



The Milk Lines



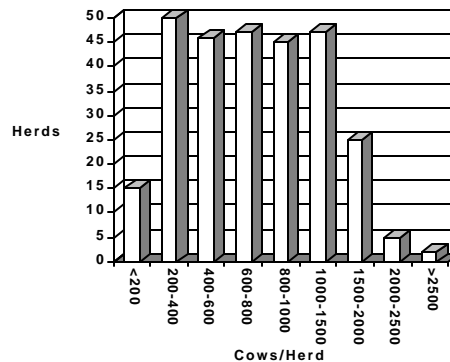
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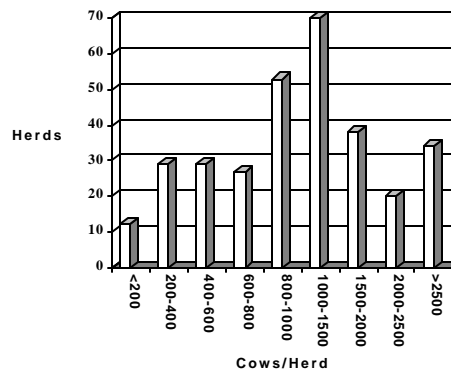
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Hats off to Tulare County for becoming #1 ag county in California and the nation! Farm gate value of ag products for Tulare County in 2001 reached \$3.494 billion, which surpassed #2 Fresno's \$3.2 billion. This was largely achieved by milk sales, which went up to \$1.154 billion and was also #1 in California and the USA. Other top crops in the county were oranges with \$530 billion, cattle and calves \$438 billion, and grapes with 362 billion. Local herd size continues to increase and Figures 1 and 2 compare what they are now and what was 10 years ago. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the impact of milk sales on county ag dollars for 2001 and in previous years.

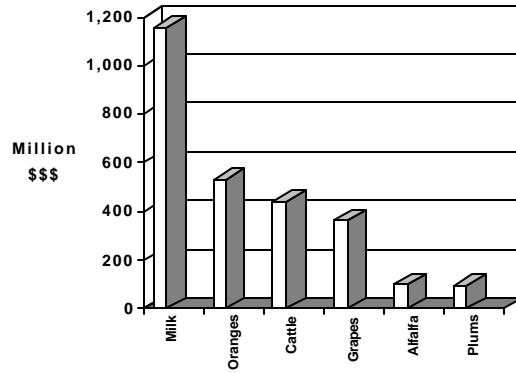
Tulare County Herd Sizes 1992



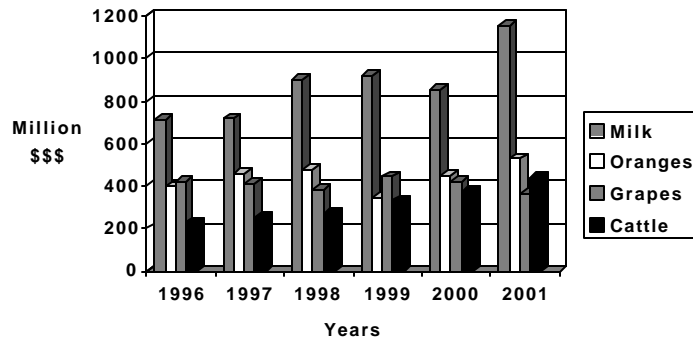
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2001 Tulare County Top Ag \$\$\$



Tulare County Ag Dollars



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