

HUMBOLDT COUNTY



Crop Statistics 76

To: Mr. James G. Youde
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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 1976. The figures represent value of production, regardless of utilization.

Hay acreage showed increases in all categories but alfalfa. Grass and clover ranked number one in production, while other hay types remained basically unchanged from last year. Silage gained in acreage and yield. Rise in yield was primarily due to increased plantings of field corn. Higher commodity prices generally favored swing to more hay production.

Vegetable acreage stayed at about the 1975 level, except for commercial potatoes which declined by 50 per cent. Poor market conditions and grower disinterest were factors contributing to the sharp drop. Other than potatoes, production was similar to last year.

Miscellaneous fruits and nuts declined in acreage and production. Apples showed a modest rise in acreage, while new bearing trees caused an upswing in production.

Nursery products took a downward trend in production, but higher commodity values eased the impact. Near drought conditions on forestlands reduced the demand for forest nursery stock.

Beef production rose above last years level due to market and drought conditions. New data on cattle numbers are reflected in the increase, the same applies to sheep production figures. The trend for sheep is still downward.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	Per Acre (per hectare)	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1976	5	32	160	cwt.	\$27.50	\$4,400
		2	3,600	7,200	kg	0.611	---
	1975	2	43.5	87	cwt.	33.28	2,895
Hay, all	1976	3,001	2.8	8,286	ton	58.10	481,793
		1,200	6,214	7,457,400	kg	0.065	---
	1975	2,773	2.6	7,227	ton	48.62	351,368
Alfalfa	1976	361	3.8	1,368	ton	65.76	89,965
		144	8,550	1,231,200	kg	0.073	---
	1975	378	3.8	1,436	ton	61.51	88,335
Grass-clover	1976	2,273	2.8	6,342	ton	55.52	352,116
		909	6,279	5,707,800	kg	0.062	---
	1975	2,032	2.5	5,103	ton	42.81	218,487
* Oat	1976	372	1.6	582	ton	68.23	39,712
		149	35.15	523,800	kg	0.076	---
	1975	363	1.9	688	ton	64.75	44,546
Silage, all	1976	315	17.0	5,361	ton	23.10	123,860
		126	38,293	4,824,900	kg	0.026	---
	1975	240	11.7	2,817	ton	18.38	51,774
Pasture							
Irrigated	1976	20,000				85.00	1,700,000
		8,000				212.50	---
	1975	20,000				80.00	1,600,000
Range	1976	415,000				8.55	3,548,250
		166,000				21.37	---
	1975	415,000				8.50	3,527,500
TOTAL							
	1976						\$5,858,303
	1975						\$5,533,537

* Includes barley, alfalfa/rye

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre (per hectare)	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1976	60	2.00	120.00	ton	\$217.52	\$26,102
		24	4,500	108,000	kg	0.242	---
	1975	59	1.75	103.56	ton	229.91	23,810
Tomatoes	1976	25	7.09	177.38	ton	204.05	36,194
		10	15,964	159,642	kg	0.227	---
	1975	21	5.38	113.01	ton	190.40	21,517
Potatoes	1976	652	11.80	7,697.00	ton	77.43	596,010
		261	26,541	6,927,300	kg	0.086	---
	1975	1,199	13.05	15,642	ton	73.00	1,144,506
Misc. Cucurbits	1976	20	--	93.98	ton	198.74	18,678
		8	--	84,582	kg	0.221	---
	1975	26	--	89.49	ton	---	17,057
Misc. Vegetable	1976	4	--	5.55	ton	---	6,147
		2	--	4,995	kg	---	---
	1975	10	--	5.01	ton	---	4,647
TOTAL	1976	761		8,093.91	ton		\$683,131
		305		7,284,519	kg		---
	1975	1,315		15,953.07	ton		\$1,211,537

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage (hectare)	Production Total	Unit	Value Total
* Apples, all	1976	47	1,837.66	ton	\$28,175
		19	1,653,894	kg	---
	1975	37	125.28	ton	24,826
Misc. Fruits	1976	14	27.02	ton	12,614
		6	24,318	kg	---
	1975	25	41.48	ton	17,961
Misc. Nuts	1976	11	1.70	ton	1,129
		4	1,530	kg	---
	1975	14	2.53	ton	1,751
TOTAL	1976	72	1,866.38	ton	\$ 41,918
		29	1,679,742	kg	---
	1975	76	169.29	ton	\$ 44,538

* 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	1976	136 54					\$472,000
	1975	136					324,787
Bulbs							
Miscellaneous	1976						62,668
	1975						73,000
Plants							
Ornamental	1976						899,321
	1975						637,827
Tree, Forest Nursery	1976	21 8	478,857	10,056	M	\$68.35	687,338
	1975	24	546,875	13,125	M	41.69	547,220
Bedding	1976						9,000
	1975						2,000
Certified Nursery Stock	1976						---
	1975						---
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TOTAL	1976						\$2,130,327
	1975						\$1,584,834

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Live-Weight		Per Unit	Total
** Cattle and Calves, all	1976	18,000	94,950 4,272,750	cwt. kg	\$30.58 0.679	\$2,903,259 ---
	1975	14,050	74,113	cwt.		1,942,136
Cows	1976	5,310	43,542 1,959,390	cwt. kg	25.55 0.568	1,112,498 ---
	1975	4,145	33,987	cwt.	23.00	781,700
Steers	1976	3,420	29,070 1,308,150	cwt. kg	37.78 0.840	1,098,265 ---
	1975	2,669	22,691	cwt.	30.00	680,722
Bulls	1976	450	5,580 251,100	cwt. kg	28.00 0.622	156,240 ---
	1975	352	4,355	cwt.	26.06	113,485
Calves	1976	8,820	16,758 754,110	cwt. kg	32.00 0.711	536,256 ---
	1975	6,884	13,080	cwt.	28.00	366,229
** Sheep & Lambs, all	1976	21,600	18,852 848,340	cwt. kg	36.00 0.800	678,731 ---
	1975	15,015	13,396	cwt.	30.97	414,856
Sheep	1976	6,000	7,620 342,900	cwt. kg	20.00 0.444	152,400 ---
Lambs	1976	15,600	11,232 505,440	cwt. kg	46.86 1.041	526,331 ---
	1975	10,315	7,427	cwt.	43.00	319,352
Hogs	1976	200	414 18,630	cwt. kg	23.91 0.531	9,899 ---
	1975	350	700	cwt.	50.00	35,000
Chickens	1976	5,500		head	.93	5,115
	1975	9,000		head	.24	2,160
Misc. *	1976					2,650
	1975					2,457
TOTAL	1976					\$3,599,654
	1975					\$2,396,609

* Includes rabbits

** Higher figure due to new data

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1976	1,529,000	cwt.	\$9.25	\$14,144,950
		68,805,000	kg	0.206	---
	1975	1,388,000	cwt.	8.69	12,056,000
Manufacturing	1976	731,000	cwt.	8.51	6,220,810
		32,895,000	kg	0.189	---
	1975	697,000	cwt.	7.86	5,478,000
Market	1976	798,000	cwt.	9.93	7,924,140
		35,910,000	kg	0.221	---
	1975	691,000	cwt.	9.52	6,578,000
Eggs	1976	63,034	doz.	.65	40,972
		118,664	doz.	.67	79,283
Wool	1976	93,600	lb.	.69	64,584
		42,120	kg	1.533	---
	1975	67,605	lb.	.45	30,422
TOTAL	1976				\$14,250,506
	1975				\$12,165,705

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

Item	January 1977	January 1976
* Cattle and calves	35,700	60,100
Milk cows, 2 years and older	14,500	15,000
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	21,200	45,100
Sheep and lambs		
* Sheep (breeding stock)	25,000	21,300
Hogs	300	400
Poultry		
Hens and pullets of laying age	5,000	9,000

* Revised from new data.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1976		\$3,710
	1975		2,504
TOTAL	1976		\$3,710
	1975		\$2,504

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
Field Crops	\$5,858,303	\$5,533,537
Vegetable	683,131	1,211,537
Fruit and nut crops	41,918	44,538
Nursery stock	2,130,327	1,584,834
Livestock and poultry	3,599,654	2,396,609
Livestock and poultry products	14,250,506	12,165,705
Miscellaneous products	<u>3,710</u>	<u>2,504</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$26,567,549	\$22,939,264

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 \$5,262
 Decorative greens \$6,120
 Christmas trees cut 10,900
 Timber cut 1,000,050 MBM

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