



**Lassen County  
Crop Report  
1995**



**LASSEN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**KENNETH R. SMITH  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

**ANNUAL CROP REPORT  
FOR YEAR 1995**

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Honorable Director and Board Members:

Pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, the 1995 Crop Report for Lassen County is respectively submitted.

The values represented in this report are gross receipts of producers, and do not reflect costs of production, marketing, or transportation. No attempt is made to reflect the net income of producers.

The gross dollar value of all agricultural commodities, including timber production, was \$74,147,000 for 1995. It should be noted that gross value of agricultural commodities does not indicate total value to the economy. A 3X multiplying factor of dollars entering the economy would make Lassen County's agricultural production contribution total \$222,441,000.

The value of all crops, including timber, was down about 22% from 1994. Plummeting livestock prices, a greatly reduced timber harvest, and a decrease in some planting acreages accounted for this sharp decrease.

I'd like to acknowledge the cooperation of Lassen County farmers and ranchers, and the other agencies that provided information for this report, as well as my staff who helped prepare this years crop report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Smith".

Kenneth R. Smith  
Agricultural Commissioner



# FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
				TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, alfalfa	1995	31,000	4.8	148,800	Ton	\$101.00	\$15,028,800
	1994	32,000	4.7	150,400	Ton	100.00	15,040,000
Hay, grain	1995	8,500	2.0	17,000	Ton	81.00	1,377,000
	1994	8,500	2.0	17,000	Ton	80.00	1,360,000
Hay, other	1995	30,000	3.0	90,000	Ton	75.00	6,750,000
	1994	30,000	3.0	90,000	Ton	70.00	6,300,000
Barley	1995	1,000*	1.75*	1,750*	Ton	115.00	201,250
	1994	1,000*	1.85*	1,850*+	Ton	102.00	188,700+
Oats	1995	300*	1.35*	405*	Ton	135.00	54,675
	1994	400*	1.20*	480*	Ton	115.00	55,200
Rye	1995	120	0.30	36	Ton	120.00	4,320
	1994	240	0.30	72	Ton	120.00	8,640
Wheat	1995	1,500*	1.60	2,400	Ton	140.00	336,000
	1994	2,000*	1.52	3,040	Ton	100.00	304,000
Corn, grain	1995	60	0.50	30	Ton	35.00	30,000
	1994	60	0.50	30	Ton	35.00	30,000
Pasture, irrigated	1995	23,000	5.0	115,000	AUM	15.00	1,725,000
	1994	28,000	4.0	92,000	AUM	18.00	1,656,000
Pasture, non irrigated	1995	22,000	0.1	2,200	AUM	12.00	26,400
	1994	22,000	0.1	2,200	AUM	12.00	26,400
Pasture, range	1995	200,000	0.04	8,000	AUM	8.00	64,000
	1994	200,000	0.02	4,000	AUM	8.00	32,000
Aftermath, (All)	1995	20,000	1.00	20,000	AUM	15.00	300,000
	1994	20,000	1.00	20,000	AUM	15.00	300,000
Straw	1995	125	1.0	125	Ton	50.00	6,250
	1994	125	1.0	125	Ton	50.00	6,250
TOTAL	1995						\$25,903,700
	1994						\$25,307,200+

\* Figures provided by California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service  
+ Revised



## SEED, FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND NURSERY CROPS:

CROP	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		VALUE	
				TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Alfalfa Seed	1995	276	265	73,140	Lbs.	\$1.20	\$ 87,800
	1994	508	350	177,800	Lbs.	1.00	177,800
Strawberry Plants	1995	607	400	242,800	Pl./M*	44.00/M	10,683,200
	1994	618	475	293,550	Pl./M*	42.00/M	12,329,100
Garlic Seed	1995	460	130	59,800	Cwt.	13.25	792,350
	1994	619	130	80,470	Cwt.	14.00	1,126,580
Wild Rice	1995	160	1,800	288,000	Lbs.	0.50	144,000
	1994	140	1,000	140,000	Lbs.	0.45	63,000
Sugarbeets	1995	684	11.0	7,524	Tons	45.00	338,600
	1994	900	11.0	9,900	Tons	42.00	415,800
Misc. Crops	1995						900,000
	1994						825,000
(fresh strawberries, potatoes, onions, carrot seed, endive, mint oil, raspberry plants, greenhouse flowers, and Christmas trees)							
TOTAL	1995						\$12,946,000
	1994						\$14,937,300

\*Plants in units of 1,000



## TIMBER HARVEST

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
Saw Timber	1995	86,040*	Board Feet/M#	\$312.88/M	\$26,920,900*
	1994	124,000*	Board Feet/M#	346.77/M	43,000,000*
Misc.	1995				70,000
	1994				70,000
(posts, poles, fire wood, and Christmas trees)					
TOTAL	1995				\$26,990,900
	1994				\$43,070,000

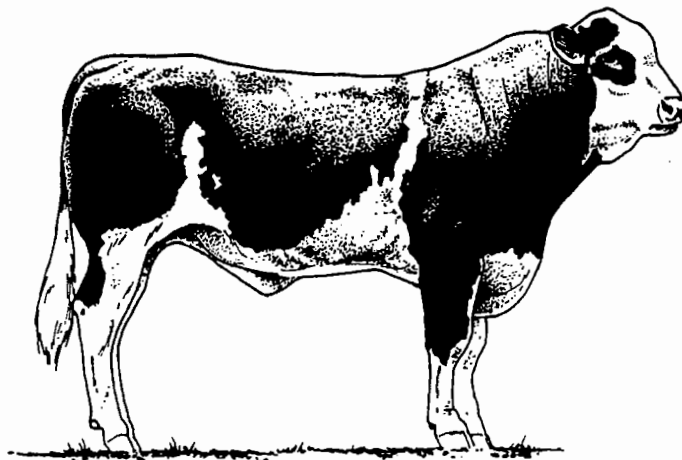
# 1,000 Board Feet

\* Figures provided by Timber Tax Division, State Board of Equalization



## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION			VALUE	
		NUMBER OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cows	1995	4,000	43,200	Cwt.	\$34.00	\$1,468,800
	1994	4,200	45,360	Cwt.	51.00	2,313,360
Calves	1995	2,950	15,488	Cwt.	67.00	1,037,700
	1994	3,100	16,275	Cwt.	91.00	1,481,000
Heifers	1995	4,950	27,720	Cwt.	55.00	1,524,600
	1994	3,200	29,120	Cwt.	82.00	2,387,840
Steers	1995	7,325	51,275	Cwt.	59.00	3,025,225
	1994	7,700	53,900	Cwt.	74.00	3,988,600
Bulls	1995	860	15,050	Cwt.	44.00	662,200
	1994	900	15,750	Cwt.	55.00	866,250
Sheep/Lambs	1995	3,370	4,044	Cwt.	79.00	319,476
	1994	3,500	4,200	Cwt.	68.00	285,600
Hogs/Pigs	1995	1,800	3,600	Cwt.	40.00	144,000
	1994	1,200	2,400	Cwt.	46.00	110,400
Misc. Livestock (poultry, emu)	1995					25,000
	1994					20,000
TOTAL	1995					\$ 8,207,000
	1994					\$11,453,100

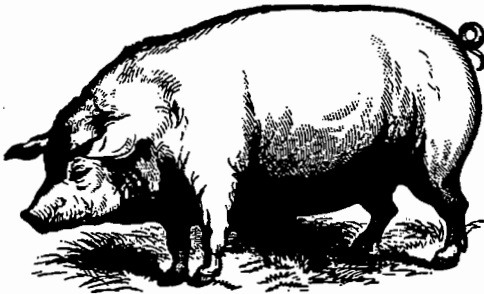




## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Wool	1995	88,234*	lbs.	0.90*	79,400*
	1994	91,578*	lbs.	0.67*	61,350*
Apiary	1995				20,000
	1994				15,000
Total	1995				\$99,400
	1994				\$76,350

\* Figures provided by U.S.D.A., Farm Service Agency



## LIVESTOCK INVENTORY: JANUARY 1, 1996

COMMODITY	NUMBER OF HEAD JANUARY 1, 1996	NUMBER OF HEAD JANUARY 1, 1995
All Cattle / Calves	54,000	54,000*
Beef Cows	28,000	28,000*
Stock Sheep	3,100	3,100*
Hogs / Pigs	775	927

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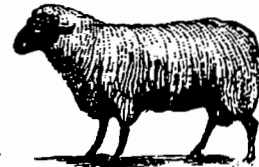
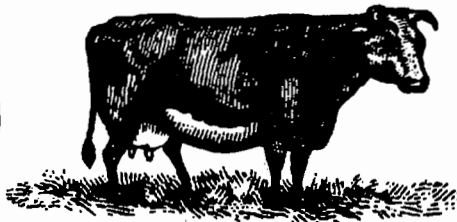


## TOP TEN CROPS

1995 RANK	COMMODITY	VALUE	1994 RANK
1	TIMBER	\$26,920,000	1
2	ALL HAY	23,155,800	2
3	STRAWBERRY PLANTS	10,683,200	3
4	ALL LIVESTOCK	8,207,000	4
5	PASTURELAND	1,725,000	5
6	MISC. NURSERY/FIELD CROPS	900,000	7
7	GARLIC	792,350	6
8	SUGARBEETS	338,600	8
9	WHEAT	336,000	9
10	AFTERMATH	300,000	10

## MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

TIMBER	\$26,920,000
ALL HAY	23,155,800
STRAWBERRY PLANTS	10,683,200
ALL LIVESTOCK	8,207,000
PASTURELAND	1,712,000



## SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION VALUES

COMMODITY GROUP	1995	1994
Field Crops	\$25,903,700	\$25,307,200+
Livestock-Poultry	8,207,000	11,453,100
Livestock-Poultry Products	3,994,000	7,635,000
Seed, Fruit, Vegetable, Nursery	12,946,000	14,937,300
Timber Harvest and Cogeneration	26,990,900	3,070,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,147,000</b>	<b>\$94,844,000+</b>

+ Revised

## 10 YEAR COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION VALUES

1995	\$74,147,000
1994	\$94,844,000+
1993	\$93,437,800
1992	\$71,228,700
1991	\$74,599,800
1990	\$69,266,000
1989	\$65,178,400
1988	\$67,147,500
1987	\$55,297,000
1986	\$55,493,000

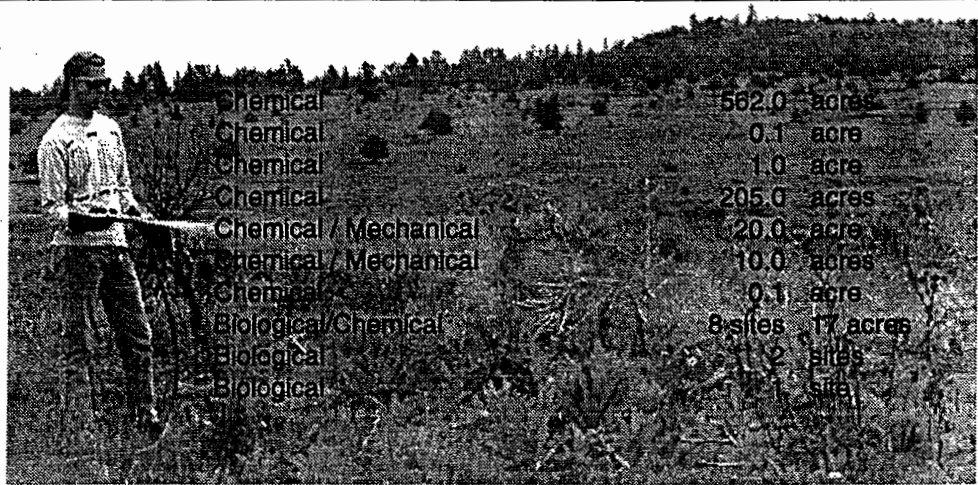
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# ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORTING 1995

PEST	AGENT / MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
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## PEST ERADICATION

Scotch Thistle  
 Musk Thistle  
 Yellowspine Thistle  
 Squarrose Knapweed  
 Spotted Knapweed  
 Dalmation Toadflax  
 Leafy Spurge  
 Yellow Starthistle  
 Russian Wheat Aphid  
 Alfalfa Weevil



Chemical	562.0	acres
Chemical	0.1	acre
Chemical	1.0	acre
Chemical	205.0	acres
Chemical / Mechanical	20.0	acre
Chemical / Mechanical	10.0	acres
Chemical	0.1	acre
Biological / Chemical	8 sites	17 acres
Biological	12	sites
Biological	1	site

## PEST EXCLUSION

Exotic Pests  
and / or Target Pests

Incoming plant material  
via UPS, Air, Truck, Mail

55 shipments  
inspected

## PEST DETECTION

Gypsy Moth

110 Traps in  
Lassen County

None Detected

Japanese Beetle

2 Traps in  
Lassen County

None Detected

## PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

Coyotes, Bobcat, etc.

Trapping/Shooting/Chemical

675 animals taken

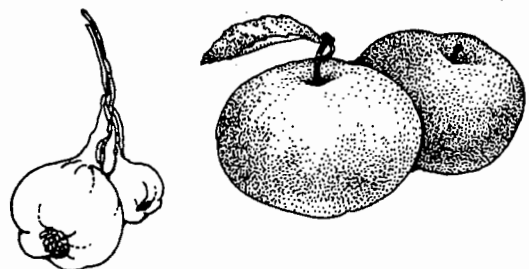
## ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

Garlic

40 acres certified

Apples

5 acres certified



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