

AGRICULTURE

Introduction:

Commercial agriculture plays only a minor role in the economy of Lincoln County and is essentially non-existent within the City of Newport's urban growth boundary (UGB) except for nurseries and some limited acreage providing firewood and incidental timber income.

Agriculture county-wide has seen significant decreases in acreage from 30 years ago. Also, while the 1980 Comprehensive Plan recognized declines in sales as well, since that time livestock has held roughly steady, while income from small woodland products, nurseries, and greenhouses has tripled. Only specialty crops have seen a significant decline since the early 1980's (see Table 1 on page 60).

The primary non-forest commercial agricultural activity in Lincoln County is found in nurseries, greenhouses, and specialty horticulture, some of which takes place in the Newport area. There is also occasional logging and thinning of wooded parcels within the city for firewood, but none on a sustaining commercial level.

No specific information is available on agricultural production by county area or by city.

Summary:

The City of Newport has no commercial agricultural land within the urban growth boundary. Thus, no need exists for addressing the statewide goal for protection for such lands.

Table 1
Lincoln County
Estimated Gross Agricultural Income
(in thousands of dollars)

	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
CROPS:										
Small Woodland Products	0	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	1,350	1,560	2,350	4,430
Nursery and Greenhouse	0	700	0	0	0	1,000	1,080	1,900	2,000	2,500
Specialty and Other Crops	1,129	197	1,884	2,475	2,826	160	180	170	182	350
LIVESTOCK:										
Cattle and Calves	690	1,139	1,163	1,229	980	1,003	900	926	1,111	923
Sheep and Lambs	30	123	124	89	92	161	225	148	246	222
Dairy Products	315	255	309	312	380	350	495	420	385	276
Miscellaneous	104	158	176	180	188	234	225	165	142	146
TOTAL:	2,268	4,072	3,656	4,285	4,466	4,408	4,455	5,289	6,416	8,847

Source: Lincoln County Extension Office.