

# Agricultural Statistics 1965

...Down, but  
never out...



## 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 1965. These figures represent values of production regardless of utilization.

The effects anticipated from the 1964 flood are widely expressed. This together with an ever increasing cost of harvest has failed to offset some increase in commodity prices and the general overall result has been a severe decrease in value. The resultant cutworm damage caused an additional loss.

Perhaps the hardest hit were the dairy industry and the attendant bottomland farming. Production was normally down as an aftereffect of the 1964 flood, with the best production coming from those crops normally requiring an auxiliary growing practice.

Fruit production suffered from a loss of acreage and intensive cropping failed to offset it. Livestock value increase was more than offset by lack of production.

Respectfully submitted,

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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	1965	1	25.0	25	cwt.	\$ 20.00	\$ 500
	1964	1	28.0	28	cwt.	\$ 23.57	\$ 660
Hay, all	1965	1,528	2.4	3,601	ton	\$ 26.00	\$ 93,372
	1964	1,580	1.9	3,004	ton	\$ 25.41	\$ 76,345
Alfalfa	1965	29	1.0	29	ton	\$ 29.20	\$ 846
	1964	80	5.2	420	ton	\$ 28.50	\$ 11,970
Grass	1965	714	1.5	1,072	ton	\$ 22.20	\$ 23,890
	1964	690	2.6	1,776	ton	\$ 23.38	\$ 41,515
Oat-clover	1965	785	3.2	2,500	ton	\$ 27.40	\$ 68,636
	1964	240	3.4	808	ton	\$ 28.29	\$ 22,860
Silage	1965	460	9	4,140	ton	\$ 12.10	\$ 50,094
	1964	570	12	6,840	ton	\$ 11.60	\$ 79,300
PASTURE							
Range	1965	253,000				\$ 7.80	\$ 1,973,400
	1964	254,000				\$ 7.61	\$ 1,932,940
Irrigated	1965	9,450				\$ 60.50	\$ 571,725
	1964	10,000				\$ 61.40	\$ 614,000
Leased	1965						\$ 9,000
	1964						\$ 16,959
TOTAL	1965						\$ 2,698,091
	1964						\$ 2,720,204

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1965	51	40.6	2,332	cwt.	\$ 4.75	\$ 11,105
	1964	47	32.4	1,540	cwt.	\$ 7.05	\$ 10,856
Tomatoes	1965	34.1	45.5	1,555	cwt.	\$ 6.80	\$ 10,572
	1964	10	84.0	840	cwt.	\$ 7.00	\$ 5,964
Potatoes	1965	340	180.6	63,160	cwt.	\$ 3.20	\$ 207,450
	1964	357	230.0	81,980	cwt.	\$ 2.70	\$ 223,006
Lettuce	1965	5	187.6	937.9	cwt.	\$ 4.25	\$ 4,932
	1964	3	108.0	324.0	cwt.	\$ 2.35	\$ 1,377
Misc. Vegetables	1965						\$ 12,270
	1964						\$ 10,400
TOTAL	1965						\$ 246,329
	1964						\$ 251,603

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Apples, all	1965	35	3.00	104.8	ton	\$ 117.00	\$ 12,391
	1964	73	1.72	124.8	ton	\$ 136.27	\$ 17,007
Fresh	1965			59.2	ton	\$ 118.00	\$ 7,101
	1964			75.8	ton	\$ 143.75	\$ 10,897
Process	1965			45.6	ton	\$ 114.00	\$ 5,290
	1964			49.0	ton	\$ 124.69	\$ 6,110
Peaches	1965	10	1.80	18.0	ton	\$ 230.00	\$ 4,125
	1964	20	1.80	35.6	ton	\$ 157.00	\$ 5,594
Misc. Fruits	1965	7					\$ 3,664
	1964	7					\$ 5,496
Misc. Nuts	1965	3					\$ 337
	1964	10					\$ 1,360
TOTAL	1965						\$ 20,517
	1964						\$ 29,457

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1965	107	90.0	9,650	M	\$14.40	\$ 138,800
	1964						53
Other	1965						\$ 9,884
	1964						\$ 10,406
Bulbs							
Lily	1965	22	83.5	1,837	case	\$46.00	\$ 84,520
	1964						41
Other	1965						\$ 6,410
	1964						\$ 450
Plants							
Bedding	1965			8,675	doz.	\$ .55	\$ 4,770
	1964			7,160	doz.	\$ .42	\$ 3,000
Other	1965			206,331	each		\$ 178,640
	1964			169,924	each		\$ 285,284
Tree, Forest Nursery	1965	13.5	63.0	638	M		\$ 32,550
	1964		Not in production				
TOTAL	1965						\$ 455,574
	1964						\$ 421,140

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1965	16,530	87,132	cwt.	\$ 18.40	\$ 1,586,772
	1964	17,070	90,515	cwt.	\$ 17.20	\$ 1,556,376
Cows	1965	4,800	40,800	cwt.	\$ 16.15	\$ 658,920
	1964	4,950	43,065	cwt.	\$ 15.20	\$ 654,588
Steers	1965	3,100	25,420	cwt.	\$ 21.05	\$ 535,091
	1964	2,900	25,230	cwt.	\$ 20.00	\$ 504,600
Bulls	1965	430	5,332	cwt.	\$ 18.10	\$ 90,509
	1964	420	4,620	cwt.	\$ 17.40	\$ 80,388
Calves	1965	8,200	15,580	cwt.	\$ 19.40	\$ 302,252
	1964	8,800	17,600	cwt.	\$ 18.00	\$ 316,800
Sheep and lambs, all	1965	44,107	32,525	cwt.	\$ 20.30	\$ 662,926
	1964	57,077	42,305	cwt.	\$ 19.80	\$ 831,829
Sheep	1965	6,111	5,928	cwt.	\$ 14.02	\$ 83,111
	1964	8,707	8,446	cwt.	\$ 13.50	\$ 114,018
Lambs	1965	37,996	26,597	cwt.	\$ 21.80	\$ 579,815
	1964	48,370	33,859	cwt.	\$ 21.20	\$ 717,811
Hogs	1965	640	1,293	cwt.	\$ 16.30	\$ 21,076
	1964	760	1,535	cwt.	\$ 11.40	\$ 17,501
Chickens	1965	16,948		head	\$ .43	\$ 7,413
	1964	13,620		head	\$ .30	\$ 4,072
Misc.*	1965					\$ 1,940
	1964					\$ 12,600
TOTAL	1965					\$ 2,280,127
	1964					\$ 2,422,378

\* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk, all	1965	1,249,000	cwt.		\$ 5,138,000
	1964	1,588,000	cwt.		\$ 6,513,000
Manufacturing	1965	659,000	cwt.	\$ 3.75	\$ 2,471,000
	1964	907,000	cwt.	\$ 3.78	\$ 3,428,000
Market	1965	590,000	cwt.	\$ 4.52	\$ 2,667,000
	1964	681,000	cwt.	\$ 4.53	\$ 3,085,000
Eggs	1965	566,239	doz.	\$ .43	\$ 242,345
	1964	588,344	doz.	\$ .41	\$ 238,639
Wool	1965	730,881	lb.	\$ .56	\$ 409,293
	1964	722,726	lb.	\$ .61	\$ 439,426
TOTAL	1965				\$ 5,789,638
	1964				\$ 7,191,065

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

ITEM	January 1966	January 1965
Cattle and calves	63,000	69,500
Milk cows, 2 years and older	17,000	18,500
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	47,500	44,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	88,800	89,500
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	20,640	44,000

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1965				\$ 303
	1964				\$ 365
Fur, Mink	1965	8,600	Pelt	\$ 18.80	\$ 162,000
	1964	9,400	Pelt	\$ 17.00	\$ 160,200
TOTAL	1965				\$ 162,303
	1964				\$ 160,565

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Field crops	\$ 2,698,091	\$ 2,720,204
Vegetable	\$ 246,329	\$ 251,603
Fruit and nut crops	\$ 20,317	\$ 29,457
Nursery stock	\$ 455,574	\$ 421,140
Livestock and poultry	\$ 2,280,127	\$ 2,422,378
Livestock and poultry products	\$ 5,789,638	\$ 7,191,055
Miscellaneous products	\$ 162,303	\$ 160,565
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,652,379	\$13,196,412

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1960 - 1965	\$ 12,673,306
1956 - 1960	\$ 11,740,757
1951 - 1955	\$ 15,105,355
1946 - 1950	\$ 14,030,702

ADDENDA

1965 Figures unavailable until later in year

* ACP payment - 1964	\$ 100,342.68
** ASC Lamb payment - 1964	\$ 6,086,21
** ASC Wool payment - 1964	\$ 72,436,82
Bark products	\$ 2,000.00
Decorative greens	\$ 5,000.00
Christmas trees	1,754 each
Timber cut	1,370,000 MBM
* Including flood relief will be about seven times 1964 value	
** Lamb and wool payments are expected to be double 1964 value	



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