

Agricultural Land Preservation

Importance of Agriculture

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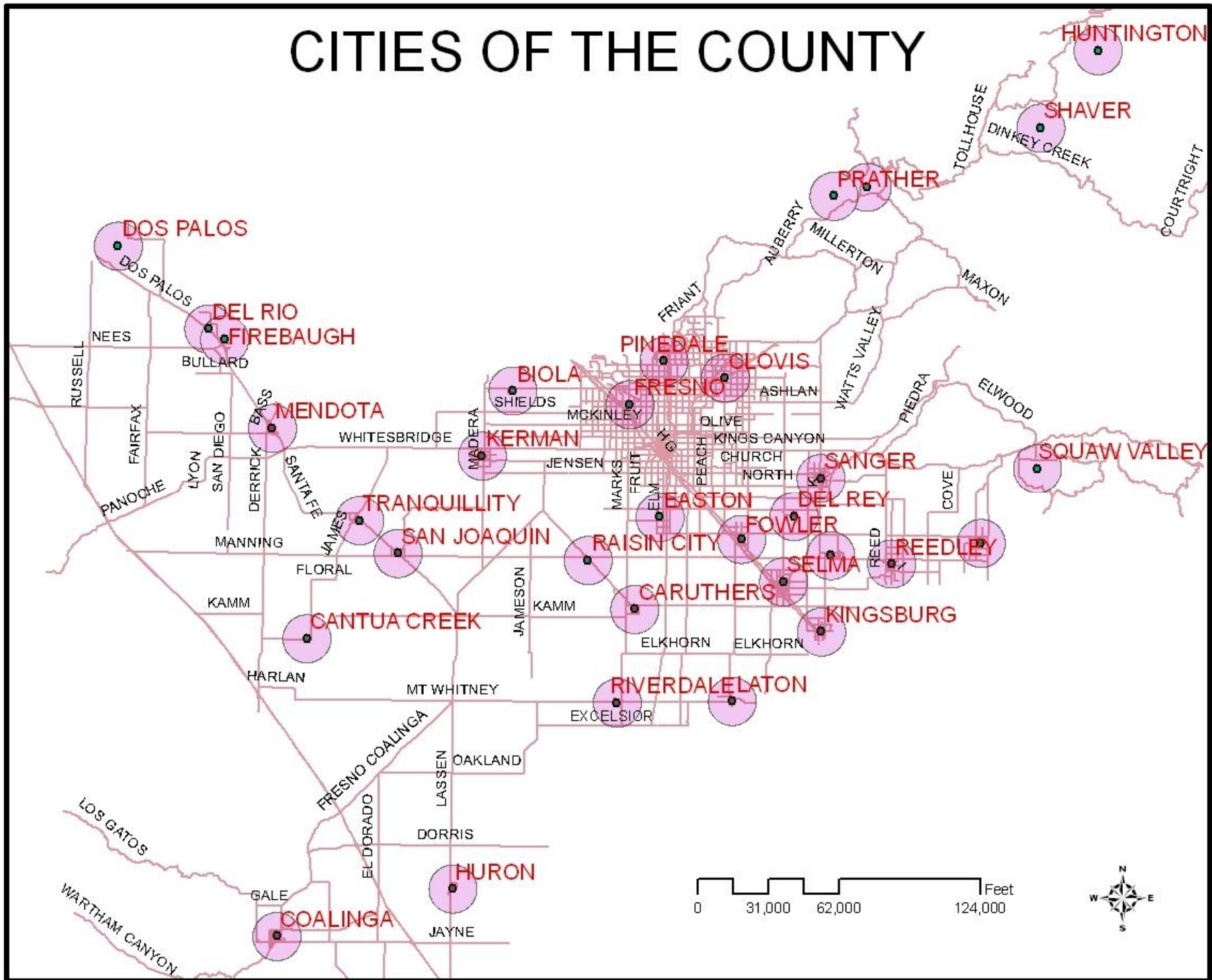
Fresno County Facts

- | 6,000 farmers
 - | Average size of farms – 300 acres
 - | For grapes – 40 acres
 - | Top 10 crops
 - | Ag production value \$4.85 billion in 2006
- Grapes \$5.6 million
 - Almonds \$4.9 million
 - Tomatoes \$4.0 million
 - Poultry \$3.9 million
 - Cattle and calves \$3.2 million
 - Milk \$3.0 million
 - Cotton \$2.4 million
 - Onions \$2.3 million
 - Peaches \$1.9 million
 - Nectarines \$1.7 million

Ag Impact – Two Mile Buffer

- | Assumption is that urban development will fill the buffer in 50 years
- | Cities, incorporated and unincorporated
- | Ag production value estimated for each area
- | “Golden triangle” values
- | Map is a graphic representation only

CITIES OF THE COUNTY



ACRES - PRODUCTION VALUE - AREA

9,790.3	\$	29,224,790	CARUTHERS	10,036.1	\$	15,676,903	MENDOTA
1,484.8	\$	10,289,218	CLOVIS	6,887.2	\$	39,226,747	ORANGE COVE
5,426.6	\$	17,712,096	CLOVIS/FRESNO	2,427.8	\$	8,521,051	PARLIER
2,302.5	\$	11,981,903	CLOVIS/FRESNO/SANGER	4,015.7	\$	27,106,061	PARLIER/REEDLEY
9,589.9	\$	20,588,327	COALINGA	5,306.8	\$	21,354,103	PARLIER/SELMA
28,205.7	\$	45,234,406	FIREBAUGH	6,664.5	\$	18,483,968	REEDLEY
9,154.6	\$	38,579,009	FOWLER	11,166.5	\$	17,709,470	RIVERDALE
7,642.3	\$	23,922,387	FOWLER/SELMA	18,528.7	\$	32,178,759	SAN JOAQUIN
26,924.2	\$	94,830,583	FRESNO	7,618.7	\$	34,945,383	SANGER
18,593.7	\$	57,151,760	KERMAN	196.1	\$	1,950,655	SANGER/ PARLIER/ REEDLEY
2,221.1	\$	12,283,306	KINGSBURG	4,632.5	\$	25,133,263	Sanger/Fresno
1,355.5	\$	11,614,410	KINGSBURG/PARLIER	1,693.5	\$	8,580,255	SANGER/PARLIER
3,372.2	\$	12,906,395	KINGSBURG-SELMA	176.5	\$	1,126,327	SANGER/SELMA
13,481.9	\$	31,922,153	LATON	3,009.4	\$	9,786,907	SELMA
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				221,905.1	\$	680,020,595	

“Golden Triangle”

- | Most productive farm lands
- | Land with the best chance of sustaining ag in the long term
- | Area included
 - Jensen Avenue at Hwy 99
 - Hwy 99 to Kingsburg
 - Kingsburg up the county line to river
 - River up to Frankwood Avenue
 - Frankwood to Jensen Avenue
 - Jensen Avenue to Hwy 99

“Golden Triangle”

Category	Acres	Total Value	% of Total Value
Field Crops	3,806.24	\$ 1,728,633	0.43%
Seed Crops	5.50	\$ 24,028	0.01%
Fruit & Nut Crops	66,007.59	\$ 385,956,402	95.35%
Vegetables	1,517.30	\$ 7,626,032	1.88%
Nursery Products	344.00	\$ 9,447,227	2.33%
Total	71,680.63	\$ 404,782,323	100.00%

Economic Multiplier of 3.5 \$ 1,416,738,130

Will Farming Survive?

- I Can small family farms:
 - Make a living?
 - Stay in production?
 - Survive increasing laws and regulations?
- I Not just simply growing a crop
 - Stewards of the land and environment

Personal Spin

- | Grew up in Santa Clara County
- | Transition away from agricultural production
- | Move towards high density farming
- | Rezoning
- | Loss of family farm

Can you share in the solution?

- | Community based issue, not just ag
- | Time to think outside of the box
- | Goal
 - Preserve ag lands for future generations
 - Allow managed growth of urban areas
 - Educate others