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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1963 ^{1/}

California's timber production dropped one percent in 1963. Final figures show that 5,461,046,000 board feet were produced. This is approximately 77 million board feet less than the 1962 production. Products involved in this report are sawlogs and veneer logs, poles, piling, fence posts, and split products (tables 2 and 3). Table 4 is a separate compilation of Christmas trees and greenery. The reported cutting of Christmas trees in California (figure 1) reached an all time high of 740,462 trees. Salvaging of the October 1962 blowdown timber was nearly completed in 1963.



Fig. 1. Cutting Christmas trees in 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 forest practice inspectors.

The trends of 1962 continued into 1963. The five big timber producing counties (Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Shasta and Trinity) continued to hold their own. One exception was noted. The number of active timber operators increased from 1486 to 1632 (table 1). The increase was primarily Christmas tree cutters. In 1963 State legislation was enacted requiring transportation tags for hauling Christmas trees on public roads. Tags were issued by many county sheriffs only to registered timber operators; therefore, many Christmas tree operators obtained timber operator permits for the first time.

Table 1. Active timber operators and timber production in California, 1946 - 1963.

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	5,600,210,000
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	5,338,928,000
1963	1,632	5,461,046,000

There appears no specific factor in the slight decrease in production. There were small increases in pulpwood and miscellaneous forest products, probably due to better reporting. Christmas tree production increased by nearly 280,000 trees to a record level of 740,462. Greenery declined from 442 tons in 1962 to 177 tons in 1963.

California is second in the United States in timber production. Oregon is first and Washington is third.

The figures presented in this report were obtained from timber operators who voluntarily furnished this information when filing notices of timber operations in 1964. It is recognized that these figures do not represent complete coverage of 1963 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 vener 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, 1963.

County	No. of timber opera- tors ^{a/}	Veneer logs and sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	10	25,210	-	-	25,210
Amador	20	21,523	-	158	21,681
Butte	57	48,041	-	2,288	50,329
Calaveras	20	97,588	-	12	97,600
Del Norte	80	303,113	-	4,282	307,395
El Dorado	102	160,229	-	529	160,758
Fresno	21	48,640	-	20	48,660
Glenn	7	45,244	-	26	45,270
Humboldt	328	1,243,604	-	3,677	1,247,281
Lake, Colusa	14	18,549	-	660	19,209
Lassen	58	78,853	-	54	78,907
Madera	20	55,663	-	20	55,683
Mariposa, Merced	13	4,481	-	-	4,481
Mendocino	223	628,708	45	5,392	634,145
Modoc	20	54,672	-	-	54,672
Monterey, San Luis					
Obispo	10	778	4,808	517	6,103
Napa, Marin, Solano	9	6,397	2,679	-	9,076
Nevada	84	69,069	-	1,051	70,120
Placer	63	138,940	-	358	139,298
Plumas	90	249,937	-	458	250,195
San Bernardino, Los					
Angeles	8	27,352	-	137	27,489
San Diego, Riverside	2	125	-	13	138
San Mateo	17	36,485	-	531	37,016
Santa Clara, San					
Benito, Contra					
Costa, Stanislaus	3	730	2,796	130	3,656
Santa Cruz	36	11,726	300	492	12,518
Shasta	114	441,311	-	860	442,171
Sierra	33	116,168	-	-	116,168
Siskiyou	96	605,436	-	206	605,642
Sonoma	73	148,265	2,188	569	151,022
Tehama	31	133,666	-	1,625	135,291
Trinity	102	364,191	-	5,350	369,541
Tulare, Kern,					
Ventura	25	83,140	1,608	217	84,965
Tuolumne	22	122,754	-	47	122,801
Yuba	24	25,850	-	705	26,555
Total	1,632	5,416,438	14,424	30,384	5,461,046

^{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, 1963.

County	Split products (MBM)	Poles piling (pieces)	Fence posts (pieces)	Fuel- wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	2	1,450	-	22	158
Butte	-	22,877	-	-	2,288
Calaveras	10	19	-	-	12
Del Norte	4,277	-	-	10	4,282
El Dorado	20	4,400	2,500	84	529
Fresno	20	-	-	-	20
Glenn	-	264	-	-	26
Humboldt	3,369	2,996	-	16	3,677
Lake, Colusa	-	1,091	-	1,103	660
Lassen	15	-	302	71	54
Madera	-	-	-	40	20
Mariposa, Merced	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino	4,621	7,417	1,549	25	5,392
Modoc	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara	28	-	-	977	517
Napa, Marin	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	1	9,990	-	102	1,051
Placer	-	2,175	50	280	358
Plumas	-	4,521	500	-	458
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	250	-	224	137
San Diego, Riverside	-	-	-	25	13
San Mateo	531	-	-	-	531
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-	-	261	130
Santa Cruz	122	50	32	728	492
Shasta	10	6,633	-	374	860
Sierra	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou	-	1,950	-	22	206
Sonoma	517	488	-	5	569
Tehama	-	14,000	20,423	-	1,625
Trinity	-	53,501	-	-	5,350
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	200	-	200	30	217
Tuolumne	20	265	-	-	47
Yuba	-	7,042	-	3	705
Total	13,763	141,379	25,556	4,402	30,384

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California, 1963.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	800	-
Amador	9,650	4
Butte	21,220	-
Calaveras	10,925	1
Del Norte	250	48
El Dorado	31,111	1
Fresno	4,311	-
Glenn	-	-
Humboldt	1,406	-
Lake, Colusa	1,086	-
Lassen	125,501	5
Madera	4,465	-
Mariposa, Merced	2,200	-
Mendocino	5,705	52
Modoc	29,366	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	-	-
Napa, Marin	1,450	-
Nevada	14,862	-
Placer	8,928	-
Plumas	258,797	1
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	200	-
San Diego, Riverside	250	-
San Mateo	-	-
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-
Santa Cruz	4,520	27
Shasta	80,500	-
Sierra	12,584	4
Siskiyou	90,872	20
Sonoma	-	12
Tehama	10,109	-
Trinity	1,759	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	6,017	-
Tuolumne	1,018	-
Yuba	600	2
Total	740,462	177