

# AGRICULTURAL CROP REPORT

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To The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Tulare County

and

W. C. Jacobsen, Director  
State Department of Agriculture

The Agricultural Code states in Section 65.5; "The Commissioner shall compile reports of the condition, acreage, production and value of the agricultural products of his county. The Commissioner may publish such reports and shall transmit a copy thereof to the Director."

Insofar as possible, the acreage represents "net planted" and the values of all crops are f.o.b. basis - not what the farmer received. It is intended that all returns shall mean income to Tulare County and thus include the cost of picking, hauling, packing and otherwise preparing for delivery at the point of packing.

We are indebted to the many individuals and organizations for their help and co-operation in making available to this department their records and information in the compilation of these data and wish to express our appreciation for this valuable help.

*Oscar L. Hemphill*  
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Agricultural Commissioner

TULARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE STATISTICS

ORCHARD CROPS	BEARING ACREAGE	NON-BEARING ACREAGE	TOTAL ACREAGE
<u>CITRUS</u>			
Grapefruit	525		525
Lemons	974	133	1,107
Limes	10	2	12
Navels	22,966	676	23,642
Valencias	10,062	92	10,154
Tangerines	11		11
Miscellaneous	440	29	469
TOTAL	34,988	932	35,920
<u>DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES</u>			
Almonds	268	6	274
Apples	237	26	263
Apricots	152		152
Cherries	1		1
Figs	591		591
Grapes			
Table	27,933	251	28,184
Raisin	30,475	42	30,517
Wine	7,406	6	7,412
Olives	8,254	1,144	9,398
Peaches			
Cling	3,599	246	3,845
Freestone	5,117	988	6,105
Pecans	76	5	81
Pears	13		13
Plums	4,983	319	5,302
Prunes	720	22	742
Persimmons	61	18	79
Pomegranates	253	70	323
Nectarines	1,113	454	1,567
Quince	5	2	7
Walnuts	6,222	4,233	10,455
TOTAL	97,478	7,832	105,310
TOTAL ORCHARD CROPS	132,466	8,764	141,230

TRUCK AND FIELD CROP ACREAGES

<u>TRUCK CROPS</u>		<u>ACREAGE</u>	
Asparagus		1,208	
Beans			
Green		75	
Blackeyed		2,128	
Berries			
Bushberries		106	
Strawberries		53	
Broccoli		2	
Celery		30	
Corn - Sweet		1,520	
Cucumbers		97	
Egg Plant		2	
Garlic		$\frac{1}{2}$	
Lettuce		340	
Melons			
Cantaloupe		116	
Casaba		15	
Cranshaw		120	
Honey Dew		650	
Watermelon		1,655	
Okra		4	
Onions		60	
Peppers		5	
Potatoes		5,530	
Potatoes - Certified Seed		516	
Peas - Green		194	
Romaine		3	
Squash		68	
Sweet Potatoes		15	
Tomatoes		2,063	
Yams		10	
	TOTAL		16,585 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>FIELD CROPS</u>			
Alfalfa	Certified Seed	250	
Blackeyed Peas	DO	124	
Beans (Dry)	DO	172	
Cotton		173,000	
Castor Beans		340	
Rice		1,300	
Sugar Beets		3,048	
Grain			
Barley		59,000	
Milo		1,825	
Oats		1,150	
Wheat		62,000	
Yellow Corn		1,505	
Hay			
Alfalfa		78,155	
Permanent Irrigated Pasture		25,000	
	TOTAL		406,869

TULARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

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<u>CITRUS</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Navel Oranges	6,055,290 Boxes	\$22,586,231.00
By-products	25,897 Tons	388,455.00
Valencia Oranges	2,092,966 Boxes	9,669,502.00
By-products	3,464 Tons	51,960.00
Lemons	184,088 Boxes	1,132,141.00
By-products	2,600 Boxes	39,000.00
Grapefruit	22,702 Boxes	56,755.00
Limes	400 Boxes	1,800.00
Tangerines	15,640 Boxes	46,920.00
	TOTAL	\$33,972,764.00

DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES

Apples	39,805 Boxes	\$ 133,409.00
Apricots		
Canning	796 Tons	55,720.00
Fresh	5,735 Lugs	11,756.00
Figs		
Canning	1,426 Tons	171,120.00
Dried	712 Tons	19,580.00
Fresh	78,448 Flats	207,887.00
Grapes - Table		
Emperor	63,326 Tons	10,386,097.00
Almeria	4,144 Tons	912,094.00
Ribier	9,719 Tons	1,773,717.00
White Malaga	1,174 Tons	115,862.00
Red Malaga	4,527 Tons	584,978.00
Muscats	2,093 Tons	520,110.00
Cardinal	2,155 Tons	328,960.00
Miscellaneous	5,006 Tons	1,030,735.00
Thompson		
Fresh	21,129 Tons	3,416,559.00
Canning	2,896 Tons	173,760.00
Grapes - Raisin		
Thompson - Natural	19,250 Tons	3,368,750.00
Thompson - Golden Bleached	2,500 Tons	512,500.00
Grapes - Wine	123,765 Tons	4,579,305.00
Nectarines		
Canning	740 Tons	46,620.00
Fresh	259,399 Lugs	573,271.00
Peaches - Cling		
Canning	11,953 Tons	669,368.00
Peaches - Freestone		
Canning	5,128 Tons	297,424.00
Dried	80 Tons	30,400.00
Fresh	2,004,324 Lugs	5,812,539.00
Plums	847,453 Lugs	2,771,171.00
Pears	600 Lugs	9,600.00

DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES cont'dYIELDVALUATION

Pomegranates	84,547 Lugs	\$	169,094.00
Persimmons	56,547 Flats		85,030.00
Prunes			
Canning	100 Tons		5,300.00
Dried	1,019 Tons		165,587.00
Olives			
Canning	16,975 Tons		3,182,774.00
Oil	1,397 Tons		106,570.00
Nuts			
Almonds	11 Tons		3,300.00
Walnuts	4,186 Tons		1,975,457.00
Pistachio	500 Lbs		300.00
Quince	218 Lugs		360.00

TOTAL

\$44,207,064.00

TRUCK CROPS

Asparagus	185,236 Crates	\$	852,085.00
Beans			
Green	10,478 Crates		55,428.00
Dry	356 Tons		54,112.00
Blackeyed Beans			
Green	1,751 Crates		8,404.00
Dry	1,704 Tons		349,320.00
Berries			
Bushberries-Canning	441 Tons		124,890.00
DO Fresh	27,092 Crates		46,056.00
DO Frozen	12½ Tons		4,500.00
Strawberries-Fresh	32,410 Crates		97,230.00
DO Frozen	13½ Tons		3,240.00
Broccoli	200 Crates		588.00
Celery	22,000 Crates		56,100.00
Corn - Sweet	220,400 Crates		531,164.00
Cucumbers	39,770 Crates		99,425.00
Egg Plant	1,460 Crates		2,409.00
Garlic	50 Sacks		90.00
Lettuce	68,625 Crates		219,600.00
Onions	11,500 Sacks		15,525.00
Okra	4,903 Crates		10,149.00
Peppers	2,191 Crates		8,654.00
Peas - Green	36,420 Hampers		109,260.00
Potatoes			
Table Stock	937,975 Sacks		3,357,955.00
Certified Seed	129,000 Sacks		451,500.00
Culls	3,340 Tons		10,020.00
Romaine	500 Crates		925.00
Squash	24,374 Crates		49,966.00
Sweet Potatoes	14,884 Lugs		33,489.00
Tomatoes			
Canning	6,000 Tons		175,500.00
Fresh	1,974,036 Crates		5,527,300.00
Yams	30 Tons		4,200.00

TRUCK CROPS cont'dYIELDVALUATION

Melons				
Cantaloupe	54,738	Crates	\$	134,108.00
Casaba	2,106	Crates		4,843.00
	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons		1,178.00
Cranshaw	17,938	Crates		43,948.00
Honey Dew	273,328	Crates		382,659.00
	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons		1,147.00
Watermelons	23,170	Tons		<u>683,515.00</u>
		TOTAL		\$13,510,482.00

APICULTURE

Honey	500	Tons	\$	105,000.00
Beeswax	10	Tons		<u>8,700.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$	113,700.00

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Milk and Milk Products		TOTAL		\$19,365,139.00
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LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle			\$34,867,368.00	
Hogs			1,939,762.00	
Sheep and Lambs			146,240.00	
Registered Stock			<u>1,225,000.00</u>	
		TOTAL		\$38,178,370.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Nursery Stock			\$	425,347.00
Ornamentals - Cut Flowers				333,003.00
Fertilizer				106,706.00
Straw				<u>103,455.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$	968,511.00

POULTRY

Chickens				
Fryers	2,150,847	Lbs	\$	580,728.00
Hens	309,034	Hd		216,324.00
Baby Chicks	571,000	Hd		137,040.00
Eggs	7,891,755	Doz		<u>3,393,454.00</u>

POULTRY cont'd

	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Turkeys		
Toms	2,488,930 Lbs	\$ 796,457.00
Hens	1,412,134 Lbs	494,246.00
Fryers	135,208 Lbs	56,787.00
Poults	1,240,770 Hd	866,556.00
Eggs	1,027,350	287,658.00
Geese	14,150 Hd	<u>28,210.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 6,857,460.00

FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa	Certified Seed	90 Tons	\$ 63,000.00
Blackeyed Peas	Certified Seed	99 Tons	23,760.00
Beans (Dry)	Certified Seed	136 Tons	23,392.00
Cotton			
Lint		241,131 Bales	39,786,615.00
Seed		92,674 Tons	<u>5,097,070.00</u>
Castor Beans		460 Tons	55,200.00
Rice		1,975 Tons	173,800.00
Sugar Beets		70,732 Tons	993,784.00
Hay			
Alfalfa		586,162 Tons	13,481,726.00
Grain		3,450 Tons	84,180.00
Hay and Straw		560 Tons	6,720.00
Dehydrated Hay		1,676 Tons	78,772.00
Mixed Feed		486 Tons	38,394.00
Grain			
Barley		51,625 Tons	2,044,350.00
Milo		4,783 Tons	277,414.00
Oats		978 Tons	58,093.00
Wheat		37,200 Tons	2,678,400.00
Yellow Corn		3,340 Tons	<u>211,923.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$65,176,593.00
Subsidy Payments			\$ 192,093.00

44,883,685.00



RECAPITULATION

CITRUS	\$ 33,972,764.00
DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES	44,207,064.00
TRUCK CROPS	13,510,482.00
APICULTURE	113,700.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS	19,365,139.00
LIVESTOCK	38,178,370.00
MISCELLANEOUS	968,511.00
POULTRY	6,857,460.00
FIELD CROPS	65,176,593.00
SUBSIDY PAYMENTS	<u>192,093.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$222,542,176.00

RECAPITULATION FOR SIX YEARS

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
CITRUS	\$ 16,857,675.00	\$ 17,713,803.00	\$ 26,672,501.00
DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES	35,580,822.00	43,003,823.00	44,911,391.00
TRUCK CROPS	14,938,203.00	12,806,761.00	9,452,999.00
APICULTURE	87,557.00	136,800.00	105,840.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS	13,722,972.00	12,381,358.00	13,704,591.00
LIVESTOCK	36,361,011.00	39,301,065.00	48,777,263.00
MISCELLANEOUS	1,346,258.00	1,322,934.00	1,668,128.00
POULTRY	7,608,023.00	8,662,106.00	13,175,930.00
FIELD CROPS	51,920,441.00	61,238,923.00	86,839,778.00
SUBSIDY PAYMENTS	<u>457,544.00</u>	<u>251,886.00</u>	<u>154,387.00</u>
TOTAL	\$178,880,506.00	\$196,819,459.00	\$245,462,808.00

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
CITRUS	\$ 36,324,418.00	\$ 30,406,908.00	\$ 33,972,764.00
DECIDUOUS AND GRAPES	50,536,612.00	36,490,890.00	44,207,064.00
TRUCK CROPS	13,546,438.00	11,277,847.00	13,510,482.00
APICULTURE	221,453.00	105,860.00	113,700.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS	14,908,955.00	16,687,567.00	19,365,139.00
LIVESTOCK	47,003,784.00	42,437,385.00	38,178,370.00
MISCELLANEOUS	1,922,309.00	838,371.00	968,511.00
POULTRY	13,562,201.00	7,956,467.00	6,857,460.00
FIELD CROPS	74,552,379.00	66,717,147.00	65,176,593.00
SUBSIDY PAYMENTS	<u>149,267.00</u>	<u>57,549.00</u>	<u>192,093.00</u>
TOTAL	\$252,727,816.00	\$212,975,991.00	\$222,542,176.00