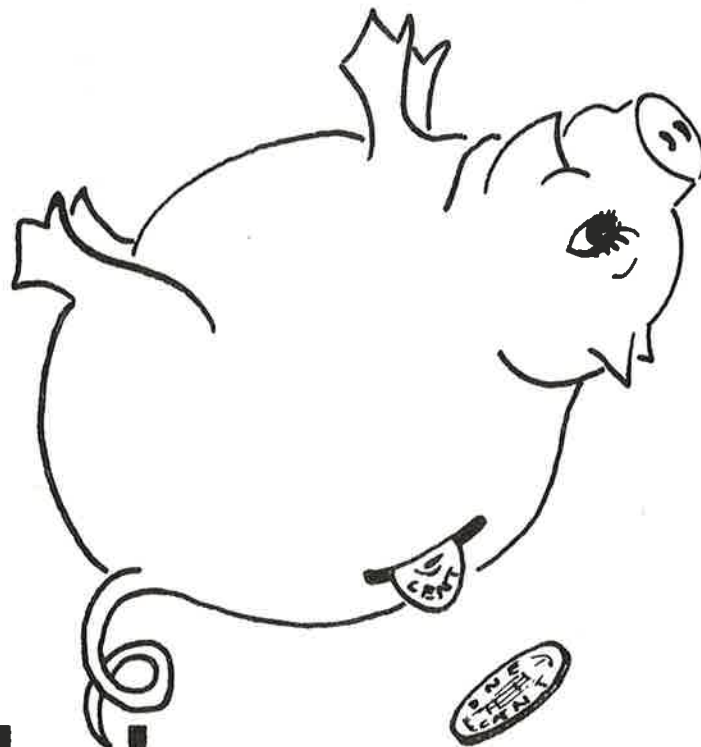


HUMBOLDT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1972

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To: MR. C. B. CHRISTENSEN
Director of Agriculture

and

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with section 2279 of the Food and Agricultural Code of the State of California, I am pleased to present a report of the agricultural production of the County of Humboldt for 1972. These figures represent value of production, regardless of utilization.

In general hay yield and acreage was up but sileage and pasture acreage decreased.

Corn and tomato acreage decreased as did potato acreage, whereas value of miscellaneous cucurbit and general went up. All production of fruit and nuts continues to decrease.

There is a general decline in production of all nursery stock.

There is a general shift upward of beef production and general downward shift of sheep numbers. Higher unit prices in general contributed to an overall 10% increase in value for livestock and poultry.

There was a general increase in milk production and unit value. A general decline in laying chickens and lessened production was offset by unit value increase. Along with lessened sheep numbers there was a reduction in pounds of wool.

Fur production in the county no longer exists.

Overall value remained relatively static. The Department activities are attempting to continue upgrading of environmental factors.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Donald Thomas
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1972	5	21.0	105	cwt.	\$25.40	\$2,567
	1971	6	20.0	120	cwt.	25.00	3,000
Hay, all	1972	2,148	3.8	8,064	ton	29.57	238,529
	1971	2,163	2.6	5,896	ton	29.69	167,504
Alfalfa	1972	567	5.6	3,149	ton	32.74	103,108
	1971	710	3.5	2,450	ton	29.90	73,261
Grass-clover	1972	1304	3.3	4,263	ton	26.96	114,942
	1971	1185	2.6	3,022	ton	26.99	81,564
Oat	1972	277	2.4	652	ton	31.53	20,549
	1971	268	1.6	424	ton	29.90	12,679
Silage	1972	580	10.0	5,800	ton	11.90	69,020
	1971	600	10.0	6,000	ton	11.80	70,800
Pasture Irrigated	1972	8,500				62.20	528,700
	1971	8,600				60.80	522,880
Range	1972	231,000					1,887,270
	1971	233,000					1,901,800
TOTAL	1972						\$ 2,726,256
	1971						2,665,984

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1972	46	1.39	63.80	ton	\$ 178.48	\$ 11,387
	1971	70	.99	78.3	ton	206.50	16,162
Tomatoes	1972	14	5.23	73.22	ton	253.05	18,528
	1971	28	4.19	117.43	ton	174.63	20,507
Potatoes	1972	1,628	14.03	22,844	ton	45.92	1,049,001
	1971	1,897	12.20	23,130	ton	63.85	1,476,854
Misc. Cucurbits	1972						20,231
	1971						12,165
Misc. Vegetables others	1972						17,411
	1971						8,543
TOTAL	1972						\$ 1,116,558
	1971						1,534,231

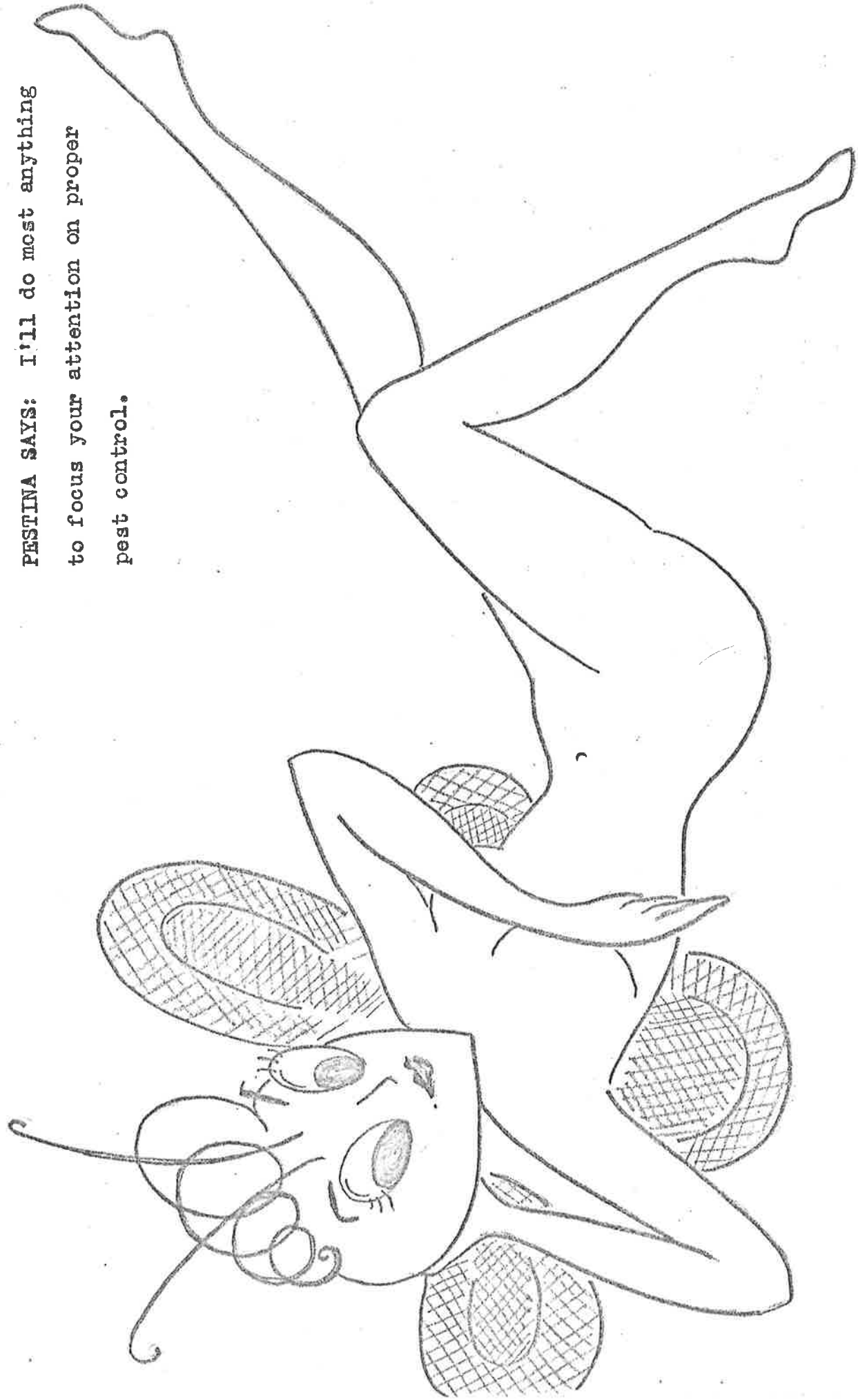
FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Apples, all	1972	21				\$	12,902
	1971	24					14,375
Fresh	1972			36.50	ton	293.89	10,727
	1971			33.82	ton	238.76	8,075
Process	1972						2,175
	1971						6,300
Misc. Fruits	1972						1,218
	1971						1,295
Misc. Nuts	1972						520
	1971						1,641
TOTAL	1972						\$ 14,640
	1971						17,311

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives							
Daffodils	1972	126	65.3	8,228	M	\$ 28.05	\$ 230,795
	1971	109	77.4	8,435	M	27.10	228,610
Other	1972						4,000
	1971						9,650
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1972						76,200
	1971						77,510
Plants							
Ornamental	1972						82,305
	1971						144,532
Tree, Forest Nursery	1972	14	630.79	8,831	M	21.98	194,082
	1971	14	632.4	8,853		22.15	196,050
Bedding	1972						2,715
	1971						10,565
Certified Nursery Stock	1972						27,560
	1971						12,312
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TOTAL	1972						\$ 617,657
	1971						679,229

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Total Live-weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves, all	1972	19,050	100,490			\$ 2,933,792
	1971	18,920	99,799			2,596,530
Cows	1972	5,620	46,082	cwt.	23.90	1,101,359
	1971	5,581	45,764	cwt.	20.80	951,895
Steers	1972	3,620	30,766	cwt.	31.80	978,351
	1971	3,545	30,557	cwt.	29.10	889,209
Bulls	1972	476	5,906	cwt.	28.40	167,716
	1971	473	5,863	cwt.	26.40	154,771
Calves	1972	9,335	17,736	cwt.	38.70	686,366
	1971	9,271	17,615	cwt.	34.10	600,655
Sheep and lambs, all	1972	28,701	25,141			436,283
	1971	33,042	28,653			443,685
Sheep	1972	9,326	11,191	cwt.	6.70	74,978
	1971	10,130	12,156	cwt.	6.10	74,152
Lambs	1972	19,375	13,950	cwt.	25.90	361,305
	1971	22,912	16,497	cwt.	22.40	369,533
Hogs	1972	435	900	cwt.	23.91	21,521
	1971	460	952	cwt.	16.70	15,902
Chickens	1972	7,950		head	.14	1,065
	1971	10,200		head	.14	1,510
Misc.*	1972					1,360
	1971					1,239
TOTAL	1972					\$ 3,394,021
	1971					3,058,866

*Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1972	1,540,000	cwt.		\$ 8,467,000
	1971	1,491,000	cwt.		7,999,000
Manufacturing	1972	945,000	cwt.	\$5.07	4,790,000
	1971	902,000	cwt.	4.87	4,393,000
Market	1972	595,000	cwt.	6.18	3,677,000
	1971	589,000	cwt.	6.12	3,606,000
Eggs	1972	230,115	doz.	.50	115,058
	1971	285,514	doz.	.40	114,813
Wool	1972	335,539	lb.	.29	97,306
	1971	460,000	lb.	.23	105,800
TOTAL	1972				\$ 8,679,364
	1971				8,219,613

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

Item	January 1973	January 1972
Cattle and calves	77,300	76,200
Milk cows, 2 years and older	17,450	18,300
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	38,200	37,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	35,300	41,900
Hogs	426	400
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	16,000	18,500

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Honey	1972				\$ 2,175
	1971				1,396
Fur, Mink	1972				5,000
	1971				70,800
TOTAL	1972				\$ 7,175
	1971				72,196

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Field Crops	\$ 2,726,256	\$ 2,665,984
Vegetable	1,116,558	1,534,231
Fruit and nut crops	14,640	17,311
Nursery stock	617,657	679,229
Livestock and poultry	3,394,021	3,058,866
Livestock and poultry products	8,679,364	8,219,613
Miscellaneous products	7,175	72,196
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,555,671	\$ 16,247,430

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1971 - 1972	\$16,401,550
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	\$ 87,194
Lamb payment	17,710
Wool payment	228,348
Bark products	5,000
Decorative greens	9,600
Christmas trees cut	4,500 each
Timber cut	1,250,000 MBM

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