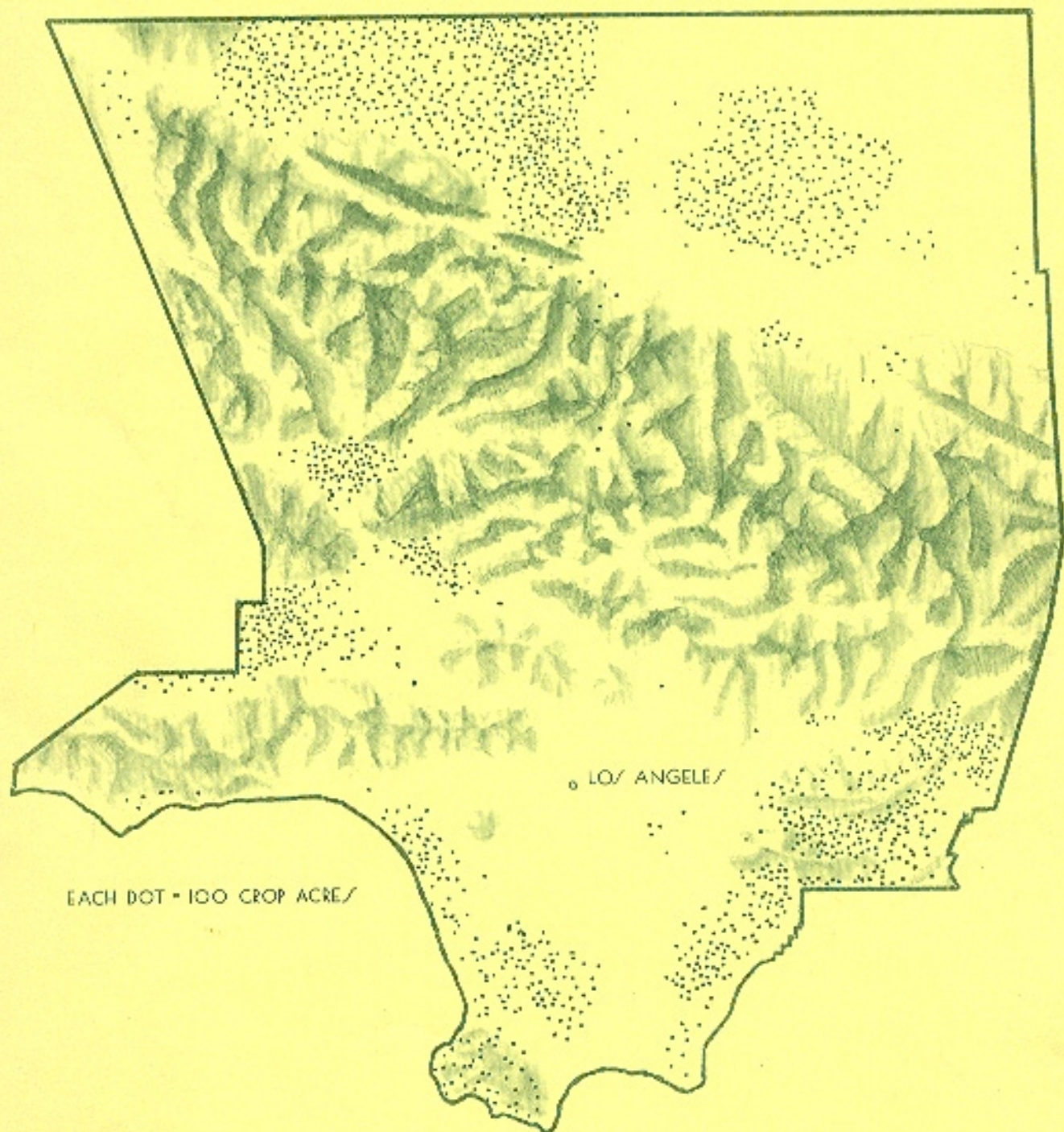


CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1957



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1957
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1957 from 177,100 harvested acres brought \$86,276,800. This was less than 1% below the 1956 total of \$86,755,500 from 198,600 crop acres. The 1957 returns were greater than either the 1955 or the 1954 values.

Continued loss of farm land to subdivision was largely offset by high production and generally favorable prices.

Citrus returns dropped to \$13,740,000 with a reduction of 7,850 acres. The crop brought \$16,918,000 in 1956. The navel crop volume and return was about the same. The lemon value of \$5,450,000 was \$1,100,000 under the previous year. Production per acre was higher and the total crop was about the same but prices were lower than 1956. Valencias dropped from \$6,600,000 to \$4,590,000 due to lower production from less acreage. Avocado returns increased to \$488,400 from \$438,900 because of higher prices for a smaller crop.

Vegetable production from 20,800 crop acres showed an increase in value of \$2,075,000 totaling \$22,114,800. This is the highest return since the \$23,109,000 total of 1951. The Celery crop returned \$7,260,000 due to good yields and high prices during the spring shipping season. Carrots, cabbage, green onions, and potatoes also showed sizeable increases in value. Strawberries brought \$2,800,000 about the same as last year.

In the Antelope Valley favorable spring weather resulted in a good set of fruit on almond, peach, and pear trees. Total returns surpassed last year by \$104,900. The Alfalfa hay crop brought higher prices with a return of \$4,855,000 from 34,000 acres.

Field crops returned \$10,466,700 compared with \$11,887,000 in 1956. The decrease was mostly due to acreage reductions of wheat, dry beans and field corn.

Nursery stock continued to increase in value with a total of \$26,600,000, a gain of \$2,100,000 from last year. At the end of 1957 the number of nursery locations in the county totaled 2,618, about one third of the state's total. Cut flowers were worth \$8,300,000, an increase of \$300,000 over 1956.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

Nursery stock	\$26,600,000	Lemons	\$5,450,000	Carrots	\$1,804,000
Cut flowers	8,300,000	Valencia oranges	4,590,000	Green onions	1,358,500
Celery	7,260,000	Navel oranges	3,440,000	Irrig.pastures	1,150,000
Alfalfa hay	5,865,000	Strawberries	2,800,000	Sweet corn	1,004,600

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with state statistician's office, and prices were compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' associations, land companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

HAROLD J. RYAN
Agricultural Commissioner
April 7, 1958

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CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
CITRUS FRUITS(1)				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,920	1,760,000	Cartons	\$ 3,440,000
" Valencia	8,040	2,700,000	"	4,590,000
Lemons	5,970	3,300,000	"	5,450,000
Grapefruit	320	250,000	"	260,000
Total	18,250			\$ 13,740,000
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS				
Almonds	1,700	632,500	Pounds	232,000
Apples	60	6,600	Boxes(45#)	16,600
Apricots	40	2,400	Lugs (25#)	3,500
Avocados (2)	2,210	132,000	Flats(13#)	488,400
Cherries	30	35,700	Pounds	5,000
Figs	100	40,000	Flats(6#)	40,000
Grapes	260	780	Tons	62,400
Olives	660	1,000	"	102,000
Peaches	470	161,700	Lugs (20#)	265,000
Pears	280	129,200	Boxes(50#)	468,600
Walnuts	2,910	5,700	cwt.	114,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	40			16,000
Total	8,760			\$ 1,813,500
BERRIES				
Bushberries	80	60,000	Tray(12 bskt)	180,000
Strawberries	750	1,600,000	"	2,800,000
Total	830			\$ 2,980,000
FIELD CROPS				
Alfalfa hay (3)	40,500	229,700	Tons	5,865,000
" seed;certified	1,940	696,600	Pounds	174,200
" " ,common		1,816,000	"	326,900
" stubble				216,000
Beans,dry-blackeye	2,200	28,600	cwt.	217,000
" " -garganzo	1,200	7,800	"	93,600
" " -standard lima	1,300	10,400	"	105,000
Beets, sugar(4)	60	1,270	Tons	10,200
Corn; field	800	36,000	cwt.	99,000
" , milo	1,050	28,400	"	66,700
" , silage	300	4,500	Tons	22,500
Cotton	160	232	Bales	46,600
Grain, barley(5)	28,900	369,400	cwt.	797,400
" , oats	570	6,400	"	19,800
" , wheat (6)	23,100	169,800	"	602,800
Grain hay	12,900	21,500	Tons	568,500
" straw		3,700	"	55,500
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,150,000
Miscellaneous	200			30,000
Total	124,680			\$ 10,466,700

(1) Crop year ending October 31,1957

(2) " " " September 30,1957

(3) Includes 4,540 acres of common alfalfa seed and 27,000 acres of alfalfa stubble.

(4) Does not include Sugar Act Payments.

(5) Includes 5,000 acres of grain straw.

(6) Does not include Wheat Crop Insurance Payments.

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CROP	CROP ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
VEGETABLES				
Asparagus	360	50,400	Crates (32#)	\$ 226,800
Beans; snap	500	87,500	" (70#)	656,200
" , green lima	100	9,000	" (80#)	45,000
Beets, table	300	120,000	" (3 doz.)	138,000
Cabbage	1,600	480,000	" (80#)	840,000
Carrots	1,100	880,000	Sacks (50#)	1,804,000
Cauliflower	700	350,000	Crates (12 head)	350,000
Celery	1,950	2,340,000	" (sturdee)	7,260,000
Chinese Food vegetables	300			735,000
Corn, sweet	1,900	427,500	" (5 doz.)	1,004,600
Cucumbers, table	300	150,000	Lugs (30#)	187,500
Endive	150	60,000	Crates (3 doz.)	75,000
Greens, mustard & Misc.	750	300,000	"	435,000
Lettuce	800	560,000	" (3 doz.)	504,000
Melons, cantaloupes & Mic.	560	134,600	"	307,800
" , water	190	2,090	Tons	41,800
Onions, dry	600	450,000	Sacks (50#)	607,500
" , green	1,100	522,500	Crates (8 doz.)	2,358,500
Parsnips	150	120,000	Lugs (26#)	210,000
Peppers, green	150	30,000	Crates (50#)	112,500
Potatoes, white	1,030	277,200	cwt.	639,100
Pumpkins	200	2,200	Tons	48,400
Radishes	1,200	480,000	Crates (6 doz.)	648,000
Rhubarb	170	204,000	Flats (20#)	377,400
Romaine	600	390,000	Crates (3 doz.)	332,000
Spinach	800	360,000	" (4 doz.)	540,000
Squash, Italian	400	160,000	Lugs (30#)	280,000
" , Summer	300	120,000	" "	210,000
" , Winter	700	4,900	Tons	147,000
Tomatoes; canning	340	4,200	"	98,700
" , market	350	350,000	Lugs (32#)	595,000
Turnips	750	450,000	Crates (2½ doz.)	675,000
Misc. vegetables	400			625,000
Total	20,800			\$ 22,114,800
NURSERY STOCK				
Bedding & Vegetable Plants	140			3,525,000
Bulbs, Seeds & Cuttings	530			1,923,000
Ornamentals, Roses & Trees	2,050			19,088,800
Pot Plants	50			2,063,200
Total	2,770			\$ 26,600,000
CUT FLOWERS				
Asters	80			480,000
Carnations	80			2,240,000
Chrysanthemum	300			1,460,000
Daisies	150			450,000
Stocks	200			400,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	200			3,270,000
Total	1,010			\$ 8,300,000

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PAYMENTS

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments		
Conservation Programs		\$ 29,306
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers		1,910
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation		
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments		24
Soil Bank		
Acresage Reserve Payments		27,588
Conservation Reserve		21,372
Total		<u>\$ 80,200</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS		\$ 86,095,200
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>		
Honey	1,350,000 Pounds	148,500
Beeswax	23,000 "	13,100
Pollination	4,000 Colonies	20,000
Total		<u>\$ 181,600</u>
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS		\$ 86,276,800

S U M M A R Y
1953-1957 Inclusive

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$26,574,000	\$29,679,000	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	1,863,300	2,242,000	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500
Berries	1,912,400	1,540,000	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000
Field Crops	13,633,300	12,722,900	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700
Vegetables	20,179,100	17,949,800	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800
Nursery Stock	18,500,000	22,000,000	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000
Cut Flowers	10,000,000	8,500,000	7,500,000	8,000,000	8,300,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	248,700	121,500	92,300	80,100	80,200
Total Plant Crops	<u>92,910,800</u>	<u>84,755,200</u>	<u>85,129,800</u>	<u>86,364,300</u>	<u>86,095,200</u>
Apiary Products	<u>140,000</u>	<u>285,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>391,200</u>	<u>181,600</u>
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$93,050,800	\$85,040,200	\$85,519,800	\$86,755,500	\$86,276,800