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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1969^{1/}

Timber operators in California produced 5,000,596 board feet of forest products in 1969. This is a six and one half percent decrease of the 1968 production.

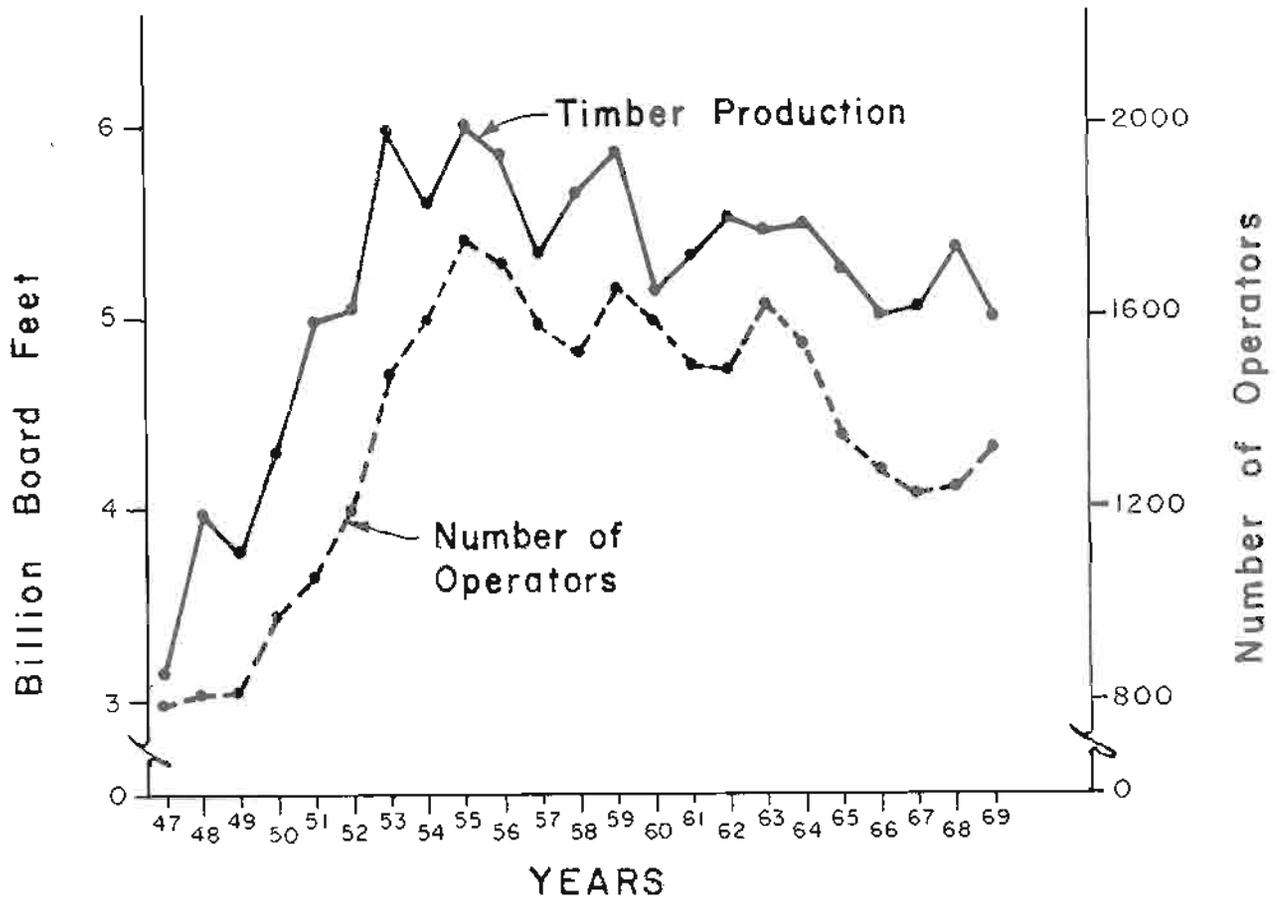


Fig. 1. Timber production and number of operators, 1948-1969.

^{1/} Daniel Dotta of the State Forester's Staff compiled this report. California timber operators and the Division of Forestry forest practice inspectors supplied the basic information.

Table 1. Active timber operators, 1946-1969.

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
1967	1,215	5,062,021,000
1968	1,243	5,343,898,000
1969	1,330	5,000,596,000

Timber operators volunteer this information when filing notices of timber operations in 1970. Counties in which no timber is reported are deleted from this report. We have combined some counties to keep confidential individual production records. We believe this information to be the best available and very near actual production.

The decrease in production in 1969 was primarily caused by the slow down in the construction industry lessening the demand for lumber. The downward trend started about late June 1969 and has continued into 1970. The miscellaneous products remained at about the same level. There was an increase in pulp wood production, Christmas trees, and number of timber operators.

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, 1969.

County	No. of timber opera- tors ^{a/}	Veneer logs and sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	4	11,857	-	-	11,857
Amador	16	26,816	-	40	26,856
Butte	39	27,053	-	1,214	28,267
Calaveras	17	45,020	-	-	45,020
Del Norte	50	269,212	449	141	269,802
El Dorado	81	252,238	1,000	384	253,622
Fresno	11	137,241	-	1	137,242
Glenn	8	58,494	-	-	58,494
Humboldt	255	1,157,410	6,680	1,595	1,165,685
Lake, Colusa	16	3,361	163	152	3,676
Lassen	51	91,213	-	7	91,220
Madera	11	63,908	-	15	63,923
Mariposa, Merced	13	17,190	-	93	17,283
Mendocino	147	520,173	1,957	2,993	525,123
Modoc	31	75,756	-	200	75,956
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	5	560	-	158	718
Napa, Marin, Solano	1	-	-	8	8
Nevada	60	54,257	-	542	54,799
Placer	69	102,969	-	638	103,607
Plumas	88	217,147	-	596	217,743
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	4	354	-	125	479
San Diego, Riverside	4	-	-	76	76
San Mateo	10	21,700	-	78	21,778
Santa Clara, San Benito Contra Costa, Stanislaus]	6	80	3,666	44	3,790
Santa Cruz	39	34,475	-	425	34,900
Shasta	121	409,684	-	1,405	411,089
Sierra	39	84,165	-	369	84,534
Siskiyou	108	516,658	-	34	516,692
Sonoma	69	72,352	4,912	629	77,893
Tehama	19	158,807	-	99	158,906
Trinity	69	246,744	-	1,604	248,348
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	14	89,596	-	20	89,616
Tuolumne	23	157,741	-	18	157,759
Yuba	13	43,599	-	236	43,835
Total	1,330	4,967,830	18,827	13,939	5,000,596

^{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 posts, and cordwood. For breakdown by products see Table 3.

Table 3. Production of miscellaneous forest products in California, 1969.

County	Split Products (MBM)	Poles Piling (pieces)	Fence Posts (pieces)	Fuel-wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	100	-	60	40
Butte	-	1,005	1,995	2,185	1,214
Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-
Del Norte	141	-	-	-	141
El Dorado	40	3,243	-	40	384
Fresno	-	-	-	2	1
Glenn	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt	1,555	173	100	44	1,595
Lake, Colusa	-	200	12,000	-	152
Lassen	2	-	-	10	7
Madera	-	-	-	30	15
Mariposa, Merced	-	883	-	10	93
Mendocino	2,175	7,917	-	52	2,993
Modoc	-	-	-	400	200
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	317	158
Napa, Marin, Solano	-	-	-	15	8
Nevada	-	3,139	4,900	348	542
Placer	-	2,698	100	735	638
Plumas	-	5,710	-	50	596
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	200	-	210	125
San Diego, Riverside	-	-	-	152	76
San Mateo	-	-	-	155	78
Santa Clara, San Benito Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-	-	89	44
Santa Cruz	1	1,021	-	644	425
Shasta	-	12,128	-	385	1,405
Sierra	-	3,150	4,603	3	369
Siskiyou	-	315	-	4	34
Sonoma	556	200	-	106	629
Tehama	12	450	-	84	99
Trinity	-	16,039	-	-	1,604
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	20	-	-	-	20
Tuolumne	18	-	-	-	18
Yuba	-	2,000	105	70	236
Total	4,520	60,571	23,803	6,200	13,939

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California, 1969.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	1,200	-
Amador	10,276	-
Butte	9,629	2
Calaveras	13,925	-
Del Norte	-	173
El Dorado	19,768	3
Fresno	600	-
Glen	4,700	-
Humboldt	2,278	242
Lake, Colusa	-	-
Lassen	114,911	-
Madera	2,525	-
Mariposa, Merced	845	-
Mendocino	3,693	32
Modoc	10,476	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	1,315	-
Napa, Marin Solano	75	-
Nevada	24,021	4
Placer	28,687	-
Plumas	183,604	1
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	1,250	5
San Diego, Riverside	575	2
San Mateo	-	-
Santa Clara, San Benito Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-
Santa Cruz	11,944	8
Shasta	180,640	1
Sierra	27,160	1
Siskiyou	108,703	-
Sonoma	1,104	-
Tehama	35,505	-
Trinity	492	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	2,909	-
Tuolumne	5,149	-
Yuba	5,805	1
Total	813,764	475