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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1962 ^{1/}

SUMMARY

Timber production in California in 1962 continued to rise. There was a 3½ percent rise over 1961 production. Total production amounted to 5,538,928,000 board feet. Sawlogs, veneer logs, pulp logs, split products, poles, piling, fence posts and cordwood (tables 2 and 3) are the products included. Other forest products compiled separately are 462,180 Christmas trees and 442 tons of greenery (table 4). Blowdown timber, insect and fire losses were important factors in the 1962 production.



Fig. 1. Logged blowdown area, Siskiyou County.

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

TRENDS

The five biggest timber producing counties continue to hold their positions. These counties are Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Siskiyou and Trinity. Only once since 1957 has any county displaced one of these. This was El Dorado County in 1960. These five counties produced nearly 64 percent of the total production.

The number of active timber operators continues to decrease (table 1). Except for 1959 this trend has continued since 1955.

Table 1. Active timber operators and timber production in California, 1946 - 1962.

Year	Timber operators (number)	Timber volume cut (board feet)
1946	399	
1947	798	3,185,395,000
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	5,600,210,000
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	5,538,328,000

HIGHLIGHTS

Two factors aided in the 3 1/2 percent increase in production. The Columbus Day timber blowdown and the mild and open winter permitting a crash program to salvage log the areas of blowdown concentration. The California Forest Pest Control Action Council estimated that 582,800,000 board feet of timber in California was blown over by the storm. Salvage operations began immediately in October and continued through the end of the year. Salvaging of insect infested and susceptible timber continues at a high level.

California is still the number two producer of forest products in the nation. Washington is third and Oregon is the leader with 8.5 billion board feet.

Miscellaneous forest products as well as Christmas tree production showed an increase in 1962. This may be due in part to better reporting. Tan bark production has declined in recent years and appears to have ceased. There was no report of any production in 1962. Tanneries are using synthetic or substitute materials.

ACCURACY AND METHODS USED

The figures presented in this report were obtained from timber operators who voluntarily furnished this information when filing notices of timber operations in 1963. It is recognized that these figures do not represent complete coverage of 1962 operations. Counties in which no timber was cut were not listed. Some counties were combined to prevent disclosure of individual operations. 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, 1962.

County	No. of timber opera- tors ^{a/}	Veneer logs & sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	8	11,607	-	-	11,607
Amador	15	43,396	-	390	43,786
Butte	46	43,454	-	134	43,588
Calaveras	20	73,553	-	10	73,563
Del Norte	78	190,517	-	1,771	192,288
El Dorado	68	188,897	-	112	189,009
Fresno	15	74,919	-	70	74,989
Glenn	9	66,889	-	-	66,889
Humboldt	350	1,436,394	-	10,550	1,446,944
Lake, Colusa	17	11,649	-	74	11,723
Lassen	46	126,601	-	61	126,662
Madera	10	59,709	-	15	59,724
Mariposa, Merced	12	6,504	-	-	6,504
Mendocino	218	721,658	1,143	3,795	726,596
Modoc	21	60,301	-	-	60,301
Monterey, San Luis					
Obispo	14	780	4,555	996	6,331
Napa, Marin	9	1,575	-	-	1,575
Nevada	82	72,640	-	2,468	75,108
Placer	52	110,341	-	1,289	111,630
Plumas	59	215,101	-	350	215,451
San Bernardino,					
Los Angeles	5	9,250	-	82	9,332
San Diego,					
Riverside	5	7,755	-	85	7,840
San Mateo	9	21,038	-	20	21,058
Santa Clara, San					
Benito, Contra					
Costa, Stanislaus	6	1,500	-	4	1,504
Santa Cruz	31	23,207	3,000	643	26,850
Shasta	113	568,070	-	856	568,926
Sierra	28	114,220	-	402	114,622
Siskiyou	81	409,420	-	725	410,145
Sonoma	75	155,173	797	1,042	157,012
Tehama	27	155,283	-	1,770	157,053
Trinity	91	369,133	-	468	369,601
Tulare, Kern,					
Ventura	22	63,707	-	-	63,707
Tuolumne	21	26,610	-	378	26,988
Yuba	20	59,982	-	40	60,022
Total	1,486	5,500,833	9,495	28,600	5,538,928

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, 1962.

County	Split products (MBM)	Poles piling (pieces)	Fence posts (pieces)	Fuel- wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	5	3,600	400	42	390
Butte	-	334	550	190	134
Calaveras	10	-	-	-	10
Del Norte	1,690	-	6,639	15	1,771
El Dorado	10	775	70	48	112
Fresno	-	500	-	40	70
Glenn	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt	4,723	25,725	-	6,510	10,550
Lake, Colusa	-	237	-	100	74
Lassen	15	-	-	91	61
Madera	-	-	-	30	15
Mariposa, Merced	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino	2,695	10,672	261	60	3,795
Modoc	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	797	-	-	397	996
Napa, Marin	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	24,000	250	130	2,468
Placer	50	7,350	100	1,005	1,289
Plumas	-	3,500	-	-	350
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	818	-	-	82
San Diego, Riverside	-	500	-	70	85
San Mateo	20	-	-	-	20
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-	-	8	4
Santa Cruz	146	-	40	991	643
Shasta	-	7,389	1,500	203	856
Sierra	-	4,000	-	5	402
Siskiyou	-	7,094	-	32	725
Sonoma	854	281	-	319	1,042
Tehama	-	17,084	5,535	3	1,770
Trinity	-	4,684	-	-	468
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	-	-	-	-	-
Tuolumne	25	3,508	100	3	378
Yuba	-	367	-	5	40
Total	11,040	122,418	15,445	10,297	28,600

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California, 1962.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Bark (tons)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	3,650	-	-
Amador	2,026	-	2
Butte	12,423	-	-
Calaveras	13,339	-	-
Del Norte	-	-	92
El Dorado	21,062	-	-
Fresno	2,132	-	-
Glenn	1,700	-	-
Humboldt	190	-	275
Lake, Colusa	2,700	-	-
Lassen	89,418	-	-
Madera	2,467	-	-
Mariposa, Merced	731	-	-
Mendocino	2,314	-	35
Modoc	15,425	-	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	-	-	-
Napa, Marin	707	-	-
Nevada	27,866	-	-
Placer	10,920	-	-
Plumas	60,499	-	-
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	170	-	1
San Diego, Riverside	200	-	-
San Mateo	-	-	-
Santa Clara, San Benito, Stanislaus, Contra Costa	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	1,926	-	29
Shasta	80,922	-	-
Sierra	18,593	-	-
Siskiyou	61,568	-	8
Sonoma	89	-	-
Tehama	16,547	-	-
Trinity	3,200	-	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	2,431	-	-
Tuolumne	4,950	-	-
Yuba	2,015	-	-
Total	462,180	-	442