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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1966^{1/}

California timber operators produced 5,008,318,000 board feet in 1966, five percent less than for 1965. Sawlogs and veneer logs (table 2) accounted for the major decrease. Miscellaneous products (split products, poles and piling, fence posts and fuelwood) increased slightly.



Fig. 1. Wood chip pile for export

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Table 1. Active timber operators, 1946-1966.

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
1965	1,353	5,271,234,000
1966	1,273	5,008,318,000

Timber operators volunteered figures for this report when filing notices of timber operations in 1967. These figures do not completely cover 1966 operations. The report leaves out counties where timber cutting has not been reported.

The 1966 slump in construction was a major factor in the five percent drop in timber production. Some areas also still felt effects from the 1964 floods. The downward trend continues for the third consecutive year and will probably continue into 1967. Christmas tree production dropped slightly, possibly due to the early snows.

The five leading counties were Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Shasta and Del Norte. The North Coast Region of the State produces over 38% of the timber.

This report combines some counties to keep individual production figures confidential. The total timber cut in this report is believed close to actual production and to be the best available information.

Reported information was converted to a common base, using standard factors and definitions 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 used was 11 board feet per post.

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

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

Shakes. Shakes were included in split products. Reports were received in bundles, assumed as 25 shakes per bundle, containing 10 board feet.

Table 2. California Timber Production, 1966.

County	No. of timber opera- tors ^{a/}	Veneer logs and sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp Wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	8	4,019	-	-	4,019
Amador	17	11,445	-	17	11,462
Butte	29	47,954	-	1,747	49,701
Calaveras	14	50,539	-	42	50,581
Del Norte	76	238,214	155	2,171	240,540
El Dorado	55	232,936	-	67	233,003
Fresno	18	87,970	-	10	87,980
Glenn	6	51,020	-	-	51,020
Humboldt	233	1,215,325	272	4,739	1,220,336
Lake, Colusa	12	66,950	3,079	1,848	71,877
Lassen	58	110,948	-	26	110,974
Madera	12	70,292	-	20	70,312
Mariposa, Merced	7	10,396	-	110	10,506
Mendocino	162	474,742	2,365	9,841	486,948
Modoc	24	91,762	-	-	91,762
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	10	125	3,640	3,056	6,821
Napa, Marin, Solano	2	948	-	-	948
Nevada	57	58,747	-	439	59,186
Placer	48	113,197	-	18	113,215
Plumas	82	221,340	-	5	221,345
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	6	10,847	-	215	11,062
San Diego, Riverside	3	-	-	100	100
San Mateo	12	23,687	120	515	24,322
Santa Clara, San Benito Contra Costa, Stanislaus	5	-	-	10	10
Santa Cruz	34	18,157	-	326	18,483
Shasta	103	419,914	406	1,240	421,560
Sierra	50	165,654	-	193	165,847
Siskiyou	105	465,431	-	41	465,472
Sonoma	58	69,301	7,378	4,066	80,745
Tehama	18	107,097	-	268	107,365
Trinity	76	217,876	-	2,182	220,058
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	15	70,922	-	-	70,922
Tuolumne	27	191,666	-	59	191,725
Yuba	21	37,504	-	607	38,111
Total	1,278	4,956,925	17,415	33,978	5,008,318

a/ Includes active timber operators producing miscellaneous and other forest products (Tables 2 and 3).

b/ Miscellaneous forest products include split products, poles, piling, fence post, and cordwood. For breakdown by products see Table 3.

Table 3. Production of miscellaneous forest products
in California, 1965.

County	Split Products (MBM)	Poles Piling (pieces)	Fence Posts (pieces)	Fuel- wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	-	-	35	17
Butte	1	16,984	372	90	1,747
Calaveras	-	-	3,350	10	42
Del Norte	2,141	-	-	60	2,171
El Dorado	-	205	-	92	67
Fresno	-	-	-	20	10
Glenn	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt	4,075	6,637	-	-	4,739
Lake, Colusa	-	18,477	-	-	1,848
Lassen	3	-	200	41	26
Madera	-	-	-	40	20
Mariposa, Merced	-	1,097	-	-	110
Mendocino	4,331	52,912	18,000	43	9,841
Modoc	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	28	-	-	6,056	3,056
Napa, Marin, Solano	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	55	2,925	4,035	95	439
Placer	-	160	-	5	18
Plumas	5	-	-	-	5
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	350	-	360	215
San Diego, Riverside	-	-	-	200	100
San Mateo	20	-	-	990	515
Santa Clara, San Benito	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa	-	-	-	20	10
Santa Cruz	158	-	-	315	326
Shasta	10	8,066	-	847	1,240
Sierra	-	1,926	-	-	193
Siskiyou	-	390	-	3	41
Sonoma	11	-	-	8,110	4,066
Tehama	200	500	1,600	-	268
Trinity	-	21,823	-	-	2,182
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	-	-	-	-	-
Tuolumne	25	838	-	-	59
Yuba	-	3,225	400	160	607
Total	11,073	138,015	27,957	17,593	33,978

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California 1966.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine	1,212	-
Amador	3,500	10
Butte	8,898	-
Calaveras	13,647	-
Del Norte	-	590
El Dorado	27,070	2
Fresno	1,426	-
Glenn	965	-
Humboldt	5,949	12
Lake, Colusa	100	-
Lassen	84,018	9
Madera	8,351	-
Mariposa, Merced	1,381	-
Mendocino	1,050	40
Modoc	31,805	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	832	-
Napa, Marin, Solano	-	-
Nevada	24,552	3
Placer	19,202	-
Plumas	143,825	2
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	-
San Diego, Riverside	1,500	2
San Mateo	-	17
Santa Clara, San Benito Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-
Santa Cruz	10,583	20
Shasta	117,556	3
Sierra	57,281	6
Siskiyou	95,598	35
Sonoma	260	4
Tehama	16,275	-
Trinity	4,243	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	3,741	1
Tuolumne	2,746	-
Yuba	2,570	1
Total	690,136	757