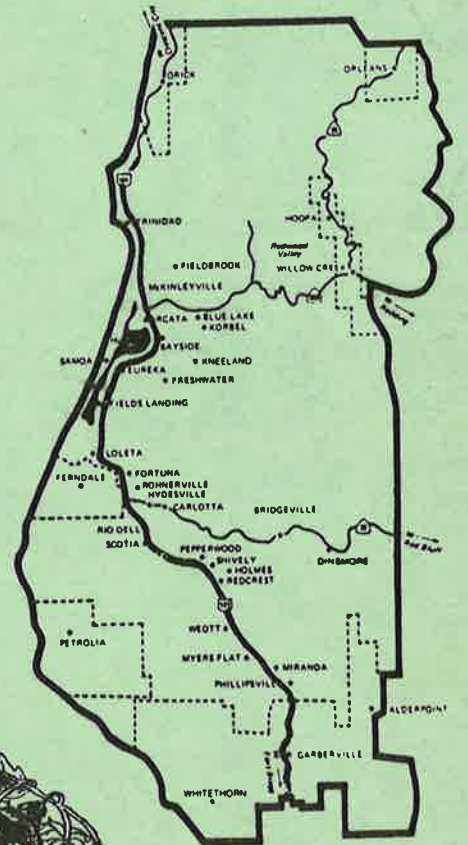


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Agricultural Crop Report 1981



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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 1981. The figures represent value of production regardless of utilization.

Field crop acreage declined in all categories except grass/clover hay which rose significantly. Favorable weather conditions during the growing season kept production near 1980 levels and higher. Corn silage, grass/clover, and grass hay marked the high points in production. Values were varied and lower than 1980.

Vegetable acreage was generally less than 1980; however, commercial potato and fresh tomato acreage increased. Production was generally up as optimal growing conditions prevailed. Crop values were mostly higher than last year.

Fruit and nut production increased over 1980 as a result of good growing conditions. Acreage was also up primarily in apples and nuts as new orchards began bearing. Values for all crops were higher.

Despite higher values for nursery stock, production declined. Low demand for timber products brought about a decreased demand for replacement tree seedlings. Cut flower acreage dropped as some growers cut back on planting.

Cattle and sheep declined in number of head and production. Decline in sheep numbers is expected to continue. Values for livestock were below previous years except for hogs which were up.

Livestock products were mixed in production. Market milk took an upswing while manufactured products dropped. Values were higher than 1980.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to those individuals, ranchers, growers, and organizations who through their cooperation have made this report possible.

This report was compiled by Assistant Commissioner James Spallino.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Beans, dry	1981	---	---	---	---	\$ ---	\$ ---
	1980	25	20.1	502	cwt.	47.04	23,614
Hay, all	1981	8,407	6.3	53,112	ton	25.47	1,353,165
	1980	5,044	3.1	15,545	ton	60.10	934,216
Alfalfa	1981	372	3.6	1,354	ton	77.86	105,430
	1980	407	4.1	1,652	ton	72.46	119,704
*Grass-clover	1981	7,633	6.6	50,574	ton	23.60	1,193,590
	1980	4,082	3.1	12,489	ton	59.10	738,045
Grass	1981	266	3.4	911	ton	38.86	35,405
	1980	343	2.5	873	ton	49.05	42,822
Oat	1981	136	2.0	273	ton	68.64	18,740
	1980	212	2.5	531	ton	63.36	33,645
Silage, all	1981	565	24.7	13,935	ton	24.39	339,975
	1980	9,619	6.4	61,350	ton	13.01	798,000
Pasture							
Irrigated	1981	19,500				180.00	3,510,000
	1980	19,500				180.00	3,510,000
Range	1981	319,000				9.00	2,871,000
	1980	319,000				9.00	2,871,000
TOTAL							
	1981						\$8,074,140
	1980						8,136,830

*Includes vetch/grass

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1981	43	4.80	206.47	ton	\$220.46	\$ 45,519
	1980	74	2.31	170.96	ton	340.39	58,193
Tomatoes	1981	15	20.26	304.04	ton	343.04	104,300
	1980	8	20.83	166.64	ton	327.65	54,600
Potatoes	1981	518	14.55	7,540.00	ton	110.00	829,400
	1980	254	16.08	8,424.00	ton	89.85	756,937
Cucumbers	1981	2	12.99	25.99	ton	300.19	7,802
	1980	4	5.02	20.08	ton	460.51	9,247
(a) Misc. Squash	1981	3	---	6.20	ton	---	42,271
	1980	11	---	151.73	ton	---	30,793
(b) Misc. Cucurbits	1981	3	---	8.02	ton	---	9,256
	1980	5	---	16.10	ton	---	8,621
(c) Misc. Vegetables	1981	17	---	132.67	ton	---	129,022
	1980	17	---	45.68	ton	---	163,652
TOTAL							
	1981	601	---	8,223.39	ton	---	\$1,167,570
	1980	643	---	8,995.19	ton	---	1,082,043

(a) Includes hubbard, scallop and zucchini:

(b) Includes canteloups, watermelons and melons.

(c) Includes cabbage, beets, artichokes, cauliflower, onion, snap beans, garlic, peppers, sprouts (alfalfa, mung bean), mushrooms and carrots.

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Productions Total	Unit	Value Total
*Apples, all	1981	41	122.43	ton	\$33,977
	1980	34	95.55	ton	24,203
Misc. Fruits	1981	19	23.02	ton	21,453
	1980	12	18.15	ton	15,570
**Misc. Nuts	1981	9	3.31	ton	4,674
	1980	9	2.72	ton	4,105
TOTAL	1981	69	148.76	ton	\$60,104
	1980	55	116.42	ton	43,878

*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	1981	169					\$1,456,480
	1980	210					1,106,400
**Plants ornamentals	1981						679,105
	1980						732,014
Bedding							
SUBTOTAL	1981	169					\$2,135,585
	1980						1,838,414
Tree, forest Nursery	1981		21,522		M	\$112.00	\$2,414,520
	1980		25,976		M	\$ 84.12	\$2,184,980
GRAND TOTAL	1981	169					\$4,550,105
	1980	210					\$4,023,394

*Includes bulbs.

**Includes bedding plants.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production		Unit	Value	
		No. of Head	Live-Weight		Per Unit	Total
Cattle and calves, all	1981	17,250	91,000	cwt.	\$52.44	\$4,772,329
	1980	18,000	94,950	cwt.	57.95	5,502,400
Cows	1981	5,089	41,727	cwt.	42.40	1,769,225
	1980	5,310	43,542	cwt.	46.20	2,011,640
Steers	1981	3,277	27,858	cwt.	63.10	1,757,840
	1980	3,420	29,070	cwt.	67.50	1,962,225
Bulls	1981	432	5,356	cwt.	52.00	278,512
	1980	450	5,580	cwt.	58.90	328,662
Calves	1981	8,452	16,059	cwt.	60.20	966,752
	1980	8,820	16,758	cwt.	71.60	1,199,873
Sheep & lambs, all	1981	16,968	14,988	cwt.	39.51	592,304
	1980	21,008	18,558	cwt.	43.00	797,472
Sheep	1981	5,040	6,400	cwt.	17.00	108,800
	1980	6,240	7,925	cwt.	16.10	127,593
Lambs	1981	11,928	8,588	cwt.	56.30	483,504
	1980	14,768	10,633	cwt.	63.00	669,879
Hogs	1981	200	414	cwt.	48.00	19,872
	1980	200	414	cwt.	40.90	16,933
*Misc.	1981					3,000
	1980					3,300
TOTAL	1981					\$5,387,505
	1980					\$6,320,105

*Includes rabbits, earthworms and poultry.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1981	1,842,000	cwt.	\$13.65	\$25,145,000
	1980	1,731,470	cwt.	11.45	19,817,100
Manufacturing	1981	545,000	cwt.	12.55	6,839,000
	1980	637,190	cwt.	10.51	6,697,000
Market	1981	1,297,000	cwt.	14.11	18,306,000
	1980	1,094,280	cwt.	11.99	13,120,100
Wool	1981	65,076	lbs.	.97	59,219
	1980	92,976	lbs.	.80	74,381
TOTAL	1981				\$25,204,219
	1980				\$19,891,481

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK
(in number of head)

Item	January 1982	January 1981
Cattle and calves	72,000	69,000
· Milk cows, 2 years and older	14,100	13,500
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	30,000	28,000
Sheep and lambs		
· Sheep (breeding stock)	20,400	21,000
Hogs	200	200

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
Honey	1981		\$ 4,018
	1980		19,753
TOTAL	1981		\$ 4,018
	1980		19,753

RECAPITULATION

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>
Field crops	\$ 8,074,140	\$ 8,136,830
Vegetable	1,167,570	1,082,043
Fruit and nut crops	60,104	43,878
Nursery stock	4,550,105	4,023,394
Livestock and poultry	5,387,505	6,320,105
Livestock and poultry products	25,204,219	19,891,481
Miscellaneous products	4,018	19,753
GRAND TOTAL	\$44,447,661	\$39,517,484

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

1977-1981	\$37,438,845
1971-1975	\$19,979,350

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