

**AGRICULTURAL
CROP REPORT
1950**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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ANNUAL CROP VALUATION AND ACREAGE REPORT

1950

The total gross returns to Riverside County for agricultural crops including livestock estimates amounted to \$95,088,075 in 1950. This is \$1,370,145 less than the total returns in 1949.

The gross return for agricultural crops was \$57,509,950 in 1950 and \$55,161,500 in 1949, representing an increase in crop returns for 1950 of \$2,348,450. The return of truck crops was \$69,690 less than in 1949, apiary returns \$103,430 less and livestock \$3,718,595 less. The return for orchard crops was \$1,581,830 more in 1950 than in 1949. Other returns increased on field crops \$886,060, and \$53,680 on nursery stock in 1950 over the previous year. The lowered total return is largely accounted for by 900,000 dozen less production of eggs with \$3,672,000 lower returns than in 1949, and an \$843,750 drop in returns for butterfat and dairy cattle over 2 years of age.

Two crops showing the largest gain in returns were grapefruit and Thompson seedless grapes. It is also interesting to note that with less than half the acreage planted to cotton in 1950 compared to 1949 the returns were prac-

tically the same for each year. Another interesting development has been the gradual increase in acreage devoted to permanent pasture with more than 9,000 acres now handled in this manner.

Excluding livestock, this report deals with more than 100 commercial crops produced in Riverside County. In reporting production and evaluating returns commonly accepted commercial units have been used.

All crop returns are on an F. O. B. basis and represent money received in the county. In order to determine net returns to farmers it is necessary to deduct the cost of production, picking, hauling and packing. These costs continue to increase with a result that net farm income has in many instances decreased.

We again thank all those contributors who supplied information to inspectors, making compilation of this report by Robert Davis, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, possible.



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IMPORTANT CROPS

ONE MILLION OR MORE RETURNS

<u>1949</u>		<u>1950</u>	
1. Naval Oranges	\$7,816,190	1. Navel Oranges	\$8,566,220
2. Dates	4,800,560	2. Dates	5,258,240
3. Potatoes	4,644,330	3. Grapes - Table	4,751,910
4. Lemons	3,997,930	4. Potatoes	4,034,700
5. Table Grapes	3,663,340	5. Grapefruit	3,094,660
6. Alfalfa Hay	2,788,880	6. Alfalfa Hay	2,874,460
7. Grapefruit	1,850,260	7. Valencia Oranges	2,593,011
8. Green Corn	1,800,320	8. Lemons	2,481,730
9. Valencias	1,722,450	9. Corn	2,048,530
10. Watermelons	1,419,590	10. Watermelons	1,880,560
11. Cantaloupes	1,414,650	11. Cantaloupes	1,857,970
12. Table Tomatoes	1,360,430	12. Cotton	1,552,790
13. Cotton	1,304,430	13. Grain Barley	1,437,840
14. Walnuts	1,263,270	14. Tomatoes - Table	1,355,990
15. Grain Barley	1,259,450	15. Lettuce	1,024,960
16. Lettuce	1,157,960	16. Permanent Pasture	1,019,330

DESERT AREAS

INCOME AGRICULTURAL CROPS

	1949	1950
Coachella Valley	\$15,962,150	\$18,867,328
Palo Verde Valley	\$ 6,863,870	\$ 8,251,939

RIVERSIDE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE STATISTICS

<u>ORCHARD CROPS</u>	<u>BEARING ACREAGE</u>	<u>NON BEARING</u>	<u>SEASON'S PLANTING</u>	<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>
<u>CITRUS</u>				
Grapefruit - Coachella	1,743	157	31	1,931
Grapefruit - Local	1,465	93		1,558
Lemons	3,234	129	42	3,405
Misc. Citrus	350			350
Navels	11,408	129	1	11,538
Tangerines	254	214	50	518
Valencias	4,815	478		5,293
TOTAL CITRUS	23,269	1,200	124	24,593
<u>DECIDUOUS (Including grapes)</u>				
Almonds	247	27	6	280
Apples	44	16		60
Apricots	2,322	35	5	2,362
Avocados	54	150	24	228
Cherries	320	45		365
Dates	3,891	939	11	4,841
Figs	91	14		105
Grapes - Table	5,083	1,512	448	7,043
Wine	4,115	25		4,140
Olives	1,133	74	5	1,212
Peaches - Clings	326	23		349
Frees	995	139	5	1,139
Pears	17			17
Pecans	133	19		152
Persimmons	35	2		37
Plums	345	42		387
Prunes - dry	84	5		89
Walnuts	5,644	421	4	6,069
TOTAL DECIDUOUS	24,879	3,488	508	28,875
GRAND TOTAL ORCHARD	48,148	4,688	632	53,468

RIVERSIDE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

<u>ORCHARD CROPS</u>	<u>YIELD</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
<u>CITRUS</u>				
Grapefruit (desert)	481,746	boxes	\$ 3.60	\$1,734,290
Grapefruit (local)	321,998	boxes	3.15	1,014,290
Lemons	353,727	boxes	6.19	2,189,570
Misc. Citrus	29,429	boxes	3.59	105,650
Navels	1,996,603	boxes	3.92	7,827,740
Tangerines (desert)	18,160	boxes	4.00	72,640
Tangerines (local)	20	boxes	1.00	20
Valencias	579,437	boxes	3.53	2,045,590
Grapefruit-by-products	16,955.2	tons	19.71	334,190
Lemon-by-products	4,619.4	tons	54.10	249,910
Misc. Citrus-by-products	826.6	tons	40.50	33,480
Navel-by-products	11,152	tons	15.45	172,300
Valencia-by-products	11,787.8	tons	41.38	487,780
Loose Grapefruit	14,500	boxes	.82	11,890
Loose Lemons	6,782	boxes	6.23	42,250
Loose Misc. Citrus	1,548	boxes	2.52	3,900
Loose Navels	197,275	boxes	2.87	566,180
Loose Valencias	29,379	boxes	2.03	59,640

TOTAL CITRUS

\$16,951,310

DECIDUOUS

Almonds	51	tons	550.20	28,060
Apples	5,400	boxes	1.71	9,230
Apricots - Dry	1,027.7	tons	549.65	564,880
Apricots - Fresh	6,402.5	tons	48.03	307,510
Apricots - Pits	375.5	tons	50.27	18,880
Avocados	3,130	lugs	5.24	16,400
Cherries	17,062	lugs	3.90	66,540
Dates	13,444	tons	390.00	5,243,160
Dates - Waste	430.86	tons	35.00	15,080
Grapes - Table	46,550	lugs	1.00	46,550
*Table (desert)	1,029,488	lugs	4.45	4,581,220
**Table (desert)	9,321	lugs	2.62	24,420
***Table (desert)	5,235	lugs	4.75	25,100
****Table (desert)	8,593	lugs	5.45	46,830
*****Table (desert)	1,175	lugs	4.00	4,700
Culls (desert)	1,283	tons	18.00	23,090
Wine	10,087.7	tons	64.42	649,850
Olives	388.25	tons	268.95	104,420
Peaches - Clings	2,100.3	tons	60.78	127,660
Peaches - Frees	391,557	lugs	1.94	759,620
Pears	110	lugs	.75	80
Pecans	12.6	tons	573.81	7,230
Persimmons	9,348	flats	.945	8,830
Plums	134,720	lugs	2.33	313,900
Prunes (dry)	85	tons	250.00	21,250
Walnuts	1,960.15	tons	385.34	755,340

TOTAL DECIDUOUS

\$13,769,830

GRAND TOTAL ORCHARD

\$30,721,140

*Thompson **Malaga ***Red Malaga ****Ribier *****Others

<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>	<u>YIELD</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTAL ACREAGE</u>
Asparagus	1,370	c	4.90	\$ 6,710	14
Beans (desert)	215,610	c	3.10	668,390	1,413
Beans (local)	174	c	6.60	1,150	2
Beets	50	c	1.50	70	0.5
Berries - Misc.	19,080	f	0.90	17,070	37
Berries - Strawberries	42,107	f	2.24	94,320	42
Cabbage	3,420	c	1.10	3,760	60
Carrots (desert)	63,193	c	1.88	118,800	526
Carrots (local)	8,857	c	1.09	9,650	103
Celery	11,770	c	1.27	14,950	13
Corn (desert)	700,000	c	2.80	1,960,000	5,684
Corn (local)	44,265	c	2.00	88,530	264
Cucumbers	12,321	c	.99	12,200	70
Cucumbers - Pickle	6	a	100.00	600	6
Eggplant	116,550	c	2.50	291,370	185
Endive	570	c	1.90	1,710	3
Ground Cherries	220	L	1.50	330	0.5
Lettuce	421,795	c	2.43	1,024,960	2,572
Melons - Cantaloupes (desert)	516,490	c	3.57	1,843,870	2,761
(local)	7,122	c	1.98	14,100	45
Melons - Casaba	267	t	48.81	13,030	47
Melons - Crenshaw	288.83	t	99.62	28,770	27
Melons - Honeydew	208,372	c	2.43	506,340	753
Melons - Jap	860	c	1.09	940	11
Melons - Persian	463	t	41.97	19,430	96
Melons - Watermelons (desert)	32,966	t	47.39	1,563,680	3,507
(local)	12,955	t	24.46	316,880	1,161
Okra	153,125	L		160,780	175
Onions - Green	4,500	c		5,040	15
Onions - Dry (desert)	171,421	s	.71	121,000	313
Onions - Dry (local)	418,880	s	.61	255,520	471
Peas - China	7,955	c	7.00	55,680	43
Peppers - Bell	49,117	c	3.35	164,540	240
Peppers - Chili	1,705	L	1.79	3,050	42
Potatoes - Fall	785,632	s	2.04	1,602,620	4,444
Potatoes - Spring	1,298,244	s	1.87	2,432,080	5,114
Potatoes - Sweet	211,367	L	1.65	348,750	891
Pumpkins	189	t	20.23	3,820	26
Romaine	900	c	1.90	1,710	2.5
Spinach	110,589	c	.92	101,740	430
Squash - Banana	1,293	t	27.75	35,880	287
Squash - Misc.(desert)	52,360	L	1.75	96,860	187
Squash - Misc.(local)	780	L	1.35	1,050	4
Squash - Summer(desert)	24,250	L	1.15	27,890	210
Squash - Summer(local)	2,138	L	1.75	3,740	9
Tomatoes - Cannery	3,075	t	27.64	84,990	320
Tomatoes - Table(desert)	637,625	L	2.10	1,339,010	471
Tomatoes - Table(local)	13,806	L	1.23	16,980	49
Turnips	1,125	c	1.25	1,410	2.5
Vegetables-Misc.	85	a	298.80	25,400	85
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS				\$15,511,150	33,244

a - acres f - flats s -- sacks # - pounds
c - crates L - lugs t - tons

<u>FIELD CROPS</u> <u>(Including Seeds)</u>	<u>YIELD</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>ACREAGE</u>
Alfalfa Hay	160,764	t	17.88	2,874,460	4,2060
Alfalfa Seed	1,482	t	492.12	729,320	12,447
Alfalfa Straw	2,096	t	12.00	25,150	- -
Beans - dry	40,380	s	11.32	457,100	5,340
Beets - Sugar	9,648	t	11.93	115,110	591
Beets - Seed	523.67	t	242.00	126,730	230.5
Bermuda grass seed	50.8	t	369.40	18,770	550
Burnett Seed	2,963	#	.28	830	4
Cantaloupe seed	22,500	#	.50	11,250	75
Carrot seed	97,000	#		32,010	115
Clover seed	91.7	t	493.55	45,260	247
Corn - ensilage	3,922	t	8.46	33,180	310
Corn - Sweet ensilage	50	t	9.00	450	- -
Corn - Field	5,047	s	3.37	17,010	179
Corn - Hegari	13,088	s	2.46	32,200	835
Corn - Kaffir	98	s	2.86	280	8
Corn - Milo	35,192	s	2.47	86,920	2,397
Corn - Pop	9	t	160.00	1,440	5
Cotton - Acala	5,782	b	213.47	1,234,280	3,583
Cotton - Acala seed	2,412	t	98.18	236,810	- -
Cotton - S & P	198	b	326.50	64,650	394
Cotton - S & P seed	175.23	t	97.31	17,050	- -
Flax	21,493	bu	3.85	82,750	1,620
Grain - Barley	617,098	s	2.33	1,437,840	76,995
Grain - Oats	114,498	s	3.27	374,410	13,068
Grain - Rye	400	s	2.50	1,000	40
Grain - Wheat	212,155	s	3.44	729,790	19,290
Grain - Straw	1,467	t	14.91	21,870	- -
Hay - Barley	2,575	t	20.85	53,700	2,800
Hay - Oats	3,633	t	23.76	86,320	2,291
Honeydew seed	4,500	#	.50	2,250	15
Marigold seed	350	#	4.00	1,400	5
Onion seed	7,512	#	1.86	13,970	34
Peanuts	72	t	165.00	11,880	300
Peanut hay	500	t	60.00	30,000	461
Permanent Pasture	9,023	a	112.97	1,019,330	9,023
Safflower	70.38	t	111.60	7,850	124
Safflower seed	1,123	#	.06	70	14
Sesbania seed	32	t	120.00	3,840	210
Sorghum pasture	755	a	49.67	37,500	755
Sudan seed	12.25	t	500.00	6,120	13
Watermelon seed	30,250	#	.50	15,120	121
Zinnia seed	5,544	#	0.92	5,100	17

TOTAL FIELD CROPS

10,102,370 196,566.5

a - acres
b - bales
bu - bushels
s - sacks
t - tons
- pounds

NURSERY PRODUCTION REPORT

<u>NURSERY STOCK</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Avocado trees	1,950	\$ 6,100.00
Bulbs	3,155,000	18,000.00
Cactus Succulents	1,193,174	47,730.00
Citrus Trees	63,145	113,550.00
Citrus Seedlings	2,600	340.00
Cut Flowers (dozens)	16,073	14,140.00
Deciduous Trees	1,400	1,250.00
Nut Trees	1,000	1,500.00
Ornamentals	196,972	57,530.00
Ornamental flats	650	1,670.00
Ornamental bedding flats	3,163	3,810.00
Rose bushes	1,415,000	630,350.00
Vegetable Plants	23,200,000	148,500.00
TOTAL NURSERY VALUATION		\$1,044,470.00

APIARY PRODUCTION

	<u>Colonies</u>	<u>Lbs. per colony</u>	<u>Lbs. of Honey</u>
Estimated	33,588	30 average	1,019,709
	<u>Production</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
All Honey	1,019,709 lbs.		
	641,582 lbs. @	10 1/2¢	\$ 67,370.00
	276,847 lbs. @	7 ¢	19,380.00
	101,280 lbs. @	7 ¢	7,090.00
Beeswax	16,991 lbs. @	46 ¢	7,820.00
Nuclei (New Divisions)	2,648 @	\$4.00	10,590.00
Queens	480 @	1.25	600.00
Pollination Services	8,983 colonies @	2.00	17,970.00
TOTAL			\$130,820.00

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE

1950

DAIRY CATTLE

17,500 dairy stock 2 yrs. and over @ \$300.00	\$5,250,000	
3,000 dairy stock under 2 yrs. @ \$150.00	450,000	
4,375,000 lbs. butterfat @ \$1.27	5,556,250	\$11,256,250

POULTRY

1,875,000 hens	\$1,125,000	
22,500,000 doz. eggs	9,900,000	\$11,025,000

TURKEYS

284,500 @ \$7.00	\$1,991,500	
2,875,000 turkey hatching eggs	680,000	\$ 2,671,500

HOGS

17,400 hogs marketed	\$ 696,000	
675 sows and gilts on farms	30,375	726,375

SHEEP

34,000 lambs marketed @ \$26.00	\$ 884,000	
24,000 ewes marketed @ \$11.00	264,000	
21,000 ewes on farms	315,000	\$ 1,463,000

BEEF

37,000 beef cattle @ \$260.00	\$9,620,000	
800 calves @ \$150.00	120,000	
2,900 dairy cattle marketed @ \$240.00	696,000	\$10,436,000

TOTAL LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE		\$37,578,125
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Note: All figures are estimates and are tabulated only to give an approximation of the value of livestock and their products to Riverside County. Accurate figures as to numbers of the various classes of stock are not available.

Prepared by the Agricultural Extension Service.

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

Acreege Statistics

CROP	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
	Orchard (Incl. Citrus)	55,467	57,320	58,286	52,926
Truck Crop	31,312	25,708	30,373.5	31,706	33,244
Field Crop	158,220	159,962	159,109	183,680.5	196,566.5
TOTALS	244,999	242,970	257,768.5	268,312.5	283,278.5

Crop Valuation F. O. B.

CROP	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
	Orchard (Incl. Citrus)	\$33,279,960	\$26,383,120	\$28,787,560	\$29,139,310
Truck Crop	11,993,770	14,638,780	16,405,240	15,580,840	15,511,150
Field Crop	11,719,340	10,907,040	11,966,300	9,216,310	10,102,370
Nursery	447,550	539,750	529,110	990,790	1,044,470
Apiculture	277,750	369,075	219,700	234,250	130,820
Livestock Estimate	16,458,440	22,172,140	28,048,400	41,296,720	37,578,125
TOTALS	\$74,176,810	\$75,009,905	\$85,956,310	\$96,458,220	\$95,038,075

NOTE: Values on all crops are F. O. B. - Point of shipment.