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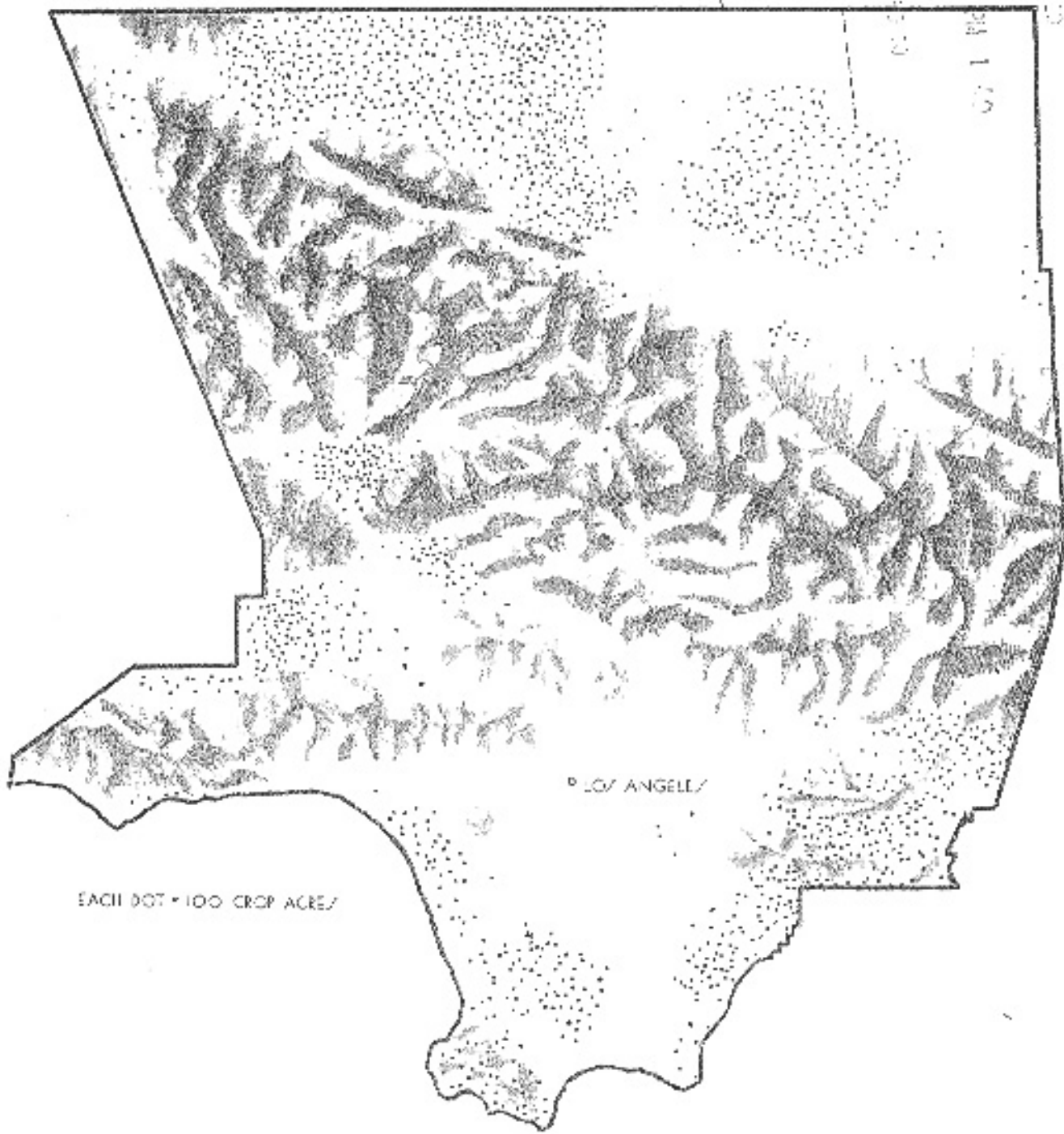
# CROP REPORT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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LOS ANGELES

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1960  
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Plant crops produced in Los Angeles County in 1960 brought \$79,230,100 from 145,664 harvested acres. This compares with returns of \$86,217,800 from 157,500 harvested acres in 1959.

Farmers net returns for several crops were reduced by poor prices and short crops while their production costs stayed up. Continued though slower acreage loss to subdivision also contributed to the total decrease in crop value for the county.

Nursery stock and cut flowers continued to produce high returns per acre with a total value of \$37,810,000 from 2,880 acres. High value greenhouse production is increasing.

Value of citrus crops produced on 15,114 acres decreased to \$10,300,000 from \$13,028,000 in 1959 due to lower yields. There were 1,463 less bearing acres but most of the production loss resulted from smaller sized oranges while fewer lemons were picked because of very low by-products prices. Fresh citrus fruits brought slightly higher prices than in 1959.

A large crop of pears in Antelope Valley, with good prices, brought \$540,700, the highest returns since 1946. Peaches brought \$318,800 compared to \$338,200 in 1959. Almond production was down due to low yields from non-irrigated orchards with total returns of \$169,800. Avocado production for the county was again high but prices dropped sharply. Total returns were \$760,000, a reduction of \$284,000 from last year.

Vegetable production declined because of less acreage of many crops, particularly celery, potatoes and cabbage. Sweet corn acreage increased to 1,950 acres with a value of \$1,097,000. Value of all vegetable crops was \$15,451,300 compared to \$18,297,000 in 1959.

Field crops dropped from \$11,349,300 to \$9,761,600 due to decreased production of dry-farmed grain and to lower prices for alfalfa hay. Barley and wheat value dropped from \$1,281,800 to \$734,300. Acreage of irrigated pasture declined with a drop in value to \$900,000 compared to \$1,320,000 the previous year.

Strawberries returned \$3,448,500, the highest on record for the county. Increased early spring shipments to eastern markets at high prices helped strengthen local prices.

The honey crop was back to normal after a very poor crop in 1959. Production of 1,600,000 pounds of honey and 27,000 pounds of beeswax was valued at \$219,600.

Million Dollar Crops

Nursery stock	\$30,549,000	Valencia oranges	\$3,800,000	Green onions	\$1,270,000
Cut flowers	7,261,000	Strawberries	3,448,500	Sweet corn	1,097,000
Alfalfa hay	6,546,000	Celery	2,709,000	Carrots	1,094,000
Lemons	4,050,000	Navel oranges	2,120,000		

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 Adviser'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.

HAROLD J. RYAN  
Agricultural Commissioner

March 29, 1961

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CROP	BEARING ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<u>CITRUS FRUITS(1)</u>				
Oranges-Navel & Misc.	3,231	900,000	Cartons	\$ 2,120,900
" -Valencia	6,226	1,750,000	"	3,800,000
Lemons	5,381	2,600,000	"	4,050,000
Grapefruit	276	220,000	"	330,000
Total	15,114			\$10,300,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS &amp; NUTS</u>				
Almonds	1,698	508,000	Pounds	161,400
Almond hulls		335	Tons	8,400
Apples	83	5,500	Boxes (45#)	14,300
Apricots	37	3,900	Lugs (25#)	7,200
Avocados (2)	2,535	634,000	Flats (13#)	760,000
Cherries	44	62,000	Pounds	10,200
Figs	96	28,800	Flats (6#)	25,900
Grapes	253	820	Tons	73,800
Olives	657	450	"	46,400
Peaches	548	183,000	Lugs (20#)	326,800
Pears	289	292,700	" (24#)	540,700
Walnuts	2,173	7,500	cwt.	127,500
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	72			52,800
Total	8,485			\$ 2,215,400
<u>BERRIES</u>				
Bushberries	15	7,500	Trays (7#)	22,500
Strawberries	550	1,210,000	" (11#)	3,448,500
Total	565			\$ 3,471,000
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>				
	<u>HARVESTED ACRES</u>			
Alfalfa hay	37,500	235,000	Tons	6,546,000
" seed(3)	(1,500)	592,500	Pounds	147,500
Beans, dry-blackeye	1,000	13,000	cwt.	249,500
" -garbanzo	1,600	15,200	"	314,000
" -lima	870	9,300	"	135,000
Beets, sugar	40	840	Tons	9,600
Corn, milo	600	25,800	cwt.	54,200
" , silage	170	4,250	Tons	28,000
Cotton lint	220	310	Bales	49,000
Cottonseed		147	Tons	7,500
Grain, barley	24,500	194,000	cwt.	420,000
" , wheat	20,500	98,200	"	324,300
Grain hay	9,100	10,500	Tons	317,000
" straw(4)	(4,000)	2,000	"	30,000
Irrigated pastures	6,000			900,000
Rangeland	200,000		(5)	500,000
Miscellaneous	200			40,000
Total	302,300			\$ 9,761,600

- (1)Crop year ending October 31, 1960.  
 (2) " " " September 30, 1960  
 (3)Acreage included in 37,500 acres of alfalfa hay.

- (4)Acreage included in 24,500 acres of barley.  
 (5)Includes \$300,000 paid for sheep grazing on alfalfa, barley and sweet corn stubble.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES	YIELD	UNIT	VALUE
<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
Beans, snap	200	34,000	Crates (70#)	\$ 297,500
Beets, table	300	157,500	" (45#)	212,600
Cabbage	1,100	330,000	" (80#)	577,500
Carrots	850	663,000	Sacks (50#)	1,094,000
Cauliflower	600	330,000	Crates (45#)	412,500
Celery	1,200	1,260,000	Crates (60#)	2,709,000
Chinese food vegetables	150			969,000
Corn, sweet	1,950	438,700	" (46#)	1,097,000
Cucumbers	200	120,000	Lugs (32#)	168,000
Greens, mustard & misc.	800	320,000	Crates (45#)	448,000
Lettuce	600	420,000	" (36#)	462,000
Melons, cantaloupe	675	114,800	" (83#)	333,000
" , miscellaneous	120	24,000	" (80#)	48,000
" , water	85	850	Tons	25,500
Onions, dry	1,050	630,000	Sacks (50#)	661,500
" , green	1,100	770,000	Crates (40#)	1,270,000
Peppers	100	20,000	" (50#)	70,000
Potatoes, white	260	85,800	cwt.	298,800
Pumpkins	200	1,900	Tons	57,000
Radishes	1,100	440,000	Crates (45#)	770,000
Rhubarb	180	126,000	Flats (20#)	233,100
Romaine	350	297,500	Crates (30#)	297,500
Spinach	500	250,000	" (36#)	412,500
Squash, Italian	200	80,000	Lugs (24#)	100,000
" , summer	300	120,000	" (24#)	174,000
" , winter	425	3,600	Tons	216,000
Tomatoes, canning	125	750	"	17,600
" , market	250	350,000	Flats (22#)	525,000
Turnips	750	375,000	Crates (45#)	618,700
Misc. vegetables	600			876,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,320</b>			<b>\$15,451,300</b>
<b>NURSERY STOCK</b>				
Bedding & veg. plants	115			4,087,300
Bulbs, seeds & cuttings	570			2,480,000
General ornamentals & trees	1,320			22,232,000
Pot plants	35			1,750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,040</b>			<b>\$30,549,300</b>
<b>CUT FLOWERS</b>				
Asters	40			210,000
Carnations	60			2,160,000
Chrysanthemums	230			1,344,000
Stocks	120			270,000
Misc. (Daisies, Gladiolus, Iris, Roses, Narcissus, Cochias, Tulips & 20 other varieties	390			3,247,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>			<b>\$ 7,261,000</b>

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$79,009,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey	1,600,000 Pounds	208,000
Beeswax	27,000 "	11,600
Pollination	600 Colonies	1,200
Total		\$ 220,800

TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS

\$79,230,100

S U M M A R Y  
1956-1960 Inclusive

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$16,918,000	\$13,740,000	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000	\$10,300,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	1,777,400	1,813,500	2,275,900	2,304,100	2,215,400
Berries	3,162,000	2,980,000	2,804,000	3,236,000	3,471,000
Field Crops	11,887,000	10,466,700	11,424,500	11,349,300	9,761,600
Vegetables	20,039,800	22,114,800	23,512,900	18,297,000	15,451,300
Nursery Stock	24,500,000	26,600,000	29,432,000	30,458,000	30,549,000
Cut Flowers	8,000,000	8,300,000	7,900,000	7,478,800	7,261,000
Total Plant Crops*	86,284,200	86,015,000	87,809,300	86,152,200	79,009,300
Apiary Products	391,200	181,600	378,200	66,600	220,800
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$86,675,400	\$86,196,600	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100

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