

CROP REPORT

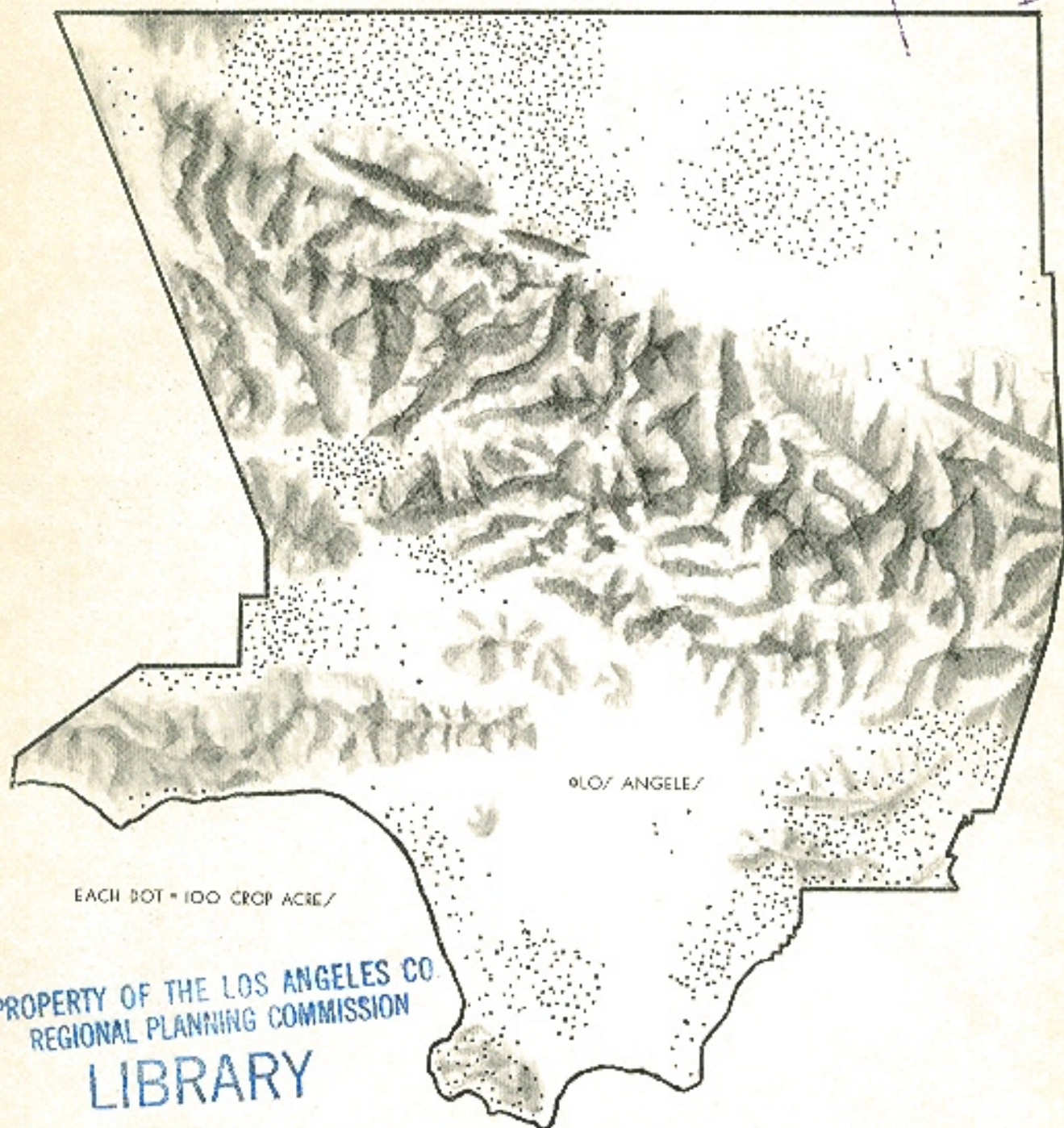
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1959
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1959 brought \$86,217,800 from 157,500 harvested acres compared to \$88,187,500 from 172,400 harvested acres in 1958.

Planted acreage decreased very little below 1958. Two-thirds of the total decrease of 14,900 acres harvested was in dry-farmed field crops such as beans, grain and hay, which were reduced more than 10,000 acres and over \$1,300,000 because of drouth.

It seems likely that the county will retain its Federal Census rating as the leading county in the United States, in value of "Horticultural Specialities" which includes nursery stock and cut flowers. These crops returned \$37,936,800 which is more than in any previous year.

Citrus returns from 16,577 acres increased to \$13,028,000 from \$10,400,000 in 1958. Prices were lower but production of Navel and Valencia oranges was about double the previous year and the lemon crop was also larger. Valencia returns were up \$1,130,000 to make a total of \$5,070,000; while Navels brought \$2,480,000, an increase of \$560,000 over 1958. The lemon crop was valued at \$5,100,000 compared to \$4,160,000 the previous year.

Vegetable production worth \$18,297,000 from 19,090 harvested acres showed a decrease from 1958 of \$5,215,900. Most of the loss was in the celery crop which dropped from \$8,250,000 in 1958 to \$4,100,000 in 1959, due to much lower prices. Some other vegetable values were lower because of decreased acreage.

Field crops were worth \$11,349,300 compared to \$11,484,500 the previous year. Alfalfa hay increased in value more than \$1,000,000 but dry-farmed bean, grain and hay crop production was reduced considerably due to lack of rainfall.

Avocados due to increased production totaled \$1,044,000, compared with \$838,800 in 1958. A heavy crop of Antelope Valley peaches increased the value to \$338,200.

Strawberries with less production from fewer acres showed higher returns due to stronger prices aided by early spring shipments to eastern markets, with a total return of \$3,167,500 from 650 acres.

The honey crop was the poorest in 26 years of record caused by a light bloom due to lack of rain. Only 675,000 pounds of honey and 11,000 pounds of beeswax were produced valued at \$66,000.

200,000 acres of range land were added to the field crops listing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture payments to farmers were deleted from this report in order to conform with the new state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$30,458,000	Valencia oranges	\$5,070,000	Green onions	\$1,415,000
Cut flowers	7,478,800	Celery	4,100,000	Carrots	1,360,000
Alfalfa hay	7,274,000	Strawberries	3,167,500	Irrig. pastures	1,320,000
Lemons	5,100,000	Navel oranges	2,480,000	Avocados	1,044,000

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, and companies, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

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Agricultural Commissioner

April 7, 1960

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CROP	HEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS (1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,488	1,180,000	Cartons	\$ 2,480,000
" Valencia	7,018	2,600,000	"	5,070,000
Lemons	5,766	3,400,000	"	5,100,000
Grapefruit	305	270,000	"	378,000
Total	16,577			\$13,028,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,698	733,000	Pounds	262,500
Apples	71	7,850	Boxes (45#)	18,500
Apricots	36	4,400	Lugs (25#)	6,400
Avocados (2)	2,433	632,600	Flats (13#)	1,044,000
Cherries	36	34,200	Pounds	4,500
Figs	97	34,000	Flats (6#)	34,700
Grapes	253	895	Tons	70,800
Olives	656	510	"	63,800
Peaches	517	205,600	Lugs (20#)	348,200
Pears	293	72,700	Boxes (50#)	248,600
Walnuts	2,597	7,800	cwt.	140,400
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	65			61,700
Total	8,752			\$ 2,304,100
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	30	21,000	Trays (7#)	68,500
Strawberries	650	1,267,000	" (11#)	3,167,500
Total	680			\$ 3,236,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>HARVESTED ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	37,800	222,900	Tons	7,274,000
" seed (3)	(1,800)	558,000	Pounds	122,800
Beans, dry-blackeye	2,000	30,600	cwt.	221,800
" " -garbanzo	200	900	"	10,800
" " -standard lima	600	6,700	"	77,100
Beets, sugar	35	1,050	Tons	10,500
Corn, field	375	17,600	cwt.	46,500
" milo	900	34,200	"	71,800
" silage	100	1,500	Tons	11,200
Cotton	215	355	Bales	60,300
Cottonseed		149	Tons	6,600
Grain, barley	25,500	278,700	cwt.	607,600
" oats	150	3,000	"	7,200
" wheat	23,500	217,500	"	674,200
Grain hay	9,200	9,900	Tons	306,900
" straw (4)	(6,000)	4,000	"	60,000
Irrigated pastures	8,700			1,320,000
Range	200,000			(5) 430,000
Miscellaneous	150			30,000
Total	309,425			\$11,349,300

- (1) Crop year ending October 31, 1959.
 (2) " " " September 30, 1959.
 (3) Acreage included in 37,800 acres of alfalfa hay.

- (4) Acreage included in 25,500 acres of barley.
 (5) Includes \$280,000 paid for sheep grazing on alfalfa, barley and sweet corn stubble.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
VEGETABLES				
Asparagus	130	10,400	Crates (32#)	\$ 36,400
Beans, snap	350	56,000	" (70#)	470,400
Beets, table	300	150,000	" (45#)	195,000
Cabbage	1,400	455,000	" (80#)	864,500
Carrots	1,000	800,000	Sacks (50#)	1,360,000
Cauliflower	750	394,000	Crates (45#)	472,800
Celery	1,750	2,100,000	" (60#)	4,100,000
Chinese food vegetables	300			990,000
Corn, sweet	1,650	363,000	" (46#)	834,900
Cucumbers, table	250	112,500	Lugs (32#)	152,000
Endive	125	50,000	Crates (60#)	62,500
Greens, mustard & misc.	850	340,000	" (45#)	510,000
Lettuce	650	520,000	" (36#)	676,000
Melons, cantaloupes & misc.	720	160,000	" (83#)	392,000
" , water	145	1,540	Tons	42,000
Onions, dry	1,260	882,000	Sacks (50#)	842,000
" , green	1,300	615,000	Crates (60#)	1,415,000
Peppers	100	25,000	" (50#)	75,000
Potatoes, white	850	152,000	cwt.	316,200
Pumpkins	200	1,800	Tons	54,000
Radishes	1,200	480,000	Crates (45#)	720,000
Rhubarb	160	120,000	Flats (20#)	210,000
Romaine	300	240,000	Crates (30#)	300,000
Spinach	650	308,700	" (36#)	540,200
Squash, Italian	250	100,000	Lugs (24#)	160,000
" , summer	350	140,000	" (24#)	259,000
" , winter	600	5,400	Tons	270,000
Tomatoes, canning	100	1,050	Tons	23,600
" , market	250	250,000	Lugs (32#)	462,500
Turnips	650	390,000	Crates (45#)	624,000
Misc. vegetables	500			867,000
Total	19,090			\$18,297,000
NURSERY STOCK				
Bedding & vegetable plants	120			3,825,000
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	470			2,048,500
Ornamentals, roses & trees	1,470			22,639,500
Pot plants	40			1,945,000
Total	2,100			\$30,458,000
CUT FLOWERS				
Asters	40			210,000
Carnations	80			2,304,000
Chrysanthemums	250			1,095,000
Daisies	60			180,000
Stocks	150			225,000
Misc. (Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Orchids, Tulips & 20 other varieties)	300			3,464,800
Total	880			\$7,478,800

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GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS \$86,151,200

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	675,000 Pounds	60,800
Beeswax	11,000 "	4,700
Pollination	550 Colonies	1,100
Total		\$ 66,600

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS \$86,217,800

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1955-1959 Inclusive

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$17,308,000	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$20,400,000	\$13,028,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,436,900	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900	2,304,100
Berries	2,678,800	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000	3,236,000
Field Crops	12,198,200	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,484,500	11,349,300
Vegetables	18,915,600	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900	18,297,000
Nursery Stock	24,000,000	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000	30,458,000
Cut Flowers	<u>7,500,000</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>8,300,000</u>	<u>7,900,000</u>	<u>7,478,800</u>
Total Plant Crops*	85,037,500	86,284,200	86,015,000	87,809,300	86,151,200
Apiary Products	<u>390,000</u>	<u>391,200</u>	<u>181,600</u>	<u>378,200</u>	<u>66,600</u>
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$85,427,500	\$86,675,400	\$86,196,600	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800

*U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to new statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.