



LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

CROP REPORT - 1967



LOS ANGELES COUNTY - 1967 CROP SUMMARY

(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

Despite unfavorable spring growing conditions which were responsible for a sharp decline in the production of some crops, total gross receipts from farming in Los Angeles County in 1967 amounted to \$72,285,000. When this figure is combined with 1967 livestock production of \$89,518,500, Los Angeles County should be included among the nation's twelve leading agricultural counties.

Ten crops returned one million dollars or more during the year. They were - nursery stock (\$28,032,000), alfalfa hay (\$8,568,000), cut flowers (\$5,417,600), strawberries (\$4,132,000), lemons (\$3,026,000), sweet corn (\$2,100,000), valencia oranges (\$1,314,000), green onions (\$1,896,000), Chinese food vegetables (\$1,500,000), and carrots (\$1,040,000). While these ten crops accounted for over three quarters of the gross plant crop income last year, some 75 food crops were harvested on a commercial scale in Los Angeles County. Included were 42 types of vegetables and 24 kinds of fruits, nuts, and berries.

Citrus crops returned \$5,326,000 during 1967, down from the \$6,974,000 reported the previous year. The decline in navel orange and lemon returns was the result of a sharp reduction in acreage and lower prices due to a large supply of quality fruit. While adverse weather late in the season affected the yield of harvestable fruit, nevertheless valencia orange production was almost double that of 1966. Here too, a loss of producing acreage and somewhat lower prices resulted in lower gross returns.

A decrease in the value of other fruits and nuts was the consequence of unfavorable spring weather. Cold frosty nights, prolonged rainfall and some wind storms resulted in the lightest deciduous fruit crop since 1953. The Antelope Valley pear crop was only 12% of normal - returning \$102,000 - while peaches returned only \$203,000. Avocado production was excellent - more than offsetting a reduction in acreage. The value of the 1967 strawberry crop was also up over the previous year despite lower prices and the effect of unfavorable weather conditions in the San Gabriel Valley production area.

Field crops with a combined value of \$13,216,000 were somewhat higher because of the effect of beneficial rains on dry-farmed plantings. Improved sugar beet returns also contributed to this increase as one of the best Antelope Valley crops in history was harvested. With alfalfa hay prices strong, growers produced a crop valued at \$8,568,000, despite the effect of a late, cool spring which curtailed first cutting production.

Gross receipts to growers of vegetable crops were generally lower, amounting to \$14,068,200. Carrot returns led these crops showing a decline over the previous year as the result of sharply curtailed plantings and the continued trend toward lower carrot yields in the Saugus-Newhall area. Sweet corn, green onions, celery, and cantaloupes were among those crops with higher yields and offset somewhat lower returns from other crops. The value of the county's tomato crop rose as the result of additional tomato plantings for processing.

Nursery stock and cut flower returns were valued at \$33,449,600, a figure which reflects the continued effect of the slowdown in commercial and residential construction upon sales of ornamental shrubs and trees. Los Angeles County should hold its place as the nation's number one producer of horticultural specialty crops, however. Expansion of production acreage was noted in indoor potted flowering plants, turf and Christmas trees.

Apiary products returned \$251,000 in 1967, reflecting a decrease in the number of producing colonies despite an increase in honey and beeswax prices. Yield per colony averaged 80 pounds compared to 85 pounds in 1966.

U. S. Department of Agriculture payments amounted to \$411,000 and are not included in the total returns reported. Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or on FOB price for commodities shipped out of state. All prices have been compared with Federal-State Market News quotations.

Assistance received from the many individuals and agencies consulted is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

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Agricultural Commissioner

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S U M M A R Y
1963-1967, Inclusive

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$10,200,000	\$ 9,700,000	\$ 7,280,000	\$ 6,974,000	\$ 5,326,000
Other Fruits	2,123,600	1,699,000	1,800,000	2,326,000	1,842,000
Berries	4,450,000	4,250,000	3,110,000	3,970,000	4,132,000
Field Crops	14,209,500	11,639,500	11,566,600	12,562,600	13,216,000
Vegetables	15,317,200	16,115,700	15,924,800	15,512,200	14,068,100
Nursery Stock	30,160,000	30,075,000	30,459,000	29,902,000	28,032,000
Cut Flowers	<u>6,915,000</u>	<u>6,896,000</u>	<u>6,282,000</u>	<u>5,389,000</u>	<u>5,417,600</u>
Total Plant Crops*	\$83,375,300	\$80,375,200	\$76,422,400	\$76,635,800	\$72,033,800
Apiary Products	<u>337,200</u>	<u>306,000</u>	<u>341,600</u>	<u>284,200</u>	<u>251,200</u>
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	\$83,712,500	\$80,681,200	\$76,764,000	\$76,920,000	\$72,285,000

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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1967

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>							
Oranges	1967	960	7.4	7,104	Ton	\$120.00	\$ 852,000
Navel & Misc.	1966	1,521	6.1	9,300	"	132.50	1,232,000
Oranges	1967	1,484	9.0	13,356	"	98.40	1,314,000
Valencia	1966	2,624	4.8	12,600	"	140.50	1,770,000
Lemons	1967	1,739	14.2	24,600	"	123.00	3,026,000
	1966	2,389	11.4	27,300	"	138.10	3,770,000
Grapefruit	1967	83	13.3	1,104	"	121.00	134,000
	1966	<u>131</u>	11.7	1,530	"	132.00	<u>202,000</u>
Total	1967	4,266					\$5,326,000
	1966	6,665					6,974,000
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>							
Almonds	1967	1,386	.205	284	"	704.00	200,000
	1966	1,575	.19	310	"	660.00	204,000
Apples	1967	25	1.2	30	"	160.00	4,800
	1966	63	2.0	127	"	130.70	16,600
Avocados	1967	1,244	2.67	3,321	"	260.00	864,000
	1966	1,994	1.35	2,700	"	290.00	783,000
Cherries	1967	20	.83	16.6	"	395.00	6,600
	1966	21	.90	18.9	"	470.00	8,900
Figs	1967	23	.24	55.0	"	600.00	33,000
	1966	61	.30	18.3	"	580.00	10,600
Grapes	1967	47	2.3	108	"	94.00	10,200
	1966	94	2.5	235	"	94.00	22,100
Olives	1967	500	.20	1,000	"	250.00	250,000
	1966	564	.07	40	"	120.00	4,800
Peaches	1967	325	2.6	845	"	240.00	203,000
Freestone	1966	354	5.8	2,050	"	212.70	436,000
Pears	1967	265	1.33	353	"	289.00	102,000
Bartlett	1966	289	15.5	4,483	"	130.70	586,000
Walnuts	1967	350	.57	200	"	600.00	120,000
	1966	823	.35	290	"	490.00	142,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1967	48					48,400
	1966	<u>77</u>					<u>112,000</u>
Total	1967	4,233					\$1,842,000
	1966	5,915					2,326,000

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Strawberries	1967	520	17.2	8,944	Ton	\$462.00	\$ 4,132,000
	1966	450	18.0	8,100	"	490.00	3,970,000
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Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1967	9,019					\$11,300,000
	1966	13,030					13,270,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1967

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1967	12,600	1.06	13,400	Ton	\$ 51.00	\$ 683,000
	1966	15,700	.82	12,900	"	53.50	690,000
Garbanzo	1967	600	.40	240	"	250.00	60,000
	1966	480	.50	240	"	250.00	60,000
Lima	1967	525	.60	315	"	359.00	113,000
	1966	570	.50	285	"	330.00	94,000
Hay, alfalfa	1967	35,510	7.1	252,000	"	34.00	8,568,000
	1966	38,000	7.0	266,000	"	32.00	8,512,000
Hay, grain	1967	8,000	2.25	18,000	"	30.00	540,000
	1966	8,500	1.90	16,200	"	31.00	502,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1967	5,000				200.00	1,000,000
	1966	5,000				186.00	930,000
Range Land	1967	200,000					500,000
	1966	200,000					400,000(R)

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Silage - Sorghum	1967	500	11	5,500	Ton	\$ 7.60	\$ 42,000
	1966	300	15	4,500	"	7.00	31,500
Sorghum grain	1967	270	3.6	970	"	22.60	22,000
	1966	200	1.4	280	"	50.00	14,000
Sugar beets*	1967	1,660	29.4	48,800	"	15.50	756,000
	1966	1,500	25.4	38,100	"	14.50	552,000
Wheat	1967	18,750	.55	10,300	"	54.00	556,000
	1966	10,900	.40	4,400	"	62.00	273,000
Misc. Field Crops**	1967						291,000
	1966						391,500
Total	1967	283,415					\$13,131,000
	1966	281,430					12,450,000

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1967	1,500***	167	250,500	Lb.	\$.34	\$ 85,000
	1966	1,150***	342	393,750	"	.286	112,600

*Does not include estimated \$125,300 Sugar Act payments for 1967; or \$88,000 for 1966.

**Amount shown for 1967 includes \$250,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1966 amount includes \$280,000 for such grazing. Oats & straw also included in misc. figure.

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

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VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1967

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Beans, snap	1967	115	4.5	518	Ton	\$ 380.00	\$ 197,000
	1966	150	5.0	750	"	340.00	255,000
Beets, table	1967	100	11.2	1,120	"	78.00	87,500
	1966	125	11.2	1,400	"	82.00	114,800
Cabbage	1967	500	16.0	8,000	"	75.00	600,000
	1966	570	16.0	9,120	"	84.00	766,000
Carrots	1967	650	20.0	13,000	"	80.00	1,040,000
	1966	950	27.5	26,125	"	78.00	2,038,000
Cauliflower	1967	150	15.0	2,250	"	72.00	162,000
	1966	200	15.0	3,000	"	64.00	192,000
Celery	1967	125	42.0	5,250	"	100.00	525,000
	1966	125	36.0	4,500	"	96.00	432,000
Chinese Veg.	1967	100	-	-		-	1,500,000
	1966	160	-	-		-	1,525,000
Corn, sweet	1967	2,850	5.25	15,000	"	140.00	2,100,000
	1966	2,900	5.1	14,800	"	120.00	1,776,000
Cucumbers	1967	70	6.35	445	"	179.00	79,600
	1966	30	7.0	210	"	150.00	31,500
Lettuce, leaf	1967	150	12.2	1,830	"	78.00	143,000
	1966	300	14.0	4,200	"	85.00	357,000
Melons -Cantaloupe	1967	200	11.0	2,200	"	90.00	200,000
	1966	100	9.6	960	"	80.00	76,800
-Watermelon	1967	210	12.4	2,600	"	33.00	86,000
	1966	120	13.5	1,620	"	42.00	68,000
Mushrooms	1967			891	"	1,010.00	900,000
	1966			860	"	1,040.00	895,000
Mustard & other greens	1967	800	11.2	9,000	"	100.00	900,000
	1966	1,000	11.5	11,500	"	85.80	987,000
Onions, dry	1967	300	22.5	6,750	"	92.00	621,000
	1966	480	21.2	10,180	"	95.00	967,000
Onions, green	1967	700	21.0	14,700	"	129.00	1,896,000
	1966	750	18.0	13,500	"	125.00	1,687,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Pumpkin	1967	100	18.0	1,800	Ton	\$ 50.00	\$ 90,000
	1966	160	11.2	1,800	"	50.00	90,000
Radishes	1967	1,100	8.0	8,800	"	100.00	880,000
	1966	1,150	8.0	9,200	"	105.00	966,000
Rhubarb	1967	70	10.0	700	"	186.00	130,000
	1966	80	8.5	680	"	180.00	122,000
Spinach	1967	80	10.0	800	"	178.00	142,000
	1966	120	11.2	1,340	"	190.00	255,000
Squash, Summer	1967	125	5.3	660	"	200.00	132,000
	1966	180	6.3	1,140	"	170.00	194,000
Squash, Winter	1967	140	7.0	980	"	90.00	88,000
	1966	280	10.0	2,800	"	45.00	126,000
Tomatoes	1967	450	13.5	6,075	"	115.00	699,000
	1966	135	15.8	2,140	"	135.00	278,000
Turnips	1967	400	12.0	4,800	"	87.50	420,000
	1966	550	11.2	6,160	"	90.00	554,000
Misc. Vegetables	1967	300					450,100
	1966	795(R)					759,700(R)
Total	1967	9,785					\$14,068,200
	1966	11,410					15,512,200

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NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1967

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<u>Nursery Crops</u>							
Bedding Plants	1967		72	960,500	Flats	\$2.26	\$ 2,171,000
	1966		50	720,000	"	2.55	1,836,000
Cacti-Succulents	1967		20				416,000
	1966		22				396,000
Deciduous fruit trees	1967		4	60,000	Trees	.88	53,000
	1966		4	60,000	"	.85	51,000
Geranium cuttings	1967		215	18,233,000	Cuttings	.058	1,058,000
	1966		240	18,000,000	"	.06	1,100,000
Ground cover	1967		100	686,000	Flats	2.20	1,500,000
	1966		60	700,000	"	2.55	1,785,000
Lawn & sod	1967		110				396,000
	1966		100				200,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1967		1,326				16,973,000
	1966		1,300				19,430,000
Bulbs, roots, dichondra seed, etc.	1967		46				82,000
	1966		74(R)				69,000(R)
Vegetable plants	1967	10		1,072,000	Flats	.888	952,000
	1966	10		1,100,000	"	.85	935,000
Indoor plants	1967		12				2,040,000
	1966		14				2,075,000
Indoor potted flowering	1967		42				1,785,000
	1966		34				1,500,000
Orchid plants	1967		11				606,000
	1966		12				525,000
Total	1967	75	1,893				\$28,032,000
	1966	70	1,850				29,902,000

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CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES 1967

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1967	50		28,682,000	Blooms	\$.05	\$ 1,435,000
	1966	45		25,000,000	"	.057	1,425,000
Christmas trees	1967		80				150,000
	1966		60				120,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & Disbuds	1967	21		2,940,000	"	.22	647,000
	1966	20		2,800,000	"	.21	588,000
-Pompon	1967	45	105	349,000	Bundle	2.50	872,000
	1966	50	100	370,000	"	2.50	925,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1967	25					1,029,000
	1966	15					1,050,000
Roses	1967	6		3,410,000	Blooms	.077	262,600
	1966	8		3,600,000	"	.08	288,000
Miscellaneous (Glads., Daisies, Stocks, Cut Greens & other varieties)	1967		237				1,022,000
	1966		257(R)				993,000(R)
Total	1967	147	422				\$ 5,417,600
	1966	138(R)	417				5,389,000

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TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	\$72,033,800
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APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
		Total		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1967	1,680,000	Lbs.	\$.12	\$ 201,700
	1966	1,870,000	"	.125	233,800
Beeswax	1967	28,000	"	.60	16,800
	1966	31,200	"	.47	14,800
Pollination	1967	6,500	Colonies	5.00	32,500
	1966	7,500	"	4.75	35,600
Total	1967				\$ 251,000
	1966				284,200

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS	\$72,284,900
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