

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest For the Year 1930

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 1930:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$14,163,273.00
Raisins	1,710,000.00
Shipping Grapes	1,821,480.00
Cannery Products (Mostly Peaches)	500,000.00
Canning Peaches	700,000.00
Prunes	680,000.00
Dried Peaches	358,000.00
Shipping Peaches	72,480.00
Shipping Plums	322,080.00
Olives	480,000.00
Figs	350,035.00
Miscellaneous Fruits	46,020.00
Apricots	60,000.00
Walnuts	195,304.00
Dairy Products	4,366,667.00
Cattle	2,823,500.00
Hides and Tallow	50,000.00
Hogs	377,543.00
Sheep and Wool	75,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	546,563.00
Cotton	2,927,100.00
Potatoes	46,100.00
Strawberries	69,030.00
Cantalopes and Melons	236,507.00
Truck Crops	25,816.00
Magnesite	300,000.00
Hay and Unclassified	350,000.00
Honey	25,000.00
Total	\$33,677,498.00

Note—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.

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
		Vacant Land	139,388
Total Deciduous....	103,160		

Citrus Fruits

Navels	25,799
Valencias	11,180
Lemons	1,349
Grapefruit	800
Mixed Citrus	276
Total Citrus	39,404
Grand Total	142,564

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

branches and 98 school branches and has on hand 151,678 volumes, of which 95,558 are general books and 56,120 are school text.

ELECTRIC POWER

Electric power is a great factor in the industrial, farm, and domestic life. The Southern California Edison Company and the San Joaquin Light and Power Company carry a connected load of 125,000 horse-power with a vast supply in reserve. The Southern California Gas Company now supplies the county with natural gas.

STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State highway passes through the country 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 well graded and graveled.

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 graveled a road to the Sequoia National Park line, and from there the United States Government has constructed 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 a road to Balch Park, also a road from Merryman to Balch Park. The Camp Nelson road has been extended nine miles to the summit above Quaking Aspen Meadows, which road is a link in the proposed Trans Sierra-Lone Pine road, and will connect with the proposed Park to Park road between Quaking Aspen and Loyd Meadows.

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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