

TREE AND VINE CROP ACREAGES

Land in Los Angeles County devoted to the raising of citrus fruits, avocados and figs, increased by 2,156 acres during the year 1930-31. All other tree and vine crops, with the exception of prunes and cherries which showed no change, decreased a total of 2,939 acres, thereby causing a total net loss of 783 acres. These figures are based on a summary of surveys made by district agricultural inspectors and show the condition as of June 30, 1931.

Of the total acreage of 109,261 acres, not including neglected orchards listed as non-commercial, there are 100,407 acres of bearing status and 8,854 acres non-bearing. New plantings included in the non-bearing acreage were made on 2,638 acres, an increase of 621 acres or thirty-one per cent over the previous year. Valencia oranges were planted on 1,710 acres. This is the third consecutive year that a sizeable increase has occurred in new plantings, the gain for 1929-30 being twenty-six per cent over that shown for the preceding year and fifty-one per cent for 1928-29 over 1927-28.

Orchards and vineyards permanently taken out of production by reason of abandonment on subdivision or grubbed out to make the ground available for other crops, amounted to 3,370 acres as compared to 3,998 acres lost to production for similar reasons during the preceding fiscal year.

Outstanding decreases in acreage occurred in walnuts, with 1,107 acres out of production; peaches, 837 acres out of production, while pears decreased 407 acres. Several of the walnut orchards that were pulled out were replaced with citrus trees, chiefly Valencia oranges. Non-commercial acreage, comprised of neglected orchards which may be either abandoned completely or brought back into production, decreased to 4,546 acres which is 520 acres less than the 5,066 acres carried as non-commercial a year ago. There were 205 acres of orchards previously listed as non-commercial returned to commercial status because of added care.