

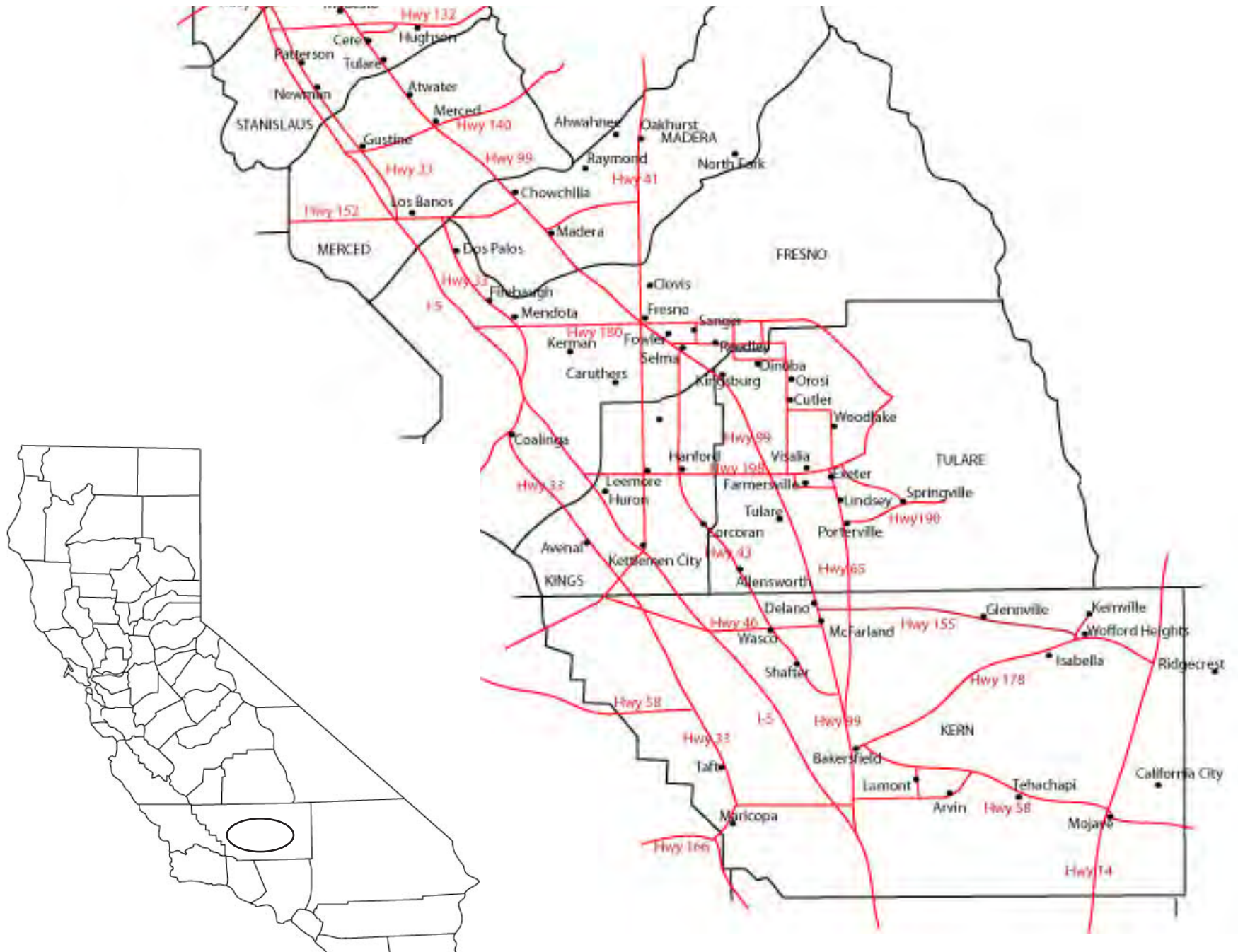
# Kern County

The Kern County Courthouse in Bakersfield.  
Part 3 of 6: Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter, Arvin,  
Lamont, Weedpatch.



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# Delano

Delano is a farm town on Highway 99. The town was founded in 1869 as a railroad town. The first post office was built in 1874 and the city incorporated in 1913. (July 2003)



# Delano

The town became famous in the 1960's when farmworkers began to unionize. The Cesar Chavez-led grape boycott was centered here. (July 2003)



# Delano

Delano has a population of 53,000. It is also home to two state prisons. (July 2003)



# Delano

(July 2003)



# McFarland

McFarland is another farm community on Highway 99. The population is about 13,000 and is almost 100% Hispanic. Large portions of the downtown are vacant. Farmworkers used to fill the streets during the harvest season. Now much of the work is done by machine. (May 2005)



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# McFarland

(December 2009)



# Wasco

Wasco calls itself the "Rose Capital of the World." The post office opened in 1899. It has a population of 25,000. (June 2000)



# Wasco



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# Wasco

This is a chemical plant in downtown Wasco. Chemicals are a big part of agriculture. (June 2000)



# Wasco

Wasco also has a state prison with about 8,000 prisoners.  
(October 2003)



# Wasco



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(October 2003)



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# Wasco

Table grapes are picked by hand. Wine grapes are usually picked by machine. (October 2003)



# Wasco

(October 2003)





# Wasco

(October 2003)



# Shafter

Population: 17,000. The town dates back to 1898 when the post office was built. It became a city in 1938. This is a water feature in a downtown park. (October 2003)



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Farmworker housing. (October 2003)



# Shafter

(October 2003)



# Shafter

Cotton is a very popular crop in this part of the state. It is a federally subsidized crop plus it is irrigated with federally subsidized water. Cotton growers are conservatives who vote Republican. There is probably no other group that is so dependent on the government. Go figure. (October 2003)



# Shafter

(October 2003)



# Shafter

(December 2009)



# Shafter

(December 2009)



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(December 2009)



# Lamont

Lamont is a farm town south of Bakersfield. Its population of 15,000 is nearly all Hispanic. The town was founded in 1923 but didn't get a post office until 1947. (May 2005)



# Lamont

Carrots being processed. (May 2005)





# Lamont

(May 2005)



# Lamont

A typical street. (May 2005)



# Lamont

(May 2005)



Lamont

(May 2005)



# Lamont

(May 2005)





# Weedpatch

Weedpatch is famous because it was one of the first federally operated camps for farmworkers. (May 2005)



# Arvin

Mostly Hispanic Arvin dates back to 1914 when a post office was established. It became a city in 1960. (May 2005)



**Arvin**

(May 2005)



# Arvin

(May 2005)



# Arvin

The library. (May 2005)



# Arvin

*A large park downtown. The city sits on top of a major oil field. You don't see any oil rigs because of slant drilling. (May 2005)*



# Arvin

(May 2005)



Arvin

(May 2005)



# Arvin

Veterans' Memorial Hall. (May 2005)

