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1961 WASHINGTON LOG PRODUCTION

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Only the State and Indian ownerships showed increased log production in 1961 as total log production in Washington dropped 291 million board feet, or 6.1 percent, compared with 1960.

This was the second year of decreased production since the most recent peak of 1959. The decrease from 1960 to 1961 was twice that from 1959 to 1960.

The most significant drop from 1960's production was the 348 million board feet on private lands. This reduction was proportionately larger in eastern Washington where the private cut dropped 20 percent compared to 10.3 percent in western Washington.

National Forest ownership showed a negligible decrease of 873,000 board feet, as the 5.8 percent increase in production on eastern Washington National Forests was not enough to balance the 1.8 percent decrease on western Washington National Forests. Despite the overall decrease in production, National Forests' proportion of the total Washington cut increased from 25.0 percent in 1960 to 26.6 percent in 1961.

Table 1.--Comparison of Washington log production in
1960 and 1961 and net change, by ownership

Ownership	Year				Net change in production 1960-1961	
	1960		1961			
	M bd. ft.	Percent	M bd. ft.	Percent	M bd. ft.	Percent
Private	3,000,124	63.4	2,652,237	59.8	-347,887	-11.6
State	271,992	5.8	302,676	6.8	+30,684	+11.3
Bureau of Land Management	11,963	.3	10,037	.2	-1,926	-16.1
National Forest	1,180,976	25.0	1,180,103	26.6	-873	-.1
Indian lands	255,859	5.4	286,843	6.5	+30,984	+12.1
Other Federal	5,866	.1	3,834	.1	-2,032	-34.6
Total	4,726,780	100.0	4,435,730	100.0	-291,050	-6.1

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Table 2.--Timber Harvest by Ownership in State of Washington, 1961^{1/}

(In thousands of board feet, Scribner log rule)

State and county	Private		State		Bureau of Land Mgmt.		National Forests		Indian lands		Other Federal		Total production	
	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}	Live	Dead ^{2/}
Western Washington														
Clallam	166,510	8,999	27,121	1,221	---	---	49,008	4,684	263	---	274	---	243,176	14,904
Clark	34,270	42	373	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34,643	42
Cowlitz	297,984	13,106	70,831	439	---	---	25,562	666	---	---	---	---	394,377	14,211
Grays Harbor	176,665	17,387	3,521	326	---	---	75,009	3,822	114,342	2,359	---	---	369,537	23,894
Island	17,174	46	28	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17,202	46
Jefferson	113,414	2,798	61,727	875	---	---	45,775	3,032	3,682	---	148	---	224,746	6,705
King	183,081	2,293	10,288	33	---	---	17,697	---	---	---	---	---	211,066	2,326
Kitsap	27,539	611	444	---	---	---	---	---	178	---	---	---	28,161	611
Lewis	243,193	13,900	17,347	316	---	---	118,567	6,316	---	---	585	---	379,692	20,532
Mason	82,569	485	3,591	---	---	---	36,576	1,984	---	---	---	---	123,313	2,469
Pacific	298,495	7,144	19,974	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,590	---	320,059	7,161
Pierce	222,357	1,936	14,808	124	---	---	29,506	3,879	---	---	585	---	267,256	5,939
San Juan	5,597	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,597	---
Skagit	63,606	2,899	10,937	220	---	---	53,047	1,089	849	---	---	---	128,439	4,208
Stromia	79,742	505	16,602	1,242	---	---	235,754	7,005	---	---	---	---	332,098	8,752
Shoshone	75,794	3,269	13,043	30	103	---	109,172	3,761	273	---	---	---	198,385	7,135
Thurston	38,685	168	1,689	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	40,374	168
Wahkiakum	92,235	1,044	2,247	125	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	94,482	1,169
Whatcom	39,005	441	5,842	---	---	---	57,700	2,035	292	---	---	---	102,839	2,476
Total	2,257,915	77,073	280,413	4,968	103	---	853,373	38,273	119,879	2,359	3,759	---	3,515,442	122,748
Eastern Washington														
Adams	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Asotin	2,336	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,336	---
Benton	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chelan	8,394	---	911	---	355	---	58,882	1,810	---	---	---	---	68,542	1,810
Columbia	13,846	4,568	---	96	---	---	1,701	19	---	---	---	---	15,547	4,683
Douglas	1,252	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,252	---
Ferry	10,316	---	20	---	1,721	---	24,082	144	67,616	---	---	---	103,755	144
Franklin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Garfield	757	3,500	---	---	---	---	1,596	33	---	---	---	---	2,353	3,533
Grant	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kittitas	87,771	217	2,450	50	---	---	37,492	1,046	---	---	---	---	127,713	1,313
Klickitat	51,445	60	3,710	47	---	---	431	---	7,612	---	---	---	63,198	1,07
Lincoln	2,801	---	560	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,361	---
Okanogan	20,759	---	6,461	161	5,136	---	54,758	1,948	7,786	---	---	---	94,900	2,109
Pend Oreille	11,678	2	---	---	---	---	50,740	56	---	---	---	---	62,418	58
Spokane	15,038	50	163	---	---	---	22,011	268	6,791	---	---	---	15,201	50
Stevens	47,307	---	1,133	---	2,722	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	79,964	268
Walla Walla	5,579	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,579	---
Whitman	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yakima	28,141	1,432	236	1,297	---	---	30,439	1,001	65,170	9,630	---	---	123,986	13,360
Total	307,420	9,829	15,644	1,651	9,934	---	282,132	6,325	154,975	9,630	---	---	770,105	27,435
Total Washington	2,565,335	86,902	296,057	6,619	10,037	---	1,135,505	44,598	274,854	11,989	3,759	---	4,285,547	150,183
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^{1/} Includes volume in logs, poles, piling, cordwood, shingle bolts, etc. All production statistics, with exception of National Forests, compiled by State Division of Forestry.

^{2/} Includes snags and down material existing prior to initial logging. Salvage of this material does not constitute drain on the volume of the forest inventory of live trees.