

**1989 TULARE COUNTY
ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT SUMMARY**

GENERAL:

The gross income for the 1989 crop year was a record \$1,853,097,600 - a gain of approximately 3.5% over the previous year.

FIELD CROPS: \$295,320,000 - UP 15%

Strongest gains in field crops were seen in wheat, alfalfa (both for hay and silage), and corn.

SEED CROPS: \$3,896,000 - DOWN 33 %

Changes were due mainly to the fact that in 1989, there was far less seed corn than was grown in the previous year. Cotton, however, was the lone gainer in this category while wheat fell slightly.

VEGETABLE CROPS: \$25,585,000 - UP 18%

Although cucumbers and tomatoes were both down somewhat in value, this was more than compensated for by a gain in the large number of more specialized crops reported in the miscellaneous category.

INDUSTRIAL CROPS (TIMBER SALES): \$3,030,000.

A very slight decline.

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: - \$908,720,000 - DOWN 7%

Oranges (navel and valencia) fell just over \$37,000,000 and yielded their number one ranking to dairy products for the first time since 1983. Grapes gained \$30,000,000 due primarily to gains in Thompson seedless and a few of the other table varieties. Nectarines fell in acreage, yield and price. Olives increased more than 35% in value due mainly to improved yield. Peaches improved overall in 1989. 12,605 ACRES WERE LOST IN THE COUNTY WIDE ENUMERATION CONDUCTED ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS.

PLUMS: \$90,158,000 - DOWN 35 %

Decline was due to acreage loss, lower yield and price.

NOTS:

Walnuts were up 11%. Acreage losses were offset by higher yield and price. Other nut varietal price gains were negated by lower yields.

NURSERY PRODUCTS: \$19,847,000 - UP 8%

The increase was mainly in the quantity and price of grape and berry vines sold.

APIARY PRODUCTS: \$2,983,600 - DOWN 35%

A very short citrus bloom period and low nectar flow combined to decrease value by almost 75%. Prices were unchanged for the third consecutive year.

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LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: \$214,575,000 - UP 7%

Cattle and calf production increased (due to gains in dairy inventories) by 16,000 head. This increase was moderated by somewhat lower prices resulting in an increase of \$9,238,000.

Higher turkey production - up 12,280,000 pounds - and only a slight decrease (1 cent @ pound) combined to produce an increase of more than 29% to \$24,818,000.

Swine production decreased (7,800 head) combined with a slightly lower price resulted in an 11% decrease.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: \$379,141,000 - UP 27%

All categories - Particularly market milk price and yield, up 26% or almost \$76,000,000 - resulted in an \$80,592,000 monetary gain over 1988.

NOTE:

The values contained in this report reflect only gross figures at the time of harvest and in no way represent actual farm profit. The figures are strictly gross values intended for informational use by industry and governmental agencies.