

**CROP REPORT**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



OFFICE OF  
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COMMISSIONER

AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1947

S U M M A R Y

Plant products returned \$107,066,400 to Los Angeles County farmers in 1947. Apiary products added \$230,700, bringing the grand total up to \$107,297,100. This sum represented a drop of 4.4% from the all time high of \$112,286,500 received in 1946. Livestock and dairy returns are not included in this report.

The total value of citrus fruit fell from \$40,430,200 in 1946 to \$28,354,000 during the past year, a decrease of 30%. Valencia oranges dropped in value from \$19,659,200 in 1946 to \$10,879,300 during the year just closed. Navel oranges decreased in returns by 29%. Lemons, however, with a value of \$8,988,700 registered a gain of 2% during the year.

Most other fruit and nut crops followed the same trend as oranges and the combined value of \$4,741,100 was a drop of 36% from the previous year. Disappointing per acre production for pears and walnuts as well as poor prices for figs, grapes and several more crops were responsible.

Truck crops generally made as good or a better price showing than in 1946. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, brought \$9,425,000, almost three times as much as the previous year. Acreage reductions because of subdivisions and industrial building affected vegetable and orchard plantings. Field and tree crops increased in acreage in the Antelope Valley to partially offset decreases elsewhere.

Field crops returned \$15,518,600, a sum slightly below 1946. Alfalfa increased by 3,000 acres but brought less per ton. Dry bean acreage remained approximately the same with general price increases but most of the yields were poor to fair.

Nursery stock reached a value of \$16,000,000 and cut flowers \$13,500,000. There was a sizeable increase in the number of nurseries during the year and an increase of 800 acres of cut flowers.

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, 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
<u>CITRUS FRUIT*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	13,260	2,787,800	Boxes	\$ 7,984,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,690	5,775,200	"	10,879,300
Lemons	12,060	2,524,900	"	8,988,700
Grapefruit	1,120	254,000	"	460,000
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	42,000
Total	57,250			\$ 28,354,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,180	445,100	Pounds	145,600
Apples	370	33,300	Boxes	83,200
Apricots	700	122,500	Lugs	122,500
Avocados**	3,400	462,400	Flats	1,317,800
Figs	400	180,000	Flats	99,000
Grapes	4,430	8,850	Tons	372,100
Olives	1,580	4,750	Tons	614,900
Peaches-cling	180	67,500	Lugs	60,700
Peaches-free	740	222,000	"	277,500
Pears	720	109,450	Boxes	350,200
Persimmons	180	31,500	Lugs	63,000
Plums	150	41,250	Crates	72,200
Walnuts	15,280	73,350	Cwt.	1,100,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	390			62,400
Total	29,700			\$ 4,741,100
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	425	286,800	Tray(12 basket)	401,600
Strawberries	300	180,000	" " "	495,000
Total	725			\$ 896,600
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	54,000	313,200	Tons	7,986,600
Alfalfa seed	4,330	1,560,200	Pounds	210,600
Beans-dry	16,750	193,200	Cwt	3,191,500
Bean-straw		1,500	Tons	22,500
Beets-sugar	930	14,000	"	149,600
Flax	400	4,600	Bushels	39,200
Flower seed	610			307,500
Grain-barley	22,300	223,000	Cwt	758,200
Grain-oats	750	9,400	"	41,300
Grain-wheat	32,000	246,400	"	961,000
Grain-hay	31,500	47,200	Tons	1,181,200
Irrigated pastures	4,200			567,000
Popcorn	120	500	Cwt	5,400
Silage corn	400	4,000	Ton	32,000
Miscellaneous	650			65,000
Total	168,940			\$15,518,600

\* Figures for crop year November 1, 1946 to October 31, 1947.

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COMMODITY	ACREAGE	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLE CROPS</b>				
Asparagus	1,240	154,400	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 578,900
Beans-string	1,800	360,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	936,000
Beans-Green freezer	680	1,550,000	Pounds	139,500
Beans-" lima	750	131,200	Bushel hamper(32#)	328,100
Beets, table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz)	336,000
Broccoli	200	22,000	" (42#)	55,000
Cabbage	3,000	30,000	Tons	1,650,000
Carrots	1,200	390,000	Crates	1,365,000
Cauliflower	3,500	1,925,000	Pony crate(12 heads)	2,213,700
Celery	2,500	2,900,000	Half crates	9,425,000
Corn-green	2,200	330,000	Crates(6 doz)	792,000
Cucumbers-pickle	400	2,800	Tons	140,000
Cucumbers-table	600	270,000	Lugs(30#)	378,000
Eggplant	80	11,200	Crates(60#)	33,700
Endive	350	122,500	Crates(4 doz)	196,000
Lettuce	500	75,000	Crates(5 doz)	206,200
Melons-Cantaloupe & Misc.	1,200	270,000	Crates	540,000
Melons-water	300	2,700	Tons	67,500
Mustard greens	500	212,500	Crates(40#)	212,500
Onions-dry	1,200	780,000	Sacks(50#)	975,000
Onions-green	600	255,000	Crates	688,500
Parsley	230	157,500	Crates(6 doz)	236,200
Parsnips	280	206,600	Lugs(26#)	340,900
Peas	750	67,500	Bushel hamper(28#)	168,700
Peppers-green	50	6,200	Crates(50#)	20,300
Peppers-dry	270	270	Tons	120,000
Potatoes-sweet	350	52,500	Crates(50#)	157,500
Potatoes-white	600	189,000	Sacks(100#)	472,500
Radishes	750	281,200	Crates(6 doz)	450,000
Rhubarb	330	357,500	Flats(20#)	232,400
Romaine	450	157,500	Crates(55#)	330,700
Rutabagas	50	11,200	Sacks(100#)	39,400
Spinach-market	2,500	562,500	Crates(40#)	787,500
Squash-Italian	350	113,750	Lugs(30#)	159,300
Squash-summer	500	162,500	Lugs(30#)	195,000
Squash-winter	1,100	6,000	Tons	226,900
Tomatoes-canning	2,200	26,400	Tons	838,700
Tomatoes-market	1,200	450,000	Lugs(32#)	900,000
Turnips	900	360,000	Crates(3 doz)	396,000
Misc.vegetables	500			507,000
Total	36,860			\$27,835,600

**NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS**

Cut Flowers	4,000			\$13,500,000
Nursery stock				16,000,000
Total				\$29,500,000

COMMODITY	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS(EST)</u>			
Soil building practices			\$ 182,100
Sugar Act payments to beet growers			38,400
Total			\$ 220,500
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS			\$107,066,400
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	1,250,000	pounds	\$ 225,000
Beeswax	30,000	pounds	5,700
Total			\$ 230,700
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES			\$107,297,100

SUMMARY  
1943 - 1947 Inclusive

	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Citrus Fruits	45,808,500	49,075,000	48,173,000	40,430,200	28,354,000
Other Tree Crops	5,113,600	6,374,900	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100
Berries	991,400	857,800	862,200	1,255,600	896,600
Field Crops	12,267,400	11,304,800	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600
Vegetables	24,044,000	24,689,600	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	10,500,000	12,500,000	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000
A.A.A. Payments	348,400	210,000	157,000	183,300	220,500
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	99,073,300	105,012,100	111,852,000	111,951,500	107,066,400
Apiary Products	936,000	124,100	124,100	335,000	230,700
<u>Total Plant Crops and Apiary Products</u>	100,009,300	105,136,200	111,976,100	112,286,500	107,297,100