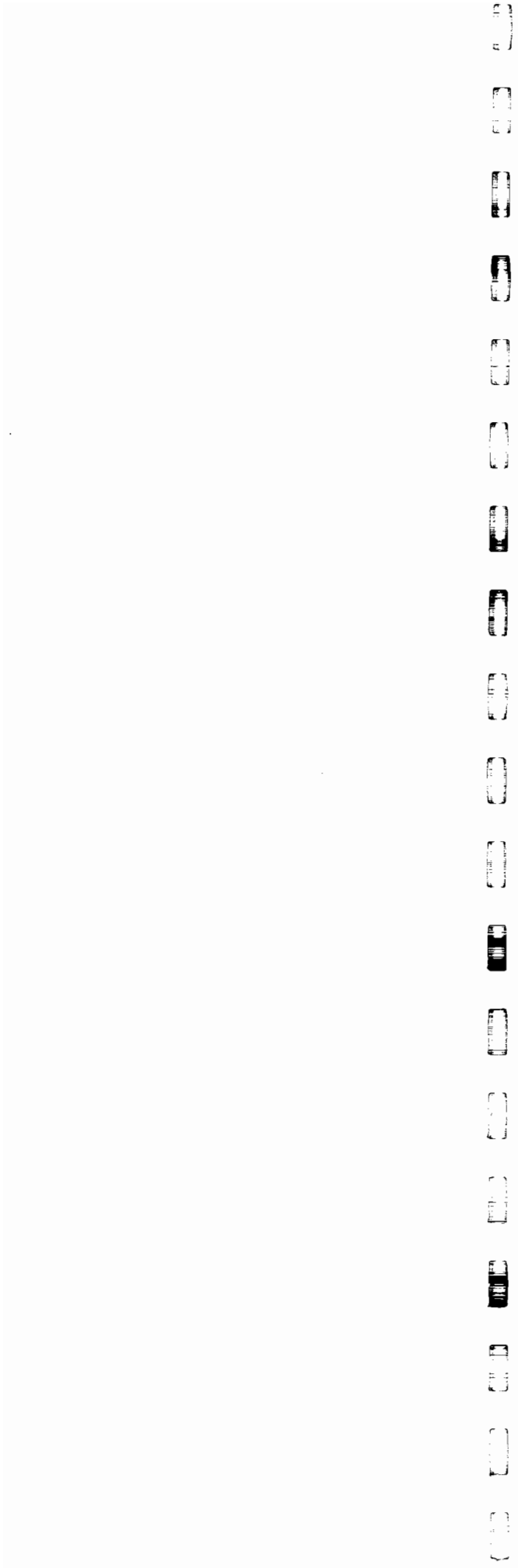


Lassen County
2003
Crop Report



**LASSEN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**KENNETH R. SMITH
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

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**ANNUAL CROP REPORT
FOR YEAR 2003**

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HONORABLE DIRECTOR AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Agricultural Code, the 2003 Crop report for Lassen County is respectfully 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 \$54,810,552 for 2003. 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 \$164,431,656.00.

Overall value was down 11% from 2002. Field Crop values decreased due to lower prices and Nursery Crop values increased due to greater number of planted acres. Livestock values increased 11%. Drought conditions have lessened but still persist.

I would like to acknowledge the cooperation of Lassen County farmers and ranchers and other agencies that provided information for this report. I would also like to acknowledge the effort of Craig Hemphill who compiled this year's 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		PRODUCTION		VALUE	
		ACREAGE	PER ACRE	TOTAL	UNIT	PER UNIT	TOTAL
Hay, alfalfa	2003	28,000	3.6	100,800	Ton	\$87.00	\$8,769,600
	2002	28,000	3.7	103,600	Ton	\$95.00	\$9,842,000
Hay, grain	2003	8,500	2.2	18,700	Ton	80.00	1,496,000
	2002	8,700	2.2	19,140	Ton	85.00	1,626,900
Hay, other	2003	29,000	2.5	72,500	Ton	90.00	6,525,000
	2002	30,000	3.0	90,000	Ton	115.00	10,350,000
Barley	2003	35	1.7	59.5	Ton	100.00	5,950
	2002	40	1.5	60	Ton	114.00	6,840
Oats	2003	100	1.5	150	Ton	140.00	21,000
	2002	400*	2.5	1000	Ton	160.00	160,000
Rye	2003	100	1.00	100	Ton	110.00	11,000
	2002	100	1.00	100	Ton	110.00	11,000
Wheat	2003	1,500*	2.19	3,285	Ton	80.00	262,800
	2002	2,000*	1.95	3,900	Ton	140.00	546,000
Pasture, irrigated	2003	23,000	4.0	92,000	AUM	19.00	1,748,000
	2002	23,000	4.0	92,000	AUM	19.00	1,748,000
Pasture, nonirrigated	2003	22,000	0.08	1,760	AUM	12.00	21,120
	2002	22,000	0.08	1,760	AUM	12.00	21,120
Pasture, range	2003	200,000	0.06	12,000	AUM	10.00	120,000
	2002	200,000	0.06	12,000	AUM	10.00	120,000
Aftermath (All)	2003	20,000	0.90	18,000	AUM	15.00	270,000
	2002	20,000	0.90	18,000	AUM	15.00	270,000
Straw	2003	150	1.0	150	Ton	50.00	7,500
	2002	150	1.0	150	Ton	50.00	7,500
Total	2003						\$19,257,970
	2002						\$24,709,360

* Figures provided by California Agricultural Statistics 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	2003	140	475	66,500	Lbs.	\$1.40	\$93,100
	2002	120	200	24,000	Lbs.	\$1.40	\$33,600
Strawberry Plants	2003	415	400	166,000	Pl/M*	57.00/M	9,462,000
	2002	240	435	104,400	Pl /M*	52.00/M	5,428,800
Garlic Seed	2003	290	120	34,800	Cwt.	13.00	452,400
	2002	233	140	32,620	Cwt.	12.00	391,440
Mint	2003	990	80	79,200	Lbs.	12.00	950,400
	2002	919	86	79,034	Lbs.	11.00	869,374
Wild Rice	2003	170	1,600	272,000	Lbs.	0.40	108,800
	2002	170	1,500	255,000	Lbs.	0.38	96,900
Misc. crops (fresh strawberries, potatoes, onions, carrot seed, endive, cantaloupe seed, raspberry plants, greenhouse flowers, Christmas trees)	2003	---	---	---	---	---	1,000,000
	2002	---	---	---	---	---	1,000,000
Total	2003						\$12,066,700
	2002						\$7,820,114

* Plants in Units of 1,000

TIMBER HARVEST

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
Saw Timber	2003	63,106*	Board Feet/M#	\$175.14/M	\$11,049,349
	2002	85,106*	Board Feet/M#	\$214.67/M	\$18,269,984
Misc. (posts, poles, fire wood, christmas trees)	2003				500,000
	2002				500,000
Total	2003				\$11,549,349
	2002				\$18,769,984

1000 Board Feet

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

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

COMMODITY	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	
			LIVEWEIGHT		PER UNIT	TOTAL
Cows	2003	4,900	49,000	Cwt.	\$41.00*	\$2,009,000
	2002	4,800	48,000	Cwt.	\$36.00*	\$1,728,000
Calves	2003	3,670	16,515	Cwt.	97.00*	1,601,955
	2002	3,600	16,200	Cwt.	85.00*	1,377,000
Heifers	2003	5,800	34,800	Cwt.	80.00	2,784,000
	2002	5,800	34,800	Cwt.	70.00	2,436,000
Steers	2003	8,450	50,700	Cwt.	85.00	4,309,500
	2002	8,450	50,700	Cwt.	78.00	3,954,600
Bulls	2003	1,075	18,812	Cwt.	50.00	940,600
	2002	1,075	18,812	Cwt.	40.00	752,500
Sheep/Lambs	2003	4,000	4,800	Cwt.	88.00*	442,400
	2002	4,000	4,800	Cwt.	69.00*	331,200
Hogs/Pigs	2003	1,250	2,500	Cwt.	36.00*	90,000
	2002	1,250	2,500	Cwt.	34.20*	85,500
Misc. livestock	2003	---	---	---	---	30,000
	2002	---	---	---	---	30,000
Total	2003					\$12,207,455
	2002					\$10,694,800

* Figures provided by California Agricultural Statistics Service

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE

COMMODITY	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	VALUE	TOTAL
Includes:	2003				\$125,000
wool,	2002				\$125,000
apiary, Rabbit, emu.					
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Total	2003				\$125,000
	2002				\$125,000

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2004

COMMODITY	# HEAD JANUARY 1, 2004	# HEAD JANUARY 1, 2003
All Cattle/Calves	49,000*	50,000*
Beef Cows	25,000*	24,000*
Stock Sheep	3,000	3,000
Hogs/Pigs	300	300

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**SUMMARY OF
PRODUCTION VALUES**

COMMODITY GROUP	2003	2002
Field Crops	\$19,257,970	\$24,709,360
Livestock - Poultry	12,207,455	10,694,800
Livestock-Poultry products	125,000	125,000
Seed, Fruit, Vegetable, Nursery	12,066,700	7,820,114
Timber Harvest	11,549,349	18,769,984
Total	\$55,206,474	\$62,119,258

10-YEAR COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION VALUES

2003	\$55,206,474
2002	\$62,119,258
2001	\$58,858,424
2000	\$74,218,900
1999	\$65,062,380
1998	\$61,938,270
1997	\$68,464,400
1996	\$70,701,000
1995	\$74,299,200
1994	\$94,844,000

TOP 10 CROPS

<u>2003 RANK</u>	<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>2002 RANK</u>
1	ALL HAY	\$16,790,600	1
2	LIVESTOCK	12,207,455	3
3	TIMBER	11,549,349	2
4	STRAWBERRY PLANTS	9,462,000	4
5	PASTURELAND	1,889,120	5
6	MISC. NURSERY FIELD CROPS	1,000,000	6
7	MINT	950,400	7
8	GARLIC SEED	452,400	9
9	AFTERMATH	270,000	10
10	WHEAT	262,800	8

MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

ALL HAY-----	\$16,790,600
LIVESTOCK-----	12,207,455
TIMBER-----	11,549,349
STRAWBERRY PLANTS-----	9,462,000
PASTURELAND-----	1,889,120
MISC. NURSERY FIELD CROPS-----	1,000,000

**ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE REPORTING
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PEST	AGENT/MECHANISM	SCOPE OF PROGRAM
<u>PEST ERADICATION</u>		
Scotch Thistle	Chemical	345 acres
Musk Thistle	Chemical	3 acres
Squarrose Knapweed	Chemical	5 acres
Spotted Knapweed	Chemical/Mechanical	3 acres
Dalmation Toadflax	Chemical/Mechanical	2 acres
Yellowstar Thistle	Chemical/Biological	11 acres/ 11 site
Tall Whitetop	Chemical	25 acres
Diffuse Knapweed	Chemical	1 acre
Puncture Vine	Chemical	1.5 acres
<u>PEST EXCLUSION</u>		
Exotic Pests And/or Target Pests	Incoming plant Material via UPS Air, Truck, Mail	100 shipments Inspected
<u>PEST DETECTION</u>		
Gypsy Moth	110 Traps in Lassen County	Non Detected
Japanese Beetle	2 Traps in Lassen County	None Detected
<u>ORGANIC FARMING STATISTICS</u>		
Fruit-	5 acres certified	
Vegetables-	81 acres certified	
Herbs-	23 acres certified	

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