

DEL NORTE COUNTY



CROP REPORT

2015



COUNTY OF DEL NORTE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Del Norte County
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Dear Secretary and Board Members,

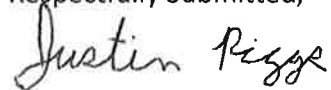
In accordance with Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to present the 2015 Del Norte County Crop Report.

All values in this report are the gross value of crops and commodities and do not reflect production, harvesting, marketing or transportation costs.

Overall production for 2014 was valued at \$68,724,729. This represents an increase of 34.4%. Increased milk and timber production were responsible for much of the gain.

I would like to acknowledge the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture for their ongoing assistance, which has now spanned nearly every agricultural program. I would also like to acknowledge the retirement of Commissioner/Sealer Jim Buckles and his 29 years of service to Del Norte County.

Respectfully Submitted,


Justin Riggs
Agriculture/Weights & Measures Inspector III

OUR 2015 TEAM

Jim Buckles: Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Director of Animal Control

Justin Riggs: Agricultural/Weights&Measures Inspector III

Linda Marshall: Administrative Secretary I

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David F Cavyell: Animal Control Officer II

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Joshua Hale: Seasonal Agricultural Aide

George Peacock: Seasonal Agricultural Aide

Micaela Curtis: Weekend Kennel Caretaker

Captain Hook and Crook: Dog Testers

Commissioner/Sealer Jim Buckles Retires

In January of 2016, James “Debonair” Buckles retired after 29 years of service to Del Norte County. After graduating from Cal State University Stanislaus with a degree in Biology, Jim went to work as a fruit and vegetable quality control inspector for CDFA. Over the next several years, he held a number of agricultural positions throughout the state working for both CDFA and several counties. These positions included serving as a county inspector, Medfly trapper and working at a CDFA border inspection station.

Jim settled in as inspector for Del Norte County where he obtained all of his licenses and moved to the top of the inspector series. Jim eventually became the Deputy Commissioner, and in 2014, was promoted to the position of Commissioner/Sealer. Jim loved any opportunity to interact with the public and industry. He especially enjoyed helping the public with pest ID and seeing familiar faces during his annual weights & measures inspections. He also enjoyed working with the Easter Lily bulb growers, conducting inspections of the fields, and working with our pest detection trapping program.

Jim was honored by the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors with a resolution acknowledging his long service to the County and was recognized by the Northern Commissioners and Sealers Association. In his retirement Jim can be found bike riding, participating in church activities, watching the weather and joining us for our lunchtime barbeques. We’re sure the many members of the community and industry who Jim served over the years will join us in wishing Jim a long and happy retirement!



2015 Crop Report Summary

	2015	2014
Field Crops	\$4,368,646	\$3,770,080
Vegetables & Fruits	\$158,000	\$143,000
Nursery Crops	\$10,237,200	\$10,200,572
Livestock	\$13,695,378	\$14,481,563
Livestock Products	\$16,693,673	\$14,320,172
Miscellaneous Agriculture	\$1,650,000	\$1,660,000
Subtotal	\$46,802,897	\$44,575,387
Timber & Forest Production	\$21,921,832	\$6,540,991
Total	\$68,724,729	\$51,116,378

Field Crops

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Total Value
Hay	2015	3510	2.81	9863	Ton	242	\$2,386,846
	2014	3430	2.85	9776	Ton	205	\$2,004,080
Pasture (Irrig.)	2015	3800			Acre	236	\$896,800
	2014	4300			Acre	200	\$860,000
Pasture (Other)	2015	15500			Acre	70	\$1,085,000
	2014	15100			Acre	60	\$906,000
Total	2015						\$4,368,646
	2014						\$3,770,080

Vegetable and Fruit Crops

Crop	Year	Total
Total Fruits & Vegetables	2015	\$158,000
	2014	\$143,000

Nursery Products

Product	Year	Acres	Quantity	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Easter Lily Bulbs	2015	340	66325	Case	\$101.58	\$6,737,200
	2014	327	67129	Case	\$99.82	\$6,700,572
Cut Fern, Decoratives Flowers, Seedlings	2015					\$205,000
	2014					\$215,000
Ornamentals & Bedding Plants	2015					\$3,295,000
	2014					\$3,290,000
Total	2015					\$10,237,200
	2014					\$10,200,572

Livestock

Animal	Year	# of Head	Liveweight	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Cattle	2015	8,510	104,232	cwt	\$96	\$9,999,590
	2014	8,420	103,060	cwt	\$105	\$10,821,384
Calves	2015	2,920	26,426	cwt	\$138	\$3,646,788
	2014	2,750	24,908	cwt	\$145	\$3,611,579
Sheep, Lambs	2015	350	280	cwt	\$175	\$49,000
	2014	340	270	cwt	\$180	\$48,600
Total	2015					\$13,695,378
	2014					\$14,481,563

Livestock Products

Product	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Market Milk	2015	391,680	cwt	32.99	\$12,921,523
	2014	325,010	cwt	31.10	\$10,107,811
Manufacturing Milk	2015	140,332	cwt	26.88	\$3,772,124
	2014	164,350	cwt	25.63	\$4,212,291
Total	2015				\$16,693,673
	2014				\$14,320,172

Miscellaneous: Livestock Production

Item	Year	Total
Miscellaneous*	2015	\$1,650,000
	2014	\$1,660,000
Total	2015	\$1,650,000
	2014	\$1,660,000

*Includes honey, silage, hogs, goats, eggs and other products

Timber

Item	Year	Production	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Timber	2015	41,240,000	Board Feet	\$0.5112	\$21,081,832
	2014	20,550,000	Board Feet	\$0.2735	\$5,620,991
Firewood	2015				\$450,000
	2014				\$450,000
Misc Forest	2015				\$390,000
	2014				\$440,000
Total	2015				\$21,921,832
	2014				\$6,540,991

