

Weather
Possible Some
Rain and Fog

HUMBOLDT NEWS

Sunrise - Occasional
Sunset - Sometimes

1962 CROP SURVEY COMPLETE

Cattle Production			~	~	Value \$12,497,600
Up- Milk	Down		~	~	Says Thomas
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Grass Hay Acreage			~	~	~
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Bulb Acreage			~	~	Number of Sheep
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Peach Crop Good			~	~	~
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To: MR. CHARLES PAUL
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In accordance with Section 65.5 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I am pleased to present a report of estimated production and value of the County of Humboldt for 1962.

In this area weather has quite an effect on various commodities. In 1961 early warm weather adversely affected the daffodil market by bringing too many areas into production at the same time, thus glutting the market; later rains caused severe damage to peaches. In 1962 these crops fared much better, but the tomato crop suffered about 50% loss from the weather.

Hay production, especially of the native grasses, always fluctuates widely; this year was no exception as only about half the 1961 acreage was in production.

The shift from sheep to cattle seems to be proceeding as usual. Also as the poultry industry becomes more specialized there is a loss of unit value as the chickens sold are predominately culls from the laying flock.

Over the past several years there has been a trend to switch from manufacturing milk to market milk. An interesting development this year is a reversal of this trend, possibly due to a change in handling by the creameries.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas

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Agricultural Commissioner
County of Humboldt

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1962	1	41.0	41	cwt.	21.00	\$ 860
	1961	1	39.0	39	cwt.	15.00	585
Hay, all	1962	1,310	2.4	3,168	ton	23.70	75,368
	1961	1,615	2.4	3,671	ton	25.80	82,164
Alfalfa	1962	418	2.7	1,113	ton	21.60	24,558
	1961	430	2.6	1,107	ton	22.80	25,900
Grass	1962	520	2.6	1,376	ton	23.60	32,491
	1961	1,070	2.0	2,140	ton	20.80	43,400
Oat-clover	1962	372	1.8	659	ton	28.00	18,319
	1961	224	1.8	484	ton	26.60	12,864
Silage	1962	641	10	6,461	ton	11.15	72,113
	1961	860	10	8,600	ton	10.00	86,000
Pasture							
Range	1962	254,000				6.43	1,633,000
	1961	254,000				6.43	1,633,000
Irrigated	1962	10,000				62.00	620,000
	1961	10,000				62.00	620,000
Leased	1962						17,405
	1961						17,540
TOTAL	1962						\$ 2,418,746
	1961						2,439,289

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1962	70	1.70	118	ton	130.00	\$ 15,368
	1961	62	1.90	118	ton	106.00	12,473
Tomatoes	1962	23	4.78	110	ton	122.00	13,356
	1961	24	10.55	250	ton	73.00	18,282
Potatoes	1962	337	10.10	3,410	ton	50.80	173,594
	1961	420	10.30	4,325	ton	37.40	161,657
Lettuce	1962	11	8.40	92	ton	55.60	5,114
	1961	15	3.68	55	ton	105.00	5,805
Misc. Vegetables	1962						6,930
	1961						11,953
TOTAL	1962						\$ 214,362
	1961						210,170

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, all	1962	73	2.80	211.9	ton	\$103.00	\$ 22,337
	1961	73	2.11	154.0	ton	141.00	21,173
Fresh	1962			168.0	ton	101.50	17,019
	1961			111.7	ton	147.00	16,448
Cider	1962			43.9	ton	121.00	5,318
	1961			42.3	ton	111.70	4,725
Peaches	1962	20	2.10	42.6	ton	162.00	6,906
	1961	20	.28	5.5	ton	338.00	1,805
Misc. Fruits	1962	7					6,334
	1961	6					5,215
Misc. Nuts	1962	10					1,539
	1961	10					1,591
TOTAL	1962						\$ 37,116
	1961						29,784

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Cut flowers and Decoratives							
Daffodils	1962	66	87.0	5,751,000	each	11.50	\$ 66,409
	1961		45.2	4,469,000	each	11.70/M	52,180
Other	1962						7,679
	1961						7,766
Bulbs							
Lily	1962	31	41.6	1,290	case	56.40	72,645
	1961		29.2	1,545	case	52.90	81,800
Other	1962						6,300
	1961						7,200
Plants							
Bedding	1962			2,925	doz.	.69	2,025
	1961			18,431	doz.	.41	7,030
Other	1962			195,560	each		307,324
	1961			204,800	each		295,250
Total	1962						\$ 462,382
	1961						451,226

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1962	17,690	9,242,686	cwt.		\$ 1,767,645
	1961	12,646	8,725,540	cwt.		1,370,730
Cows	1962	5,426	4,604,034	cwt.	\$17.00	794,280
	1961	5,099	4,385,140	cwt.	12.00	527,430
Steers	1962	2,810	2,487,980	cwt.	22.00	559,573
	1961	2,727	2,427,030	cwt.	21.00	510,400
Bulls	1962	363	419,142	cwt.	18.00	75,810
	1961	371	445,200	cwt.	17.00	74,800
Calves	1962	9,091	1,731,530	cwt.	20.00	337,982
	1961	4,449	1,468,170	cwt.	17.50	258,100
Sheep and lambs, all	1962	59,158	4,435,000	cwt.	18.40	817,223
	1961	65,829	4,971,666	cwt.	17.98	893,800
Sheep	1962	10,994	1,065,000	cwt.	13.00	142,927
	1961	12,987	1,272,726	cwt.	13.26	168,800
Lambs	1962	48,164	3,370,000	cwt.	20.00	674,296
	1961	52,842	3,698,940	cwt.	19.60	725,000
Hogs	1962	971	203,546	cwt.	13.15	26,794
	1961	1,154	288,500	cwt.	15.32	44,210
Chickens	1962	17,755				6,464
	1961	15,300	39,780	lb.	.20	7,850
Misc.*	1962					3,922
	1961					3,780
TOTAL	1962					\$ 2,622,048
	1961					2,320,370

* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk All	1962	1,565,000	cwt.		6,179,000
	1961	1,551,000	cwt.		6,482,000
Manufacturing	1962	1,118,000	cwt.	3.66	4,092,000
	1961	1,099,000	cwt.	3.94	4,330,000
Market	1962	447,000	cwt.	4.67	2,087,000
	1961	452,000	cwt.	4.76	2,152,000
Eggs	1962	537,800	doz.	.46	248,384
	1961	569,000	doz.	.45	245,027
Wool	1962	726,585	lb.	.55	399,622
	1961	810,870	lb.	.54	437,870
Total	1962				6,827,006
	1961				7,164,897

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
(in number of head)

Item	January 1963	January 1962
Cattle and calves	64,500	61,900
Milk cows, 2 years and older	22,300	23,100
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	31,000	19,400
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	92,500	94,360
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	41,500	38,000

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Value	
		Total	Unit	Per unit	Total
Honey	1962		lb.	\$	110
	1961				100
Fur, mink	1962	9,450	pelt	17.50	165,375
	1961	9,205		18.40	167,775
Seed	1962				
	1961				130
TOTAL	1962				165,485
	1961				168,005

RECAPITULATION

		1961	1962
Field Crops	\$	2,439,289	2,418,746
Seed Crops		130	
Vegetable Crops		210,170	214,362
Fruit and Nut Crops		29,784	37,116
Nursery Stock		451,226	462,382
Livestock and Poultry		2,320,370	2,622,048
Livestock and Poultry Products		7,164,897	6,827,006
Apiary and miscellaneous Products		167,875	165,485
Grand Total	\$	12,783,741	12,747,115

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1956 - 1960	11,740,757
1951 - 1955	15,105,355
1946 - 1950	14,030,702

ADDENDA

ASC Payment	86,469.96
ASC Lamb Payment	15,052.90
ASC Wool Payment	178,603.48
Bark Products	5,000.00
Decorative Greens	238,000.00
Timber cut	1,500,000,000 BF

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