

XXXIII. OKLAHOMA'S RANK AMONG THE STATES  
IN NEW WEALTH PER YEAR

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Abstract

Twenty years ago Oklahoma ranked 35th among the states in the value of minerals, with an annual income of \$4,000,000. Today she ranks second with \$410,000,000, an increase during the two decades of ten thousand two hundred and fifty per cent.

Oklahoma not only ranks second in the value of minerals but she is now fifth in value of agricultural products. In the total value of both crops and minerals, that is to say in total new wealth per year, she ranks third. Only Texas with 75 years history and nearly four times her area, and Pennsylvania on the Atlantic seaboard with her vast stores of coal excel Oklahoma in annual amount of new wealth. In twenty years Oklahoma has passed the other states until she has attained her present high rank. And she can retain this rank if she keeps up the pace she has already set, not otherwise.

If Oklahoma will adopt a policy looking toward the development of her dormant natural resources, such as asphalt, salt, gypsum, lead, zinc, stone and clay, all of which she has in abundance, and will see to it that these products are manufactured and used at home, and at the same time conserve her soil she will prosper. If she does not adopt such a policy she will fall from her high estate.

The following table, taken from the latest available statistics, shows the relative rank of the 10 leading states, those whose combined agricultural and mineral wealth exceeds 400,000,000 dollars annually.

Rank	Name	Agricultural Wealth	Mineral Wealth	Total Wealth
1	Texas	1,064,000,000	249,000,000	\$1,333,000,000
2	Pennsylvania	268,000,000	823,000,000	1,081,000,000
3	Oklahoma	395,000,000	410,000,000	805,000,000
4	California	447,000,000	283,000,000	730,000,000
5	Illinois	459,000,000	244,000,000	703,000,000
6	Ohio	326,000,000	236,000,000	562,000,000
7	Iowa	475,000,000	36,000,000	411,000,000
8	West Virginia	76,000,000	358,000,000	434,000,000
9	North Carolina	415,000,000	7,000,000	422,000,000
10	Minnesota	302,000,000	111,000,000	413,000,000