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



OFFICE OF  
AGRICULTURAL  
COMMISSIONER

## CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1950

Los Angeles County growers received \$95,405,800 for plant crops and apiary products in 1950. This is a gain of 9% over the \$87,401,850 total in 1949 and 15% under the record high in 1946 of \$112,286,500.

The report does not include livestock production figures.

Citrus fruit brought \$31,638,300 compared with \$24,866,700 the year before, an increase of 27%. Production and price of navel and valencia oranges and lemons were higher than in 1949. Fruit sizes were better, loss from freezing injury was much less and by-products returns per box for lemons and valencias were better than in 1949.

Other fruits and nuts returned \$2,147,000, about \$759,000 below 1949. Per pound prices for deciduous fruits were up sharply but spring frosts in the Antelope Valley reduced pear and peach production to about one half of a normal crop while almonds were almost a total failure. The walnut set was poor and the return of \$518,700 was about half that received in 1949.

Alfalfa hay prices were less than in the previous year but the open fall permitted a longer harvest season. The 52,500 acres produced 291,400 tons worth \$6,410,800. Alfalfa seed brought \$657,000 compared with \$378,000 in 1949. Dry beans sold for \$1,851,400 this past year compared with \$1,631,000 the year before; the gain was due to increased production with higher prices for black eyes. Barley production and value more than doubled because of the late spring rains which produced good crops south of the mountains.

The \$18,690,300 received for vegetables was \$1,500,000 more than the year before. Biggest gain was the price received for celery, the county's most important truck crop. Despite subdivisions in some areas total plantings came to 2,500 acres, 200 more than in 1949. Value of the crop was \$6,037,500 compared with \$4,370,000 the year before. Other crops that exceeded \$1,000,000 in 1950 were tomatoes, cauliflower, and green onions. More than 50 kinds of vegetables are grown commercially in the county.

Cut flowers and nursery stock brought \$29,500,000 compared with \$30,000,000 in 1949. Favorable growing weather created an oversupply of flowers for several months. There are 250 commercial flower growers and 2,200 nurseries in the county.

Tree crops and vegetables were down about 5,000 acres compared with 1949 but the total crop acres of all crops for 1950 showed an increase of nearly 1,000 acres due to larger plantings of field crops.

Valuation figures are based 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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PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1950

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	10,430	2,688,300	Boxes	8,602,600
Oranges-Valencia	25,030	5,212,200	"	12,769,900
Lemons	10,440	2,068,000	"	9,823,000
Grapefruit	790	208,000	"	436,800
Limes	40	120,000	Pounds	6,000
	<u>46,730</u>			<u>\$31,638,300</u>
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,750	6,500	Pounds	2,300
Apples	250	15,000	Boxes	40,500
Apricots	200	8,000	Lugs	8,000
Avocados**	2,450	245,000	Flats	796,300
Figs	180	81,000	"	52,600
Grapes	1,360	3,400	Tons	221,000
Olives	1,070	200	"	12,000
Peaches	670	151,000	Lugs	241,600
Pears	560	51,000	Boxes	204,000
Walnuts	7,810	27,300	Cwt.	518,700
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	250			50,000
Total	<u>16,550</u>			<u>\$2,147,000</u>
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	270	270,000	Tray(12	270,000
Strawberries	350	420,000	" bskt)	840,000
Total	<u>620</u>			<u>\$1,110,000</u>
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	52,500	291,400	Tons	6,410,800
" seed, certified	320	140,700	Pounds	78,800
" seed, common	5,600	3,304,000	"	578,200
Beans, dry-blackeye	3,500	59,500	Cwt	684,200
" " -garbanzo	3,300	33,000	"	323,400
" " -baby lima	1,100	19,800	"	139,600
" " -standard lima	6,000	73,200	"	704,200
Beets, sugar	900	15,900	"	145,000
Corn, field	640	14,700	"	49,300
" ,milo	910	19,100	"	50,600
" ,silage	500	7,500	Tons	45,000
Flax	240	5,300	Bushels	19,800
Flower seed	200			9,000
Grain-barley	18,000	180,000	Cwt	441,000
" -oats	700	8,400	"	28,100
" -wheat	36,500	109,500	"	377,800
" -hay	20,000	30,000	Tons	690,000
Irrigated pastures	7,500			1,050,000
Miscellaneous	300			46,000
Total	<u>158,710</u>			<u>\$11,870,800</u>

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1950  
 \*\* " " " " September 30, 1950

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD.	UNIT	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Asparagus	700	115,500	Pyramid crate (30#)	\$ 519,800
Beans, string	1,000	300,000	Bushel hamper (30#)	600,000
Beans, green lima	300	75,000	" "	(32#) 127,500
Beans, green lima processing	200	584,700	Pounds	46,800
Beets, table	600	180,000	Crates (4 doz)	234,000
Broccoli	130	18,200	Crates (42#)	40,000
Cabbage	2,800	33,600	Tons	957,600
Carrots	800	480,000	Crates (3 doz)	432,000
Cauliflower	3,600	1,440,000	Crates (12 heads)	1,008,000
Celery	2,500	2,625,000	Sturdy crates	6,037,500
Corn, green	2,800	504,000	Crates (5 doz.)	604,800
Cucumbers, pickle	400	2,800	Tons	140,000
Cucumbers, table	500	250,000	Lugs (30#)	175,000
Eggplant	100	20,000	Crates (60#)	40,000
Endive	350	105,000	Crates (4 doz)	157,500
Lettuce	1,000	200,000	Crates (5 doz)	300,000
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,000	275,000	Crates	550,000
Melons, water	150	1,500	Tons	37,500
Mustard greens	600	240,000	Crates (40#)	216,000
Onions, dry	1,300	845,000	Sacks (50#)	633,800
Onions, green	1,000	500,000	Crates	1,125,000
Parsley	150	75,000	Crates (6 doz.)	112,500
Parsnips	250	162,500	Lugs (26#)	203,100
Peas	150	12,000	Bushel hamper (28#)	31,200
Peppers, green	100	15,000	Crates (50#)	41,300
Peppers, dry	70	42	Tons	18,400
Potatoes, sweet	150	30,000	Crates (50#)	82,500
Potatoes, white	500	150,000	Sacks (100#)	345,000
Radishes	750	300,000	Crates (6 doz.)	345,000
Rhubarb	200	200,000	Flats (20#)	250,000
Romaine	700	210,000	Crates (55#)	294,000
Spinach, canning	350	1,600	Tons	36,200
Spinach, market	2,500	15,000	Tons	525,000
Squash, Italian	400	140,000	Lugs (30#)	168,000
Squash, summer	300	105,000	Lugs (30#)	126,000
Squash, winter	1,000	7,000	Tons	245,000
Tomatoes, canning	1,100	16,500	Tons	399,300
Tomatoes, market	900	450,000	Lugs (32#)	675,000
Turnips	800	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	360,000
Misc. Vegetables	900			450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,100</b>			<b>\$18,690,300</b>

**NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS**

Cut Flowers	3,000			\$12,000,000
Nursery stock				17,500,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$29,500,000</b>

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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs		\$ 229,500
Sugar Act payments to beet growers		36,200
Total		\$ 265,700

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$95,222,100

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,680,000 pounds	\$ 168,000
Beeswax	35,000 "	15,700
Total		\$ 183,700

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$95,405,800

SUMMARY  
1946-1950 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 40,430,200	\$ 28,354,000	\$ 27,448,000	\$ 24,866,700	\$ 31,638,300
Other Fruits & Nuts	7,471,200	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000
Berries	1,255,600	896,600	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000
Field Crops	15,867,200	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800
Vegetables	20,919,000	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	25,825,000	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000
A.C.A. Payments	183,300	220,500	82,000	210,800	265,700
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	111,951,500	107,066,400	99,491,600	87,308,300	95,222,100
Apiary Products	335,000	230,700	169,700	93,280	183,700
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	\$112,286,500	\$107,297,100	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580	\$95,405,800