

Tulare County Board of Trade

BULLETIN

Items of Special Interest

For the Year 1935

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 1935:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$ 6,061,957.00
Raisins	1,825,000.00
Table Grapes	1,639,128.00
Wine Grapes	586,666.00
Spinach	15,600.00
Canning Peaches	731,000.00
Prunes	600,000.00
Dried Peaches	161,000.00
Shipping Peaches	111,320.00
Shipping Plums	101,361.00
Olives	199,500.00
Figs	139,200.00
Miscellaneous Fruits	50,000.00
Apricots	101,056.00
Walnuts	343,195.00
Dairy Products	1,411,472.00
Cattle	2,896,560.00
Hides and Tallow	14,500.00
Hogs	223,563.00
Poultry and Eggs	1,615,086.00
Cotton	4,066,761.00
Youngberries	10,170.00
Strawberries	49,760.00
Cantaloupes and Melons	236,889.00
Miscellaneous Truck Crops	35,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	1,490,000.00
Honey	20,000.00
Grain	967,000.00
Lettuce	63,433.00
Tomatoes	98,317.00
Asparagus	26,600.00
Peas	587,322.00
Total	\$26,428,416.00

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.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

For the School Year Ending June 30, 1935



KINDERGARTEN

Number of Schools	11
Number of Teachers	7
State Enrollment	389
Average Daily Attendance	280

ELEMENTARY

Number of Regular Districts (under our control)	98
Number of Union Districts (under our control)	7
Number of Joint Districts (not under our control)	6
State Enrollment	15,060
Average Daily Attendance	12,791
Number of Graduates	1,457

Number of Teachers without College Degree	316
Number of Teachers with Bachelor's Degree	141
Number of Teachers with Master's Degree	5

Total

462

Average Cost per Pupil (Including Kindergarten)\$68.60

HIGH SCHOOLS

Number of Regular Districts (under our control)	2
Number of Union Districts (under our control)	8
Number of Joint Districts (not under our control)	4
State Enrollment	9,603
Average Daily Attendance	4,388
Number of Graduates	721

Number of Teachers without College Degree	29
Number of Teachers with Bachelor's Degree	172
Number of Teachers with Master's Degree	74

Total

275

Average Cost per Pupil\$143.55

JUNIOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Number of Departments	2
State Enrollment	610
Average Daily Attendance	454
Number of Graduates	99

ASSESSED VALUATION

Assessed valuation of property assessed by County Assessor, \$64,-698,366.00. Public Utility property assessed by the State Board of Equalization, \$19,045,320.00. Total assessed valuation, \$83,743,686.00. A gain of \$12,679,776.00.

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 TULARE COUNTY SURVEY OF 1936
AS COMPILED BY W. P. A. UNDER SUPERVISION
OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

VARIETIES	Acreage	Trees	Trees Converted		Grand Total
			Into	Acres	
Apples	360	6499	86 ½		446 ½
Cherries	5	1230	16 ½		21 ½
Pears	33	3933	36 ½		69 ½
Persimmons	78	845	8		81
Pomegranates	387	6335	14 ½		401 ½
Plums	2611	7759	103 ½		2714 ½
Prunes	5421	1771	23 ¾		5444 ¾
Quinces	11	1197	11		22
Apricots	861	6471	86 ½		947 ½
Caprifigs		613			
Figs	3452	14769	301 ½		3753 ½
Grapes (Raisin Varieties)	37969	18127	41 ¾		38010 ¾
Grapes (Table Varieties)	16950	15245	35		16985
Grapes (Wine Varieties)	3899	3956	9 ½		3908 ½
Nectarines	321	1651	22		343
Peaches (Clingstones)	4489	9502	126 ¾		4615 ¾
Peaches (Freestones)	2750	7436	99		2849
Almonds	346	5259	76 ¾		422 ¾
Chestnuts		112			
Pecans	79	740	43 ½		122 ½
Walnuts	2689	8693	511 ½		3200 ½
Black Walnuts	61	1329	78 ½		139 ½
Avocados	6	380	7 ¾		13 ¾
Dates		210			
Guavas		50			
Grapefruit	783	2244	25		808
Lemons	1026	2039	22 ¼		1048 ¼
Limes	8	108	1 ½		9 ½
Loquats	120	1295	26 ½		146 ½
Oranges	35190	9383	104 ¼		35294 ¼
Olives	5537	7953	227 ¼		5764 ¼
TOTAL	125437		2144 ½		127581 ½

NUMBER TREES PLANTED TO ACRE—TULARE COUNTY

Deciduous		Citrus	
Almonds	69	Pecans	17
Apple	69	Persimmons	108
Apricot	75	Plums	75
Avocado	49	Prunes	75
Cherry	75	Pomegranates	435
Fig	49	Quince	108
Grapes	435	Walnuts	17
Loquat	49		
Nectarines	75	Navel	90
Olives	35	Valencias	90
Peaches	75	Lemons	90
Pears	108	Grapefruit	90
		Limes	90

(NOTE—The above numbers to acres was furnished by various agencies in order to be uniform in the entire state.)

ACREAGE TULARE COUNTY SURVEY OF 1935

By the 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.

Miscellaneous	Acres		
Asparagus	400	Potatoes	40 ½
Beans	59	Strawberries	82
Beets	10	Squash	149 ½
Carrots	51	Turnips	8
Corn	4	Tomatoes	933
Cotton	55,800	Youngberries	14
Cucumbers	161	Boysonberries	2
Egg Plant	19		
Flax	865	Melons	
Garlic	25	Cantaloupes	1,205 ½
Lettuce	1,966	Honey Balls	240
Onions	61	Honey Dewes	315
Peanuts	10	Casabas	64
Peas	2,838	Persian	20
Peppers	7	Watermelons	2,131 ½
		Misc. Melons	6

TULARE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Tulare County has an excellent county library system which provides books to residents of the county through 150 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 100,000 vol-

umes 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 1935-36 70,000 books were sent to rural schools and 348,164 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

1935 a total connected load of 248,536 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 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 High-

way, 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 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 the Kern County good roads system and intersects with the State Highway at Kingsburg. 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, Sultana and Dinuba.

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 6000 to 7000 feet above sea level, traversing a heavily tim-

bered 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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