

**1991 TULARE COUNTY  
ANNUAL CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT SUMMARY**

**GENERAL:**

The value for all agricultural commodities produced in Tulare County for the 1991 crop year was **\$1,878,425,400**. This is a drop of more than \$291 million (or 13%) from the previous year. While it is true that many categories did experience gains in value, loses in some of our key commodities including citrus, olives, avocados and hay amounted to some \$373 million.

**ALL FIELD CROPS: \$280,734,000 - down 18%**

Corn for grain...harvested acreage and price dropped, reducing the total value to \$2,970,000, 33% lower than last year.

Alfalfa hay...harvested acreage and yield decreased somewhat (and the price decreased dramatically) resulting in a total value of \$64,276,000 which is 37% below last year.

Silage yield and price dropped resulting in a total value of \$2,338,000, 33% lower than last year.

**ALL SEED CROPS: \$2,776,000 - down 36%**

**ALL VEGETABLE CROPS: \$43,667,000 - up 32%**

**ALL INDUSTRIAL CROPS: \$4,922,000 - down 26%**

Harvested board feet of timber decreased resulting in a lower value of \$4,360,000, 29% below last year.

**ALL FRUIT AND NUT CROPS: \$808,733,000 - down 24%**

Avocado production dropped to zero. Orchards were severely damaged during last year's freeze and produced no harvestable crop.

Fresh Navel orange value dropped to \$86,240,000, 67% below last year.

Fresh Valencia orange value dropped to \$355,000, 99% below last year.

Fresh lemon value dropped to \$7,770,000, 55% below last year.

Tangerine value dropped to \$6,312,000, 39% below last year.

The value of olives (for canning) dropped to \$17,496,000, 42% below last year. The decrease in yield was due to tree die-back caused by last year's freeze.

Pears & Asian Pears . . . harvested acreage and yield per acre increased and, although prices fell, the total value increased to \$2,397,000, up 149%.

Persimmon harvested acreage and price increased resulting in a new total value of \$6,373,000, up 42% from last year.

Walnut harvested acreage and yield were up. Prices decreased slightly. However, overall value increased to \$48,090,000, up 18%.

Grapes reached a record-high gross value of \$332,325,000.

The harvested acreage of fresh plums increased. However, yield and price both fell resulting in a decreased new total value of \$83,886,000, 22% below last year.

**ALL NURSERY PRODUCTS: \$22,084,000 - down 5%**

**ALL APIARY PRODUCTS: \$5,488,000 - up 25%**

Honey prices were down slightly but production improved, increasing the total value.

**ALL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: \$284,654,000 - up 9%**

The number of cattle, calves, lambs, hogs and pigs all increased.

The number of turkeys dropped but their total liveweight and price increased resulting in a higher total value.

**ALL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: \$425,367,000 - down 0.7%**

The price for both market milk and manufacturing milk fell. However, increased production continues to make this commodity the leading agricultural product in Tulare county for the third consecutive year.

**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 and trend uses by industry and governmental agencies.