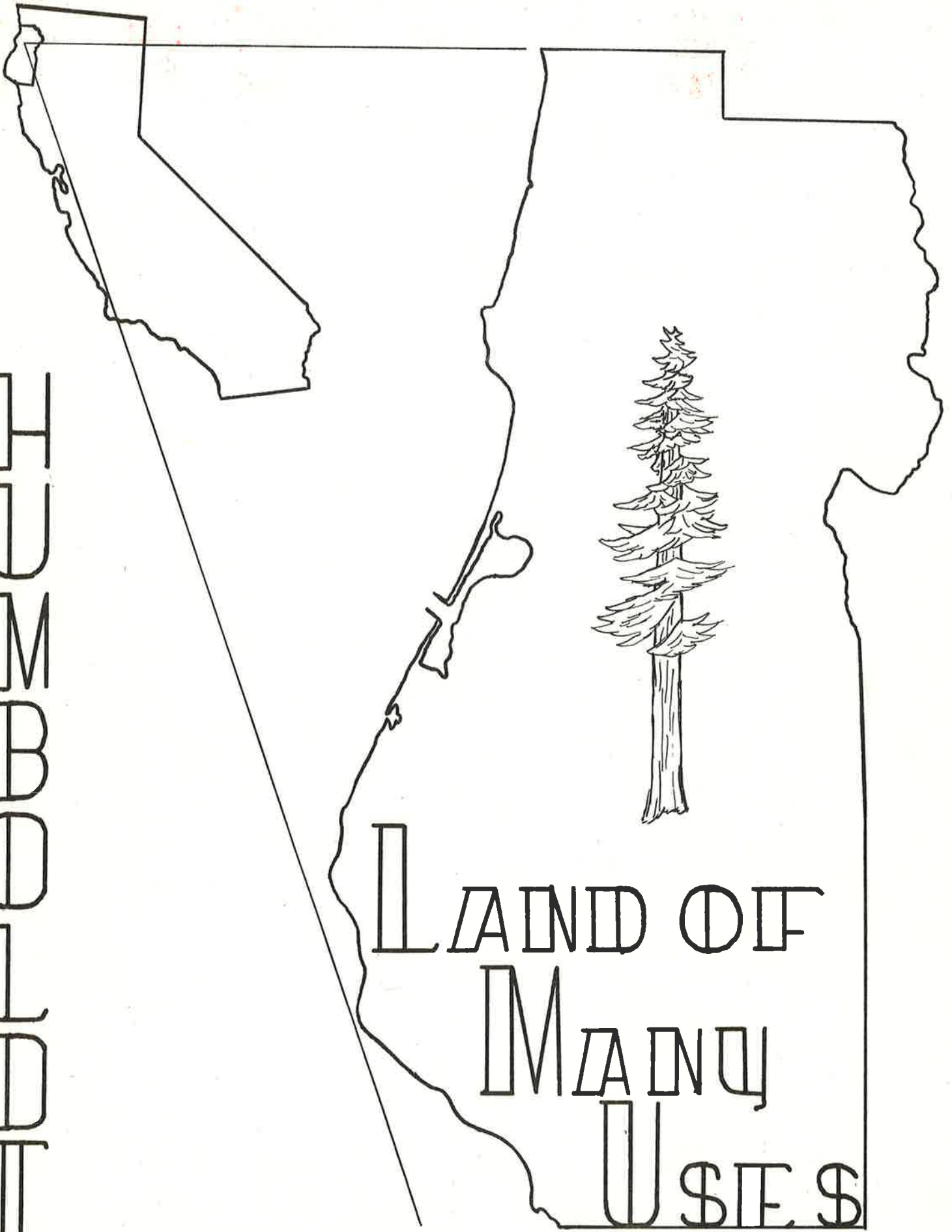


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To: MR. TIM WALLACE
Director of Agriculture

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with section 2279 of the Food and Agriculture Code of the State of California, I am pleased to present a report of the agricultural production of the County of Humboldt for 1974. These figures represent value of production, regardless of utilization.

There was a general reduction in hay acreage. The decline however, was offset by higher yields per acre. Production of silage increased considerably over the previous years.

Vegetable acreage was also down, mostly in commercial potatoes and sweet corn. Yields per acre though were greater, negating the reduced acreage. Fruit and nut production was slightly higher on the average. Apples showed the largest gain while other fruits went down sharply.

Nursery production made general gains. Bulb acreage and forest stock had significant increases. Two large timber companies began growing containerized forest nursery stock in large greenhouses.

The production of beef rose somewhat over the previous year. Sheep production continued to decline. As a result, wool production dropped sharply. Although, the number of chickens increased not all of them were laying, which accounted for the drop in egg production.

Basically all production reflected higher values from the previous year. The only exception was livestock which plunged downward.

Respectfully submitted,



John F. Hart,
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total Unit	Per Unit	Total	
Beans, dry	1974	5	24.6	123	cwt.	\$27.76	\$3,415
	1973	4	30.5	122	cwt.	18.59	2,268
Hay, all	1974	2,119	4.0	8,557	ton	32.55	278,506
	1973	2,539	2.3	5,785	ton	35.96	208,015
Alfalfa	1974	375	2.9	1,092	ton	56.26	61,435
	1973	499	2.8	1,394	ton	38.25	53,318
Grass-clover	1974	1,538	4.6	7,052	ton	26.91	189,793
	1973	1,674	2.3	3,820	ton	33.75	128,943
*Oat	1974	206	2.0	413	ton	66.05	27,278
	1973	366	1.6	571	ton	45.10	25,754
Silage	1974	233	16.2	3,780	ton	15.51	58,615
	1973	163	13.0	2,120	ton	10.85	23,000
Pasture							
Irrigated	1974	10,000				73.60	736,000
	1973	10,000				63.60	636,000
Range	1974	415,000					3,500,000
	1973	415,000					3,456,950
TOTAL							
	1974						\$4,576,536
	1973						2,726,256

*Includes barley

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1974	40	1.79	71.81	ton	\$224.84	\$16,146
	1973	69	1.38	95.40	ton	195.55	18,656
Tomatoes	1974	21	6.99	146.72	ton	178.26	26,155
	1973	26	6.61	171.76	ton	127.92	21,972
Potatoes	1974	1,522	12.70	19,335	ton	74.43	1,439,185
	1973	1,559	11.95	18,633	ton	63.71	1,187,141
Misc. Cucurbits	1974	18		79	ton		11,274
	1973	24		150	ton		21,287
Misc. Vegetable	1974	12		15.32	ton		5,386
	1973	20		30.67	ton		12,352
TOTAL	1974	1,613		19,648	ton		\$1,498,146
	1973	1,698		19,081	ton		1,261,408

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
*Apples, all	1974	27		129.34	ton		\$25,412
	1973	21		99.50	ton		13,782
Misc. Fruits	1974	4		6.40	ton		3,112
	1973	19		36.30	ton		12,120
Misc. Nuts	1974	14		1.93	ton		1,463
	1973	14		1.67	ton		1,212
TOTAL	1974	45		137.67	ton		\$29,987
	1973	54		137.47	ton		27,114

*Includes processed

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives	1974	134					\$562,319
	1973	114					480,000
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1974						74,800
	1973						75,000
Plants							
Ornamental	1974						496,398
	1973						188,464
Tree, Forest Nursery	1974	20	551,550	11,031	M	\$38.24	421,860
	1973	14	1,379.21	19,309	M	23.00	444,107
Bedding	1974						62,058
	1973						7,568
Certified Nursery Stock	1974						-----
	1973						14,000
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TOTAL	1974						\$1,617,435
	1973						1,209,139

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Live-Weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves, all	1974	19,500	102,863			\$3,523,622
	1973	19,325	103,650			4,224,167
Cows	1974	5,752	47,170	cwt.	\$26.77	1,262,741
	1973	5,701	48,458	cwt.	31.80	1,540,964
Steers	1974	3,705	31,492	cwt.	41.74	1,314,476
	1973	3,672	31,212	cwt.	47.63	1,486,627
Bulls	1974	487	6,045	cwt.	35.43	214,174
	1973	483	5,989	cwt.	38.21	228,840
Calves	1974	9,556	18,156	cwt.	40.33	732,231
	1973	9,469	17,991	cwt.	53.79	967,736
Sheep and Lambs, all	1974	18,561	17,764			414,481
	1973	30,044	28,380			562,284
Sheep	1974	8,000	10,160	cwt.	12.43	126,289
	1973	14,060	16,872	cwt.	11.50	194,028
Lambs	1974	10,561	7,604	cwt.	37.90	288,192
	1973	15,984	11,508	cwt.	32.00	368,256
Hogs	1974	375	776	cwt.	33.97	26,361
	1973	400	828	cwt.	37.52	31,067
Chickens	1974	9,200		head	.22	2,024
	1973	6,200		head	.22	1,364
Misc.*	1974					1,702
	1973					1,300
TOTAL	1974					\$3,968,190
	1973					4,820,182

*Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1974	1,362,000	cwt.		\$10,321,000
	1973	1,502,000	cwt.		10,114,000
Manufacturing	1974	709,000	cwt.	6.61	4,686,000
	1973	881,000	cwt.	5.74	5,057,000
Market	1974	653,000	cwt.	8.63	5,635,000
	1973	621,000	cwt.	7.10	5,057,000
Eggs	1974	142,723	doz.	.64	91,157
	1973	195,260	doz.	.50	97,322
Wool	1974	94,083	lbs.	.50	47,041
	1973	173,333	lbs.	.83	144,815
TOTAL	1974				\$10,459,198
	1973				10,356,137

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

Item	January 1975	January 1974
Cattle and calves	56,200	78,000
Milk cows, 2 years and older	16,200	17,200
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	40,000	38,600
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	21,500	25,200
Hogs	350	450
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	9,500	8,500

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1974		\$3,157
	1973		2,323
TOTAL	1974		\$3,157
	1973		7,175

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Field Crops	\$4,576,535	\$4,326,233
Vegetable	1,498,146	1,261,408
Fruit and nut crops	29,987	27,114
Nursery stock	1,617,435	1,209,139
Livestock and poultry	3,968,190	4,820,182
Livestock and poultry products	10,459,198	10,356,137
Miscellaneous products	3,157	2,323
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,152,649	\$22,002,536

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1971 - 1974	\$19,237,571
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		\$16,108.00
Lamb payment	(incentive programs were down due	
Wool payment	to high prices)	
Bark products		7,841.10
Decorative greens		5,500.00
Christmas trees cut	11,250	
Timber cut	1,000,000 MBM	