

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS



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Gentlemen:

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 1963.

With the heavy demand for alfalfa pellets and wafers a higher price for alfalfa has been created, this has resulted in a greater demand for local hay and silage. These higher prices and a better growing year has increased field crop values.

There seems to be a lessening of truck farmers as the older farmers retire and the younger generation moves into towns. The only compensating factor is a strengthened market for potatoes. The same trend of general production decline is evidencing itself in fruit production. Peaches and cherries suffered adversely from the weather.

There is a tendency towards more local egg production in spite of higher feed costs.

The cut flower market gained some advantage through better weather conditions. Alteration in consumer demands has created a market for fewer but larger size plants. These large plants bring a higher price.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Donald Thomas,  
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	1963	1	34.0	34	cwt.	\$ 22.80	\$ 778
	1962	1	41.0	41	cwt.	21.00	860
Hay, all	1963	1,678	2.3	3,916	ton	25.00	98,596
	1962	1,310	2.4	3,168	ton	23.70	75,368
Alfalfa	1963	304	2.6	789	ton	27.00	21,396
	1962	418	2.7	1,113	ton	21.60	24,558
Grass	1963	908	2.2	1,998	ton	23.00	45,996
	1962	520	2.6	1,376	ton	23.60	32,491
Oat-clover	1963	466	2.4	1,129	ton	27.60	31,204
	1962	372	1.8	659	ton	28.00	18,319
Silage	1963	732	11	7,772	ton	11.00	85,887
	1962	641	10	6,461	ton	11.15	72,113
PASTURE							
Range	1963	254,000				7.57	1,923,000
	1962	254,000				6.43	1,633,000
Irrigated	1963	10,000				62.00	620,000
	1962	10,000				62.00	620,000
Leased	1963						17,604
	1962						17,405
TOTAL	1963						2,745,865
	1962						2,418,746

## VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1963	53	1.27	67	ton	\$ 139.00	\$ 9,319
	1962	70	1.70	118	ton	130.00	15,368
Tomatoes	1963	13	3.85	50	ton	136.00	6,805
	1962	23	4.78	110	ton	122.00	13,356
Potatoes	1963	374	10.50	3,945	ton	53.60	210,110
	1962	337	10.10	3,410	ton	50.80	173,594
Lettuce	1963	4	5.30	21.2	ton	79.00	1,673
	1962	11	8.40	92	ton	55.60	5,114
Misc. Vegetables	1963						8,581
	1962						<u>6,930</u>
TOTAL	1963						\$ 236,488
	1962						\$ 214,362

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Apples, all	1963	73	1.35	98.2	ton	\$ 160.00	\$ 15,777
	1962	73	2.80	211.9	ton	103.00	22,337
Fresh	1963			67.5	ton	144.00	9,797
	1962			168.0	ton	101.50	17,019
Cider	1963			30.7	ton	194.00	5,980
	1962			43.9	ton	121.00	5,318
Peaches	1963	20	2.76	15.2	ton	174.00	2,643
	1962	20	2.10	42.6	ton	162.00	6,906
Misc. Fruits	1963	6					5,130
	1962	7					6,334
Misc. Nuts	1963	10					1,045
	1962	10					<u>1,539</u>
TOTAL	1963						\$ 24,595
	1962						\$ 37,116

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and Decoratives							
Daffodils	1963	77	66.0	5,150,000	each	13.40	\$ 69,125
	1962	66	87.0	5,751,000	each	11.50	66,409
Other	1963						8,173
	1962						7,679
Bulbs							
Lily	1963	39	43.4	1,685	case	45.30	76,390
	1962	31	41.6	1,290	case	56.40	72,645
Other	1963						5,954
	1962						6,300
Plants							
Bedding	1963			9,410	doz.	.44	4,100
	1962			2,925	doz.	.69	2,025
Other	1963			125,725	each		258,558
	1962			195,560	each		307,324
Total	1963						\$422,300
	1962						\$462,382

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No of head	Total liveweight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1963	16,579	8,915,371	cwt.	18.50	\$ 1,653,781
	1962	17,690	9,242,686	cwt.	19.30	1,767,645
Cows	1963	4,762	4,280,878	cwt.	17.90	721,797
	1962	5,426	4,604,034	cwt.	17.00	794,280
Steers	1963	2,717	2,435,601	cwt.	21.10	511,554
	1962	2,810	2,487,980	cwt.	22.00	559,573
Bulls	1963	411	458,884	cwt.	18.70	85,927
	1962	363	419,142	cwt.	18.00	75,810
Calves	1963	8,689	1,740,008	cwt.	19.20	334,503
	1962	9,091	1,731,530	cwt.	20.00	337,982
Sheep and lambs, all	1963	57,037	4,258,729	cwt.	18.70	793,379
	1962	59,158	4,435,000	cwt.	18.40	817,223
Sheep	1963	9,857	956,129	cwt.	19.00	128,141
	1962	10,994	1,065,000	cwt.	13.00	142,927
Lambs	1963	47,180	3,302,600	cwt.	20.10	665,238
	1962	48,164	3,370,000	cwt.	20.00	674,296
Hogs	1963	884	178,886	cwt.	11.10	19,747
	1962	971	203,546	cwt.	13.15	26,794
Chickens	1963	11,973		head	.38	4,584
	1962	17,755		head	.37	6,464
Misc.*	1963					13,718
	1962					3,922
TOTAL	1963					\$ 2,485,209
	1962					\$ 2,622,048

\* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk All	1963	1,571,000	cwt.		\$ 6,250,000
	1962	1,587,000	cwt.		6,200,000
Manufacturing	1963	1,106,000	cwt.	\$ 3.70	4,092,000
	1962	1,134,000	cwt.	3.61	4,094,000
Market	1963	465,000	cwt.	4.64	2,158,000
	1962	453,000	cwt.	4.65	2,106,000
Eggs	1963	619,355	doz.	.43	261,153
	1962	537,800	doz.	.46	248,384
Wool	1963	708,145	lb.	.56	396,561
	1962	726,585	lb.	.55	399,622
Total	1963				\$ 6,907,714
	1962				\$ 6,848,006

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

Item	January 1964	January 1963
Cattle and calves	59,400	64,500
Milk cows, 2 years and older	20,400	22,300
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	24,000	31,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	91,300	92,500
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	48,210	41,500

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1963				\$ 85
	1962				110
Fur, Mink	1963	9,300	peit	\$17.70	164,610
	1962	9,450	pelt	17.50	<u>165,375</u>
TOTAL	1963				\$164,695
	1962				\$165,485

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Field Crops	\$2,418,746	\$2,745,865
Vegetable	214,362	236,488
Fruit and Nut Crops	37,116	24,595
Nursery Stock	462,382	422,300
Livestock and Poultry	2,622,048	2,485,209
Livestock and Poultry Products	6,848,006	6,907,714
Miscellaneous Products	<u>165,485</u>	<u>164,695</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,768,145	\$12,986,866

1961-1963 Average

\$12,841,166

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1956 - 1960  
1951 - 1955  
1946 - 1950

\$11,740,757  
\$15,105,355  
\$14,030,702

ADDENDA

ASC Payment	\$ 90,236.00
ASC Lamb Payment	115,085.36
ASC Wool Payment	9,617.45
Bark Products	5,000.00
Decorative Greens	\$238,000.00
Timber cut	1,500,000,000 BF



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