

# SHASTA COUNTY CROP REPORT 1984



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ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
FOR  
YEAR ENDING-DECEMBER 31, 1984

TO: Clare Berryhill, Director, California Department of Food and Agriculture  
and

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta:

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Gentlemen:

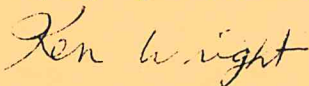
This is a report of the condition, acreage, production, and value of agricultural products in Shasta County for the year 1984, submitted as required by Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report represents the gross value of production and does not attempt to show county inventory, net farm income or cost of production.

Agriculture in 1984 showed a modest increase in value of production. Agricultural commodity prices increased for walnuts and wool. There were significant price declines for hogs, alfalfa, and strawberry plants.

Unfavorable late spring weather conditions contributed to poor fruit production. It was a good year for pasture rangeland conditions. Dry weather contributed to low honey production and good crop production.

A lagging economic recovery in the agricultural community and a reduction in exports to foreign countries contributed to a poor over-all showing by Shasta County agriculture. This report shows only an increase of less than 6% in agricultural production over 1983 even with the inclusion of grain acreage that was put back in production after the end of the U.S.D.A.'s Payment-In-Kind (P.I.K.) and Reduced Acreage Program (R.A.P.).

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.



KEN WRIGHT  
Agricultural Commissioner

LIVESTOCK						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
<b>CATTLE &amp; CALVES</b>						
Beef Feeder Stock	1984	21,900	144,500	cwt	\$ 58.00	\$ 8,381,000
	1983	22,500	144,000	cwt	56.00	8,064,000
Breeder & Other	1984	11,800		head	445.00	5,251,000
	1983	11,100		head	420.00	4,662,000
Milk Stock	1984	200		head	600.00	120,000
	1983	220		head	550.00	121,000
Dairy Calves	1984	450		head	45.00	20,300
	1983	480		head	45.00	21,600
TOTAL CATTLE:					1984	\$13,722,300
					1983	<u>12,868,600</u>
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1984	1,200	1,100	cwt	\$ 52.00	57,200
	1983	1,400	1,300	cwt	53.00	68,900
<b>HOGS &amp; PIGS</b>						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1984	2,100	2,300	cwt	56.00	128,800
	1983	2,000	2,200	cwt	60.00	132,000
<b>HORSES</b>						
Recreational	1984	3,500		head	600.00	2,100,000
	1983	3,700		head	580.00	2,146,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Game Birds, Goats, etc.)	1984					100,000
	1983					120,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK:					1984	16,108,300
					1983	<u>15,335,500</u>

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL		
MILK	1984	148,000	cwt	\$ 12.84	1,900,000	
	**1983	164,420	cwt	13.03	2,142,000	
WOOL	1984	17,000	cwt	1.60	27,200	
	**1983	17,300	cwt	1.30	22,500	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS:				1984	\$ 1,927,200	
				**1983	<u>\$ 2,164,500</u>	

APIARY PRODUCTS						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL		
HONEY	1984	355,000	lb	\$ .52	184,600	
	1983	610,000	lb	.54	329,400	
BEESWAX	1984	8,000	lb	1.30	10,400	
	1983	17,000	lb	1.40	23,800	
PACKAGE BEES	1984	135,000	lb	5.60	756,000	
	1983	145,000	lb	5.70	826,500	
QUEENS	1984	143,000	ea	5.40	772,200	
	1983	180,000	ea	5.15	927,000	
POLLINATION	1984	16,000	col	20.00	320,000	
	1983	12,000	col	19.00	228,000	
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS:				1984	2,043,200	
				1983	<u>2,334,700</u>	

NURSERY STOCK

PRODUCTION

VALUE

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>PLANTS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AV. PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
STRAWBERRY	1984	863	464	400,432	M	\$ 32.50	\$13,014,000
	1983	743	440	326,920	M	34.70	<u>\$11,344,100</u>

CHRISTMAS TREES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>PLANTS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AV. PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHRISTMAS TREES	1984			185,000	ea	\$ 9.25	\$ 1,711,200
	1983			180,000	ea	9.00	<u>\$ 1,620,000</u>

ORCHARD CROPS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AV. PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FRUIT CROPS (Apples, Olives Pears, Persimmons Prunes)	1984	1,700				\$ 390,000
	1983	1,800				\$ 420,000
WALNUTS	1984	1,180	1,800	ton	\$740.00	\$ 1,332,000
	1983	940	1,600	ton	660.00	1,056,000

TOTAL TREE CROPS:

1984	\$ 1,722,000
1983	<u>\$ 1,476,000</u>

FIELD CROPS

PRODUCTION

VALUE

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HARVESTED ACRES</u>	<u>PER ACRE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AV. PER UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GRAIN							
	Barley						
Barley	1984	1,700	1.90	3,200	ton	\$ 115.00	\$ 368,000
	1983	800	1.40	1,120	ton	125.00	140,000
Oats	1984	800	1.00	800	ton	120.00	96,000
	1983	500	1.10	550	ton	140.00	77,000
Wheat	1984	1,300	1.80	2,300	ton	115.00	264,500
	1983	2,000	1.20	2,400	ton	125.00	300,000
WILD RICE	1984	870	.55	478	ton	1,600.00	764,800
	1983	600	.50	300	ton	1,300.00	390,000
MISC. CROPS (Potatoes, Corn Beans, Milo, Silage, Seed Crops)	1984	690					450,000
	1983	740					420,000

HAY

Alfalfa	1984	19,500	5.00	97,500	ton	75.00	7,312,500
	1983	19,000	4.20	79,800	ton	100.00	7,890,000
Other Hay	1984	22,000	2.90	63,800	ton	60.00	3,828,000
	1983	21,000	2.40	50,400	ton	65.00	3,276,000

PASTURE

Irrigated	1984	34,000				100.00	3,400,000
	1983	34,000				100.00	3,400,000
Improved	1984	87,000				12.00	1,044,000
	1983	87,000				12.00	1,044,000
Rangeland	1984	339,000				7.00	2,373,000
	1983	339,000				7.00	2,373,000

TOTAL FIELD CROPS:

1984	\$19,900,800
1983	<u>\$19,400,000</u>

FOREST PRODUCTS

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TIMBER	*1984			
	**1983	267,055,000	Bd. Ft.	\$29,083,000

C O M P A R I S O N   S U M M A R Y

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
LIVESTOCK	\$16,108,300	\$15,335,500	\$15,063,900	\$15,997,200
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1,927,200	**2,164,500	**2,147,600	2,203,000
APIARY PRODUCTS	2,043,200	2,334,700	2,729,800	2,452,900
NURSERY STOCK	13,014,000	11,344,100	10,327,200	12,407,600
CHRISTMAS TREES	1,711,200	1,620,000	1,478,800	1,567,500
ORCHARD CROPS	1,722,000	1,476,000	1,857,000	1,854,000
FIELD CROPS	<u>19,900,800</u>	<u>19,400,000</u>	<u>17,938,400</u>	<u>17,491,900</u>
TOTALS	**\$56,426,700	**\$53,674,800	**\$51,542,700	**\$53,973,600
FOREST PRODUCTS	*-0-	**\$29,083,000	**\$13,890,000	**\$29,239,000

\*Not available  
\*\*Revised

DEDICATION

This crop report is dedicated to Joe Weber, Agricultural and Standards Investigator III, who died March 23, 1985. Joe worked for the Shasta County Department of Agriculture for 29 years as Plant Quarantine Officer and Nursery Specialist. During that time he made many, many friends and we will all miss him!