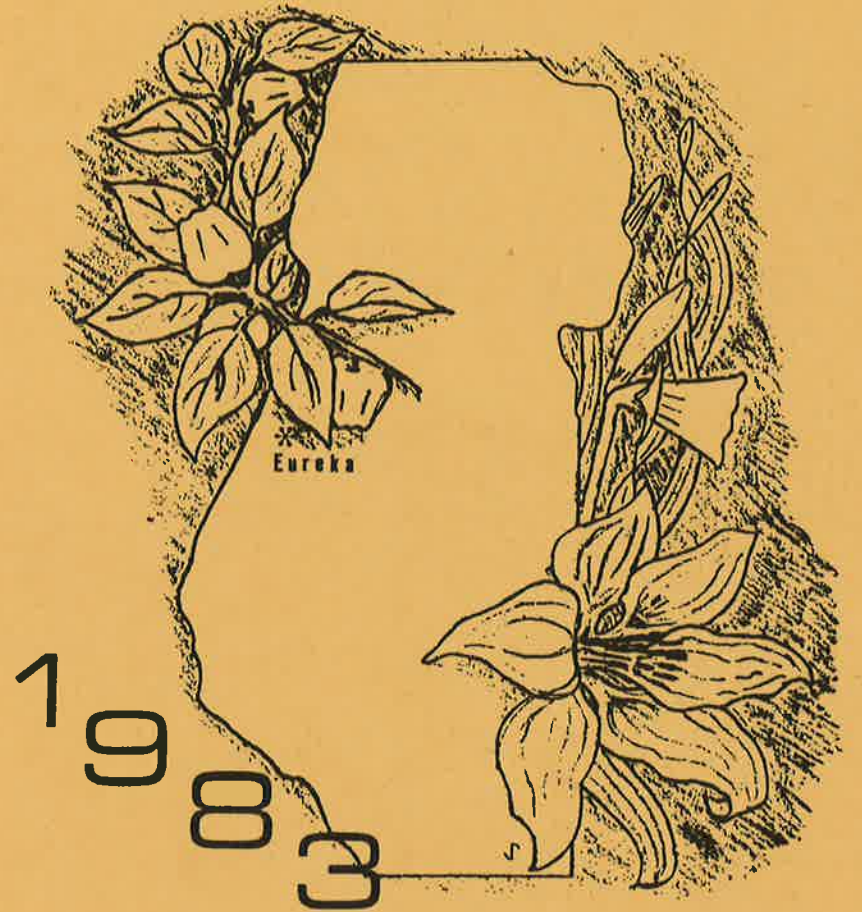


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The 1983 Annual Agricultural Crop Report for Humboldt County is being submitted pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report summarizes only the gross values for production and no attempt is made to show net farm income or costs of production.

Again in 1983 weather had a major influence on Humboldt County Agriculture. Rain continued throughout the winter and spring months preventing normal seasonal plantings of hay, pasture, and other crops. Continued cool weather throughout the growing season slowed plant growth and the summer rains, particularly the 3½ inches in August, caused reduced yields and losses of hay, fruits, and vegetables. Dry beans, corn, potatoes, and silage, however, were somewhat less affected.

In summary, except for the slight increase recorded for nursery stock production, field crops, fruit and nut crops, and vegetable crops all showed reductions in 1983. Milk production increased while the value of milk decreased; however, the total value of milk products increased well over last year's figures. Livestock production was also down slightly from last year but values remained relatively steady. In the miscellaneous category, timber production figures for 1983 indicate a 30 percent reduction from previously reported values.

This report was compiled under the direction of Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, James Spallino; information was provided by many local growers, nurserymen, livestock producers, dairymen, and government agencies whose cooperative efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


John E. Falkenstrom
Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit		Total
Beans, dry	1983	21	1.1	22.00	ton	\$ 818.18		\$ 18,000
	1982	13	0.5	6.63	ton	1,010.56		6,700
Hay, all	1983	1,572 1,736	3.1	4,884	ton	62.94		307,400
	1982	4,795	2.8	11,830	ton	62.92		309,900
Alfalfa	1983	248	3.3	809	ton	90.23		73,000
	1982	330	3.8	1,265	ton	81.66		103,300
Grass clover	1983	1,299	2.7	3,462	ton	58.03		200,900
	1982	3,938	2.5	9,810	ton	37.54		368,300
Grass	1983	---	---	---	---	---		---
	1982	407	1.4	575	ton	63.30		36,400
*Oat	1983	189	3.5	654	ton	55.05		36,000
	1982	120	1.5	180	ton	77.22		13,900
Silage, all	1983	3,444	15.9	54,888	ton	25.89		1,421,000
	1982	4,842	12.0	58,062	ton	17.79		1,033,000
Pasture	1983	19,500				180.00		3,510,000
	1982	19,500				180.00		3,510,000
Range	1983	319,000				7.00		2,233,000
	1982	319,000				9.00		2,871,000
TOTAL	1983							\$7,799,300
	1982							\$7,942,600 7,491,900

*Includes Barley/Pea

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
Corn, sweet	1983	48	5.61	269.33	ton	\$265.47	\$ 71,500
	1982	47	2.72	127.80	ton	299.69	38,300
Tomatoes	1983	18	6.85	118.00	ton	394.85	56,500
	1982	13	16.55	215.21	ton	397.75	85,600
Potatoes	1983	530	15.70	8,350.00	ton	108.04	902,100
	1982	538	16.07	8,647.00	ton	111.99	968,400
Cucumbers	1983	2	8.99	17.97	ton	473.01	8,500
	1982	2	12.75	25.20	ton	403.92	10,300
(a) Misc. Squash	1983	4½	---	38.84	ton	---	5,350
	1982	2	---	45.26	ton	---	5,000
(b) Misc. Cucurbits	1983	5½	---	18.18	ton	---	8,400
	1982	6	---	24.69	ton	---	11,000
(c) Misc. Vegetables	1983	13	---	72.24	ton	---	
	1982	19	---	190.20	ton	---	
TOTAL	1983	623	---	8,884.56	ton	---	\$1,173,800
	1982	627	---	9,275.66	ton	---	\$1,270,600

- (a) Includes hubbard, scallop, zucchini and pumpkin
- (b) Includes cantaloupe, watermelons and melons
- (c) Includes cabbage, beets, lettuce, cauliflower, onion, snap beans, garlic, peppers, sprouts (alfalfa, mung bean), carrots, broccoli and spinach

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FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production		Value Total
			Total	Unit	
(a) Apples, all	1983	42	109.72	ton	\$37,800
	1982	39	146.81	ton	44,400
(b) Misc. Fruits	1983	16	14.17	ton	9,200
	1982	12	16.60	ton	13,500
(c) Misc. Nuts	1983	8	3.77	ton	5,600
	1982	10	3.69	ton	5,000
TOTAL	1983	66	127.66	ton	\$52,600
	1982	61	167.10	ton	\$62,900

(a) Includes processed

(b) Includes peaches, berries, grapes, pears, prunes, cherries and figs

(c) Includes walnut and chestnut

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Year	Acreage	Production		Unit	Value	
			Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
*Cut flowers & decoratives	1983	161					\$1,280,000
	1982	204					1,611,000
**Plants ornamentals	1983						761,000
	1982						658,000
SUBTOTAL	1983	161					\$2,041,000
	1982	204					\$2,269,000
Tree, forest Nursery	1983	26		13,200	M	\$181.59	2,397,000
	1982	136		15,666	M	137.43	2,153,000
GRAND TOTAL	1983	187					\$4,438,000
	1982	340					\$4,422,000

* 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	1983	17,500	92,322	cwt.	\$49.16	\$ 4,539,000
	1982	18,000	94,950	cwt.	49.74	4,723,000
Cows	1983	5,163	42,337	cwt.	39.30	1,664,000
	1982	5,310	43,542	cwt.	39.80	1,733,000
Steers	1983	3,325	28,263	cwt.	59.80	1,690,000
	1982	3,420	29,070	cwt.	61.30	1,782,000
Bulls	1983	438	5,431	cwt.	47.03	255,000
	1982	450	5,580	cwt.	48.03	268,000
Calves	1983	8,574	16,291	cwt.	57.10	930,000
	1982	8,820	16,758	cwt.	56.09	940,000
Sheep & lambs, all	1983	11,036	9,992	cwt.	38.23	382,000
	1982	15,504	13,856	cwt.	39.12	542,000
Sheep	1983	3,720	4,724	cwt.	17.90	85,000
	1982	4,896	6,218	cwt.	18.66	116,000
Lambs	1983	7,316	5,268	cwt.	56.40	297,000
	1982	10,608	7,638	cwt.	55.77	426,000
Hogs	1983	200	414	cwt.	51.50	21,000
	1982	200	414	cwt.	57.97	24,000
*Misc.	1983					2,500
	1982					2,000
TOTAL	1983					\$4,944,500
	1982					\$5,291,000

*Includes rabbits, earth worms and poultry

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Value	
				Per Unit	Total
Milk, all	1983	2,197,000	cwt.	\$12.94	\$28,427,000
	*1982	2,059,820	cwt.	13.06	27,303,000
Manufacturing	1983	652,000	cwt.	12.13	7,909,000
	*1982	611,930	cwt.	12.44	7,612,000
Market	1983	1,545,000	cwt.	13.28	20,518,000
	*1982	1,447,890	cwt.	13.60	19,691,000
Wool	1983	50,964	lbs.	1.00	51,000
	1982	70,013	lbs.	.80	56,000
TOTAL	1983				\$28,478,000
	*1982				\$27,359,000

*Revised

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK
(In number of head)

Item	January 1984	January 1983
Cattle and calves	68,000	70,000
Milk cows, 2 years and older	14,000	14,300
Beef cows and calves (excluding steers)	27,000	26,000
Sheep and lambs		
Sheep (breeding stock)	15,800	15,500
Hogs	200	200

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Item	Year	Value	
		Per Unit	Total
*Honey	1983		\$ 4,000
	1982		4,200
Timber Production	1983	361,890 (1982) MBF	\$ 67,214,000
	1982	405.3 (1981) MBF	96,400,000
TOTAL	1983		\$ 67,218,000
	1982		96,404,200

*Includes wax

RECAPITULATION

	1983	1982
Field Crops	\$ 7,491,900	\$ 7,942,600
Vegetable	1,173,800	1,270,600
Fruit and nut crops	52,600	62,900
Nursery stock	4,438,000	4,422,000
Livestock and poultry	4,944,500	5,291,000
Livestock and poultry products	28,478,000	**27,359,000
Miscellaneous	67,218,000	96,404,200
GRAND TOTAL	\$114,103,700 113,796,800	\$142,351,300

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FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1976-1980	\$34,316,075
1971-1975	\$19,979,350

ANNUAL RAINFALL SPRUCE POINT (Inches)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983	7.18	9.21	13.69	6.06	1.36	.43	1.02	3.55	.68	1.86	11.58	13.69
1982	5.68	5.79	8.02	6.24	.10	.78	.05	.11	1.33	4.77	10.44	11.86
1983	YEAR TOTAL:			70.31	MONTHLY AVERAGE:			5.86				
1982				55.17				4.60				

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