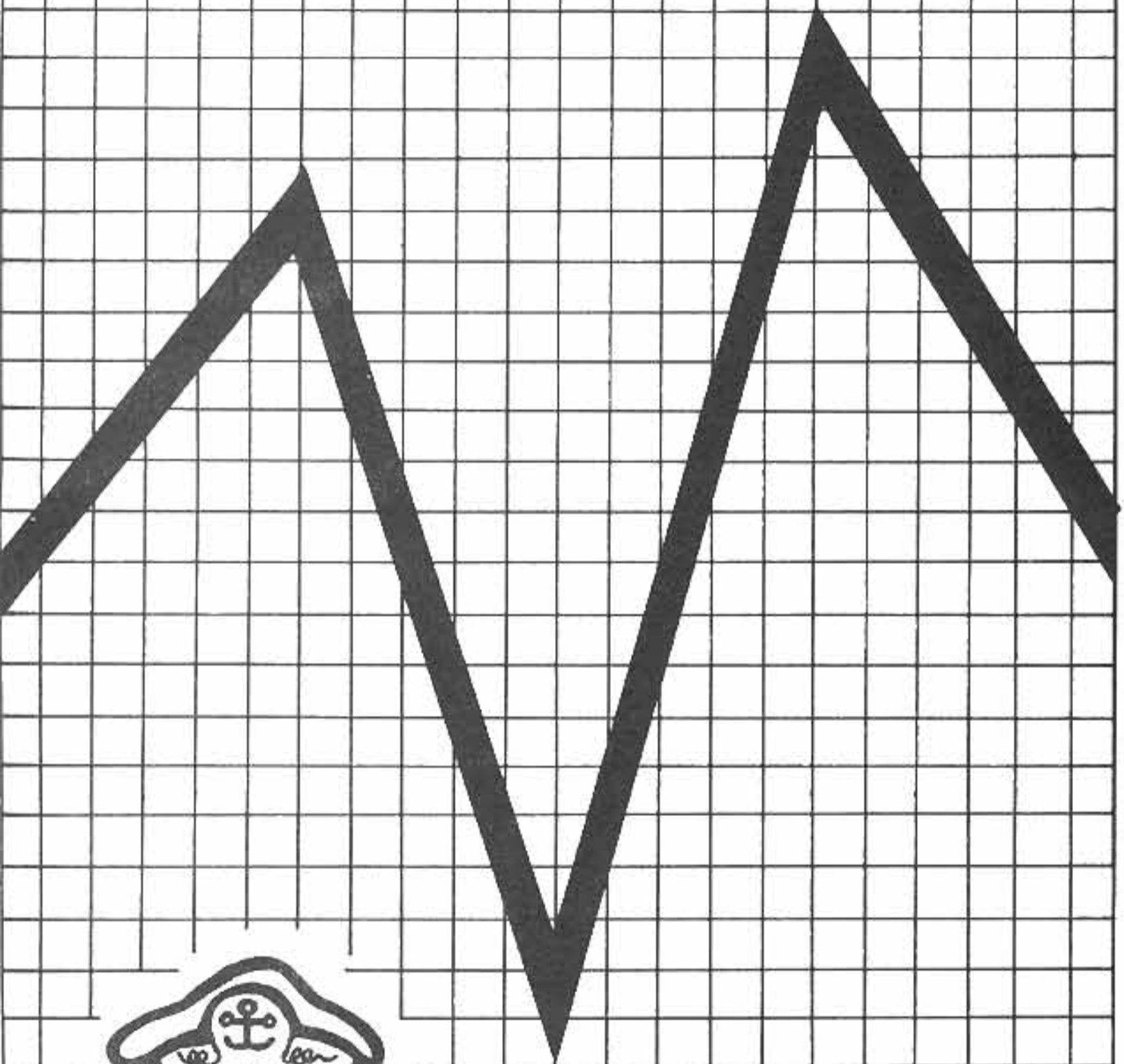


1985

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT



LONG BEACH

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Gross returns from plant crop and livestock production in Los Angeles County totaled \$293,263,400. This is a 3% decrease from our record high of \$303,424,700 in 1984.

While many Los Angeles County nursery stock growers enjoyed record sales in 1985, there was a decline in the number of producers, resulting in a small drop in overall production. There was a trend to covered areas for growing indoor plants, at the expense of traditional bedding plant and ground cover production.

Strawberry yields were once again up, on a per acre basis as well as overall, reflecting both good weather and an almost complete conversion to drip irrigation. Avocado acreage increased significantly with new plantings in the Malibu area.

Horses once again led livestock sales in dollar yield, though there was a general drop in livestock production, including turkeys and dairy cattle. Honey and egg production were up slightly.

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"Some day," old Jamie had said, "there will come a reckoning and the country will discover that farmers are more necessary than traveling salesmen, that no nation can exist or have any solidity which ignores the land. But it will cost the country dear. There'll be hell to pay before they find out."

Louis Broafield  
The Farm (1933)

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FRUIT AND NUT CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production Per Acre	Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total
Strawberries	1985	395	23.7	9,355	Ton	\$825	\$7,717,900
	1984	404	20.8	8,390		817	6,854,600
Peaches (Freestone)	1985	652	6.1	3,965	Ton	522	2,069,700
	1984	600	5.5	3,300		620	2,046,000
Pears (Bartlett)	1985	200	5.8	1,160	Ton	522	605,500
	1984	220	6.0	1,320		600	792,000
Lemons	1985	70	14.3	1,000	Ton	438	438,000
	1984	115	13.1	1,507		226	340,600
Avocados	1985	298	1.1	315		800	252,000
	1984	208	1.0	200		539	107,800
Miscellaneous	1985	353	Includes oranges, figs, nectarines, and other fruits and nuts.				1,379,400
	1984	568					1,022,100
TOTAL	1985	1,968					\$12,462,500
	1984	2,115					11,163,100

## FIELD CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Alfalfa Hay	1985	10,671	7.98	85,180	Ton	\$103	\$8,773,500
	1984	12,176	8.19	99,589		95	9,460,900
Rangeland	1985	251,000					988,000
	1984	251,000					1,018,000
Barley	1985	7,515	.43	3,266	Ton	102	333,100
	1984	8,835	.12	1,096		138	151,200
Grain Hay	1985	1,655	1.85	3,067	Ton	81	248,400
	1984	1,355	1.88	2,544		76	193,300
Wheat	1985	4,000	.25	996	Ton	112	111,500
	1984	4,104	.25	1,037		126	130,600
Sugar Beets	1985	none			Ton		none
	1984	260	20	5,200		24	124,800
Miscellaneous	1985	1,080*	Includes dry beans, sudan grass,				621,400
	1984	1,082*	and grazing privileges on stubbles.				703,800
TOTAL	1985	24,921**					\$11,075,500
	1984	27,962**					11,869,500

\*Excluding stubble

\*\*Excluding Rangeland

## VEGETABLE CROPS . . .

Crop	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Sprouts, Bean and Alfalfa	1985			17,400	Ton	\$540	\$9,396,000
	1984			20,500		427	8,751,600
Dry Onions	1985	1,580	25	39,500	Ton	160	6,320,000
	1984	1,477	21	31,017		260	8,064,400
Sweet Corn	1985	883	4.7	4,183	Ton	570	2,384,300
	1984	841	4.8	4,025		502	2,020,100
Table Green	1985	825	Includes head cabbage as well as				1,237,700
	1984	929	lettuce, turnip greens, cilantro,				2,394,300
Vine Crops	1985	687	Includes squash and melons.				748,600
	1984	757					704,300
Root Vegetables	1985	141	Includes turnips, beets, and daikon.				416,700
	1984	122					300,900
Miscellaneous	1985	2,806	*				27,401,600
	1984	2,909					24,877,100
TOTAL	1985	6,922					47,904,900
	1984	7,035					47,112,700

\*Confidentiality is maintained for products produced by 3 or fewer growers (radishes, parsley, mushrooms, etc.)

## FOREST PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Price	Value
Firewood	1985	8,100	Cord	\$5	\$40,500
	1984	6,150	Cord	5	30,800
TOTAL	1985				\$40,700
	1984				\$30,800

\*U.S.F.S. fiscal year (10/1 through 9/30)

NURSERY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Total
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	1985	1,635,300*	1,873	\$126,936,500
	1984	182,500	1,716	128,533,400
Indoor Plants, Foliage	1985	755,800*	46	18,557,800
	1984	480,900	57	14,792,000
Bedding Plants	1985	907,500*	152	14,576,000
	1984	507,200	68	19,482,800
Indoor Plants Flowering	1985	376,300*	55	9,063,600
	1984	680,200	24	5,493,900
Ground Covers	1985	944,700*	80	4,848,000
	1984	768,600	104	7,280,200
Vegetable Plants	1985	5,500*	12	1,775,000
	1984	35,000	33	1,057,000
Miscellaneous	1985	308,400*	139	3,359,300
	1984	254,600	178	8,513,800
Includes orchids bulbs, turf, seed, cacti and geranium cuttings				
TOTAL	1985	4,933,500	2,357	\$179,116,200
	1984	2,909,000	2,180	185,153,100

\*Figures for covered acreage reflect changes in reporting procedure.

CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIVES . . .

Item	Year	House Sq. Ft.	Field Acres	Quantity			Total
				Sold	Unit	Per Unit	
Christmas Trees	1985		189	53,500	Tree	29.10	\$1,556,900
	1984		238	68,100		28.00	1,909,800
Carnations	1985	200,000	9	5,563,400	Bloom	.15	834,500
	1984	260,000	9	6,857,200		.12	822,900
Chrysanthemums	1985	6,000	10		Various		348,400
	1984	245,000	13				579,800
Miscellaneous	1985	42,100	81	Includes cut greens, cut			413,400
	1984	68,500	99	orchids, and all other			498,700
					cut flowers.		
TOTAL	1985	248,100	289				\$3,153,200
	1984	573,500	359				3,811,200

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY . . .

Species	Year	Number	Weight	Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Horses	1985	16,300		Head	\$847	\$13,806,000	
	1984	13,800			850	11,730,000	
Chickens	1985	3,238,000	16,789,000	Lb.	.36	6,044,000	
	1984	4,371,000	22,668,000		.36	8,160,500	
Includes broilers, roasters, and stevers							
Sheep	1985	44,600	35,700	Cwt.	68.30	2,437,000	
	1984	57,000	45,600		59.70	2,723,200	
Beef Cattle	1985	4,000		Head	228.30	913,200	
	1984	3,300			225.50	744,200	
Includes calves and heifers							
Dairy Cattle	1985	5,100	15,300	Cwt.	55.80	853,800	
	1984	35,000	103,320		56.30	5,816,900	
Includes feeder, calves, and cull cows							
Hogs	1985	10,600	12,700	Cwt.	47.30	601,600	
	1984	9,400	11,280		49.70	560,600	
Miscellaneous	1985	Includes turkeys, rabbits, ducks,					2,500,700
	1984	goats, etc.					2,702,400
TOTAL	1985					27,156,300	
	1984					32,437,800	

APIARY, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS . . .

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Eggs	1985	11,365,200	Doz.	\$.59	\$6,705,500
	1984	9,182,000		.59	5,417,400
Milk	1985	375,000	Cwt.	12.60	4,725,000
	1984	418,000		13.03	5,447,000
Pollination	1985	19,000	Hive	21.50	408,500
	1984	22,000		21.50	473,000
Honey	1985	700,000	Lb.	.53	371,000
	1984	614,000		.50	307,000
Wool	1985	225,000	Lb.	.61	137,300
	1984	238,184		.82	195,300
Beeswax	1985	6,000	Lb.	1.10	6,600
	1984	6,000		1.14	6,800
TOTAL	1985				\$12,353,900
	1984				11,846,500

SUMMARY

Commodity	1983	1984	1985
Fruit and Nuts	\$11,823,200	\$11,163,100	\$12,462,900
Field Crops	14,742,900	11,869,500	11,075,500
Vegetable Crops	59,354,900	47,112,700	47,904,900
Nursery Products	154,959,800	185,153,100	179,116,200
Cut Flowers	3,151,800	3,811,200	3,153,200
Livestock and Poultry	32,720,500	32,437,800	27,156,300
Apiary, Livestock, and Poultry Products	<u>6,519,600</u>	<u>11,846,500</u>	<u>12,353,900</u>
Subtotal	\$283,272,700*	\$303,393,900*	\$293,222,500*
Forest Products	<u>44,550</u>	<u>30,800</u>	<u>40,700</u>
Grand Total	\$283,317,250	\$303,424,700	\$293,263,400

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

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

1. Ornamental Trees and Shrubs	\$126,936,500	11. Chickens	\$6,044,000
2. Indoor Foliage Plants	18,557,800	12. Milk	5,725,000
3. Bedding Plants	14,576,000	13. Ground Covers	4,848,000
4. Horses	13,806,000	14. Sheep	2,437,000
5. Sprouts	9,396,000	15. Sweet Corn	2,384,200
6. Indoor Flowering	9,063,600	16. Peaches (Freestone)	2,069,700
7. Alfalfa Hay	8,773,500	17. Vegetable Plants	1,775,000
8. Strawberries	7,717,900	18. Christmas Trees	1,556,900
9. Eggs	6,705,500	19. Table Greens	1,237,700
10. Onions (Dry)	6,320,000		

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