

70 CENTS PROBABLE PRICE THIS YEAR

CASA GRANDE PREPARES FOR COTTON SEASON

The Casa Grande valley is forging to the front as an agricultural district. The improved methods of pumping water for the purpose of irrigation should make it possible to reclaim the Casa Grande valley and produce a fine grade of long staple cotton, clean fields of alfalfa, equal in quality to the best to be found in any country, and yields of grain of all kinds.

In addition to the improved methods of pumping water for irrigation, parts of the valley are also irrigated from the waters of the Gila river.

It is no longer considered an experiment to farm under pump irrigation. This is fully demonstrated to not only be successful, but profitable, by the Goodstar Tire & Rubber company, which is now farming thousands of acres in the Salt River valley under pump irrigation.

The University of Tucson is farming under the pump irrigation plan, as is also the government school at Sacaton, where the Pima cotton, the highest grade of long staple was first grown.

A great many individual ranchers in Arizona are now improving and making comfortable homes on land where the water-lift in many cases is in excess of that in the Casa Grande valley.

Huge Pumping Plant

The Cotton City Land & Building company's project in the Casa Grande valley, is working on plans for the irrigation of its lands in the valley under the irrigation plan. They announce purchase of equipment which, when installed, will be one of the biggest pumping plants in the Casa Grande valley. It will have a capacity of raising water of from 1900 to 2000 gallons per minute.

The Casa Grande valley covers an area of about 1,000 square miles, of which approximately 400,000 acres are irrigable lands. Lying in the semi-arid southwest as it does, the Casa Grande valley is far-famed for its health-giving climate. The elevation is 1,400 feet above sea level. The air is dry and invigorating. The winter is delightful, balmy sunshiny days followed by cool nights and makes the valley one much sought. The valley is sheltered on all sides by mountain ranges and is practically free from high winds. The average yearly rainfall is about 9 inches and it is distributed throughout both winter and summer seasons.

Cotton Land Wanted

Fruits of practically every character are being raised in Casa Grande valley. At this particular time a great deal of attention is given land in the valley for cotton culture. Cotton of the Egyptian long staple variety has been grown experimentally for about eight years at the government experimental

PUMPING WATER FOR COTTON LANDS SOLVES PROBLEM OF TRACTS OUTSIDE THE PROJECT



This powerful pump is in the Casa Grande valley which has made remarkable progress incultivation from ground water irrigation, raised by

station which is operated in conjunction with the Pima Indian School at Sacaton, Arizona, in the northern part of Casa Grande valley. The director of this station claims that this part of Arizona grows the finest Egyptian cotton of any country in the world, the staple being three times as long as that of ordinary cotton, and the selling price per pound twice that of the more common variety.

As to the condition of the soil in Casa Grande, there are several types throughout the valley. On the high mesas near the mountains, a fine decomposed granite predominates. This is an excellent soil for fruit. On the lower levels a sandy loam, more or less mixed with silt, is most common. As these soils have not been leached

where the open winters and comparative freedom from frost make both a very early and a very late crop practicable.

An Endless Variety
Fruits of almost endless variety are at their best in Casa Grande, where peaches, pears, figs, dates, olives, apricots, almonds, plums, prunes, grapes, quinces, nectarines, strawberries, blackberries, oranges, lemons and grape-fruit may be grown.

Peaches may be matured in the valley from May to November. Pears, superior in quality and size are grown. Figs do well in Casa Grande, and are most satisfactory, both in quality and in yield.

Dates are at home in the valley, and are being planted as fast as plants can be obtained. There are a number of date-bearing palms in the valley.

Olives are fast taking the lead over all other fruits grown in the valley. One grower near Casa Grande has an orchard of 55 acres set to this fruit and about 20,000 young olive trees in the nursery for planting later. Another fruit grower in this valley lately received 52,000 young trees. The dryness of the climate, evenness of temperature and a maximum of sunshiny days makes this an ideal climate for the olive.

Almonds and apricots do unusually well and promise to be second only to the olive in point of popularity with the fruit growers. The climate matures the apricots fully two weeks ahead of the California grown fruit and guarantees an eager market and good prices for the Arizona product.

Excellent for Grapes
Grapes grown under the sunny skies of Italy are no better than those of Casa Grande, where climatic conditions conspire to develop the maximum of sugar in this fruit.

Strawberries as early as the earliest and as late as the latest may be grown

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Oranges, lemons and grape fruit of very superior quality can be grown in this climate, which ripens them early and insures a favorable market.

Cantaloupes of the best may be grown in this valley, where open winters make it possible to market the Arizona product much earlier than in other localities where the cantaloupe is grown. Arizona-grown cantaloupes are unsurpassed in quality anywhere, and command good prices wherever offered.

Crop beans are very profitable, since two crops may be grown in one year, if planted in rotation, or a crop of beans may follow a grain crop.

Dairying is one of the most inviting of all the profitable occupations of the valley farmers, as cows may have an abundance of green food almost all the year 'round, and expensive barns are not needed to shelter stock from the cold weather.

Livestock Does Well

Livestock live in the open at all seasons and remain in good growing condition throughout the mild, sunshiny winters. If water is provided for, stock do well on the open ranges and seldom need to be fed unless the summer rainfall should be unusually scant. The many large mines in southern Arizona, some of them employing several thousand men, guarantee good markets for beef and mutton right at home. Good profits are taken by those who graze stock in the open valley and fatten them on alfalfa and grain grown on the home ranches.

Hogs are thrifter and healthier in Casa Grande where dry air and mellow

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