

CROP REPORT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



OFFICE OF
AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONER

CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1951

Plant crops and apiary products brought \$107,570,000 to Los Angeles County farmers in 1951, the seventh successive year of severe drought. This value is the third largest ever received and was exceeded only in 1945 (\$111,976,100) and 1946 (\$112,286,500).

Livestock production value is not included.

Returns for plant crops were 13% greater than in 1950 although harvested acreage totals and production per acre were lower for most crops, the notable exceptions being almonds, avocados, peaches, celery, and carrots.

Citrus with 44,230 bearing acres returned \$32,031,000 compared to \$31,638,300 for the crop of 46,730 acres the year before.

Acreage of other orchard crops, grapes and berries, showed little change but receipts increased by \$853,800 to \$4,110,800.

The harvested acreage of field crops, including alfalfa and the dry farm bean and grain crops, decreased 50,590 acres because of drought to a total of 104,120 acres but these farmers received \$16,391,700, almost 4-1/2 million more than in 1950.

Vegetable growers harvested within 2,000 acres of the 1950 total but got \$23,109,000 for these crops, or about \$4,400,000 more money.

Production of Chinese vegetables (food vegetables for Chinese dishes) is a rapidly growing industry and the value is estimated separately for the first time. This amounted to \$320,000 for the crops grown on 200 acres with bean sprouts grown in water accounting for \$200,000 of the total.

Nursery stock and cut flowers were up \$2 million to a total of \$31,500,000.

"10 Million Dollar" Crops

"Million Dollar" Crops

Nursery stock	\$18,500,000	Celery	\$5,750,000
Cut flowers	13,000,000	Cabbage	1,850,000
Alfalfa hay	11,150,000	Green onions	1,485,000
Valencia oranges	11,137,000	Cauliflower	1,386,000
Navel "	10,317,000	Avocados	1,105,000
Lemons	10,141,000	Carrots	1,050,000

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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CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS*</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	9,970	2,866,000	Boxes	\$10,317,000
Oranges-Valencia	23,360	4,385,000	"	11,137,000
Lemons	10,090	2,474,000	"	10,141,000
Grapefruit	770	240,000	"	420,000
Limes	40	320,000	Pounds	16,000
Total	44,230			\$32,031,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,870	567,000	Pounds	164,400
Apples	250	17,500	Boxes	47,200
Apricots	210	23,100	Lugs	28,900
Avocados**	2,500	425,000	Flats	1,105,000
Figs	190	95,000	"	57,000
Grapes	1,350	2,700	Tons	162,000
Olives	1,080	50	"	5,000
Peaches	740	207,200	Lugs	414,400
Pears	530	43,700	Boxes	148,600
Walnuts	7,410	33,300	Cwt.	567,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	250			50,000
Total	16,380			\$2,749,500
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	75	30,000	Tray(12	45,000
Strawberries	450	585,000	" bskt)	1,316,300
Total	525			\$1,361,300
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>CROP ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	51,500	300,000	Tons	11,150,000
" seed,certified	445	298,200	Pounds	164,000
" seed, common	3,400	1,974,300	"	493,600
Beans, dry-blackeye	4,500	72,000	Cwt.	648,000
" " -garbanzo	1,000	2,500	"	30,000
" " baby lima	300	4,500	"	27,500
" " standard lima	4,800	60,000	"	681,000
Beets, sugar***	610	10,300	Tons	98,400
Castor beans	370	428,700	Pounds	54,900
Corn,field	430	8,000	Cwt	33,400
" milo	520	11,200	"	39,100
" silage	500	7,500	Tons	67,500
Cotton	365	456	Bales	91,200
Flaxseed	300	6,000	Bushels	22,800
Flowerseed	280			126,000
Grain-barley	8,000	96,000	Cwt	326,400
" -oats	500	5,000	"	18,000
" -wheat****	2,000	30,000	"	120,000
Grain hay	16,000	12,000	Tons	480,000
Irrigated pastures	8,000			1,280,000
Miscellaneous	300			45,000
Total	104,120			\$15,996,800

* Crop year ending October 31, 1951

** " " " September 30, 1951

*** Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments

**** " " " " Wheat Crop Insurance payments

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
VEGETABLES				
Asparagus	600	90,000	Crates(32#)	\$ 383,000
Beans	800	105,000	" (70#)	660,000
Beans, green lima	350	35,000	" (80#)	219,000
" " "				
processing	110	330,000	Pounds	25,000
Beets, table	600	270,000	Crates(3 doz.)	297,000
Broccoli	100	15,000	" (42#)	45,000
Cabbage	3,000	855,000	" (80#)	1,850,000
Carrots	1,000	600,000	Sacks (50#)	1,050,000
Cauliflower	2,800	1,260,000	Crates(12 heads)	1,386,000
Celery	2,700	3,100,000	" , sturdy	5,750,000
Chinese food veg.	200			320,000
Corn	2,000	360,000	" (5 doz.)	720,000
Cucumbers, pickle	350	2,400	Tons	139,000
" , table	400	240,000	Lugs (32#)	375,000
Eggplant	100	30,000	Crates(60#)	60,000
Endive	450	225,000	Crates(3 doz.)	281,000
Lettuce	750	300,000	" " "	450,000
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,400	350,000	" (55#)	700,000
Melons, water	150	1,800	Tons	72,000
Mustard greens	700	297,000	Crates(4 doz.)	327,000
Onions, dry	1,000	650,000	Sacks(50#)	813,000
Onions, green	1,100	495,000	Crates(8 doz.)	1,485,000
Parsley	100	50,000	" (6 doz.)	112,500
Parsnips	225	168,700	Lugs(26#)	253,000
Peppers, green	125	18,700	Crates(50#)	65,600
Potatoes, sweet	150	45,000	Lugs(32#)	83,000
" , white	350	122,500	Owt.	318,000
Radishes	800	320,000	Crates(6 doz.)	448,000
Rhubarb	200	200,000	Flats(20#)	280,000
Romaine	800	480,000	Crates(3 doz.)	648,000
Spinach, canning	190	1,470	Tons	36,700
" , market	1,500	600,000	Crates (4 doz.)	660,000
Squash, Italian	350	122,500	Lugs(26#)	196,000
" , summer	250	87,500	" "	144,200
" , winter	1,300	11,700	Tons	468,000
Tomatoes, canning	2,000	25,000	"	765,000
" , market	700	315,000	Lugs(32#)	394,000
Turnips	800	400,000	Crates(2½ doz.)	480,000
Misc.vegetables	700			350,000
Total	31,200			\$ 23,109,000
NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS				
Cut Flowers	3,000			\$ 13,000,000
Nursery Stock				18,500,000
Total				\$ 31,500,000

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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 200,500
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	378,000
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	16,900
Total	\$ 595,400
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$107,343,000

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,860,000 pounds	\$ 195,000
Beeswax	36,000 "	18,000
Pollination Services	9,000 colonies	14,000
Total		\$ 227,000
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS		\$107,570,000

SUMMARY
1947-1951 Inclusive

<u>CROP</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 28,354,000	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	4,741,100	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000	2,749,500
Berries	896,600	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000	1,361,300
Field Crops	15,518,600	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800	15,996,800
Vegetables	27,835,600	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300	23,109,000
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	29,500,000	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000	31,500,000
A.C.A. Payments	220,500	82,000	210,800	265,700	595,400
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	107,066,400	99,491,600	87,308,300	95,222,100	107,343,000
Apiary Products	230,700	169,700	93,280	183,700	227,000
<u>Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products</u>	\$107,297,100	\$99,661,300	\$87,401,580	\$95,405,800	\$107,570,000