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SHASTA COUNTY CROP REPORT 1985

ANNUAL CROP REPORT
FOR
YEAR ENDING-DECEMBER 31, 1985

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta:

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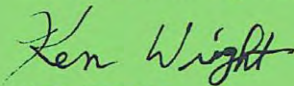
Gentlemen:

This is a report of the condition, acreage, production, and value of agricultural products in Shasta County for the year 1985, 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 1985 showed a decline in the value of production. There were significant reductions in the acreage production of strawberry nursery stock, milk, and field crops. There were significant lower prices for strawberry nursery stock, cattle, walnuts, and grain. Increases in production were seen for wild rice and cattle.

Poor economic recovery in the agricultural community and a reduction in exports to foreign countries continued to contribute to a poor showing by Shasta County agriculture. Growers were not able to cover overhead costs and showed losses as agricultural markets declined.

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 Agricultural and Standards Investigator III Richard Price.



KEN WRIGHT
Agricultural Commissioner

NURSERY STOCK

	YEAR	ACRES	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
STRAWBERRY	1985	667	414	276,138	M	\$ 36.20	\$ 9,996,200
	1984	863	464	400,432	M	32.50	13,014,000
OTHER NURSERY STOCK (Turf, Cut flowers, etc.)	1985						111,000
	1984						320,000
TOTAL NURSERY STOCK:						1985	\$10,107,200
						**1984	<u>\$13,334,000</u>

CHRISTMAS TREES

	YEAR	ACRES	PER ACRE	PLANTS	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
CHRISTMAS TREES	1985			170,000	ea	\$ 9.50	\$ 1,615,000
	1984			185,000	ea	9.25	<u>\$ 1,711,200</u>

ORCHARD CROPS

	YEAR	ACRES	TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL	
FRUIT CROPS (Apples, Olives, Pears, Persimmons, Prunes, Grapes)	1985	1,700				\$ 450,000	
	1984	1,700				390,000	
WALNUTS	1985	1,200	1,800	ton	690.00	1,242,200	
	1984	1,180	1,800	ton	740.00	1,332,000	
TOTAL TREE CROPS:						1985	\$ 1,692,000
						1984	<u>\$ 1,722,000</u>

FIELD CROPS

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
GRAIN							
Barley	1985	1,200	1.50	1,800	ton	\$ 90.00	\$ 162,000
	1984	1,700	1.90	3,200	ton	115.00	368,000
Oats	1985	800	.90	720	ton	110.00	79,200
	1984	800	1.00	800	ton	120.00	96,000
Wheat	1985	1,200	2.00	2,400	ton	90.00	216,000
	1984	1,300	1.80	2,300	ton	115.00	264,500
WILD RICE	1985	1,400	.60	840	ton	1,600.00	1,344,000
	1984	870	.55	478	ton	1,600.00	764,800
MISC CROPS (Potatoes, Corn Beans, Milo, Silage Seed Crops)	1985	820					550,000
	1984	690					450,000
HAY							
Alfalfa	1985	18,600	5.20	96,700	ton	75.00	7,252,500
	1984	19,500	5.00	97,500	ton	75.00	7,312,500
Other Hay	1985	20,000	3.00	60,000	ton	65.00	3,900,000
	1986	22,000	2.90	63,800	ton	60.00	3,828,000
PASTURE							
Irrigated	1985	34,000				110.00	3,400,000
	1984	34,000				100.00	3,400,000
Improved	1985	87,000				12.00	1,044,000
	1984	87,000				12.00	1,044,000
Rangeland	1985	339,000				7.00	2,373,000
	1984	339,000				7.00	2,373,000
TOTAL FIELD CROPS:						1985	\$20,320,700
						1984	<u>\$19,900,800</u>

FOREST PRODUCTS

	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	TOTAL
TIMBER	**1985			
	**1984	259,500,000	Bd ft	<u>\$33,200,000</u>

LIVESTOCK						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	TOTAL LIVELWEIGHT	UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
CATTLE & CALVES						
Beef Feeder Stock	1985	22,600	158,000	cwt	\$ 55.80	\$ 8,816,400
	1984	21,900	144,500	cwt	58.00	8,381,000
Breeder & Other	1985	12,200		head	420.00	5,124,000
	1984	11,800		head	445.00	5,251,000
Milk Stock	1985	220		head	580.00	127,600
	1984	200		head	600.00	120,000
Dairy Calves	1985	500		head	40.00	20,000
	1984	450		head	45.00	20,300
TOTAL CATTLE:					1985	\$14,088,000
					1984	<u>\$13,722,300</u>
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Feeders & Fat Lambs	1985	1,400	1,300	cwt	68.00	88,400
	1984	1,200	1,100	cwt	52.00	57,200
HOGS & PIGS						
Feeders & Fat Hogs	1985	2,200	2,400	cwt	47.00	112,800
	1984	2,100	2,300	cwt	56.00	128,800
HORSES						
Recreational	1985	3,700		head	640.00	2,368,000
	1984	3,500		head	600.00	2,100,000
OTHER LIVESTOCK (Game Birds, Goats, etc.)	1985					120,000
	1984					100,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK:					1985	\$16,777,200
					1984	<u>\$16,108,300</u>

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
MILK	1985	155,000		cwt	\$ 12.17	\$ 1,886,400
	**1984	**147,300		cwt	12.84	**1,891,300
WOOL	1985	17,700		cwt	1.60	28,300
	1984	17,000		cwt	1.60	27,200
OTHER PRODUCTS (Mohair, etc.)	1985					4,000
TOTAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS:					1985	\$ 1,918,700
					**1984	<u>\$ 1,918,500</u>

APIARY PRODUCTS						
PRODUCTION					VALUE	
	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	AV. PER UNIT	TOTAL
HONEY	1985	260,000		lb	\$.63	\$ 163,800
	1984	355,000		lb	.52	184,600
BEESWAX	1985	4,000		lb	1.10	4,400
	1984	8,000		lb	1.30	10,400
PACKAGE BEES	1985	135,000		lb	4.90	661,500
	1984	135,000		lb	5.60	756,000
QUEENS	1985	148,000		ea	4.94	731,100
	1984	143,000		ea	5.40	772,200
POLLINATION	1985	18,000		col	20.66	371,900
	1984	16,000		col	20.00	320,000
TOTAL APIARY PRODUCTS:					1985	\$ 1,932,700
					1984	<u>\$ 2,043,200</u>

C O M P A R I S O N S U M M A R Y

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
LIVESTOCK	\$16,770,200	\$16,108,300	\$15,335,500	\$15,063,900
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	1,918,700	**1,918,500	2,164,500	2,147,600
APIARY PRODUCTS	1,932,700	2,043,200	2,334,700	2,729,800
NURSERY STOCK	10,107,200	13,334,000	11,344,100	10,327,200
CHRISTMAS TREES	1,615,000	1,711,200	1,620,000	1,478,800
ORCHARD CROPS	1,692,000	1,722,000	1,476,000	1,857,000
FIELD CROPS	<u>20,320,700</u>	<u>19,900,800</u>	<u>19,400,000</u>	<u>17,938,400</u>
TOTALS	\$54,356,500	**\$56,738,000	\$53,674,800	\$51,542,700
FOREST PRODUCTS	*-0-	**\$33,200,000	\$29,083,000	\$13,890,000

*Not available

**Revised

COVER PHOTO

These ponds located close to the Sacramento River contain part of the Hydrilla infestation found this year in Shasta County. The pond closest to the river has been filled in and the pond next to it is in a continuing treatment program.