

# Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

## “OVER THE TOP”

(With Apologies to Mr. Empey)

BY

**TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

In response to the general call for an increase in food production, the fertile acres of Tulare County, responded by giving 1917 an increase of Ten Millions of Dollars over the year 1916.

With the assistance of the various growers' associations, and the large buyers and shippers, we have been able to collect data showing the total approximate export value of the products of Tulare County for the year 1917. No estimate is made for the amount of products used in home consumption.

Segregated and classified we have the following table showing the relative value of the principal industries;

Citrus fruits .....	\$3,755,789.00	Olives .....	100,000.00
Raisins .....	3,000,000.00	Hay .....	276,600.00
Dried peaches .....	1,000,000.00	Beans .....	160,000.00
Dairy products .....	2,850,000.00	Poultry and	
Horses and		Eggs .....	615,464.00
Mules .....	1,027,840.00	Beet sugar .....	375,000.00
Magnesite .....	2,466,250.00	Prunes .....	750,000.00
Wheat and		Egyptian corn,	
Barley .....	2,000,000.00	maize .....	500,000.00
Cattle .....	2,623,712.00	Honey .....	22,212.00
Hogs .....	1,865,376.00	Unclassified .....	100,000.00
Cannery products .....	1,400,000.00		
Fresh fruits,			
grapes .....	3,307,250.00		\$28,015,493.00

NOTE—Owing to the unusual weather conditions of 1916-17 the citrus fruit crop was fully 83½ per cent below normal. The same condition prevailed with the olive crop and the output was 50 per cent below normal.)

Beans and Egyptian corn not classified previous to this.

The following products show a marked increase over 1916:

Raisins .....	\$1,650,000.00	Hogs .....	618,882.00
Dried peaches .....	775,000.00	Cattle .....	966,887.00
Horses and Mules .....	665,340.00	Dairy products .....	150,000.00
Wheat and Barley .....	750,000.00	Fresh fruits .....	1,927,850.00
Hay .....	251,600.00	Cannery products .....	400,000.00
Poultry .....	115,464.00	Prunes .....	142,500.00
Magnesite .....	1,686,250.00		
Beans .....	160,000.00		
Egyptian corn,			
maize .....	500,000.00		

The net increase for 1917 over 1916 is \$10,146,279.00.

In all these lines, and many others, there is ample room for the enlargement of the field and good markets are awaiting the products.

The reflex of this prosperity shown in the figures here given, has not resulted in unsafe speculation and boom prices, but in substantial improvement in every section of the county. Many additional acres have been brought under cultivation; many orchards and vineyards have been planted and much land seeded to alfalfa.

On the farms substantial improvements have been made and in every city and town new buildings of various kinds have been erected; new school houses have been constructed in many localities and business in all lines was never better.

The county now has 137 primary and grammar school districts. Nine High School Districts and three Union High School Districts.

Primary and Grammar School Teachers .....	303
High School Teachers .....	94
Enrollment in Primary and Grammar Grades .....	8,809
Enrollment in High School .....	1,708
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT .....</b>	<b>10,617</b>

Graduates from Grammar Schools .....	602
Graduates from High School .....	286

Graduates from the High Schools are admitted to University of California, Stanford University and other institutions of learning within the borders of California.

**Estimated Population of the County 50,000.**

Tulare County maintains a Free County Library system which maintains 106 distributing stations and on March 31, 1918, had on hand 34,477 volumes.

Circulation for the year ending June 30th, 1917, 138,673.

During 1917 thirteen Farm Centers were organized with a membership of eight hundred and forty-three contributing members. This work is under the supervision of a competent and practical Farm Advisor whose services are free to those desiring the same.

The County Horticultural Commissioner's office consists of the Horticultural Commissioner and fifteen inspectors. This organization is one of the most efficient in the state and the services of the Commissioner and his assistants are also free to those desiring advice along Horticultural lines.

**ELECTRIC POWER**

The mountain streams of Tulare County generate for the Mt. Whitney, and San Joaquin electric power plants, 32,000 horsepower of hydro-electric energy that is always available for commercial and domestic purposes. There are 3100 pumping plants in the county; 2300 of which are driven by electricity. About 125,000 acres are irrigated by pump irrigation. About 150,000 acres are irrigated by gravity canals fed by the rivers.

## GOOD ROADS

The work on the good roads system, under the supervision of the Board of County Supervisors, is progressing rapidly in the face of many difficulties in the matter of securing material and transportation. The main east side line from Richgrove on the south to Dinuba on the north is completed and open to traffic.

Many of the laterals are under construction and contracts have been let on others and by the close of the year it is expected that the system will be completed.

## STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State Highway is to be finished within the next few months. 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 will intersect with the State Highway, in Kern County, a few miles north of Delano.

## SIERRA-TO-THE-SEA HIGHWAY

The State Highway Commission will construct a paved highway commencing in Monterey county st. or near King City, on the Coast Highway, and extend eastward through the southern portion of Fresno county by the way of Coalinga, and will connect with the western terminus of the Kings county paved road system.

There is now a paved highway from Lemoore east through Hanford to Visalia, and when the eastern extension of the County Highway from Visalia to Three Rivers is completed, there will be an east and west line from Three Rivers to King City. This line will pass east and west through the counties of Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Monterey.

When the county and state highways are completed, all the principal towns in the county will be connected with a system of permanent roads, and the citizens of this county will have a system of paved roads connecting with all the principal points of Northern and Southern California and also direct communication with the coast counties on the west.

## GIANT FOREST, GRANT PARK AND MINERAL KING ROADS

From Three Rivers north and east the county and U. S. Government are constructing a good automobile road into Sequoia National Park and Giant Forest, where are to be found the greatest number of big trees in the world. From Three Rivers east a road is being constructed to Mineral King and the high Sierras. This road will eventually extend up Kern River Canyon to Mt. Whitney.

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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