

# SHASTA COUNTY



SHASTA COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER  
2430 Hospital Lane  
Redding, California 96001

1982 Agricultural Crop Report

ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
FOR  
YEAR ENDING - DECEMBER 31, 1982

TO: Clare Berryhill Director, California Department Food and  
Agriculture

and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta:

Don C. Maddox, Chairman	District 4
Stephen C. Swendiman,	District 1
John W. Strange,	District 2
John R. Caton,	District 3
Roy F. Peters,	District 5

Gentlemen:

This is a report of the condition, acreage, production and value of agricultural products in Shasta County for the year 1982, submitted as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report represents the gross value of production and does not attempt to show county inventory, net farm income or cost of production.

Agriculture in 1982 showed very few high lights. Agricultural commodity prices increased for alfalfa hay and walnuts. There were significant declines in prices for cattle, recreational horses, wheat and barley.

Generally unfavorable planting and growing weather conditions accounted for declines in the production of strawberry nursery plants, fruit crops and package honey bee production. However, it was an excellent year for walnut production and honey production for local beekeepers, who moved their hives to various locations in the western United States to take advantage of good honey flows.

This crop report shows an over-all loss in the value of production for Shasta County, of almost 2.4 million dollars. This is the result of current unstable economic conditions that suppressed most market prices, a difficult growing year and significant decreases in the production of certain commodities. The impact of the economy can be readily seen in the loss of value in timber production.

Information for compiling this report has been obtained from producers, government agencies, representatives of agricultural business and individuals who have special knowledge in their field. The cooperative assistance we have received from them is sincerely appreciated. The compilation of this report was under the direction of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Richard Price.

  
C. Bruce Wade  
Agricultural Commissioner

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE & CALVES	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
Beef Feeder Stock	1982	21,000	128,100	cwt	\$61.70	\$7,903,800
	1981	21,500	120,000	cwt	\$65.00	\$7,800,000
Breeder & Other	1982	10,200		head	\$480.00	\$4,896,000
	1981	10,500		head	\$510.00	\$5,355,000
Milk Stock	1982	170		head	\$700.00	\$119,000
	1981	200		head	\$720.00	\$144,000
Dairy Calves	1982	460		head	\$50.00	\$23,000
	1981	500		head	\$50.00	\$25,000
TOTAL CATTLE:					1982	\$12,941,800
					1981	\$13,324,000
<u>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</u>						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1982	1,500	1,500	cwt	\$53.00	\$79,500
	1981	1,600	1,600	cwt	\$50.00	\$80,000
<u>HOGS &amp; PIGS</u>						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1982	1,900	2,100	cwt	\$56.00	\$117,600
	1981	2,000	2,200	cwt	\$56.00	\$123,200
<u>HORSES</u>						
Recreational	1982	3,500		head	\$550.00	\$1,925,000
	1981	3,800		head	\$650.00	\$2,470,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK					1982	\$15,063,900
					1981	\$15,997,200

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

MILK	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
Market	1982	161,000	cwt	\$13.22	\$2,128,400	
	1981	163,100	cwt	\$13.40	\$2,185,500*	
Manufacturing	1982	3,000	cwt	\$12.42	\$37,300	
	1981	70	cwt	\$12.52	\$900*	
<u>WOOL</u>	1982	20,000	lb.	\$0.47	\$9,400	
	1981	24,400	lb.	\$0.68	\$16,600	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS					1982	\$2,175,100
					1981	\$2,203,000*

APIARY PRODUCTS

HONEY	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
HONEY	1982	680,000	lb.	\$0.57	\$387,600	
	1981	190,000	lb.	\$0.55	\$104,500	
BEESWAX	1982	11,500	lb.	\$1.90	\$21,900	
	1981	7,500	lb.	\$2.00	\$15,000	
PACKAGE BEES	1982	165,000	lb.	\$5.80	\$957,000	
	1981	175,000	lb.	\$5.50	\$962,500	
QUEENS	1982	195,000	ea.	\$5.35	\$1,043,300	
	1981	180,500	ea.	\$5.80	\$1,046,900	
POLLINATION	1982	16,000	col.	\$20.00	\$320,000	
	1981	18,000	col.	\$18.00	\$324,000	
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS:					1982	\$2,729,800
					1981	\$2,452,900

\*Revised Figures

NURSERY STOCK

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRY	1982	818	404	330,470	M	\$31.25	\$10,327,200
	1981	851	450	382,950	M	\$32.40	<u>\$12,407,600</u>

CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			ACRE	TREES	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
CHRISTMAS TREES	1982			175,000	ea.	\$8.45	\$1,478,800
	1981			190,000	ea.	\$8.25	<u>\$1,567,500</u>

ORCHARD CROPS

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
FRUIT CROPS (Apples Olives Pears Persimmons Prunes)	1982	1,600					\$350,000
	1981	1,600					\$690,000
WALNUTS	1982	915	1,370	ton	\$1,100.00	\$1,507,000	
	1981	892	1,200	ton	\$970.00	<u>\$1,164,000</u>	
TOTAL TREE CROPS:						1982	\$1,857,000
						1981	<u>\$1,854,000</u>

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL		AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
GRAIN							
Barley	1982	1,500	1.20	1,800	ton	\$110.00	\$198,000
	1981	1,000	1.20	1,200	ton	\$125.00	\$150,000
Oats	1982	1,000	1.35	1,350	ton	\$180.00	\$243,000
	1981	800	1.30	1,040	ton	\$170.00	\$176,800
Wheat	1982	3,200	1.20	3,840	ton	\$125.00	\$480,000
	1981	3,000	1.20	3,600	ton	\$150.00	\$540,000
MISC. CROPS (Potatoes Corn Milo Silage Seed Crops)	1982	800					\$450,000
	1981	900					\$600,000
HAY							
Alfalfa	1982	20,000	4.40	80,000	ton	\$90.00	\$7,200,000
	1981	21,000	4.40	92,400	ton	\$75.00	\$6,930,000
Other Hay	1982	19,500	2.20	42,900	ton	\$66.00	\$2,831,400
	1981	19,000	2.30	43,700	ton	\$58.00	\$2,534,600
PASTURE							
Irrigated	1982	34,000				\$98.00	\$3,332,000
	1981	34,000				\$95.00	\$3,230,000
Improved	1982	87,000				\$11.50	\$1,000,500
	1981	87,000				\$11.00	\$957,000
Rangeland	1982	339,000				\$6.50	\$2,203,500
	1981	339,000				\$7.00	<u>\$2,373,000</u>
TOTAL FIELD CROPS:						1982	\$17,938,400
						1981	<u>\$17,491,400</u>

*1600 + 892*

FOREST PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TIMBER	*1982	128,238,000	bd. ft.	\$13,152,000
	1981	171,511,000	bd. ft.	<u>\$29,238,000</u>

C O M P A R I S O N   S U M M A R Y

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>
LIVESTOCK	\$15,063,900	\$15,997,200	\$17,258,200	\$15,972,900
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	\$2,175,100	**\$2,203,000	**\$2,165,200	**\$2,143,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	\$2,729,800	\$2,452,900	\$1,869,700	\$1,537,400
NURSERY STOCK	\$10,327,200	\$12,407,600	\$10,662,100	\$8,949,500
CHRISTMAS TREES	\$1,478,800	\$1,567,500	\$1,670,200	\$916,800
TREE CROPS	\$1,857,000	\$1,854,000	\$1,617,100	\$1,633,200
FIELD CROPS	<u>\$17,938,400</u>	<u>\$17,491,400</u>	<u>\$17,486,500</u>	<u>\$15,095,000</u>
TOTALS	\$51,570,200	**\$53,973,600	**\$52,729,000	**\$46,247,800
FOREST PRODUCTS	*\$13,152,000	\$29,238,000	\$29,239,000	\$43,072,000

\*Estimated

\*\*Revised

Cover Photo - Courtesy Redding Record Searchlight - Castle Crags State Park located 50 miles north of Redding on Highway I-5 overlooking the Sacramento River Canyon. One day in 1889 or 1890, Charlie Loftus picked fruit from a strawberry plant that became one of the originators of the world renowned Banner variety. These plants were growing on a ranch in nearby Sweet Briar that had been in an experimental plot started by an "old, unknown farmer".