

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest For the Year 1924

With the assistance of the various growers' associations, and the large buyers and shippers, we have been able to collect data showing total approximate export value of the products of Tulare County for the year 1924:

Segregated and classified we have the following table showing the relative value of the different industries:

Citrus Fruits -----	\$ 8,336,200.00
Raisins -----	3,620,000.00
Shipping Grapes -----	4,678,200.00
Cannery Products -----	950,000.00
Prunes -----	1,250,000.00
Dried Peaches -----	84,810.00
Shipping Peaches -----	16,150.00
Shipping Plums -----	276,300.00
Olives -----	255,000.00
Dried Figs -----	160,875.00
Fresh Figs -----	35,000.00
Pomegranates -----	32,500.00
Apricots -----	150,000.00
Walnuts -----	75,000.00
Dairy Products -----	4,200,000.00
Cattle -----	1,106,412.00
Hides and Tallow -----	115,000.00
Hogs -----	343,581.00
Sheep -----	85,000.00
Poultry and Eggs -----	736,106.00
Cotton -----	920,000.00
Wheat -----	120,000.00
Barley -----	125,000.00
Corn and Milo -----	200,000.00
Honey -----	35,000.00
Magnesite -----	360,000.00
Unclassified -----	250,000.00

\$28,516,134.00

In connection with these figures it must be borne in mind that no attempt is made to give the value of products used in home consumption. For instance, no accounting is made of hogs and cattle butchered nor for fruit, poultry and eggs used. In connection with

the dairy industry no attempt is made to estimate the value of milk and cream consumed by the cities and towns of the county.

Special attention should be given to the increase of the approximate value of all crops for the year 1924, over the returns of 1923. The total for 1923 was \$27,439,575.00, while the total for 1924 is \$28,516,134.00, showing a gain of \$1,070,559.00 for 1924.

To get the full significance of these figures one must realize that 1924 was the driest year on record for the past forty-seven years—the rainfall being less than one-half of the normal seasonal precipitation; and in addition to this, there was some frost damage to fruit, and an outbreak of foot and mouth disease among cattle and swine. The foregoing shows clearly the fundamental soundness of Tulare County investments and the value of diversified farming. Material progress was made in farm development and building activities in the towns and cities were better than anticipated.

Tulare County now has 132 primary and grammar school districts, fourteen high school districts and three union high school districts.

Primary and grammar teachers -----	425
High school teachers -----	157
Kindergarten teachers -----	9
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Total -----	591
Enrollment in high schools -----	3,147
Enrollment in grammar and primary -----	13,350
Kindergarten -----	392
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A gain of six hundred and fifty-six pupils.

Graduates from the high schools are admitted to the University of California, Stanford University and other institutions of learning in the state.

County population U. S. Census, 1920, 59,031; now estimated 74,000. Sixty-five per cent of population reside on the farms.

Assessed valuation, exclusive of corporation property, \$68,976,550.00. Corporation property \$20,917,486.00. Total assessed valuation, \$89,894,036.00 Gain \$2,029,896.00.

Tulare County has an excellent Free County Library system that maintains 108 distributing stations and has on hand 73,000 volumes, of which 41,600 are deposited in various branch stations.

There are 28 farm centers with a total membership of 2,000. This work is in conjunction with the National and State Agricultural Extension Bureau, which is under the supervision, in this county, of a competent Farm Advisor, whose services are free to those desiring the same.

The County Horticultural Commissioner's office consists of the Horticultural Commissioner and 17 inspectors. This organization is one of the most efficient in the State and services of the Commis-

Tulare County uses more electric power units per capita, than any other county in the United States. About 125,000 acres are irrigated by pumps and about 150,000 acres by the gravity canals fed from the rivers.

ROAD MAP

The attached road map shows the paved roads of the county; also of the principal dirt roads, and mountain trails:

The county paved highway system has a mileage of 241 miles, and this, with the 63 miles of State highway, gives the county 304 miles of concrete base, and connects all towns of the county with a paved road, and with the state highway.

STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State Highway passes thru the county from north to south. This highway leads into Los Angeles and Southern California points on the south, and to San Francisco, Oakland and Northern California points on the north.

The paved highway along the eastern side of the county connects on the south with the Kern County good roads system and intersects with the State Highway, in Kern County, at Delano. On the north it connects with the State Highway at Kingsburg.

SIERRA-TO-THE-SEA HIGHWAY

The State Highway Commission is constructing a paved highway, commencing in Monterey County at, or near, King City, on the Coast Highway, and extends eastward through the southern portion of Fresno County, by the way of Coalinga, and will connect with the wesetern terminus of the Kings County paved road system.

There is now a paved highway from Three Rivers west to Coalinga, in Fresno County—a distance of 105 miles. When completed, this road will pass east and west through the counties of Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Monterey and will give a direct route from the Sierras to the sea.

GIANT FOREST, GRANT PARK, AND MINERAL KING ROADS

From the terminus of the county paved highway at Three Rivers, the State Highway Commission has graded and graveled a road to the Sequoia National Park line, and from there the United States Government is constructing a fine automobile road to Giant Forest, which is in the center of the greatest number of big trees in the world. From Springville, the County Supervisors have constructed an automobile road to Camp Nelson, and Camp Wishon, and are constructing a road to Balch Park.

From Orosi east an excellent road now leads into Grant Park, where are also to be found a number of big trees. Eventually the government will construct a mountain road connecting the General Grant and Sequoia National Parks. It will then be possible to enter the mountain region from either the north or south and pass through both parks.



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