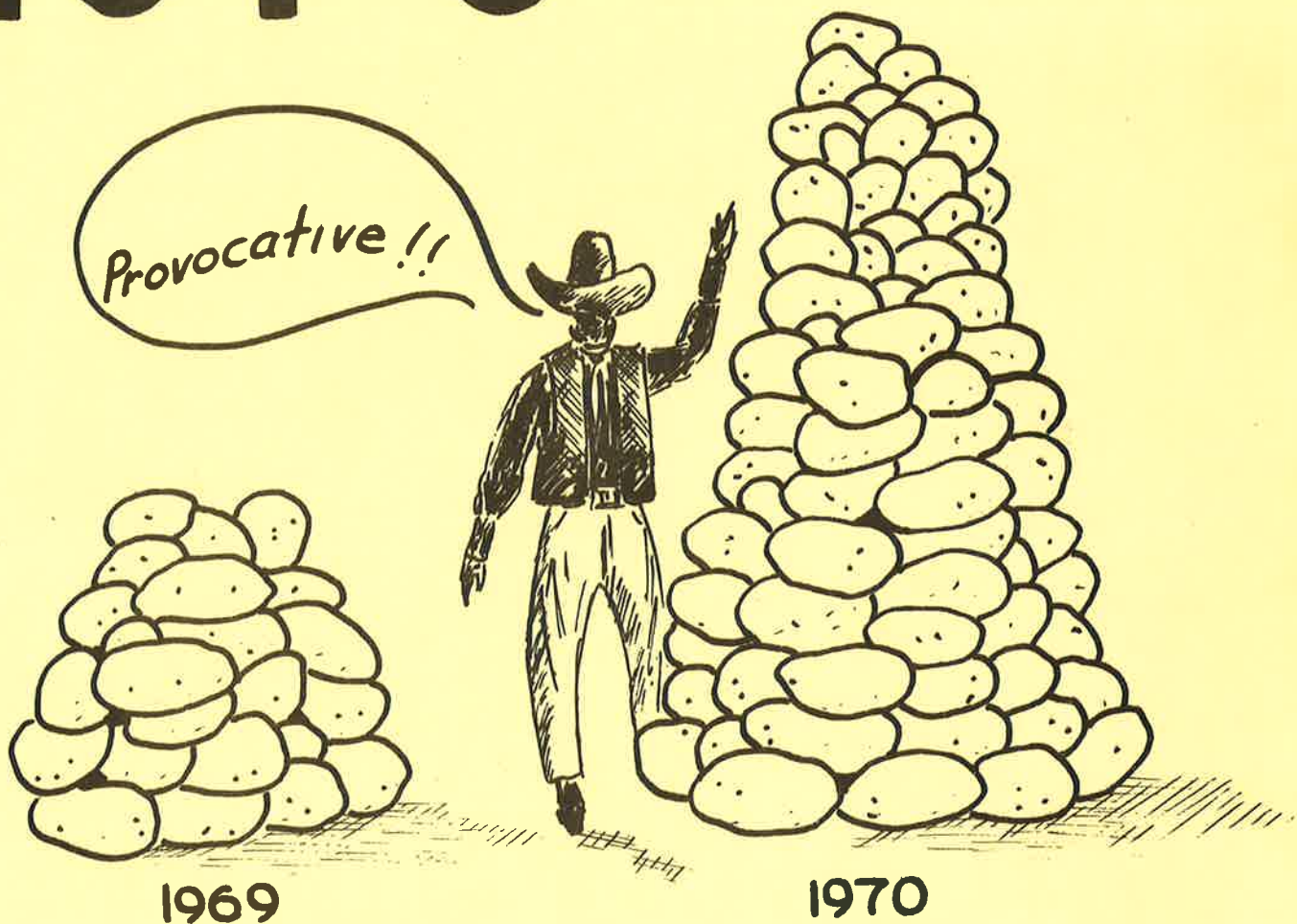


Humboldt County

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

1970



TO MR. JERRY W. FIELDER
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and

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Gentlemen:

Potato acreage again made a significant advance and when coupled with increased yield and a slightly higher price, reached a value of over one million and a half dollars.

Sheep numbers continued downward and value drop made a poor showing. Cattle price and numbers continued a gentle increase.

Daffodil acreage increased again as did tree and plant production.

Most vegetable and fruit production continued a slow downward spiral.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1970	4	22.5	90	cwt.	\$24.17	\$ 2,175
	1969	4	18.8	75		25.66	1,925
Hay, all	1970	2,258	2.6	5,830	ton	29.70	173,109
	1969	1,817	3.1	5,617		26.65	149,708
Alfalfa	1970	998	2.9	2,941	ton	29.80	87,642
	1969	505	4.8	2,401		29.28	70,252
Grass-Clover	1970	952	2.40	2,281	ton	29.59	67,473
	1969	1,083	2.62	2,834		23.28	65,990
Oat	1970	308	2.0	608	ton	29.60	17,994
	1969	229	1.7	382		35.26	13,466
Silage	1970	630	10.4	6,552	ton	11.60	76,003
	1969	590	10.4	6,136		11.60	71,178
Pasture							
Irrigated	1970	8,700				60.70	528,090
	1969	8,500				60.60	515,100
Range	1970	235,000					1,900,800
	1969	240,000					1,900,800
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TOTAL	1970						\$2,680,177
	1969						\$2,638,711

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1970	68	1.12	76.40	ton	\$156.30	\$ 11,942
	1969	76	1.97	149.60		162.56	24,351
Tomatoes	1970	26	5.26	136.63	ton	107.58	14,666
	1969	33	8.13	268.26		119.32	32,008
Potatoes	1970	2,088	14.23	29,713.00	ton	56.79	1,687,588
	1969	1,356	13.04	16,376.00		54.68	895,410
Misc. Cucurbits	1970						16,226
	1969						24,349
Misc. Vegetables others	1970						30,738
	1969						35,052
TOTAL	1970						\$1,761,160
	1969						\$1,011,170

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, all	1970	26					\$18,323
	1969	26					19,787
Fresh	1970			84.50	ton	\$136.36	11,523
	1969			120.70		100.80	12,167
Process	1970						6,800
	1969						7,620
Misc. Fruits	1970						3,889
	1969						2,899
Misc. Nuts	1970						733
	1969						561
TOTAL	1970						\$22,945
	1969						\$23,247

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1970	187	27.9	5,235	M	\$30.54	\$159,900
	1969	80	70.0	5,600		17.00	95,200
Other	1970						600
	1969						5,306
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1970						90,000
	1969						14,500
Plants							
Ornamental	1970						169,782
	1969						158,872
Tree, Forest Nursery	1970	13	665.5	8,652	M	21.07	182,300
	1969	12	551.4	6,700		22.03	147,601
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TOTAL	1970						\$602,582
	1969						\$421,479

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Live-weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves, all	1970	18,410	97,111			\$2,377,562
	1969	18,000	95,055			2,188,240
Cows	1970	5,431	44,534	cwt.	\$20.30	904,044
	1969	5,310	43,542		19.10	831,652
Steers	1970	3,498	29,733	cwt.	26.70	793,871
	1969	3,420	29,070		26.30	764,541
Bulls	1970	460	5,704	cwt.	25.40	144,882
	1969	460	5,704		22.80	130,051
Calves	1970	9,021	17,140	cwt.	31.20	534,765
	1969	8,810	16,739		27.60	461,996
Sheep and lambs, all	1970	40,655	33,973			604,873
	1969	42,626	34,138			661,894
Sheep	1970	11,029	13,235	cwt.	7.00	92,644
	1969	8,600	10,320		6.90	71,208
Lambs	1970	29,626	20,738	cwt.	24.70	512,229
	1969	34,026	23,818		24.80	590,686
Hogs	1970	526	1,088	cwt.	21.70	23,631
	1969	634	1,312		21.60	28,339
Chickens	1970	6,650		head	.29	1,900
	1969	5,650			.26	1,450
Misc.*	1970					2,600
	1969					2,435
TOTAL	1970					\$3,010,566
	1969					\$2,882,358

* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1970	1,481,000			\$ 7,773,000
	1969	1,405,000			6,974,000
Manufacturing	1970	913,000	cwt.	\$4.83	4,410,000
	1969	873,000		4.60	4,106,000
Market	1970	568,000	cwt.	5.92	3,363,000
	1969	532,000		5.56	2,958,000
Eggs	1970	412,894	doz.	.53	220,043
	1969	379,303		.46	174,808
Wool	1970	473,532	lb.	.38	179,789
	1969	498,912		.43	214,073
TOTAL	1970				\$ 8,172,832
	1969				\$ 7,362,881

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

Item	January 1971	January 1970
Cattle and calves	72,100	65,600
Milk cows, 2 years and older	19,750	19,400
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	35,000	50,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	50,600	59,000
Hogs	500	600
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	29,900	56,350

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1970	5,104 lbs.		\$.34	\$ 1,735
	1969	9,600		.21	2,032
Fur, Mink	1970	8,000	pelt	18.75	150,000
	1969	8,200		19.50	159,900
TOTAL	1970				\$151,735
	1969				\$161,932

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Field crops	\$ 2,680,177	\$ 2,638,711
Vegetable	1,716,160 1,761,160	1,011,170
Fruit and nut crops	22,945	23,247
Nursery stock	602,582	421,479
Livestock and poultry	3,010,566	2,882,358
Livestock and poultry products	8,172,832	7,362,881
Miscellaneous products	151,735	161,932
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$16,356,997</u>	<u>\$14,501,778</u>

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1966-1970	14,334,554
1961-1965	12,673,306
1956-1960	11,740,257
1951-1955	15,105,355
1946-1950	14,030,702

ADDENDA

ACP payment		\$ 75,253.58
ASC Lamb payment (1969) 1970 not available		12,539.34
ASC Wool payment (1969) 1970 not available		140,998.22
ASC Mohair payment (1969) 1970 not available		55.75
Bark products		7,802
Decorative greens		5,000
Christmas trees (Farm)	5,500 each	
Timber cut	1,200,000 MBM	

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