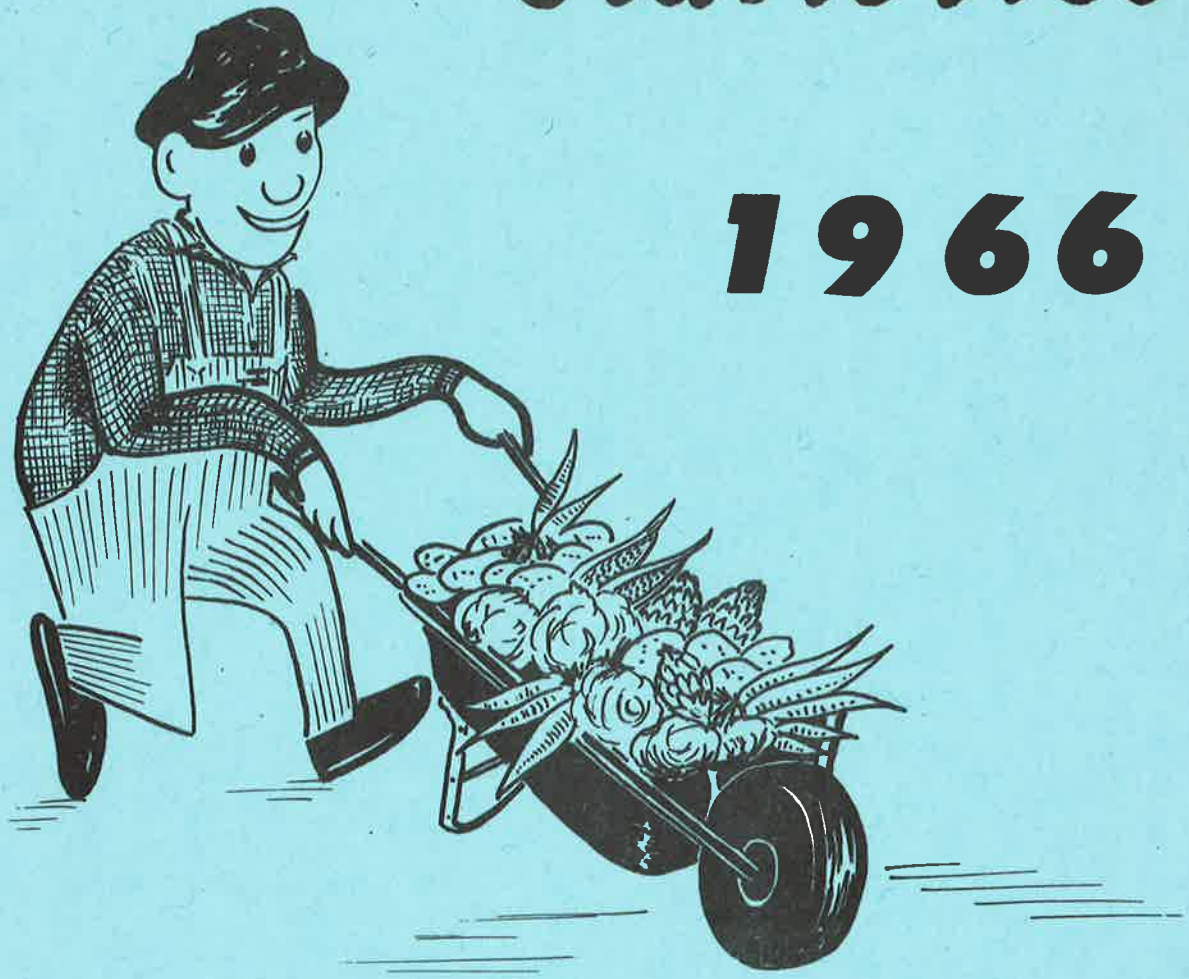


# Humboldt County Agricultural Statistics

**1966**



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To: MR. EARL COKE  
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 agricultural production and gross value of the County of Humboldt for 1966. These figures represent values of production, regardless of utilization.

The gross value was \$13,399,419, which represents a \$1,747,000 gain from the previous year. The disastrous effects of the 1964 - 1965 flood are being healed throughout much of the prime bottom land, as indicated by this data.

The overall hay production showed a significant increase. Vegetable crops also made marked increases, especially over prior years. Nursery stock showed a sizeable increase in forest tree nursery acreage and value. In livestock, the trend away from dairy-ing and sheep is continuing to exercise more affect than the shift to beef is capable of offsetting. Poultry farming is still yielding to intensive operations in other areas.

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	1966	1	12.6	12.6	cwt.	\$ 50.40	\$ 635
	1965	1	25.0	25		20.00	500
Hay, all	1966	2,136		5,853	ton	22.00	128,700
	1965	1,528	2.4	3,601		26.00	93,372
Alfalfa	1966	455		1,590	ton	23.00	36,610
	1965	29	1.0	29		29.20	846
Grass	1966	1,102		3,153	ton	22.00	69,475
	1965	714	1.5	1,072		22.20	23,890
Oat-clover	1966	579		1,110	ton	20.25	22,615
	1965	785	3.2	2,500		27.40	68,636
Silage	1966	525	9.1	4,778	ton	11.00	52,553
	1965	460	9.0	4,140		12.10	50,094
PASTURE							
Range	1966	251,000				7.68	1,927,680
	1965	253,000				7.80	1,973,400
Irrigated	1966	9,200				60.30	554,760
	1965	9,450				60.50	571,725
Leased	1966						3,212
	1965						9,000
TOTAL	1966						\$2,667,540
	1965						2,698,091

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
<b>Cut flowers and decoratives</b>							
Daffodils	1966	83	87.0	7,221	M	\$ 13.80	\$ 99,650
	1965	107	90.0	9,650		14.40	138,800
Other	1966						9,511
	1965						9,884
<b>Bulbs</b>							
Lily	1966	26	81.0	2,106	case	45.00	94,770
	1965	22	83.5	1,837		46.00	84,520
Other	1966						2,500
	1965						6,410
<b>Plants</b>							
Bedding	1966			3,120	doz.	.60	1,870
	1965			8,675		.55	4,770
Other	1966			143,023	each		240,579
	1965			206,331			178,640
Tree, Forest Nursery	1966	26.0	187.0	4,860	M	102.00	496,875
	1965	13.5	63.0	638		55.00	32,550
TOTAL	1966						\$ 945,755
	1965						455,574

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1966	59	1.96	115.8	ton	162.00	\$ 18,737
	1965	51	2.28	111.6		95.00	11,105
Tomatoes	1966	19	5.67	107.65	ton	127.00	13,635
	1965	34.1	3.16	77.70		136.00	10,572
Potatoes	1966	582	11.3	6,652.0	ton	52.00	346,902
	1965	340	9.3	3,160.0		64.00	207,450
Lettuce	1966	7	8.1	56.7	ton	122.00	6,914
	1965	5	9.38	46.89		205.00	4,932
Misc. Vegetables	1966						17,912
	1965						12,270
TOTAL	1966						\$ 404,100
	1965						246,329

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Apples, all	1966	35	5.60	196.5	ton	\$ 100.00	\$ 19,683
	1965	35	3.00	104.8		117.00	12,391
Fresh	1966			122.9	ton	109.00	13,353
	1965			59.2		118.00	7,101
Process	1966			73.6	ton	86.00	6,330
	1965			45.6		114.00	5,290
Peaches	1966	10	.8	8.0	ton	344.00	2,750
	1965	10	1.80	18.0		230.00	4,125
Misc. Fruits	1966						4,400
	1965	7					3,664
Misc. Nuts	1966						1,238
	1965	3					337
TOTAL	1966						\$ 28,121
	1965						20,517

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1966	17,170	89,992	cwt.		\$ 1,785,060
	1965	16,530	87,132	.		1,586,772
Cows	1966	4,960	42,160	cwt.	16.40	691,424
	1965	4,800	40,800		16.15	658,920
Steers	1966	3,160	25,912	cwt.	23.20	601,158
	1965	3,100	25,420		21.05	535,091
Bulls	1966	450	5,580	cwt.	20.50	114,390
	1965	430	5,332		18.10	90,509
Calves	1966	8,600	16,340	cwt.	23.20	378,088
	1965	8,200	15,580		19.40	302,252
Sheep and lambs, all	1966	49,343	38,050	cwt.		714,510
	1965	44,107	32,525			662,926
Sheep	1966	6,563	8,104	cwt.	5.40	43,750
	1965	6,111	5,928		14.02	83,111
Lambs	1966	42,780	29,946	cwt.	22.40	670,790
	1965	37,996	26,597		21.80	579,815
Hogs	1966	600	1,260	cwt.	20.40	25,704
	1965	640	1,293		16.30	21,076
Chickens	1966	21,514		head	.30	6,446
	1965	16,948			.43	7,413
Misc.*	1966					860
	1965					1,940
TOTAL	1966					\$ 2,532,610
	1965					2,280,127

\* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk, all	1966	1,302,000	cwt.		\$6,032,000
	1965	1,273,000			5,276,000
Manufacturing	1966	819,000	cwt.	\$4.31	3,530,000
	1965	679,000		3.78	2,567,000
Market	1966	483,000	cwt.	5.18	2,502,000
	1965	594,000		4.56	2,709,000
Eggs	1966	517,261	doz.	.50	259,559
	1965	566,239		.43	242,345
Wool	1966	709,716	lb.	.53	376,144
	1965	730,881		.56	409,293
TOTAL	1966				\$6,667,703
	1965				5,789,638

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

ITEM	January 1967	January 1966
Cattle and calves	68,000	69,500
Milk cows, 2 years and older	17,600	18,500
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	44,000	41,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	82,700	87,500
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	29,790	44,000

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production total	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Honey	1966 1965	175 gal.			\$ 600 303
Fur, Mink	1966 1965	8,500 8,600	Pelt	\$ 18.00 18.80	153,000 162,000
TOTAL	1966 1965				153,600 162,303

RECAPITULATION

	1966	1965
Field crops	\$ 2,667,540	\$ 2,698,091
Vegetable	404,100	246,329
Fruit and nut crops	28,121	20,317
Nursery stock	945,745	455,574
Livestock and poultry	2,532,610	2,280,127
Livestock and poultry products	6,667,703	5,789,638
Miscellaneous products	153,600	162,303
GRAND TOTAL	\$13,399,419	\$11,652,379

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1961 - 1965	\$ 12,673,306
1956 - 1960	11,740,257
1951 - 1955	15,105,355
1946 - 1950	14,030,702

ADDENDA

ACP payment (Fl - Flood Practices)	} 1965-1966	\$ 397,938.00
ACP payment		128,313.00
ASC Lamb payment		11,002.87
ASC Wool payment		109,550.80
Bark products		2,170.00
Decorative greens		5,000.00
Christmas trees (Farm)	4,000 each	
Timber cut (1965)	1,301,296 MBM	



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