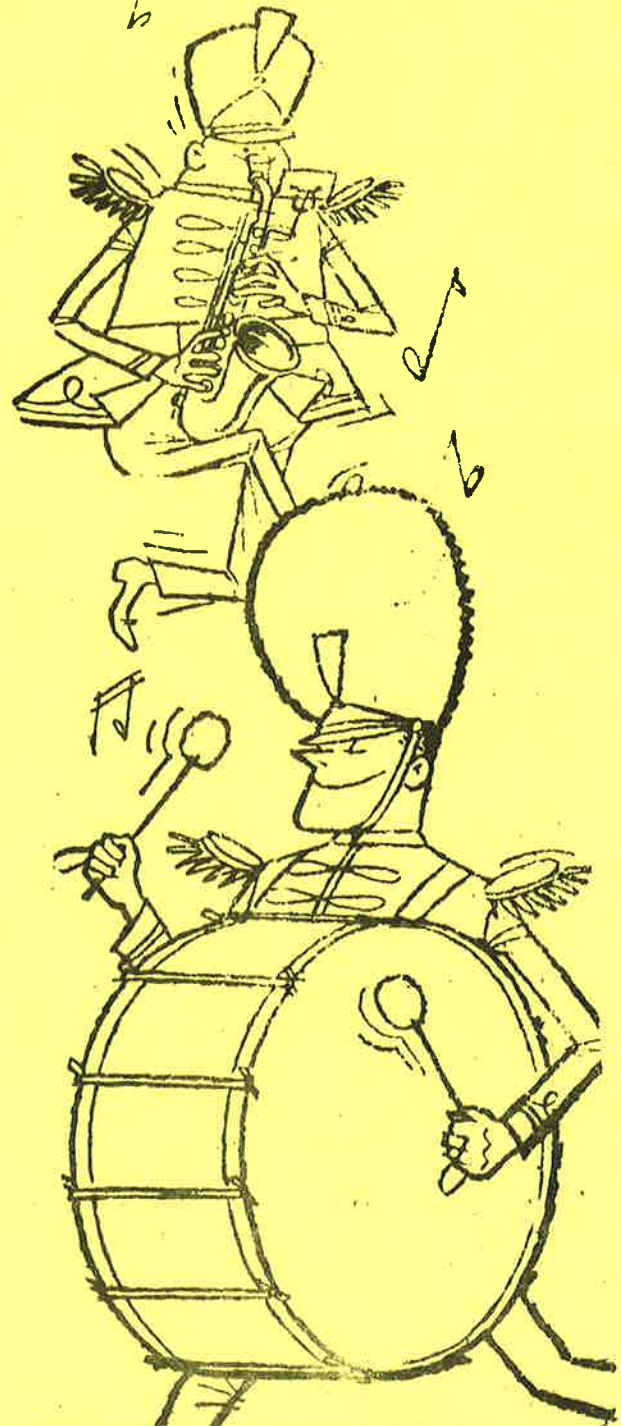




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1964

**CROP STATISTICS
OF
HUMBOLDT
COUNTY**

To: MR. CHARLES PAUL
Director of Agriculture

and

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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 gross value of the County of Humboldt for 1964.

The cattle market slacked off but the sheep market strengthened somewhat. The switch to Grade A milk production is continuing. There is an increased tendency to go out of hay production and use more purchased feeds. Generally the yield was up on fruits and vegetables and the vegetable prices held up better than last year.

Due to the major disaster incurred by farmlands in this area during the December flood there will probably be a wide range of effects in the 1965 season. The corn, tomato and potato areas were severely hit, which will undoubtedly result in a decline in yield and an increase in production costs for these crops. The most significant damage was done in the dairyland. The dairymen have not been making a substantial profit for some years, and the coupling of the loss of their land and stock has brought about an added interest in diversification of crops. Production from row crops probably will be low for those farmers going into such a venture for the first year. Some of the fruit areas have also sustained severe damage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas
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Agricultural Commissioner
County of Humboldt

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acres	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Beans, dry	1964	1	28.0	28	cwt.	\$ 23.57	\$ 660
	1963	1	34.0	34	cwt.	\$ 22.80	\$ 778
Hay, all	1964	1580	1.9	3,004	ton	\$ 25.41	\$ 76,345
	1963	1678	2.3	3,916	ton	\$ 25.00	\$ 98,596
Alfalfa	1964	80	5.2	420	ton	\$ 28.50	\$ 11,970
	1963	304	2.6	789	ton	\$ 27.00	\$ 21,396
Grass	1964	690	2.6	1,776	ton	\$ 23.38	\$ 41,515
	1963	908	2.2	1,998	ton	\$ 23.00	\$ 45,996
Oat-clover	1964	240	3.4	808	ton	\$ 28.29	\$ 22,860
	1963	466	2.4	1,129	ton	\$ 27.60	\$ 31,204
Silage	1964	570	12	6,840	ton	\$ 11.60	\$ 79,300
	1963	732	11	7,772	ton	\$ 11.00	\$ 85,887
PASTURE							
Range	1964	254,000				\$ 7.61	\$ 1,932,940
	1963	254,000				\$ 7.57	\$ 1,923,000
Irrigated	1964	10,000				\$ 61.40	\$ 614,000
	1963	10,000				\$ 62.00	\$ 620,000
Leased	1964						\$ 16,959
	1963						\$ 17,604
TOTAL	1964						\$ 2,720,204
	1963						\$ 2,745,865

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1964	47	1.63	77	ton	\$ 141.00	\$ 10,856
	1963	53	1.27	67	ton	\$ 139.00	\$ 9,319
Tomatoes	1964	10	4.20	42	ton	\$ 142.00	\$ 5,964
	1963	13	3.85	50	ton	\$ 136.00	\$ 6,805
Potatoes	1964	357	11.48	4,099	ton	\$ 54.40	\$ 223,006
	1963	374	10.50	3,945	ton	\$ 53.60	\$ 210,110
Lettuce	1964	3	5.40	16.2	ton	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,377
	1963	4	5.30	21.2	ton	\$ 79.00	\$ 1,673
Misc. Vegetables	1964						\$ 10,400
	1963						\$ <u>8,581</u>
TOTAL	1964						\$ 251,603
	1963						\$ 236,488

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Apples, all	1964	73	1.72	124.8	ton	\$ 136.27	\$ 17,007
	1963	73	1.35	98.2	ton	\$ 160.00	\$ 15,777
Fresh	1964			75.8	ton	\$ 143.75	\$ 10,897
	1963			67.5	ton	\$ 144.00	\$ 9,797
Cider	1964			49.0	ton	\$ 124.69	\$ 6,110
	1963			30.7	ton	\$ 194.00	\$ 5,980
Peaches	1964	20	1.80	35.6	ton	\$ 157.00	\$ 5,594
	1963	20	.76	15.2	ton	\$ 174.00	\$ 2,643
Misc. Fruits	1964	7					\$ 5,496
	1963	6					\$ 5,130
Misc. Nuts	1964	10					\$ 1,360
	1963	10					\$ <u>1,045</u>
TOTAL	1964						\$ 29,457
	1963						\$ 24,595

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1964	53	59.0	3,120,000	each	\$15.70	\$ 52,000
	1963	77	66.0	5,150,000	each	\$13.40	\$ 69,125
Other	1964						\$ 10,406
	1963						\$ 8,173
Bulbs							
Lily	1964	41	34.0	1,400	case	\$50.00	\$ 70,000
	1963	39	43.4	1,685	case	\$45.30	\$ 76,390
Other	1964						\$ 450
	1963						\$ 5,954
Plants							
Bedding	1964			7,160	doz.	\$.42	\$ 3,000
	1963			9,410	doz.	\$.44	\$ 4,100
Other	1964			169,924	each		\$285,284
	1963			125,725	each		\$258,558
Total	1964						\$421,140
	1963						\$422,300

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1964	17,070	90,515	cwt	\$17.20	\$ 1,556,376
	1963	16,579	89,154	cwt	\$18.50	\$ 1,653,781
Cows	1964	4,950	43,065	cwt	\$15.20	\$ 654,588
	1963	4,762	42,809	cwt	\$17.90	\$ 721,797
Steers	1964	2,900	25,230	cwt	\$20.00	\$ 504,600
	1963	2,717	24,356	cwt	\$21.10	\$ 511,554
Bulls	1964	420	4,620	cwt	\$17.40	\$ 80,388
	1963	411	4,589	cwt	\$18.70	\$ 85,927
Calves	1964	8,800	17,600	cwt	\$18.00	\$ 316,800
	1963	8,689	17,401	cwt	\$19.20	\$ 334,503
Sheep and lambs, all	1964	57,077	42,305	cwt	\$19.80	\$ 831,829
	1963	57,037	42,588	cwt	\$18.70	\$ 793,379
Sheep	1964	8,707	8,446	cwt	\$13.50	\$ 114,018
	1963	9,857	9,561	cwt	\$13.40	\$ 128,141
Lambs	1964	48,370	33,859	cwt	\$21.20	\$ 717,811
	1963	47,180	33,026	cwt	\$20.10	\$ 665,238
Hogs	1964	760	1,535	cwt	\$11.40	\$ 17,501
	1963	884	1,789	cwt	\$11.10	\$ 19,747
Chickens	1964	13,620		head	\$.30	\$ 4,072
	1963	11,973		head	\$.38	\$ 4,584
Misc.*	1964					\$ 12,600
	1963					\$ 13,718
TOTAL	1964					\$ 2,422,378
	1963					\$ 2,485,209

* Includes rabbits

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk, all	1964	1,588,000	cwt		\$ 6,513,000
	1963	1,571,000	cwt		\$ 6,250,000
Manufacturing	1964	907,000	cwt	\$ 3.78	\$ 3,428,000
	1963	1,106,000	cwt	\$ 3.70	\$ 4,092,000
Market	1964	681,000	cwt	\$ 4.53	\$ 3,085,000
	1963	465,000	cwt	\$ 4.64	\$ 2,158,000
Eggs	1964	588,344	doz.	\$.41	\$ 238,639
	1963	619,355	doz.	\$.43	\$ 261,153
Wool	1964	722,726	lb.	\$.61	\$ 439,426
	1963	708,145	lb.	\$.56	\$ 396,561
TOTAL	1964				\$ 7,191,065
	1963				\$ 6,907,714

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

Item	January 1965	January 1964
Cattle and calves	52,500	59,400
Milk cows, 2 years and older	18,500	20,400
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	24,500	24,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	89,500	91,300
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	44,000	48,210

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1964				\$ 365
	1963				\$ 85
Fur, Mink	1964	9,400	Pelt	\$17.00	\$ 160,200
	1963	9,300	Pelt	\$17.70	\$ <u>164,610</u>
TOTAL	1964				\$ 160,565
	1963				\$ 164,695

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Field Crops	\$2,745,865	\$2,720,204
Vegetable	\$ 236,488	\$ 251,603
Fruit and Nut Crops	\$ 24,595	\$ 29,457
Nursery stock	\$ 422,300	\$ 421,140
Livestock and Poultry	\$2,485,209	\$2,422,378
Livestock and Poultry products	\$6,907,714	\$7,191,065
Miscellaneous products	<u>\$ 164,695</u>	<u>\$ 160,565</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,986,866	\$13,196,412

1961 - 1964 Average \$12,928,533

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

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

ADDENDA

ACP Payment	\$100,342.68
ASC Lamb payment	\$ 6,068.21
ASC Wool payment	\$ 72,436.82
Bark products	\$ 2,156.80
Decorative greens	\$ 5,000.00
Timber cut	1,300,000,000 BF

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express their thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted
in the compilation of this report.

The following is a report of estimated flood damage:

Number of farms damaged:	425
Number of farms seriously damaged:	375
Value of feed loss:	\$300,000
Number of dairy stock lost:	4,000
Number of beef cattle lost:	300
Number of sheep lost:	375

