

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest For the Year 1927

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 1927:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$15,531,440.00
Raisins	2,350,000.00
Shipping Grapes	3,892,566.00
Cannery Products (Mostly Peaches)	2,343,750.00
Prunes	600,250.00
Dried Peaches	60,000.00
Shipping Peaches	40,870.00
Shipping Plums	82,500.00
Olives	450,000.00
Figs	204,140.00
Pomegranates	36,920.00
Apricots	28,252.00
Walnuts	137,340.00
Dairy Products	4,540,000.00
Cattle	2,451,916.00
Hides and Tallow	52,975.00
Hogs	650,358.00
Sheep and Wool	125,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	1,007,000.00
Cotton	1,380,000.00
Wheat	904,736.00
Barley	197,540.00
Corn and Milo	97,641.00
Honey	45,000.00
Melons and Cantaloupes	132,371.00
Potatoes and Truck	89,425.00
Spinach	103,140.00
Magnesite	255,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	225,000.00
Total	\$38,015,121.00

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.

A comparison of the approximate returns for the year of 1927 with 1926 shows a total increase of \$4,752,650.00. Total for 1926, \$33,262,471.00. Total for 1927, \$38,015,121.00.

The fluctuation in returns from the various products, as compared with the 1926, is but the repetition of history, and is to be expected in each year's report. These fluctuations are due to many causes, the chief of which are volume of production, price received, market conditions, market facilities, transportation and the buying power of the public. The season of 1927 shows citrus fruits and cattle at their peak returns. Dairy, hogs and sheep have been consistently good with some increase. Cotton with a less production but a better price about holds its own. Poultry had a fair season but shows some decline. Shipping grapes and olives show a decided increase and grain crops of all kinds show the same. Raisins, peaches and prunes suffered a depression and a decrease. However, the total aggregate returns from all products show a material increase over 1926 report.

Tulare County has one hundred and thirty primary and grammar school districts, fourteen high school districts and three union high school districts.

Primary and grammar teachers	575
High school teachers	187
Kindergarten teachers	10
Total teachers	772
A gain of	21
Enrollment in high schools	3,408
Enrollment in grammar and primary schools	14,222
Enrollment in kindergarten	2,140
Enrollment in night classes	495
Total enrollment	20,265
A gain of	1,153

Graduates of the High School are admitted to the University of California, Stanford University and other institutions of learning in the state.

County population U. S. Census 1920, 59,031; now estimated at 74,000. Sixty-five per cent of population reside on farms.

Assessed valuation, exclusive of corporation property, \$69,251,487.00. Corporation property, \$22,205,072.00. Total assessed valuation, \$91,456,559.00. A gain of \$1,358,026.00.

Tulare County has an excellent Free County Library system that maintains 129 distribution stations and has on hand 113,137 volumes, of which 70,000 are deposited in various branch stations.

There are 20 farm centers with a total membership of 1500. This work is in conjunction with the National and State Agricultural Ex-

and the services of the Commissioner and his assistants are free to free to those desiring advice along horticultural lines.

Electric power is a great factor in the industrial and domestic life of Tulare County. The Southern California Edison Co. and the San Joaquin Light & Power Co. carry a connected load of 125,000 horsepower, with an unlimited supply available. There are 4,000 pumping plants in the county, 3,500 of which are electrically driven. Tulare County uses more electric power units per capita, than any other county in the United States. About 125,000 acres are irrigated by pumps and about 150,000 acres by gravity canals fed from the rivers.

ROAD MAP

The attached road map shows the paved roads of the county; also the principal dirt roads and mountain trails.

The county paved highway system has a mileage of 241 miles and this, with the 63 miles of state highway, gives the county 304 miles of concrete base, and connects all towns of the county with a paved road, and with State highway.

STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State highway passes thru 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 graded and gravelled.

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 gravelled a road to the Sequoia National Park line, and from there the United States Government is constructing 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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