

Average Bazaar prices of Grain and Salt, per Madras Garce, and Rain Report of all the Districts
of the Madras Presidency for the month of *March* 1868, Fusly 1277.

DISTRICTS.	PRICES OF GRAIN AND SEA SALT.												RAIN-FALL.				
	2nd Sort Rice.		2nd Sort Paddy.		Cholum.		Raggy.		Horse Gram.		Sea Salt.		Northern Section.	Southern do.	Eastern do.	Western do.	Average.
	Fusly 1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.	1276.	1277.					
Northern Section.	Ganjam	295	179	112	72	211	109	202	102	190	102	272	298	0.40	0.30	0.20	0.30
	Vizagapatam	247	192	102	70	106	85	149	98	169	109	241	272	"	"	"	"
	Godavery	301	177	133	79	156	99	166	91	203	104	240	238	1.15	"	0.40	0.52
	Kistna	410	277	196	125	251	173	192	146	238	149	291	261	"	"	"	"
	Nellore	421	383	202	191	286	222	247	199	269	218	263	256	"	"	"	"
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	595	422	278	230	326	205	275	228	305	244	330	329	"	"	"	"
	Bellary	630	431	283	189	277	184	276	165	293	180	432	401	0.60	"	0.02	0.15
	Kurnool	532	418	213	192	281	191	225	176	270	199	327	319	"	"	"	"
East Centre.	Madras	342	412	166	198	298	212	312	242	365	261	269	267	"	"	"	"
	North Arcot	402	368	172	180	341	272	318	205	290	233	243	251	"	"	"	"
	South Arcot	379	372	160	174	216	203	240	220	261	238	253	270	"	0.62	"	0.15
Cauvery.	Tanjore	364	313	169	154	214	231	202	182	252	234	237	252	"	"	"	"
	Trichinopoly	435	427	195	198	464	171	324	196	287	250	292	298	0.15	"	"	0.04
Southern Section.	Madura	492	404	231	194	238	204	209	184	287	232	288	266	2.70	"	0.48	0.63
	Tinnevely	475	392	229	184	326	"	226	160	333	271	287	271	0.78	2.15	1.36	2.15
West Centre.	Coimbatore	496	405	234	209	300	257	263	207	234	273	273	262	0.15	0.10	"	0.47
	Salem	464	380	202	162	267	223	276	204	245	233	295	262	"	"	"	"
West	South Canara	395	316	168	143	"	"	300	236	369	304	284	282	"	"	"	"
	Malabar	249	377	220	183	"	"	325	251	307	200	200	207	0.75	0.16	"	0.27

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

Northern Section. No rain fell in this circle except in Ganjam where it was scanty.

In Ganjam, green gram, Raggy and other smaller crops had been cut and the yield had been fair.

In

In Vizagapatam, Cottan, Sudego and Sugar-Cane had been cultivated in parts of the District. Sweet-potatoes had just arrived at maturity.

In the Godavery District Paddy cultivation had been progressing and Gingelly ~~plants~~ plants had been thriving. Cotton was generally being picked. Lamp-oil-seeds had been gathered and Tobacco cut.

In the Richur District the Dry and Wet produce was being stored by the ryots. Cotton and Sudego had yielded a good harvest. The later Dry crops, Chillies and Lamp-oil-seeds were being reaped and stored.

In Nellore the second crop of maize had been cultivated in greater quantities in one of the Salugs. The Dry crops in Godavari had been doing well but the wet crops in Nellore, Kavali and Kindakur Salugs had been generally in a poor condition from want of water. The young Wet plants lately sown in Kindakur were

were being watered by the ryots with great difficulty.

Prices remained stationary except in the Godavery District where they had slightly risen.

Small-pox, fever and dysentery were generally prevailing throughout our circle. Cattle too were not free from disease.

Ceded District. No rain fell in this circle except in Bellary where it was scanty.

In Cuddapah the season had still been very unfavorable, more especially in the Northern Salugs, where drinking water and pasturage had become scarce. In portions of the Southern Salugs, Sugar-Cane had been planted and Sudego, maize, Raggy, Rice and Tobacco sown.

Paddy was being cultivated in one Salug and some Dry crops had been harvested in the Southern and Eastern sections of the District, but the yield had by no means been satisfactory.

In Bellary, the harvest of the later crops proved a partial failure.

In Kurnool, second crop Paddy had been harvested and Cotton gathered in certain localities.

Fever and Small-pox generally prevailed in these Districts and Cattle too suffered to some extent from Murrain.

East Coast There were only slight showers in parts of Madras and S. Arcot.

In Madras, Manakattay Paddy had been cultivated to a small extent in Saluz irrigated by river channels, but in Chingleput they had been fast perishing from drought. Samba Crop had been cultivated in some three Saluz and Peggy, reaped in Canyerum.

In South Arcot cultivation operations had been in the wane in Palamangudi, Chittoor, Wandurath, and Vellur, and in other Saluz Gingelly. Peggy, Manakattay and Supernum had been cultivated only to a small extent by means of private wells. The standing crops had generally perished and the others had been

been drooping for want of water. Groundnuts, Sugar-cane, Peggy Tobacco and Sholl on dry land and some Paddy on wet land had been harvested but the yield was poor.

In South Arcot the harvest of Kurjah crops had been nearly over but that of Horsegram, Lamp oil seeds, Indigo and Tobacco and other dry crops had still been progressing.

Public health on the whole was good, but fever and Small-pox had not been entirely absent.

Prices were slightly falling in South Arcot and remained stationary in others.

Cannery

In Tanjore there had been no rain during Month and the rivers had ceased to flow. The dry crops had generally perished and such of them as had not perished yielded but a scanty harvest. The Gingelly oil seed cultivation had been seriously damaged throughout the District.

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The cultivation season had been
completely over in Treichinopoly.

Public health was slightly affected
by Cholera and small-pox.

Prices were fluctuating in Tanjore.
Southam Section In Madurai Paddy was
being harvested, but the yield was much
below the average. Cholera was being feared.

Cotton and Indigo plants had been healthy.

In Tinnevely rain fell throughout
the District and several tanks received a small
supply of water. Advantage was largely
taken in the District of the recent orders regarding
the growing of a hot weather crop without an
additional charge. Pashanum crop had been
reaped in parts of the District. The standing crops
had been generally doing well. Cotton was being
picked and the harvest promised to be very
satisfactory.

Public health had in the whole
been good.

Prices

Prices had been fluctuating in
Madurai and falling in Tinnevely.

West Centre

Rain fell only in Coimbatore but
it was scanty and partial.

In Coimbatore, land had not yet
been ploughed up. The second crop Paddy
under the Bhawany and Amaravathy
channels was about to be harvested. Mandarin

Sugar-Cane and betel-nuts had been
indifferent. Cotton cultivation had been
suffering from want of water. Wheat
and Tobacco had been harvested.

In Salem, Cholera, Raggy
Kumbar, had been partially cultivated
on garden lands, but the wet crops in
two Taluqs had been drooping for want
of rain and those under the Cauvery

channel

Channel alone had been in a good condition. Paddy, Cholum, Raggy

Gingelly oil seed and Sugar-cane under well irrigation had been harvested. Indigo plants had been thriving.

Prices were fluctuating.

Public health was affected partly by Cholera but chiefly by fever, ague and Small-pox.

West. In South Canara the third rice cultivation had not been thriving owing to the inadequacy of the irrigation supply.

In Malabar, land had been ploughed up for cultivation in some Taluqs.

Public health had generally been good but Small-pox was still prevalent.

Prices were almost stationary.

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices for the month of March 1868 Fusly 1277

Districts.	COTTON.				Market rate of cleaned Cotton per candy of 500 lbs.	INDIGO.				Market rate of cake Indigo per maund of 25 lbs.
	Fusly 1276.		Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1276.		Fusly 1277.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Ganjam	6249	13123	7593	13906	135	50	50	40	46	49
2 Vizagapatam	21740	62458	19341	44350	110	3046	17675	3428	20423	43
3 Godavery... ..	33123	68187	13415	22712	97	850	1230	297	496	43
4 Kistna	177670	249131	197587	285493	82	13430	24539	8276	16584	50
5 Nellore	36031	35203	33085	34571	84	17074	36866	13541	32770	45
6 Cuddapah... ..	60175	72138	58758	76281	80 to 120	12468	50005	15647	68556	50 to 62
7 Bellary	305028	304029	410297	430275	75	787	940	1132	1624	55
8 Kurnool	198490	203087	218878	236936	74	1895	6373	6849	15683	59
9 Madras	62	91	24	34	70	5164	12545	4427	9398	47
10 North Arcot	2189	6162	1673	3937	114	10817	23402	11982	24996	32
11 South Arcot	21076	48719	18726	42644	95	40995	97292	41539	85781	33
12 Tanjore	4284	5764	3685	3826	100	607	1863	847	2555	14
13 Trichinopoly... ..	101056	132993	82340	113033	72	79	121	146	204	19
14 Madura	69699	116694	61900	101879	96	51	89	48	86	34
15 Tinnevely... ..	21691	207878	203967	192979	112	413	308	408	373	31
16 Coimbatore	185529	117954	119247	125867	90	"	"	"	"	24
17 Salem	13421	19302	15826	22752	754	535	1288	1069	2860	41
Total ..	1392733	1652311	1466042	1740978		117961	374586	109676	282360	

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras, 30 April 1868.

Secretary.

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The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Answered
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The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

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The Secretary to

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