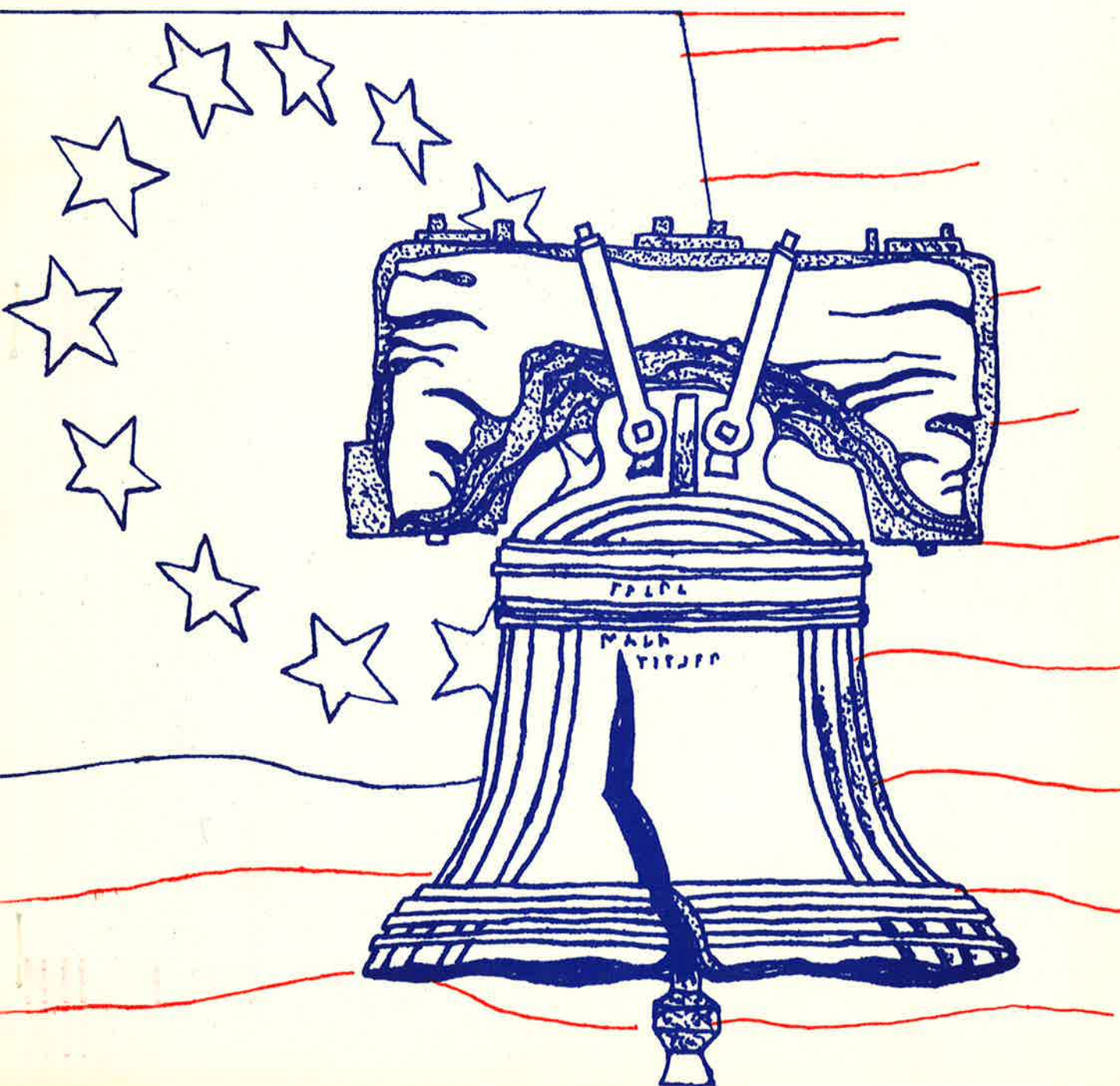


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HUMBOLDT COUNTY 1975



Agriculture Report

To: MR. TIM WALLACE
Director of Agriculture

and

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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 1975. These figures represent value of production, regardless of utilization.

Hay acreage nearly doubled last year's with alfalfa and oat leading production, despite a per acre yield decline. Reduced yield of grass and clover resulted, in part, by growers extending allotted grazing time. Silage was on par with hay with a slight increase in acreage and a contradictory drop in production. The large acreage gain in irrigated pasture represents a correction of previous low estimates, not additional land.

Vegetable production was mixed. Sweet corn gained while tomato production dropped. Commercial potatoes continued their downward trend, despite a rise in acre yield. Some fields remained unharvested due to early rains that prevented entry of harvesting machinery. There was a general upward trend in fruit and nut production as new trees began bearing. Apples were the exception with a production decline.


There was a general reduction in nursery production, the two exceptions were ornamentals and forest nursery stock. These made the only market increases.

The increase in forest nursery stock was the addition of a new nursery and the expansion of two others.

The production of beef declined, partly the result of the previous years depressed market. The trend in sheep production continued to fall, as more ranchers dropped out of business or reverted to beef production.

Generally all production showed increased values from 1974.

Respectfully submitted,


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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	Per Acre (per hectare)	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1975	2	43.5	87	cwt.	\$33.28	\$2,895
		0.80	3,152.88	3,941.10	kg	0.735	---
	1974	5	24.6	123	cwt.	27.76	3,415
Hay, all	1975	2,773	2.6	7,227	ton	48.62	351,368
		1,109.20		6,547,662	kg	0.054	---
	1974	2,119	4.0	8,557	ton	32.55	278,506
Alfalfa	1975	378	3.8	1,436	ton	61.51	88,335
		151.20	8,604.60	1,301,016	kg	0.068	---
	1974	375	2.9	1,092	ton	56.26	61,435
Grass-clover	1975	2,032	2.5	5,103	ton	42.81	218,487
		812.80	5,688.14	4,623,318	kg	0.047	---
	1974	1,538	4.6	7,052	ton	26.91	189,793
* Oat	1975	363	1.9	688	ton	64.75	44,546
		145.20	4,292.89	623,328	kg	0.071	---
	1974	206	2.0	413	ton	66.05	27,278
Silage	1975	240	11.7	2,817	ton	18.38	51,774
		96.00	26,585.44	2,552,202	kg	0.020	---
	1974	233	16.2	3,780	ton	15.51	58,615
Pasture							
** Irrigated	1975	20,000				80.00	1,600,000
		8,000				200.00	---
	1974	10,000				73.60	736,000
Range	1975	415,000				8.50	3,527,500
		166,000				21.25	---
	1974	415,000				8.43	3,500,000
TOTAL	1975						\$ 5,533,537
	1974						4,576,536

* Includes barley

**Higher figure due to receipt of new data and does not reflect new land conversion.

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VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre (per hectare)	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1975	59	1.75	103.56	ton	\$ 229.91	\$ 23,810
		23.60	3,975.65	13,825.36	kg	0.254	---
	1974	40	1.79	71.80	ton	224.84	16,146
Tomatoes	1975	21	5.38	113.01	ton	190.40	21,517
		8.40	12,188.93	102,387.06	kg	0.210	---
	1974	21	6.99	146.72	ton	178.26	26,155
Potatoes	1975	1,199	13.05	15,642	ton	73.00	1,144,506
		479.60	29,548.90	14,171,652.00	kg	0.081	---
	1974	1,522	12.70	19,335	ton	74.43	1,439,185
Misc. Cucurbits	1975	26	---	89.49	ton	---	17,057
		10.40	---	81,077.94	kg	---	---
	1974	18	---	79	ton	---	11,274
Misc. Vegetable	1975	10	---	5.01	ton	---	4,647
		4.00	---	4,539.06	kg	---	---
	1974	12	---	15.32	ton	---	5,386
TOTAL	1975	1,315	---	15,953.07	ton		\$1,211,537
		526.00	---	14,373,480.00	kg		
	1974	1,613	--	19,648	ton		\$1,498,146

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	<u>Production</u> Total	Unit	<u>Value</u> Total
* Apples, all	1975	37	125.28	ton	\$24,826
		14.80	113,503.68	kg	---
	1974	27	129.34	ton	25,412
Misc. Fruits	1975	25	41.48	ton	17,961
		10.00	37,580.88	kg	---
	1974	4	6.40	ton	3,112
Misc. Nuts	1975	14	2.53	ton	1,751
		5.60	2,292.18	kg	---
	1974	14	1.93	ton	1,463
TOTAL	1975	76	169.29	ton	\$44,538
		30.40	153,376.74	kg	---
	1974	45	137.67	ton	\$29,987

*Includes processed

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage (hectare)	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre (per hectare)	Total		Per unit	Total
Cut flowers and decoratives	1975	136 54.40					\$324,787
	1974	134					562,319
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1975					1,891,750	73,000
	1974					1,615,000	74,800
Plants							
Ornamental	1975						637,827
	1974						496,398
Tree, Forest Nursery	1975	24 9.60	546,875 1,367,187	13,125 ---	M \$	41.69 ---	547,220 ---
	1974	20	551,550	11,031	M	38.24	421,860
Bedding	1975						2,000
	1974						62,058
Certified Nursery Stock	1975						---
	1974						---
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TOTAL	1975					4,464,000	\$1,584,834
	1974					2,810,000	1,617,435

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Live-Weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and Calves, all	1975	14,050	74,113 3,368,806.70	cwt. kg		\$1,942,136 ---
	1974	19,500	102,863	cwt.		3,523,622
Cows	1975	4,145	33,987 1,544,861.30	cwt. kg	\$23.00 0.506	781,700 ---
	1974	5,752	47,170	cwt.	26.77	1,262,741
Steers	1975	2,669	22,691 1,031,397.70	cwt. kg	30.00 0.660	680,722 ---
	1974	3,705	31,492	cwt.	41.74	1,314,476
Bulls	1975	352	4,355 197,977.27	cwt. kg	26.06 0.573	113,485 ---
	1974	487	6,045	cwt.	35.43	214,174
Calves	1975	6,884	13,080 594,570.45	cwt. kg	28.00 0.616	366,229 ---
	1974	9,556	18,156	cwt.	40.33	732,231
Sheep & Lambs all	1975	15,015	13,396 608,899.99	cwt. kg		414,856 ---
	1974	18,561	17,764	cwt.		414,481
Sheep	1975	4,700	5,969 271,318.18	cwt. kg	16.00 0.352	95,504 ---
	1974	8,000	10,160	cwt.	12.43	126,289
Lambs	1975	10,315	7,427 337,581.81	cwt. kg	43.00 0.946	319,352 ---
	1974	10,561	7,604	cwt.	37.90	288,192
Hogs	1975	350	700 31,818.18	cwt. kg	50.00 1.100	35,000 ---
	1974	375	776	cwt.	33.97	26,361
Chickens	1975	9,000		head	.24	2,160
	1974	9,200		head	.22	2,024
Misc.*	1975					2,457
	1974					1,702
TOTAL	1975					\$2,396,609
	1974					4,820,182

* Includes rabbits

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1975	1,388,000 62,876,400	cwt. kg		\$12,056,000
	1974	1,362,000	cwt.		10,321,000
Manufacturing	1975	697,000 31,574,100	cwt. kg	\$7.86 0.17	5,478,000 ---
	1974	709,000	cwt.	6.61	4,686,000
Market	1975	691,000 31,302,300	cwt. kg	9.52 0.21	6,578,000 ---
	1974	653,000	cwt.	8.63	5,635,000
Eggs	1975	118,664	doz.	.67	79,283
	1974	142,723	doz.	.64	91,157
Wool	1975	67,605 30,729.54	lb. kg	.45 .990	30,422
	1974	94,083	lbs.	.50	47,041
TOTAL	1975			1,346,000	\$ 12,165,705
	1974			1,249,000	10,459,198

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

Item	January 1976	January 1975
Cattle and Calves	60,100	56,200
Milk cows, 2 years and older	15,000	16,200
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	45,100	40,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	21,300	21,500
Hogs	400	350
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	9,000	9,500

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1975		\$2,504
	1974		3,157
TOTAL	1975		2,504
	1974		3,157

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
Field Crops	\$5,533,537	\$4,576,536
Vegetable	1,211,537	1,498,146
Fruit and nut crops	44,538	29,987
Nursery stock	1,584,834	1,617,435
Livestock and poultry	2,396,609	3,968,190
Livestock and poultry products	12,165,705	10,459,198
Miscellaneous products	<u>2,504</u>	<u>3,157</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,939,264	\$22,152,649

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1971 - 1975	\$19,979,350
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

ADENDA

ACP payment	information unavailable	
Lamb payment	" "	
Wool payment	" "	
Bark products		4,823
Decorative greens		5,800
Christmas trees cut	8,500	
Timber cut	900,000 MBM	

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