

**CROP REPORT**  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



OFFICE OF  
AGRICULTURAL  
COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1948  
CROP REPORT SUMMARY

Farmers in Los Angeles County received \$99,491,600 for plant crops in 1948. This with Apiary products valued at \$169,700 brought a total of \$99,661,300 for agricultural crops exclusive of livestock. This sum was 7% below the 107,066,400 received in 1947 and 11% less than the record high of \$112,286,500 in 1946.

Citrus fruit returns of \$27,448,000 were 3.2% under the previous year. Better Valencia prices for a smaller crop than in 1947 brought \$11,263,700, an increase of 3.5%, while Navel oranges with more boxes but poor sizes returned \$7,082,000, or 11% less than in 1947. Lemons brought more per box than in 1947, but production was lower with total returns of \$8,532,000, being 5% below 1947.

Yields of most other fruits were abnormally light because of frosts that came at blossom time. Total value for this group was \$4,446,900, compared with \$4,741,100 in 1947. Although total receipts for pears and walnuts increased, the avocado total was less and the olive crop valued at \$615,000 in 1947 was almost a total failure.

Of the field crops, alfalfa produced the highest value on record, the total returns reaching \$8,555,000. Blackeye beans were worth less than half the amount of money received for this crop in 1947. This brought the total value of the field crop group down to \$14,057,900, a drop of 9½% from the previous year.

Vegetable crop acres increased 1,400, bringing the total to 38,260 acres. Production per acre was up for many crops due to good growing weather and a long season. Prices, however, generally were down. Celery, the county's most important truck crop, fell off nearly \$6,000,000. The main reason for this was the extremely heavy supplies from other states on eastern markets at the time of this county's peak production. Vegetable receipts were \$19,918,100 compared to \$27,835,600 the year before.

Cut flowers again showed an increase in acreage and total returns, the figure for this item being \$16,000,000.

Basis for arriving at valuation was on delivery price at the market or f.o.b. price on commodities shipped out of state. 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 ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>CITRUS FRUIT*</b>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc	13,080	2,832,800	Boxes	\$ 7,082,000
Oranges-Valencia	30,040	4,940,200	"	11,263,700
Lemons	11,650	2,222,000	"	8,532,500
Grapefruit	1,080	340,000	"	533,800
Limes	120	1,200,000	Pounds	36,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,970</b>			<b>27,448,000</b>
<b>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</b>				
Almonds	1,440	142,200	Pounds	37,000
Apples	370	35,100	Boxes	87,900
Apricots	670	134,000	Lugs	120,600
Avocados**	3,370	438,100	Flats	1,292,400
Figs	400	160,000	"	96,000
Grapes	4,410	8,800	Tons	397,000
Olives	1,580	15	"	2,100
Peaches, cling	180	67,500	Lugs	67,500
Peaches, free	780	214,500	"	278,800
Pears	720	122,400	Boxes	520,200
Plums	150	41,250	Crates	86,600
Walnuts	14,180	77,990	Cwt.	1,364,800
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	600			96,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,850</b>			<b>4,446,900</b>
<b>BERRIES</b>				
Bushberries	600	465,000	Tray(12 basket)	465,000
Strawberries	300	255,000	" " "	573,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>			<b>1,038,700</b>
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	52,600	295,000	Tons	8,555,000
Alfalfa seed	3,000	720,000	Pounds	172,800
Beans, dry	14,300	207,300	Cwt.	2,176,600
Bean straw		1,400	Tons	23,100
Beets, sugar	740	10,720	Tons	99,100
Flax	300	5,400	Bushels	32,400
Flower seed	300			150,000
Grain-barley	20,600	185,400	Cwt.	500,600
Grain-oats	450	4,500	"	17,100
Grain-wheat	34,000	173,400	"	641,600
Grain-hay	27,000	20,300	Tons	649,600
Irrigated pastures	6,000			900,000
Silage corn***	1,000	7,500	Tons	60,000
Miscellaneous	800			80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,090</b>			<b>\$ 14,057,900</b>

\*Figures for crop year November 1, 1947 to October 31, 1948.

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\*\*\*Includes 500 acres of sweet corn harvested for silage after fresh corn was picked.

COMMODITY	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLE CROPS</u>				
Asparagus	1,000	120,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 432,000
Beans-string	1,500	337,500	Bushel hamper(30#)	843,700
Beans-green freezer	570	1,745,300	Pounds	174,500
Beans-green lima	650	113,700	Bushel hamper(32#)	255,900
Beets,table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz)	315,000
Cabbage	3,500	38,500	Tons	1,347,500
Carrots	1,350	438,700	Crates	1,425,900
Cauliflower	3,700	1,665,000	Pony crate(12 heads)	1,498,500
Celery	2,200	2,090,000	Sturdy crates	3,657,500
Corn,green	3,000	600,000	Crates(5 doz)	1,050,000
Cucumbers,pickle	400	2,200	Tons	132,200
Cucumbers,table	600	300,000	Lugs (30#)	270,000
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates(60#)	48,000
Endive	350	122,500	Crates(4 doz)	171,500
Lettuce	750	127,500	Crates(5 doz)	191,300
Melons, cantaloupes & Misc.	1,500	337,500	Crates	506,200
Melons,water	200	1,600	Tons	48,000
Mustard Greens	600	255,000	Crates(40#)	255,000
Onions-dry	1,200	720,000	Sacks(50#)	792,000
Onions-green	800	340,000	Crates	850,000
Parsley	300	210,000	Crates(6 doz)	315,000
Parsnips	330	239,300	Lugs(26#)	382,800
Peas	100	2,000	Bushel hamper(28#)	12,000
Peppers-green	80	10,000	Crates(50#)	30,000
Peppers-dry	180	190	Tons	97,200
Potatoes-sweet	200	40,000	Crates(50#)	120,000
Potatoes-white	1,100	319,000	Sacks(100#)	749,600
Radishes	850	340,000	Crate(6 doz)	425,000
Rhubarb	200	180,000	Flats(20#)	153,000
Romaine	550	192,500	Crates(55#)	259,900
Spinach,market	3,000	15,000	Tons	600,000
Spinach,canning	200	1,440	Tons	32,400
Squash,Italian	300	97,500	Lugs(30#)	146,200
Squash,summer	500	162,500	Lugs(30#)	243,700
Squash,winter	1,500	5,250	Tons	157,500
Tomatoes-canning	1,400	21,000	Tons	621,600
Tomatoes-market	1,200	510,000	Lugs (32#)	637,500
Turnips	1,000	400,000	Crates(3 doz)	400,000
Misc.vegetables	600			270,000
Total	38,260			\$19,918,100
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut flowers	5,000			16,000,000
Nursery stock				16,500,000
Total				\$32,500,000

COMMODITY	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS (Estimate)</u>			
Agricultural conservation programs			\$ 54,000
Sugar Act payments to beet growers			28,000
Total			<u>82,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS			\$99,491,600
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	1,502,000	pounds	157,100
Beeswax	30,000	pounds	12,600
Total			<u>169,700</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARIES			\$99,661,300

SUMMARY  
1944 - 1948 Inclusive

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Citrus Fruits	\$ 49,075,000	\$ 48,173,000	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$ 27,448,000
Other Tree Crops	6,374,900	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900
Berries	857,800	862,200	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700
Field Crops	11,304,800	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900
Vegetables	24,689,600	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	12,500,000	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000
A.A.A. Payments	210,000	157,000	183,300	220,500	82,000
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	<u>105,012,100</u>	<u>111,852,000</u>	<u>111,951,500</u>	<u>107,066,400</u>	<u>99,491,600</u>
Apiary Products	124,100	124,100	335,000	230,700	169,700
<u>Total Plant Crops and Apiary Products</u>	<u>105,136,200</u>	<u>111,976,100</u>	<u>112,286,500</u>	<u>107,297,100</u>	<u>99,661,300</u>