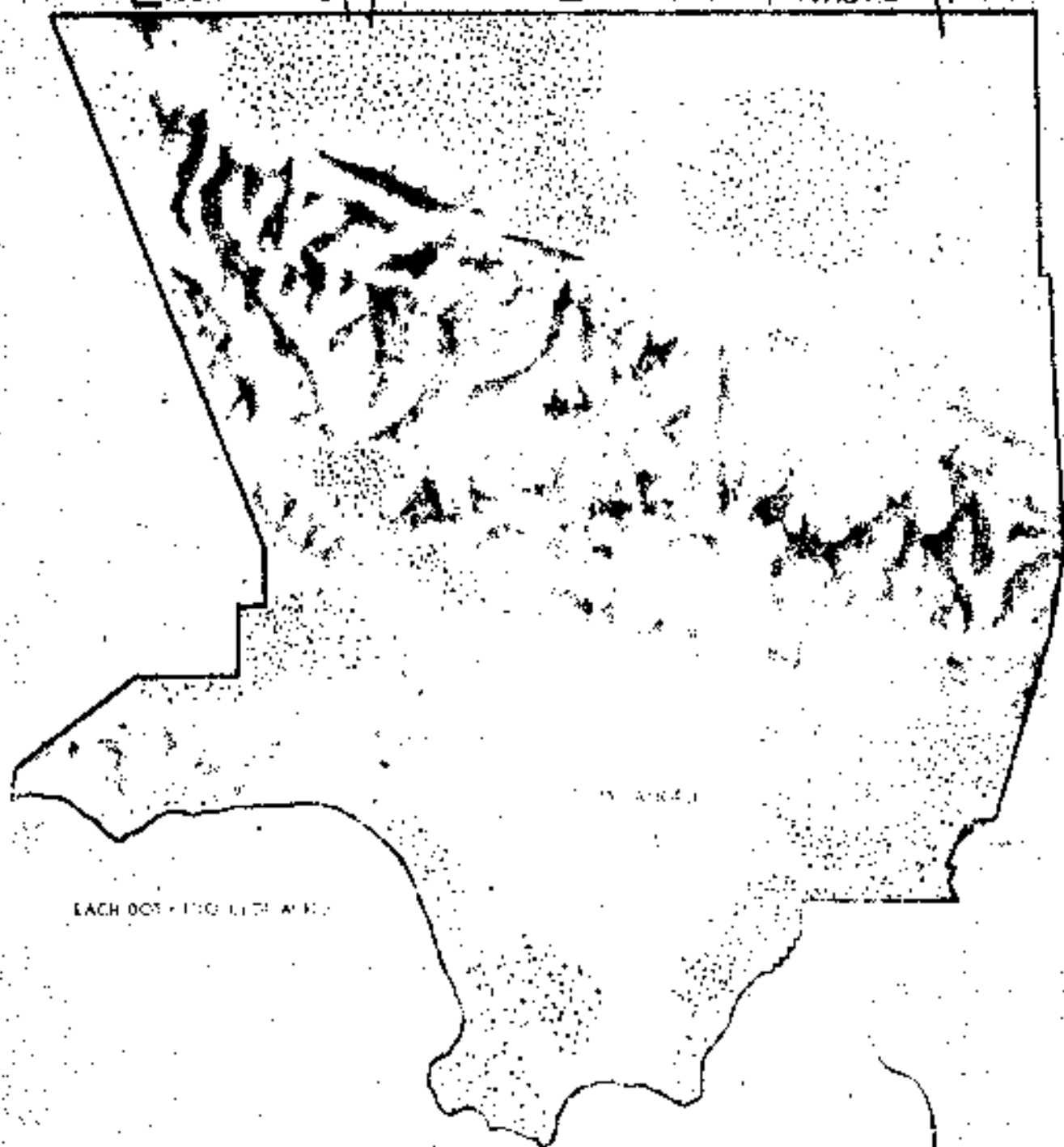


CROP REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1958

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1958
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Los Angeles County plant crops harvested from 172,435 crop acres brought \$88,335,800 in 1958, with apiary products included. With the lowest crop acreage of record, the total return was the largest since 1953, and has only been exceeded in ten of the 26 years since complete records have been kept.

Loss of farm land to subdivision was largely offset by high production of many crops and by favorable prices. Good growing weather, abundant rainfall, and better control of destructive pests were chiefly responsible for the good harvest and high quality. Chemical control of weeds materially increased grain and hay yields.

Citrus returns from 17,255 acres dropped to \$10,400,000 from \$13,740,000 in 1957. The biggest reduction was in navel oranges, with the lightest crop in many years. Lemon value of \$4,160,000 was \$1,290,000 under the previous year. Valencias, also a light crop, returned \$3,940,000 compared with \$4,590,000 in 1957.

In the Antelope Valley weather was conducive to good sets of peaches, Bartlett pears and almonds. Value of almonds was \$292,400 compared with \$232,000 the year before. Per acre production was higher than in other areas of the State where the crop was light due to adverse spring weather. Peach values gained substantially and pear returns were about the same for the past two years. The total value of Antelope Valley crops came to \$10,494,840, one of the highest on record.

Vegetable production worth \$23,512,900 from 20,595 crop acres showed an increase over 1957 of \$1,398,100. The celery crop brought \$8,250,000 because of high production and prices. This total was \$990,000 above that of 1957. Other gains were in green onions, Chinese food vegetables, radishes and rhubarb.

Field crops were worth \$11,484,500 compared with \$10,466,700 in 1957. Over half of the million-dollar increase came from abundant wheat and barley crops.

Nursery stock accounting for a third of the total plant crop returns, together with cut flowers, brought \$37,300,000. Los Angeles County probably remains the first county in the nation in value of these horticultural specialties, as it was in the last Federal census of 1954. It was then the third county in value of all farm crops, including livestock and dairy products. At the end of 1958 there were 2,694 nursery locations in the county, about one-third of the state total.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$29,432,000	Lemons	\$4,160,000	Green onions	\$1,500,000
Celery	8,250,000	Valencia oranges	3,940,000	Carrots	1,400,000
Cut flowers	7,900,000	Strawberries	2,660,000	Irrig.pastures	1,200,000
Alfalfa hay	6,197,300	Navel oranges	1,920,000	Wheat	1,046,300

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
March 25, 1959

PLANT CROP REPORT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1958

CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,536	600,000	Cartons	\$ 1,920,000
" Valencia	7,455	1,380,000	"	3,940,000
Lemons	5,951	2,600,000	"	4,160,000
Grapefruit	313	220,000	"	380,000
Total	17,255			\$10,400,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,676	680,000	Pounds	292,400
Apples	63	11,400	Boxes(45#)	27,300
Apricots	36	5,400	Lugs (25#)	9,600
Avocados(2)	2,331	466,000	Flats(13#)	838,800
Cherries	36	54,000	Pounds	8,100
Figs	97	36,000	Flats(6#)	32,400
Grapes	255	780	Tons	66,300
Olives	656	220	"	20,000
Peaches	477	188,000	Lugs (20#)	334,000
Pears	274	132,500	Boxes(50#)	486,000
Walnuts	2,695	5,400	cwt.	102,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	62			58,800
Total	8,678			\$ 2,275,900
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	60	48,000	Tray (12 bskt.)	144,000
Strawberries	700	1,330,000	"	2,660,000
Total	760			\$ 2,804,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
Alfalfa hay (3)	37,700	236,300	Tons	6,197,300
" seed,certified	770	218,680	Pounds	70,000
" " ,common		1,066,000	"	202,600
" stubble				204,000
Beans,dry-blackeye	1,600	24,200	cwt.	181,500
" " -garbanzo	1,800	23,000	"	287,500
" " -standard lima	1,200	16,300	"	167,000
Beets,sugar(4)	15	90	Tons	900
Corn, field	520	24,960	cwt.	64,900
" , milo	1,340	38,860	"	89,400
" , silage	200	3,000	Tons	21,000
Cotton	212	413	Bales	74,300
Grain, barley(5)	27,300	410,800	cwt.	909,400
" , oats	800	15,800	"	37,600
" , wheat (6)	27,000	337,500	"	1,046,300
Grain hay	11,500	20,600	Tons	553,200
" straw		8,000	"	120,000
Irrigated pastures	9,500			1,200,000
Miscellaneous	200			57,600
Total	121,657			\$11,484,500

(1)Crop year ending October 31, 1958

(2)" " " September 30, 1958

(3)Includes 2,600 acres of common alfalfa seed and 24,000 acres of alfalfa stubble.

(4)Does not include Sugar Act Payments.

(5)Includes 12,000 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	36,000	Crates (32#)	\$ 144,000
Bears, snap	400	64,000	" (70#)	512,000
Beets, table	250	118,000	" (3 doz.)	165,000
Cabbage	1,500	487,500	" (80#)	828,700
Carrots	1,050	850,000	Sacks (50#)	1,400,000
Cauliflower	700	350,000	Crates (12 head)	437,500
Celery	1,850	2,200,000	" (Sturdee)	8,250,000
Chinese food vegetables	400			950,000
Corn, sweet	1,700	382,500	" (5 doz.)	892,900
Cucumbers, table	250	125,000	Lugs (30#)	143,800
Endive	150	52,500	Crates (3 doz.)	65,600
Greens, mustard & misc.	800	280,000	"	448,000
Lettuce	800	520,000	" (3 doz.)	650,000
Melons, cantaloupes & misc.	650	185,200	"	435,200
" , water	100	2,000	Tons	30,000
Onions, dry	1,150	805,000	Sacks (50#)	805,000
" , green	1,200	600,000	Crates (8 doz.)	1,500,000
Peppers	150	26,200	Crates (50#)	91,700
Potatoes, white	1,350	310,500	cwt.	574,500
Pumpkins	160	1,600	Tons	64,000
Radishes	1,250	500,000	Crates (6 doz.)	800,000
Rhubarb	225	225,000	Plats (20#)	550,000
Romaine	500	300,000	Crates (3 doz.)	330,000
Spinach	700	280,000	" (4 doz.)	476,000
Squash, Italian	300	120,000	Lugs (30#)	222,000
" , summer	375	150,000	"	270,000
" , winter	700	5,250	Tons	262,500
Tomatoes, canning	100	800	Tons	18,800
" , market	250	375,000	Lugs (32#)	618,700
Turnips	725	435,000	Crates (2½ doz.)	696,000
Misc. vegetables	500			875,000
Total	20,595			\$23,512,900
NURSERY STOCK				
Bedding & vegetable plants	145			4,535,000
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	465			2,341,000
Ornamentals, roses & trees	1,850			20,425,000
Pot plants	40			2,131,000
Total	2,500			\$29,432,000
CUT FLOWERS				
Asters	60			370,000
Carnations	75			2,025,000
Chrysanthemums	300			1,500,000
Daisies	100			300,000
Stocks	175			350,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	280			3,355,000
Total	990			\$ 7,900,000

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PAYMENTS

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Payments		\$	68,524
Conservation Programs			786
Sugar Act Payments to Beet Growers			
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation			0
Wheat Crop Insurance Payments			
Soil Bank			
Acreage Reserve Payments			34,410
Conservation Reserve			44,580
Total		\$	148,300
GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS		\$87,957,600	
<u>APIARY PRODUCTS</u>			
Honey	3,500,000 Pounds		350,000
Beeswax	60,000 "		28,200
Total		\$	378,200
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS		\$88,335,800	

S U M M A R Y
1954-1958 Inclusive

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$19,679,000	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,242,000	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900
Berries	1,540,000	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000
Field Crops	12,722,900	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,484,500
Vegetables	17,949,800	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900
Nursery Stock	22,000,000	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000
Cut Flowers	8,500,000	7,500,000	8,000,000	8,300,000	7,900,000
U.S.D.A. Payments	<u>121,500</u>	<u>92,300</u>	<u>80,100</u>	<u>80,200</u>	<u>148,300</u>
Total Plant Crops	84,755,200	85,129,800	86,364,300	86,095,200	87,957,600
Apiary Products	<u>285,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>391,200</u>	<u>181,600</u>	<u>378,200</u>
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$85,040,200	\$85,519,800	\$86,755,500	\$86,276,800	\$88,335,800