

Jackson County's Soil Is As Fertile As Any in Florida

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JACKSON COUNTY, Florida, of which Marianna is the county seat, is probably the most highly developed county in West Florida. The annual value of its crops runs into the millions and its soil has proved to be as fertile as the best in Florida, Alabama or Georgia, the latter two of which States touch its borders.

In the production of cotton, corn, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, peanuts, hay, satsuma oranges, peaches and plums it leads the State. Its acreage is selling at amazingly low prices considering the fertility of the soil and the county's many distinct advantages and this can be accounted for only by the fact that Jackson County has not heretofore been advertised extensively.

Named for Andrew Jackson, the county was one of the four constituting the territory of Florida. It is rich in historic literature, as it served as the headquarters for "Old Hickory" during the Indian War campaigns and was the scene of the Battle of Marianna during the Civil War.

There are many picturesque scenes in Jackson County, among them being the Natural Bridge, where the Chipola River runs under ground; Natural Bridge Cave, an immense subterranean cave rivalling in beauty and grandeur the famous Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, and Blue Springs, a wondrously beautiful body of water only a few miles from the city of Marianna.

Hundreds of instances can be enumerated where farms in this section have been paid for from their products even in their first year, and some idea of the fertility and versatility of the soil may be gleaned when it is said that thirty different vegetables are raised here; sixteen kinds of fruit; twenty-five kinds of forage, and it stands first in the production of cotton of all the counties in Florida.

Its population in 1920 was given officially as 31,224, but it is pretty well agreed that Jackson County now has about 45,000 people.

Of the county's 617,600 acres, more than one-third are divided in farms, it being the leading county in the production of peanuts in the whole of Florida; the second in production of corn and sugar cane and leads in the cotton ginned.

There are fifteen villages and towns in Jackson County ranging in population from 200 to 3,500 people. It has a yearly average temperature of 67.1 and a rainfall averaging 54.11 inches.

The soils include a clay in which

there is much of lime; a sandy loam with a clay sub-soil, and a sandy soil containing considerable silt, underlaid by clay.

It has been shown that in no section of the country can pork be produced at a lower cost than in Jackson County. Poultry raising here also pays excellent profits. Fruit growing and pecan culture also are assuming a large importance in this county. A few miles from Marianna more than 500 acres of land have been set out to Satsuma orange groves by one company.

Paper shell pecans will also play an important part in making Jackson a wealthy county. There are many old groves here now and a number of new ones are being planted which will un-

and high grade cattle are being raised here now. For a while this section of Florida was handicapped for cattle raising by the presence of the tick, but this has been eliminated and Jackson County now leads the State in the production of live stock.

Perhaps a few words here about Florida's agricultural possibilities would not be amiss. These are best summed up by John H. Perry and Frank Parker Stockbridge, co-authors of "Florida In The Making." These men know Florida and they know whereof they speak.

They say, in their book, that "the greatest of all Florida's resources is the fertility of her agricultural lands. Every intelligent investor in Florida

and, then again, he is not up against the risks of crop failure that farmers in other parts of the country must contend with.

The farmer in Jackson County has other advantages, too, to his credit. He has no difficulty in obtaining a living from the soil. He is not tilling and cultivating worked-out soil in an almost futile effort to get it to yield forth products which it has long since ceased to yield without reluctance.

"Agriculture always has and always will continue to be the chief support of civilization," says former Governor Cary A. Hardee, "Florida, with her two hundred and fifty varieties of crops, fruits and vegetables, all of which grow well, is first of all an agricultural State. No other State equals her in this respect."

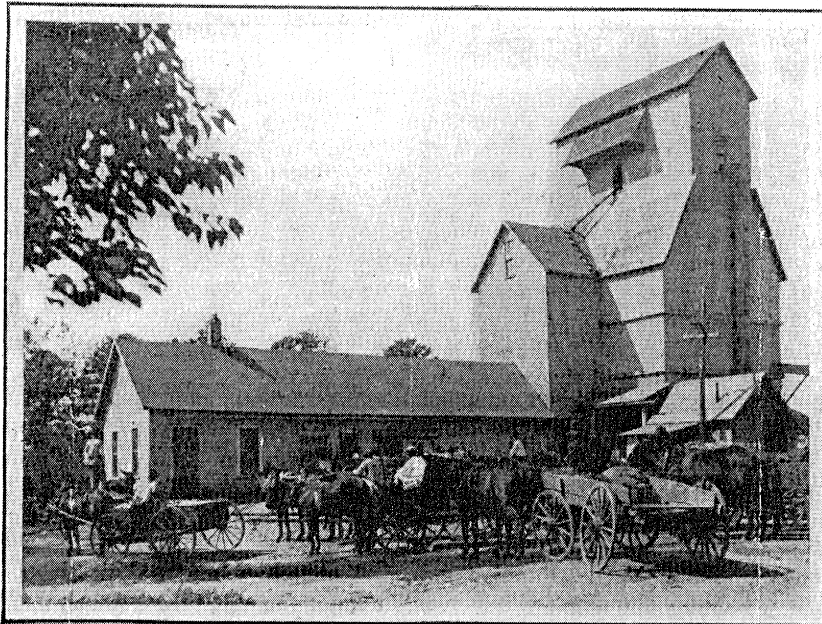
Now let us see what Jackson County has done agriculturally.

During the agricultural season 1924-1925 she shipped the following products: 488 carloads of melons alone. In addition, she shipped a wide variety of fruits and nuts and consumed much of her products in her own territory. Then again, many parts of Florida received products grown in Jackson County.

Jackson County has under cultivation at the present time 127,508 acres of land. Then she has limestone, clay, gravel and sand within her borders. In addition, she manufactures there amount to over \$1,000,000 a year. The population of this county is in the neighborhood of 40,000 persons and, for an agricultural county, this is no mean population.

Truly Jackson county presents as excellent agricultural opportunities as any county in Florida. One of the biggest assets here is the fact that the county has a number of acres ready for development. However, unlike many counties of the state which have land ready for farm development, the land in Jackson county is of proved value. There are sufficient acres under cultivation at this time showing good profits to their owners to prove to any one anxious to take up the soil here that their venture would be fruitful.

If you are contemplating settling in Florida you would certainly do well to investigate further opportunities that this agricultural county holds out for you. Come down and see for yourself. Investigate before you invest and see for yourself what has been done and what may be done on the fine fertile and productive soil of this county.



A Corn Elevator At Marianna In Jackson County. This Is a Sign Of Agricultural Progress And Presents Many Busy Scenes In The Agricultural Life Of This Busy Agricultural Center.

questionably yield some of the finest varieties found anywhere.

The lands of Jackson County are so easily cultivated that exceptionally good yields of almost any crop planted can be looked forward to, but the raising of watermelons has been unusually successful here. A superior quality melon is produced and much acreage is devoted to its cultivation. Graceville, in the northern part of the county, is the largest shipper, but the lands around that city are not by any means the only ones in the county which produce the luscious melons.

The raising of live stock has recently attracted much capital to this section and some good herds of pure bred

property realizes that the value of his investment is in a large measure based upon the development of the State's agricultural resources."

Therefore, investment in Jackson County is good investment and safe investment. The development of the agricultural resources of Jackson County is far from its peak and, at the same time, is not exactly in its infancy. It is at a stage where there is plenty of room for a greater development and still is sufficiently advanced to insure the safety of investments in this region.

The variety of crops produced in this county is a boon to the farmer here. He is not dependent on one crop