

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

To: MR. CHARLES PAUL
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I herewith submit the 1961 Agricultural Crop Report of Humboldt County.

This report covers the yield, value, and acreage of all agricultural commodities produced in Humboldt County, and does not necessarily reflect the gross income of the farmer as a portion of the yield was utilized on the producing farms.

There is a continuous shift from sheep to cattle. As the demand for market milk increases there is a shift from grade B milk production. Low margins of profit in poultry and a trend towards mass production of eggs continues to make this endeavor less profitable. Daffodil and lily production maintains a general decline.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Donald Thomas,
Agricultural Commissioner
County of Humboldt

INVENTORY AS OF JANUARY 1, 1962

Land	1962	1961
Range	254,143 acres	
Pasture (irrigated)	10,020 "	
Stock		
All cattle and calves	61,900 head	63,500 head
Dairy stock (over 2 years)	27,200 "	28,000 "
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	19,400 "	16,000 "
Sheep (breeding stock)	94,360 "	101,400 "
Poultry		
Laying birds	30,000 head	35,200 head

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY 1961

		Production	Live Weight	Unit Value	Value
Cows	1961	5,099	860	.12	\$527,430
	1960	4,840			550,000
Steers	1961	2,727	890	.21	510,400
	1960	3,060			690,000
Bulls	1961	371	1200	.17	74,800
	1960	350			71,700
Calves	1961	4,449	330	.17½	258,100
	1960	4,510			320,000
Sheep	1961	12,987	98		168,800
	1960	10,100			151,000
Lambs	1961	52,842	70		725,000
	1960	47,000			762,000
Hogs	1961	1,154	250		44,210
	1960	1,100			34,254
MEAT BIRDS					
Hens	1961	15,300	2.6	.51	7,850
	1960	18,000		.52	9,320
Misc.*	1961				3,780
	1960				1,360
TOTAL	1961				2,320,370
	1960				2,589,680

*Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS 1961

Commodity	Year	Production	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Milk					
All	1961	1,551,000	cwt.		\$6,482,000
	1960	1,524,000			6,218,000
Manufacturing	1961	1,099,000		3.94	4,330,000
	1960	1,121,000		3.76	4,215,000
Market	1961	452,000		4.76	2,152,000
	1960	403,000		4.97	2,003,000
Wool	1961	810,870	lb.	.54	437,870
	1960	822,000		.56	460,000
Eggs	1961	569,000	doz.	.45	245,027
	1960	674,620		.43	290,000
Honey	1961				100
	1960				55
TOTAL	1961				7,173,997
	1960				6,969,535

NURSERY 1961

Commodity	Year	Acreage	Yield/Acre	Production	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Cut Flowers							
Daffodils	1961	99	45.2	4,469,000	each	\$11.70/M	\$52,180
	1960	130	52.8	6,851,000	"	12/M	83,020
Other	1961						7,766
	1960						8,390
Bulbs							
Lily	1961	53	29.2	1,545	case	52.90	81,800
	1960	85		1,810	"	52.40	94,900
Other	1961						7,200
	1960						4,300
Plants							
Bedding	1961			18,431	doz.	.41	7,030
	1960					.46	4,320
Other	1961			204,800	each		295,250
	1960			189,000	"		305,000
TOTAL	1961						451,226
	1960						499,930

FIELD CROPS 1961

Commodity	Year	Acreage	Yield per Acre	Production	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Hay all	1961	1,657	2.4	4,082	Ton	25.80	105,420
	1960	2,260	2.6 T	5,837	"	22.30	130,400
Alfalfa	1961	430	2.6	1,107	"	22.80	25,900
	1960	315	5.0	1,580	"	19.70	31,100
Grass	1961	961	2.2	2,080	"	20.80	43,400
	1960	1070	2.0	2,140	"	22.50	46,000
Oat-Clover	1961	224	1.8	484	"	26.60	12,864
	1960	730	2.7	1,970	"	23.40	46,000
Other	1961						
	1960	143	1.0	147	"		7,190
Pasture, Range	1961	254,000				6.43	1,633,000
	1960	254,000				6.43	1,633,000
Irrigated	1961	10,000				62.00	620,000
	1960	10,000				62.00	620,000
Leased	1961						17,540
	1960						24,780
Silage	1961	860	10 T	8,600	Ton	10.00	86,000
	1960			10,800		8.80	94,750
Seed	1961			43	cw	30.20	130
	1960						
Bean, Dry	1961	1	39.0	39	cw	15.00	585
	1960	1	26.0	26	"	13.85	360
TOTAL	1961						2,449,419
	1960						2,435,029

VEGETABLE CROPS 1961

Commodity	Year	Acreage	Yield per Acre	Production	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Corn, sweet	1961	62.0	1.90	118.1	Ton	106.00	\$12,473
	1960	43.0	1.70	71.0	"	122.00	8,660
Tomato	1961	23.7	10.55	250.0	"	73.00	18,282
	1960	14.0	8.35	80.0	"	90.50	10,600
Potato	1961	420.0	10.30	4,325.0	"	37.40	161,657
	1960	404.0	8.80	3,580.0	"	42.40	151,200
Lettuce	1961	15.0	3.68	55.0	"	105.00	5,805
	1960	12.0	5.10	61.2	"	106.00	6,580
Garlic	1961	3.1	5.97	18.5	"	121.00	2,233
	1960	23.0	3.80	87.0	"	226.00	19,300
Misc.*	1961						9,720
	1960						8,880
TOTAL	1961						210,170
	1960						205,220

FRUIT AND NUTS 1961

Commodity	Year	Acreage	Yield per Acre	Production	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Apples All	1961	73	2.11	154.0	Ton	141.00	21,173
	1960	73	2.10	153.4	"	111.00	17,050
Fresh	1961			111.7	"	147.00	16,448
	1960			112.0	"	112.00	12,500
Cider	1961			42.3	"		4,725
	1960			41.4	"		4,550
Peaches	1961	20	.28	5.5	"	338.00	1,805
	1960	20	1.34	26.6	"	186.00	4,950
Misc. Fruit**	1961	6					5,215
	1960	6					5,000
Misc. Nuts***	1961	10					1,591
	1960	10					865
TOTAL	1961						29,784
	1960						27,865

- * Includes Cabbage, Snap beans, Cucumber, Melons, etc.
- ** Includes Prunes and plums, Berries, Pears, etc.
- *** Includes Chestnuts, Walnuts

MISCELLANEOUS

Commodity	Year	Production	Unit	Unit Price	Value
Fur					
Mink	1961	9,205	Pelt	18.40	\$ 167,775
	1960	8,450	"	12.20	101,376

*Majority sold at late market

RECAPITULATION

Livestock and Poultry	2,320,370
Livestock and Poultry Products	7,173,997
Nursery Stock	451,226
Field Crops	2,449,419
Vegetable Crops	210,170
Fruit and Nuts	29,784
Miscellaneous	167,775

GRAND TOTAL

Grand Total	1961	12,802,741
1960 total		12,824,896
1959 total		10,473,979
1958 total		10,838,870
1957 total		11,810,093
Five Year Average		
1956-1960		11,740,757
1951-1955		15,105,355
1946-1950		14,030,702

ADDENDA

ASC Payment	107,255.00
" Lamb payment	12,919.90
" Wool payment	193,272.03
Cascara Bark	4,457.18
Decorative Greens	238,000.00
Timber cut	1,500,000,000 BF

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