

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest

For the Year 1929

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 1929:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$ 9,565,428.00
Raisins	1,400,000.00
Shipping Grapes	3,028,350.00
Cannery Products (Mostly Peaches)	379,040.00
Canning Peaches	1,679,800.00
Prunes	750,000.00
Dried Peaches	55,000.00
Shipping Peaches	33,500.00
Shipping Plums	254,000.00
Olives	600,000.00
Figs	696,000.00
Pomegranates	35,000.00
Apricots	54,400.00
Walnuts	148,184.00
Dairy Products	5,166,845.00
Cattle	3,295,990.00
Hides and Tallow	75,000.00
Hogs	534,578.00
Sheep and Wool	110,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	825,797.00
Cotton	5,500,000.00
Wheat	394,200.00
Barley	110,250.00
Corn and Milo	13,000.00
Cantaloupes and Melons	300,158.00
Spinach and Truck Crops	75,000.00
Magnesite	300,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	250,000.00
Honey	35,000.00
Total	\$35,664,520.00

In compiling these figures the estimate is based on returns to the grower less packing charges. If we should attempt to follow our raisin, citrus fruits, dairy products, etc., through to the commercial package, the totals would, of course, be much higher. It should also

be borne in mind that no attempt is made to give the value of products used by the populace of the county for home consumption. For instance, no accounting is made of hogs and cattle butchered, nor fruits, poultry and eggs used. In connection with the dairy industry no attempt is made to estimate the value of milk and cream consumed by the cities and towns of the county. Alfalfa, one of our largest and most valued industries, receives no classification for the reason that it is the foundation of our dairy and livestock industry, and is either grazed or fed, and but little hay exported.

This is the first year in the history of Tulare County that crop returns have not shown a material increase, but a combination of drought, frost, and fluctuation in prices reduced the sum total of 1929 crops below the returns of 1928. In addition to these causes two of our largest canneries did not operate, so on the whole the present showing speaks well for the county's stability and is a better showing than anticipated when the work of collecting statistics was commenced.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Tulare County has one hundred and twenty-six primary and grammar school districts (including joint districts). Fourteen high school districts (including joint union).

Primary and grammar school teachers	451
High school teachers	206
Kindergarten	11
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Total teachers	668
Enrollment in primary and grammar grades	15,037
Enrollment in high schools	3,546
Evening classes	3,380
Enrollment in kindergarten	467
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Total	22,430
A gain of	785

There are Junior College courses in connection with both the Visalia and Porterville High Schools, with an approximate enrollment of 100 in each.

ASSESSED VALUATION INCREASING

Assessed valuation, exclusive of corporation property, \$72,716,340.00. Corporation property, \$24,534,208.00. Total assessed valuation, \$97,250,548.00. A gain of \$4,150,020.00.

Population, 1930 census 75,731.

TWENTY FARM CENTERS

There are 20 farm centers with a total membership of 1500. This work is in conjunction with the National and State Agricultural Extension Bureau, which is under the supervision, in this county, of a

Joaquin Light and Power Company carry a connected load of 125,000 horse-power with a vast supply in reserve. The Southern California Gas Company now supplies the county with natural gas.

STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State highway 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.

The paved highway along the eastern side of the county connects on the south with the Kern County good roads system and intersects with the State highway, in Kern County, at Delano. On the north it connects with the State highway at Kingsburg.

SIERRA-TO-THE-SEA HIGHWAY

This, a state highway, commencing at Three Rivers on the east, and extending through Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Monterey Counties connects with the Coast Line State highway at San Lucas on the west. The road is paved from Three Rivers to Coalinga. From Coalinga to San Lucas, it is well graded and graveled.

GIANT FOREST, GRANT PARK AND MINERAL KING ROADS

From the terminus of the State paved highway at Three Rivers, the State Highway Commission has graded and graveled a road to the Sequoia National Park line, and from there the United States Government has constructed a fine automobile road to Giant Forest, which is in the center of the greatest number of big trees in the world. From Springville, the County Supervisors have constructed an automobile road to Camp Nelson, and Camp Wishon, and are constructing a road to Balch Park, also a road from Merryman to Balch Park.

From Orosi east an excellent road leads into Grant Park, where are also to be found a number of big trees. Eventually, the government will construct a mountain road connecting the General Grant and Sequoia National Parks. It will then be possible to enter the mountain region from either the north or south and pass through both parks.

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