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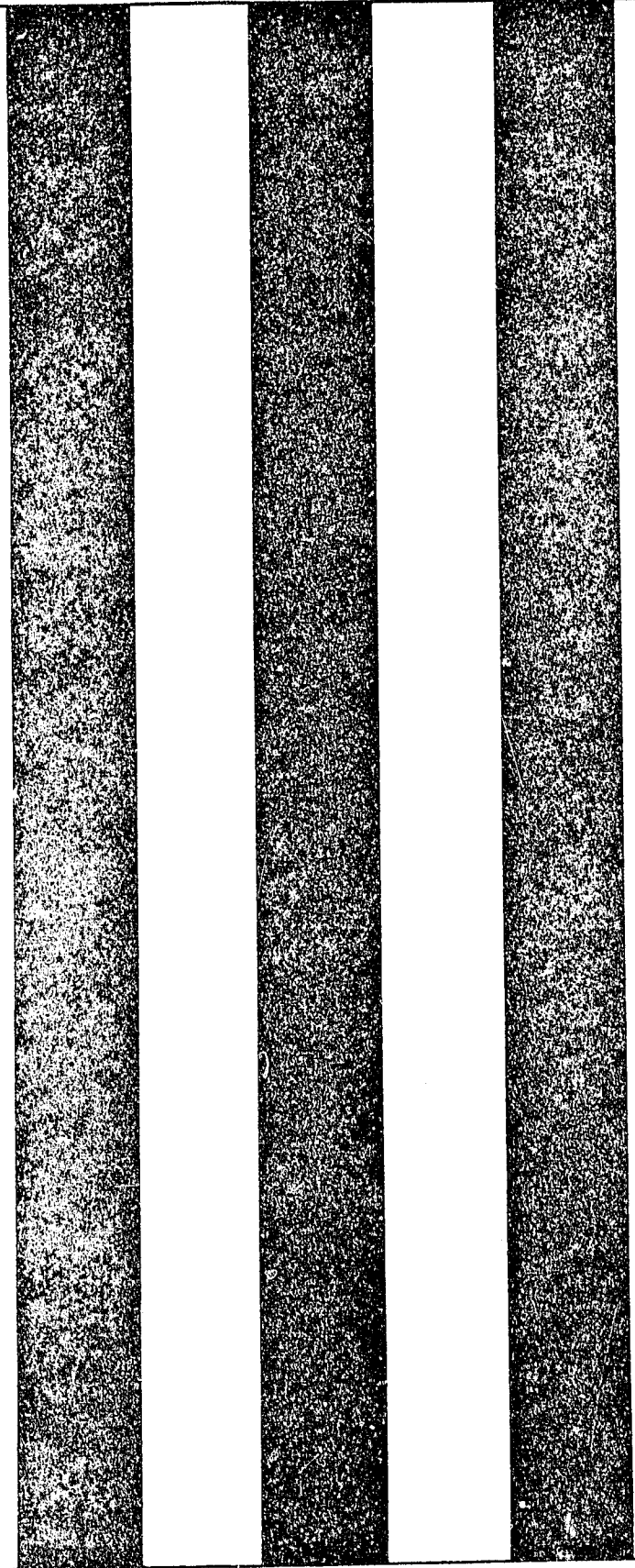
Los Angeles County

1977-1981

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*For many years one of L.A. County's leading vegetable crops---
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
1977 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County escaped the consequences of the state-wide drought in 1977 and recorded gross receipts of \$200,165,230--the highest total since 1959.

Gross returns for plant crops reached \$155 million, a new record for the county. Largest percentage gains for individual crops were in sugar beets and strawberries, with both commodities increasing 60 percent over the previous year. Nursery stock was again the highest revenue producer--\$82,123,000--and alfalfa plantings --with 23,845 acres--the leader in harvested acreage.

Fruits, berries, and nuts grossed \$13,724,700, an increase of \$4,438,700 over last year, with pear and peach production exceptionally good. Strawberry acreage increased some 200 acres and returned \$7.9 million to lead the category. Citrus crops declined sharply as additional plantings were removed for subdivision purposes.

Field crop totals dropped slightly in 1977 due primarily to lower returns for alfalfa hay. Despite acreage and production increases, alfalfa prices declined 35% to return near normal with gross returns of \$2.7 million. Higher returns to sugar beet producers--\$1.7 million--helped offset this loss while yields and prices for other grains were near average.

Vegetable crop acreage rose to 3,370 acres and total gross receipts increased to \$39,499,000--an increase of \$12.8 million. Largest acreage increases were in the Antelope Valley with dry onion acreage doubling and carrot acreage tripling. Coupled with excellent returns for other commodities such as radishes, County vegetable production reached the highest total in many years.

Nursery stock growers experienced an outstanding year in 1977 with production reaching an all time high of \$82,123,000. The 14% increase was due to unit price increase and greater volume of out-of-state sales which offset a reduction in the planting of ornamentals in California in reaction to drought concerns. Tree and shrub production led all nursery stock categories with \$51 million in returns. Indoor foliage plant production showed some weakening as demand for higher quality items forced an oversupply of faster growing varieties onto the market.

Cut flowers and other cut greens held their own in 1977, returning \$4,646,000 dollars, despite a decrease in acreage. Sales volume and price increases helped offset an otherwise substantial reduction.

Total livestock and poultry production--\$44,283,000--during 1977 decreased about 6 percent from 1976. Small declines in several commodities were responsible for the lowered value. Broilers and fryers, turkeys, cattle, and milk were the major depressing factors. Overall, egg production increased slightly but a decrease in price per dozen held down the total value.

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 to Federal-State Market News quotations.

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PAUL B. ENGLER
Agricultural Commissioner

ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM
Department of Health Services

April 1, 1978

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>								
Oranges	1977	84	8.25	693	Ton	\$	133.35	\$ 92,400
Navel	1976	118	4.7	555	"		172.75	95,900
Oranges	1977	140	8.4	1,176	"		123.25	145,000
Valencia	1976	142	5.6	795	"		160.75	128,000
Lemons	1977	397	9.5	3,772	"		105.25	397,000
	1976	705	7.9	5,570	"		162.00	902,000
Grapefruit	1977	14	6.7	94	"		120.00	11,300
	1976	14	5.0	70	"		150.00	10,500
Misc. Citrus	1977	6						14,000
	1976	19						10,700
Total	1977	641						659,700
	1976	998						1,147,100
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>								
Almonds	1977	410	.50	205	"		1,698.00	348,000
	1976	675	.31	209	"		1,306.00	273,000
Apples	1977	32	3.5	112	"		300.00	33,600
	1976	32	3.5	112	"		223.25	25,000
Avocados	1977	948	1.1	1,043	"		780.50	814,000
	1976	968	1.4	1,355	"		965.50	1,296,000
Cherries	1977	39	1.1	43	"		800.00	34,400
	1976	39	1.1	43	"		697.50	30,000
Figs	1977	14	8.7	122	"		1,901.65	232,000
	1976	17	9.4	160	"		1,518.75	243,000
Peaches	1977	368	6.6	2,429	"		400.00	972,000
Freestone	1976	365	5.4	1,971	"		376.50	742,000

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS (Cont'd)</u>							
Pears	1977	290	15.0	4,350	Ton \$	250.00	\$ 1,088,000
Bartlett	1976	290	9.5	2,755	"	233.50	643,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1977	416					343,000
	1976	376					163,000
Total	1977	2,517					5,095,000
	1976	2,762					3,415,000
<u>BERRIES</u>							
Strawberries	1977	524	22.4	11,738	"	679.00	7,970,000
	1976	325	21.6	7,020	"	673.00	4,724,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1977	3,682					\$ 13,724,700
	1976	4,085					9,286,100

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1977	9,827	.60	5,896	Ton \$	71.00	\$ 419,000
	1976	6,200	.29	1,798	"	111.25	200,000
Lima Beans	1977	247	.46	114	"	759.00	86,500
	1976	325	.15	49	"	700.00	34,300
Hay, Alfalfa	1977	23,895	7.9	188,770	"	51.00	9,627,000
	1976	20,865	7.5	156,488	"	79.00	12,363,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production			Value		
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Hay, Grain	1977	5,990	2.3	13,777	Ton \$	54.50	\$	751,000
	1976	8,500	1.2	10,200	"	79.00		806,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1977	1,420						284,000
	1976	1,125						213,000
Range Land	1977	175,000						481,000
	1976	175,000						438,000
Sugar Beets (a)	1977	3,700	35.0	129,500	"	23.00		2,978,000
	1976	2,088	30.4	63,475	"	20.30		1,289,000
Wheat	1977	7,600	.66	5,016	"	60.00		301,000
	1976	5,000	.42	2,100	"	120.00		252,000
Misc. Field Crops (b)	1977	284						332,000
	1976	820						412,000
Total	1977	227,963					\$	15,259,500
	1976	219,923						16,007,300

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1977	100(*)	89	8,900	Lbs. \$.70	\$	6,230
	1976	150(*)	89	13,350	"	.70		9,400

(a) No payments for Sugar Act received in 1977

(b) Dollar amount shown for 1977 includes \$337,250 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1976 includes \$237,000 for such grazing. Milo, silage, and Sudan grass are the only commodities included in misc. acreage figure.

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

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value			
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total		
Sprouts Bean & Alfalfa	1977	--	--	8,913	Ton	\$	500.00	\$	4,457,000
	1976	--	--	8,500	"		475.25		4,040,000
Beets, table	1977	137	10.5	1,439	"		159.00		229,000
	1976	67	11.8	790	"		116.00		91,600
Cabbage	1977	175	13.4	2,345	"		185.00		434,000
	1976	185	16.6	3,071	"		128.30		394,000
Carrots	1977	1,400	24.5	34,300	"		113.00		3,876,000
	1976	430	29.3	12,599	"		174.50		2,198,000
Cauliflower	1977	25	11.9	298	"		82.50		23,000
	1976	42	8.5	357	"		135.00		48,200
Chinese Food Vegetables	1977	249	20.5	5,105	"		117.00		597,000
	1976	291	12.7	3,696	"		150.00		554,000
Corn, sweet	1977	1,926	6.2	11,941	"		247.00		2,949,000
	1976	2,025	5.4	10,935	"		244.50		2,674,000
Lettuce, leaf	1977	235	5.5	1,293	"		245.00		317,000
	1976	250	6.6	1,650	"		218.25		360,000
Melons Cantaloupe & Misc.	1977	317	8.8	2,790	"		124.75		348,000
	1976	150	6.6	990	"		158.50		157,000
Watermelon	1977	65	10.0	650	"		180.00		117,000
	1976	175	3.5	612	"		100.00		61,200
Mushrooms	1977	--	--	1,250	"		2,000.00		2,500,000
	1976	--	--	1,130	"		1,408.75		1,592,000
Mustard & other greens	1977	989	4.4	4,352	"		289.25		1,259,000
	1976	839	5.5	4,614	"		224.50		1,036,000
Onions, dry	1977	2,532	27.1	68,617	"		141.50		9,709,000
	1976	1,200	29.2	35,040	"		130.50		4,573,000
Pumpkins	1977	159	14.6	2,321	"		116.00		269,000
	1976	130	12.0	1,560	"		97.75		152,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Per Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total			Per Unit	Total
Radishes	1977	1,152	10.5	12,096	Ton	\$ 200.25	\$ 2,422,000	
	1976	365	7.1	2,592	"	124.00	321,000	
Rhubarb	1977	13	5.7	74	"	351.25	26,000	
	1976	9	10.0	90	"	262.00	23,600	
Squash, Summer (c)	1977	103	3.3	340	"	579.50	197,000	
	1976	138	4.2	580	"	451.75	262,000	
Squash, Winter	1977	85	10.1	859	"	69.50	50,000	
	1976	43	12.0	516	"	79.50	41,000	
Tomatoes, Market (c)	1977	50	9.9	495	"	351.50	174,000	
	1976	47	12.0	564	"	400.75	226,000	
Turnips	1977	189	12.2	2,306	"	229.00	528,000	
	1976	198	12.0	2,376	"	187.50	446,000	
Misc. Vegetables	1977	1,779					9,008,000	
	1976	1,626					7,382,000	
Total	1977	11,580					\$ 39,499,000	
	1976	8,210					26,632,600	

(c) High unit price is due to large amounts sold at retail

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<i>Nursery Crops</i>							
Bedding plants	1977		47	1,508,300	Flats \$	4.70	\$ 7,089,000
	1976		47	1,410,000	"	4.40	6,204,000
Cacti-Succulents	1977		13				189,000
	1976		7				175,000
Geranium cuttings	1977		90	8,100,000	Cuttings	.11	891,000
	1976		80	8,130,000	"	.11	894,000
Ground cover	1977		110	1,192,106	Flats	3.72	4,435,000
	1976		98	1,130,000	"	3.85	4,350,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1977		38				277,000
	1976		63				355,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1977		1,685	31,120,800	Plants	1.64	51,038,000
	1976		1,658	30,375,000	"	1.35	41,000,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other specialties	1977		80				1,200,000
	1976		62				1,044,000
Vegetable plants	1977	12		657,600	Flats	2.95	1,940,000
	1976	14		480,500	"	2.30	1,105,000
Indoor plants foliage	1977	64		21,090,600	Pots	.50	10,545,000
	1976	55		17,210,964	"	.67	11,531,000
Indoor potted flowering	1977	41		1,863,700	"	1.78	3,317,000
	1976	41		1,248,000	"	2.08	2,596,000
Orchid plants	1977	5					1,202,000
	1976	5					1,116,000
Total	1977	122	2,063				\$ 82,123,000
	1976	115	2,015				70,370,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1977	17		12,036,000	Blooms	\$.09	\$ 1,083,000
	1976	19		9,953,000	"	.085	846,000
Christmas trees	1977		211	57,850	Trees	14.85	859,000
	1976		216	50,500	"	13.90	702,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1977	9		962,000	Blooms	.36	346,000
	1976	10		967,000	"	.36	348,000
-Pompon	1977	9	36	187,500	Bundle	3.40	638,000
	1976	15	35	211,000	"	3.10	654,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1977	7					280,000
	1976	10					385,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1977		240				1,440,000
	1976		243				1,355,000
Total	1977	42	487				\$ 4,646,000
	1976	54	495				4,290,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS 1977	Acres 236,138	Value \$155,258,430
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APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
		Total		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1977	\$ 1,020,000	Lbs.	\$.40	\$ 480,000
	1976	675,000	"	.38	257,000
Beeswax	1977	17,000	"	1.40	23,800
	1976	11,250	"	1.15	12,900
Pollination	1977	12,000	Colonies	10.00	120,000
	1976	11,400	"	10.00	114,000
Total	1977				\$ 623,800
	1976				383,900

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1977	\$155,882,230
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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value			
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total		
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>									
<i>Dairy</i>									
Cows	1977	10,000	--	--	--	\$	--	\$	--
	1976	13,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1977	--	3,300	3,300,000	Cwt.	24.70	815,000		
	1976	--	4,500	4,500,000	"	25.20	1,134,000		
Calves	1977	750	8,500	--	Head	14.50	123,000		
	1976	1,000	10,500	--	"	14.00	147,000		
Heifers	1977	1,250	1,200	--	"	350.00	420,000		
	1976	1,500	1,200	--	"	300.00	360,000		
<i>Beef</i>									
Feeder Calves	1977	2,700	3,700	740,000	Cwt.	33.70	249,000		
	1976	2,400	3,300	660,000	"	31.70	209,000		
Fed Steers & Heifers	1977	9,500	18,500	5,550,000	"	38.90	2,159,000		
	1976	6,300	23,000	6,900,000	"	38.10	2,629,000		
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>									
Breeding Stock	1977	33,200	--	--	--	--	--		--
	1976	32,000	--	--	--	--	--		--
Fat Lambs	1977	30,000	31,500	2,480,000	Cwt.	50.50	1,252,000		
	1976	28,600	30,000	2,400,000	"	47.50	1,140,000		
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>									
Slaughter Hogs	1977	3,200	4,200	504,000	"	40.90	206,000		
	1976	3,000	4,500	550,000	"	43.30	234,000		
<u>BROILERS & FRYERS</u>									
	1977	215,000	1,075,000	4,300,000	Lb.	.268	1,152,000		
	1976	525,000	1,907,000	7,628,000	"	.258	1,968,000		
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>									
Hens	1977	--	312,000	1,092,000	"	.081	88,000		
	1976	--	306,000	1,071,000	"	.089	95,000		
Laying Hens	1977	472,000	--	--	--	--	--		--
	1976	464,000	--	--	--	--	--		--
Roasters	1977	171,000	2,041,000	13,267,000	Lb.	.357	4,736,000		
	1976	492,000	1,740,000	11,310,000	"	.347	3,925,000		
<u>TURKEYS</u>									
	1977	30,500	749,000	13,482,000	"	.334	4,503,000		
	1976	140,000	962,000	17,316,000	"	.301	5,212,000		

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks, Poults,	1977	--	--	--	--	\$	\$ 690,000
Goats, Rabbits, Chicks)	1976	--	--	--	--	--	1,115,000
<u>HORSES</u>	1977	56,500	4,250	--	Head	450.00	1,913,000
	1976	56,500	4,000	--	"	450.00	1,800,000
<i>Total</i>	1977						\$ 18,306,000
	1976						19,968,000

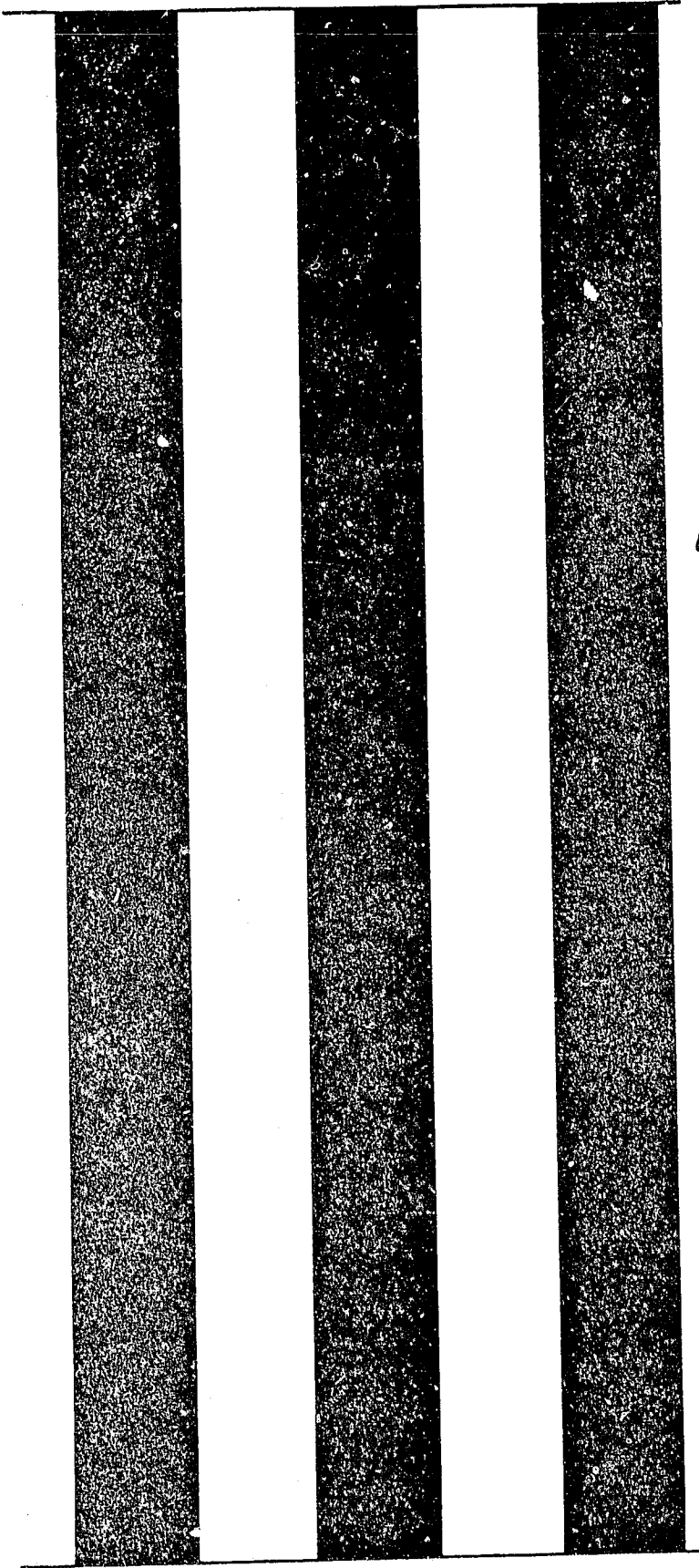
Product	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u>					
<i>Market</i>	1977	2,011,000	Cwt.	\$10.106	\$ 20,323,000
	1976	2,245,000	"	9.39	21,081,000
<i>Manufacturing</i>	1977	3,300	"	7.09	23,000
	1976	260	"	8.46	2,000
<u>WOOL</u>					
	1977	312,000	Lb.	1.00	312,000
	1976	267,000	"	.633	169,000
<u>EGGS</u>					
	1977	9,637,000	Dozen	.494	4,760,000
	1976	9,475,000	"	.575	5,448,000
<u>WORMS</u>					
	1977	280,000	Lb.	2.00	560,000
	1976	274,000	"	2.00	548,000
<i>Total</i>	1977				\$ 25,977,000
	1976				27,248,000
GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION 1977					\$ 44,283,000

SUMMARY

1973-1977, Inclusive

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
<i>Citrus Fruits</i>	\$ 2,033,000	\$ 2,588,800	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 1,147,100	\$ 659,700
<i>Misc. Fruits & Nuts</i>	3,052,800	3,503,000	2,621,000	3,415,000	5,095,000
<i>Berries</i>	3,962,000	3,600,000	3,468,000	4,724,000	7,970,000
<i>Field Crops</i>	11,850,000	14,324,100	13,332,000	16,016,700	15,265,730
<i>Vegetables</i>	11,853,100	15,027,000	20,873,900	26,632,600	39,499,000
<i>Nursery Stock</i>	50,665,000	59,921,000	58,191,000	70,370,000	82,123,000
<i>Cut Flowers</i>	3,915,000	4,224,000	4,277,000	4,290,000	4,646,000
<i>Total Plant Crops*</i>	\$ 87,330,900	\$ 103,187,900	\$ 105,082,900	\$ 126,595,400	\$ 155,258,430
<i>Apiary Products</i>	712,200	969,400	662,000	383,900	623,800
<i>Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products</i>	\$ 88,043,100	\$ 104,157,300	\$ 105,744,900	\$ 126,979,300	\$ 155,882,230
<i>Livestock & Poultry</i>	48,759,000	54,212,000	46,827,000	47,216,000	44,283,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$136,802,100	\$158,369,300	\$152,571,900	\$174,195,300	\$200,165,230

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Despite the adverse impact of record rainfall, which delayed plantings and interrupted harvest, 1978 gross receipts from Los Angeles County crop and livestock production increased to \$204,000,000--the highest total recorded in twenty years.

Crop categories showing significant gains included: nursery stock, to \$92,820,000 and field crops, to \$17,456,000. All other fruit and vegetable categories showed substantial increases in gross returns as unit prices climbed despite declines in acreage planted.

FRUIT CROPS

For the second consecutive year, deciduous fruit and nut production and sales demand were above normal. High unit prices helped to offset lost dollar value in this category brought about by a decline in citrus and avocado acreage and production. The overall gross value of fruit crops, including strawberries, was \$12,036,700 dollars. Leading fruit crops were--peaches and nectarines, \$1,212,905; pears \$1,211,000 and berries \$6,845,000.

FIELD CROPS

Extremely heavy rainfall was beneficial to alfalfa hay, dry lima beans and rangeland production. Increased tonnage and higher unit prices in 1978 forced the field crop value to a record high of \$17,456,000-- a figure that is \$2,196,500 above the 1977 season. Gross figures for county field crops could have been even greater if late rainfall had not prevented planting of additional acreage.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Unusually inclement weather at time of winter and early spring vegetable planting tended to curtail the number of acres placed under cultivation. As a result the production of early harvested vegetables was greatly reduced. Nevertheless, above normal production together with record high unit prices of later-harvested commodities accounted for the still substantial gross value of \$33,656,700. A major loss of 2,565 acres occurred in carrots, dry onions and mustard greens. Leading vegetable crops were--bean & alfalfa sprouts \$6,875,000; sweet corn \$2,954,000; dry onion \$5,941,000; and radish \$2,830,000.

NURSERY CROPS

Nursery crops recorded a gain of over 10% for the fourth consecutive year. The total increase over the past four years amounts to \$34,629,000 dollars. Increased out of state demand for Los Angeles County nursery stock was one of the major factors in gross returns reaching the record high figure of \$92,820,000 dollars.

NURSERY CROPS (cont)

For the last two seasons most wholesale ornamental shrubs & trees nurseries have not been able to meet the consumers needs within or out of the state. Leading categories were--ornamental trees & shrubs \$60,060,000; indoor foliage plants \$11,937,000; bedding plants \$6,103,000; ground covers \$5,688,000.

CUT FLOWERS

Cut flowers and cut greens again held steady, returning \$4,511,000, despite some loss of acreage and delays in spring planting due to heavy rainfall. Price increases for most products, plus a slightly greater demand, were significant factors in preventing a substantial reduction in this category.

APIARY PRODUCTS

Apiary operators had a bumper year compared to 1977 as gross receipts reached \$1,319,000 dollars. Record rainfall stimulated native chaparral and agricultural growth to produce heavy bloom, which in return led to an unusually heavy honey flow.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Total livestock and poultry production of \$42,401,000 for 1978 was down 4% from 1977. Most all areas showed some decrease but increased prices minimized the overall reduction. The continuing exodus of dairy cows and laying hens from Los Angeles County was evident in lower milk and egg report values.

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 to Federal-State Market News quotations.

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

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April 1, 1979

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>								
Oranges	1978	40	4.7	188	Ton \$	239.35	\$ 45,000	
Navel	1977	84	8.25	693	"	133.35	92,400	
Oranges	1978	123	5.9	726	"	238.30	173,000	
Valencia	1977	140	8.4	1,176	"	123.25	145,000	
Lemons	1978	336	4.9	1,646	"	236.25	389,000	
	1977	397	9.5	3,772	"	105.25	397,000	
Grapefruit	1978	24	2.1	50	"	150.00	7,500	
	1977	14	6.7	94	"	120.00	11,300	
Misc. Citrus	1978	8					7,000	
	1977	6					14,000	
Total	1978	531					621,500	
	1977	641					659,700	
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>								
Almonds (a)	1978	400	.50	200	"	3,000.00	600,000	
	1977	410	.50	205	"	1,698.00	348,000	
Apples (b)	1978	32	3.9	125	"	438.50	54,800	
	1977	32	3.5	112	"	300.00	33,600	
Avocados	1978	710	1.5	1,065	"	788.50	840,000	
	1977	948	1.1	1,043	"	780.50	814,000	
Cherries	1978	43	1.1	47	"	804.25	37,800	
	1977	39	1.1	43	"	800.00	34,400	
Figs	1978	14	13.1	183	"	1,230.00	225,000	
	1977	14	8.7	122	"	1,901.65	232,000	
Peaches	1978	368	6.9	2,539	"	458.50	1,164,000	
Freestone	1977	368	6.6	2,429	"	400.00	972,000	

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS (Cont'd)</u>								
Pears (b)	1978	290	8.4	2,436	Ton \$	497.00	\$	1,211,000
Bartlett	1977	290	15.0	4,350	"	250.00		1,088,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1978	412						437,000
	1977	416						343,000
Total	1978	2,269						4,569,600
	1977	2,517						5,095,000
<u>BERRIES</u>								
Strawberries	1978	538	20.1	10,814	"	633.00		6,845,000
	1977	524	22.4	11,738	"	679.00		7,970,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1978	3,438					\$	12,036,100
	1977	3,682						13,724,700

(a) High unit price is due to crop losses in other growing areas in California

(b) High unit prices are due to large amounts sold at retail

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Barley	1978	6,260	.46	2,880	Ton \$	93.50	\$	269,000
	1977	9,827	.60	5,896	"	71.00		419,000
Lima Beans (c)	1978	380	.50	190	"	1,020.00		194,000
	1977	247	.46	114	"	759.00		86,500
Hay, Alfalfa	1978	23,875	8.6	205,325	"	60.00		12,320,000
	1977	23,895	7.9	188,770	"	51.00		9,627,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Hay, Grain	1978	4,790	2.0	9,580	"	52.00	498,000
	1977	5,990	2.3	13,777	"	54.50	751,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1978	1,050					365,000
	1977	1,420					284,000
Range Land	1978	180,000					720,000
	1977	175,000					481,000
Sugar Beets (d)	1978	3,200	28.0	89,600	"	28.00	2,509,000
	1977	3,700	35.0	129,500	"	23.00	2,978,000
Wheat	1978	6,310	.32	2,019	"	96.50	195,000
	1977	7,600	.66	5,016	"	60.00	301,000
Misc. Field Crops (e)	1978	210					386,000
	1977	284					332,000
Total	1978	226,075					\$ 17,456,000
	1977	227,963					15,259,500

Average, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1978	300(*)	89	26,700	Lbs. \$.73	\$	19,500
	1977	100(*)	89	8,900	"	.70		6,230

(e) High unit price reflects the fact that most lima bean harvest was sold as certified seed.

(d) No payments for Sugar Act received in 1978

(e) Dollar amount shown for 1978 includes \$350,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1977 includes \$337,250 for such grazing. Milo, Safflower, Garbanzos, and Sudan grass are the only other commodities included in misc. acreage figure.

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

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Sprouts Bean & Alfalfa	1978	--	--	13,480	Ton	\$ 510.00	\$ 6,875,000
	1977	--	--	8,913	"	500.00	4,457,000
Beets, table	1978	114	10.8	1,231	"	119.50	147,000
	1977	137	10.5	1,439	"	159.00	229,000
Cabbage	1978	161	16.5	2,656	"	191.50	509,000
	1977	175	13.4	2,345	"	185.00	434,000
Carrots	1978	142	24.2	3,437	"	254.50	875,000
	1977	1,400	24.5	34,300	"	113.00	3,876,000
Cauliflower	1978	24	10.8	259	"	119.50	31,000
	1977	25	11.9	298	"	82.50	23,000
Chinese Food Vegetables	1978	225	20.6	4,635	"	132.00	612,000
	1977	249	20.5	5,105	"	117.00	597,000
Corn, sweet	1978	1,979	4.8	9,499	"	311.00	2,954,000
	1977	1,926	6.2	11,941	"	247.00	2,949,000
Lettuce, leaf	1978	233	5.6	1,305	"	296.50	387,000
	1977	235	5.5	1,293	"	245.00	317,000
Melons Cantaloupe & Misc.	1978	145	8.1	1,175	"	224.75	264,000
	1977	317	8.8	2,790	"	124.75	348,000
Watermelon	1978	130	10.0	1,300	"	200.00	260,000
	1977	65	10.0	650	"	180.00	117,000
Mushrooms (f)	1978	--	--	--		--	--
	1977	--	--	1,250	"	2,000.00	2,500,000
Mustard & other greens	1978	671	5.0	3,355	"	242.00	812,000
	1977	989	4.4	4,352	"	289.25	1,259,000
Onions, dry	1978	1,717	20.0	34,340	"	173.00	5,941,000
	1977	2,532	27.1	68,617	"	141.50	9,709,000
Pumpkins	1978	198	15.7	3,108	"	96.00	298,000
	1977	159	14.6	2,321	"	116.00	269,000
Relishes	1978	1,227	9.2	11,288	"	250.75	2,830,000
	1977	1,152	10.5	12,096	"	200.25	2,422,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Rhubarb	1978	13	5.1	66	"	419.50	27,700
	1977	13	5.7	74	"	351.25	26,000
Squash, Summer	1978	89	6.2	552	"	297.00	164,000
	1977	103	3.3	340	"	579.50	197,000
Squash, Winter	1978	113	12.0	1,356	"	80.50	109,000
	1977	85	10.1	859	"	69.50	60,000
Tomatoes, Market (c)	1978	44	15.0	660	"	525.00	346,000
	1977	50	9.9	495	"	351.50	174,000
Turnips	1978	157	10.2	1,601	"	274.00	439,000
	1977	189	12.2	2,306	"	229.00	528,000
Misc. Vegetables	1978	1,296					9,776,000
	1977	1,779					9,008,000
Total	1978	8,678					\$ 33,656,700
	1977	11,580					39,499,000

(c) High unit price is due to large amounts sold at retail

(f) Mushroom figures are now included in Misc. Vegetables figures.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<i>Nursery Crops</i>							
Bedding plants	1978		43	1,293,000	Flats \$	4.72	6,103,000
	1977		47	1,508,300	"	4.70	\$ 7,089,000
Cacti-Succulents	1978		11				175,000
	1977		13				189,000
Geranium cuttings	1978		144	9,755,000	Cuttings	.11	1,073,000
	1977		90	8,100,000	"	.11	891,000
Ground cover	1978		113	1,351,000	Flats	4.21	5,688,000
	1977		110	1,192,106	"	3.72	4,435,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1978		45				355,000
	1977		38				277,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1978		1,765	38,500,000	Plants	1.56	60,060,000
	1977		1,685	31,120,800	"	1.64	51,038,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other specialties	1978		70				1,697,000
	1977		80				1,200,000
Vegetable plants	1978		8	500,000	Flats	3.02	1,510,000
	1977		12	657,600	"	2.95	1,940,000
Indoor plants foliage	1978		66	23,873,500	Pots	.50	11,937,000
	1977		64	21,090,600	"	.50	10,545,000
Indoor potted flowering	1978		30	1,402,500	"	2.15	3,018,000
	1977		41	1,863,700	"	1.78	3,317,000
Orchid plants	1978		5				1,204,000
	1977		5				1,202,000
Total	1978		109	2,191			\$ 92,820,000
	1977		122	2,063			82,123,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1978	17		10,550,000	Blooms	\$.085	\$ 897,000
	1977	17		12,036,000	"	.09	1,083,000
Christmas trees	1978		214	48,000	Trees	18.50	888,000
	1977		211	57,850	"	14.85	859,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1978	9		900,000	Blooms	.40	360,000
	1977	9		962,000	"	.36	346,000
-Pompon	1978	9	30	187,400	Bundle	3.50	656,000
	1977	9	36	187,500	"	3.40	638,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1978	7					294,000
	1977	7					280,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1978		236				1,416,000
	1977		240				1,440,000
Total	1978	42	480				\$ 4,511,000
	1977	42	487				4,646,000

TOTAL ALL PLANTS CROPS
1978

Acres
240,913

Value
\$160,499,300

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Total			Per Unit	Total
Honey	1978	\$ 2,400,000		Lbs.	\$.43	\$ 1,032,000
	1977	1,020,000		"	.40	480,000
Beeswax	1978		40,000	"	1.55	62,000
	1977		17,000	"	1.40	23,800
Pollination	1978		15,000	Colonies	15.00	225,000
	1977		12,000	"	10.00	120,000
Total	1978					\$ 1,319,000
	1977					623,800

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1978

\$161,818,300

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value		
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total	
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>								
Dairy	1978	6,500	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ --	--
Cows	1977	10,000	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1978	--	2,100	2,100,000	Cwt.	36.60		769,000
	1977	--	3,300	3,300,000	"	24.70		815,000
Calves	1978	900	6,000	--	Head	32.33		194,000
	1977	750	8,500	--	"	14.50		123,000
Heifers	1978	1,100	1,000	--	"	500.00		500,000
	1977	1,250	1,200	--	"	350.00		420,000
Beef								
Feeder	1978	1,000	2,000	400,000	Cwt.	52.50		209,000
Calves	1977	2,700	3,700	740,000	"	33.70		249,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1978	8,000	14,000	4,200,000	"	51.50		2,163,000
	1977	9,500	18,500	5,550,000	"	38.90		2,159,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>								
Breeding	1978	34,000	--	--	--	--		--
Stock	1977	33,200	--	--	--	--		--
Fat Lambs	1978	30,500	32,000	2,560,000	Cwt.	60.70		1,554,000
	1977	30,000	31,500	2,480,000	"	50.50		1,252,000
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>								
Slaughter	1978	3,200	4,200	504,000	"	48.30		243,000
Hogs	1977	3,200	4,200	504,000	"	40.90		206,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1978	190,000	1,022,000	4,088,000	Lb.	.283		1,157,000
	1977	215,000	1,075,000	4,300,000	"	.268		1,152,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>								
Hens	1978	--	175,000	613,000	"	.070		43,000
	1977	--	312,000	1,092,000	"	.081		88,000
Laying Hens	1978	265,000	--	--	--	--		--
	1977	472,000	--	--	--	--		--
Roasters	1978	649,000	2,415,000	15,698,000	Lb.	.380		5,965,000
	1977	171,000	2,041,000	13,267,000	"	.357		4,736,000

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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (Cont.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1978	20,700	626,000	11,268,000	Lb.	\$.423	\$4,766,000
	1977	30,500	749,000	13,482,000	"	.334	4,503,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks,	1978	--	--	--	--	--	728,000
Poults,	1977	--	--	--	--	--	690,000
Goats, Rabbits, Chicks)							
<u>HORSES</u>	1978	60,000	4,500	--	Head	550.00	2,475,000
	1977	56,500	4,250	--	"	450.00	1,913,000
<i>Total</i>	1978						20,766,000
	1977						18,306,000

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u> Market	1978	1,750,000	Cwt.	\$ 10.504	\$18,382,000
	1977	2,011,000	"	10.106	20,323,000
Manufacturing	1978	--	"	--	--
	1977	3,300	"	7.09	23,000
<u>OL</u>	1978	357,000	Lb.	.77	275,000
	1977	312,000	"	1.00	312,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1978	5,411,000	Dozen	.447	2,418,000
	1977	9,637,000	"	.494	4,760,000
<u>WORMS</u>	1978	280,000	Lb.	2.00	560,000
	1977	280,000	"	2.00	560,000
<i>Total</i>	1978				\$21,635,000
	1977				25,977,000

GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION 1978

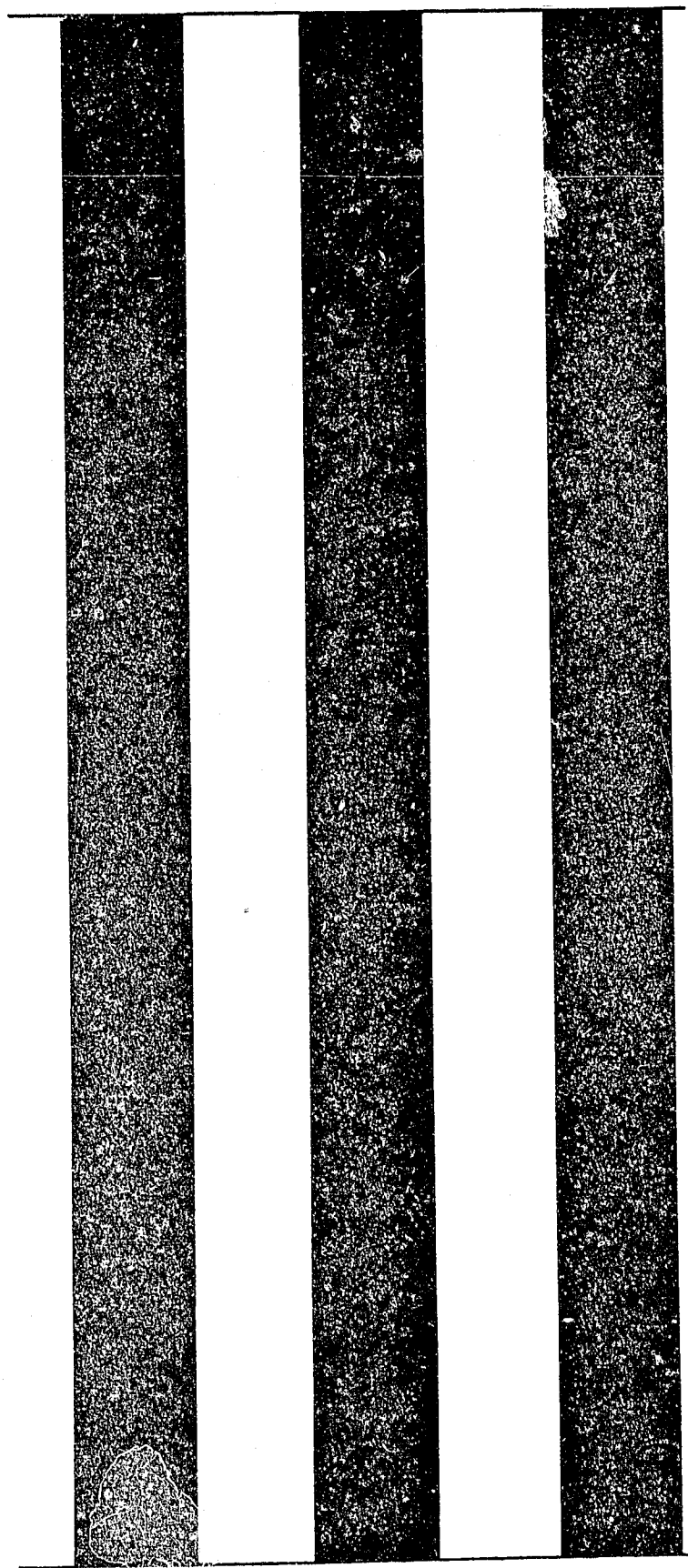
\$42,401,000

SUMMARY

1974-1978, Inclusive

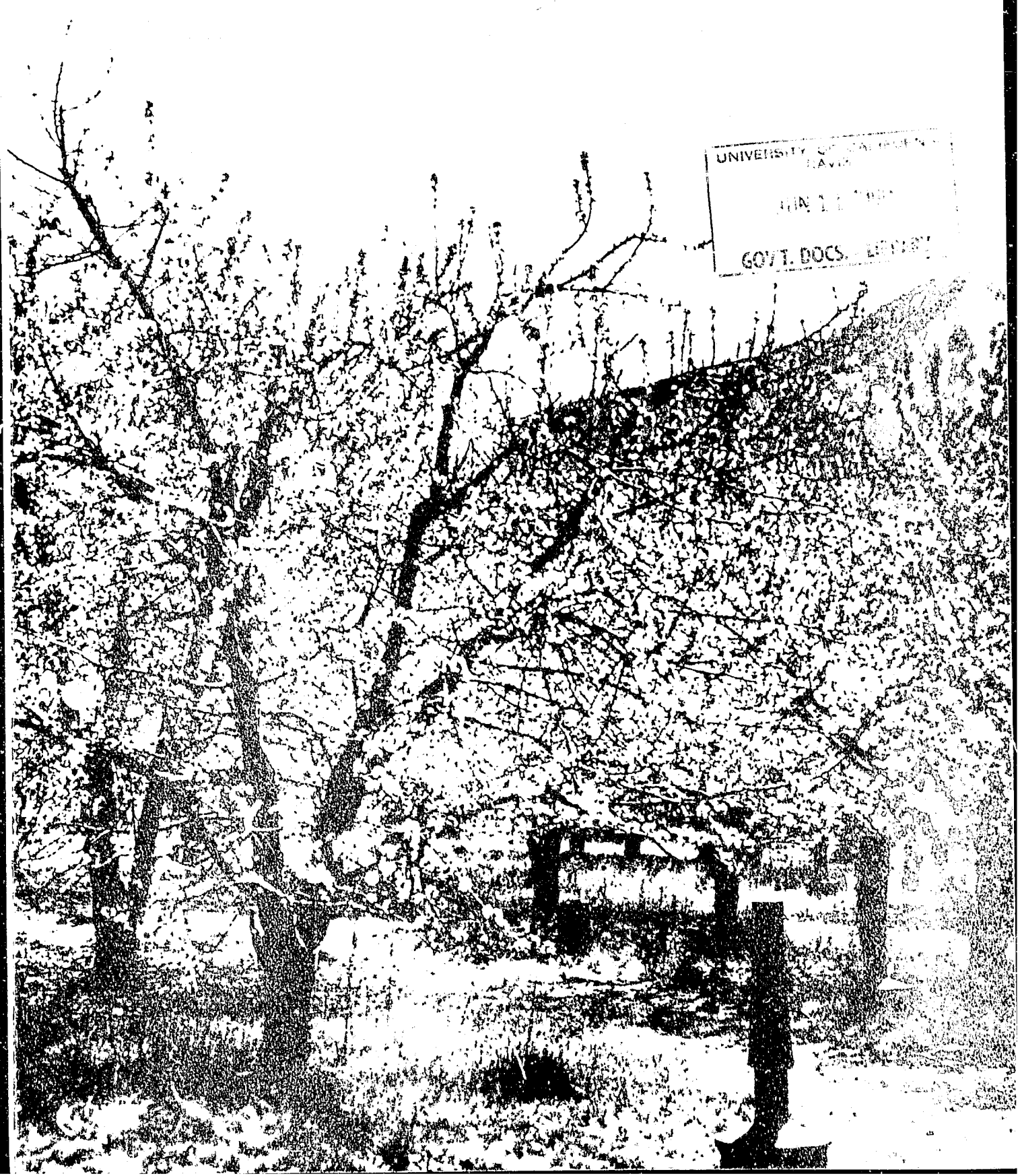
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
<i>Citrus Fruits</i>	\$ 2,588,800	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 1,147,100	\$ 659,700	\$ 621,500
<i>Misc. Fruits & Nuts</i>	3,503,000	2,621,000	3,415,000	5,095,000	4,569,600
<i>Berries</i>	3,600,000	3,468,000	4,724,000	7,970,000	6,845,000
<i>Field Crops</i>	14,324,100	13,332,000	16,016,700	15,265,730	17,475,500
<i>Vegetables</i>	15,027,000	20,873,900	26,632,600	39,499,000	33,656,700
<i>Nursery Stock</i>	59,921,000	58,191,000	70,370,000	82,123,000	92,820,000
<i>Cut Flowers</i>	4,224,000	4,277,000	4,290,000	4,646,000	4,511,000
<i>Total Plant Crops*</i>	\$103,187,900	\$105,082,900	\$126,595,400	\$155,258,430	\$160,499,300
<i>Apiary Products</i>	969,400	662,000	383,900	623,800	1,319,000
<i>Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products</i>	\$104,157,300	\$105,744,900	\$126,979,300	\$155,882,230	\$161,818,300
<i>Livestock & Poultry</i>	54,212,000	46,827,000	47,216,000	44,283,000	42,401,000
<i>AND TOTAL</i>	\$158,369,300	\$152,571,900	\$174,195,300	\$200,165,230	\$204,219,300

**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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Deciduous Fruit Trees in Bloom....Peach, plum and cherry acreage continued to increase over the past five years in the Antelope Valley area of Los Angeles County. Many growers of deciduous fruit sell a large volume of their product at retail roadside stands as well as in the wholesale market.

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Agricultural crops in Los Angeles County developed well under near normal rainfall and a minimum of weather problems during the 1979 season. Gross receipts for crop and livestock production increased to a figure of \$219,282,700--the highest total in over twenty-four years. Major crop categories showing substantial increases were: nursery stock \$104,671,000; vegetable crops \$34,537,000; and field crops \$23,342,000.

FRUIT CROPS

Deciduous fruit and nut production and sales demand were strong. A gross dollar figure of \$9,695,000 continued to show the influence of inflationary pressures in all fruit crop prices. Production and value were well above 1978 for avocados, \$1,205,000, and peaches, \$1,406,000. Strawberry yields showed a major reduction following loss of planted acreage and severe early frost damage resulting in a \$2,400,000 loss.

FIELD CROPS

Near normal yields of most field crops and higher prices in 1979 again forced field crop value to a record high of \$23,342,000. Extremely high unit prices for alfalfa hay throughout the year was a major factor in a \$5,800,000 increase in total field crop value.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Vegetable crops regained over half of the 2,000 acres lost in 1978 due to inclement weather with gross receipts reaching \$34,537,000. Higher prices along with some increases in production were the major influences in a higher gross dollar figure. Leading vegetable crops were--bean & alfalfa sprouts \$7,854,000. Dry onions \$4,802,000; radishes \$4,655,000 and sweet corn \$2,617,000.

NURSERY CROPS

Increasing demand for nursery stock grown in Los Angeles County has spiraled the total value to \$104,671,000 during 1979. Instrumental in the steady increase is greater demand by out of state customers. Gross value could have been even greater if it were not for the fact that the industry was unable to keep pace with demand in many categories of nursery stock. Leading categories were--ornamental trees and shrubs \$70,601,000. Indoor foliage plants \$10,046,000; bedding plants \$8,023,000 and ground covers \$5,721,000.

CUT FLOWERS

Price increases for most cut flowers and cut greens more than compensated for a slight but steady decline in acreage during the 1979 season; returning, \$4,414,000. Competition from foreign imports continued to influence returns to local producers.

APIARY PRODUCTS

Honey production was lower than in 1978 due to a lighter bloom on native and agricultural vegetation, thus restricting the abundance of nectar and pollen. However, price increases for honey, beeswax and pollination all made substantial gains resulting in a total of \$1,067,000.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Higher cattle prices were instrumental in maintaining the 1979 livestock and poultry production at near the previous year's level with a total of \$41,557,000. Dairy cattle continued to leave the County as indicated by decreased milk production. Broiler production was also down in the north county area but this loss was more than offset by expanded roaster and turkey flocks.

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

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>								
Lemons	1979	232	3.3	766	Ton	\$	528.75	\$ 405,000
	1978	336	4.9	1,646	"		236.25	389,000
Misc. Citrus (a)	1979	136						90,500
	1978	8						7,000
Total	1979	368						495,500
	1978	531						621,500

(a) Misc. Citrus now includes all orange varieties, grapefruit and limes.

OTHER FRUITS & NUTS

Almonds	1979	400	.244	98	"		2,245.00	220,000
	1978	400	.50	200	"		3,000.00	600,000
Apples (b)	1979	32	2.2	70	"		447.00	31,300
	1978	32	3.9	125	"		438.50	54,800
Avocados	1979	710	2.2	1,562	"		771.50	1,205,000
	1978	710	1.5	1,065	"		788.50	840,000
Cherries	1979	49	1.1	54	"		839.00	45,300
	1978	43	1.1	47	"		804.25	37,800
Figs	1979	14	12.4	174	"		1,615.00	281,000
	1978	14	13.1	183	"		1,230.00	225,000
Peaches Freestone	1979	420	7.0	2,940	"		478.25	1,406,000
	1978	368	6.9	2,539	"		458.50	1,164,000
Pears (b) Bartlett	1979	260	8.1	2,106	"		520.00	1,095,000
	1978	290	8.4	2,436	"		497.00	1,211,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1979	410						484,000
	1978	412						437,000
Total	1979	2,295						4,766,600
	1978	2,269						4,569,000

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>BERRIES</u>								
Strawberries	1979	436	12.9	5,624	Ton	\$ 788.00	\$ 4,432,000	
	1978	538	20.1	10,814	"	633.00	6,845,000	
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TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1979	3,099					\$ 9,695,100	
	1978	3,438					12,036,100	

(b) High unit prices are due to large amounts sold at retail

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1979	5,402	.29	1,567	Ton	\$ 109.75	\$ 172,000
	1978	6,260	.46	2,880	"	93.50	269,000
Lima Beans (c)	1979	--	--	--	"	--	--
	1978	380	.50	190	"	1,020.00	194,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1979	23,210	8.5	197,285	"	95.00	18,742,000
	1978	23,875	8.6	205,325	"	60.00	12,320,000
Hay, Grain	1979	2,390	1.5	3,585	"	60.00	215,000
	1978	4,790	2.0	9,580	"	52.00	498,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1979	1,040					390,000
	1978	1,050					365,000
Range Land	1979	180,000					901,000
	1978	180,000					720,000
Sugar Beets (d)	1979	2,200	31.0	68,200	"	32.00	2,182,000
	1978	3,200	28.0	89,600	"	28.00	2,509,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Wheat	1979	5,119	.16	773	Ton	\$ 141.00	\$ 109,000
	1978	6,310	.32	2,019	"	96.50	195,000
Misc. Field Crops (e)	1979	775					504,000
	1978	210					386,000
Total	1979	220,361					\$ 23,329,000
	1978	226,075					17,456,000

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1979	200(*)	89	17,800	Lbs.	\$.75	\$ 13,300
	1978	300(*)	89	26,700	"	.73	19,500

- (c) Dry Lima Beans figures included in misc. field crops.
- (d) No payments for Sugar Act received in 1979.
- (e) Dollar amount shown for 1979 includes \$280,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1978 includes \$350,000 for such grazing. Milo, Safflower, Garbanzos, and Dry Lima Beans are the only other commodities included in misc. acreage figure.
- (*) Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<i>Sprouts</i>								
<i>Bean & Alfalfa</i>	1979	--	--	14,000	Ton	\$ 561.00	\$ 7,854,000	
	1978			13,480	"	510.00	6,875,000	
<i>Beets, table</i>	1979	25	13.4	335	"	140.50	47,000	
	1978	114	10.8	1,231	"	119.50	147,000	
<i>Cabbage</i>	1979	50	5.7	285	"	282.00	80,400	
	1978	161	16.5	2,656	"	191.50	509,000	
<i>Carrots</i>	1979	240	21.0	5,040	"	166.25	838,000	
	1978	142	24.2	3,437	"	254.50	875,000	
<i>Cauliflower</i>	1979	7	6.8	48	"	210.00	10,000	
	1978	24	10.8	259	"	119.50	31,000	
<i>Chinese Food Vegetables</i>	1979	86	18.0	1,548	"	160.00	248,000	
	1978	225	20.6	4,635	"	132.00	612,000	
<i>Corn, sweet</i>	1979	1,586	5.0	7,930	"	330.00	2,617,000	
	1978	1,979	4.8	9,499	"	311.00	2,954,000	
<i>Lettuce, leaf</i>	1979	25	4.5	175	"	303.00	53,000	
	1978	233	5.6	1,305	"	296.50	387,000	
<i>Melons Cantaloupe & Misc. (f)</i>	1979	--	--	--	"	--	--	
	1978	145	8.1	1,175	"	224.75	264,000	
<i>Watermelon</i>	1979	165	10.0	1,650	"	196.50	324,000	
	1978	130	10.0	1,300	"	200.00	260,000	
<i>Mustard & other greens</i>	1979	534	5.5	2,937	"	311.00	913,000	
	1978	671	5.0	3,355	"	242.00	812,000	
<i>Onions, dry</i>	1979	1,728	22.5	38,880	"	123.50	4,802,000	
	1978	1,717	20.0	34,340	"	173.00	5,941,000	
<i>Pumpkins</i>	1979	112	11.3	1,266	"	90.00	114,000	
	1978	198	15.7	3,108	"	96.00	298,000	
<i>Radishes</i>	1979	1,532	10.7	16,392	"	284.00	4,655,000	
	1978	1,227	9.2	11,288	"	250.75	2,830,000	
<i>Rhubarb</i>	1979	11	4.3	48	"	487.50	23,400	
	1978	13	5.1	66	"	419.50	27,700	

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Squash, Summer	1979	88	5.9	519	Ton	\$ 349.00	\$ 181,000
	1978	89	6.2	552	"	297.00	164,000
Squash, Winter (f)	1979	--	--	--	"	--	--
	1978	113	12.0	1,356	"	80.50	109,000
Tomatoes, Market	1979	43	6.4	275	"	393.00	108,000
	1978	44	15.0	660	"	525.00	346,000
Turnips	1979	28	11.7	328	"	211.50	69,400
	1978	157	10.2	1,601	"	274.00	439,000
Misc. Vegetables	1979	1,594					11,600,000
	1978	1,296					9,776,000
Total	1979	9,448					\$ 34,537,300
	1978	8,678					33,656,700

(f) Cantaloupe and misc. melons, winter squash are included in misc. vegetable figures.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<i>Nursery Crops</i>							
Bedding plants	1979		41	1,415,000	Flats	\$ 5.67	\$ 8,023,000
	1978		43	1,293,000	"	4.72	6,103,000
Cacti-Succulents	1979		10				196,000
	1978		11				175,000
Geranium cuttings	1979		93	4,800,000	Cuttings	.15	720,000
	1978		144	9,755,000	"	.11	1,073,000
Ground cover	1979		101	1,212,000	Flats	4.72	5,721,000
	1978		113	1,351,000	"	4.21	5,688,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1979		32				410,000
	1978		45				355,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1979		1,768	41,047,000	Plants	1.72	70,601,000
	1978		1,765	38,500,000	"	1.56	60,060,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other specialties	1979		72				2,880,000
	1978		70				1,697,000
Vegetable plants	1979	5		496,800	Flats	3.57	1,774,000
	1978	8		500,000	"	3.02	1,510,000
Indoor plants foliage	1979	55		15,047,700	Pots	.65	10,046,000
	1978	66		23,873,500	"	.50	11,937,000
Indoor potted flowering	1979	30		1,350,000	"	2.32	3,132,000
	1978	30		1,402,500	"	2.15	3,018,000
Orchid plants	1979	7					1,168,000
	1978	5					1,204,000
Total	1979	97	2,117				\$ 104,671,000
	1978	109	2,191				92,820,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1979	17		8,867,000	Blooms	\$.105	\$ 931,000
	1978	17		10,550,000	"	.085	897,000
Christmas trees	1979		200	40,200	Trees	20.00	804,000
	1978		214	48,000	"	18.50	888,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1979	5		750,000	Blooms	.40	300,000
	1978	9		900,000	"	.40	360,000
-Pompon	1979	6	24	144,000	Bundle	3.60	518,000
	1978	9	30	187,400	"	3.50	656,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1979	7					303,000
	1978	7					294,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1979		230				1,558,000
	1978		236				1,416,000
Total	1979	35	454				\$ 4,414,000
	1978	42	480				4,511,000

TOTAL ALL PLANTS CROPS
1979

Acres
235,611

Value
\$176,658,700

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		Total			Per Unit	Total
Honey	1979	1,500,000		Lbs.	.50	\$ 750,000
	1978	2,400,000		"	.43	1,032,000
Beeswax	1979	25,000		"	1.88	47,000
	1978	40,000		"	1.55	62,000
Pollination	1979	15,000		Colonies	18.00	270,000
	1978	15,000		"	15.00	225,000
Total	1979					\$ 1,067,000
	1978					1,319,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1979

\$177,725,700

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>						\$	\$
Dairy	1979	4,500	--	--	--	--	--
Cows	1978	6,500	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1979	--	1,500	1,500,000	Cwt.	49.80	747,000
	1978	--	2,100	2,100,000	"	36.60	769,000
Calves	1979	850	4,200	--	Head	69.00	290,000
	1978	900	6,000	--	"	32.33	194,000
Heifers	1979	1,800	1,800	--	"	550.00	990,000
	1978	1,100	1,000	--	"	500.00	500,000
Beef							
Feeder Calves	1979	3,850	6,000	1,200,000	Cwt.	76.70	920,000
	1978	1,000	2,000	400,000	"	52.50	209,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1979	7,500	15,000	4,500,000	"	67.70	3,047,000
	1978	8,000	14,000	4,200,000	"	51.50	2,163,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMPS</u>							
Breeding Stock	1979	44,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1978	34,000	--	--	--	--	--
Fat Lambs	1979	38,000	42,000	3,360,000	Cwt.	66.50	2,234,000
	1978	30,500	32,000	2,560,000	"	60.70	1,554,000
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>							
Slaughter Hogs	1979	5,000	7,000	840,000	"	45.90	386,000
	1978	3,200	4,200	504,000	"	48.30	243,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1979	60,000	652,000	2,608,000	Lb.	.295	769,000
	1978	190,000	1,022,000	4,088,000	"	.283	1,157,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>							
Hens	1979	--	270,000	945,000	"	.100	94,500
	1978	--	175,000	613,000	"	.070	43,000
Laying Hens	1979	270,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1978	265,000	--	--	--	--	--
Roasters	1979	818,000	2,470,000	16,055,000	Lb.	.400	6,422,000
	1978	649,000	2,415,000	15,698,000	"	.380	5,965,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (CONT.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1979	48,500	733,100	13,194,000	Lb. \$.420	\$ 5,542,000
	1978	20,700	626,000	11,268,000	"	.423	4,766,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u> (Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits, Chicks)	1979	--	--	--	--	--	749,000
	1978	--	--	--	--	--	728,000
<u>HORSES</u>	1979	64,000	4,800	--	Head	600	2,880,000
	1978	60,000	4,500	--	"	550	2,475,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1979						25,071,000
	1978						20,766,000

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Value Total
<u>MILK</u>					
Market	1979	1,103,000	Cwt.	\$ 11.55	\$12,740,000
	1978	1,750,000	"	10.504	18,382,000
Manufacturing	1979	11,000	"	10.60	117,000
	1978	--	--	--	--
<u>WOOL</u>	1979	364,370	Lb.	.78	284,000
	1978	357,000	"	.77	275,000
<u>Eggs</u>	1979	5,513,000	Dozen	.495	2,729,000
	1978	5,411,000	"	.447	2,418,000
<u>WORMS</u>	1979	308,000	Lb.	2.00	616,000
	1978	280,000	"	2.00	560,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	1979				\$16,486,000
	1978				21,635,000

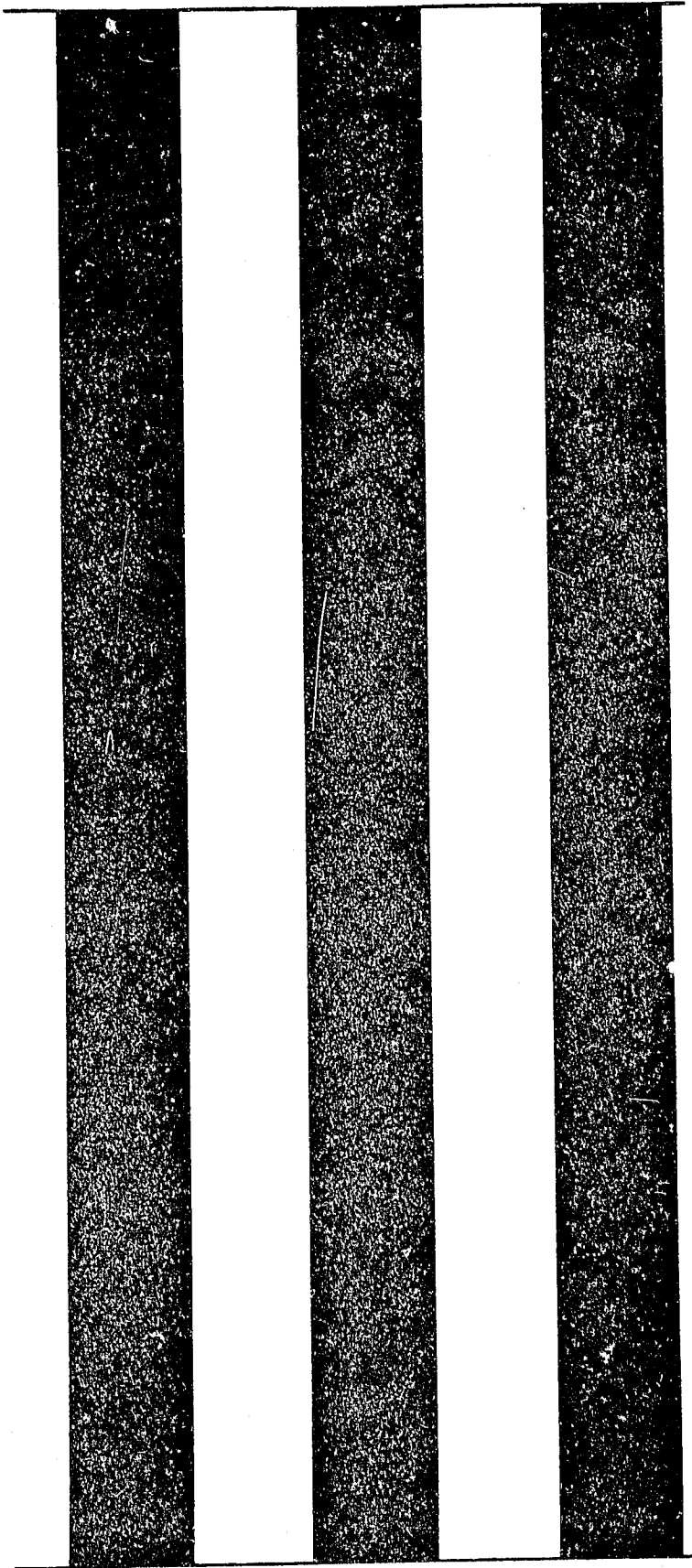
<u>GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION 1979</u>	\$41,557,000
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SUMMARY

1975-1979, Inclusive

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
<i>Citrus Fruits</i>	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 1,147,100	\$ 659,700	\$ 621,500	\$ 495,500
<i>Misc. Fruits & Nuts</i>	2,621,000	3,415,000	5,095,000	4,569,600	4,766,600
<i>Berries</i>	3,468,000	4,724,000	7,970,000	6,845,000	4,432,000
<i>Field Crops</i>	13,332,000	16,016,700	15,265,730	17,475,500	23,342,300
<i>Vegetables</i>	20,873,900	26,632,600	39,499,000	33,656,700	34,537,300
<i>Nursery Stock</i>	58,191,000	70,370,000	82,123,000	92,820,000	104,671,000
<i>Cut Flowers</i>	4,277,000	4,290,000	4,646,000	4,511,000	4,414,000
<i>Total Plant Crops*</i>	\$105,082,900	\$126,595,400	\$155,258,430	\$160,499,300	\$176,658,700
<i>Apiary Products</i>	662,000	383,900	623,800	1,319,000	1,067,000
<i>Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products</i>	\$105,744,900	\$126,979,300	\$155,882,230	\$161,818,300	\$177,725,700
<i>Livestock & Poultry</i>	46,827,000	47,216,000	44,283,000	42,401,000	41,557,000
 <i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	 \$152,571,900	 \$174,195,300	 \$200,165,230	 \$204,219,300	 \$219,282,700

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1980 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

A combination of weather favorable to agriculture and expected inflationary prices have pushed the value of agricultural products for Los Angeles County to an all time high of \$261,968,820. A gross value increase of 18% was realized for 1980.

The figures in this report are gross values, and in no way reflect net income to the producer, who must take into account the costs of production, harvesting and preparation for the market place before a profit can be realized.

FRUIT CROPS

Deciduous fruit and nut gross value figures were up in spite of a huge drop in production of pears and avocados. \$12,127,100 was received for all such products. The decline in pear production was due to weather conditions and fire blight disease. Because of a heavy bloom in avocados in 1979, a light 1980 crop was expected. Strawberries are still the number one fruit crop with \$7,739,800 dollar value. Citrus acreage in Los Angeles County is declining at a very rapid rate. Of all the citrus fruits, only lemons can keep its identity in the report and not fall into the miscellaneous Citrus category.

FIELD CROPS

Field crops held their own this year and also showed an increase in dollar value. Alfalfa hay and sugar beets lead the way in the dollar race; \$19,066,100 for alfalfa hay and \$6,079,500 for sugar beets. Total value for all field crops was \$27,687,600.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Production acreage in Los Angeles County for vegetable crops is slowly declining each year while prices go higher. Reported acreage decreased by 1,408 acres. With vegetable acreage this figure can fluctuate from year-to-year due to crop demand. \$39,020,900 was the gross value for 1980 with bean and alfalfa sprouts topping the list at \$8,400,000 followed by dry onions at \$3,186,000.

NURSERY STOCK

Nursery stock remains Los Angeles County's leading crop with a \$122,500,000 value. This continuing high value through the years is due to high quality and strong demand for the product. The leading categories were, ornamental trees and shrubs, \$83,255,000, indoor foliage \$11,399,000 and ground cover \$5,932,000. Out of state shipping of nursery stock from Los Angeles County is responsible for a large portion of the total crop value.

CUT FLOWERS

The cut flower and cut green producer had a banner year in 1980. Excellent weather at the right time, strong market, and high prices gave the industry a \$5,837,000 dollar income. Timing of bloom with the market demand was the key factor in making this past year a good one.

APIARY

1980 was another good year for the beekeeper. The past three years have been good with 1978 the banner year. The best honey flow usually comes after a drought year followed by a wet year. 1981 is being predicted to be a poor year for honey producers. 1980 gross figures for honey, beeswax, and pollination was \$911,000, down \$156,000 dollars, but was still considered a good year for the beekeeper.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Total livestock and poultry production of \$59,606,220 dollars for 1980 was up 30% from 1979. Most categories showed significant increases. A large commercial producer of broilers re-entered the field and boosted broiler production by five million dollars.

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	1979	400	.244	98	"		2,245.00	220,000
Apples (b)	1980	--	--	--			--	--
	1979	32	2.2	70	"		447.00	31,300
Avocados	1980	710	.7	497	"		1,880.00	934,400
	1979	710	2.2	1,562	"		771.50	1,205,000
Cherries	1980	50	1.0	50	"		840.00	42,000
	1979	49	1.1	54	"		839.00	45,300
Figs	1980	10	15.0	50	"		1,895.00	284,200
	1979	14	12.4	174	"		1,615.00	281,000
Peaches Freestone	1980	500	7.0	3,500	"		434.75	1,521,600
	1979	420	7.0	2,940	"		478.25	1,406,000
Pears Bartlett (c)	1980	260	3.0	780	"		545.50	425,500
	1979	260	8.1	2,106	"		520.00	1,095,000
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	1980	452						607,200
	1979	410						484,000
Total	1980	2,377						3,960,900
	1979	2,295						4,767,600

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (CONT.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<i>BERRIES</i>								
Strawberries	1980	401	22.6	9,063	Ton	\$	854.00	\$ 7,739,800
	1979	436	12.9	5,624	"		788.00	4,432,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS								
	1980	3,032						\$12,127,100
	1979	3,099						9,695,100

(b) Apple figures included in misc. fruits and nuts.

(c) Low production was cause of lower total value.

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
Barley	1980	6,034	.32	1,931	Ton	\$	110.00	\$ 212,400
	1979	5,402	.29	1,567	"		109.75	172,000
Hay, Alfalfa	1980	22,916	8.0	183,328	"		104.00	19,066,100
	1979	23,210	8.5	197,285	"		95.00	18,742,000
Hay, Grain	1980	1,500	2.0	3,000	"		60.60	181,800
	1979	2,390	1.5	3,585	"		60.00	215,000
Pasture - Irrigated	1980	550						211,700
	1979	1,040						390,000
Range Land	1980	242,250						1,190,000
	1979	180,000						901,000
Sugar Beets (d)	1980	3,860	35.0	135,100	"		45.00	6,079,500
	1979	2,200	31.0	68,200	"		32.00	2,182,000

FIELD CROPS (CONT.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Wheat	1980	6,945	.20	1,389	Ton	\$ 100.00	\$ 138,900
	1979	5,119	.16	773	"	141.00	109,000
Misc. Field Crops (e)	1980	493					607,200
	1979	775					504,000
Total	1980	284,548					\$ 27,687,600
	1979	220,136					23,215,000

Acreage, production
& value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1980	190(*)	89	16,910	Lbs.	\$.80	\$ 13,500
	1979	200(*)	89	17,800	"	.75	13,300

(c) Dry Lima Beans figures included in misc. field crops.

(d) No payments for Sugar Act received in 1979.

(e) Dollar amount shown for 1980 includes \$537,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1979 includes \$280,000 for such grazing. Milo, Safflower, Garbanzos, and Dry Lima Beans are the only other commodities included in Misc. acreage figures.

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

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
<i>Sprouts</i>							
<i>Bean & Alfalfa</i>	1980	--	--	14,200	Ton	\$ 591.50	\$ 8,400,000
	1979	--	--	14,000	"	561.00	7,854,000
<i>Beets, table</i>	1980	28	11.2	314	"	172.75	54,200
	1979	25	13.4	335	"	140.50	47,000
<i>Cabbage</i>	1980	24	12.1	290	"	153.00	44,400
	1979	50	5.7	285	"	282.00	80,400
<i>Carrots</i>	1980	50	26.0	1,300	"	300.00	390,000
	1979	240	21.0	5,040	"	166.25	838,000
<i>Cauliflower (f)</i>	1980	--	--	--	"	--	--
	1979	7	6.8	48	"	210.00	10,100
<i>Chinese Food Vegetables</i>	1980	92	10.2	935	"	285.00	266,500
	1979	86	18.0	1,548	"	160.00	248,000
<i>Corn, sweet</i>	1980	1,493	6.9	10,260	"	330.00	3,385,800
	1979	1,586	5.0	7,930	"	330.00	2,617,000
<i>Lettuce, leaf</i>	1980	71	5.2	367	"	420.50	154,300
	1979	25	4.5	175	"	303.00	53,000
<i>Watermelon</i>	1980	260	10.0	2,600	"	219.25	570,000
	1979	165	10.1	1,650	"	196.50	324,000
<i>Mustard & other greens</i>	1980	547	6.9	3,774	"	264.25	997,300
	1979	534	5.5	2,937	"	311.00	913,000
<i>Onions, dry</i>	1980	456	25.0	11,400	"	279.50	3,186,000
	1979	1,728	22.5	38,880	"	123.50	4,802,000
<i>Pumpkins</i>	1980	92	21.4	1,969	"	132.25	260,400
	1979	112	11.3	1,266	"	90.00	114,000
<i>Radishes (f)</i>	1980	--	--	--	"	--	--
	1979	1,532	10.7	16,392	"	284.00	4,655,000
<i>Rhubarb</i>	1980	12	4.2	50	"	632.50	31,600
	1979	11	4.3	48	"	487.50	23,400
<i>Squash, Summer</i>	1980	115	4.3	495	"	402.00	199,000
	1979	88	5.9	519	"	349.00	181,000
<i>Tomatoes, Market</i>	1980	38	6.6	251	"	469.00	117,700
	1979	43	6.4	275	"	393.00	108,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (CONT.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Turnips	1980	24	8.6	206	Ton	\$ 285.50	\$ 58,800
	1979	28	11.7	328	"	211.50	69,400
Misc. Vegetables	1980	3,144					\$ 21,020,900
	1979	1,594					11,600,000
Total	1980	6,446					\$ 39,136,900
	1979	7,854					29,872,200

(f) Cauliflower and radishes are now included in misc. vegetable figures.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<i>Nursery Crops</i>							
Bedding plants	1980		43	1,404,000	Flats	\$ 6.10	\$ 8,557,000
	1979		41	1,415,000	"	5.67	8,023,000
Cacti-Succulents	1980		10			.31	255,000
	1979		10			--	196,000
Geranium cuttings	1980		94	4,453,000	Cuttings	.16	702,000
	1979		93	4,800,000	"	.15	720,000
Ground cover	1980		104	1,209,000	Flats	4.90	5,932,000
	1979		101	1,212,000	"	4.72	5,721,000
Turf (sod & stolon)	1980		32				431,000
	1979		32				410,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1980		1,838	38,303,885	Plants	2.17	83,255,000
	1979		1,768	41,047,000	"	1.72	70,601,000
Miscellaneous Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra seed & other specialities	1980		72				3,080,000
	1979		72				2,880,000
Vegetable plants	1980	5		465,000	Flats	3.89	1,810,000
	1979	5		496,800	"	3.57	1,774,000
Indoor plants foliage	1980		53	15,140,000	Pots	.62	9,384,000
	1979		55	15,047,700	"	.65	10,046,000
Indoor potted flowering	1980		22	640,000	Pots	3.15	2,015,000
	1979		30	1,350,000	"	2.32	3,132,000
Orchid plants	1980		7				1,242,000
	1979		7				1,168,000
Total	1980		87	2,193			\$ 116,663,000
	1979		97	2,117			104,671,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1980	17		11,475,000	Blooms	\$.145	\$ 1,721,000
	1979	17		8,867,000	"	.105	931,000
Christmas trees	1980		187	40,470	Trees	24.00	971,000
	1979		200	40,200	"	20.00	804,000
Chrysanthemums -Stand. & disbuds	1980	8		782,000	Blooms	.50	391,000
	1979	5		750,000	"	.40	300,000
-Pompon	1980	10	31	165,000	Bundle	5.00	825,000
	1979	6	24	144,000	"	3.60	518,000
Orchids, cut all varieties	1980		7				371,000
	1979		7				303,000
Miscellaneous (cut greens & other cut flowers)	1980		230				1,558,000
	1979		230				1,558,000
Total	1980	42	448				\$ 5,837,000
	1979	35	454				4,414,000

TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS

	Acres	Value
1980	296,796	\$201,451,600
1979	235,611	176,658,700

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
		Total		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1980	1,200,000	Lbs.	\$.48	\$ 576,000
	1979	1,500,000	"	.50	750,000
Beeswax	1980	20,000	"	1.75	35,000
	1979	25,000	"	1.88	47,000
Pollination	1980	15,000	Colonies	20.00	300,000
	1979	15,000	"	18.00	270,000
Total	1980				\$ 911,000
	1979				1,067,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS 1980 \$202,896,600
1979 171,880,600

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>							
Dairy	1980	3,800	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ --
Cows	1979	4,500	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1980	--	1,300	1,300,000	Cwt.	46.20	600,600
	1979	--	1,500	1,500,000	"	49.80	747,000
Calves	80	1,200	3,600	--	Head	71.60	258,000
	1979	850	4,200	--	"	69.00	290,000
Heifers	1980	1,100	1,100	--	"	600.00	660,000
	1979	1,800	1,800	--	"	550.00	990,000
Beef							
Feeder Calves	1980	3,500	5,400	1,080,000	Cwt.	71.60	773,000
	1979	3,850	6,000	1,200,000	"	76.70	920,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1980	16,000	31,000	9,300,000	"	68.30	6,352,000
	1979	7,500	15,000	4,500,000	"	67.70	3,047,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>							
Breeding Stock	1980	44,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1979	44,000	--	--	--	--	--
Fat Lambs	1980	41,000	42,000	3,360,000	Cwt.	63.00	2,116,800
	1979	38,000	42,000	3,360,000	"	66.50	2,234,000
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>							
Slaughter Hogs	1980	5,300	11,000	1,320,000	Cwt.	40.90	540,000
	1979	5,000	7,000	840,000	"	45.90	386,000
<u>BROILERS & FRYERS</u>							
	1980	500,000	4,400,000	17,600,000	Cwt.	.32	5,600,000
	1979	60,000	652,000	2,608,000	"	.295	769,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>							
Hens	1980	--	310,000	1,085,000	Lb.	.09	97,600
	1979	--	270,000	945,000	"	.100	94,500
Laying Hens	1980	510,000	--	--	--	--	--
	1979	270,000	--	--	--	--	--
Roasters	1980	878,000	2,868,000	18,642,000	Lb.	.410	7,643,220
	1979	818,000	2,470,000	16,055,000	"	.400	6,422,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (CONT.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1980	45,000	878,000	15,804,000	Lb. \$.410	\$ 6,480,000
	1979	48,500	733,100	13,194,000	"	.420	5,542,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits, Chicks)	1980	--	--	--	--	--	766,000
	1979	--	--	--	--	--	749,000
<u>HORSES</u>	1980	83,000	6,200	--	Head	700	4,340,000
	1979	64,000	4,800	--	"	600	2,880,000

<u>TOTAL</u>	1980						\$36,227,220
	1979						25,071,000

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
<u>Milk</u> Market	1980	1,430,000	Cwt.	\$ 13.03	\$18,633,000
	1979	1,103,000	"	11.55	12,740,000
Manufacturing	1980	--	Cwt.	--	--
	1979	11,000	"	10.60	117,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1980	500,000	Lb.	.88	440,000
	1979	364,370	"	.78	284,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1980	5,591,000	Doz.	.49	2,740,000
	1979	5,513,000	"	.495	2,729,000
<u>WORMS</u>	1980	783,000	Lb.	2.00	1,566,000
	1979	308,000	"	2.00	616,000

<u>TOTAL</u>	1980					\$23,379,000
	1979					16,486,000

GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION 1980 \$59,606,220

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
LEADING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
(Over One Million Dollar Value)

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$83,255,000
2. Alfalfa, Hay	19,066,100
3. Milk	18,633,000
4. Indoor Plants	11,399,000
5. Bedding Plants	8,557,000
6. Sprouts (edible)	8,400,000
7. Strawberries	7,739,800
8. Sugar Beets	6,079,500
9. Ground Cover	5,932,000
10. Corn, Sweet	3,385,800
11. Onions, Dry	3,186,000
12. Eggs	2,740,000
13. Vegetable Plants	1,810,000
14. Carnations, Cut	1,721,000
15. Peaches	1,521,600
16. Orchid Plants	1,242,000

SUMMARY

1976-1980, Inclusive

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
<i>Citrus Fruits</i>	\$ 1,147,100	\$ 659,700	\$ 621,500	\$ 495,500	\$ 426,400
<i>Misc. Fruits & Nuts</i>	3,415,000	5,095,000	4,569,600	4,767,600	3,960,900
<i>Berries</i>	4,724,000	7,970,000	6,845,000	4,432,000	7,739,800
<i>Field Crops</i>	16,016,700	15,265,730	17,475,500	23,215,000	27,687,600
<i>Vegetables</i>	26,632,600	39,499,000	33,656,700	29,872,200	39,136,900
<i>Nursery Stock</i>	70,370,000	82,123,000	92,820,000	104,671,000	116,663,000
<i>Cut Flowers</i>	4,290,000	4,646,000	4,511,000	4,414,000	5,837,000
<i>Total Plant Crops*</i>	\$126,595,400	\$155,258,430	\$160,499,300	\$171,880,600	\$201,451,600
<i>Apiary Products</i>	383,900	623,800	1,319,000	1,067,000	911,000
<i>Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products</i>	\$126,979,300	\$155,882,230	\$161,818,300	\$172,947,600	\$202,362,600
<i>Livestock & Poultry</i>	47,216,000	44,283,000	42,401,000	41,557,000	59,606,220
GRAND TOTAL	\$174,195,300	\$200,165,230	\$204,219,300	\$214,504,100	\$261,968,820**

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

**Grand total does not include alfalfa seed figure.



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Paul B. Taylor, Commissioner

*" . . . It is time for us to kiss the earth again,
it is time to let the leaves rain from the skies,
let the rich life run to the roots again . . ."*

*Return—by Robinson Jeffers
1887-1962
American Poet*

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Integrated Pest Management Specialist*

*A commercial strawberry field under Edison powerlines
reflecting the continuing pressure of urban encroachment
on prime agriculture land in Los Angeles County.*

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1981 CROP & LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Agriculture remains healthy in Los Angeles County. Various crops on the decline were balanced out by the stronger ones and agricultural income maintained a type of equilibrium in a period of otherwise economic slowdown. In 1981, the gross value of agricultural products was up 3.4% to \$270,975,400. While the continued recession may have a major negative effect on 1982 figures, we are confident agriculture will remain a viable industry in Los Angeles County.

The figures in this report are gross values, and in no way reflect net income to the producer who must take into account the costs of production, harvesting and preparation for the market place before a profit can be realized.

FRUIT CROPS

Deciduous fruit and nut crop gross value figures remained strong for 1981. With the exception of declining almond acreage, total growing area remained relatively constant. Peach and avocado acreage shows signs of gradual increase in the future. Higher production of avocados and pears were offset by lower prices. Higher peach production along with stronger prices resulted in a 34% increase in gross value for this crop. Strawberry acreage remained fairly constant with slightly higher production and somewhat weaker prices. Total fruit and nut crops generated \$13,005,200 for 1981.

FIELD CROPS

Gross receipts for field crops showed a decline of 29% for 1981. A combination of depressed prices for alfalfa and sugar beets, in addition to lower production for barley and wheat, with inadequate rainfall accounted for most of the decline. Field crops grossed \$19,548,400 in 1981.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Production acreage was up 810 acres in 1981 and Los Angeles County vegetable farmers enjoyed an excellent year. Good demand and strong prices resulted in a 36% increase in total gross receipts for vegetable crops. The leading vegetable crop in 1981 was dry onions which grossed \$12,616,000. Total value for all vegetable crops in 1981 was \$53,418,000.

NURSERY STOCK

Nursery stock gross receipts maintained status quo for the 1981 season. There was a slight increase of 2% for a total gross income of \$119,185,000. With a continuation of current economic trends, the 1982 season gross income may be down. With an improvement in the economy, we can expect this strong industry to meet the demands of the future with high quality plant material to remain as Los Angeles County's leading crop.

CUT FLOWERS

The cut flower and cut green industry has remained strong during the 1981 season in spite of a decline in total acreage. A strong market and prices has kept the industry strong and healthy. The last quarter of 1981 reflected the current economic slowdown and showed a weakening market.

APIARY

The 1981 season was a depressing one for Los Angeles County Bee Keepers. Poor forage for the bees resulted in an overall decrease of 55% in honey and beeswax production, down from \$611,000 to \$273,600. Pollination was significantly up with an additional 1,000 colonies in the county. Overall, the bee industry was down roughly 30% for the 1981 season. With the wet spring, 1982 promises to be much brighter for the Los Angeles County Bee Keeper.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Total livestock and poultry production in Los Angeles County totalled \$60,162,220 in 1981. This represented an increase of slightly less than 1%.

Horse and egg production showed significant increases in 1981 while the other categories remained constant.

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Agricultural Commissioner

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Department of Health Services

April 1, 1982

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

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value		
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total	
<u>CITRUS FRUITS</u>								
Lemons	1981	150	9.0	1,350	Ton	\$ 110.00	\$ 148,500	
	1980	155	5.0	775	"	331.50	256,900	
Misc. Citrus	1981	101					130,400	
	1980	99					169,500	
TOTAL	1981	251					\$ 278,900	
	1980	254					\$ 426,400	
<u>OTHER FRUITS & NUTS</u>								
Almonds	1981	101	.060	6	Ton	\$1,250.00	\$ 7,500	
	1980	395	.116	46	"	3,174.00	146,000	
Avocados	1981	710	3.0	2,130	"	520.00	1,107,600	
	1980	710	.7	497	"	1,880.00	934,400	
Cherries	1981	50	.4	20	"	1,220.00	24,400	
	1980	50	1.0	50	"	840.00	42,000	
Figs	1981	12	8.5	102	"	2,590.25	264,200	
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TOTAL	1981	2,043					\$ 4,525,800	
	1980	2,377					\$ 3,960,900	
<u>BERRIES</u>								
Strawberries	1981	405	24.9	10,092	Ton	\$ 812.50	\$ 8,200,500	
	1980	401	22.6	9,063	"	854.00	7,739,800	
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1981	2,699					\$ 13,005,200	
	1980	3,032					\$ 12,127,100	

FIELD CORPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Barley	1981	5,013	.22	1,103	Ton	\$ 130.00	\$ 143,400
	1980	6,034	.32	1,931	"	110.00	212,400
Hay, Alfalfa	1981	20,327	7.9	160,986	"	85.00	13,683,800
	1980	22,916	8.0	183,328	"	104.00	19,066,100
Hay, Grain	1981	1,320	2.1	2,744	"	73.40	201,400
	1980	1,500	2.0	3,000	"	60.60	181,800
Pasture -Irrigated	1981	605					214,500
	1980	550					211,700
Range Land	1981	242,000					998,000
	1980	242,250					1,190,000
Sugar Beets (a)	1981	2,775	37.0	102,675	"	33.00	3,388,300
	1980	3,860	35.0	135,100	"	45.00	6,079,500
Wheat	1981	6,600	.15	990	"	128.25	127,000
	1980	6,945	.20	1,389	"	100.00	138,900
Misc. Field Crops (b)	1981	555					763,500
	1980	493					607,200
TOTAL	1981	279,195					\$ 19,519,900
	1980	284,548					\$ 27,687,600

Acreage, Production
& Value of
Seed Crops

Alfalfa	1981	200(*)	89	17,800	Lbs. \$	1.60	\$ 28,500
	1980	190(*)	89	16,910	"	.80	13,500

(a) No payments for Sugar Act received in 1981.

(b) Dollar amount shown for 1981 includes money paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble. Dry lima beans, bean straw, corn silage, and Sudan hay are the only other commodities included in Misc. Field Crops.

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

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Sprouts Bean & Alfalfa	1981	--	--	14,200	Ton	\$ 633.00	\$ 8,989,800
	1980	--	--	14,200	"	591.50	8,400,000
Beets, Table	1981	32	11.2	358	"	175.50	62,800
	1980	28	11.2	314	"	172.75	54,200
Cabbage	1981	37	12.4	459	"	173.75	79,800
	1980	24	12.1	290	"	153.00	44,400
Carrots	1981	81	25.0	2,025	"	280.00	567,000
	1980	50	26.0	1,300	"	300.00	390,000
Chinese Food Vegetables	1981	84	10.5	882	"	299.25	264,000
	1980	92	10.2	935	"	285.00	266,500
Corn, Sweet	1981	1,528	6.1	9,321	"	419.50	3,909,500
	1980	1,493	6.9	10,260	"	330.00	3,385,800
Lettuce, Leaf	1981	248	5.4	1,339	"	440.50	589,700
	1980	71	5.2	367	"	420.50	154,300
Watermelon	1981	360	10.0	3,600	"	239.75	863,000
	1980	260	10.0	2,600	"	219.25	570,000
Mustard & Other Greens	1981	595	5.5	3,272	"	328.25	1,074,300
	1980	547	6.9	3,774	"	264.25	997,300
Onions, Dry	1981	1,007	33.3	33,533	"	376.25	12,616,000
	1980	456	25.0	11,400	"	279.50	3,186,000
Pumpkins	1981	94	16.2	1,524	"	135.25	206,000
	1980	92	21.4	1,969	"	135.25	260,400
Rhubarb	1981	12	4.3	52	"	677.00	35,200
	1980	12	4.2	50	"	632.50	31,600
Squash, Summer	1981	69	5.6	389	"	590.75	229,800
	1980	115	4.3	495	"	402.00	199,000
Tomatoes, Market	1981	42	5.5	231	"	514.25	118,800
	1980	38	6.6	251	"	469.00	117,700
Turnips	1981	43	8.8	378	"	291.75	110,300
	1980	24	8.6	206	"	285.50	58,800
Misc. Vegetables (c)	1981	3,024					23,702,000
	1980	3,144					21,020,900

VEGETABLE CROPS (CONT.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production			Value	
			Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
TOTAL	1981	7,256					\$ 53,418,000
	1980	6,446					\$ 39,136,900

(c) Confidentiality is maintained for products which are produced by three or less growers within Los Angeles County. Agricultural products represented in this category include cauliflower, cucumbers, beans (garbanzo), beans (snap), celery, leeks, miscellaneous melons, mushrooms, parsley, peas, radishes and winter squash.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
<i>NURSERY CROPS</i>							
Bedding Plants	1981		51	1,879,000	Flats	\$6.19	\$ 11,640,000
	1980		43	1,404,000	"	6.10	8,557,000
Cacti-Succulents	1981		8	877,000		.34	299,000
	1980		10	--		.31	255,000
Geranium Cuttings	1981		92	2,840,000	Cuttings	.21	604,000
	1980		94	4,453,000	"	.16	702,000
Ground Cover	1981		101	1,191,000	Flats	5.06	6,026,000
	1980		104	1,209,000	"	4.90	5,932,000
Turf (Sod & Stolon)	1981		49				358,000
	1980		32				431,000
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	1981		1,911	36,684,053	Plants	2.24	82,172,000
	1980		1,838	38,303,885	"	2.17	83,255,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>							
Bulbs, Roots, Dichondra Seed & Other Specialities	1981		70				2,772,000
	1980		72				3,080,000
Vegetable Plants	1981	5		334,422	Flats	4.34	1,452,000
	1980	5		465,000	"	3.89	1,810,000
Indoor Plants Foliage	1981	41		13,002,800	Pots	.72	9,362,000
	1980	53		15,140,000	"	.62	9,384,000
Indoor Potted Flowering	1981	18		923,000	Pots	2.72	2,510,000
	1980	22		640,000	"	3.15	2,015,000
Orchid Plants	1981	5					1,990,000
	1980	7					1,242,000
TOTAL	1981	69	2,282				\$119,185,000
	1980	87	2,193				\$116,663,000

CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES

Item	Year	Production Area		Quantity Sold By Producers	Unit	Value	
		House Acres	Field Acres			Per Unit	Total
Carnations	1981	19		10,326,875	Blooms	\$.140	\$ 1,446,000
	1980	17		11,475,000	"	.145	1,721,000
Christmas Trees	1981		181	50,510	Trees	24.70	1,248,000
	1980		187	40,470	"	24.00	971,000
Chrysanthemums - Standard	1981	8		641,200	Blooms	.50	321,000
	1980	8		782,000	"	.50	391,000
- Pompon	1981	10	9	131,234	Bundle	5.00	626,000
	1980	10	31	165,000	"	5.00	825,000
Orchids, Cut All Varieties (d)	1981	--		--	--	--	--
	1980	7					371,000
Miscellaneous (Cut Greens & Other Cut Flowers)	1981		165				1,390,000
	1980		230				1,558,000
TOTAL	1981	37	355				\$ 5,031,000
	1980	42	448				\$ 5,837,000

(d) Orchid figures are now included in Miscellaneous (Cut Greens and Other Cut Flowers).

		Acres	Value
TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS	1981	291,893	\$210,187,600
	1980	296,796	\$201,451,600

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
		Total		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1981	480,000	Lbs.	.54	\$ 259,200
	1980	1,200,000	"	.48	576,000
Beeswax	1981	8,000	"	1.80	14,400
	1980	20,000	"	1.75	35,000
Pollination	1981	16,000	Colonies	22.00	352,000
	1980	15,000	"	20.00	300,000
TOTAL	1981				\$ 625,600
	1980				\$ 911,000

GRAND TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS - 1981 \$ 210,813,200
 1980 \$ 202,362,600

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY: INVENTORY, PRODUCTION & VALUE

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>CATTLE & CALVES</u>							
Dairy	1981	3,800	--	--	--	\$ --	\$ --
Cows	1980	3,800	--	--	--	--	--
Cull Cows	1981	--	800	800,000	Cwt.	42.40	339,200
	1980	--	1,300	1,300,000	"	46.20	600,600
Calves	1981	1,400	4,100	--	Head	60.20	246,800
	1980	1,200	3,600	--	"	71.60	258,000
Heifers	1981	1,800	1,700	--	"	560.00	952,000
	1980	1,100	1,100	--	"	600.00	660,000
Beef							
Weeder	1981	4,500	6,400	1,280,000	Cwt.	60.20	771,000
Calves	1980	3,500	5,400	1,080,000	"	71.60	773,000
Fed Steers & Heifers	1981	15,500	36,500	10,950,000	"	63.10	6,910,000
	1980	16,000	31,000	9,300,000	"	68.30	6,352,000
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>							
Breeding	1981	49,000	--	--		--	--
Stock	1980	44,000	--	--		--	--
Fat Lambs	1981	43,000	50,000	4,000,000	Cwt.	56.30	2,252,000
	1980	41,000	42,000	3,360,000	"	63.00	2,116,800
<u>HOGS & PIGS</u>							
Slaughter	1981	5,200	10,000	1,000,000	Cwt.	48.00	576,000
Hogs	1980	5,300	11,000	1,320,000	"	40.90	540,000
BROILERS & FRYERS	1981	127,000	3,228,000	12,912,000	Lb.	.34	4,390,000
	1980	500,000	4,400,000	17,600,000	"	.32	5,600,000
<u>OTHER CHICKENS</u>							
Hens	1981	--	492,000	1,722,000	Lb.	.12	206,600
	1980	--	310,000	1,085,000	"	.09	97,600
Laying Hens	1981	492,000	--	--		--	--
	1980	510,000	--	--		--	--
Roasters	1981	736,000	2,799,000	18,194,000	Lb.	.350	6,367,900
	1980	878,000	2,868,000	18,642,000	"	.410	7,643,220
<u>TURKEYS</u>	1981	14,600	689,200	12,405,600	Lb.	.410	5,086,300
	1980	45,000	878,000	15,804,000	"	.410	6,480,000
<u>OTHER LIVESTOCK</u>							
(Ducks, Poults, Goats, Rabbits, Chicks)	1981	--	--	--		--	770,000
	1980	--	--	--		--	766,000

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY (CONT.)

Species	Year	Inventory	Production		Unit	Value	
			No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per Unit	Total
<u>HORSES</u>	1981	87,000	9,800	--	Head	\$720	\$ 7,056,000
	1980	83,000	6,200	--	"	700	4,340,000
Total	1981						\$35,923,800
	1980						\$36,227,220

Product	Year	Production	Value	
			Per Unit	Total
<u>MILK</u> Market	1981	1,321,750	Cwt. \$ 13.05	\$17,249,000
	1980	1,430,000	" 13.03	18,633,000
<u>WOOL</u>	1981	300,000	Lb. .93	279,000
	1980	500,000	" .88	440,000
<u>EGGS</u>	1981	9,354,500	Doz. .55	5,145,000
	1980	5,591,000	" .49	2,740,000
<u>WORMS</u>	1981	782,700	Lb. 2.00	1,565,400
	1980	783,000	" 2.00	1,566,000
Total	1981			\$24,238,400
	1980			\$23,379,000

GRAND TOTAL LIVESTOCK & POULTRY PRODUCTION 1981

\$60,162,200

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 LEADING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
 (Over One Million Dollar Value)

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$82,172,000
2. Milk	17,249,000
3. Alfalfa, Hay	13,683,800
4. Onions, Dry	12,616,000
5. Indoor Plants	11,872,000
6. Bedding Plants	11,640,000
7. Sprouts (Edible)	8,989,800
8. Strawberries	8,200,500
9. Beef	7,681,000
10. Ground Cover	6,026,000
11. Eggs	5,145,000
12. Broilers and Fryers	4,390,000
13. Corn, Sweet	3,909,500
14. Sugar Beets	3,388,300
15. Sheep and Lambs	2,252,000
16. Peaches	2,054,000
17. Orchid Plants	1,990,000
18. Vegetable Plants	1,452,000
19. Carnations, Cut	1,446,000
20. Christmas Trees	1,248,000
21. Avocados	1,107,600
22. Mustard and Other Greens	1,074,300

SUMMARY

1977-1981 Inclusive

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Citrus Fruits	\$ 659,700	\$ 621,500	\$ 495,500	\$ 426,400	\$ 278,900
Misc. Fruits & Nuts	5,095,000	4,569,600	4,767,600	3,960,900	4,525,800
Berries	7,970,000	6,845,000	4,432,000	7,739,800	8,200,500
Field Crops	15,265,730	17,475,500	23,215,000	27,687,600	19,548,400
Vegetables	39,499,000	33,656,700	29,872,200	39,136,900	53,418,000
Nursery Stock	82,123,000	92,820,000	104,671,000	116,663,000	119,185,000
Cut Flowers	4,646,000	4,511,000	4,414,000	5,837,000	5,031,000
Total Plant Crops	\$155,258,430	\$160,499,300	\$171,880,600	\$201,451,600	\$210,187,600
Apiary Products	623,800	1,319,000	1,067,000	911,000	625,600
Total Plant Crops* & Apiary Products	\$155,882,230	\$161,818,300	\$172,947,600	\$202,362,600	\$210,813,200
Livestock & Poultry	44,283,000	42,401,000	41,557,000	59,606,220	60,162,200
GRAND TOTAL	\$200,165,230	\$204,219,300	\$214,504,100	\$261,968,820	\$270,975,400

*U.S. Department of Agricultural payments not included in these totals to conform to state-wide tabulation system for county crop reports.