

# Agricultural Crop Report

*County of  
Lassen*

**1981**

LASSEN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
FOR YEAR 1981

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THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF LASSEN COUNTY

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, I respectfully submit the 1981 Lassen County Crop Report.

The gross value of all agricultural crops was \$33,776,600. This total is up slightly over 1980.

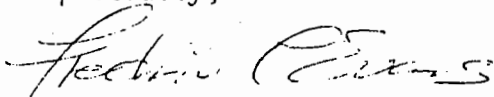
However, for the first time this report includes timber and timber products with a gross value of over 4.5 million dollars. The adjusted gross, excluding timber, would be approximately 28.5 million dollars, down 5 million dollars from 1980.

Field crops were down almost 4 million dollars. Alfalfa hay alone was down over 2.5 million dollars in gross sales due to depressed hay prices. Livestock and poultry values were down over 2 million dollars, even though 700 more head of livestock was sold. This lower value is directly attributed to depressed cattle prices.

Nursery and seed crops were up 2 million dollars over 1980, and essentially all of the increase is attributed to increased strawberry acreage.

I wish to thank all of the individuals who cooperated to make this report possible and, as in the past, this crop report indicates gross dollar value only and does not represent net income to the grower.

Respectfully,



Fredric L. Evans  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Sealer of Weights and Measures  
Air Pollution Control Officer

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PRODUCTION		VALUE		
			PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, alfalfa	1981	20,000	4.0	80,000	Ton	\$ 71.00	\$ 5,680,000
	1980	20,000	4.8	96,000	Ton	86.00	8,256,000
Hay, grain	1981	7,500	1.6	12,000	Ton	57.00	684,000
	1980	7,500	2.8	21,000	Ton	68.00	1,428,000
Hay, other	1981	29,000	1.5	43,500	Ton	55.00	2,392,500
	1980	31,000	2.0	62,000	Ton	63.00	3,906,000
Barley	1981	3,400*	1.30	4,420	Ton	119.00	526,000
	1980	3,500	1.30	4,550	Ton	118.00	537,000
Oats	1981	500*	.90	450	Ton	135.00	60,800
	1980	600	1.10	660	Ton	130.00	85,800
Rye	1981	400	.30	120	Ton	108.00	13,000
	1980	400	.40	160	Ton	105.00	16,800
Wheat	1981	6,300*	1.35	8,505	Ton	118.00	1,003,600
	1980	5,500	1.50	8,250	Ton	116.00	957,000
Corn, grain	1981	190	3.00	570	Ton	120.00	68,400
	1980	190	3.00	570	Ton	150.00	85,500
Corn, for silage	1981	115	27.00	3,105	Ton	28.00	86,900
	1980	200	24.33	4,866	Ton	34.00	165,400
Pasture, irrigated	1981	23,500			Acre	98.00	2,303,000
	1980	23,500			Acre	72.00	1,692,000
Pasture, range	1981	400,000			Acre	2.20	880,000
	1980	420,000			Acre	1.13	474,600
Other field crops	1981						30,000
	1980						30,000
TOTAL	1981						\$13,728,200
	1980						\$17,661,600

\*Figures submitted by California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE (ESTIMATED)

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION		UNIT	VALUE	
		NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cows	1981	5,800	52,200	Cwt.	\$32.00	\$ 1,670,400
	1980	5,500	49,500	Cwt.	47.00	2,326,500
Calves	1981	4,200	16,800	Cwt.	64.00	1,075,200
	1980	4,000	16,000	Cwt.	85.00	1,360,000
Heifers	1981	6,500	39,000	Cwt.	52.00	2,028,000
	1980	6,500	39,000	Cwt.	67.00	2,613,000
Steers	1981	9,800	68,600	Cwt.	62.00	4,253,200
	1980	9,500	66,500	Cwt.	75.00	4,987,500
Bulls	1981	1,100	15,400	Cwt.	54.00	831,600
	1980	1,100	15,400	Cwt.	54.00	831,600
Sheep and lambs	1981	3,800	3,040	Cwt.	60.00	182,400
	1980	3,900	3,120	Cwt.	67.00	209,000
Hogs and pigs	1981	750	1,500	Cwt.	47.00	70,500
	1980	750	1,500	Cwt.	41.00	61,500
Misc. livestock and poultry	1981					31,800
	1980					39,000
TOTAL	1981					\$10,143,100
	1980					\$12,428,100

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

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
				TOTAL				
Alfalfa seed	1981	405	340	138,130		Lbs.	\$ 1.20	\$ 165,800
	1980	405	440	178,200		Lbs.	1.24	221,000
Certified straw- berry plants	1981	280	460	128,800		Plants (Thous)	34.00/M	4,379,200
	1980	232	310	71,920		"	34.00/M	2,445,000
Christmas trees (private lands)	1981			35,000*		Tree	4.00	140,000*
	1980			34,176**		Tree	3.50	119,600**
Misc. crops	1981							70,000
	1980							20,000
TOTAL	1981							\$4,755,000
	1980							\$2,805,600**

\*\*Revised  
\*Estimated

TIMBER HARVEST

	YEAR	BOARD FEET	VALUE	TOTAL
Saw timber	1981	29,100,000	\$160.00/M	\$4,656,000
Misc. (posts, poles, fuel wood)	1981			92,400
TOTAL	1981			\$4,748,400

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

ITEM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Milk, market	1981	26,000	Cwt.	\$13.38	\$348,000
	1980	25,600	Cwt.	12.89**	330,000**
Wool	1981	48,000	Lbs.	.90	43,200
	1980	60,000	Lbs.	.70	42,000
Apiary and Miscellaneous	1981				10,700
	1980				18,900
TOTAL	1981				\$401,900
	1980				\$390,900**

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LIVESTOCK INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 80-81

ITEM	January 1, 1981	January 1, 1980
All cattle and calves	73,000*	72,000*
All milk cows and heifers 2 years and over	250*	250*
Sheep and lambs	2,700*	2,500*
Hogs and pigs	500*	500*

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RECAPITULATION  
PRODUCTION VALUES

	1981	1980
Field crops	\$13,728,200	\$17,661,600
Livestock and poultry	10,143,100	12,428,100
Livestock and poultry products	401,900	390,900*
Seed, fruit, vegetable and nursery crops	4,755,000	2,805,600
Timber harvest	4,748,400	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,776,600</b>	<b>\$33,286,200*</b>

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COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION VALUES

1981 . . . . .	\$33,776,600
1980 . . . . .	33,286,200*
1979 . . . . .	28,624,150
1978 . . . . .	22,220,780
1977 . . . . .	15,112,700*
1976 . . . . .	18,115,600
1975 . . . . .	17,382,015*
1974 . . . . .	17,248,330
1973 . . . . .	17,790,115
1972 . . . . .	14,842,970

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