

Humboldt County

Agricultural Statistics

1971



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to

consumer

To: MR. JERRY 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 1971. These figures represent value of production, regardless of utilization.

Hay production declined somewhat; as did silage and pasture.

Corn production was up as were tomatoes but potato acreage dropped by at least 200 acres and other vegetables also dropped. Fruit production continues to drop.

Daffodil production per acre more than doubled and nursery stock as a whole improved.

There is still some increase in beef production, while sheep production continues to decline. Milk continues to be a significant contributor with more increase in market milk. Egg production declined as did wool.

Mink fur is phasing out in Humboldt County. All these factors caused a loss of value in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. This causes a switch of emphasis by the Department to more consumer protection orientation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas,
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1971	6	20.0	120	cwt.	\$25.00	\$3,000
	1970	4	22.5	90	cwt.	24.17	2,175
Hay, all	1971	2,163	2.6	5,896	ton	29.69	167,504
	1970	2,258	2.6	5,830	ton	29.70	173,109
Alfalfa	1971	710	3.5	2,450	ton	29.90	73,261
	1970	998	2.9	2,941	ton	29.80	87,642
Grass-Clover	1971	1185	2.6	3,022	ton	26.99	81,564
	1970	952	2.4	2,281	ton	29.59	67,473
Oat	1971	268	1.6	424	ton	29.90	12,679
	1970	308	2.0	608	ton	29.60	17,994
Silage	1971	600	10.0	6,000	ton	11.80	70,800
	1970	630	10.4	6,552	ton	11.60	76,003
Pasture							
Irrigated	1971	8,600				60.80	522,880
	1970	8,700				60.70	528,090
Range	1971	233,000					1,901,000
	1970	235,000					1,900,800
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TOTAL	1971						\$2,665,184
	1970						\$2,680,177

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1971	70	.99	78.3	ton	\$206.50	\$ 16,162
	1970	68	1.12	76.40	ton	156.30	11,942
Tomatoes	1971	28	4.19	117.43	ton	174.63	20,507
	1970	26	5.26	136.63	ton	107.58	14,666
Potatoes	1971	1,897	12.20	23,130.00	ton	63.85	1,476,854
	1970	2,088	14.23	29,713.00	ton	56.79	1,687,588
Misc. Cucurbits	1971						12,165
	1970						16,226
Misc. Vegetables others	1971						8,543
	1970						30,738
TOTAL	1971						\$1,534,231
	1970						\$1,761,160

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, all	1971	24					\$ 14,375
	1970	26					18,323
Fresh	1971			33.82	ton	\$238.76	8,075
	1970			84.50	ton	136.36	11,523
Process	1971						6,300
	1970						6,800
Misc. Fruits	1971						1,295
	1970						3,889
Misc. Nuts	1971						1,641
	1970						733
TOTAL	1971						\$17,311
	1970						\$22,945

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1971	109	77.4	8,435	M	\$27.10	\$228,610
	1970	187	27.9	5,235	M	30.54	159,900
Other	1971						9,650
	1970						600
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1971						77,510
	1970						90,000
Plants							
Ornamental	1971						144,532
	1970						269,782
Tree, Forest Nursery	1971	14	632.4	8,853	M	22.15	196,050
	1970	13	665.5	8,652	M	21.07	182,300
Bedding	1971						10,565
	1970						0
Certified Nursery Stock	1971						12,312
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TOTAL	1971						\$679,229
	1970						\$602,582

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Live-weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves, all	1971	18,920	99,799			\$2,596,530
	1970	18,410	97,111			2,377,562
Cows	1971	5,581	45,764	cwt.	\$20.80	951,895
	1970	5,431	44,534	cwt.	20.30	904,044
Steers	1971	3,545	30,557	cwt.	29.10	889,209
	1970	3,498	29,733	cwt.	26.70	793,871
Bulls	1971	473	5,863	cwt.	26.40	154,771
	1970	460	5,704	cwt.	25.40	144,882
Calves	1971	9,271	17,615	cwt.	34.10	600,655
	1970	9,021	17,140	cwt.	31.20	534,765
Sheep and lambs, all	1971	33,042	28,653			443,685
	1970	40,655	33,973			604,873
Sheep	1971	10,130	12,156	cwt.	6.10	74,152
	1970	11,029	13,235	cwt.	7.00	92,644
Lambs	1971	22,912	16,497	cwt.	22.40	369,533
	1970	29,626	20,738	cwt.	24.70	512,229
Hogs	1971	460	952	cwt.	16.70	15,902
	1970	526	1,088	cwt.	21.70	23,631
Chickens	1971	10,200		head	.14	1,510
	1970	6,650		head	.29	1,900
Misc.*	1971					1,239
	1970					2,600
TOTAL	1971					\$3,058,866
	1970					\$3,010,566

*Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1971	1,491,000	cwt.		\$7,999,000
	1970	1,481,000	cwt.		\$7,755,000
Manufacturing	1971	902,000	cwt.	\$4.87	\$4,393,000
	1970	913,000	cwt.	\$4.82	\$4,381,000
Market	1971	589,000	cwt.	\$6.12	\$3,606,000
	1970	568,000	cwt.	\$5.93	\$3,374,000
Eggs	1971	285,514	doz.	.40	\$ 114,813
	1970	412,894	doz.	.53	\$ 220,043
Wool	1971	460,000	lb.	.23	\$ 105,800
	1970	473,532	lb.	.38	\$ 179,789
TOTAL	1971				\$8,219,613
	1970				\$8,154,832

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

Item	January 1972	January 1971
Cattle and calves	76,200	72,100
Milk cows, 2 years and older	18,300	18,100
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	37,000	35,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	41,900	50,600
Hogs	400	500
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	18,500	29,900

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1971	6,056	lbs.	\$.23	\$ 1,396
	1970	5,104	lbs.	.34	1,735
Fur, Mink	1971	4,000	Pelt	17.70	70,800
	1970	8,000	Pelt	18.75	150,000
TOTAL	1971				\$ 72,196
	1970				\$ 151,735

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Field Crops	\$ 2,665,184	\$ 2,680,177
Vegetable	1,534,231	1,761,160
Fruit and Nut crops	17,311	22,945
Nursery stock	679,229	602,582
Livestock and poultry	3,058,866	3,010,566
Livestock and poultry products	8,219,613	8,154,832
Miscellaneous products	72,196	151,735
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,246,630	\$ 16,383,997

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	\$ 65,034
ASC Lamb payment (1970) - 1971 figures not available	19,384
ASC Wool payment (1970) 1971 figures not available	190,663
ASC Mohair payment (1970) 1971 figures not available	217
Bark products	9,600
Decorative greens	6,000
Christmas trees (Farm) 4,500 each	
Timber cut 1,250,000 MBM	

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