

CROP REPORT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

1962



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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1962
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

The 1962 valuation of plant crop production in Los Angeles County showed a gain of more than five million dollars over the previous year. Harvest of 130,390 acres in 1962 resulted in gross returns of \$79,243,600 as compared with \$73,485,100 from 95,635 harvested acres in 1961.

This gain in valuation was largely due to higher returns realized by several important crops and to an increase in dry-farmed acreage harvested following adequate rainfall.

Eleven crops returned one million dollars or more. They were: nursery stock, cut flowers, alfalfa hay, strawberries, lemons, Valencia oranges, navel oranges, carrots, celery, sweet corn, and green onions.

Citrus: A total of 10,384 acres returned \$9,550,000. Higher navel orange yields with good returns and a gain in lemon production contributed to an increase in the total value. Valencia and grapefruit production declined slightly. (1962, 11,953 acres, \$9,125,000)

Other fruits and nuts: The largest Antelope Valley pear crop since 1946 raised pear valuation to \$488,200. Excellent fruit quality enabled growers to compete favorably with pears grown in other districts. Strawberries continue to be an important crop in the southern part of the county. High production on 550 acres brought returns of \$3,720,000. (1962, 6,932 acres, \$5,613,500 - 1961, 7,167 acres, \$5,381,600)

Field crops: The benefit of favorable rainfall was best reflected in the success of dry-farmed hay, grain and bean crops. Barley grain returns alone were up to \$987,000. Higher prices for alfalfa hay and expanded sugar beet plantings in the Antelope Valley also contributed to the gain over 1961. (1962, 96,905 acres, \$11,050,800 - 1961, 59,395 acres, \$7,901,100)

Vegetables: An over-all increase in returns more than offset the effect of fewer acres planted. Celery, carrots, sweet corn, and bunch vegetables with values totaling \$7,712,000, continued to be the county's leading vegetable crops. (1962, 13,660 acres, \$14,163,800 - 1961, 14,480 acres, \$13,581,200)

Nursery stock and cut flowers: Los Angeles County, shown in the 1959 Federal census as the nation's leading grower of horticultural specialty crops, appears to have retained that position. Flower crops with a high unit value are on the increase. (1962, \$38,232,000 - 1961, \$37,315,000)

Apiary products: The effects of adequate rain were shown in one of the largest honey crops in several years. An increase of \$452,300 in the value of apiary products emphasized the worth to the county's beekeepers of rainfall and subsequent good nectar flow. (1962, \$633,500 - 1961, \$181,200)

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or FOB price on commodities shipped out of state. U.S. Department of Agriculture payments amounting to \$218,000 are not included. Price, acreage, and yield averages have been checked with the State statistician's office, and prices compared with Federal-State Market quotations. District agricultural inspectors, marketing program committees, the Farm Advisor's office, farmers, growers' association, and produce dealers were consulted before final figures were determined. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies interviewed is greatly appreciated.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
CITRUS FRUITS							
Oranges	1962	2,067	6.2	12,800	Ton	\$195.30	\$ 2,500,000
Navel & Misc.	1961	2,496	3.8	9,500	"	189.50	1,800,000
Oranges	1962	4,115	5.3	21,850	"	135.00	2,950,000
Valencia	1961	4,734	5.8	27,550	"	127.05	3,500,000
Lemons	1962	3,998	9.0	36,100	"	108.00	3,900,000
	1961	4,503	7.0	31,600	"	113.90	3,600,000
Grapefruit	1962	204	10.3	2,100	"	95.24	200,000
	1961	220	11.9	2,625	"	85.70	225,000
Total	1962	10,384					\$ 9,550,000
	1961	11,953					9,125,000
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS							
Almonds	1962	1,587	.03	42.5	"	770.60	32,800
	1961	1,588	.15	240	"	630.00	151,200
Apples	1962	55	3.9	216	"	110.85	24,000
	1961	54	1.5	81	"	103.70	8,400
Apricots	1962	17	1.5	25	"	120.00	3,000
	1961	17	2.4	41.3	"	159.80	6,600
Avocados	1962	2,097	1.7	3,564	"	200.00	713,000
	1961	2,159	1.0	2,262	"	369.30	828,000
Cherries	1962	20	.58	11.5	"	320.00	3,700
	1961	20	.61	12.2	"	327.85	4,000
Figs	1962	64	.54	34.6	"	534.70	18,500
	1961	78	.60	46.8	"	500.00	23,400
Grapes	1962	124	2.7	330	"	100.00	33,000
	1961	124	2.4	300	"	115.00	34,500
Olives	1962	568	.07	40	"	85.00	3,400
	1961	569	.26	150	"	133.30	20,000
Peaches	1962	413	4.2	1,724	"	183.80	316,900
Freestone	1961	400	2.9	1,150	"	195.20	224,500
Pears	1962	278	13.6	3,780	"	129.15	488,200
Bartlett	1961	261	7.8	2,040	"	137.50	280,500
Walnuts	1962	1,092	.39	430	"	500.00	215,000
	1961	1,338	.22	300	"	460.00	138,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1962	67					42,000
	1961	59					37,500
Total	1962	6,382					\$ 1,893,500
	1961	6,667					1,756,600

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Strawberries	1962	550	15.4	8,470	Ton	\$439.20	\$ 3,720,000
	1961	500	13.7	6,875	"	527.30	3,625,000
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TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1962	17,316					\$15,163,500
	1961	19,120					14,506,600

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1962	26,000	.81	21,000	Ton	\$ 47.00	\$ 987,000
	1961	5,000	.69	3,440	"	44.75	154,000
Beans, dry edible Blackeyes	1962	300	.37	110	"	171.80	18,900
	1961	600	.79	475	"	141.05	67,000
Garbanzo	1962	350	.80	280	"	230.00	64,400
	1961	-					-
Lima	1962	1,200	.47	560	"	210.00	117,600
	1961	350	.54	190	"	300.00	57,000
Cotton lint	1962	210	750 lb.	315	Bale	.35 lb.	55,100
	1961	165	552 lb.	182	"	.35 "	31,800
Cotton seed	1962			136	Ton	53.00	7,200
	1961			82	"	57.00	4,700
Hay, alfalfa	1962	35,800	6.4	230,000	"	27.10	6,233,000
	1961	36,500	6.4	232,000	"	23.50	5,456,000
Hay, grain	1962	7,700	1.95	15,000	"	27.05	406,000
	1961	4,500	1.91	8,600	"	24.40	210,000
Oats	1962	260	1.12	290	"	53.45	15,500

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Pasture & range Irrigated	1962	5,200				\$150.00	\$ 780,000
	1961	5,000				150.00	750,000
Other	1962	300,000					750,000**
	1961	200,000					400,000
Safflower	1962	635	0.5	325	Ton	90.00	29,300
	1961	-					-
Silage Sorghum	1962	600	35	21,000	"	5.00	105,000
	1961	500	30	15,000	"	5.00	75,000
Sorghum grain	1962	400	1.90	760	"	46.05	35,000
	1961	850	2.25	1,912	"	45.00	86,000
Straw	1962			6,000	"	15.00	90,000
	1961			-			-
Sugar beets**	1962	2,150	14.7	31,500	"	15.50	488,300
	1961	500	18	9,000	"	11.20	100,800
Wheat	1962	16,100	.43	7,590	"	73.43	564,700
	1961	5,430	.77	4,177	"	68.90	287,800
Total	1962	396,905					\$10,717,000
	1961	259,395					7,680,100

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1962	2,650***	385	1,019,300	Lb.	.297	303,800
	1961	2,500***	340	850,000	"	.25	221,000

*Amount shown for 1962 includes \$300,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1961 amount includes about \$250,000 for such grazing.

**Includes Sugar Act payments for 1962; not included for 1961.

***Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1962

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Asparagus	1962	35	1.6	56	Ton	\$264.29	\$ 14,800
	1961	40	1.6	64	"	240.00	15,400
Beans, snap	1962	150	5.6	840	"	250.00	210,000
	1961	150	5.25	787	"	243.00	191,300
Beets, table	1962	300	12.4	3,712	"	66.81	248,000
	1961	275	11.8	3,240	"	68.90	223,200
Cabbage	1962	925	14.0	12,960	"	68.75	891,000
	1961	950	14.0	13,320	"	53.75	716,000
Carrots	1962	900	20.0	18,000	"	77.22	1,390,000
	1961	1,050	18.2	19,162	"	67.85	1,300,000
Cauliflower	1962	425	12.4	5,265	"	66.65	351,000
	1961	450	12.4	5,580	"	55.55	310,000
Celery	1962	400	30.0	12,000	"	121.65	1,460,000
	1961	600	30.0	18,000	"	70.00	1,260,000
Chinese Food Veg.	1962	200			"		1,157,000
	1961	150			"		975,500
Corn, sweet	1962	2,250	5.2	11,638	"	93.65	1,090,000
	1961	2,200	5.0	10,994	"	104.00	1,145,000
Cucumbers	1962	160	6.3	1,005	"	93.75	94,200
	1961	100	8.0	800	"	103.00	82,500
Lettuce, leaf	1962	700	12.7	8,925	"	83.30	745,800
	1961	600	12.0	7,200	"	70.00	504,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1962	250	8.7	2,175	"	51.85	112,300
	1961	420	9.3	3,826	"	59.00	225,900
Casaba & others	1962	50	7.2	360	"	48.61	17,500
	1961	125	6.4	800	"	46.25	37,000
Watermelon	1962	60	12.5	750	"	32.80	24,600
	1961	225	10.7	2,400	"	25.00	60,000
Mushrooms	1962			650	"	900.00	585,000
	1961			685	"	934.00	640,000
Mustard & other greens	1962	900	9.0	8,100	"	62.20	504,000
	1961	850	9.0	7,650	"	62.20	476,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Onions, dry	1962	290	21.7	6,300	Ton	\$ 48.00	\$ 302,800
	1961	350	20.3	7,100	"	74.80	531,000
Onions, green	1962	750	16	12,000	"	90.00	1,080,000
	1961	800	16	12,800	"	87.50	1,120,000
Peppers	1962	50	5.6	280	"	190.70	50,600
	1961	70	5.0	350	"	160.00	56,000
Potatoes	1962	440	13.2	5,830	"	43.40	253,000
	1961	480	12.7	6,000	"	45.80	275,000
Pumpkins	1962	200	8.0	1,600	"	30.00	48,000
	1961	190	9.0	1,700	"	41.35	70,300
Radishes	1962	1,300	7.9	10,235	"	88.90	910,000
	1961	1,200	7.9	9,450	"	80.00	756,000
Rhubarb	1962	150	5.5	825	"	140.00	115,500
	1961	160	6.5	1,040	"	150.00	156,000
Romaine	1962	200	12.7	2,550	"	83.30	212,500
	1961	250	12.0	3,000	"	73.30	220,000
Spinach	1962	300	9.0	2,700	"	133.30	360,000
	1961	350	9.0	3,150	"	97.20	306,200
Squash Italian & summer	1962	350	5.4	1,890	"	145.50	275,000
	1961	350	4.8	1,680	"	167.00	280,000
Winter	1962	450	9.0	4,050	"	55.00	222,700
	1961	430	8.5	3,650	"	65.00	237,200
Tomatoes	1962	250	13.2	3,300	"	127.25	420,000
	1961	275	10.1	2,778	"	148.00	411,000
Turnips	1962	725	9.5	6,887	"	97.20	670,000
	1961	750	9.9	7,425	"	94.40	703,200
Miscellaneous	1962	500					350,000
	1961	650					300,000
TOTAL	1962	13,660					\$14,163,800
	1961	14,480					23,581,200

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NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1962		18	225,000	Plant	\$.75	\$ 170,000
	1961		20	250,000	"	.75	187,500
Vegetable plants - greenhouse grown	1962	13		1,500,000	Flats	.82	1,225,000
	1961	14		1,400,000	"	.77	1,080,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1962		1,150				22,020,000
	1961		1,200				22,212,500
Bedding plants & ground cover	1962		73	1,290,000	Flats	2.31	2,975,000
	1961		75	1,135,000	"	2.25	2,550,000
Indoor decorative plants	1962	35					2,375,000
	1961	35					2,100,000
Cactus & succulents	1962		36				720,000
	1961		45				675,000
Bulbs, rhizomes, roots, dichondra seed, etc.	1962		535				1,635,000
	1961		573				1,710,000
Total	1962	48	1,812				\$31,120,000
	1961	47	1,913				30,515,000
<u>Cut Flowers & Decoratives</u>							
Carnations	1962	70		56,000,000	Bloom	.045	2,520,000
	1961	65		59,000,000	"	.04	2,360,000
Chrysanthemums Standard & disbuds	1962	34		5,218,000	"	.25	1,312,000
	1961	45		6,750,000	"	.20	1,350,000
Pompom	1962		120	360,000	Bunch	1.50	540,000
	1961		130	380,000	"	1.20	455,000
Gladiolus	1962		8	28,000	Doz.	1.20	33,000
	1961		5	15,000	Spike	1.00	15,000
Roses	1962	6		4,255,000	Bloom	.065	275,000
	1961	7		5,250,000	"	.06	315,000
Miscellaneous	1962		412				2,432,000
	1961		428				2,305,000
TOTAL	1962	110	540				\$ 7,112,000
	1961	117	563				6,800,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

\$78,610,100

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Total			Per Unit	Total
Honey	1962	3,430,000		Lb.	\$.15	\$ 514,500
	1961	1,225,000		"	.14	371,500
Beeswax	1962	57,200		"	.44	25,200
	1961	20,445		"	.45	9,200
Pollination	1962	21,500		Colony	4.35	93,800
	1961	250		"	2.00	500
Total	1962					633,500
	1961					181,200
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS						\$79,243,600

S U M M A R Y
1958-1962 Inclusive

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$10,400,000	\$13,028,000	\$10,300,000	\$ 9,125,000	\$ 9,550,000
Other Fruits & Nuts	2,275,900	2,304,100	2,215,400	1,756,600	1,893,500
Berries	2,804,000	3,236,000	3,471,000	3,625,000	3,720,000
Field Crops	11,484,500	11,349,300	9,761,500	7,901,100	11,050,800
Vegetables	23,512,900	18,297,000	15,451,300	13,581,200	14,163,800
Nursery Stock	29,432,000	30,458,000	30,549,000	30,515,000	31,120,000
Cut Flowers	7,900,000	7,478,800	7,261,000	6,800,000	7,112,000
Total Plant Crops	\$87,809,300	\$86,151,200	\$79,009,300	\$73,503,900	\$78,610,100
Apiary Products	378,200	66,600	220,800	181,200	633,500
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$88,187,500	\$86,217,800	\$79,230,100	\$73,685,100	\$79,243,600

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