



OFFICE OF
AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONER

CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1949

Growers in Los Angeles County received \$87,308,300 for plant crops in 1949. Apiary products added \$93,280, bringing the grand total to \$87,401,580 for crops other than livestock. The 1949 total was 12% below the \$99,491,600 received by farmers the previous year and 22% below the record high of \$112,286,500 in 1946.

Citrus fruit returns of \$24,866,700 compared with \$27,448,000 constituted a drop of 9% from 1948. Despite production cuts following last winter's freeze, navel oranges and lemons, because of increased prices, compared favorably with the 1948 return. Valencias, however, decreased in value to the extent of \$2,000,000. Other fruits brought \$2,904,500 compared with \$4,446,900 in 1948, a drop of 35%. Prices for deciduous fruits were low throughout the year on account of unusually big yields in all production areas of the state.

Because of a light fruit set and further reduction of the crop due to freezing injury, the value of avocados fell from \$1,297,400 the year before to \$878,400. Walnut yields per acre were the best for the past ten years.

In the field crop group alfalfa, due to poorer prices, dropped to \$6,792,000 from the 1948 all time high of \$8,555,000. Dry beans brought \$1,631,000, down approximately \$500,000 from the previous year. Total value for this group came to \$11,407,800 compared with \$14,057,900 in 1948. There is a gain each year in land devoted to irrigated pastures and the total in 1949 was 7,000 acres. There was a sharp drop in the harvested acreage of grain and grain hay because of inadequate rainfall.

Vegetables, on account of reduced acreage and poor prices for most kinds, were valued at \$17,031,700 compared with \$19,918,100 the year before. Celery was an exception, bringing \$4,370,000 compared with \$3,657,500 the previous year. There was a sizeable increase in acreage of cauliflower, a major truck crop in the county, but it brought less money on account of a low market most of the year.

Cut flowers and nursery stock accounted for \$30,000,000 against a total value of \$32,000,000 in 1948. Losses from freezing temperatures to field-grown cut flowers were almost compensated for by an improvement in price for the remaining undamaged glasshouse stock.

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 statisticians' 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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PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1949

<u>CROP</u>	<u>BEARING ACRES</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
<u>CITRUS FRUITS *</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	10,500	2,293,000	Boxes	\$ 6,879,000
Oranges-Valencia	26,560	4,384,600	"	9,207,600
Lemons	10,700	1,841,700	"	8,287,700
Grapefruit	810	220,200	"	484,400
Limes	40	160,000	Pounds	8,000
Total	48,610			\$24,866,700
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS*</u>				
Almonds	1,730	610,500	Pounds	140,400
Apples	250	25,250	Boxes	50,500
Apricots	210	25,200	Lugs	12,600
Avocados**	2,440	292,800	Flats	878,400
Figs	170	85,000	"	42,500
Grapes	1,710	4,130	Tons	165,200
Olives	1,070	250	"	37,500
Peaches	610	183,000	Lugs	183,000
Pears	560	114,000	Boxes	238,000
Walnuts	8,210	82,100	Cwt.	1,108,400
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	240			48,000
Total	17,200			\$2,904,500
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	360	252,000	Tray(12 basket)	226,800
Strawberries	330	330,000	" " "	660,000
Total	690			\$ 886,800
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	53,400	283,000	Tons	6,792,000
Alfalfa seed	4,050	1,574,000	Pounds	378,000
Beans, dry	13,700	169,900	Cwt	1,631,000
Bean straw		1,400	Tons	22,400
Beats, sugar	1,030	17,800	"	163,000
Flax	230	3,450	Bushels	13,800
Flower seed	300			135,000
Grain-barley	12,300	86,100	Cwt.	211,000
" -oats	400	3,000	"	9,300
" -wheat	41,000	118,900	"	398,300
" -hay	18,000	21,600	Tons	540,000
Irrigated pastures	7,000			980,000
Pop corn	160	1,120	Cwt	9,000
Silage corn	500	7,500	Tons	45,000
Miscellaneous	800			80,000
Total	152,870			\$11,407,800

* Crop year ending October 31, 1949
 ** Crop year ending September 30, 1949

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	800	112,000	Pyramid crate(30#)	\$ 448,000
Beans, string	1,400	315,000	Bushel hamper(30#)	708,700
Beans, green lima	350	70,000	Bushel hamper(32#)	168,000
Beans, green process- ing	150	510,000	Pounds	38,300
Beets, table	700	210,000	Crates(4-doz.)	315,000
Broccoli	150	20,250	Crates(42#)	46,600
Cabbage	3,000	30,000	Tons	900,000
Carrots	1,000	600,000	Crates(3 doz.)	540,000
Cauliflower-market	3,300	1,237,500	Crates(12 heads)	928,200
Cauliflower-procesng	500	1,400,000	Pounds	98,000
Celery	2,300	2,185,000	Sturdy crates	4,370,000
Corn-green	2,700	540,000	Crates(5-doz.)	594,000
Cucumbers-pickle	460	2,790	Tons	153,500
Cucumbers-table	600	345,000	Lugs(30#)	241,500
Eggplant	125	25,000	Crates(60#)	37,500
Endive	350	105,000	Crates(4-doz)	147,000
Lettuce	800	160,000	Crates(5-doz)	280,000
Melons-cantaloupes & Misc.	1,000	300,000	Crates	525,000
Melons-water	125	1,250	Tons	31,200
Mustard greens	600	240,000	Crates(40#)	240,000
Onions-dry	1,000	550,000	Sacks(50#)	550,000
Onions-green	900	382,500	Crates	707,600
Parsley	300	150,000	Crates(6-doz.)	225,000
Parsnips	300	217,500	Lugs(26#)	261,000
Peas	100	8,500	Bushel hamper(28#)	29,800
Peppers-green	120	18,750	Crates(50#)	42,200
Peppers-dry	260	246	Tons	113,200
Potatoes-sweet	250	50,000	Crates(50#)	150,000
Potatoes-white	800	248,000	Sacks(100#)	562,100
Radishes	750	300,000	Crates(6-doz.)	330,000
Rhubarb	200	180,000	Flats(20#)	144,000
Romaine	500	150,000	Crates(55#)	225,000
Spinach-market	3,000	15,000	Tons	525,000
Spinach-processing	380	2,250	Tons	53,400
Squash-Italian	400	130,000	Lugs(30#)	143,000
Squash-summer	400	140,000	Lugs(30#)	161,000
Squash-winter	1,500	6,000	Tons	150,000
Tomatoes-canning	1,500	24,750	Tons	608,900
Tomatoes-market	1,000	500,000	Lugs(32#)	550,000
Turnips	750	375,000	Crates(3-doz.)	375,000
Misc. Vegetables	700			315,000
Total	35,520			\$17,031,700
<u>NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS</u>				
Cut Flowers	3,000			\$13,500,000
Nursery Stock				16,500,000
TOTAL				\$30,000,000

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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural conservation programs	\$	147,300
Sugar Act payments to beet growers		30,500
Potato Price Support payments to growers		33,000
Total	\$	210,800

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$87,308,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,081,000 pounds	\$	86,480
Beeswax	20,000 "		6,800
Total		\$	93,280

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$87,401,580

SUMMARY 1945 - 1949 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 48,173,000	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700
Other Fruits & Nuts	5,027,400	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500
Berries	862,200	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700	886,800
Field Crops	11,057,800	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800
Vegetables	29,674,600	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,931,700
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	16,900,000	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000
A.C.A. Payments	<u>157,000</u>	<u>183,300</u>	<u>220,500</u>	<u>82,000</u>	<u>210,800</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	<u>111,852,000</u>	<u>111,951,500</u>	<u>107,066,400</u>	<u>99,491,600</u>	<u>87,308,300</u>
Apiary Products	<u>124,100</u>	<u>335,000</u>	<u>230,700</u>	<u>169,700</u>	<u>93,280</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products</u>	<u>\$111,976,100</u>	<u>\$112,286,500</u>	<u>\$107,297,100</u>	<u>\$99,661,300</u>	<u>\$87,401,580</u>