

TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF TRADE BULLETIN

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

FOR THE YEAR 1931

With the assistance of the various grower's 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 1931:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$ 6,500,000.00
Raisins	2,400,000.00
Shipping Grapes	1,884,600.00
Cannery Products	475,000.00
Canning Peaches	375,000.00
Prunes	210,000.00
Dried Peaches	225,000.00
Shipping Peaches	50,000.00
Shipping Plums	118,320.00
Olives	300,000.00
Figs	250,000.00
Miscellaneous Fruits	23,140.00
Apricots	45,000.00
Walnuts	165,000.00
Dairy Products	2,600,000.00
Cattle	1,616,342.00
Hides and Tallow	25,000.00
Hogs	293,306.00
Sheep and Wool	50,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	464,379.00
Cotton	1,600,000.00
Potatoes	28,820.00
Cantalopes and Melons	157,820.00
Truck Crops	80,000.00
Magnesite	200,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	250,000.00
Honey	20,000.00
Total	\$20,406,727.00

NOTE - # 1. On account of the drouth our grain and milo crops were a very short yield and but little above home consumption was raised. These crops are added to unclassified.

NOTE - # 2. With unsettled market conditions, belated returns, and, in some instances change of management in several marketing agencies, it was a slow procedure collecting much desired information and we were unable to complete the work until late in 1932. The effect of low prices, sluggish markets, and crop shortage in many lines, is shown in the largely reduced total returns as compared with 1930 and several years prior.

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.

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	460
High school teachers	223
Kindergarten	10
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Total teachers	693
A gain of	25
Enrollment in primary and grammar grades	15,265
Enrollment in high schools	3,787
Evening classes	3,936
Enrollment in kindergarten	449
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Total	23,437
A gain of	1,007

There are Junior College courses in connection with both the Visalia and Porterville High Schools, with an approximate enrollment of 125 in each.

ASSESSED VALUATION

Assessed valuation, exclusive of corporation property, \$72,447,-499.00. Corporation property, \$13,095,120.00. Total assessed valuation, \$85,542,619.

Population, 1931 census 77,375.

SEVENTEEN FARM CENTERS

There are 17 farm centers with a total membership of 1323. This work is in conjunction with the National and State Agricultural Extension Bureau, which is under the supervision, in this county, of a competent Farm Advisor, whose services are free to those desiring the same.

ACREAGE TULARE COUNTY SURVEY OF 1931

By the County Agricultural Commissioner

Variety	Acres	Miscellaneous	
Almond	488	Alfalfa	58,851
Apple	218	Asparagus	240
Apricot	1,363	Beans	94
Avocado	7	Cabbage	4
Cherry	8	Carrots	70
Fig	4,609	Corn	1,830
Grapes (Raisin)	40,764	Cotton	47,263
Grapes (Table)	19,472	Cucumbers	53
Grapes (Wine)	4,814	Currants	74
Loquat	1	Garlic	35
Nectarines	299	Grain	150,560
Olives	5,996	Lettuce	236
Peach (Cling)	5,992	Melons	3,493
Peach (Free)	3,324	Mint	6
Pears	39	Onions	109
Pecan	4	Peas	62
Persimmon	125	Potatoes	504
Plum	3,559	Squash	37
Prune	8,485	Sudan Grass	292
Pomegranate	738	Tomatoes	138
Quince	25	Truck Garden	130
Walnuts	2,581	Abandoned Grapes ...	2,781
Berries	130	Abandoned Orchards ..	2,198
Mixed Deciduous	119	Pasture Land	817,736
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Total Deciduous.....			
Citrus Fruits			
Navels	25,799		
Valencias	11,180		
Lemons	1,349		
Grapefruit	800		
Mixed Citrus	276		
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Total Citrus			
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Grand Total			

The County Agricultural Commissioner's office consists of the Agricultural Commissioner and an office and field force of 28 employes. 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.

FREE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Tulare County has an excellent Free County Library system that maintains 142 distributing stations which consists of 44-Commercial