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#### Agricultural Commissioners' Crop Reports

# Los Angeles County 1971-1976

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#### SUMMARY

#### 1967-1971, Inclusive

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	1969	<u>1970</u>	1971
Citrus Fruits	\$ 5,326,000	\$ 4,294,000	\$ 2,312,000	\$ 3,430,800	\$ 3,290,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	1,842,000	2,038,000	1,903,000	2,564,710	2,240,240
Berries	4,132,000	3,507,000	3,776,000	3,476,000	3,006,000
Field Crops	13,216,000	11,349,000	9,551,000	9,146,200	9,102,600
Vegetables	14,068,200	13,075,000	11,555,000	10,886,500	10,063,200
Nursery Stock	28,032,000	31,340,000	35,491,000	36,837,000	40,641,000
Cut Flowers	5,417,600	5,500,000	5,202,000	4,823,000	4,556,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$72,033,800	\$71,103,000	\$69,790,000	\$71,164,210	\$72,899,040
Apiary Products	251,200	192,000	431,000	234,500	540,000
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$72,285,000	\$71,295,000	\$70,221,000	\$71,398,710	\$73,439,049
Livestock & Poultry	89,518,500	86,171,500	80,954,000	62,690,000	49,766,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$161,803,500	\$157,466,500	\$151,175,000	\$134,088,710	\$123,205,040

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<sup>\*</sup> U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments deleted from these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1971 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County totaled \$123,205,040 in 1971.

Paced by record nursery stock sales, receipts from all plant crops rose to \$73,439,040, the highest total in five years. Livestock production totals, however, declined almost 20% to \$49,766,000 as the result of a continued drop in milk production.

Nine crops—excluding livestock categories—returned \$1 million dollars or more in 1971. They were—lemons, \$1,810,000; strawberries, \$3,006,000; alfalfa hay, \$5,995,000; bean sprouts, \$1,782,000; sweet corn, \$2,327,000; mushrooms, \$1,059,000; green onions, \$1,414,000; cut flowers, \$4,556,000; and nursery stock, \$40,641,000.

While acreage devoted to citrus crops declined by 11% in 1971, total gross returns of \$3,290,000 remained close to that reported the previous year. Better navel and valencia orange production and higher prices received for lemons were responsible for offsetting the declining acreage.

Other fruits and nuts returned \$2,240,240 in 1971 despite the effect of early spring frosts upon yields of some crops. While the almond crop was almost a total loss due to blossom freeze damage, peaches and pears enjoyed near record production. Avocado returns decreased almost 50% as the result of 1c ver prices received. Strawberry returns rose slightly on stronger prices in 1971 with total receipts amounting to \$3,006,000 despite a 12% drop in acreage and early frost damage.

The total value of 273,890 acres of <u>field crops</u> in 1971 was \$9,080,800. Barley and wheat production was down due to drought, and alfalfa hay—our major field crop—decreased in value as the result of an acreage reduction. Garbanzo bean harvested acreage increased as the result of good growing conditions.

Vegetable crops harvested from 6,376 acres returned \$10,063,200 during the year. Harvested acreage losses in dry onions, radishes and mustard greens were offset somewhat by increases in acreage of sweet corn, leaf lettuce and squash. Sweet corn continues as the county's number one vegetable crop with \$2,327,000 returned to growers from 2,730 acres. Bean sprout production for Chinese food dishes continues to expand each year returning \$1,782,000 during 1971.

Nursery stock production--valued now at \$40,641,000--increased greatly from the previous year when \$36,837,000 was returned to local nurserymen. Increased out-of-state demand for ornamental trees and shrubs contributed to this significant growth as did stronger prices for ground covers, indoor flowering plants and geranium cuttings. Cut flower production remained near the \$4½ million dollar mark despite a slight decrease in acreage. Christmas tree production was valued at \$350,000 with 211 acres now devoted to "choose and cut" plantings.

Apiary production receipts jumped to \$540,000 during 1971. Although the honey crop-some 1,860,000 pounds-demanded a substantially better price, inclusion of pollination fees collected by Los Angeles County beekeepers in our report also contributed to the highest returns in many years.

A steady decrease in land available for the production of <u>livestock and poultry</u> is again reflected in this year's report. Fluid milk was the major contributing commodity. Milk production dropped from \$34 million in 1970 to \$23 million in 1971. Strengthening cattle prices and a modest increase in poultry number offset other minor livestock changes.

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. U.S. Department of Agriculture payments amounted to \$324,100 and are not included in the total gross returns reported.

Gross return figures are often very deceiving. Net can be determined only by deducting all of the growers' costs and often the grower ends up with a loss instead of a profit. A case in point would be the citrus industry in Los Angeles County where increased cultural costs and increased taxes reflect the precarious economic condition of agriculture in many areas.

	<u>Valencias</u>	Navels	Lemons
Cultural Costs/Acre	\$ 388	\$ 388	\$ 413
Taxes/Acre	350	300	350
Misc.Costs/Acre	235	235	235
Total Costs/Acre	973	923	998
Gross Returns/Acre	797	781	1,205
Net/Acre	-\$ 176	-\$ 142	+\$ 207

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

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April 4, 1971

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

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FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

			Production		***************************************	Val	ue
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
BERRIES							
Strawherries	1971 1970	417 470	16.2 17.4	6,755 8,178	Ton	\$445.00 \$ 425.00	3,006,000 3,476,000
Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1971. 1970	7,403 7,829				\$	8,536,240 9,471,510

#### FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		<del></del>		uction		Val	ue
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1971 1970	12,665 12,400	.77 1.05	9,752 13,020	Ton	\$ 59.50 \$ 50.40	580,000 656,000
Garbanzo	1971 1970	120 30	.45 .50	54 15	11	426.00 280.00	23,000 4,200
Lima	1971 1970	125 150	.80 .60	100 90	11	280.00 275.00	28,000 24,700
Hay, Alfalfa	1971 1970	26,100 28,500	6.38 6.20	166,518 176,700	11	36.00 35.50	5,995,000 6,273,000
Hay, Grain	1971 1970	6,540 5,650	2.3 2.3	15,042 13,000	11 11	34.00 33.50	511,000 436,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1971 1970	2,500 2,850					560,000 558,000
Range Land	1971 1970	210,000 210,000					245,000 265,000

			Produc	tion		Va	alue
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage		Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Silage — Sorghum	1971 1970	500 210	4.8 10.0	2,400 2,100	Ton	\$ 27.00 8.00	\$ 64,800 16,000
Sorghum grain	1971 1970	100	1.9	- 190	- Ton	- 57.50	10,900
Sugar beets (≠)	1971 1970	1,500 1,500	27.0 22.0	40,500 32,550	11	14.00 15.30	
Wheat	1971 1970	13,840 6,500	.38 .55	5,259 3,575	11 11	61.00 52.00	
Misc.Field Crops (≠)	1971 1970						186,000 182,000
Total	1971 1970	273,890 267,890					\$ 9,080,800 9,110,600
Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops							
Alfalfa	1971 1970	•	(*) 153 (*) 209	70,380 104,600		\$ .3:	1 \$ 21,800 4 35,600

<sup>(/)</sup> Does not include estimated \$93,300 Sugar Act payments for 1971 or \$103,000 for 1970.

<sup>(#)</sup> Amount shown for 1971 includes \$186,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1970 amount includes \$169,000 for such grazing.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

#### VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		<del></del>	Proc	duction		Lue	
Cman	Year	Harvested				Per	
Crop	rear	Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total
Bean Sprouts	1971 1970	-		4,950 4,500	Ton	\$360.00 S	1,782,000 1,530,000
Beets, table	1971 1970	37 75	8.7 10.1	322 758	ti	93.00 89.00	30,000 67,500
Cabbage	1971 1970	384 285	10.0	3,840 2,850	11 11	96.50 80.00	370,600 228,000
Carrots	1971 1970	140 260	22.0 25.0	3,080 6,500	11	137.50 90.00	424,000 585,000
Cauliflower	1971 1970	28 45	11.7 11.1	328 500	11 11	91.50 68.00	30,000 34,000
Chinese Food Vegetables	1971 1970	44 50	19.2 20.0	845 1,000	11 11	95.00 105.00	80,000 105,000
Corn, sweet	1971 1970	2,730 2,400	5.5 5.0	15,015 12,000	11	155.00 180.00	2,327,000 2,160,000
Lettuce, leaf	1971 1970	237 150	8.5 13.0	2,014 1,950	tt tt	110.00 90.50	222,000 176,000
Melons -Cantaloupe	1971 1970	113 125	7.4	836 1,350	11	81.50 82.00	68,100 111,000
-Watermelon	1971 1970	111 155	6.0 5.7	666 884	11 11	51.00 45.25	34,000 40,000
Mushrooms	1971 1970	-	<del></del>	913 850	11	1,160.00 1,140.00	1,059,000 969,000
Mustard & other greens	1971 1970	692 805	10.2 11.0	7,058 8,855	11 11	87.50 106.00	618,000 939,000
Onions, dry	1971 1970	9 275	16.0 23.5	144 6,463	!1 !1	66.00 85.00	9,500 549,000
Onions, green	1971 1970	541 600	19.8 19.3	10,711 11,580	11 11	132.00 157.00	1,414,000
Pumpkins	1971 1970	93 140	9.0 12.0	837 1,680	11 11	65.75 50.00	55,000 84,000

#### VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	ction	<u>Value</u>				
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per			
	· <del></del>	Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total		
Radishes	1971	410	6.0	2,460	Ton	\$118.25 \$	291,000		
	1970	615	9.0	5,535	11	125.00	692,000		
Rhubarb	1971	84	6.5	546	11	187.00	102,000		
	1970	90	8.0	720	11	150.00	108,000		
Squash, Summer	1971	128	5.0	640	11	145.25	93,000		
-	1970	80	6.0	480	11	237.50	114,000		
Squash, Winter	1971	40	9.3	372	11	43.00	16,000		
• '	1970	62	9.7	601	11	50.00	30,000		
Tomatoes, Mkt.	1971	64	11.8	755	11	340.00	257,000		
·	1970	65	9.7	631	tt	319.00	201,000		
Turnips	1971	60	9.3	558	11	100.25	56,000		
•	1970	100	8.5	850	11	87.00	74,000		
Misc. Vegetables	1971	431					725,000		
G.	1970	215					272,000		
Total	1971	6,376					10,063,200		
Total	1971	6,592					10,886,5		

## NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

	<del> </del>	Product		Quantity		7	/alue
		Area		Sold B <del>y</del>		Per	
Item	Year		Field Acres	Producers	Unit	Unit	Total
Nursery Crops							
Bedding Plants	1971 1970		60 62	1,400,000 1,300,000	Flats "	2.70 2.70	\$ 3,780,000 3,510,000
Cacti-Succulents	1971 1970		18 11				216,000 187,000
Geranium cuttings	1971 1970		150 151	12,350,000 9,900,000	Cuttings	.07 .065	864,000 644,000
Ground cover	1971 1970		93 98	1,100,000 1,100,000	Flats	2.35 2.25	2,585,000 2,475,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1971 1970		65 96				208,000 300,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1971 1970		1,499 1,435	23,200,000 20,873,000	Plants	1.10 1.10	25,520,000(R 22,960,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other special			51(I 40	R)			695,000(R 165,000
Vegetable plants	1971 1970	14 13		902,000 1,017,000		1.05 1.10	947,000 1,119,000
Indoor plants foliage	1971 1970	17 12		3,230,000 1,150,000		.70 1.82	2,261,000 2,093,000
Indoor potted flowering	1971 1970	49 46		2,100,000 2,350,000		1.30 1.15	2,730,000 2,702,000
Orchid plants	1971 1970	9 8					835,000 682,000
Total	1971 1970	89 79	1,936 1,893				\$40,641,000 36,837,000

<sup>(</sup>R) Revised figure - Retail nursery & hobbyists production figures formerly listed under Ornamental Trees & Shrubs now included in miscellaneous.

#### CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

		Produ Ar	ction ea	Quantity Sold		•	Value
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1971 1970	40 44		18,000,000 22,000,000	Blooms	.06 .055	\$ 1,080,000 1,210,000
Christmas trees	1971 1970		211 176	35,000 32,500	Trees	10.00 8.75	350,000 284,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand.& disbuds	1971 1970	19 15		1,482,000 614,000	Blooms	.23 .24	341,000 147,000
-Pompon	1971 1970	45 54	51 43	260,500 280,500	Bundle	2.95 3.00	768,000 842,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1971 1970	21 24					735,000 900,000
Miscellaneous (Glads.,roses, cut greens &	1971 1970		285 300				1,282,000 1,440,000
other cut flower	1971 1970	125 137	547 519				\$ 4,556,000 4,823,000
TOTAL ALL PLANT (	CROPS	<u>Ac</u> 290,	<u>res</u> 366				<u>Value</u> \$72,899,040

#### APIARY PRODUCTS

		APIAKI INGO				
		Production			Value	
Item	Year	Total	Unit	Per Unit		Total
Honey	1971 1970	1,860,000 1,200,000	Lbs.	.22 .15	\$	409,000 180,000
Beeswax	1971 1970	24,000 20,000	11 11	.63 .60		15,000 12,000
Pollination	1971 1970	21,000 8,500	Colonies	5.50 5.00		116,000 42,500
Total	1971 1970				\$	540,000 234,500
GRAND TOTAL PLA	ANT CROPS AND A	PIARY PRODUCTS 1971			\$7	3,439,040

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

	Production					Value			
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total		
CATTLE & CALVES Dairy						dł•	\$		
Cows	1971 1970	28,000 35,000			, mark case	<del></del>	ф		
Cull Cows	1971 1970		8,000 10,000	8,000,000 10,000,000	Cwt.	21.40 21.00	1,712,000 2,100,000		
Calves	1971 1970	2,000 2,500	25,000 33,000		Head "	55.00 32.00	1,375,000 1,056,000		
Heifers	1971 1970	1,500 2,500	1,500 3,000		11	275.00 250.00	412,500 750,000		
Beef Feeder Calves	1971 1970	6,500 7,300	3,500 3,400	700,000 680,000	Cwt.	33.90 32.60	237,000 222,000		
Fed Steers & Heifers	1971 1970	28,000 30,000	40,000 40,000	12,500,000 12,500,000	11 11	31.90 29.30	3,988,000 3,663,000		
SHEEP & LAMBS Breeding Stock	1971 1970	28,000 32,000			******	gen (44)			
Fat Lambs	1971 1970	20,000 24,000	24,500 26,250	1,960,000 2,100,000		26.70 27.20	523,000 571,000		
HOGS & PIGS Slaughter Hogs	1971 1970	3,500 3,500	3,600 3,350	432,000 405,000		19.10 26.40	82,500 107,000		
BROILERS & FRYERS	1971 1970		2,363,400 3,054,400	8,272,000 10,690,000		.172 .168	1,423,000 1,796,000		
OTHER CHICKENS Hens	1971 1970	gara dish pada men	800,000 808,500	3,600,000 3,638,250		.040 .072	144,000 262,000		
Laguing Hens	1971 1970	1,143,000 1,155,000				****	-		
Roasters	1971 1970		1,429,000 1,361,200	7,860,000 7,487,000		.200 .200	1,572,000 1,497,000		
TURKEYS	1971 1970	328,000 437,000	1,309,000 919,000	26,180,000 18,380,000		.214 .228	5,603,000 4,191,000		
CHICKS	1971 1970		9,957,000 16,873,000	****	Each	.116 .139	1,155,000 2,350,000		

#### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

			Prod	luction			Value
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits)	1971 1970			 		\$ <del></del>	\$ 197,000 287,000
HORSES	1971 1970	55,000 50,000	5,000 4,500		Head "	425.00 425.00	2,125,000 1,913,000
Total	1971 1970				<del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>		\$20,549,000 20,765,000

#### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

					Value
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u> Market	1971 1970	3,960,000 5,951,000	Cwt.	\$ 5.91 5.75	\$23,402,000 34,218,000
Manufacturing	1971 1970	10,000 8,710	11 11	4.07 4.37	41,000 38,000
WOOL	1971 1970	308,300 157,000	Lb.	.15 .37	46,000 58,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1971 1970	23,241,000 23,485,000	Dozen "	.240 .318	5,578,000 7,468,000
GOATS' MILK	1971 1970	500,000 530,000	Qt.	.30 .27	150,000 143,000
Total	1971 1970				\$29,217,000 41,925,000
GRAND TOTAL LIVE	ESTOCK & POU	LTRY PRODUCTION			\$49,766,000





LOS. ANGELES COUNTY 1972

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

#### SUMMARY

#### 1968-1972, Inclusive

	1968	<u> 1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 4,294,000	\$ 2,312,000	\$ 3,430,800	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900
Misc. Fruits &	2,038,000	1,903,000	2,564,710	2,240,240	2,366,900
Berries	3,507,000	3,776,000	3,476,000	3,006,000	2,760,450
Field Crops	11,349,000	9,551,000	9,146,200	9,102,600	8,774,700
Vegetables	13,075,000	11,555,000	10,886,500	10,063,200	10,036,200
Nursery Stock	31,340,000	35,491,000	36,837,000	40,641,000	46,245,000
Cut Flowers	5,500,000	5,202,000	4,823,000	4,556,000	4,507,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$71,103,000	\$69,790,000	\$71,164,210	\$72,899,040	\$77,240,150
Apiary Products	192,000	431,000	234,500	540,000	328,480
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$71,295,000	\$70,221,000	\$71,398,710	\$73,439,040	\$77,568,630
Livestock & Poultry	86,171,500	80,954,000	62,690,000	49,766,000	43,099,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$157,466,500	\$151,175,000	\$134,088,710	\$123,205,040	\$120,667,630

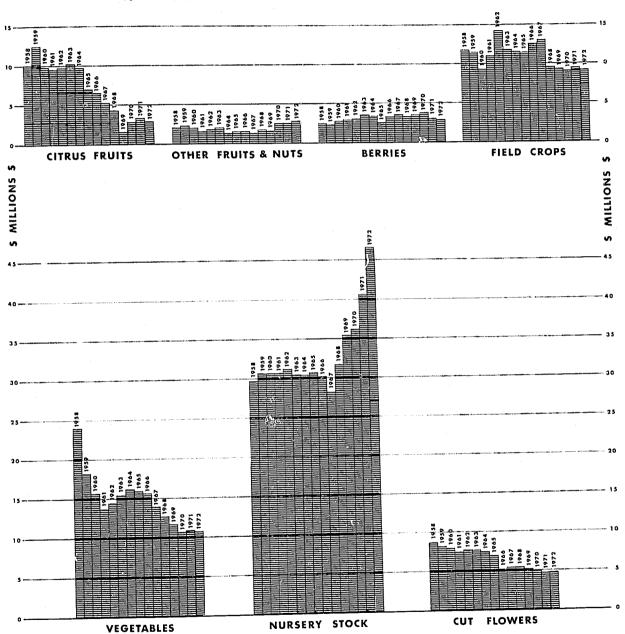
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(a Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Farm in West San Fernando Valley. Tree farms are steadily expanding in popularity throughout L.A. County.)

<sup>\*</sup> U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLANT CROP VALUES

A FIFTEEN YEAR COMPARISON



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1972 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County totaled \$120,668,000.

Paced once again by record wholesale nursery crop sales, total cash receipts from all plant crops increased to \$77,240,000, the highest total since 1967. Livestock returns continued to drop however declining some 13% to \$49,099,000 for the year.

Ten crops—excluding livestock categories—returned \$1 million dollars or more in 1972. They were: lemons, \$1,580,000; strawberries, \$2,760,450; alfalfa hay, \$5,655,000; bean sprouts, \$1,800,000; sweet corn, \$2,048,000; green onions, \$1,559,000; mushrooms, \$1,080,000; sugar beets, \$1,017,000; cut flowers, \$4,507,000; and nursery stock \$46,245,000.

Due largely to a drop of nearly 25% in acreage, <u>citrus</u> <u>crops</u> returned only \$2,549,900 in 1972. In the case of oranges, increases in unit price were offset by yield reductions. Better lemon yield this year helped meet lower unit prices.

Grain and other <u>field crops</u> returns were down in yield throughout the County due primarily to lack of adequate rainfall. Fortunately, high demand resulted in higher prices and field crops as a group returned \$8,774,700.

Other <u>fruit and nut crops</u> produced \$2,366,900 for growers last year with almond growers in the Antelope Valley harvesting their best crop since 1969. While peach production was average, pears suffered greatly because of cold injury and expected alternate-year bearing tendencies. Good demand and higher prices at roadside stands contributed to higher returns for Antelope Valley fruit. Better prices for avocado and strawberries nearly overcame loss of acreage and lower yields for these crops.

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Over 6,000 acres of <u>vegetables</u> were harvested during 1972 with sweet corn, green onions, radishes, leaf lettuce and cabbage the main crops produced. Over 25 other vegetables were marketed. Returns to vegetable growers before cultural and selling costs are deducted totaled \$10,036,200.

Gross income for all <u>nursery stock</u> reached an all time high of \$46,245,000, a 15% increase over 1971. As in recent years, the trend toward production of ornamental stock for out-of-state sales was the strongest reason. One-third of all ornamental plants produced in Los Angeles County are now being shipped to some 47 of the fifty states. A renewed environmental interest also contributed to better local demand. <u>Cut flower</u> production remained near the \$4 million dollar mark.

Apiary production decreased to \$328,480 in 1972 although honey prices reached record highs because of a world-wide shortage. Poor honey flow was responsible for the yield decrease.

Livestock and poultry production continued to decline in Los Angeles County during 1972. The 13% drop in livestock and poultry production was attributed to a steady exodus of dairy animals. Small decreases of other animal numbers were offset by increased prices. Beef and pork prices remained high for the entire year while poultry and egg revenues climbed during the last quarter of the reporting period.

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 to Federal-State Market News quotation. United States Department of Agriculture payments amounted to \$438,072 are are not included in the total gross returns reported. All figures are gross values and do not reflect net farm income.

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

RALPH W. LICHTY Agricultural Commissioner ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM Department of Health Services

April 4, 1973

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

_			Product	ion		Val Per	ue
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	rer Unit	Total
CITRUS FRUITS		Acreage	ACLE	TOTAL	· ·	01.20	
Oranges	1972	604	4.7	2,839	Ton	\$133.00	\$ 378,000
Navel & Misc.	1971	736	6.1	4,490	11	128.00	575,000
Navel & Misc.	17/1	750	0.1	7,770			
Oranges	1972	852	5.9	5,027	17	107.00	538,000
	1971	1,089	8.3	9,039	11	96.00	868,000
Valencia	19/1	1,009	0.5	7,000		,,,,,	,
Lemons	1972	1,209	7.6	9,188	11	172.00	1,580,000
Lemons	1971	1,501	6.7	10,056	11	180.00	1,810,000
	1711	2,502	00,	<b>40,</b>			
Grapefruit	1972	46	7.6	350	11	154.00	53,900
Clapellale	1971	64	4.5	288	11	128.50	37,000
	17.1	• ,					
Total	1972	2,711					\$2,549,900
2000	1971	3,390					3,290,000
		•					
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS							***
Almonds	1972	901	.305	275	Ton	720.00	198,000
	1971	1,169	.0026	3	11	900.00	2,700
							2 00
Apples	1972	29	1.14	33	11	88.00	2,900
	1971	24	2.71	65	11	120.00	7,80
			4.0		11	1,000.00	616,00
Avocados	1972	1,027	.60	616	11	400.00	634,00
	1971	1,259	1.26	1,586		400.00	034,00
	1070	30	2.3	69	11	490.00	33,80
Cherries	1972		2.9	70	11	493.00	34,50
	1971	24	2.9	70		475.00	J.,
77.4	1972	22	6.3	138	11	1,199.00	165,00
Figs	1971	24	5.6	134	11	1,075.00	144,00
	19/1	24	3.0			_,	•
C	1972	6	10.0	60	11	105.00	6,30
Grapes	1971	46	1.5	69	11	105.00	7,24
	1711		2				
Olives	1972	28	4.0	112	11	240.00	26,90
Ulives	1971	35	.26	9	ŧŧ	333.00	3,00
Peaches	1972	334	6.0	2,004		292.00	585,00
Freestone	1971	342	6.4	2,188	†1	220.00	481,00
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Pears	1972	227	8.7	2,410		230.00	554,00
Bartlett	1971	284	14.7	4,175	11	176.00	735,00
						FFF 00	109,0
Walnuts	1972	339	.58	197		555.00	•
	1971	341	.88	300	, ,,	353.00	106,00
							70,0
Misc.Fruits &	1972	43					
Nuts	1971	48					85,0
							\$2,366,9
Total	1972	3,036					
	1971	3,596					2,240,2
							-

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

	<del></del>		Production			Value		
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
BERRIES								
Strawberries	1972 1971	375 417	15.4 16.2	5,775 6,755	Ton "	\$478.00 445.00	\$2,760,450 3,006,000	
Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1972 1971	6,122 7,403					\$7,677,250 8,536,240	

#### FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			Produ	ction		V	alue
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per	
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total
Barley	1972	11,800	.55	6,490	Ton	\$ 62.00	\$ 402,000
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1971	12,665	.77	9,752	**	59.50	580,000
Garbanzo	1972	110	.50	55	11	468.00	25,700
	1971	120	.45	54	11	426.00	23,000
Lima	1972	100	.65	65	**	216.00	14,000
	1971	125	.80	100	11	280,00	28,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1972	23,313	6.30	146,872	11	38,50	5,655,000
	1971	26,100	6.38	166,518	11	36.00	5,995,000
Hay, Grain	1972	5,680	2.0	11,360	tt	35.00	398,000
	1971	6,540	2.3	15,042	11	34.00	511,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1972	1,800					450,000
C	1971	2,500					560,000
Range Land	1972	200,000					350,000
J	1971	210,000					245,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

	,		Produc	tion			Va.	Lue
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per		
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit.	Unit		Total
Silage - Sorghum	1972	500	5.0	2,500	Ton	\$ 32.0	0 \$	80,000
	1971	500	4.8	2,400	11	27.0	00	64,800
Sugar beets (/)	1972	1,870	34.0	63,580	11	16.0		1,017,000
	1971	1,500	27.0	40,500	11	14.0	00	567,000
√heat	1972	8,000	.30	2,400	11	64.0		154,000
	1971	13,840	.38	5,259	11	61.0	00	321,000
Misc.Field Crops (*)	1972							220,000
•	1971							186,000
Total	1972	253,173					\$	8,765,700
Iotai	1971	273,890					•	9,080,800
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Acreage, production & value of								
Seed Crops								
Alfalfa	1972		*) 150	30,000	Lbs.		30 9	
	1971	460(	*)153	70,380	11	•	31	21,800

<sup>(/)</sup> Does not include estimated \$83,816.00 Sugar Act payments for 1972 or \$93,300 for 1971.

<sup>(#)</sup> Amount shown for 1972 includes \$220,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1971 amount includes \$186,000 for such grazing.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

#### VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		<u></u>	Produ	ction		Value		
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per		
Crop		Acreage	Acre	Tota1	Unit	Unit	Total	
Page Compute	1972	<u>_</u>	_	5,000	Ton	\$360.00	\$1,800,000	
Bean Sprouts	1971	<del>-</del>	_	4,950	11	360.00	1,782,000	
					11	91.00	65,000	
Beets, table	1972 1971	85 37	8.4 8.7	714 322	11	93.00	30,000	
	1.771	3,		<b>-</b>				
Cabbage	1972	325	10.0	3,250	11	96.00 96.50	312,000 370,600	
	1971	384	10.0	3,840	,,	90.30	370,000	
Carrots	1972	150	38.0	5,700	11	100.00	570,000	
	1971	140	22.0	3,080	11	137.50	424,000	
Cauliflower	1972	25	11.5	288	11	84.00	24,200	
	1971	28	11.7	328	11	91.50	30,000	
Chinese Food	1972	35	16.0	560	11	106.00	59,400	
Vegetables	1971	44	19.2	845	11	95.00	80,000	
C	1972	2,560	5.0	12,800	11	160.00	2,048,000	
Corn, sweet	1972	2,730	5.5	15,015	11	155.00	2,327,000	
				•				
Lettuce, leaf	1972 1971	230 237	7.5 8.5	1,725 2,014	11 11	120.00 110.00	207,000 222,000	
	17/1	231	0.5	2,014		TTO.00	222,000	
Melons	1972	130	7.9	1,027	11	115.00	118,000	
Cantaloupe	1971	113	7.4	836	**	81.50	68,100	
Watermelon	1972	70	7.5	525	11	55.00	28,900	
	1971	111	6.0	666	11	51.00	34,000	
Mushrooms	1972	_	_	900	11	1,200.00	1,080,000	
	1971	-	-	913	11	1,160.00	1,059,000	
Mustard &	1972	1,050	10.1	10,605	11	66.00	700,000	
other greens	1971	692	10.2	7,058	11	87.50	618,000	
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Onions, dry	1972 1971	100 9	20.0 16.0	2,000 144	11 11	142.00 66.00	284,000 9,500	
	17/1			7-74			9,500	
Onions, green	1972	400	23.0	9,100	11	171.00	1,559,000	
	1971	541	19.8	10,711	11	132.00	1,414,000	
Pumpkins	1972	120	14.0	1,680	11	50.00	84,000	
	1971	93	9.0	837	ti	65.75	55,000	

#### VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	ction		Valu	le
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per	
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total
Radishes	1972	450	7.0	3,150	Ton	\$115.00 \$	362,000
	1971	410	6.0	2,460	11	118.25	291,000
Rhubarb	1972	75	10.0	750	11	250.00	188,000
	1971	84	6.5	546	tt	187.00	102,000
Squash, Summer	1972	90	4.6	414	11	237.00	98,100
• •	1971	128	5.0	640	11	145.25	93,000
Squash, Winter	1972	40	10.0	400	11	45.00	18,000
• ,	1971	40	9.3	372	Ħ	43.00	16,000
Tomatoes, Mkt.	1972	50	16.0	800	n	300.00	240,000
·	1971	64	11.8	755	Ħ	340.00	257,000
Turnips	1972	115	9.0	1,035	11	87.50	90,600
•	1971	60	9.3	558	11	100.25	56,000
Misc. Vegetables	1972	100					100,000
	1971	431					725,000
Total	1972	6,200	<del></del>		<del></del>		10,036,200
222=	1971	6,376					10,063,200

#### NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			ction ea	Quantity Sold		_ 7	alue
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Nursery Crops							
Bedding Plants	1972 1971		60 60	1,439,000 1,400,000	Flats	3.40 2.70	\$ 4,893,000 3,780,000
Cacti-Succulents	1972 1971		16 18				196,000 216,000
Geranium cuttings	1972 1971		160 150	12,240,000 12,350,000	Cuttings	.065 .07	796,000 864,000
Ground cover	1972 1971		93 93	1,280,000 1,100,000	Flats	2.50 2.35	3,200,000 2,585,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1972 1971		68 65				445,000 208,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1972 1971		1,605 1,499	27,100,000 23,200,000	Plants "	1.05 1.10	28,455,000 25,520,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other special	1972 1971 ties		57 51				747,000 695,000
Vegetable plants	1972 1971	12 14		765,000 902,000	Flats	1.14	872,000 947,000
Indcor plants foliage	1972 1971	17 17		5,350,000 3,230,000	Pots	•56 •70	2,996,000 2,261,000
Indoor potted flowering	1972 1971	49 49		2,440,000 2,100,000	11 11	1.15 1.30	2,806,000 2,730,000
Orchid plants	1972 1971	9 9					839,000 835,000
Total	1972 1971	87 89	2,059 1,936				\$46,245,000 40,641,000

#### CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

			ction ea	Quantity Sold		v	alue
Item	Year	House	Field	Ву		Per	
		Acres	Acres	Producers	Unit	Unit	Total
Carnations	1972	40		15,000,000	Blooms	.065	\$ 975,000
	1971	40		18,000,000	Ħ	.06	1,080,000
Christmas trees	1972		230	40,500	Trees	10.85	440,500
	1971		211	35,000	H	10.00	350,000
Chrysanthemums	1972	18		1,404,000	Blooms	.23	322,920
-Stand. & disbuds	1971	19		1,482,000	it.	.23	341,000
-Pompon	1972	43	50	248,000	Bundle		734,000
- C	1971	45	51	260,500	11	2.95	768,000
Orchids, cut	1.972	21.					745,000
all varieties	1971	21					735,000
Miscellaneous	1972		285				1,300,000
(cut greens & other cut flowe	1971		285				1,282,000
		122	565				\$ 4,507,000
Total	1972 1971	125					4,556,000
TOTAL ALL PLANT	CROPS	-	res				<u>Value</u> \$77,240,150
1972		268,	328				Ψ// ο κατο σ το σ

#### APIARY PRODUCTS

		Production		V	alue	)
Item	Year	Total.	Unit	Per Unit		Total
Honey	1972 1971	712,500 1,860,000	Lbs.	.30 .22	\$	214,000 409,000
Beeswax	1972 1971	11,875 24,000	11	.63 .63		7,480 15,000
Pollination	1972 1971	16,500 21,000	Colonies	6.50 5.50		107,000
Total	1972 1971				\$	328,480 540,000
GRAND TOTAL PI	ANT CROPS AND	APIARY PRODUCTS 1972			\$7	7,568,630

#### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<del></del>		Production			Value		
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	<u>Unit</u>	Per Unit	Total	
CATTLE & CALVES Dairy					ų		ж	
Cows	1972 1971	18,500 28,000	***		\$	emetrin	<b>\$</b>	
Cull Cows	1972 1971		5,500 8,000	5,500,000 8,000,000	Cwt.	24.00 21.40	1,320,000 1,712,000	
Calves	1972 1971	1,000 2,000	16,000 25,000	671.685 680.685	Head "	65.00 55.00	1,040,000 1,375,000	
Heifers	1972 1971	1,700 1,500	1,500 1,500		11 11	330.00 275.00	495,000 412,50	
Beef Feeder Calves	1972 1971	6,000 6,500	5,000 3,500	1,000,000 700,000	Gwt.	37.90 33.90	379,000 237,000	
Fed Steers & Heifers	1972 1971	20,000	36,000 40,000	11,000,000 12,500,000	11	35.00 31.90	3,850,000 3,988,000	
<u>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</u> Breeding Stock	1972 1971	30,000 28,000		time safe	_	_		
Fat Lambs	1972 1971	28,000 20,000	21,000 24,500	1,680,000 1,960,000		29.80 26.70	501,000 523,000	
HOGS & PIGS Slaughter Hogs	1972 1971	3,500 3,500	3,800 3,600	457,000 432,000		26.70 19.10	122,00 82,50	
BROILERS & FRYERS	1972 1971		2,266,000 2,363,000	6,798,000 8,272,000		.173 .172	1,176,00	
OTHER CHICKENS Hens	1972 1971	-	500,000 800,000	1,750,000 3,600,000		•056 •040	98,00 144,00	
Laying Hens	1972 1971	730,000 1,143,000	gen each				800 MA	
Roasters	1972 1971		1,583,000 1,429,000	8,706,000 7,860,000		.220 .200	1,915,00 1,572,00	
TURKEYS	1972 1971		1,185,000 1,309,000	23,700,000 26,180,000		.220 .214	5,214,00 5,603,00	
CHICKS	1972 1971		7,870,000 9,957,000		Each "	.113 .116	889,00 1,155,00	

#### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

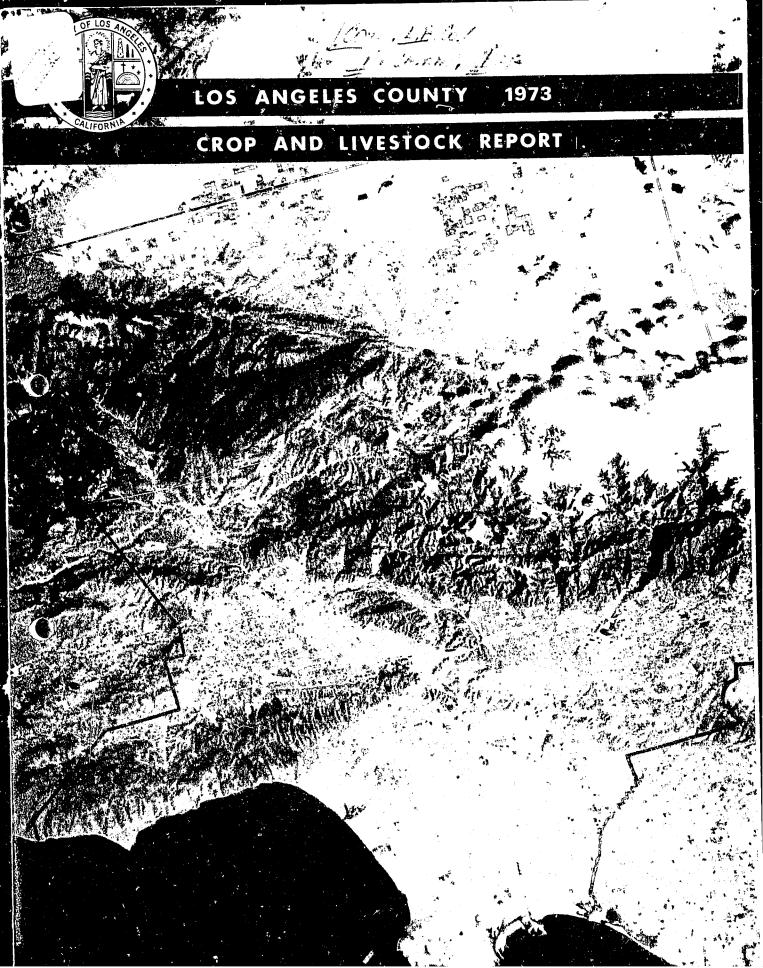
	······································		Production			Value	
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits)	1972 1971	500.000 500.000				\$ <del>_</del>	\$ 196,000 197,000
HORSES	1972 1971	56,000 55,000	5,000 5,000		Head "	450.00 425.00	2,250,000 2,125,000
Total	1972 1971						\$19,445,000 20,549,000

#### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

				Value		
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit		Total
<u>MILK</u> Market	1972 1971	3,177,000 3,960,000	Cwt.	\$	6.05 5.91	\$19,219,000 23,402,000
Manufacturing	1972 1971	7,160 10,000	11 11		4.19 4.37	30,000 38,000
OOL	1972 1971	202 <b>,</b> 600 308 <b>,</b> 300	Lb.		.30 .15	61,000 46,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1972 1971	14,843,000 23,241,000	Dozen		.282 .240	4,186,000 5,578,000
GOATS! MILK	1972 1971	525,000 500,000	Qt.		•30 •30	158,000 150,000
Total	1972 1971					\$23,654,000 29,217,000
GRAND TOTAL LIV	estock & pol	ULTRY PRODUCTION				\$43,099,000

1973

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#### SUMMARY

1969-1973, Inclusive

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Citrus Fruits	\$ 2,312,000	\$ 3,430,800	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900	\$ 2,033,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1,903,000	2,564,710	2,240,240	2,366,900	3,052,800
Berries	3,776,000	3,476,000	3,006,000	2,760,450	3,962,000
Field Crops	9,551,000	9,146,200	9,102,600	8,774,700	11,850,000
Vegetables	11,555,000	10,886,500	10,063,200	10,036,200	11,853,100
Nursery Stock	35,491,000	36,837,000	40,641,000	46,245,000	50,665,000
Cut Flowers	5,202,000	4,823,000	4,556,000	4,507,000	3,915,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$69,790,000	\$71,164,210	\$72,899,040	\$77,240,150	\$87,330,900
Apiary Products	431,000	234,500	540,000	328,480	712,200
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	* \$70,221,000	\$71,398,710	\$73,439,040	\$77,568,630	\$88,043,100
Livestock & Poultry	80,954,000	62,690,000	49,766,000	43,099,000	48,759,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$151,175,000	\$134,088,710	\$123,205,040	\$120,667,630	\$136,802,100

<sup>\*</sup>U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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# LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1973 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County rose to \$136,802,000 in 1973, the highest total since 1969.

Higher prices received for plant crops and improved yields more than offset some loss of acreage and a continuing decrease in the rumber of dairy herds. Record wholesale nursery crop sales -- up 10% -- led all plant crop groups showing increases.

Twelve crops -- excluding livestock categories -- returned \$1 million dollars or more in 1973. They were: strawberries, \$3,962,000; lemons, \$1,577,000; avocados, \$1,096,000; alfalfa hay, \$8,035,000; carrots, \$1,584,000; bean sprouts, \$1,902,000; green onions, \$2,245,000; sweet corn, \$1,675,000; bedding plants and ground covers, \$9,110,000; ornamental trees and shrubs, \$31,003,000; indoor decorative plants, \$6,413,000; and cut flowers, \$3,915,000.

Citrus crops returned \$2,033,000 during 1973 despite a hefty 30% loss in acreage. Higher prices were received for all varieties, with lemons showing the highest unit returns. Average yield was slightly below the previous year.

Avocado yields returned to near normal following an extremely small 1972 crop to help raise other fruits and nuts as a group to \$3,052,800. A frost-free bloom period resulted in a better deciduous fruit crop set in the Antelope Valley. The "U-pick" cherry crop becomes increasingly important as young trees come into production.

A 30% yield increase over 1972 and a slight increase in acreage resulted in \$3,962,000 strawberry crop, the best since 1966. Unit prices held at near the same level as those reported the previous year.

Animal feed crops such as alfalfa hay, grain hay, and grains generally, showed higher relative price gains than those <u>field crops</u> sold for direct consumer use. Alfalfa hay returned the highest prices on record, averaging over \$55 per ton. Total receipts from all field crops totaled \$11,850,000.

Over 5,800 acres of <u>vegetables</u> were harvested during 1973, with sweet corn, green onions, mushrooms, radishes, leaf lettuce and cabbage the main crops produced. Over 26 other vegetables were also grown and harvested. Returns to growers totaled \$11,853,100.

Total gross receipts rose to \$48,759,000 in 1973 for <u>livestock and poultry products</u>. Consumer boycotts, high feed costs, relocation of dairy herds to outside of the County and other negative effects were offset by slightly larger beef cattle inventories and higher prices received.

Apiary production rose to \$712,200 in 1973 due largely to increased worldwide demand for honey and better prices for pollination services.

For the third year in a row, nursery stock exceeded the previous all time high, returning \$50,665,000. Increased local and out-of-state demand prompted by continued interest in home gardening and commercial landscaping contributed to the 10% increase in gross returns. Cut flower production suffered from a decrease in acreage and reduced demand.

All figures reported are gross values and do not reflect net farm income. 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. United States Department of Agriculture payments dropped to \$168,761 from the \$438,012 reported the previous year and are not included in the total gross returns reported.

ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM Department of Health Services

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

RALPH W. LICHTY

Agricultural Commissioner

April 9, 1974

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

O	V	Da-=	Produ Per	ction			Value Per		
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total		
CITRUS FRUITS				<del></del>			<del></del>		
Oranges Navel & Misc.	1973 1972	446 604	3.8 4.7	1,695 2,839	Ton	\$ 158.00 133.00	\$ 268,000 378,000		
Oranges Valencia	1973 1972	312 852	4•2 5•9	1,311 5,027	#1 11	120.50 107.00	158,000 538,000		
Lemons	1973 1972	1,124 1,209	6.7 7.6	7,475 9,188	11 11	211.00 172.00	1,577,000 1,580,000		
Grapefruit	1973 1972	30 46	6.7 7.6	201 350	11 11	149.25 154.00	30,000 53,900		
Total	1973 1972	1,912 2,711					\$ 2,033,000 2,549,900		
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS Almonds	1973 1972	941 901	.088 . <b>3</b> 05	83 275	Ton	1,640.00 720.00	136,000 198,000		
Apples	1973 1972	27 29	3.8 1.14	103 33	11 11	155•25 88•00	16,000 2,900		
Avocados	1973 1972	1,039 1,027	1.50 .60	1,559 616	11	703.00 1,000.00	1,096,000 616,000		
Cherries	1973 1972	29 30	2.6 2.3	75 69	\$† \$1	600.00 490.00	45,000 33,800		
Figs	1973 1972	22 22	5•0 6•3	110 138	11	1,480.00 1,199.00	162,800 165,000		
Grapes	1973 1972	2 6	10.0 10.0	20 60	11 11	100.00 105.00	2,000 6,300		
Olives	1973 1972	.2 28	4.0	<del></del> 112	11	240.00	 26,900		
Peaches Freestone	1973 1972	317 334	6.7 6.0	2,124 2,004	11 11	282 <b>.</b> 50 292 <b>.</b> 00	600,000 585,000		
Pears Bartlett	1973 1972	286 <b>277</b>	13.1 8.7	3,746 2,410	11 11	187,00 230,00	700,000 554,000		
Walnuts	1973 1972	338 339	1.17 .58	395 197	11	494.00 555.00	195,000 109,000		
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1973 1972	50 43					100,000 70,000		
Total	1973 1972	3,053 3,036					\$ 3,052,800 2,366,900		

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FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

			Production			Value		
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
BERRIES Strawberries	1973 1972	400 375	20.7 15.4	8,280 5,775	Ton "	\$ 478.50 478.00	\$ 3,962,000 2,760,450	
Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1973 1972	5,365 6,122					\$ 9,047,800 7,677,250	

## FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		<u> </u>	Pro	duction		Value			
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage		Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total		
Barley	1973 1972	12,000 11,800	•94 •55	11,280 6,490		\$ 87.25 62.00	\$ 984,000 402,000		
Garbanzo	1973 1972	270 110	.40 .50	108 55	†† 11	540.00 468.00	58,300 25,700		
Lima**	1973 1972	130 100	.80 .65	104 65		800.00 216.00	83,200 14,000		
Hay, Alfalfa	1973 1972	22,475 23,313	6.50 6.30	146,088 146,872		55.00 38.50	8,035,000 5,655,000		
Hay, Grain	1973 1972	5,235 5,680	2.2 2.0	11,517 11,360		43.50 35.00	501,000 398,000		
Pasture - Irrigated	1973 1972	1,500 1,800					345,000 450,000		
Range Land	1973 1972	155,000 200,000					310,000 350,000		

### FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

	<del> </del>		Prod	uction			Lue	
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per		_
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Tota	<u>a L</u>
Silage - Sorghum	1973 1972	700 500	5.0 5.0	3,500 2,500	Ton	\$ 52.00 32.00	\$	182,000 80,000
Sugar beets (≠)	1973 1972	1,500 1,870	28.5 34.0	42,750 63,580	)† †‡	19.00 16.00		812,000 017,000
Wheat	1973 1972	7,900 8,000	•38 •30	3,002 2,400	11	93 <b>.</b> 50 64 <b>.</b> 00		281,000 154,000
Misc. Field Crops(≠)	1973 1972							252,000 220,000
Total	1973 1972	206,710 255,173		·				843,500 765,700
Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops								
Alfalfa	1973 1972	100( 200(		7,500 30,000	Lbs.	. \$ .86	\$	6,500 9,000

<sup>(/)</sup> Does not include estimated \$78,038.00 Sugar Act payments for 1973 or \$83,816 for 1972.

<sup>(≠)</sup> Amount shown for 1973 includes \$252,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1972 includes \$220,000 for such grazing. Straw also included in misc. figure.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> High unit value figure was caused by the entire lima bean crop being sold for seed use.

# VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			Pro	duction	Value			
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Bean Sprouts	1973 1972			5,100 5,000	Ton \$	373.00 360.00	\$ 1,902,000 1,800,000	
Beets, table	1973	40	6.2	248	81	104.00	25,800	
	1972	85	8.4	714	81	91.00	65,000	
Cabbage	1973	325	12.2	3,965	††	93 <b>.</b> 50	371,000	
	1972	325	10.0	3,250	11	96 <b>.</b> 00	312,000	
Carrots	1973	400	30.0	12,000	11	132.00	1,584,000	
	1972	150	38.0	5,700	11	100.00	570,000	
Cauliflower	1973	50	11.9	595	11	90.00	53,600	
	1972	25	11.5	288	11	84.00	24,200	
Chinese Food	1973	115	11.5	1,323	tt	130.00	172,000	
Vegetables	1972	35	16.0	560	11	106.00	59,400	
Corn, sweet	1973	1,715	4.4	7,546	11	222.00	1,675,000	
	1972	2,560	5.0	12,800	F1	160.00	2,048,000	
Lettuce, leaf	1973	335	6.6	2,211	11	209 <b>.</b> 25	463,000	
	1972	230	7.5	1,725	11	120.00	207,000	
Melons	1973	70	7•9	553	11	108.00	59,700	
Cantaloupe	1972	130	7•9	1 <b>,027</b>		115.00	118,000	
Watermelon	1973	30	7•0	210	#1	100.00	21,000	
	1972	70	7•5	525	##	55.00	28,900	
Mushrooms	1973 1972		pa 644	800 900	11 11	1,240.00 1,200.00	992,000 1,080,000	
Mustard & other greens	1973 1972		10.2 10.1	8,415 10,605	91 11	68.50 66.00	576,000 700,000	
Onions, dry	1973 1972		17.5 20.0	4,900 2,000	11 11	90.00 142.00	441,000 284,000	
Onions, green	1973 1972		22.8 23.0	13,110 9,100	11 11	171.25 171.00	2,245,000 1,559,000	
Pumpkins	1973 1972		13.9 14.0	1,501 1,680	11 11	70.00 50.00	105,000 84,000	

### VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	action		Val	ue	
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	<u>r</u>	otal
Radishes	1973 1972	395 450	7•2 7•0	2,844 3,150	Ton \$	166.00 115.00	\$	472,000 362,000
Rubarb	1973 1972	87 75	10.0 10.0	870 750	11	155.00 250.00		135,000 188,000
Squash, Summer	1973 1972	90 90	5•5 4•6	495 414	tt tt	273 <b>.</b> 00 237 <b>.</b> 00		135,000 98,100
Squash, Winter	1973 1972	55 40	10.0 10.0	550 400	11 11	100.00 45.00		55,000 18,000
Tomatoes, Mkt.	1973 1972	185 50	7.0 16.0	1,295 800	11 11	165.00 300.00		214,000 240,000
Turnips	1973 1972	90 115	9.0 9.0	810 1,035	11 11	100,00 87.50		81,000 90,600
Misc. Vegetables	1973 1972							75,000 100,000
Total	1973 1972							11,853,100 10,036,200

### NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			ction ea	Quantity Sold		Va	lue
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Nursery Crops							
Bedding Plants	1973 1972		58 60	1,579,000 1,439,000	Flats	3.42 3.40	\$ 5,400,000 4,893,000
Cacti-Succulents	1973 1972		16 16				244,000 196,000
Geranium cuttings	1973 1972		150 160	10,500,000 12,240,000	Cuttings	•07 •065	735,000 796,000
Ground cover	1973 1972		93 93	1,245,000 1,280,000	Flats	2.98 2.50	3,710,000 3,200,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1973 1972		59 68				240,000 445,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1973 1972		1,610 1,605	30,100,000 27,100,000	Plants	1.03 1.05	31,003,000 28,455,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dicondra seed & other specialt	1973 1972 ies		57 57				731,000 747,000
Vegetable plants	1973 1972	12 12		698,000 765,000	Flats	1.36 1.14	949,000 872,000
Indoor plants foliage	1973 1972	25 17		5,654,000 5,350,000	Pots	•64 •56	3,618,000 2,996,000
Indoor potted flowering	1973 1972	35 49		1,673,500 2,440,000	11 11	1.67 1.15	2,795,000 2,806,000
Orchid plants	1973 1972	9 9					1,240,000 839,000
Total	1973 1972	81 87	2,043 2,059				\$50,665,000 46,245,000

# CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

		Produ Ar		Quantity Sold			lue	
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	T	otal
Carnations	1973 1972	31 40		12,000,000 15,000,000	Blooms	.06 .065	\$	720,000 975,000
Christmas trees	1973 1972		<b>227</b> 230	35,000 40,500		10.50 10.85		368,000 440,500
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1973 1972	15 18		1,100,000 1,404,000	Blooms	.28 .23		308,000 322,920
-Pompon	1973 1972	35 43	45 50	207,000 2 <b>48,00</b> 0	Bundle	2.95 2.96		612,000 734,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1973 1972	19 21						665,000 745,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flower	1973 1972 s)		270 285					1,242,000 1,300,000
Total	1973 1972	100 122				V	\$	3,915,000 4,507,000
TOTAL ALL PLANT (	CROPS		cres 0,726				\$	<u>Value</u> 87,330,900

		Value
TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS 1973	Acres 220,726	\$87,330,900
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# APIARY PRODUCTS

	-			Val	ue
	37	Production		Per	Total
Item	Year	Total	Unit	Unit	
Honey	1973 1972	1,350,000 712,500	Lbs.	.43 <b>\$</b> .30	580,000 214,000
Beeswax	1973 1972	22,500 11,875	11 11	•72 •63	16,200 7,480
Pollination	1973 1972	14,500 16,500	Colonies	8.00 6.50	116,000 107,000
Total	1973 1972			\$	712,200 328,480
GRAND TOTAL PLA		IARY PRODUCTS 1973		1	88,043,100

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

				uction			Value
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES							
Dairy		0				\$	\$
Cows	1973 1972	9,200 18,500				<del></del>	<b></b>
Cull Cows	1973 1972	 	2,700 5,500	2,700,000 5,500,000	Cwt.	32.91 24.00	889,000 1,320,000
Calves	1973 1972	1,000 1,000	8,000 16,000		Head "	80.00 65.00	640,000 1,040,000
Heifers	1973 1972	1,600 1,700	1,500 1,500		tt ti	400.00 330.00	600,000 495,000
Beef							
Feeder Calves	1973 1972	6,000 6,000	9,000 5,000	1,800,000 1,000,000	Cwt.	54.89 37.90	988,000 379,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1973 1972	25,000 20,000	41,000 36,000	12,300,000 11,000,000	11	44.27 35.00	5,445,000 3,850,000
SHEEP & LAMBS							
Breeding Stock	1973 1972	49,000 30,000					
Fat Lambs	1973 1972	28,000 28,000	30,000 21,000	2,400,000 1,680,000	Cwt.	35•33 29•80	848,000 501,000
HOGS & PIGS							
Slaughter Hogs	1973 1972	3,000 3,500	3,600 3,800	432,000 457,000	Cwt.	38.56 26.70	167,000 122,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1973 1972		2,540,000 2,266,000	8,890,000 6,798,000	Lb.	•248 •173	2,205,000 1,176,000
OTHER CHICKENS							
Hens	1973 1972		380,000 500,000	1,330,000 1,750,000	Lb.	•134 •056	178,000 98,000
Laying Hens	1973	545,000					
	1972	730,000					****
Roasters	1973 1972	385,000 419,000	404,000 1,583,000	2,222,000 8,706,000	Lb.	.340 .220	755,000 1,915,000
TURKEYS	1973 1972		1,138,000 1,185,000	22,760,000 23,700,000		•348 •220	7,920,000 5,214,000
CHICKS	1973 1972		6,767,000 7,870,000		Each	.144 .113	974,000 889,000

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

			Prod	uction	<del> </del>		Value
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits) HORSES	1973 1972 1973 1972	  56,000 56,000	5,000 5,000		S	\$  450.00 450.00	\$ 200,000 196,000 2,250,000 2,250,000
Total	1973 1972						\$24,059,000 19,445,000

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

						Value
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit		Total
MILK Market	1973 1972	2,700,000 3,177,000	Cwt.	\$	6.93 6.05	\$18,711,000 19,219,000
Manufacturing	1973 1972	7,700 7,160	11 11		4.68 4.19	36,000 30,000
WOOL	1973 1972	315,000 202,600	Lb.		•33 •30	104,000 61,000
EGGS	1973 1972	11,082,000	Dozen "		.512 .282	5,674,000 4,186,000
GOATS' MILK	1973 1972	500,000 525,000	Qt.		•35 •30	175,000 158,000
Total	1973 1972					\$24,700,000 23,654,000
GRAND TOTAL LIV	ESTOCK & PO	ULTRY PRODUCTION				\$48,759,000



Cover Photo: Potted Cyclamen

- Indoor potted flowering plants continue to hold an important place within the nursery industry in Los Angeles County. All categories of nursery crops reached an all time high of \$59,921,000 for 1974 in the County.

### SUMMARY

### 1970-1974, Inclusive

		1970		1971	1972		1973		1974
Citrus Fruits	\$	3,430,800	\$	3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900	\$	2,033,000	\$	2,588,800
Misc. Fruits & Nuts		2,564,710		2,240,240	2,366,900		3,052,800		3,503,000
Berries		3,476,000		3,006,000	2,760,450		3,962,000		.3,600,000
Field Crops		9,146,200		9,102,600	8,774,700		11,850,000		14,324,100
Vegetables		10,886,500		10,063,200	10,036,200		11,853,100		15,027,000
Nursery Stock		36,837,000		40,641,000	46,245,000		50,665,000		59,921,000
Cut Flowers	-	4,823,000		4,556,000	 4,507,000		3,915,000		4,224,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$		\$		\$			\$3	
Apiary Products		234,500		540,000	 328,480		712,200		969,400
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$	71,398,710	\$	73,439,040	\$ 77,568,630	\$	88,043,100	\$:	104,157,300
Livestock & Poultry		62,690,000		49,766,000	 43,099,000	)	48,759,000		54,212,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$	134,088,710	\$:	123,205,040	\$ 120,667,630	\$	36,802,100	\$:	158,369,300

<sup>\*</sup>U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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# LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1974 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross receipts from farm crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County increased to \$158,369,300 in 1974, the highest total since 1967.

Plant crop and apiary product dollar returns were up considerably, reaching \$104,157,300 as compared to a 1973 total of \$88,000,000. Returns from live-stock and poultry production totalled \$54,212,000 -- up from the previous year's total of \$48,759,000.

The modest increase in animal production was mainly generated by the increased price of milk. An increased number of laying hens and a slight increase in egg production was the result of restocking of poultry ranches after the Newcastle disease outbreak. Other categories reflected a stable production with slight decline in price.

County-wide, nursery stock and cut flower production continues to lead all crops in total dollar revenue -- over \$64,145,000 in 1974. Total gross sales for all types of nursery stock were over \$9,000,000 above 1973, hitting the sum of \$59,921,000. In the first half of 1974, increase in the volume of nursery stock sales and a slight rise in unit prices more than made up for a slowdown in the second half of 1974. Vegetable bedding plant production showed a heavy gain due to strong interest by the general public in growing their own vegetables. Cut flower producers probably felt the economic downturn more so than the nursery stock or vegetable growers.

All figures reported are gross values and do <u>not</u> reflect net farm income or profit to the producer. Increased production costs -- energy, labor, equipment, and other required input -- have in many cases offset higher prices received for products produced.

The San Fernando Valley - Saugus-Newhall area produced plant crops worth \$19,000,000 in 1974. This region specializes in production of root type crops such as carrots, green onions, radishes and dry onions as well as sweet corn for roadside stand sale. Some 3,000 acres were harvested returning \$7,800,000. Field crops, citrus and walnuts, other vegetables and nursery stock make up the balance of production for the area.

The San Gabriel Valley and Eastern Los Angeles County area produced crops worth \$25,000,000 in 1974. Approximately 160 acres of strawberries returned \$2,000,000 of the total expected county returns of \$3,600,000 from 325 acres. Some 1,300 acres of citrus are still bearing in the area and returned an estimated \$2,000,000. Orange production suffered from rain and cool weather during the bloom period of 1973 affecting the 1974 crop harvest. Receipts were good for lemons from 850 acres. Nursery sales from this area, with much of the stock being shipped out of county or to other states, represents 31% of the County's total nursery production. Farm grown "U-cut" Christmas tree sales also did well. Nursery stock, cut flowers and Christmas tree sales produced \$18,800,000 of the revenue. Grain and hay crops from the Walnut district had favorable growing weather and higher than average price returns.

Avocado production in the Whittier-LaHabra Heights district decreased substantially in 1974 due to the poor set of fall and winter varieties. Price per pound remained high throughout the year. Avocado receipts amounted to \$924,000 for 1974 to Los Angeles County growers.

Livestock and dairy production in the <a href="Artesia-Norwalk">Artesia-Norwalk</a> district continues to decline under the impact of residential and commercial development.

In the Antelope Valley, plant crops returned \$15,500,000, the highest total on record. Alfalfa hay continued to be the number one crop producing \$8,375,000 from 19,800 acres. Growing conditions were generally good for increased yields, but a heavy infestation of alfalfa weevil damaged the first cutting and some water shortages reduced the total tonnage. Barley and wheat grains were harvested from 19,500 acres, an increase of 5,600 acres over 1973. These grains sold for the highest price per hundred weight on record. Sugar beet plantings were affected for the first time with powdery mildew disease. This resulted in less tonnage and lower sugar contents in the beets. Returns for the 1974 crop were about the same as 1973 as higher sugar prices helped compensate for the lower yields and sugar content. The Antelope Valley peach crop production was the highest on record. Pear sales exceeded the million dollar mark for the first time as fruit prices were up more than 50% during a year with good production.

The Gardena-South Bay district is one of the major growing areas producing better than 30% of the county-wide total of nursery stock. Bean sprouts, mushrooms, greens, leaf lettuce, radishes, other vegetables and strawberries contributed to our total metropolitan and southern area crop production of \$44,000,000 for 1974.

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or on F.O.B. price for commodities shipped out-of-state. All prices have been compared with Federal-State Market News quotations. United States Department of Agriculture payments dropped to \$90,485 from the \$168,761 reported the previous year and are not included in the 1974 total gross returns reported.

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

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PAUL B. ENGLER // Agricultural Commissioner

April 7, 1975

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Production			D	Value
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CITRUS FRUITS							
Oranges Navel & Misc.	1974 1973	295 446	4.2 3.8	1,239 1,695	Ton "	\$ 188.00 158.00	
Oranges Valencia	1974 1973	453 544	3•7 2•5	1,676 1,360	11 11	174.6 116.0	
Lemons	1974 1973	1,023 1,124	7.8 6.7	7,979 7,475	## ##	257.0 211.0	
Grapefruit	1974 1973	20 30	4.2 6.7	84 201	11	140.0 149.2	
Total	1974 1973	1,791 2,144					2,588,800 \$ 2,033,000
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS							
Almonds	1974 1973	941 941	•255 •088	240 83	Ton	1,042.0 1,640.0	
Apples	1974 1973	29 27	3.6 3.8	104 103	11 11	125.0 155.2	
Avocados	1974 1973	924 1,039	1.25 1.50	1,155 1,559	11 11	800.0 703.0	
Cherries	1974 1973	35 29	2.6 2.6	91 75	11 11	693.0 600.0	
Figs	1974 1973	21 22	6.0 5.0	126 110	11 11	1,588. 1,480.	
Grapes	1974 1973	2 2	12.0 10.0	24 20	11 11	125.	
Peaches Freestone	1974 1973	361 317	7•3 6•7	2,635 2,124	††	313. 282.	
Pears Bar <b>tlett</b>	1974 1973	290 286	12.3 13.1	3,567 3,746	11 11	291. 187.	
Walnuts	1974 1973	338 338	1.00	338 395	11 11	325 <b>.</b> 494 <b>.</b>	
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1974 1973	82 50					75,000 100,000
Total	1974 1973	3 <b>,</b> 023 3,053					3,503,000 \$ 3,052,800
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### FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

•			Production				Value			
Crop Ye	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total			
BERRIES										
Strawberries	1974 1973	325 400	20.7 20.7	6,728 8,280	Ton "	\$ 535.10 478.50	\$ 3,600.000 3,962,000			
Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1974 1973	5,139 5,597					\$ 9,691,800 9,047,800			

### FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

	<del></del>		Prod	uction		**************************************	Value
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Barley	1974 1973	10,067 12,000	•87 •94	8,758 11,280	Ton i	116.25 87.25	\$ 1,018,000 984,000
Garbanzo	1974 1973	220 270	• 35 • 40	77 108	## ##	559.00 540.00	43,000 58,300
Lima Beans	1974 1973	130 130	•85 •8 <b>0</b>	111 104	11 11	409.00 800.00(	45,100 4*) 83,200
Hay, Alfalfa	1974 1973	20,380 22,475	6.5 6.50	132,470 146,088	11 ff	67.00 55.00	8,875,000 8,035,000
Hay, Grain	1974 1973	6,200 5,235	1.7 2.2	10,540 11,517	11 11	55.00 43,50	580,000 501,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1974 1973	1,500 1,500					338,000 345,000
Range Land	1974 1973	180,000 155,000					450,000 310,000

### FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

	<del></del>		Production			Value			
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit		Per Unit	To	otal
Silage - Sorghum	1974 1973	120 700	1.6 5.0	<b>19</b> 2 3,500	Ton	\$	130.25 52.00	\$	25,000 182,000
Sugar beets (≠)	1974 1973	1,075 1,500	25•7 28•5	27,628 42,750	11 11		59•75 19•00	]	000, 651,000 812,000
Wheat	1974 1973	14,000 7,900	•50 •38	7,000 3,002	11		140.00 93.50		980,000 281,000
Misc. Field Crops (≠)	1974 1973								286,000 252,000
Total	1974 1973	233,692 206,710		4.4					4,291,100 1,843,500
Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops									
Alfalfa	1974 1973	500( 200(	*) 75 *) 150	55,000 7,500	Lbs.	. \$	.60 .86	\$	33,000 6,500

<sup>(/)</sup> Does not include estimated \$64,875.00 Sugar Act payments for 1974 or \$73,038.00 for 1973.

<sup>(#)</sup> Amount shown for 1974 includes \$286,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1973 includes \$252,000 for such grazing. Straw also included in misc. figure.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> High unit value figure was caused by the entire 1973 lima bean crop being sold for seed use.

### **VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE**

·_			Production				Value
Cro <sub>l</sub> ,	Year	Harvested	Per			Per	
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total
Bean Sprouts	1974			5 <b>,</b> 334	Ton	\$ 375.0	\$ 2,000,000
bean opious			-		11	373.0	
	1973	***		5,100	-,	J/J•0	1,902,000
Beets, table	1974	80	5.6	448	11	100.5	45,000
·	1973	40	6.2	248	11	104.0	25,800
Cabbage	1974	205	16.8	3,444	<b>11</b>	112,2	386,000
oabbage			12.2	3,965	11	93.5	
	1973	325	12.0	2,902	•••	7/•/	J/1,000
Carrots	1974	400	27.0	10,800	#1	180.0	
	1973	400	30.0	12,000	11	132.0	1,584,000
Cauliflower	1974	45	7•3	329	11	115.5	38,000
Jauliilowei		-			11	90.0	
	1973	50	11.9	595	••	90.0	J 55,60C
Chinese Food	1974	290	11.5	3,335	11	147.0	490,000
Vegetables	1973	115	11.5	1,323	11	130.0	000, 172
<b>9</b>	3.00%	7. Gh0	1. 0	0 750	11	207.0	0 2,430,000
Corn, sweet	1974	1,740	4.8	8,352		291.0	
	1973	1,715	4.4	7,546	11	222.0	0 1,675,000
Lettuce, leaf	1974	225	7•5	1,688	. 11	199.5	0 337,000
	1973	335	6.6	2,211	11	209.2	
,						0	
Melons	1974	50	6.6	330	11	138.0	•
Cantaloupe	1973	70	7•9	553	Ħ	108.0	0 59,700
Watannal an	1974	100	5.0	500	11	84.0	0 42,000
Watermelon							•
	1973	30	7.0	210	11	100.0	0 21,000
Mushrooms	1974	***	~-	1,000	11	1,200.0	0 1,200,000
	1973			.800	88	1,240.0	
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Mustard &	1974	1,025	5.0	5,125		200.0	
other greens	1973	825	4.5	3,713	11	155.0	0 576,000
Onions, dry	1974	285	17.6	5,016	11	70.0	0 351,000
, <u>J</u>	1973	280	17.5	4,900	11	90.0	
	-717	200	-, -,	. 12-5		,	,
Onions, green	1974	675	12.6	8,505	11	361.0	0 3,070,000
	1973	575	11.7	6,728	11	333•7	
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	1974	95	12.0	1,140	11	125.0	0 142,000
Pumpkins	エフノマ	108	13.9	, · · ·		70.0	

### VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Prod	uction		Value			
Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	Total		
Radishes	1974 1973	335 395	7.5 7.2	2,512 2,844	Ton	\$ 156.00 166.00	\$ 392,000 472,000		
Rhubarb	1974 1973	80 87	10.0	800 870	<b>tt</b> 11	175.00 155.00	140.000 135,000		
Squash, Summer	1974 1973	95 90	4.3 5.5	409 495	11	318.00 273.00	130,000 135,000		
Squash, Winter	1974 1973	<b>35</b> 55	10.3 10.0	361 550	11	119.00	43,000 55,000		
Tomatoes	1974 1973	125 185	25.0 7.0	3,125 1,295	11 11	75.25 165.00	235,000 214,000		
Turnips	1974 1973	210 90	12.0 9.0	2,520 810	11 11	155.00 100.00	391,000 81,000		
Misc. Vegetables	1974 1973						150,000 75,000		
Total	1974 1973				-		\$15,027,000 11,853,100		

# NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		Produc		Quantity		Value			
		Are	Field	Sold By		Per			
Item	Year	House Acres	Acres	Producers	Unit	Unit	Total		
Nursery Crop									
Bedding plants	1974 1973		55 58	1,553,000 1,579,000	Flats \$	3.88 3.42	\$ 6,026,000 5,400,000		
Cacti-Succulents	1974 1973		13 16				180,000 244,000		
Geranium cuttings	1974 1973		144 150	11,902,000 10,500,000	Cuttings	.08 .07	952,000 735,000		
Ground cover	1974 1973		94 93	1,230,500 1,245,000	Flats	3.38 2.98	4,159,000 3,710,000		
Turf (sod & stolon)	1974 1973		62 59				261,000 240,000		
Ornamental trees	1974 1973		1,650 1,610	28,405,700 30,100,000	Plants	1.25 1.03	35,507,000 31,003,000		
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dicondra seed & other specialties	1974 1973		54 57				622,000 731,000		
Vegetable plants	1974 1973	15 12		902,650 698,000	Flats	2.24 1.36	2,022,000 949,000		
Indoor plants foliage	1974 1973	33 25		000, 754,000 5,654,000	Pots "	•52 •64	6,632,000 3,618,000		
Indoor potted flowering	1974 1973	30 35		1,285,000 1, <i>€</i> 5,500	1t 11	2.08 1.67	2,673,000 2,795,000		
Orchid plants	1974 1973	7 9					887,000 1,240,000		
Total	1974 1973		2,072 2,043			<u> </u>	59,921,00 \$50,665,00		

### **CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES**

	<del></del>	Produc		Quantity Sold			Value
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers		Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1974 1973	21 31		10,360,000	Blooms \$	.07 .06	\$ 725,000 720,000
Christmas trees	1974 1973		291 227	56,300 35,000	Tr <b>ee</b> s	13.60 10.50	765,000 368,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1974 1973	10 15		810,000 1,100,000	Blooms	•35 •28	284,000 308,000
-Pompon	1974 1973	25 35	35 45	200,000	Bundle	2.80 2.95	560,000 612,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1974 1973	17 19					595,000 665,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1974 1973		259 270			·	1,295,000 1,242,000
Total	1974 1973	73 100	585 542				\$ 4,224,000 3,915,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	Acres	<u>Value</u>
1974	247,891	\$103,187,900

### APIARY PRODUCTS

	Production		Value					
Year	Total			To	otal			
1974 1973	2,008,000 1,350,000	Lbs. \$	.40 .43	\$	803,200 580,000			
1974 1973	33,000 22,500	11	1.25 .72		41,200 16,200			
1974 1973	12,500 14,500	Colonies "	10.00 8.00		125,000 116,000			
1974 1973				\$	969,400 712,200			
	1973 1974 1973 1974 1973	Year  Total  1974	Year  Total  Unit  1974 2,008,000 1973 1,350,000 "  1974 33,000 1973 22,500 "  1974 12,500 1973 14,500 "  1974	Year         Total         Unit         Unit           1974         2,008,000         Lbs. \$ .40           1973         1,350,000         " .43           1974         33,000         " 1.25           1973         22,500         " .72           1974         12,500         Colonies         10.00           1973         14,500         " 8.00	Year         Per Total         Unit         Unit         Total           1974         2,008,000         Lbs. \$ .40 \$ .43           1973         1,350,000         " .43           1974         33,000         " 1.25           1973         22,500         " .72           1974         12,500         Colonies 10.00           1973         14,500         " 8.00			

### LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			Production			Value		
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
CATTLE & CALVES								
Dairy Cows	1974 1973	15,000 17,000			alati (San	\$ <del></del>	\$ <del></del>	
Cull Cows	1974 1973		5,000 2,700	5,000,000 2,700,000	Cwt.	26,77 32.91	1,339,000 889,000	
Calves	1974 1973	1,000 1,000	12,000 8,000	944 PMP	Head 11	25.00 80.00	300,000 640,000	
Heifers	1974 1973	1,800 1,600	1,800 1,500	gan énu ons san	11: 11	350.00 400.00	630,000 600,000	
Beef Feeder Calves	1974 1973	5,000 6,000	8,500 9,000	1,700,000 1,800,000	Cwt.	40.33 54.89	686,000 988,000	
Fed Steers & Heifers	1974 1973	13,300 25,000	40,000 41,000	12,000,000 12,300,000	11 11	41•74 44•27	5,009,000 5,445,000	
SHEEP & LAMBS Breeding Stock	1974 1973	32,000 49,000				orean orean		
Fat Lambs	1974 1973	29,000 28,000	30,000 30,000	2,400,000 2,400,000	Cwt.	39.26 35.33	942,000 848,000	
HOGS & PIGS Slaughter Hogs	1974 1973	3,300 3,000	4,000 3,600	480,000 432,000	Cwt.	33•97 38•56	163,000 167,000	
BROILERS & FRYERS	1974 1973		1,035,000 2,540,000	3,622,500 8,890,000	Lb.	•258 •248	935,000 2,205,000	
OTHER CHICKENS Hens	1974 1973		428,000 380,000	1,499,000 1,330,000	Lb.	•061 •134	91,000 178,000	
Laying Hens	1974 1973	612,000 545,000						
Roasters	1974 1973	571,000 385,000	1,500,000 404,000	8,250,000 2,222,000	Lb.	•350 •340	2,888,000 755,000	
TURKEYS	1974 1973	300,000 260,000	1,530,000 1,138,000	30,600,000 22,760,000	Lb.	.278 .348	8,507,000 7,920,000	

## LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

			Prod	uction			Val	ue
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Li <b>vew</b> eight	Unit	Per Unit		Total
CHICKS	1974 1973	-	7,729,000 6,767,000		Each \$	.184 .144	\$	1,422,000 974,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits)	1974 1973							336,000 200,000
HORSES	1974 1973	56,000 56,000			Head "	450.00 450.00		1,800,000 2,250,000
Total	1974 1973			·				\$25,048,000 24,059,000

# LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION & VALUE

				Value			
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit		Total	
<u>MILK</u> Market	1974 1973	2,767,000 2,700,000	Cwt.	\$	8.36 6.93	\$23,132,000 18,711,000	
Manufacturing	1974 1973	5,500 7,700	n n		7.02 4.68	39,000 36,000	
WOOL	1974 1973	327,000 315,000	Lb.		.67 .33	219,000 104,000	
EGGS	1974 1973	12,444,000 11,082,000	Dozen		.464 .512	5,774,000 5,674,000	
Total	1974 1973					\$29,164,000 24,654,000	
GRAND TOTAL LIV	ESTOCK & POU	LTRY PRODUCTION				\$54,212,000	



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- Once the leading dairy county in the United States, doing production in Los Angeles County, is still important despite the exodus of herds to other areas. 1975 production is valued at \$17,663,000.

### **SUMMARY**

1971-1975, Inclusive

	1971	1972	1973	1974	<u>1975</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 2,549,900	\$ 2,033,000	\$ 2,588,800	\$ 2,320,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	2,240,240	2,366,900	3,052,800	3,503,000	2,621,000
Berries	3,006,000	2,760,450	3,962,000	3,600,000	3,468,000
Field Crops	9,102,600	8,774,700	11,850,000	14,324,100	13,332,000
Vegetables	10,063,200	10,036,200	11,853,100	15,027,000	20,873,900
Nursery Stock	40,641,000	46,245,000	50,665,000	59,921,000	58,191,000
Out Flowers	4,556,000	4,507,000	3,915,000	4,224,000	4,277,000
Total Plant Crops*		\$ 77,240,150	\$ 87,330,900	\$103,187,900	\$105,082,900
Apiary Products	540,000	328,480	712,200	969,400	002,000
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$ 73,439,040	\$ 77,568,630	\$ 88,043,100	\$104,157,300	\$105,744,900
Livestock & Poultry	49,766,000	43,099,000	48,759,000	54,212,000	46,827,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$123,205,040	\$120,667,630	\$136,802,100	\$158,369,300	\$152,571,900

<sup>\*</sup>U. S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.

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#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

### 1975 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Gross receipts from farm crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County dropped slightly in 1975 to \$152,571,900. Plant crop and apiary product returns continued to gain over 1974, but the continued exodus of dairies from the County reduced livestock returns and the overall County receipts.

A wet spring provided excellent forage for range cattle in 1975 and fewer cattle produced a greater dollar return then in 1974. Turkey prices were higher, but a decrease in inventory lowered dollar returns. Chicken eggs were up in value, but market milk and wool were down significantly. Milk products continue to lead other livestock products in total valuation.

Vegetable crop production increased substantially by \$5,800,000, raising the 1975 total to \$20,873,900. The strong gain in vegetable crops was due to increased acreage in some vegetable types and strong price increases.

County-wide, nursery stock and cut flower crops maintained their lead over all plant crops with a total dollar value of \$62,468,000.

Individual crops showing strong gains were dry onions (\$3,216,000), green onions (\$4,822,000), sweet corn (\$3,033,000), and indoor foliage plants (\$9,482,000).

All figures reported are gross values and do not reflect net farm income or profit to producers. Increased production costs often offset higher prices received.

The San Fernando-Saugus-Newhall area had an increase in gross receipts of \$2,000,000 in 1975 to \$21,000,000. This gain was mainly from sweet corn and green onion production. The area has a number of vegetable farms that sell directly to the public from retail stands. Field crops, walnuts, citrus, and nursery products make up the balance of production for the area. The <u>San Gabriel Valley and Eastern Los Angeles County produced a crop value of \$24,000,000 for 1975</u>. A slight drop in total value from 1974 was largely due to lower strawberry yields -- the result of a wet spring. Also, higher citrus yields were offset by lower prices and a reduction in acreage. Field crops increased in total value as ideal growing conditions produced high yields that sold at high prices.

The crop value for the Antelope Valley increased in 1975 to \$16,305,000. Alfalfa is still the number one crop in the Valley. Sugar beets had a larger tonnage, but lower prices reduced the total value for 1975. An increase in acreage of dry onions and good prices produced a substantial gain for this crop. Fruits and nuts in the valley were damaged by late frost, and this was reflected by a crop failure in almonds, and lower yields in cherries, peaches, pears, and apples.

Crop production in the <u>Metropolitan and Southern</u> area of the County exceeded \$43,000,000. This area produces most of the mushrooms and bean sprouts in the County and a large share of the nursery stock. The area also grows much of the production of greens, root crops, and leaf lettuce.

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or on F.O.B. price for commodities shipped out-of-state. All prices have been compared with Federal-State Market News quotations.

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

PAUL B. ENGLER Agricultural Commissioner ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM Department of Health Services

April 7, 1976

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FRUIT & NIJT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Production						Value			
	-	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit		Total		
1975 1974	283 295	5.2 4.2	1,472 1,239	Ton Ton	\$	172.00 188.00	\$ 253,000 233,000		
1975 1974	201 453	4.2 3.7	844 1,676	11		161.00 174.60	136,000 293,000		
1975 1974	953 1,023	9.0 7.8	8,577 7,979	11		224.50 257.00	1,925,000 2,051,000		
1975	14 20	3.4 4.2	48 84	11 11		125.00 140.00	6,000 11,800		
1975 1974	1,451 1,791						2,320,000 \$ 2,588,800		
1975 1974	939 941	 .255	240	11		1,042.00	250,000		
1975 1974	29 29	2.4 3.6	69 104	11		174.00 125.00	12,000 13,000		
1975 1974	973 924	1.65 1.25	1,605 1,155	11 11		640.00 800.00	1,027,00 924,00		
1975	35 35	1.3	45 91	11		667.00 693.00	30,00 63,00		
1975		3.3 6.0				1,645.00 1,588.00	125,00 200,00		
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1975			1,94 <sup>1</sup> 2,63	l "		280.25 313.00	544,00 825,0		
1975	290	9.2	2,668 3,56	8 " 7 "		262.25 291.50	700,0 1,040,0		
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# FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	uction		Ţ	<i>lalue</i>
Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>BERRIES</u> Strawberries	1975 1974	319 325	17.2 20.7	5,487 6,728	Ton	\$ 632.00 535.10	\$ 3,468,000 3,600,000
Total Fruit & Nut Crops	1975 1974	4,768 5,139					\$ 8,409,000 9,691,800

# FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			Prod	uction			Value
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per	
610 <sub>F</sub>		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	 <u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Barley	1975 1974	12,425 10,067	.90 .87	11,183 8,758	Ton	\$ 107.25 116.25	\$ 1,199,000 1,018,000
Garbanzo	1975 1974	220 220	.40 .35	88 77	11 11	560.00 559.00	49,000 43,000
Lima Beans	1975 1974	225 130	.55 .85	124 111	11 11	598.75 409.00	74,000 45,100
Hay, Alfalfa	1975 1974	19,850 20,380	6.2 6.5	123,070 132,470	ii ii	65.00 67.00	8,000,000 8,875,000
Hay, Grain	1975 1974	5,540 6,200	2.8	15,512 10,540	11	57.50 55.00	892,000 580,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1975 1974	1,290 1,500					217,000 338,000
Range Land	1975 1974	176,000 180,000					608,000 450,000

#### FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	ıction			V.	alue	
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per				Per		
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit		Unit	To	tal
Silage - Sorghum .	1975 1974	 120	1.6	 192	Ton	\$	130.25	\$	25,000
Sugar beets (†)	1975 1974	1,300 1,075	35.5 25.7	46,150 27,628	H H		27.50 59.75		269,000 651,000
Wheat	1975 1974	15,500 14,000	.43 .50	6,665 7,000	11		118.50 140.00		790,000 980,000
Misc. Field Crops (≠)	1975 1974								216,000 286,000
Total	1975 1974	232,350 233,692				• 100 1			,314,000 ,291,100
Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops									
Alfalfa	1975 1974	450 <i>(</i> * 500 <i>(</i> *		40,050 55,000	Lbs.	. \$	.45 .60	\$	18,000 33,000

<sup>(/)</sup> Does not include estimated \$64,875.00 Sugar Act payments for 1974 No payments for Sugar Act received in 1975

<sup>(\(\</sup>neq\)) Amount shown for 1975 includes \$200,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1974 includes \$286,000 for such grazing. Straw also included in misc. figure.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

# VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

		Production			Value					
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per		Unit	Per Unit		Total		
Bean Sprouts	1975 1974	Acreage	Acre	6,600 5,334	Ton	\$ 377	7.50 5.00	\$ 2,492,000 2,000,000		
Beets, table	1975 1974	83 80	7.3 5.6	605 448	11 11		0.00 0.50	60,600 45,000		
Cabbage	1975 1974	209 205	15.8 16.8	3,302 3,444	11		9.25 2.25	394,000 386,000		
Carrots	1975 1974	300 400	34.0 27.0	10,200 10,800	11		0.00	1,836,000 1,944,000		
Cauliflower	1975 1974	51 45	10.0 7.3	510 329	11		0.00 5.50	61,000 38,000		
Chinese Food Vegetables	1975 1974	293 290	12.0 11.5	3,516 3,335	11 11		2.50 7.00	571,000 490,000		
Corn, sweet	1975 1974	2,235 1,740	4.7 4.8	10,504 8,352	H 11		8.75 1.00	3,033,000 2,430,000		
Lettuce, leaf	1975 1974	330 225	10.0 7.5	3,300 1,688	11 11		0.00 9.50	660,000 337,000		
Melons Cantaloupe	1975 1974	146 50	8.0 6.6	1,168 330	ii ji		28.50 38.00	150,000 46,000		
Watermelon	1975 1974	62 100	2.6 5.0	161 500	11 11		01.00 34.00	16,300 42,000		
Mushrooms	1975 1974	 	 	1,050 1,000	11		30.00	1,344,000 1,200,000		
Mustard & other greens	1975 1974	758 1,025	4.7 5.0	3,562 5,125	11 11		07.00 00.00	737,000 1,025,000		
Onions, dry	1975 1974	705 285	23.1 17.6	16,285 5,016	ts es		97.50 70.00	3,216,000 351,000		
Onions, green	1975 1974	860 675	12.6 12.6	10,836 8,505	H H		45.00 61.00	4,822,000 3,070,000		
Pumpkins	1975 1974		14.5 12.0	1,537 1,140	11		80.25 25.00	123,000 142,000		

## VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

			Produ	action		V	alue	
Crop	Year	Harvested	Per			Per		
		Acreage	Acre	Total	Unit	Unit	<u></u>	otal
Radishes	1975 1974	363 335	5.7 7.5	2,069 2,512	Ton	\$ 131.50 156.00	\$	272,000 392,000
Rhubarb	1975 1974	25 80	11.7 10.0	293 800	ii ti	288.00 175.00		84,400 140,000
Squash, Summer	1975 1974	106 95	4.5 4.3	477 409	11 11	312.25 318.00		149,000 130,000
Squash, Winter	1975 1974	73 35	10.0 10.3	730 361	)( )(	120.00 119.00		87,600 43,000
Tomatoes, Market	1975 1974	57 125	12.0 25.0	684 3,125	11 11	283.25 75.25		194,000 235,000
Turnips	1975 1974	143 210	15.1 12.6	2,159 2,520	11	135.75 155.00		293,000 391,000
Misc. Vegetables	1975 1974	267 150						278,000 150,000
Total	1975 1974	7,172 6,245						0,873,900 5,027,000

## NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			ction ea	Quantity Sold			Value	<u> </u>
Item	Year	House Acres	Field Acres	By Producers	Unit	Per Unit	TIO:	al
Nursery Crops		ACTES	ACTES	FIORUCEIS	UIILE	UILL		-01
Bedding plants	1975 1974		48 55	1,500,000 1,553,000	Flats \$	3.90 3.88	\$	5,850,000 6,026,000
Cacti-Succulents	1975 1974		6 13					188,000 180,000
Geranium cuttings	1975 1974		86 144	7,900,000 11,902,000	Cuttings	.09 .08		711,000 952,000
Ground cover	1975 1974		96 94	1,085,800 1,230,500	Flats	3.40 3.38		3,692,000 4,159,
Turf (sod & stolon)	1975 1974		58 62					271,000 261,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1975 1974		1,650 1,650	24,500,000 28,405,700	Plants	1.30 1.25		31,850,000 35,507,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dicondra seed & other specialties	1975 1974		54 54					701,000 622,000
Vegetable plants	1975 1974	16 15		690,000 902,650	Flats	2.40 2.24		1,656,000 2,022,000
Indoor plants foliage	1975 1974	50 33		15,803,300 12,754,000	Pots	.60 .52		9,482,000 6,632,C
Indoor potted flowering	1975 1974	34 30		1,411,000 1,285,000	11	2.00 2.08		2,822,000 2,673,000
Orchid plants	1975 1974	6 7						968,000 887,000
Total	1975 1974	106 85	1,998 2,072					58,191,000 59,921,000

## **CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES**

		Produc		Quantity			
		Are		Sold			'alue
Item	Year	House	Field	Ву		Per	· •
		Acres	Acres	Producers	Unit	Unit	Total
Carnations	1975 1974	21 21		11,400,000 10,360,000	Blooms \$	.075 \$ .07	855,000 725,000
Christmas trees	1975 1974		273 291	56,000 56,300	Trees	14.50 13.60	812,000 765,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1975 1974	7 10		639,000 810,000	Blooms	.32 .35	204,000 284,000
-Pompon	1975 1974	18 25	36 35	197,000 200,000	Bundle	3.00 2.80	591,000 560,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1975 1974	15 17					525,000 595,000
Miscelleaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1975 1974		258 259				1,290,000 1,295,000
Total	1975 1974	61 73	567 585				\$ 4,277,000 4,224,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS 1975 <u>Acres</u> 247,022 \$105,082,900

#### APIARY PRODUCTS

		Production			Val	ue
Item	Year	Total	Unit	Per Unit	.i.	otal
Honey	1975 1974	\$ 1,314,000 2,008,000	Lbs.	\$ .40 .40	\$	526,000 803,200
Beeswax	1975 1974	21,900 33,000	11 11	1.00		22,000 41,200
Pollination	1975 1974	11,400 12,500	Colonies "	10.00 10.00		114,000 125,000
Total	1975 1974				\$	662,000 969,400

# LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

			Produ			V	alue
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Unit	Total
CATTLE & CALVES Dairy							
Cows	1975 1974	12,500 15,000		<del></del>		\$ 	\$ 
Cull Cows	1975 1974		4,200 5,000	4,200,000 5,000,000	Cwt.	21.60 26.77	907,000 1,339,000
Calves	1975 1974	750 1,000	10,000 12,000		Head	10.00 25.00	100,000
Heifers	1975 1974	1,500 1,800	1,400 1,800	·	\$1 1\$	300.00 350.00	420,000 630,000
Beef Feeder Calves	1975 1974	4,000 5,000	5,000 8,500	1,000,000 1,700,000	Cwt.	28.00 40.33	280,000 686,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1975 1974	10,200 13,300	43,000 40,000	12,900,000 12,000,000	11	41.20 41.74	5,315,000 5,009,000
<u>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</u> Breeding Stock	1975 1974	31,000 32,000	 				
Fat Lambs	1975 1974	25,000 29,000	29,500 30,000	2,360,000 2,400,000	Cwt.	42.00 39.26	991,000 942,000
HOGS & PIGS Slaughter Hogs	1975 1974	3,200 3,300	4,200 4,000	504,000 480,000	Cwt.	45.30 33.87	228,000 163,0 <sup>00</sup>
BROILERS & FRYERS	1975 1974	98,000 200,000	585,000 1,035,000	2,340,000 3,622,500	Lbs.	.253 .258	592,000 935,000
OTHER CHICKENS Hens	1975 1974		347,000 428,000	1,215,000 1,499,000	Lbs.	.055	67,000 91,000
Laying Hens	1975 1974	577,000 612,000		 			
Roasters	1975 1974	415,000 571,000	1,683,000 1,500,000	10,940,000 8,250,000	Lbs.	.345 .350	3,774,000 2,888,000
TURKEYS	1975 1974	252,000 300,000	1,157,000 1,530,000	20,826,000 30,600,000	Lbs.	.328 .278	6,831,000 8,507,000

## LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

			Produ	ction			Value
Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Total Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
CHICKS	1975 1974	un un	5,241,000 7,729,000		Each	\$ .333 .184	\$ 1,745,000 1,422,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits)	1975 1974		 	 			340,000 336,000
<u>HORSES</u>	1975 1974	56,000 56,000	3,500 4,000		Head "	450.00 450.00	1,575,000 1,800,000
Total	1975 1974						\$23,165,000 25,048,000

					Value
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u> Market	1975 1974	1,881,000 2,767,000	Cwt.	\$ 9.39 8.36	\$ 17,663,000 23,132,000
Manufacturing	1975 1974	2,600 5,500	11 11	8.13 7.02	21,000 39,000
WOOL	1975 1974	327,000 327,000	Lbs.	.41 .67	135,000 219,000
EGGS_	1975 1974	11,732,000 12,444,000	Dozen	.498 .464	5,843,000 5,774,000
Total	1975 1974				\$ 23,662,000 29,164,000
GRAND TOTAL LIVESTO	OCK & POULTRY	PRODUCTION 1975			\$ 46,827,000



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#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

#### 1976 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Drought conditions in Los Angeles County during 1976 lowered yields in certain crop categories such as hay, grain, bean, cattle, and apiary products. Nevertheless, gross receipts from farm crops and livestock production increased to \$174,195,300; twenty-one million above the figure reported in 1975. Because of high, off-setting increases in vegetables, nursery stock, and irrigated field crops, the county returns were the highest in the past ten years.

Continuing urbanization brought a reduction in acreage of citrus in the eastern portion of the county. Coupled with lower prices during the later half of 1976, receipts were down over one million dollars. Yields were up in almonds, figs, and apples and with an increase in price in avocados and peaches, the total receipts for other fruits reached \$3,415,000. Strawberry acreage increased only slightly over 1975. Ideal growing conditions, improved cultural practices, and higher prices, however, brought \$4,724,000, a gain of one million dollars over 1975.

Grains, hay, and dry bean plantings dependent upon rainfall experienced a reduction of over one million dollars. Barley acreage harvested for grain was reduced by half over the previous year with the remainder cut as poor quality hay or not harvested at all. Reduced plant growth in the county's rangeland decreased estimated values 30%. Apiary products, another commodity effected by the drought, dropped almost in half to \$383,900 in 1976. A thousand acre increase in alfalfa to 20,865 acres and an increase in price and yield brought growers \$12,363,000.

Despite an increase in acreage, slightly lower yields and a price decrease resulted in only a minor change in returns for sugar beets. Total production in field crop values reached \$16,007,300, an increase of \$2,700,000 over 1975.

An increase of 1,000 acres, along with higher prices, resulted in a gain of six million dollars to the county's vegetable farmers. The county's sweet corn crop produced lower receipts due to less acreage and severe damage by birds. Dry onion acreage was up 500 acres and yields increased, but prices dropped from a record high in 1975. A great volume of Los Angeles County's vegetable production is sold at retail. This is reflected in the large returns to growers from tomatoes, squash, sweet corn, melons, and pumpkins. Total returns to the county's vegetable growers was \$26,632,500, an increase of 21% over 1975.

Gross receipts for 1976 from all categories of nursery stock increased by 17% over the 1975 season. The large dollar increase was due mostly to greater volume of plants being sold out of state and a general price increase in all types of nursery stock.

The total nursery dollar figure for 1976 was \$70,370,000. This is the highest figure ever attained for nursery categories in Los Angeles County. Among the record totals, the leading categories were: ornamental trees and shrubs, \$41,000,000; indoor foliage plants, \$11,531,000; bedding plants, \$6,204,000; and ground crovers, \$4,350,000.

Generally, total livestock and poultry production showed an increase in 1976 over the previous year. Although there was a decrease in fed cattle due to drought and in turkeys, this was more than offset by fryers and milk production both of which were up during 1976. In addition, the higher egg price minimized the effect of fewer eggs produced.

Valuation figures are based on delivery price at the market or on F.O.B. price for commodities shipped out-of-state. All prices have been compared with Federal-State Market News quotations.

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

PAUL B. ENGLER Agricultural Commissioner ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM Department of Health Services

March 31, 1977

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

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Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit		Per Unit	To	tal
CITRUS FRUITS									
Oranges Navel	1976 1975	118 283	4.7 5.2	555 1,472	Ton	\$	172.75 172.00	\$	95,900 253,000
Oranges Valencia	1976 1975	142 201	5.6 4.2	795 844	11 11		160.75 161.00		128,000 136,000
Lemons	1976 1975	705 953	7.9 9.0	5,570 8,577	11 11		162.00 224.50	1	902,000 ,925,000
Grapefruit	1976 1975	14 14	5.0 3.4	70 48	H H		150.00 125.00		10,500 6,000
Misc. Citrus	1976 1975	19 							10,700 
Total	1976 1975	998 1,451							,147,100 ,320,000
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS									
Almonds	1976 1975	675 939	.31	209	11 11		1,306.00		273,000
Apples	1976 1975	32 29	3.5 2.4	112 69	li II		223.25 174.00		25,000 12,000
4 <i>vocado</i> <b>s</b>	1976 1975	968 973	1.4 1.65	1,355 1,605	li It		956.50 640.00		,296,000 ,027,000
Chemies	1976 1975	39 35	1.1	43 45	11		697.50 667.00		30,000 30,000
Fiqs	1976 1975	17 23	9.4 3.3	160 76	11 13		1,518.75 1,645.00		243,000 125,000
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Peacheo Freestone	1976 1975	365 329	5.4 5.9	1,971 1,941	#1 #1		376.50 280.25		742,000 544,000

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# VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

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g mate Profess Alfright	1976 1975		ew 270	8,500 6,600	Ton	\$ 475.25 377.50	\$ 4,040,000 2,492,000
trete, table	1976 1975	67 83	11.8 7.3	790 606	!t	116.00 100.00	91,600 60,600
$dhh_{a,a}$	1976 1975	185 209	16.6 15.8	3,071 3,302	11 11	128.30 119.25	394,000 394,000
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dnukkjikover	1976 1975	42 51	8.5 10.0	357 510	<b>\$1</b>	135.00 120.00	48,200 61,000
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Moloma Cantaloupe & Messe	1976 1975	150 146	6.6 8.0	990 1,168	#1 14 · ·	158.50 128.50	157,000 150,000
Maring median	1976 1975	175 62	3.5 2.6	61 <i>2</i> 161	11	100.00 101.00	61,200 16,300
Marign and	1976 1975	ania not pais de-	to company	1,130 1,050	\$1	1,408.75 1,280.00	1,592,000 1,344,000
Masteril 4 ether mora	1976 1975	839 <b>7</b> 58	5.5 4.7	4,614 3,562	-1 st	224,50 207.00	1,036,000 737,000
onto <b>m,</b> Inj	1976 1975	1,200 705	29.2 23.1	35,040 16,285	±1	130.50 197.50	4,573,000 3,216,000
met man proper (1)	1976 1975		12.6	10,836	11	445.00	<b>4</b> ,822 <b>,</b> 00 ;
ynan, Arta p	1976 1975		12.0 14.5	1,560 1,537	11	97.75 80.25	152,000 123,000

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1917 was	1976 1975	365 363	7.1 5.7	2,592 2,069	Ton \$	124.00 131.50	\$ 321,000 272,000			
Handi see	1976 1975	9 25	10.0 11.7	90 293	# 1 1	262.00 288.00	23,600 84,400			
Spenik, Sammer (e.)	1976 1975	138 106	4.2 4.5	580 477	ji U	451.75 312.25	262,000 149,000			
ं सहरामां, ¥ि. ः त	1976 1975	43 73	12.0 10.0	516 730	<b>11</b>	79.50 120.00	41,000 87,600			
Domesting, March (c)	1976 1975	47 57	12.0	564 684	†# †1	400.75 283.25	226,000 194,000			
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# NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

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Budding plants	1976 1975		<b>47</b> 48	1,410,000 1,500,000	Flats \$	4.40 3.90	\$ 6,204,000 5,860,000
t per fulture action for	1976 1975		7 6				175,000 188, <b>0</b> 00
di mantum en Misjor	19 <b>76</b> 1975		80 86	8,130,000 7,900,000	Cuttings	.11	894,000 711,000
Annani e Ag	1976 1975		93 96	1,130,000 1,085,800	Flats	3.85 3.40	4,350,000 3,592,000
Traff (mod 4 mtolom)	1976 1975		63 53				355,000 271,000
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Value radials of America	1976 1975	14 16		480 <b>,</b> 500 690,000	Flats	2.3 <b>0</b> 2.40	7,105,000 1,656,000
Tedo er pilare Politika	1976 1975	55 50		17,210,964 5,803,300	Pots	.67 .60	000.831.000 900.844,9
Andrew process	1976 1975	<b>41</b> 34		1,248,000 1,411,000	11 10	2.08 0.00	21696,000 21696,000
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(Tarlo mas trece	1976 1975		216 273	50,500 56,000	Trees	13.90 14.50	702,000 812,000
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=Frompress	1976 1975	15 18	35 36	211,000 197,000	Bundle	3.10 3.00	654,000 591,000
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Read of	1976 1975	\$ 675,000 1,314,000	Lbs.	\$ .38 .40	£ 257,000 526,000
a areastage	1976 1975	11,250 21,900	11	1.15 1.00	12,900 22,00 <b>0</b>
A Completed	1976 1975	11,400 11,400	Colonies	10.00 10.00	114,000 114,000
gen y	1976 1975				\$ 383 <b>,900</b> 662 <b>,000</b>

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# LIVESTOC & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

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Species	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Patrick Binese falt	7/3 m.* +	Prove Part	10 15,97
CATTLE & CALVES							
Tainy Cowe	1976 1975	13,500 12,500	for one	400 \Jo	.m ru (	()	\$
Sull Cowe	1976 1975		4,500 4,200	4,500,000 4,200,000	Cwt.	25.20 21.60	1,134,000 907,000
Calves	1976 1975	1,000 750	10,500 10,000		Head	14.00 10.00	147,000 100,000
Heifers	1976 1975	1,500 1,500	1, <b>20</b> 0 1,400	 	11	300.00 300.00	360,000 420,000
Beef Feeder Calves	1976 1975	2,400 4,000	3,300 5,000	660,000 1,000,000	Cwt.	31.70 28.00	209,000 280,000
Fed Steere & Heifers	1976 1975	6,300 10,200	23,000 43,000	6,900,000 12,900,000	£1	38.10 41.20	2,629,000 5,009,000
<u>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</u> - Browling Stock	1976 1975	32,000 31,000	44 (4) 	ou ou		 	
Fat Lambe	1976 1975	28,600 25,000	30,000 29,500	2,400,000 2,360,000	Cwt.	47.50 42.00	1,140,000 991,000
<u>HOGE &amp; PTGS</u> - Staughter Hoge	1976 1975	3,000 3,200	4,500 4,200	550,000 504,000	Cwt.	43.30 45.30	234.000 228.0
BROTLERS & FEYERS	1976 1975	525,000 98,000	1,907,000 585,000	7,628,000 2,340,000	Lb.	.258 .253	1,968,000 592,000
CTHER CHICKENS Hone	1976 1975	<u></u>	<b>306,0</b> 00 3 <b>47,</b> 000	1,071,000 1,215,000	lo.	.089 .083	95 <b>,000</b> 67 <b>,</b> 000
Tageling Hone	1976 1975	464,000 577,000	***	<b>*</b>	o al jara. Paga sag	100 FM	mm ga.
Sonstera	1976 1975	492,000 415,000	1,740,000 1.683,000	11.310.800 10.910.000	lb.	.347 .345	3.928.000 3.774.000
TTNERYS	1976 1975	140,000 252,000	962,000 1,157,000	17,316,000 20,826.000	lh.	.301 .328	5.212.000 7.231.000

# LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

Species	**	<b>-</b> .		luction			Value
Marie 8	Year	Inventory	No. of Head	Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
THER LIVERFOCE Cracko, Poulto, Gracko, Kalbits, Chicko:	1976 1975	<del></del>		<del></del>		\$	\$1,115,000
	1973						340,000
HORGES	1976 1975	56,500 56,000	4,000 4,000		Head "	450.00 450.00	
Totai	1976 1975						\$19,968,000 23,165,000

Product	V	n 1 . t			Value
7.75 8.000	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	$\_$ Total
MTLe.					
Maple 6	1976 1975	2,245,000 1,881,000	Cwt.	\$9.39 9.39	\$21,081,000 17,663,000
Manuela maring	1976 1975	260 2,600	Cwt.	8.46 8.13	2,000 21,000
<u> </u>	1976 1975	267,000 327,000	Lb.	.633 .41	169,000 135,000
. Albino de la companione	1976 1975	9,475,000 11,732,000	Dozen "	.575 .498	5,448,000 5,843,000
, M. C.	1976	274,000	Lb.	2.00	548,000
Total	1976 1975				\$27,248,000 23,662,000
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#### SUMMARY

## 1972-1976, Inclusive

		1972		1973		1974	1975	1976
Citrus Fruits	\$	2,549,900	\$	2,033,000	\$	2,588,800	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 1,147,100
Mise. Fruits & Nuts		2,366,900		3,052,800		3,503,000	2,621,000	3,415,000
Berries		2,760,450		3,962,000		3,600,000	3,468,000	4,724,000
Field Crops		8,774,700		11,850,000		14,324,100	13,332,000	16,916,700
Vegetables		10,036,200		11,853,100		15,027,000	20,873,900	26,632,600
Nursery Stock		46,245,000		50,665,000		59,921,000	58,191,000	70,370,000
Cut Flowers		4,507,000		3,915,000		4,224,000	 4,277,000	 4,290,000
Total Plant Crops*	\$	77,240,150	\$	87,330,900	\$	103,187,900	\$ 105,082,900	\$ 26,595,400
Apiary Products	-	328,480		712,200		969,400	 662,000	 383,900
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$	77,568,630	\$	88,043,100	¢	104,157,300	\$ 105,744,900	\$ 126,979,300
Livestock & Poultry	_	43,099,000	an ya sansyo me	48,759,000		54,212,000	 46,827,000	 47,216,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$	120,667,630	\$	136,802,100	\$	158,369,300	\$ 152,571,900	\$ 174,195,300
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<sup>\*</sup>U.S. Department of Agricultural Payments not included in these stale to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.