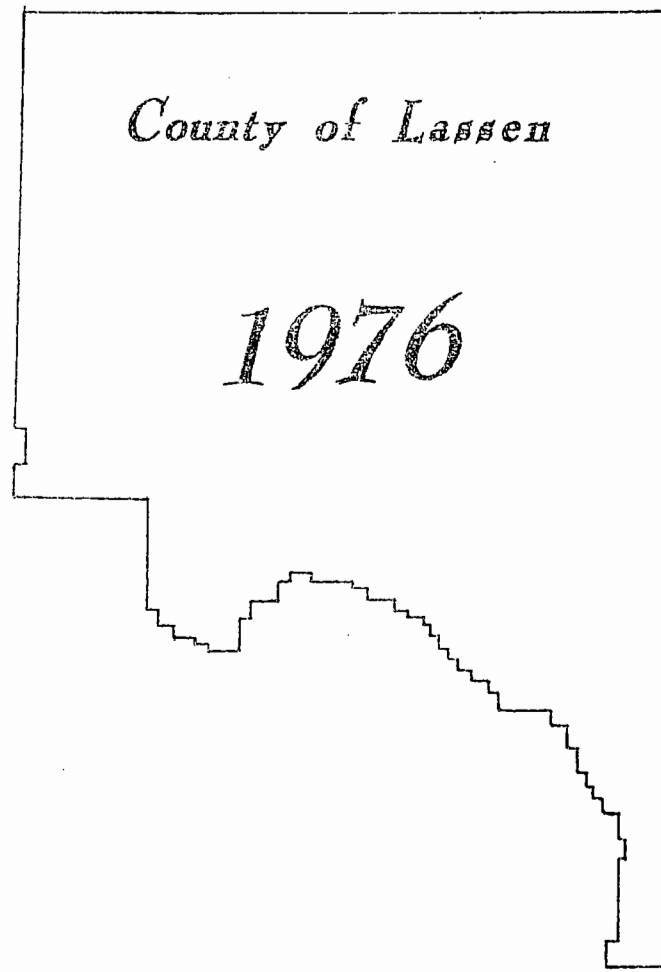


AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code I respectfully submit the 1976 Lassen County Crop Report.

The gross value for all agricultural crops was \$18,115,600, up approximately 1 million dollars over 1975. However, upon closer examination, this figure is misleading and is attributed directly to the drought.

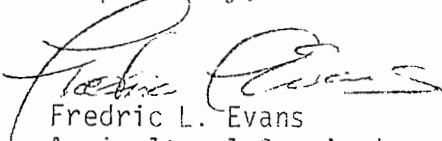
Reduced yields for alfalfa hay and other field crops was evident throughout the County, but increased dollar values more than offset reduced tonnage. Many of the native meadows, normally cut for hay, were utilized for pasture only.

Cattle and calves showed an increase of over 1 million dollars while our inventories dropped 6000 head. This clearly shows that many herds are being liquidated due to drought conditions. As this trend gains momentum, dollar values to growers will decrease as the market becomes saturated with surplus animals.

With the drought continuing, 1977 will undoubtedly be a record low for agricultural production in Lassen County.

As in the past, this report indicated gross dollar value only and in no way represents net income to the grower.

Respectfully,



Fredric L. Evans
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures
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ANNUAL CROP REPORT
FOR YEAR 1976

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LASSEN COUNTY CROP REPORT 1976

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE		
		HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, alfalfa	1976	16,800	3.25	54,600	Ton	\$ 75.00	\$ 4,095,000
	1975	17,100	3.50	59,850	Ton	60.00	3,591,000
Hay, grain	1976	8,700	1.50	13,050	Ton	60.00	783,000
	1975	9,000	2.00	18,000	Ton	50.00	900,000
Hay, other	1976	24,000	.75	18,000	Ton	65.00	1,170,000
	1975	31,000	1.35	41,850	Ton	51.50	2,155,300
Barley	1976	7,000	.90	6,300	Ton	95.00	598,500
	1975	6,500	1.00	6,500	Ton	120.00	780,000
Oats	1976	100	1.25	125	Ton	95.00	11,875
	1975	450	1.50	675	Ton	125.00	84,375
Rye	1976	600	.40	240	Ton	100.00	24,000
	1975	700	.40	280	Ton	135.00	37,800
Wheat	1976	2,600	1.25	3,250	Ton	90.00	292,500
	1975	3,000	1.75	5,250	Ton	123.00	645,750
Safflower	1976	210	.25	52.5	Ton	250.00	13,125
	1975	1,200	.34	408	Ton	248.00*	101,180
Corn, grain	1976	200	3.00	600	Ton	110.00	66,000
	1975	180	3.00	540	Ton	115.00	62,100
Corn, for silage	1976	100	25.50	2,550	Ton	25.00	63,750
	1975	100	23.00	2,300	Ton	25.00	57,500
Pasture, irrigated	1976	39,000			Acre	65.00	2,535,000
	1975	32,000			Acre	60.00	1,920,000
Pasture, range	1976	515,000			Acre	.80	412,000
	1975	545,000			Acre	.75	408,750
Other field crops	1976						26,500
	1975						31,000
TOTAL	1976						\$10,091,250
	1975						\$10,779,655

*Revised

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE (ESTIMATED)

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	VALUE	
					PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cows	1976	6,140	55,260	Cwt.	\$21.00	\$1,160,460
	1975	5,000	45,000	Cwt.	22.00	990,000
Calves	1976	4,640	18,560	Cwt.	36.00	668,160
	1975	3,770	15,080	Cwt.	36.00	542,880
Heifers	1976	8,285	49,710	Cwt.	30.00	1,491,300
	1975	6,725	40,350	Cwt.	29.00	1,170,150
Steers	1976	11,670	87,525	Cwt.	36.00	3,150,900
	1975	9,480	71,100	Cwt.	36.00	2,559,600
Bulls	1976	1,230	17,220	Cwt.	27.00	464,940
	1975	990	13,860	Cwt.	27.00	374,220
Sheep and Lambs	1976	1,188	950	Cwt.	44.00	41,800
	1975	1,250	1,000	Cwt.	42.00	42,000
Dogs and Pigs	1976	735	1,470	Cwt.	44.00	64,680
	1975	720	1,440	Cwt.	43.00	61,920
Misc. Livestock and Poultry	1976					41,700
	1975					23,500
Total	1976					\$7,083,940
	1975					\$5,764,270

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk, market	1976	26,500	Cwt.	\$9.61	\$255,000
	1975	29,500	Cwt.	9.49	280,000
Eggs	1976	9,000	Lbs.	.55	4,950
	1975	30,000	Lbs.	.40	12,000
Dairy and miscellaneous	1976				9,800
	1975				14,200
TOTAL	1976				\$314,450
	1975				\$345,850*

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORIES JANUARY 1, 1976-75

Item	January 1, 1976	January 1, 1975
All cattle and calves	46,500*	52,500*
All milk cows and heifers 2 years and over	300*	400*
Sheep and lambs	1,800*	2,000*
Dogs and pigs	600*	700
Laying hens and pullets	4,800	5,500

* Figures submitted by California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

SEED, FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND NURSERY CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
				TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa Seed	1976	600	335	201,000	Lbs.	\$1.05	\$211,050
	1975	450	270	121,500	Lbs.	.73	88,700
Nursery	1976	60					209,750
	1975	70					210,700
Christmas trees (private lands)	1976			58,781	Tree	3.15	185,160
	1975			58,275	Tree	3.05	177,740
Miscellaneous Crops	1976						20,000
	1975						20,000
Total	1976						\$625,960
	1975						\$497,140

RECAPITULATION
PRODUCTION VALUES

	1976	1975
Field Crops	\$10,091,250	\$10,779,655
Livestock and Poultry	7,083,940	5,764,270
Livestock and Poultry Products	314,450	355,850
Seed, Fruit, Vegetable and Nursery Crops	625,960	497,140
TOTAL	\$18,115,600	\$17,396,915

COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION VALUES

1976.	\$18,115,600
1975.	17,382,015*
1974.	17,248,330
1973.	17,790,115
1972.	14,842,970
1971.	13,870,500
1970.	10,593,150
1969.	10,641,910
1968.	9,871,400
1967.	10,463,230

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