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The 1984 Annual Agricultural Crop Report for Humboldt County is being submitted pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report summarizes the gross values for production and no attempt is made to show net farm income or costs of production.

Field production was generally down except for silage which increased over 1983. It appears that dairymen are becoming more interested in silage as the techniques of handling and preparation are improved. Again in 1984, the loss of hay from rain damage was a major factor in reduced production. Our vegetable crop production was generally mixed with miscellaneous cucurbits and vegetables showing the greatest production gains. The reduction in potato yield was due in part to poorly drained portions of planted fields. And the orchard acreage increase is largely due to improved awareness and reporting of new producers. Reports from the cut flower and bulb industries show little change from last season; however, ornamental plant production was well above the 1983 level. Production of conifer seedlings has further declined.

Cattle production declined which could be a result of high hay costs and low cattle prices during the early part of the year. Sheep production, however, showed an increase which is possibly due to woolgrowers selling their herds; it looks like others may do likewise because depredation still plagues the remaining growers. And we see several producers are making a transition from sheep to cattle. In the dairy industry milk production figures remained about the same as 1983.

In summary, while some farm production values were down there were several exceptions; namely, hay, dry beans, corn, potatoes, cattle and sheep which all showed increases. Our greatest gain was again attributed to the timber harvest values - there was an 11 million dollar increase over 1983 figures. Timber, Humboldt County's #1 agricultural industry, accounted for the overall nine percent gross value increase for 1984.

This report was compiled under the direction of Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, James Spallino. My sincere thanks is offered to my staff and to all the individuals who contributed their time, effort, and expertise in order to provide the data for this crop report.

Respectfully submitted.


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FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	VALUE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
BEANS, DRY	1984	15	0.9	13	846.15	11000
	1983	21	1.1	22	818.18	18000
HAY, ALL	1984	1714	2.5	4330	64.76	280400
	1983	1736	2.8	4925	62.92	309900
ALFALFA	1984	256	3	763	79.29	60500
	1983	248	3.3	809	90.23	73000
GRASS/CLOVER	1984	824	2.3	1873	64.44	120700
	1983	1299	2.7	3462	58.03	200900
GRASS	1984	514	2.8	1456	54.88	79900
	1983	0	0	0	0	0
OAT	1984	120	2	238	81.09	19300
	1983	189	3.5	654	55.05	36000
*SILAGE, ALL	1984	3736	18.2	67955	24.81	1754000
	1983	3444	15.9	54888	25.89	1421000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1984	19500			180	3510000
	1983	19500			180	3510000
RANGE	1984	319000			7	2233000
	1983	319000			7	2233000
TOTAL	1984					7768400
	1983					7491900

* INCLUDES OAT, CLOVER, CORN, AND BELL BEAN

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL TONS	VALUE/ UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
CORN, SWEET	1984	32	3.32	106.35	349.79	37200
	1983	48	5.61	269.33	265.47	71500
TOMATOES	1984	18	10.09	181.54	387.79	70400
	1983	18	6.85	118	394.85	56500
POTATOES	1984	507	13.89	7041	110.06	774900
	1983	530	15.75	8350	108.04	902100
CUCUMBERS	1984	5	6.66	33.31	405.28	13500
	1983	2	8.99	17.97	473.01	8500
(a) MISC. SQUASH	1984	8	---	21.75	---	12200
	1983	4	---	38.84	---	5350
(b) MISC. CUCURBITS	1984	5	---	33.5	---	9700
	1983	5	---	18.18	---	8400
(c) MISC. VEGETABLES	1984	29	---	94.01	---	137400
	1983	13	---	72.24	---	121450
TOTAL	1984	604	---	7511.46	---	1055300
	1983	623	---	8884.56	---	1179800

- (a) INCLUDES HUBBARD, SCALLOP, ZUCCHINI AND PUMPKIN
 (b) INCLUDES CANTALOUPE, WATERMELONS AND MELONS
 (c) INCLUDES CABBAGE, BEETS, LETTUCE, CAULIFLOWER, ONION,
 SNAP BEANS, PEPPERS, SPROUTS(ALFALFA, MUNG BEAN),
 CARROTS, BROCCOLI, SPINACH, PEAS, LEEK,
 CELERY AND SWEET BASIL

FRUIT AND NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	TOTAL TONS	TOTAL VALUE
(a) APPLES, ALL	1984	68	132.68	48900
	1983	42	109.72	37800
(b) MISC. FRUITS	1984	29	23.38	21500
	1983	16	14.17	9200
(c) MISC. NUTS	1984	13	3.84	7900
	1983	8	3.77	5600
TOTAL	1984	110	159.90	78300
	1983	66	127.66	52600

- (a) INCLUDES PROCESSED
 (b) INCLUDES PEACHES, BERRIES, GRAPES, PEARS, PRUNES,
 CHERRIES AND FIGS
 (c) INCLUDES WALNUT AND CHESTNUT

NURSERY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION TOTAL	UNIT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
*CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES	1984	162	-----			1257000
	1983	161	-----			1280000
** PLANTS ORNAMENTALS	1984	---	-----			1052000
	1983	---	-----			761000
SUBTOTAL	1984	154	-----			2309000
	1983	161	-----			2041000
TREE, FOREST NURSERY	1984	18	12500	M	174.00	2175000
	1983	26	13200	M	181.59	2397000
GRAND TOTAL	1984	172				4484000
	1983	161				4438000

* INCLUDES BULBS

** INCLUDES BEDDING PLANTS

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
		NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVE WEIGHT			
CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL	1984	17000	89675	cwt.	49.84	4469000
	1983	17500	92322	cwt.	49.16	4539000
COWS	1984	5015	41123	cwt.	39.39	1620000
	1983	5163	42337	cwt.	39.30	1664000
STEERS	1984	3230	27455	cwt.	61.01	1675000
	1983	3325	28263	cwt.	59.80	1690000
BULLS	1984	425	5270	cwt.	53.70	283000
	1983	438	5431	cwt.	46.95	255000
CALVES	1984	8330	15827	cwt.	55.30	891000
	1983	8574	16291	cwt.	57.09	930000
SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL	1984	12766	11277	cwt.	41.68	470000
	1983	11036	9992	cwt.	38.23	382000
SHEEP	1984	3792	4816	cwt.	17.44	84000
	1983	3720	4724	cwt.	17.99	85000
LAMBS	1984	8974	6461	cwt.	59.74	386000
	1983	7318	5268	cwt.	56.38	297000
HOGS	1984	200	414	cwt.	50.72	21000
	1983	200	414	cwt.	50.72	21000
* MISC.	1984	---				1000
	1983	---				2500
TOTAL	1984					4961000
	1983					4944500

* INCLUDES RABBITS, EARTH WORMS AND POULTRY

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK, ALL	1984	2121000	cwt.	12.80	27346000
	*1983	2112300	cwt.	13.10	27669000
MANUFACTURING	1984	674000	cwt.	12.04	8115000
	*1983	607870	cwt.	12.33	7495000
MARKET	1984	1447000	cwt.	13.29	19231000
	*1983	1504430	cwt.	13.41	20174000
WOOL	1984	65980	lbs.	1.65	109000
	*1983	50964	lbs.	1.53	78000
TOTAL	1984				27455000
	*1983				27747000

* REVISED

JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK

ITEM	JANUARY 1985	JANUARY 1984
CATTLE AND CALVES	69000	68000
MILK COWS, 2 YEARS AND OLDER	14100	14000
BEEF COWS AND CALVES (EXCLUDING STEERS)	31400	27000
SHEEP AND LAMBS	15000	15800
SHEEP (BREEDING STOCK)		
HOGS	200	200

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE
*HONEY	1984		4600
	1983		4000
TIMBER PRODUCTION	1984	489435000 MBF (1983)	78578000
	1983	361890 MBF (1982)	67214000
TOTAL	1984		78582600
	1983		67218000

* INCLUDES WAX

RECAPITULATION

	1984	1983
FIELD CROPS	7788400	7491900
VEGETABLE	1055300	1173800
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	78300	52600
NURSERY STOCK	4484000	4438000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	4961000	4944000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	27455000	27747000
MISCELLANEOUS	78582600	67218000
GRAND TOTAL	124404600	113065300

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1976-1980	34316075
1971-1975	19979350

ANNUAL RAINFALL SPRUCE POINT (INCHES)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1984	0.84	5.09	3.63	3.35	2.29	.99	.04	.05	.05	4.84	14.48	4.35
1983	7.18	9.21	13.69	6.06	1.36	.43	1.02	3.55	.68	1.86	11.58	13.69

1984	YEAR TOTAL :	40.00	MONTHLY AVER :	3.33
1983		70.31		5.86

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