

Tulare County Board of Trade

BULLETIN

Items of Special Interest

For the Year 1936

With the assistance of the various growers' associations, and the large buyers and shippers, we have been able to collect data showing total approximate EXPORT value of the products of Tulare County for the year 1936:

Segregated and classified, we have the following table, showing the relative value of the different industries:

Apricots	\$ 58,679.00
Asparagus	26,600.00
Canning Peaches	700,000.00
Cantaloupes and Melons	325,588.00
Cattle	5,124,904.00
Citrus Fruits	6,217,998.00
Cotton	8,094,525.00
Dairy Products	1,989,440.00
Dried Peaches	180,000.00
Figs	153,000.00
Grain	1,254,000.00
Hides and Tallow	14,500.00
Hogs	356,337.00
Hay and Unclassified	2,199,600.00
Honey	133,500.00
Lettuce	109,810.00
Miscellaneous Fruits	75,000.00
Miscellaneous Truck Crops	40,000.00
Olives	305,825.00
Peas	735,791.00
Poultry and Eggs	2,158,499.00
Potatoes	149,187.00
Prunes	315,000.00
Raisins	2,358,000.00
Spinach	17,850.00
Squash	51,778.00
Shipping Peaches	291,000.00
Shipping Plums	261,493.00
Strawberries	32,054.00
Table Grapes	2,804,391.00
Tomatoes	253,188.00
Walnuts	274,118.00
Wine Grapes	1,173,332.00
Bush Berries	3,840.00
TOTAL	\$38,238,827.00

SCHOOL STATISTICS

For The School Year Ending June 30, 1936



KINDERGARTEN

Number of Schools	11
Number of Teachers	7
State Enrollment	383
Average Daily Attendance	225

ELEMENTARY

Number of Unified Districts	2
Number of Regular Districts (under our control)	97
Number of Union Districts (under our control)	7
Number of Joint Districts (not under our control)	6
State Enrollment	15,089
Average Daily Attendance	13,004
Number of Graduates	1,535

Number of Teachers without College Degree	282
Number of Teachers with Bachelor's Degree	187
Number of Teachers with Master's Degree	9
TOTAL	478
Average Cost per Pupil (Including Kindergarten).....	\$72.60

HIGH SCHOOLS

Number of Unified Districts (under our control)	2
Number of Union Districts (under our control)	8
Number of Joint Districts (not under our control)	4
State Enrollment	10,190
Average Daily Attendance	4,563
Number of Graduates	838

Number of Teachers without College Degree	14
Number of Teachers with Bachelor's Degree	213
Number of Teachers with Master's Degree	80
TOTAL	307
Average Cost Per Pupil	\$144.69

JUNIOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Number of Departments	2
State Enrollment	576
Average Daily Attendance	453
Number of Graduates	101

AVERAGE SCHOOL SALARIES

Average Salary for Men (Elementary Full Time)	\$1,400
Average Salary for Women (Elementary Full Time).....	1,300
State average salaries for elementary men and women approximately....	1,500
Average Salary for Men (High Full Time).....	2,065
Average Salary for Women (High Full Time)	1,775
State average salaries for high school men and women approximately.....	2,000

ASSESSED VALUATION

Assessed valuation of property assessed by County Assessor, \$64,239,722.00.
Public Utility property assessed by the State Board of Equalization, \$18,658,270.00. Total assessed valuation, \$82,897,992.00.

County population U. S. Census 1910, 35,440; 1920, 59,031; 1930, 77,442.

R. L. Polk Directory, 1936 count gives the county population at 84,444.

FARM BUREAU

The Tulare County Farm Bureau, with a total membership of 1,753, has nineteen farm centers located in all the farming districts of the county. This makes possible rapid dissemination of information on farming practices from the Agricultural Extension Service, with a county staff of six men and one woman whose services are free to all.

ACREAGE SURVEY OF TULARE COUNTY—1936

Varieties	Grand Total		
Apples	446	Peaches (Clingstones)	4615 2-3
Cherries	21	Peaches (Freestones)	2849
Pears	69	Almonds	422 1-5
Persimmons	81	Pecans	122 1-2
Pomegranates	401	Walnuts	3200 1-3
Plums	2714	Black Walnuts	139 1-6
Prunes	5444	Avocados	13 2-3
Quinces	22	Grapefruit	808
Apricots	947	Lemons	1048 1-4
Figs	3753	Limes	9 1-2
Grapes (Raisin Varieties).....	38010	Loquats	146 1-2
Grapes (Table Varieties).....	16985	Oranges	35294 1-4
Grapes (Wine Varieties).....	3908	Olives	5764 1-4
Nectarines	343	TOTAL	127581 1-2

TRUCK CROP ACREAGE SURVEY—1936

By County Agricultural Commissioner

The County Agricultural Commissioner's office consists of the Agricultural Commissioner and an office and field force of 22 employees. This organization is one of the most efficient in the State and the services of the Commissioner and his assistants are free to those desiring advice along horticultural and agricultural lines.

Squash	236	Persian	29
Lettuce	1,408½	Turkish	6
Cucumbers	89	Strawberries	98
Tomatoes	797	Youngberries	14
Potatoes	901	Boyson Berries	2
Peppers	7	Beans	238
Asparagus	400	Garlic	33
Cantaloupes	1,091½	Corn	30
Honeyballs	120	Cabbage	4
Honeydews	134	Canlflower	3
Watermelons	2,265	Celery	6
Flax	200	Spinach	400
Casabas	4	Peas	4,277½

TEMPERATURE IN SUMMER AND WINTER

During July and August, which are known as the hot months, the average temperatures will range from 60 degrees at sunrise to 98 or 100 degrees at noon. In what are known as "hot years" the mercury will occasionally register 115 degrees, but this is exceptional, and it must be borne in mind that the heat is a dry heat, there being so little humidity in the atmosphere that it is not of the oppressive character that effects the people east of the Rocky Mountains. During December, January and February—which are termed the winter months—the mercury will sometimes fall to 20 degrees Fahrenheit in the agricultural districts (the lowest temperature on record is 13 degrees, or 19 degrees below freezing point), but during the greater part of these months the thermometer will range from 38 to 40 degrees between daylight and sunrise, the coldest part of the day, to 60 degrees at noon. The remaining seven months—March, April, May, June, September, October and November—are as nearly perfect as could be asked. And remember, Tulare County never had a cyclone or blizzard, that sunstroke and heat prostrations are unknown, that during the heated term we have cool nights, and during the winter months we have sunny days. The average number of days with sunshine is mostly 300 out of 365. The average annual rainfall is over 11 inches. In the foothills—or citrus belt—the thermometer does not fall as low by four or five degrees.

At Giant Forest, the highest reporting station in the county, the annual rainfall is a little more than 37 inches.

TULARE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Tulare County has an excellent county library system which provides books to residents of the county through 141 distributing points, including 100 schools and the three cities of Tulare, Porterville, and Visalia. The system is administered by the County Librarian whose office is at headquarters in the Court House, Visalia.

A system of inter-library loan, and the privilege of requesting books not obtainable at any branch, makes a collection of 161,291 volumes available to any reader. The branch collections are renewed and supplemented by regular shipments of books from headquarters. Reading Rooms are maintained in Dinuba, Exeter, Lindsay, Orosi, Strathmore, Terra Bella, Alpaugh and Ducor. Branches in small communities are located in homes and stores.

In 1936-37 82,651 books were sent to rural schools and 404,047 books were read in the community branches.

ELECTRIC POWER

Tulare County was the first place in the world to receive the extension of electric power to rural consumers to any appreciable extent. This general service for all uses has been gradually extended until there was at the close of the year 1936 a total connected load of 293,521 H. P. This includes all classifications, and the load served by both the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., and the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, operating within the county boundaries.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is of prime importance in domestic, commercial, and industrial processes. Tulare County is favored with high heat unit natural gas from one of the wonder fields of the world, Kettleman Hills. The gas is transported through the facilities of Southern California Gas Company. Eight other fields in Kings and Kern Counties are connected with this company's vast transmission system in the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

PRIMARY STATE HIGHWAYS

The Golden State Highway (No. 99) passes through the county from north to south. This highway leads into Los Angeles and Southern California points on the south, and to San Francisco, Oakland and Northern California points on the north, touching in Tulare County the towns of Earlimart, Pixley, Tipton, Tulare and Goshen.

The SIERRA-TO-THE-SEA HIGHWAY, commencing at Ash Mountain on the Sequoia National Park line (6 miles above Three Rivers), on the East and extending through Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Monterey Counties connects with the Coast Line highway at San Lucas on the west. The road is paved from Ash Mountain to Coalinga. From Coalinga to San Lucas, it is well graded and graveled.

STATE SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

In 1933 a Secondary highway system was created by the State, when the State took over 279 miles of County Roads. Of the County roads taken over by the State, 140 miles were paved roads, and 139 miles were oiled roads. The most important of the secondary system is the road from General Grant National Park to Kern County line, and connecting with No. 99 at Bakersfield, and the road over the High Sierra from Porterville to the Inyo County line.

The paved highway along the eastern side of the county connects on the south with Kern County at Richgrove and on the north with Fresno County at Orange Cove. This is known as the Orange Belt Highway, touching in Tulare County the towns of Richgrove, Ducor, Terra Bella, Porterville, Strathmore, Lindsay, Exeter, Lemon Cove, Woodlake, Cutler, Orosi and Orange Cove.

THE GENERALS HIGHWAY

Giant Forest and General Grant National Park are now connected for the first time by a high gear, paved highway making it possible to enter both parks from either the north or south. This highway is from 6,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level, traversing a heavily timbered country and is proclaimed one of the most beautiful drives in the world.

A new State highway between a point near Merriman to Three Rivers, and a similar new link from Visalia to Venida adds to the pleasure of the trip and materially reduces the traveling time.

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