

HUMBOLDT COUNTY



AGRICULTURAL CROP
REPORT 1980

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In accordance with Section 2279 of the Food and Agriculture Code of California, I am pleased to present a report of the agricultural production of the county of Humboldt for 1980. The figures represent value of production regardless of utilization.

Field crop acreage rose above that of 1979. Production levels were only slightly higher as a cold wet spring and cool summer affected yields. Crop values were generally higher.

Vegetable crops had a slow start in 1980 as cool temperatures adversely affected growth and production. Commercial potato production, however, flourished with the cooler temperatures. Acreages remained essentially unchanged from the previous year. All crops had increased values.

Unfavorable climatic conditions during the fruit and nut growing season reduced production below the 1979 levels. Bearing acreage was mostly unchanged. Values were up.

Production of nursery products declined primarily in bedding plants. The decline in forest nursery production was attributed to the reduced demand for lumber products. Cut flower acreage and production increased slightly. Product values were up except for forest nursery stock.

Cattle and sheep production showed a slight increase from 1979. However, sheep production is expected to continue to decline. Livestock values were below 1979 levels.

Production of livestock products were basically unchanged from 1979. Values for all products dropped.

The cooperation and contributions received from the many ranchers, growers, individuals and organizations have made this report possible and to them we wish to extend our sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Urban
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Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1980	25	20.1	502	cwt.	\$47.04	\$23,614
	1979	19	20.0	380	cwt.	39.33	14,944
Hay, all	1980	5,044	3.1	15,545	ton	60.10	934,216
	1979	4,175	25.7	15,287	ton	56.94	870,376
Alfalfa	1980	407	4.1	1,652	ton	72.46	119,704
	1979	343	2.7	933	ton	62.12	57,955
Grass-clover	1980	4,082	3.1	12,489	ton	59.10	738,045
	1979	4,117	3.3	13,794	ton	55.65	767,640
Grass	1980	343	2.5	873	ton	49.05	42,822
	** 1979	--	--	--		--	--
*Oat	1980	212	2.5	531	ton	63.36	33,645
	1979	255	2.2	560	ton	79.97	44,781
Silage, all	1980	9,619	6.4	61,350	ton	13.01	798,000
	1979	3,651	9.8	35,950	ton	16.26	584,600
Pasture							
Irrigated	1980	19,500				180.00	3,510,000
	1979	19,500				160.00	3,120,000
Range	1980	319,000				9.00	2,871,000
	1979	319,000				9.00	2,871,000
TOTAL	1980						\$8,136,830
	1979						\$7,460,920

*Includes vetch

**Included in grass/clover

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1980	74	2.31	170.96	ton	\$340.39	\$58,193
	1979	40	3.36	145.06	ton	267.69	38,831
Tomatoes	1980	8	20.83	166.64	ton	327.65	54,600
	1979	10	17.61	176.14	ton	207.12	36,483
Potatoes	1980	524	16.08	8,424.00	ton	89.85	756,937
	1979	585	13.62	7,970.00	ton	83.75	667,458
*Cucumbers	1980	4	5.02	20.08	ton	460.51	9,247
	1979	---	---	---		---	---
*Misc. Squash	1980	11	---	151.73	ton	---	30,793
	1979	---	---	---		---	---
Misc. Cucurbits	1980	5	---	16.10	ton	---	8,621
	1979	5	---	43.87	ton	---	14,292
**Misc. Vegetables	1980	17	---	45.68	ton	---	163,652
	1979	29	---	93.12	ton	---	104,670
TOTAL	1980	643	---	8,995.19	ton	---	\$1,082,043
	1979	669	---	8,428.19	ton	---	\$ 861,734

*Included in miscellaneous cucurbits 1979.

**Includes mushrooms.

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Total			Total	
*Apples, all	1980	34	95.55		ton	\$24,203	
	1979	34	129.97		ton	40,568	
Misc. Fruits	1980	12	18.15		ton	15,570	
	1979	17	20.32		ton	15,640	
*Misc. Nuts	1980	9	2.72		ton	4,105	
	1979	6	0.83		ton	1,072	
TOTAL	1980	55	116.42		ton	\$43,878	
	1979	57	151.12		ton	\$57,280	

*Includes processed
** Includes walnut and chestnut

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
*Cut flowers & decoratives	1980	210					\$1,106,400
	1979	202					1,103,360
**Plants ornamentals	1980						732,014
	1979						642,064
Bedding	1979						56,533
SUBTOTAL	1980	210					\$1,838,414
	1979	202					\$1,801,957
Tree, forest nursery	1980			25,976	M	\$84.12	2,184,980
	1979			27,360	M	95.00	2,599,200
GRAND TOTAL	1980	210		25,976	M	\$84.12	\$4,023,394
	1979	202		27,360	M	\$95.00	\$4,401,157

*Includes bulbs.

**Includes bedding plants for 1980.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of head	Live-Weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1980	18,000	94,950	cwt.	\$57.95	\$5,502,400
	1979	16,000	84,400	cwt.	61.23	5,168,006
Cows	1980	5,310	43,542	cwt.	46.20	2,011,640
	1979	4,720	38,704	cwt.	49.80	1,927,459
Steers	1980	3,420	29,070	cwt.	67.50	1,962,225
	1979	3,040	25,840	cwt.	69.10	1,785,544
Bulls	1980	450	5,580	cwt.	58.90	328,662
	1979	400	4,960	cwt.	63.00	312,480
Calves	1980	8,820	16,758	cwt.	71.60	1,199,873
	1979	7,840	14,896	cwt.	76.70	1,142,523
Sheep & lambs, all	1980	21,008	18,558	cwt.	43.00	797,472
	1979	20,976	18,745	cwt.	46.28	866,512
Sheep	1980	6,240	7,925	cwt.	16.10	127,593
	1979	6,624	8,412	cwt.	21.20	178,334
Lambs	1980	14,768	10,633	cwt.	63.00	669,879
	1979	14,352	10,333	cwt.	66.60	688,178
Hogs	1980	200	414	cwt.	40.90	16,933
	1979	200	414	cwt.	45.90	19,003
*Misc.	1980					3,300
	1979					63,148
TOTAL	1980					\$6,320,105
	1979					\$6,116,669

*Includes rabbits, earthworms and poultry.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1980	1,731,470	cwt.	\$11.45	\$19,817,100
	1979	1,766,000	cwt.	11.60	20,480,000
Manufacturing	1980	637,190	cwt.	10.51	6,697,000
	1979	693,000	cwt.	10.60	7,346,000
Market	1980	1,094,280	cwt.	11.99	13,120,100
	1979	1,073,000	cwt.	12.24	13,134,000
Wool	1980	92,976	lbs.	.80	74,381
	1979	94,723	lbs.	.91	85,939
TOTAL	1980				\$19,891,481
	1979				\$20,565,939

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK
(in number of head)

Item	January 1981	January 1980
Cattle and calves	69,000	72,000
Milk cows, 2 years and older	13,500	12,525
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	28,000	25,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	21,000	26,000
Hogs	200	200

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1980		\$19,753
	1979		9,168
TOTAL	1980		\$19,753
	1979		9,168

RECAPITULATION

	1980	1979
Field crops	\$8,136,830	\$7,460,920
Vegetable	1,082,043	861,734
Fruit and nut crops	43,878	57,280
Nursery stock	4,023,394	4,401,157
Livestock and poultry	6,320,105	6,116,669
Livestock and poultry products	19,891,481	20,565,939
Miscellaneous products	19,753	9,168
GRAND TOTAL	\$39,517,484	\$39,472,867

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1976-1980 \$34,316,075

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