

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



OFFICE OF  
AGRICULTURAL  
COMMISSIONER

## CROP REPORT SUMMARY FOR 1952

Los Angeles County farmers received \$106,394,000 for their 1952 harvest of plant crops and honey from 245,000 crop acres. This does not include livestock production value.

This was the fourth largest return ever received and is \$1,176,000 less than in 1951 with 200,000 crop acres. The year of highest return was 1946 with crops which sold for \$112,286,500.

Abundant rainfall and good growing weather increased the production of almost all important deciduous and field crops.

Growers of field crops, such as hay, grain, beans, etc., harvested crops that brought \$18,804,800 from 154,830 acres, compared with \$16,000,000 from 104,120 acres the year before when approximately 40,000 acres of wheat was a total failure due to drought.

The vegetable crop value of \$22,146,600 was almost a million dollars less than in 1951. Poor prices and reduced acreage lowered the returns of most important vegetable crops except celery, which brought \$7,260,000, an increase of \$1,500,000 over 1951 for less acreage and production.

Total citrus returns of \$28,678,000 were \$3,353,000 under 1951, due chiefly to an unusually poor crop of navels with small sizes and defects, such as water rot. Navel returns alone were \$2,751,000 less than the year before although navel orchards decreased only 270 acres. Valencias lost 1,470 acres which accounts for virtually all the decrease of \$580,000 in value of this crop.

Acreage of other orchard crops and grapes and berries totaled 16,600, only 305 less than in 1951, but high production of most of these crops resulted in a total value of \$5,060,000, a gain of \$950,000.

### Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$18,500,000	Navels	\$7,566,000	Green onions	\$1,200,000
Cut flowers	12,500,000	Celery	7,260,000	Dry onions	1,120,000
Alfalfa	11,800,000	Strawberries	1,800,000	Tomatoes	1,118,000
Valencias	10,557,000	Irrig. Pastures	1,425,000	Avocados	1,100,800
Lemons	10,200,000	Cabbage	1,269,000	Cauliflower	1,025,000

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. District agricultural inspectors, 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.	9,700	1,940,000	Boxes(pkd)	\$ 7,566,000
Oranges-Valencia	21,890	4,140,000	" "	10,557,000
Lemons	9,380	2,150,000	" "	10,200,000
Grapefruit	670	160,000	" "	336,000
Limes	40	320,000	Pounds	19,000
Total	42,180			\$28,678,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,900	81,700	Pounds	22,100
Apples	180	12,000	Boxes(45#)	43,000
Apricots	210	9,000	Lugs (25#)	11,700
Avocados**	2,560	512,000	Flats(13#)	1,100,800
Figs	190	76,000	" (6#)	53,200
Grapes	1,310	5,000	Tons	314,000
Olives	1,400	2,100	"	133,500
Peaches	760	228,000	Lugs (20#)	365,000
Pears	450	88,500	Boxes(50#)	314,200
Walnuts	6,760	54,100	Cwt	811,500
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	230			46,000
Total	15,950			\$ 3,215,000
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	50	20,000	Tray(12	45,000
Strawberries	600	900,000	" bskt)	1,800,000
Total	650			\$ 1,845,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay	53,500	340,000	Tons	11,800,000
" seed, certified	950	294,500	Pounds	117,800
" " , common***	(3,800)	1,273,000	"	292,800
" stubble****	(25,000)			205,200
Beans, dry-blackeye	5,000	66,700	Cwt	800,400
" " -garbanzo	2,700	38,600	"	461,600
" " -standard lima	4,000	57,600	"	638,000
Beets, sugar****	700	12,950	Tons	132,000
Corn, field	410	7,400	Cwt	27,300
" , milo	450	7,600	"	30,600
" , silage	500	7,500	Tons	56,300
Cotton	470	660	Bales	118,500
Flower seed	450			202,500
Grain-barley	15,000	225,000	Cwt.	720,000
" -oats	700	7,300	"	31,000
" -wheat****	42,000	191,000	"	725,800
Grain hay	18,000	27,000	Tons	945,000
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,425,000
Miscellaneous	500			75,000
Total	154,830			\$18,804,800

\* Crop year ending October 31, 1952

\*\* " " " September 30, 1952

\*\*\* Acreage not included in total acreage of field crops. Included in 53,500 acres of alfalfa hay.

\*\*\*\* Returns do not include Sugar Act Payments

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

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
Asparagus	600	78,000	Crates (32#)	\$ 290,000
Beans, snap	700	105,000	" (70#)	630,000
" , green lima	400	52,000	" (80#)	240,000
Beets, table	500	225,000	" (3 doz)	270,000
Broccoli	100	16,000	" (42#)	42,000
Cabbage	3,500	875,000	" (80#)	1,269,000
Carrots	800	640,000	Sacks (50#)	896,000
Cauliflower-market	2,000	800,000	Crates (12 heads)	800,000
" -processing	450	3,300,000	Pounds	225,000
Celery	2,400	2,640,000	Crates (sturdy)	7,260,000
Chinese food veg.	200			370,000
Corn, sweet	2,200	385,000	Crates (5 doz)	674,000
Cucumbers, pickle	325	1,950	Tons	117,000
" , table	500	375,000	Lugs (32#)	281,000
Endive	300	120,000	Crates (3 doz)	162,000
Lettuce	600	180,000	" "	180,000
Melons, cantaloupes and misc.	1,100	302,000	" (55#)	558,700
Melons, water	60	720	Tons	29,000
Mustard greens	700	245,000	Crates (4 doz)	270,000
Onions, dry	800	560,000	Sacks (50#)	1,120,000
" , green	1,200	600,000	Crates (8 doz)	1,200,000
Parsley	100	70,000	" (6 doz)	105,000
Parsnips	200	140,000	Lugs (26#)	210,000
Peppers, dry	230	215	Tons	93,000
" , green	200	30,000	Crates (50#)	97,500
Potatoes, sweet	150	48,800	Lugs (32#)	110,000
" , white	310	124,000	Cwt.	533,000
Pumpkins	120	1,200	Tons	39,000
Radishes	1,000	450,000	Crates (6 doz)	495,000
Rhubarb	170	127,500	Flats (20#)	223,400
Romaine	800	400,000	Crates (3 doz)	440,000
Spinach, market	1,000	400,000	" (4 doz)	500,000
Squash, Italian	300	150,000	Lugs (30#)	210,000
" , summer	350	140,000	" "	175,000
" , winter	1,300	9,100	Tons	228,000
Tomatoes, canning	950	18,500	"	518,000
" , market	800	400,000	Lugs (32#)	600,000
Turnips	800	320,000	Crates (2½ doz)	336,000
Misc.vegetables	700			350,000
Total	28,915			\$22,146,600

NURSERY STOCK AND CUT FLOWERS

Cut Flowers	2,500			\$12,500,000
Nursery stock				18,500,000
Total				\$31,000,000

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## PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS

Agricultural Conservation Programs	\$ 158,500
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments	84,500
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers	<u>13,600</u>
Total	\$ 256,600

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$105,946,000

## APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	3,400,000 pounds	\$ 391,000
Beeswax	57,000 "	24,000
Pollination Services	11,000 colonies	<u>33,000</u>
Total		\$ 448,000

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$106,394,000

### S U M M A R Y 1948-1952 Inclusive

CROP	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$27,448,000	\$24,866,700	\$31,638,300	\$ 32,031,000	\$ 28,678,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	4,446,900	2,904,500	2,147,000	2,749,500	3,215,000
Berries	1,038,700	886,800	1,110,000	1,361,300	1,845,000
Field Crops	14,057,900	11,407,800	11,870,800	15,996,800	18,804,800
Vegetables	19,918,100	17,031,700	18,690,300	23,109,000	22,146,600
Nursery Stock & Cut Flowers	32,500,000	30,000,000	29,500,000	31,500,000	31,000,000
P. M. A. Payments	<u>82,000</u>	<u>210,800</u>	<u>265,700</u>	<u>595,400</u>	<u>256,600</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops</u>	<u>99,491,600</u>	<u>87,308,300</u>	<u>95,222,100</u>	<u>107,343,000</u>	<u>105,946,000</u>
Apiary Products	<u>169,700</u>	<u>93,280</u>	<u>183,700</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>448,000</u>
<u>Total Plant Crops &amp; Apiary Products</u>	<u>\$99,661,300</u>	<u>\$87,401,580</u>	<u>\$95,405,800</u>	<u>\$107,570,000</u>	<u>\$106,394,000</u>