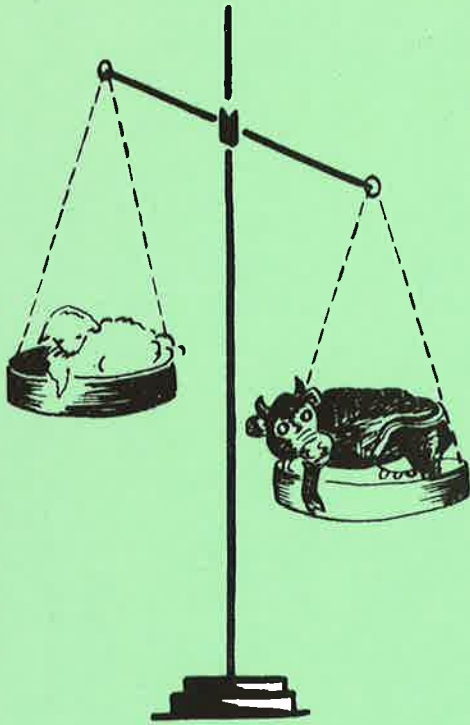


1969



Humboldt County
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

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 agricultural production of the County of Humboldt for 1969. These figures represent values of production, regardless of utilization.

As potato acreage almost doubled there was some resultant loss in hay and pasture acreage. Fruit and nut production and nursery stock production decreased somewhat.

Canine predation and land sales to developers caused loss of sheep herds with only a few switching to cattle. All livestock prices showed an increase of several dollars per hundredweight.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas

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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	1969	4	13.7	75	cwt.	\$25.66	\$ 1,925
	1968	4	22.5	90	"	21.67	1,950
Hay, all	1969	1,817	3.1	5,617	ton	26.65	149,708
	1968	2,823	3.3	9,230	"	25.14	232,072
Alfalfa	1969	505	4.8	2,401	ton	29.28	70,252
	1968	511	5.4	2,778	"	27.69	76,923
Grass	1969	1,083	1.5	2,834	ton	23.28	65,990
	1968	1,380	2.8	3,808	"	24.40	92,824
Oat-clover	1969	229	1.7	382	ton	35.26	13,466
	1968	932	2.8	2,644	"	23.53	62,225
Silage	1969	590	10.4	6,136	ton	11.60	71,178
	1968	610	10.2	6,222	"	11.50	71,553
Pasture							
Irrigated	1969	8,500				60.60	515,100
	1968	9,000				60.56	545,040
Range	1969	240,000					1,900,800
	1968	250,000					1,965,000
TOTAL	1969						\$2,788,419
	1968						\$2,815,615

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1969	76	1.97	149.60	ton	162.56	\$ 24,351
	1968	79	1.68	132.84	"	144.30	19,182
Tomatoes	1969	33	.81	268.26	ton	119.32	32,008
	1968	22	4.99	109.84	"	154.60	16,987
Potatoes	1969	1,356	12.00	16,376.00	ton	54.68	895,410
	1968	862	13.35	11,538.00	"	48.61	560,900
Misc. Cucurbits	1969	11					24,349
	1968	32					20,514
Misc. Vegetables other	1969						35,052
	1968						27,192
TOTAL	1969						\$1,011,170
	1968						\$ 644,775

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, all	1969	26					\$19,787
	1968	32					22,145
Fresh	1969			120.70	ton	\$100.80	12,167
	1968			109.67	"	144.90	15,895
Process	1969						7,620
	1968						6,250
Misc. Fruits	1969						2,899
	1968						6,046
Misc. Nuts	1969						561
	1968						320
TOTAL	1969						\$23,247
	1968						\$29,154

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1969	80	70.0	5,600	M	\$17.00	\$ 95,200
	1968	110	92.0	10,120	"	12.00	121,440
Other	1969						5,306
	1968						6,074
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1969						14,500
	1968						32,562
Plants							
Ornamental	1969			124,971			158,872
	1968			143,100			227,513
Tree, Forest Nursery	1969	12.25	551.4	6,700	M	22.03	147,601
	1968	9.25	844.3	7,810	"	21.96	171,700
TOTAL	1969						\$421,479
	1968						\$559,289

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Liveweight		Per unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1969	18,000	95,055			\$2,188,240
	1968	17,780	93,629			1,973,511
Cows	1969	5,310	43,542	cwt.	\$19.10	831,652
	1968	5,240	42,968	"	17.10	734,753
Steers	1969	3,420	29,070	cwt.	26.30	764,541
	1968	3,350	28,475	"	24.40	694,790
Bulls	1969	460	5,704	cwt.	22.80	130,051
	1968	450	5,580	"	21.30	118,854
Calves	1969	8,810	16,739	cwt.	27.60	461,996
	1968	8,740	16,606	"	25.60	425,114
Sheep and lambs, all	1969	42,626	34,138			661,894
	1968	36,386	29,170			499,087
Sheep	1969	8,600	10,320	cwt.	6.90	71,208
	1968	7,400	8,880	"	5.25	46,620
Lambs	1969	34,026	23,818	cwt.	24.80	590,686
	1968	28,986	20,290	"	22.30	452,467
Hogs	1969	634	1,312	cwt.	21.60	28,339
	1968	630	1,304	"	18.00	23,472
Chickens	1969	5,650		head	.26	1,450
	1968	10,465		"	.38	4,015
Misc.*	1969					2,435
	1968					1,060
TOTAL	1969					\$2,882,358
	1968					\$2,501,145

* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per unit	Total
Milk, all	1969	1,399,000			\$6,954,000
	1968	1,438,000			6,900,000
Manufacturing	1969	866,000	cwt.	\$4.59	3,975,000
	1968	895,000	"	4.50	4,028,000
Market	1969	533,000	cwt	5.59	2,979,000
	1968	543,000	"	5.29	2,872,000
Eggs	1969	379,303	doz.	.46	174,808
	1968	592,910	"	.37	218,755
Wool	1969	498,912	lb.	.43	214,073
	1968	583,689	"	.42	243,928
TOTAL	1969				\$7,342,881
	1968				\$7,362,683

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

Item	January 1970	January 1969
Cattle and calves	65,600	65,650
Milk cows, 2 years and older	19,400	19,150
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	50,000	49,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	59,000	62,000
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	56,350	37,600

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1969	800 gal.		\$2.54	\$ 2,032
	1968	936 gal.		2.52	2,355
Fur, Mink	1969	8,200	pelt	19.50	159,900
	1968	8,000	"	18.00	144,000
TOTAL	1969				\$161,392
	1968				\$146,355

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Field crops	\$2,788,419	\$2,815,615
Vegetable	1,011,170	644,775
Fruit and nut crops	23,247	29,154
Nursery stock	421,479	559,289
Livestock and poultry	2,882,358	2,501,145
Livestock and poultry products	7,342,881	7,362,683
Miscellaneous products	<u>169,392</u>	<u>146,355</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$14,638,946	\$14,059,016

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1966 - 1969	\$ 13,863,236
1961 - 1965	12,673,306
1956 - 1960	11,740,257
1951 - 1955	15,105,355
1946 - 1950	14,030,702

ADDENDA

ACP payment	\$79,186
ASC Lamb payment (1968) 1969 not available	17,880
ASC Wool payment (1968) 1969 not available	148,907
Bark products	4,000
Decorative greens	5,000
Christmas trees (Farm)	5,500 each
Timber cut	1,200,000 MBM

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