs	177,100
Avocados**	3,310	695,100	Flats	1,598,700
Figs	400	200,000	Flats	110,000
Grapes	4,430	9,970	Tons	1,096,400
Olives	1,580	630	Tons	164,300
Peaches-cling	200	80,000	Lugs	72,000
Peaches-free	720	331,200	Lugs	414,000
Pears	750	212,300	Boxes	658,000
Persimmons	185	37,000	Lugs	46,200
Plums	150	41,200	Crates	66,000
Walnuts	15,685	101,950	Cwt.	2,701,700
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	420			104,200
Total	30,080			\$ 7,471,200
BERRIES				
Bushberries	425	318,700	Tray(12 basket)	605,600
Strawberries	250	162,500	Tray(12 basket)	650,000
Total	675			\$ 1,255,600
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay	51,000	290,700	Tons	8,430,300
Alfalfa seed	3,500	1,050,000	Pounds	378,000
Beans-dry	16,710	199,400	Cwt	2,748,700
Bean straw		3,000	Tons	52,500
Beets-sugar	730	10,750	Tons	109,600
Flax	140	2,240	Bushels	9,300
Flower seed	600			285,000
Grain-barley	21,200	275,600	Cwt	854,400
Grain-oats	1,000	13,500	Cwt	47,200
Grain-wheat	30,500	268,400	Cwt	912,600
Grain-hay	33,400	50,100	Tons	1,402,800
Irrigated pastures	3,500			525,000
Popcorn	150	1,620	Cwt	13,800
Silage corn	500	5,000	Ton	37,500
Miscellaneous	550			60,500
Total	163,480			\$15,867,200

*Figures for crop year November 1, 1945 to October 31, 1946

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COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,500	195,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 760,500
Beans-string	1,650	330,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	742,500
Beans-green lima	2,000	388,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	640,200
Beets-table	800	192,000	Crates (4 doz)	240,000
Broccoli	300	45,000	Crates(42#)	112,500
Cabbage	3,900	35,100	Tons	1,404,000
Carrots	2,000	560,000	Crates	1,260,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,170,000	Pony crates(12 heads)	1,053,000
Celery	2,400	1,920,000	Half crates	3,456,000
Corn-green	3,000	375,000	Crates (6 doz)	862,500
Cucumbers-pickle	700	5,460	Tons	279,400
Cucumbers-table	800	320,000	Lugs (30#)	320,000
Eggplant	150	26,250	Crates(60#)	52,500
Endive	350	122,500	Crates (4 doz)	196,000
Garlic	75	6,750	Sacks(100#)	94,500
Lettuce	800	120,000	Crates (5 doz)	210,000
Melons-cantaloupes	1,600	320,000	Crates	432,000
Melons-water	400	4,800	Tons	120,000
Melons-other	150	36,000	Crates	45,000
Mustard greens	500	212,500	Crates(40#)	191,200
Onions-dry	1,600	640,000	Sacks(50#)	448,000
Onions-green	800	340,000	Crates	935,000
Parsley	225	157,500	Crates (6 doz)	252,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs(26#)	326,200
Peas	1,300	78,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	132,600
Peppers-green	75	9,375	Crates(50#)	25,800
Peppers-dry	460	460	Tons	276,000
Potatoes-sweet	400	60,000	Crates(50#)	180,000
Potatoes-white	950	300,200	Sacks(100#)	840,600
Radishes	750	262,500	Crates (6 doz)	420,000
Rhubarb	400	300,000	Flats(20#)	225,000
Romaine	450	146,250	Crates(55#)	292,500
Rutabagas	75	16,880	Sacks(100#)	46,400
Spinach-processing	500	3,500	Tons	96,200
Spinach-market	2,300	690,000	Crates(40#)	897,000
Squash,-Italian	330	107,250	Lugs(30#)	160,900
Squash-summer	525	170,630	Lugs(30#)	213,300
Squash-winter	1,500	9,000	Tons	283,500
Tomatoes-canning	2,500	25,000	Tons	812,500
Tomatoes-market	1,500	525,000	Lugs(32#)	787,500
Turnips	1,000	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	440,000
Misc. Vegetables	500			356,200
Total	45,115			\$ 20,919,000
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut Flowers	3,200			10,875,000
Nursery Stock				14,950,000
Total				\$ 25,825,000
<u>AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS(Est)</u>				
Soil building practices				158,500
Harvesting of legume seed				2,200
Sugar Act payments to beet growers				22,600
Total				\$ 183,300
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS				\$111,951,500

COMMODITY	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	1,600,000	pounds	\$ 320,000
Beeswax	30,000	pounds	15,000
Total			<u>335,000</u>

SUMMARY

Citrus Fruit	\$ 40,430,200
Other tree crops	7,471,200
Berries	1,255,600
Field crops	15,867,200
Vegetables	20,919,000
Nursery stock & cut flowers	25,825,000
A.A.A. Payments	<u>183,300</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$111,951,500
Apiary Products	<u>335,000</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES	\$112,286,500