



RIVERSIDE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

1970

Compiled by

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

Riverside County, California

Mr. Jerry W. Fielder, Director
 California Department of Agriculture
 Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the requirements of Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I hereby submit the annual report of the acreage, production, and valuation of the agricultural products of Riverside County for the year 1970.

The gross value of agricultural crops was \$129,330,052, an increase of \$10,462,494 over the year 1969. The value of livestock production was \$131,411,873, a decrease of \$1,999,854 from 1969. The total value of farm products grown in Riverside County in 1970 amounted to \$260,741,925. This is \$8,462,640 more than the previous recorded high of \$252,279,285 in 1969. The list of crops exceeding one million dollars in value totaled 22, the same number that was recorded in 1969. Apricots were dropped from the list and grain hay was added for 1970.

The report for dates represents the 1969 production which was marketed in 1970.

It must be emphasized that this report reflects a gross return and in no way represents a measure of profit to the producer. Values on all crops are F. O. B. - Point of Shipment.

The valuable assistance of all those persons who have provided the information and records necessary for the compilation of this report is acknowledged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. HOWIE
 Agricultural Commissioner

RIVERSIDE COUNTY Agricultural Acreage Statistics

CITRUS	BEARING ACREAGE	NON- BEARING	SEASON'S PLANTING	TOTAL ACREAGE
Grapefruit — Desert.....	7,152	1,983	172	9,307
Summer.....	2,386	1,241	249	3,876
Lemons.....	2,848	4,166	733	7,747
Limes.....	129	3		132
Miscellaneous.....	2,212	485	21	2,718
Navels.....	13,103	1,049	63	14,215
Tangerines.....	3,526	737	78	4,341
Valencias.....	10,438	1,170	6	11,614
TOTAL CITRUS.....	41,794	10,834	1,322	53,950

DECIDUOUS — (Including Grapes)

Almonds.....	42			42
Apples.....	25	14	1	40
Apricots.....	1,215			1,215
Avocados.....	336	136	57	529
Cherries.....	125	6	2	133
Dates.....	4,152	155	17	4,324
Figs.....	14			14
Grapes — Table.....	8,219	354		8,573
Wine.....	1,380	571	201	2,152
Nectarines.....	44			44
Olives.....	299	559		850
Peaches — Clings.....	3			3
Frees.....	261	12		273
Pears.....	1	2		3
Pecans.....	62	7		69
Plums.....	168			168
Prunes.....	10			10
Walnuts.....	1,333	23		1,356
TOTAL DECIDUOUS.....	17,637	1,839	278	19,748

GRAND TOTAL.....	59,483	12,673	1,600	73,748
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NOTE: VALUES ON ALL CROPS ARE F. O. B. — POINT OF SHIPMENT

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Agricultural Production Statistics

ORCHARD CROPS — CITRUS

	YIELD		VALUATION
Grapefruit — Desert.....	2,501,078	— 32 lb. cartons	\$ 5,802,501.00
Summer.....	1,513,361	— 33.5 lb. cartons	5,144,804.00
Lemons.....	1,014,697	— 38 lb. cartons	4,653,559.00
Limes.....	6,369	— 40 lb. cartons	68,314.00
Miscellaneous.....	320,842	— 37.5 lb. cartons	832,298.00
Navels.....	3,298,189	— 37.5 lb. cartons	9,352,264.00
Tangerines — Desert.....	608,760	— 25 lb. cartons	1,083,592.00
Other.....	19,386	— 26.5 lb. cartons	48,108.00
Valencias.....	2,254,702	— 37.5 lb. cartons	5,845,767.00
By-Products — Grapefruit.....	3,955,999	— 32 lb. cartons	2,083,161.00
Lemons.....	412,267	— 35.5 lb. cartons	461,900.00
Limes.....	78	— 40 lb. cartons	84.00
Miscellaneous.....	363,937	— 35 lb. cartons	113,461.00
Navels.....	927,861	— 35 lb. cartons	383,176.00
Tangerines.....	462,940	— 25 lb. cartons	97,707.00
Valencias.....	1,521,645	— 35 lb. cartons	912,329.00
TOTAL CITRUS.....			\$36,883,025.00

DECIDUOUS

Almonds.....	12.33	tons	\$ 7,250.00
Apples.....	4,060	— 40 lb. cartons	10,220.00
Apricots — Dry.....	224	tons	179,200.00
Fresh.....	2,141	tons	145,894.00
Pits.....	263	tons	6,575.00
Avocados.....	20,700	— 26 lb. flats	135,944.00
Cherries.....	18,834	— 25 lb. lugs	150,672.00
Dates.....	13,772	tons	6,973,342.00
Dates — By-Products.....	2,957	tons	125,252.00
Figs.....	11,622	— 12 lb. flats	25,335.00
Grapes — Table.....	1,138	— 26 lb. lugs	1,214.00
Thompson (Desert).....	1,116,803	— 22 lb. lugs	5,070,286.00
Beauty Seedless (Desert).....	51,916	— 22 lb. lugs	326,552.00
Cardinal (Desert).....	279,899	— 22 lb. lugs	1,511,455.00
Exotic (Desert).....	16,030	— 22 lb. lugs	82,074.00
Perlette (Desert).....	1,286,751	— 22 lb. lugs	7,450,288.00
Ribier (Desert).....	683	— 22 lb. lugs	4,098.00
Others (Desert).....	3,981	— 22 lb. lugs	15,685.00
Raisins — Culls (Desert).....	270	tons	8,100.00
Grapes — Wine.....	156.2	tons	13,523.00
Nectarines.....	35,898	— 24 lb. lugs	122,053.00
Olives.....	80	tons	8,300.00
Peaches — Frees.....	124,359	— 24 lb. lugs	329,392.00
Pears.....	105	— 25 lb. lugs	202.00
Pecans.....	.5	tons	300.00
Plums.....	26,700	— 28 lb. lugs	74,220.00
Prunes.....	1,624	— 26 lb. lugs	4,791.00
Walnuts.....	477.17	tons	217,501.00
TOTAL DECIDUOUS.....			\$22,999,718.00

GRAND TOTAL — ORCHARD CROPS.....\$59,882,743.00

APIARY PRODUCTION (Estimated)

COLONIES	LBS. PER COLONY	LBS. OF HONEY	
37,544	50	1,877,200	
		PRODUCTION	VALUATION
All Honey.....		1,877,200 lbs.	\$ 266,562.00
Beeswax.....		46,930 lbs.	32,382.00
Pollination.....		3,000 colonies	30,000.00
Queens.....		9,000	6,750.00
Nuclei.....		3,500	17,500.00
TOTAL RIVERSIDE COUNTY APIARY PRODUCTION VALUATION.....			\$353,194.00

Fees Collected for Pollination by
Riverside Beekeepers..... 35,160 colonies 5.32 \$187,100.00

TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTION VALUATION.....\$540,294.00

NOTE: VALUES ON ALL CROPS ARE F. O. B. — POINT OF SHIPMENT

TRUCK CROPS	YIELD	VALUATION	TOTAL ACREAGE
Asparagus.....	139,570 — 32 lb. crates	\$ 1,227,726.00	1,660
Beans — Green — Desert.....	42,300 — 28 lb. crates	222,075.00	235
Beets — Table.....	25,498 — 45 lb. crates	29,013.00	25
Berries — Miscellaneous.....	346 — 6 lb. flats	1,038.00	1
Strawberries.....	45,120 — 9 lb. flats	99,738.00	26
Broccoli.....	20,040 — 22 lb. cartons	55,511.00	60
Seed.....	.30 tons	600.00	2
Cabbage.....	394,404 — 50 lb. cartons	772,288.00	808
Carrots — Desert.....	2,181,740 — 50 lb. crates	6,065,237.00	4,220
Other.....	47,800 tons	1,931,600.00	1,860
Cauliflower.....	650 — 23 lb. cartons	2,178.00	2
Celery.....	63,105 — 60 lb. crates	147,571.00	86
Corn — Desert.....	683,380 — 42 lb. crates	2,268,822.00	3,635
Other.....	163,320 — 42 lb. crates	495,503.00	976
Cucumbers — Miscellaneous.....	54,500 — 30 lb. lugs	143,880.00	109
Pickle.....	12 tons	2,000.00	1
Eggplant.....	240,612 — 20 lb. lugs	443,902.00	228
Endive.....	41,577 — 62 lb. crates	82,281.00	67
Garlic.....	1,200 tons	120,000.00	150
Lettuce.....	4,111,790 — 43 lb. crates	8,197,759.00	7,929
Loose Leaf.....	28,500 — 22 lb. crates	33,125.00	96
Seed.....	13.5 tons	44,550.00	60
Melons — Cantaloupes — Desert.....	394,440 — 83 lb. crates	1,534,372.00	2,280
Cantaloupes — Other.....	30,781 — 83 lb. crates	186,276.00	308
Casabas.....	284.7 tons	40,456.00	31
Crenshaws.....	51,195 — 44 lb. crates	169,297.00	221
Honeydews.....	6,800 — 45 lb. crates	18,100.00	24
Persians.....	6,220 — 44 lb. crates	20,650.00	20
Miscellaneous.....	2,000 tons	100,000.00	80
Watermelons — Desert.....	11,400 tons	615,600.00	950
Other.....	7,555 tons	302,700.00	805
Seed.....	4.5 tons	4,500.00	120
Miscellaneous Vegetables.....	147,318 — 28 lb. lugs	423,189.00	490
Okra.....	110,600 — 18 lb. lugs	338,436.00	158
Seed.....	40 tons	12,800.00	80
Onions — Dry.....	349,556 — 50 lb. sacks	633,094.00	461
Dehydrator.....	48,100 tons	1,539,200.00	3,700
Green.....	722,813 — 35 lb. crates	2,615,254.00	1,023
Seed.....	91.15 tons	182,200.00	361
Parsnips.....	144,000 — 25 lb. crates	64,320.00	270
Peas — China.....	4,512 — 20 lb. lugs	43,180.00	47
Peppers — Bell.....	121,442 — 30 lb. cartons	712,516.00	331
Chili.....	38,355 — 18 lb. lugs	325,605.00	250
Potatoes — Fall.....	711,049 — 100 lb. sacks	2,759,488.00	2,547
Spring.....	1,627,825 — 100 lb. sacks	5,404,119.00	4,497
Sweet.....	2,500 — 40 lb. cartons	6,250.00	10
Pumpkin.....	52 tons	3,000.00	24
Radishes.....	264,548 — 35 lb. crates	684,638.00	946
Romaine.....	109,399 — 72 lb. crates	398,673.00	324
Squash — Banana.....	3,000 tons	160,500.00	437
Miscellaneous.....	100,468 — 24 lb. lugs	304,369.00	315
Summer.....	96,566 — 24 lb. lugs	282,771.00	206
Tomatoes — Table — Desert.....	261,662 — 20 lb. cartons	215,824.00	264
Table — Other.....	7,115 — 28 lb. lugs	16,686.00	12
Cannery.....	5,200 tons	137,700.00	400
Turnips.....	88,512 — 45 lb. crates	104,944.00	348
Watercress.....	4,500 — 25 lb. crates	28,125.00	10
TOTAL TRUCK CROPS.....		\$42,775,229.00	44,586

NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUATION
Avocado Trees.....	11,696	\$ 20,571.00
Bulbs.....	10,001,265	500,946.00
Cacti — Succulents.....	755,495	39,775.00
Citrus — Trees.....	414,275	1,132,423.00
Seedlings.....	834,235	125,135.00
Miscellaneous.....	565,566	159,419.00
Cut Flowers (Dozens).....	21,000	12,850.00
Ornamentals (Trees and Shrubs).....	2,097,353	1,903,604.00
(Bedding).....	3,125	7,344.00
Vegetable Plants — Field and Container Grown.....	21,661,254	231,926.00

TOTAL NURSERY VALUATION.....\$4,133,993.00

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FIELD CROPS — (Including Seeds)	YIELD	VALUATION	TOTAL ACREAGE
Alfalfa — Hay.....	274,287.4	tons \$ 8,296,384.00	45,285
Seed.....	26.13	tons 14,420.00	363
Beans — Dry.....	19,400	— 100 lb. sacks 160,368.00	1,130
Lima.....	2,200	— 100 lb. sacks 41,250.00	110
Beets — Sugar.....	115,578	tons 1,636,728.00	4,675
Corn — Ensilage.....	66,592	tons 469,704.00	2,861
Milo Maize.....	16,149	tons 839,748.00	10,715
Cotton — Short Staple.....	20,699	— 500 lb. bales 2,200,953.00	13,906
Pima.....	161.5	— 500 lb. bales 30,685.00	323
Seed.....	8,390.5	tons 521,470.00	
Dichondra Seed.....	132.9	tons 280,140.00	361
Grain — Barley.....	48,540.5	tons 1,761,646.00	53,325
Oats.....	4,487.25	tons 103,061.00	4,021
Wheat.....	22,112	tons 1,121,209.00	14,255
Straw.....	300	tons 3,000.00	
Hay — Barley.....	15,848	tons 384,328.00	10,444
Oats.....	43,422	tons 1,388,908.00	20,099
Pasture — Permanent.....	14,502	acres 2,040,750.00	14,502
Other.....	56,420	acres 209,860.00	56,420
Safflower.....	1,200	tons 108,000.00	80
Sorghums — Ensilage.....	19,235	tons 110,650.00	873
Sudan.....	16,017.5	tons 294,531.00	1,855
TOTAL FIELD AND SEED CROP.....		\$22,017,793.00	255,603

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE

DAIRY CATTLE	VALUATION
50,000 dairy cows	
81,459,240 gals. of milk.....	\$ 40,001,374.00
POULTRY	
8,000,000 hens (year end count)	
156,000,000 dozen eggs.....	46,800,000.00
3,200,000 hens marketed.....	720,000.00
305,600 fryers and broilers marketed.....	370,370.00
7,081,000 chicks and starter pullets.....	3,121,000.00
TURKEYS	
800,000 turkeys marketed.....	3,192,000.00
2,679,000 eggs marketed.....	613,200.00
2,876,000 poult sold.....	1,576,000.00
HOGS	
16,750 hogs marketed.....	485,500.00
SHEEP	
49,800 lambs marketed.....	1,570,519.00
1,980 ewes marketed.....	17,180.00
252,600 lbs. of wool.....	73,408.00
BEEF	
221,434 head marketed — 96,057,515 lbs. gain.....	28,490,077.00
15,000 dairy cows marketed.....	4,326,000.00
RABBITS	
1,800 does	
43,850 fryers marketed.....	54,045.00
1,500 stewing rabbits marketed.....	1,200.00
TOTAL LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE.....	\$131,411,873.00

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IMPORTANT CROPS

One Million or More Returns

1969		1970	
1. Grapes — Table	\$12,780,289.00	1. Grapes — Table	\$14,469,752.00
2. Lettuce	12,562,627.00	2. Grapefruit	13,030,466.00
3. Dates	11,545,852.00	3. Navels	9,735,740.00
4. Grapefruit	10,527,264.00	4. Alfalfa	8,296,384.00
5. Alfalfa	7,552,670.00	5. Lettuce	8,197,759.00
6. Carrots	5,776,982.00	6. Potatoes	8,163,607.00
7. Navels	4,885,830.00	7. Carrots	7,996,837.00
8. Cotton	4,845,225.00	8. Dates	7,098,594.00
9. Potatoes	4,814,115.00	9. Valencias	6,758,096.00
10. Valencias	4,704,476.00	10. Lemons	5,115,459.00
11. Cereal Grains	4,447,693.00	11. Nursery	4,133,993.00
12. Nursery	3,904,916.00	12. Cereal Grains	2,985,916.00
13. Lemons	3,149,011.00	13. Corn — Sweet	2,764,325.00
14. Asparagus	2,194,800.00	14. Cotton	2,753,108.00
15. Onions — Green	1,937,610.00	15. Onions — Green	2,615,254.00
16. Permanent Pasture	1,867,400.00	16. Permanent Pasture	2,040,750.00
17. Corn — Sweet	1,844,450.00	17. Cereal Grains — Hay ..	1,773,236.00
18. Beets — Sugar	1,485,466.00	18. Cantaloupes	1,720,648.00
19. Onions — Dehydrator ..	1,369,060.00	19. Beets — Sugar	1,636,728.00
20. Tangerines	1,354,082.00	20. Onions — Dehydrator ..	1,539,200.00
21. Cantaloupes	1,269,138.00	21. Tangerines	1,229,407.00
22. Apricots	1,088,199.00	22. Asparagus	1,227,726.00

DESERT AREAS

INCOME — AGRICULTURAL CROPS

	1969	1970
Coachella Valley.....	\$48,829,348.00	\$49,555,071.00
Palo Verde Valley.....	27,702,810.00	22,876,954.00

Recapitulation

ACREAGE STATISTICS

CROP	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Orchard (Incl. Grapes).....	68,329	68,952	69,699	71,008	73,748
Truck.....	44,597	45,914	42,938	44,741	44,586
Field.....	260,580	265,300	212,111	209,349	255,603
TOTAL ACREAGES.....	373,506	380,166	324,748	325,098	373,937

CROP VALUATION F. O. B.

CROP	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Orchard (Incl. Grapes).....	\$ 47,775,228	\$ 56,411,923	\$ 56,660,204	\$ 52,514,239	\$ 59,882,743
Truck.....	35,304,868	36,647,849	39,497,261	38,619,914	42,775,229
Field.....	23,289,831	24,496,001	23,052,344	22,957,611	22,017,793
Nursery.....	4,607,761	3,615,951	3,510,890	3,904,916	4,113,993
Apiculture.....	293,248	595,302	395,818	870,878	540,294
TOTAL CROP VALUATION.....	\$111,270,936	\$121,767,026	\$123,116,517	\$118,867,558	\$129,330,052
LIVESTOCK ESTIMATE.....	117,520,773	103,054,616	109,792,236	133,411,727	131,411,873

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