

Potato Production in Pine County in 1920

Pine County was famous for its potatoes, for the wonderful quantity production as well as their fine wonderful qualities. Many of the seed potatoes for the South were grown in the county.

An acre yielded from 250 to 300 bushels. They sold for 50¢ per bushel in the fall to \$1.05 per bushel later in the year.

Potato warehouses located:

3 - Askov	4 - Henriette
2 - Brook Park	3 - Hinckley
2 - Bruno	5 - Pine City
2 - Finlayson	4 - Rock Creek
1 - Groningen	2 - Sandstone

Potato buyers:

Markville, 2 buyers
Kingsdale, 2 buyers
Sturgeon Lake, 2 produce buyers

Dates and Events of Pine County

- 1836 Whites establish a trading post on Cross Lake
1837 Land was purchased from the Indians
1856 Pine County was organized March 31 (population less than 100)
1857 First road built
1868 First railroad called Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad completed to Snake River
1868 First school in Pine County
1869 Pine County was platted - Chengwatona was first county seat
1870 Population 648 in Pine County
1872 County seat moved to Pine City
1878 First church - Presbyterian
1879 Catholic Church built
1881 Village of Pine City incorporated
1885 First newspaper, Pine County Pioneer
1886 Courthouse built
1887 Copper mining started
1887 300 men came to log on Snake River
1890 Population 11,546 - Pine City 993
1892 Mail service started
1894 Hinckley fire
1896 Sawmills close
1897 First flour mill built
1897 First fire engine purchased
1899 Fine new courthouse
1900 Tourist trade is active. Steamer Victoria makes many trips between Pine City and Pokegama Park Hotel.
1900 Electricity comes to Pine City



CULTIVATING POTATOES

SEVERAL HOUSES ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS
STANFORD, MINNESOTA



POTATO WAREHOUSES ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS
STANCHFIELD, MINNESOTA



WAGON LOAD OF POTATOES ON THE
WAY TO MARKET