

Tulare County Board of Trade Bulletin

Items of Special Interest For the Year 1923

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 1923:

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

Citrus Fruits	\$ 6,499,000.00
Raisins	3,500,000.00
Shipping Grapes	2,705,820.00
Cannery Products	1,466,620.00
Prunes	1,200,000.00
Dried Peaches	240,000.00
Shipping Peaches	37,280.00
Shipping Plums	71,760.00
Olives	750,000.00
Dried Figs	185,000.00
Fresh Figs	50,000.00
Pomegranates	350,000.00
Dairy Products	4,300,000.00
Poultry and Eggs	1,500,000.00
Cattle	1,996,105.00
Hogs	417,990.00
Sheep	75,000.00
Wheat	600,000.00
Barley	375,000.00
Corn and Milo	350,000.00
Honey	40,000.00
Magnesite	430,000.00
Unclassified	300,000.00
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	\$27,439,575.00

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.

When we commenced compiling these figures we were of the opinion that the final statement would show a sum total less than the returns of 1922—having our opinion on the fact that the losses suffered on many of our leading industries, as shown on first returns, totaled

\$3,340,830.00. When all figures were compiled the result showed that other industries absorbed this deficit and made a total gain of \$147,557.00 over the figures of 1922, as for 1922 we have a total production of \$27,291,718.00 and for 1923 we have a total of \$27,439,575.00.

These figures show the solidity of Tulare County and the value of diversified farming as nothing else could, and taking into consideration general conditions, the market situation and adverse weather conditions, we realize that while here, as elsewhere, we have an "off year" now and then, the county is on a solid basis, and its future as promising as its past has been prosperous. Much material progress was made during 1923 and the increase in population is reflected in our school attendance.

Tulare County now has 137 primary and grammar school districts, ten high school districts and three union high school districts.

Primary and grammar teachers	421
High school teachers	165
Kindergarten teachers	8
	8
Total	594

A gain of thirty teachers.

Enrollment in high schools	3,060
Enrollment in grammar and primary	12,738
Kindergarten	435
	8
	16,233

A gain of six hundred and eighty-nine 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 72,000. Sixty-five per cent of population reside on the farms.

Assessed valuation, exclusive of corporation property, \$68,534,135.00. Corporation property \$19,330,005.00. Total assessed valuation, \$87,864,140.00. Gain \$4,220,856.00.

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 27 farm centers with a total membership of 2,064 members. 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.

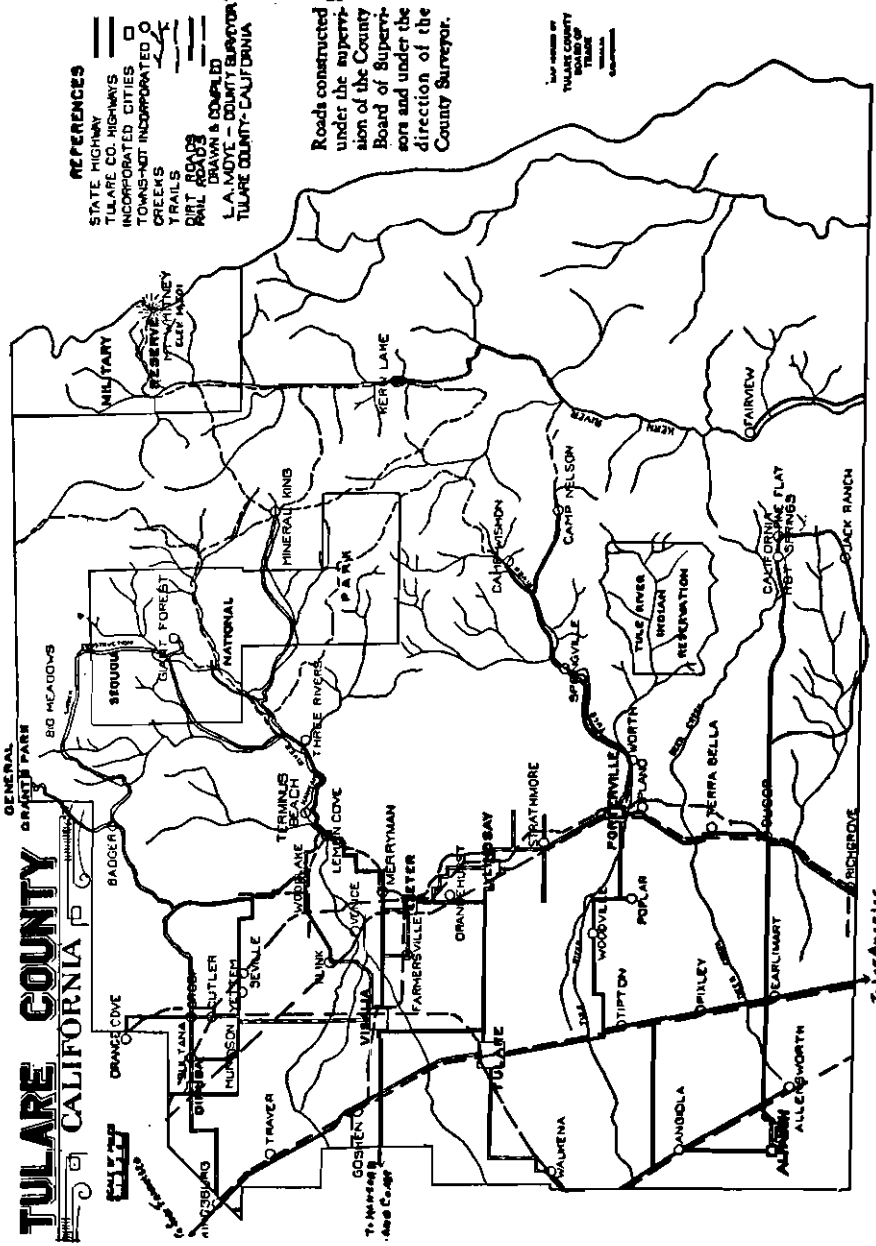
The County Horticultural Commissioner's office consists of the Horticultural Commissioner and 17 inspectors. This organization is one of the most efficient in the State and services of the Commissioner and his assistants are also free to those desiring advice along horticultural lines.

Electric Power is a great factor in the industrial and domestic life of Tulare County. The Southern California Edison Co. and the

San Joaquin Light & Power Co. carry a connected load of 85,000 horsepower, with an unlimited supply available. There are 3,500 pumping plants in the county—3,000 of which are electrically driven. 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:



PAVED COUNTY HIGHWAYS

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, which is the greatest mileage of hard finished roads of any county in the United States and connects all towns of the county with a paved road.

STATE HIGHWAY

The San Joaquin Valley line of the State Highway passes through 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 western 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 will construct 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.

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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