

HUMBOLDT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

1968



To: MR. JERRY W. FIELDER
Director of Agriculture

and

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code of the State of California, I am pleased to present a report of the County of Humboldt for 1968. These figures represent values of production, regardless of utilization.

Dairying increased in value as those remaining in the business continued to recover from the disastrous 1964 flood. The number of sheep has been drastically reduced, with only a few ranchers shifting to beef production.

Potato acreage increased and there was also an increase in production per acre. Production of cucurbits such as melons, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, and pumpkins nearly equalled all other miscellaneous vegetables. Strawberry production declined sharply.

Basic production of nursery stock continued to drop off and was offset only by production of forest seedlings for replanting.

Respectfully submitted,

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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Beans, dry	1968	4	22.5	90	cwt.	\$21.67	\$ 1,950
	1967	1	25.0	25		25.00	625
Hay, all	1968	2,823	3.3	9,230	ton	25.14	232,072
	1967	2,313	3.4	7,888		25.07	197,735
Alfalfa	1968	511	5.4	2,778	ton	27.69	76,923
	1967	568	4.8	2,720		29.84	81,170
Grass	1968	1,380	2.8	3,808	ton	24.40	92,924
	1967	1,423	3.1	4,465		21.57	96,321
Oat-clover	1968	932	2.8	2,644	ton	23.53	62,225
	1967	322	2.2	703		28.80	20,244
Silage	1968	610	10.2	6,222	ton	11.50	71,553
	1967	530	9.2	4,876		10.90	53,148
Pasture							
Irrigated	1968	9,000				60.56	545,040
	1967	9,100				60.35	549,185
Range	1968	250,000					1,965,000
	1967	250,600					1,942,500
TOTAL	1968						\$2,815,615
	1967						\$2,743,193

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1968	79	1.68	132.84	ton	144.30	\$ 19,182
	1967	73	1.90	138.00		148.00	20,761
Tomatoes	1968	22	4.99	109.84	ton	154.60	16,987
	1967	21	8.95	188.00		100.00	18,845
Potatoes	1968	862	13.35	11,538.00	ton	48.61	560,900
	1967	756	12.50	9,480.00		50.00	472,340
Misc. Cucurbits	1968	32		21,412.00	ton	9.58	20,514
	1967		18,958				
Misc. Vegetables other	1968						27,192
	1967						23,167
TOTAL	1968						\$ 644,775
	1967						\$ 554,071

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per unit	Total
Apples, all	1968	32	44.6	143.00	ton		\$ 22,145
	1967	35	47.4	166.2			16,293
Fresh	1968			109.67	ton	\$ 144.90	15,895
	1967			83.6		122.00	10,168
Process	1968			33.33			6,250
	1967			82.6			6,125
Strawberry	1968	5.2	.99	5.18		699.80	3,625
	1967	6.0	3.22	19.30		488.00	8,640
Misc. Fruits	1968						2,421
	1967						2,360
Misc. Nuts	1968						963
	1967						320
TOTAL	1968						\$ 29,154
	1967						\$ 27,613

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per cre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1968	110	92.0	10,120	M	\$12.00	\$121,440
	1967	115	76.0	8,740		12.60	110,124
Other	1968						6,074
	1967						7,345
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1968						32,562
	1967						71,600
Plants							
Bedding	1968			—			—
	1967			1,050			1,300
Other	1968			143,100			227,513
	1967			289,254			271,158
Tree, Forest Nursery	1968	9.25	844.3	7,810	M	21.96	171,700
	1967	25.5	200.0	5,100		18.00	91,900
TOTAL	1968						\$559,289
	1967						\$553,427

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Total liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1968	17,780	93,629			\$1,973,511
	1967	17,609	93,066			1,878,588
Cows	1968	5,240	42,968	cwt.	\$17.10	734,753
	1967	5,180	44,030		16.50	726,495
Steers	1968	3,350	28,475	cwt.	24.40	694,790
	1967	3,270	26,814		23.90	640,855
Bulls	1968	450	5,580	cwt.	21.30	118,854
	1967	459	5,692		20.70	117,824
Calves	1968	8,740	16,606	cwt.	25.60	425,114
	1967	8,700	16,530		23.80	393,414
Sheep and lambs, all	1968	36,386	29,170			499,087
	1967	46,070	35,800			644,430
Sheep	1968	7,400	8,880	cwt.	5.25	46,620
	1967	7,102	8,522		5.20	44,314
Lambs	1968	28,986	20,290	cwt.	22.30	452,467
	1967	38,968	27,278		22.00	600,116
Hogs	1968	630	1,304	cwt.	18.00	23,472
	1967	620	1,302		18.50	24,087
Chickens	1968	10,465		head	.38	4,015
	1967	10,027			.40	4,038
Misc. *	1968					1,060
	1967					285
TOTAL	1968					\$2,501,145
	1967					\$2,551,428

* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk, all	1968	1,438,000			\$6,900,000
	1967	1,397,000			6,588,000
Manufacturing	1968	895,000	cwt.	\$4.50	4,028,000
	1967	886,000		4.39	3,890,000
Market	1968	543,000	cwt.	5.29	2,872,000
	1967	511,000		5.28	2,698,000
Eggs	1968	592,910	doz.	.37	218,755
	1967	526,848		.41	216,250
Wool	1968	583,689	lb.	.42	243,928
	1967	667,725		.48	320,508
TOTAL	1968				\$7,362,683
	1967				\$7,124,758

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

Item	January 1969	January 1968
Cattle and calves	65,650	65,200
Milk cows, 2 years and older	19,150	19,000
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	49,000	48,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	62,000	76,000
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	37,600	29,835

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1968	936 gal.		\$ 2.52	\$ 2,355
	1967	447		1.96	878
Fur, Mink	1968	8,000	pelt	18.00	144,000
	1967	8,250		17.55	146,380
TOTAL	1968				146,355
	1967				147,258

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Field crops	\$2,815,615	\$ 2,743,193
Vegetable	644,775	554,071
Fruit and nut crops	29,154	27,613
Nursery stock	559,289	553,427
Livestock and poultry	2,501,145	2,551,428
Livestock and poultry products	7,362,683	7,124,758
Miscellaneous products	<u>146,355</u>	<u>147,258</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 14,059,016	\$ 13,701,748

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1966 - 1968	13,586,839
1961 - 1965	12,673,306
1956 - 1960	11,740,257
1951 - 1955	15,105,355
1946 - 1950	14,030,702

ADDENDA

ACP payment	\$ 85,000.00
ASC Lamb payment (not available at this time)	
ASC Wool payment (not available at this time)	
Bark products	2,000.00
Decorative greens	5,000.00
Christmas trees (Farm)	4,500 each
Timber cut	1,200,000 MBM

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