

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest For the Year 1928

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 1928:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$15,380,091.00
Raisins	1,200,000.00
Shipping Grapes	3,922,675.00
Cannery Products (Mostly Peaches)	2,400,000.00
Prunes	1,050,000.00
Dried Peaches	75,000.00
Shipping Peaches	30,360.00
Shipping Plums	275,700.00
Olives	640,000.00
Figs	421,100.00
Pomegranates	60,000.00
Apricots	81,400.00
Walnuts	172,528.00
Dairy Products	4,257,334.00
Cattle	3,429,300.00
Hides and Tallow	53,500.00
Hogs	670,262.00
Sheep and Wool	100,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	889,157.00
Cotton	3,450,000.00
Wheat	195,000.00
Barley	180,000.00
Corn and Milo	50,000.00
Cantaloupes and Melons	116,524.00
Spinach and Truck Crops	125,700.00
Magnesite	300,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	175,000.00
Honey	25,000.00
Total	\$39,725,631.00

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 1928 with 1927 show a total increase of \$1,710,510.00. Total for 1927, \$38,015,-121.00. Total for 1928, \$39,725,631.00.

The fluctuation in returns from the various products reflects the ebb and flow of production, and the price received on the various products of the county. Citrus fruits and dairy products show the largest single returns, and their totals are but little different from last year. Citrus fruits showing by far the largest return of any single crop. Cotton, cattle, prunes, olives, figs and shipping plums show a handsome increase. Cotton, shipping plums and figs show the largest percentage gain, their gain being practically 100 percent or better. On account of the dry year our grain crops show a loss of \$727,276.00. These figures as a whole, emphasize the value of diversification of crops, as the loss caused from the depression in one crop is counteracted by the increased returns from other products.

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	442
High school teachers	223
Kindergarten	10
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Total teachers	675
A gain of	46
Enrollment in primary and grammar grades	14,607
Enrollment in high schools	3,358
Evening classes	3,176
Enrollment in kindergarten	514
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Total	21,655
A gain of	1,390

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

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, \$68,734,-036.00. Corporation property, \$24,366,492.00. Total assessed valuation, \$93,100,528.00. A gain of \$1,643,969.00.

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 Extension Bureau, which is under the supervision, in this county, of a

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 horse-power, 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 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 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 Orsi 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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