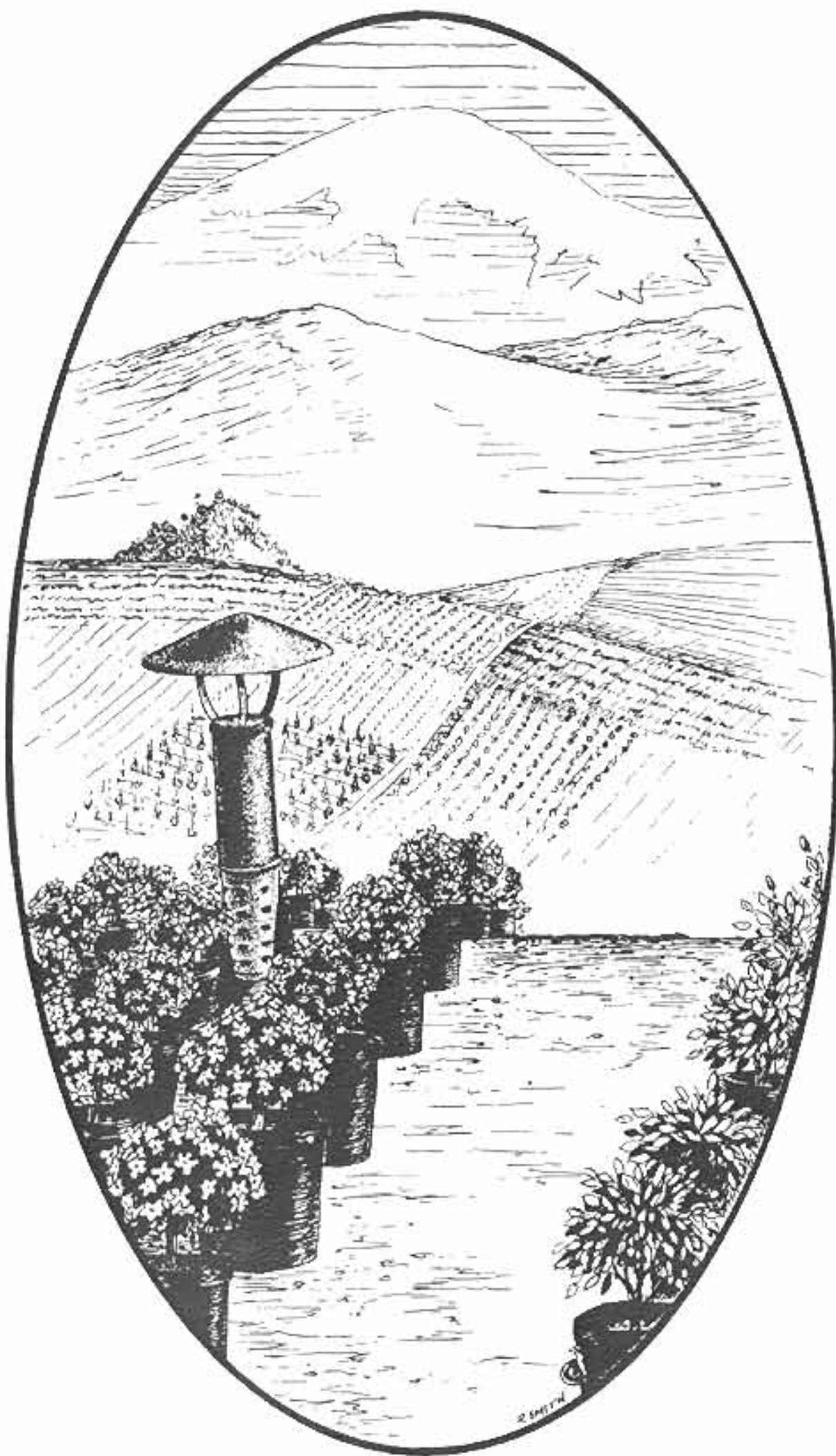


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CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT





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Crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County for 1988 indicates a gross valuation of \$295,572,200. This represents an increase of 7 percent, totaling nearly 21 million dollars.

Peaches, strawberries, and avocados showed a slight decrease in yield primarily due to freeze damage.

Vegetable crop production and price held steady with the exception of vine crops, which decreased in gross dollar sales while acreage showed a substantial increase.

Ornamental tree and shrub sales were strong, accounting for an increase of 20 million dollars, offsetting a slight decline in other nursery production areas. Overall, there was a 9 percent increase in nursery production. Christmas tree production fell dramatically as a result of a 28 percent reduction in growing area.

Egg production and price held steady.

Agriculture in Los Angeles County continues to thrive despite continuing pressure from urbanization, with an increase of 7 percent in gross valuation.

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"Nothing is great but the inexhaustible
wealth of nature."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Pest Prevention . . . the Preferred Alternative to Pesticides

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Table with 8 columns: Crop, Year, Acreage, Production (Per Acre, Total), Unit, Value (Per Unit, Total). Rows include Strawberries, Peaches (Freestone), Avocados, Miscellaneous, and TOTAL for years 1987 and 1988.

* Bearing acreage only.
** Includes non-bearing peach acreage.

FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1988	7,620	8.20	62,520	Ton	\$116.9	\$7,308,600
	1987	8,895	7.98	71,020		95.5	6,782,400
Rangeland	1988	243,500					930,000
	1987	250,000					792,000
Barley	1988	4,715	.28	1,320	Ton	112	147,800
	1987	1,495	1.36	2,036		87.9	179,000
Grain Hay	1988	1,200	2.00	2,400	Ton	85	204,000
	1987	1,290	2.19	2,826		63	178,000
Wheat	1988	2,700	.25	675	Ton	115	77,600
	1987	500	.40	200		97.5	19,500
Miscellaneous	1988	1,045 *	Includes irrigated pasture and				465,500
	1987	1,200 *	grazing privileges on stubble.				541,800
TOTAL	1988	23,735 **					\$9,133,500
	1987	13,380 **					8,492,700

* Excluding stubble.

** Excluding rangeland.

VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Dry Onions	1988	1,702	29.4	50,040	Ton	\$247.90	\$12,404,900
	1987	1,497	23.8	35,640		262.50	9,355,500
Sprouts, Bean and Alfalfa	1988			7,774	Ton	496	3,856,000
	1987			6,071		494	2,999,100
Table Greens	1988	780	Includes oriental specialties,				2,148,900
	1987	826	and leaf lettuce.				2,740,200
Sweet Corn	1988	415	5.1	2,116	Ton	393	831,600
	1987	431	4.32	1,860		453	842,600
Vine Crops	1988	508	Includes squash, watermelons,				188,600
	1987	320	and other melons.				557,000
Root Vegetables	1988	148	Includes turnips, beets, and				428,300
	1987	183	carrots.				469,400
Miscellaneous	1988	818	Includes radishes, parsley,				6,149,300
	1987	633	mushrooms, and fresh herbs.				4,702,000
TOTAL	1988	4,371					\$26,007,600
	1987	3,890					21,665,800

FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1988	1,800	Cord	\$15.00	\$27,000
	1987	1,400		15.00	21,000
TOTAL	1988			\$27,000	
	1987			21,000	

NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1988	4,901,700	2,133	\$121,283,800
	1987	5,115,400	2,054	102,386,300
Bedding Plants	1988	1,333,400	124	21,363,500
	1987	1,585,100	181	23,954,000
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1988	635,700	44	9,103,000
	1987	1,480,800	23	11,492,400
Ground Covers	1988	998,700	74	5,269,900
	1987	577,700	61	5,776,700
Indoor Plants Flowering	1988	260,500	23	4,033,300
	1987	498,000	8	4,070,500
Miscellaneous	1988	149,500	292	6,235,500
	1987	231,800	197	5,464,200
Includes vegetable plants, orchids, cacti, and sod.				
TOTAL	1988	8,279,500	2,690	\$167,289,000
	1987	9,488,800	2,524	153,144,100

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity			Total
				Sold	Unit	Per Unit	
Christmas Trees	1988		205	49,717	Tree	\$30.00	\$1,491,500
	1987		283	75,000		29.30	2,197,500
Carnations (standard)	1988	180,000	5	2,370,750	Bloom	.20	479,600
	1987	180,000	5	2,740,000		.163	446,600
Chrysanthemums	1988	143,568	10				450,800
	1987		10				307,500
Miscellaneous	1988	58,550	77	Includes <i>Strelitzia</i> ,			549,000
	1987		90	<i>Gypsophila</i> , and all other cut flowers.			625,400
TOTAL	1988	382,118	297				\$2,970,900
	1987	204,800	388				3,577,000

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
		Number	Weight			Total	
Chickens	1988	24,678,500	123,392,000	Lb.	\$.36	\$44,421,200	
	1987	22,776,000*	113,881,000*		.37	42,136,000*	
Horses	1988	32,500		Head	225	7,301,000	
	1987	29,500			300	8,850,000	
Dairy Cattle	1988	4,820	48,210	Cwt.	86.25	4,158,100	
	1987	2,540	25,390*		71.60	1,818,000*	
Includes feeder calves and cull cows.							
Beef Cattle	1988	3,100		Head	500.00	1,574,000	
	1987	3,300			487.50	1,615,600*	
Includes calves and heifers.							
Hogs	1988	10,000	14,930	Cwt.	47.00	701,800	
	1987	12,400	18,590*		58.20	1,082,000	
Sheep	1988	20,792	31,188	Cwt.	23.60	736,000	
	1987	21,500	32,240*		25.10	803,200*	
Miscellaneous	1988	Includes ducks, rabbits, and					1,897,400
	1987	goats.					1,997,300*
TOTAL	1988					\$60,789,500	
	1987					58,302,100*	

* 1987 Production revised per Los Angeles County Veterinarian's Office.

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Eggs	1988	31,460,500	Doz.	\$.45	\$14,157,200
	1987	28,835,900		.46	13,264,500
Milk	1988	250,204	Cwt.	12.60	\$3,152,600
	1987	343,162*		11.79	4,046,300*
Pollination	1988	23,500	Hive	25.00	587,600
	1987	21,000		24.00	504,000
Honey	1988	1,092,830	Lb.	.50	546,400
	1987	320,600		.61	195,600
Wool	1988	227,000	Lb.	1.25	283,500
	1987	325,100		.46	149,500
Beeswax	1988	6,700	Lb.	1.10	6,900
	1987	4,100		1.00	4,100
TOTAL	1988				\$18,734,200
	1987				\$18,164,000*

* 1987 Production figures for milk revised by Los Angeles County Veterinarian's Office.

SUMMARY

Commodity	1986	1987	1988
Fruit and Nuts	\$10,431,000	\$11,697,000	\$10,620,500
Field Crops	7,392,000	8,492,700	9,133,500
Vegetable Crops	41,651,000	21,665,800	26,007,600
Nursery Products	150,846,000	153,144,100	167,289,000
Cut Flowers	3,704,000	3,577,000	2,970,900
Livestock and Poultry	23,731,000	58,302,100	60,789,500
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Products	<u>16,679,900</u>	<u>18,164,000</u>	<u>18,734,200</u>
Subtotal	\$254,434,900 *	\$275,042,700 *	\$295,545,200 *
Forest Products	<u>39,600</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>
Grand Total	\$254,474,500	\$275,063,700	\$295,572,200

* Figures given are gross values. U.S.D.A. payments are not included.

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$121,283,800	11. Peaches	\$4,312,000
2. Chickens	44,421,200	12. Dairy Cattle	4,158,100
3. Bedding Plants	21,363,500	13. Indoor Flowering Plants	4,033,300
4. Eggs	14,157,200	14. Sprouts, Bean and Alfalfa	3,856,000
5. Dry Onions	12,404,900	15. Milk	3,152,600
6. Indoor Foliage Plants	9,103,000	16. Table Greens	2,148,900
7. Alfalfa Hay	7,308,600	17. Beef Cattle	1,574,000
8. Horses	7,301,000	18. Christmas Trees	1,491,500
9. Ground Covers	5,269,900	19. Hogs	701,800
10. Strawberries	4,734,100		

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