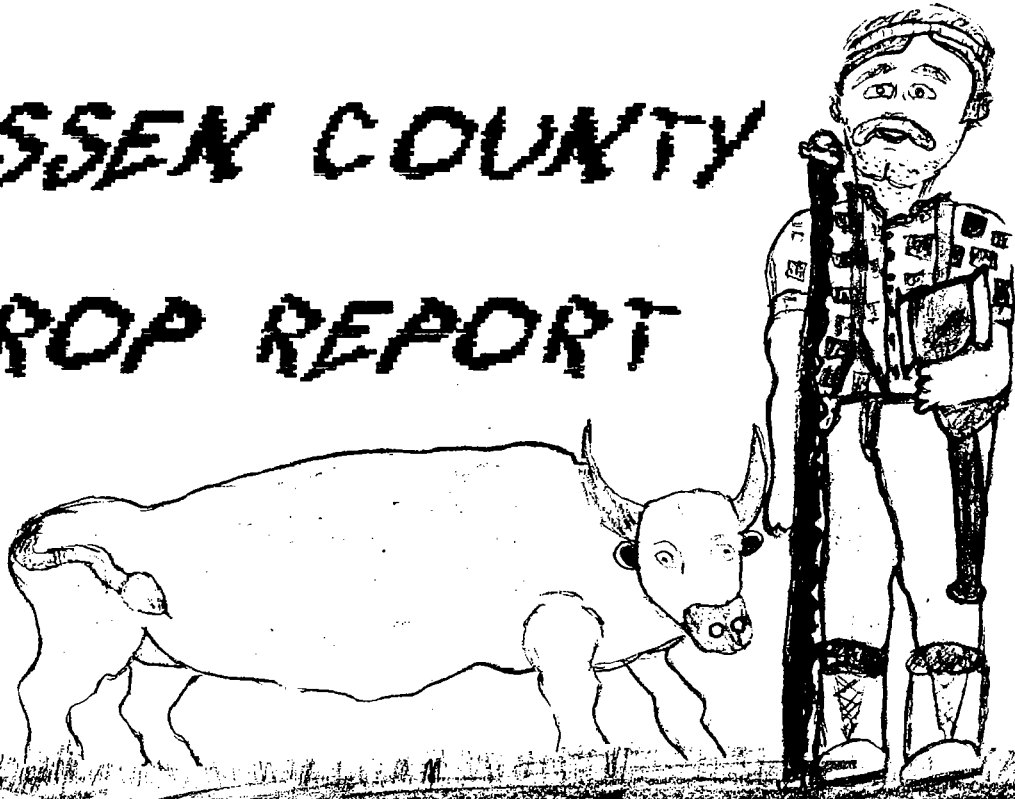


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PAUL AND BABE, THE BLUE OX - WESTWOOD, CA.

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PAUL BUNYAN

THE LEGEND LIVES ON

Paul Bunyan has been the hero of lumberjack whopper tales that were handed down for generations in the camps of white pine lumbermen in the Northeastern forests of America. In 1913, the Walker family, who owned the Red River Mill in Minnesota, moved their operations out west. It was a big job carving a mill and town out of the Northern Sierras; they needed all the help they could get- so they brought Paul Bunyan with them. Never before known outside the haunts of the logging camps, the exploits of the giant lumberjack were first recorded in print for the Walker's by W. B. Laughead from 1914-1944. In addition to promoting Westwood and the Paul Bunyan Products, the publication of these small books made Paul and his friend Babe the Blue Ox, Sourdough Sam, Brimstone Bill, Johnny Inkslinger, Big Ole and Spot (the reversible dog) national household favorites- thus establishing an American mythology. In 1946, the Walker's sold the mill to Fruit Growers Supply Co. who continued to operate the mill until its' shutdown in 1956. In the last publication of "Paul Bunyan and his Big Blue Ox" (1944), Paul is quoted as saying "In not saying goodbye, I'm still on the job for Red River and maybe I'll be seeing you again sometime in the future".

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KENNETH R. SMITH
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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ANNUAL CROP REPORT
FOR YEAR 1997

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Honorable Director and Board Members:

Pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, the 1997 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 \$68,464,400 for 1997. 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 \$205,393,200.

The value of all crops, excluding timber, was up about 7.4% from 1996, despite loss of field crop and nursery acreages due to flood and wind damage. The value of timber was down nearly 25%, due to reduction in harvest.

I'd like to acknowledge the cooperation of Lassen County farmers and ranchers and the other agencies that provided information for this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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	1997	31,500	5.0	157,500	Ton	\$110.00	\$17,325,000
	1996	32,000	4.9	156,800	Ton	105.00	16,464,000
Hay, grain	1997	8,500	2.0	17,000	Ton	88.00	1,496,000
	1996	8,500	2.0	17,000	Ton	84.00	1,428,000
Hay, other	1997	30,000	3.0	90,000	Ton	90.00	8,100,000
	1996	30,000	3.0	90,000	Ton	85.00	7,650,000
Barley	1997	900*	1.70	1,530	Ton	99.00	151,500
	1996	900*+	1.70*	1,530+	Ton	102.00	156,000+
Oats	1997	300*	1.30	390	Ton	120.00	46,800
	1996	300*+	1.30	390+	Ton	127.50	49,700+
Rye	1997	150	0.30	45	Ton	100.00	4,500
	1996	150	0.30	45	Ton	100.00	4,500
Wheat	1997	2,000*	1.60	3,200*	Ton	135.00	432,000
	1996	2,000+	1.60	3,200+	Ton	146.00	467,200+
Pasture, irrigated	1997	23,000	5.0	115,000	AUM	18.00	2,070,000
	1996	23,000	5.0	115,000	AUM	15.00	1,725,000
Pasture, nonirrigated	1997	22,000	0.1	2,200	AUM	12.00	26,400
	1996	22,000	0.1	2,200	AUM	12.00	26,400
Pasture, range	1997	200,000	0.07	14,000	AUM	8.00	112,000
	1996	200,000	0.07	14,000	AUM	8.00	112,000
Aftermath, (All)	1997	20,000	1.00	20,000	AUM	15.00	300,000
	1996	20,000	1.00	20,000	AUM	15.00	300,000
Straw	1997	130	1.0	130	Ton	50.00	6,500
	1996	130	1.0	130	Ton	50.00	6,500
TOTAL	1997						\$30,070,700
	1996						\$28,389,300+

* Figures provided by California Agricultural Statistics Service
+ Revised

TOP 10 CROPS

<u>1997 RANK</u>	<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>1996 RANK</u>
1	ALL HAY	\$26,921,000	2
2	TIMBER	17,427,000	1
3	STRAWBERRY PLANTS	9,511,875	3
4	ALL LIVESTOCK	8,928,565	4
5	PASTURELAND	2,208,400	5
6	MISC. NURSERY/ FIELD CROPS	1,300,000	6
7	GARLIC SEED	571,000	7
8	WHEAT	432,000	8
9	AFTRERMATH	300,000	--
10	BARLEY	151,000	--

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

ALL HAY-----	\$26,921,000
TIMBER -----	17,427,000
STRAWBERRY PLANTS-----	9,511,875
ALL LIVESTOCK-----	8,928,565
PASTURELAND-----	2,208,400
MISC. NURSERY/FIELD CROPS -----	1,300,000

ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORTING
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PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
<u>PEST ERADICATION</u>		
Scotch Thistle	Chemical	486 acres
Musk Thistle	Chemical	1.0 acre
Yellowspine Thistle	Chemical	1.0 acre
Squarrose Knapweed	Chemical	285 acres
Spotted Knapweed	Chemical/Mechanical	8.4 acres
Dalmation Toadflax	Chemical/Mechanical	15.0 acres
Yellowstar Thistle	Biological/Chemical	9 sites/22 acres

PEST EXCLUSION

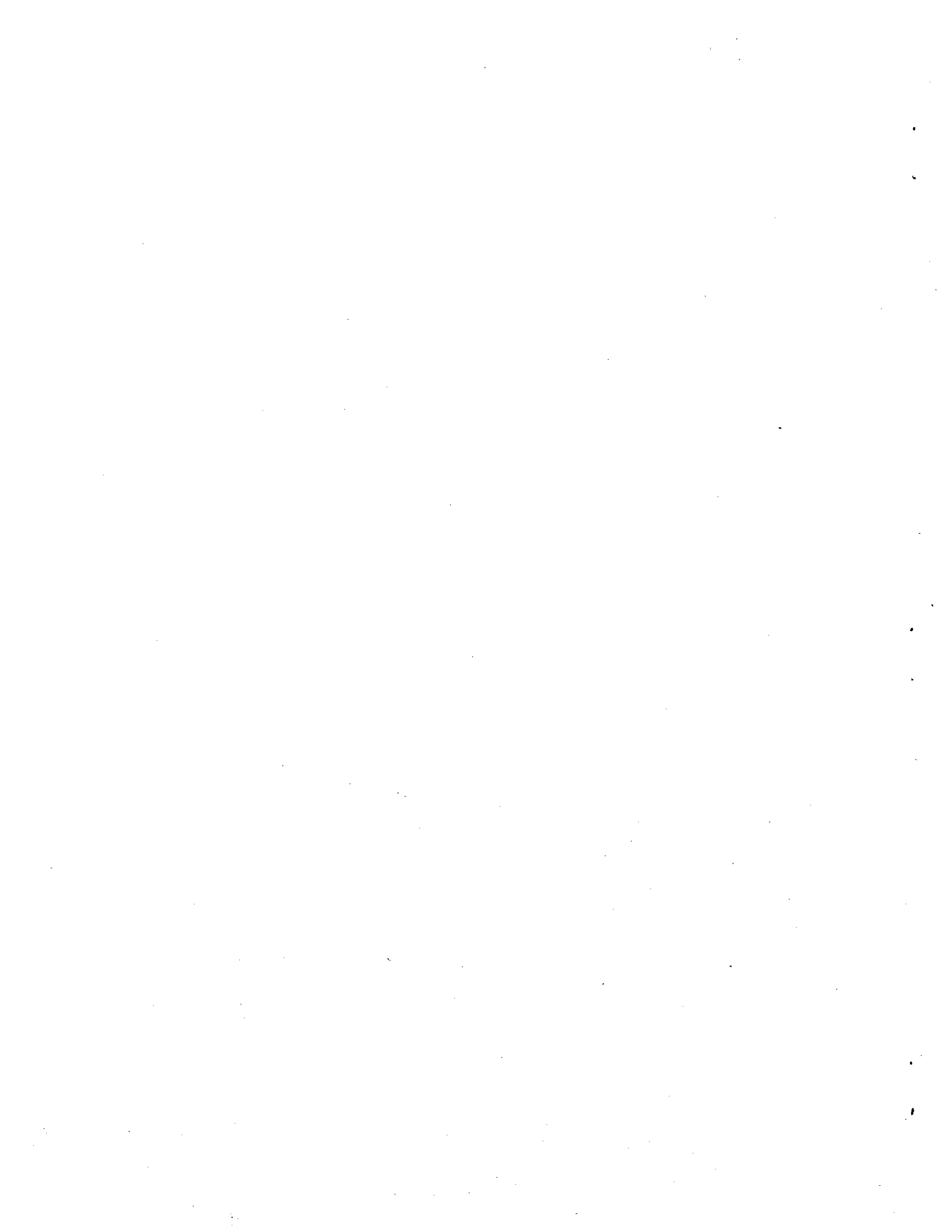
Exotic Pests And/Or Target Pests	Incomming plant Material via UPS Air, Truck, Mail	80 shipments inspected
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PEST DETECTION

Gypsy Moth	110 Traps In Lassen County	None Detected
Japanese Beetle	2 Traps in Lassen County	None Detected

ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS

Apples- 5 acres certified



LASSEN COUNTY

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