

The Influence of the City in the Destiny of the Surrounding Agrarian Communities: Case of Tlajomulco in Mexico 1821-2008

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Surrounding agrarian communities have traditionally supplied the city of Guadalajara with a large variety of goods: grains, fruits, vegetables, cotton and wool fabrics, fish, pork, wood and charcoal. In the 20th century the communities ceased to be suppliers of agrarian goods. Their highly productive land was transformed into agriculturally sterile real estate neighborhoods. The abundant water in the hydrologic basin, that used to irrigate crops, now floods houses and streets. We illustrate these changes in the municipality of Tlajomulco by comparing 19th Century geographical and statistical descriptions with recent aerial photographs and satellite images.