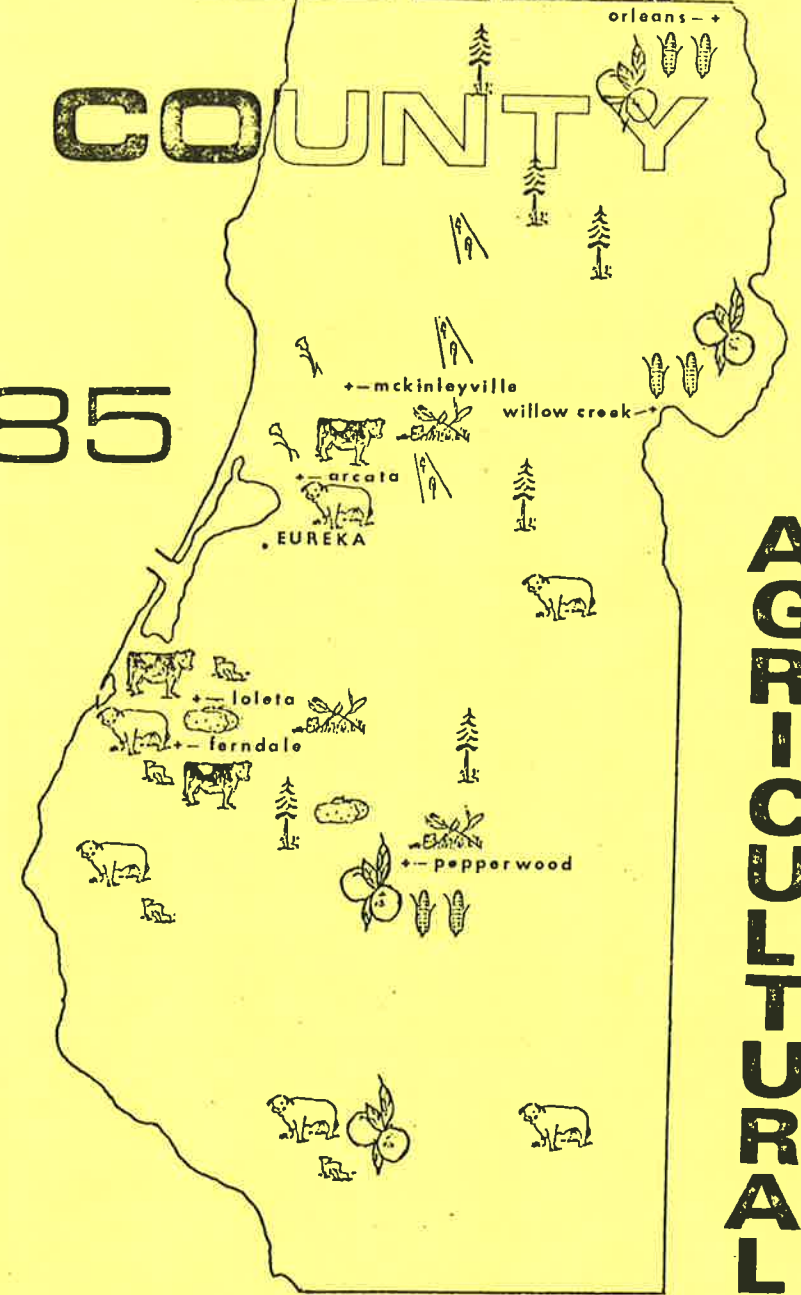


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I am pleased to submit this 1985 Agricultural Crop Report for Humboldt County in accordance with the California Food and Agricultural Code, Section 2279. It should be noted that this report summarizes only the gross values for commodities -- net farm income and production costs are not presented. In addition, and in spite of the fact there was greater production reported for several commodities, increases in production were offset by generally depressed market values resulting in an overall decrease from 1984 totals of approximately four million dollars.

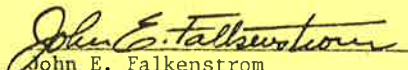
In the Field Crop category, there were marked increases for dry beans and all types of hay production; however, there was a significant drop in the amount of silage. Harvested acreage for silage was reduced more than 3,000 acres. And the great loss in silage production resulted in an overall decrease in field crop production values of approximately 1.6 million dollars. Both pasture and range acreage remained static in 1985. The greatest production gains were seen in the Vegetable Crop category for sweet corn (almost double), potatoes and squash. And even though tomato, cucumber and miscellaneous vegetable production was down, the value for total vegetable crop production was above the 1984 figure. Fruit and Nut Crop production was also above last season with increases shown in all categories.

The total value of our Nursery Products, which includes cut flowers, decoratives and ornamental plants, was almost three times greater than 1984 -- \$6.2 million vs. \$2.3 million; this is due mainly to increases in nursery acreage and higher unit values. It was good to see that forest tree nursery stocks were also increased by about 34 acres (\$1.1 million).

Our Livestock and Poultry Industry experienced the greatest losses: bull, cow, steer and lamb numbers were all down from last year with only sheep and hog production showing slight increases. Wool growers continue to leave the business -- approximately 3,000 acres of rangeland has been sold for subdivision. Dairy Production continues stable even with herd reductions. Values for whole milk were almost \$20 million. And even though totals for manufactured dairy products were up, unit costs were down which resulted in a slight decrease in this category.

I would like to extend a word of thanks to my staff and all others who contributed their time and effort in preparing this annual crop report.

Respectfully,


 John E. Falkenstrom
 Agricultural Commissioner

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED	PER	TOTAL	VALUE/	TOTAL
		ACREAGE	ACRE	TONS	UNIT	VALUE
BEANS, DRY	1985	20	1.25	25.00	1000.00	25000
	1984	15	0.87	13.00	846.15	11000
HAY, ALL	1985	3492	1.86	6492.00	58.38	379000
	1984	1714	2.53	4330.00	64.76	280400
ALFALFA	1985	408	2.84	1160.00	75.00	87000
	1984	256	2.98	763.00	79.29	60500
GRASS/CLOVER	1985	2273	1.44	3264.00	64.34	210000
	1984	824	2.27	1873.00	64.44	120700
GRASS	1985	643	2.57	1655.00	29.61	49000
	1984	514	2.83	1456.00	54.88	79900
OAT	1985	168	2.46	413.00	79.90	33000
	1984	120	1.98	238.00	81.09	19300
*SILAGE, ALL	1985	270	24.44	6600.00	25.00	165000
	1984	3736	18.19	67955.00	25.81	1754000
PASTURE IRRIGATED	1985	19500			180.00	3510000
	1984	19500			180.00	3510000
RANGE	1985	315500			7.00	2233000
	1984	319000			7.00	2233000
TOTAL	1985					6312000
	1984					7788400

* 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	1985	68	3.21	218.49	324.96	71000
	1984	32	3.32	106.35	349.79	37200
TOMATOES	1985	12	12.53	150.33	372.51	56000
	1984	18	10.09	181.54	387.79	70400
POTATOES	1985	535	11.51	6160.00	157.79	972000
	1984	507	13.89	7041.00	110.06	774900
CUCUMBERS	1985	4	3.00	30.65	326.26	10000
	1984	5	6.66	33.31	405.28	13500
(a) MISC. SQUASH	1985	9		24.50		18000
	1984	8		21.75		12200
(b) MISC. CUCURBITS	1985	7.5		20.90		8000
	1984	5		33.50		9700
(c) MISC. VEGETABLES	1985	27		122.75		125000
	1984	30		95.50		140400
TOTAL	1985	662.5		6727.62		1260000
	1984	600		7512.95		1058300

(a) INCLUDES HUBBARD, SCALLOP, ZUCCHINI AND PUMPKIN

(b) INCLUDES CANTALOUPE, WATERMELONS AND MELONS

(c) INCLUDES CABBAGE, BEETS, LETTUCE, CAULIFLOWER, ONION, SNAP BEAN PEPPERS, SPROUTS(ALFALFA, MUNG BEAN), CARROTS, BROCCO 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	1985	69	213.14	71000
	1984	68	132.68	48900
(b) MISC. FRUITS	1985	34	31.64	23000
	1984	29	23.38	21500
(c) MISC. NUTS	1985	13	3.94	8000
	1984	13	3.84	7900
TOTAL	1985	116	248.72	102000
	1984	110	159.90	78300

(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		UNIT		TOTAL VALUE
			TOTAL	UNIT	VALUE	VALUE	
*CUT FLOWERS & DECORATIVES	1985	298					4946000
	1984	162					1257000
** PLANTS ORNAMENTALS	1985	11					1260000
	1984						1052000
SUBTOTAL	1985	309					6206000
	***	1984	162				2309000
TREE, FOREST NURSERY	1985	52	19600	M	160.00		3281000
	1984	18	12500	M	174.00		2175000
GRAND TOTAL	1985	361					9487000
	1984	180					4484000

* INCLUDES BULBS
 ** INCLUDES BEDDING PLANTS
 *** ACREAGE CORRECTION

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE / UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
		NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVE WEIGHT	UNIT		
CATTLE AND CALVES, ALL	1985	17249	90987	cwt.	46.83	4261000
	1984	17000	89675	cwt.	49.84	4469000
COWS	1985	5089	41730	cwt.	37.00	1544000
	1984	5015	41123	cwt.	39.39	1620000
STEERS	1985	3277	27854	cwt.	56.01	1560000
	1984	3230	27455	cwt.	61.01	1675000
BULLS	1985	431	5344	cwt.	48.84	261000
	1984	425	5270	cwt.	53.70	283000
CALVES	1985	8452	16059	cwt.	55.79	896000
	1984	8330	15827	cwt.	56.30	891000
SHEEP AND LAMBS, ALL	1985	10392	9462	cwt.	46.50	440000
	1984	12766	11277	cwt.	41.68	470000
SHEEP	1985	3600	4572	cwt.	23.18	106000
	1984	3792	4816	cwt.	17.44	84000
LAMBS	1985	6792	4890	cwt.	68.30	334000
	1984	8974	6461	cwt.	59.74	386000
HOGS	1985	300	621	cwt.	46.70	29000
	1984	200	414	cwt.	50.72	21000
* MISC.	1985					1000
	1984					1000
TOTAL	1985					4731000
	1984					4961000

* INCLUDES RABBITS, EARTH WORMS AND POULTRY

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
				PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK, ALL	1985	2203000	cwt.	12.18	26829000
	*1984	2028300	cwt.	12.84	26098329
MANUFACTURING	1985	663000	cwt.	11.06	7333000
	*1984	641710	cwt.	11.86	7610681
MARKET	1985	1340000	cwt.	12.66	19496000
	*1984	1386580	cwt.	13.29	18427648
WOOL	1985	48456	lbs.	1.73	84000
	1984	65980	lbs.	1.65	109000
TOTAL	1985				26913000
	*1984				26147329

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JANUARY 1 INVENTORIES OF LIVESTOCK

ITEM	JANUARY 1986	JANUARY 1985
CATTLE AND CALVES	73000	69000
MILK COWS, 2 YEARS AND OLDER	16600	14100
BEEF COWS AND CALVES (EXCLUDING STEERS)	25000	31400
SHEEP AND LAMBS SHEEP (BREEDING STOCK)	20000	15000
HOGS	300	200

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL VALUE
*HONEY	1985		5500
	1984		4600
TIMBER PRODUCTION	1985	469655000 MBF (1984)	71749000
	1984	489435000 MBF (1983)	78578000
TOTAL	1985		71754500
	1984		78582600

* INCLUDES WAX

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RECAPITULATION

	1985	1984
FIELD CROPS	6312000	7788400
VEGETABLE	1260000	1055300
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	102000	78300
NURSERY STOCK	9487000	4484000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	4731000	4961000
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	26913000	** 27455000
MISCELLANEOUS	71754500	78582600
GRAND TOTAL	120559500	124404600

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

1981-1985	109174752
1976-1980	34316075
1971-1975	19979350

ANNUAL RAINFALL SPRUCE POINT (INCHES)

YEAR	RAINFALL	AVERAGE
1985	23.79	1.98
1984	40.00	3.33

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