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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1964^{1/}

California timber production increased approximately 15 million board feet in 1964. Final compilation shows that 5,476,265,000 board feet were harvested. The products included in this report are sawlogs, veneer logs, poles, piling, fence post and split products (Tables 2 and 3). The number of Christmas trees and greenery cut is shown in table 4.



Fig. 1. Logs in mill pond, Shasta County.

^{1/} This report was compiled in the State Forester's office by Daniel Dotta from information supplied by California timber operators and Division of Forestry forest practice inspectors.

In 1964 a charge of fifteen dollars was required for timber operator permits. An annual renewal charge of ten dollars was also included in newly exacted State legislation. This appears to be primary reason for the decrease in the number of timber operators from 1,632 to 1,435. The big five of the timber producing counties held their positions. The counties are: Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Shasta and Trinity.

Table 1. Active timber operators, 1946-1964.

Year	Timber operators (number)	Timber volume cut (board feet)
1946	399	
1947	790	3,185,995,000
1948	810	3,983,213,000
1949	813	3,795,252,000
1950	989	4,303,011,000
1951	1,052	4,984,288,000
1952	1,228	5,057,036,000
1953	1,487	5,990,088,000
1954	1,599	5,600,310,000
1955	1,768	6,014,939,000
1956	1,718	5,861,634,000
1957	1,591	5,346,521,000
1958	1,526	5,675,392,000
1959	1,677	5,886,061,000
1960	1,598	5,136,649,000
1961	1,493	5,342,250,000
1962	1,486	5,538,928,000
1963	1,632	5,461,046,000
1964	1,435	5,476,265,000

Timber production appears to remain at approximately 5.5 billion board feet for the past four years. Effects of the disastrous flood of December 1964 did not show in the 1964 production. It is expected to be a factor in the 1965 production especially in the north coastal counties. A factor in the drop in Christmas tree cutting from 740,462 to 668,589 was the early snow storms closing the high elevation timberlands.

California is the third leading timber producing state in the nation, Oregon is first and Washington is second.

The figures presented in this report were obtained from timber operators who voluntarily furnished this information when filing notices of timber operations in 1965. It is recognized that these figures do not represent complete coverage of 1964 operations. Counties where timber was not reported being cut are not listed.

Some counties were combined to prevent disclosure of individual production figures. The total board feet of timber cut is believed to be close to actual production and the best available information at this time.

To convert information submitted to a common base, standard conversion factors and definitions were used as follows:

Sawlogs and veneer logs were combined because sawlogs are often later segregated for veneer logs. No attempt was made to convert all units to a common log scale because, in most cases, the scale used was not given.

Fence posts. Most operators reported number of posts. Conversion to board feet was made on the basis of an average post containing about 11 board feet.

Shingles. Shingles were included in split products. When reported in bundles or squares it was assumed one bundle contained 25 board feet and 4 bundles equalled a square.

Poles and piling. Reports were received in lineal feet and pieces. Each piece was estimated to contain 30 lineal feet and 100 board feet.

Shakes. Shakes were included in split products. Reports were received in bundles and it was assumed that 25 shakes per bundle contained 10 board feet.

Table 2. California Timber production, 1964.

County	No. of timber opera- tors ^{a/}	Veneer logs and sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	12	8,098	-	-	8,098
Amador	17	35,962	-	114	36,076
Butte	35	57,507	-	8,214	65,721
Calaveras	20	54,625	-	2	54,627
Del Norte	85	345,278	-	4,916	350,194
El Dorado	90	135,386	-	176	135,562
Fresno	16	73,984	-	33	74,017
Glenn	8	48,617	-	-	48,617
Humboldt	315	1,360,430	-	7,408	1,367,838
Lake Colusa	11	36,088	-	734	36,822
Lassen	61	134,280	-	33	134,313
Madera	15	62,614	-	16	62,630
Mariposa, Merced	15	19,494	297	62	19,853
Mendocino	187	604,294	570	6,464	611,328
Modoc	24	48,463	-	-	48,463
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	11	211	2,050	1,200	3,461
Napa, Marin, Solano	9	1,794	297	4	2,095
Nevada	73	41,359	-	1,409	42,768
Placer	55	137,867	-	532	138,399
Plumas	86	212,514	-	2,227	214,741
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	5	9,154	59	90	9,303
San Diego, Riverside	2	40	-	150	190
San Mateo	14	32,563	74	5	32,642
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	5	-	1,705	27	1,732
Santa Cruz	33	18,396	2,025	175	20,596
Shasta	122	528,283	-	2,438	530,721
Sierra	57	122,249	-	21	122,270
Siskiyou	85	494,353	-	58	494,411
Sonoma	65	110,768	6,530	1,498	118,796
Tehama	23	136,592	-	1,833	138,425
Trinity	95	317,376	-	366	317,742
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	23	87,975	-	25	88,000
Tuolumne	24	110,121	-	25	110,146
Yuba	23	35,022	-	646	35,668
Total	1,435	5,421,757	13,607	40,901	5,476,265

^{a/} Includes active timber operators engaged in production of miscellaneous and other forest products (tables 2 and 3).

^{b/} Miscellaneous forest products include split products, poles, piling, fence posts, and cordwood. For breakdown by products see table 3.

Table 3. Production of miscellaneous forest products
in California, 1964.

County	Split products (MBM)	Poles piling (pieces)	Fence posts (pieces)	Fuel- wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	1,001	89	27	114
Butte	-	81,921	2,000	-	8,214
Calaveras	-	-	200	-	2
Del Norte	4,911	46	-	-	4,916
El Dorado	-	1,736	-	5	176
Fresno	30	-	-	6	33
Glenn	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt	5,473	19,347	-	-	7,408
Lake, Colusa	-	7,345	-	-	734
Lassen	4	-	-	58	33
Madera	-	-	100	30	16
Mariposa, Merced	-	599	-	5	62
Mendocino	4,474	19,384	-	104	6,464
Modoc	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara	23	-	-	2,355	1,200
Napa, Marin	-	40	-	-	4
Nevada	30	13,706	700	2	1,409
Placer	-	5,102	-	44	532
Plumas	42	21,850	-	-	2,227
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	300	-	120	90
San Diego, Riverside	-	1,000	-	100	150
San Mateo	-	-	-	10	5
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-	-	45	27
Santa Cruz	7	-	-	336	175
Shasta	1	20,449	-	785	2,438
Sierra	-	191	-	3	21
Siskiyou	-	527	-	10	58
Sonoma	1,419	-	24	158	1,498
Tehama	4	18,296	-	-	1,833
Trinity	25	3,414	-	-	366
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	25	-	-	-	25
Tuolumne	25	-	-	-	25
Yuba	10	2,835	14,500	388	646
Total	16,503	219,089	17,613	4,591	40,901

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California, 1964.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	850	-
Amador	5,527	-
Butte	15,794	-
Calaveras	19,708	-
Del Norte	-	430
El Dorado	23,679	2
Fresno	3,940	-
Glenn	-	-
Humboldt	1,754	299
Lake, Colusa	1,632	-
Lassen	89,889	6
Madera	6,959	-
Mariposa, Merced	2,890	1
Mendocino	4,966	25
Modoc	26,044	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	325	-
Napa, Marin	2,025	-
Nevada	25,994	1
Placer	18,387	-
Plumas	154,450	3
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	-
San Diego, Riverside	500	5
San Mateo	-	-
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	5	-
Santa Cruz	7,151	30
Shasta	57,374	-
Sierra	35,178	-
Siskiyou	105,812	32
Sonoma	475	25
Tehama	32,950	-
Trinity	7,811	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	6,390	-
Tuolumne	7,443	-
Yuba	2,688	5
Total	668,590	864