

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 *August* 1868, Fussy 1278.

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.
		Fussy 1277.	1278.	1277.	1278.	1277.	1278.	1277.	1278.	1277.	1278.	1277.	1278.					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.
Northern Section.	Ganjam	264	193	104	75	129	108	194	113	173	113	284	279	1.10	1.00	1.20	1.30	1.90
	Viragapatam	214	193	80	79	119	100	107	103	150	106	275	271	1.80	1.30	1.40	1.15	1.91
	Godavery	251	170	115	84	142	90	140	85	165	117	257	254	1.34	1.05	1.04	1.77	1.70
	Kistna	388	275	180	122	229	160	178	123	225	142	261	279	1.32	1.30	1.83	1.78	1.39
	Nellore	372	330	175	156	234	167	190	148	278	174	257	258	1.00	1.40	1.13	1.13	1.92
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	475	463	217	228	276	305	237	246	260	340	333	2.30	2.00	2.55	1.30	0.74	
	Bellary	484	429	209	183	276	176	264	164	307	189	461	411	1.00	1.40	1.30	1.30	1.80
	Kurnool	504	410	223	196	235	192	210	180	271	209	344	344	1.75	1.75	1.40	1.67	1.67
East Centre.	Madras	427	457	180	225	285	264	323	248	338	277	267	267	0.99	0.37	0.87	1.10	1.33
	North Arcot	411	400	180	193	267	249	282	263	288	256	267	246	1.60	1.60	1.10	1.10	1.10
	South Arcot	399	367	138	165	233	216	248	227	255	233	259	267	1.72	1.51	1.64	1.14	1.83
Cauvery.	Tanjore	411	364	193	169	265	235	223	182	284	269	258	252	1.10	1.70	1.80	0.90	1.27
	Trichinopoly	449	392	206	182	205	227	224	216	252	271	301	288	1.63	1.15	1.16	1.62	1.64
Southern Section.	Madura	492	407	247	234	247	227	262	222	277	357	287	281	1.60	1.92	0.85	0.16	1.36
	Tinnevely	465	448	220	219	253	239	252	237	310	342	271	305	0.29	0.00	0.40	0.72	0.25
West Centre.	Coimbatore	497	464	239	240	281	352	261	285	245	337	343	342	0.30	0.73	1.23	0.34	0.90
	Salem	450	431	203	200	257	255	263	244	246	260	309	303	1.03	1.15	1.20	1.00	1.22
West	South Canara	246	312	158	145	"	"	298	247	301	332	253	252	1.80	1.62	1.40	1.40	1.80
	Malabar	389	410	178	201	"	"	275	238	258	344	260	287	1.05	1.49	1.39	1.62	0.29

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

Northern Section.

There was a good fall of rain throughout the Circle.

In Ganjam, the drought during the middle of the month slightly affected the Raddi plants, but subsequent showers proved beneficial.

beneficial. Gingelly had been cut, but in a few places alone was the yield good.

In Vijayapatam Raddy and the standing Dry Crops suffered from drought. The transplantation of the former was still going on, while Cumbrs and Gingelly oil plants were being reaped. Tobacco, Chillies, Indigo, Sugar-cane, and Cotton were being cultivated.

In the Godavari District, the Godavari and the Galeri received freshes, and the Anicut Channels, and tanks were nearly full. Wet cultivation under the Channels was nearly completed and Raddy was thriving. Transplantation of Raddy was progressing under tanks. Dry Raddy suffered a little from drought, but the early dry Crops were doing well.

Gingelly was being cut, and the yield was reported to be good. Land was being ploughed for Jonna. Sugar Cane & Petal gardens were flourishing. Cotton cultivation had commenced.

In the Kistna District, the early crops such as Sugga, Mukkazonna &c had been down,

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down, but the latter were in some taluqs, injured by worms. Wet Crops were not extensively planted, nor were the existing ones healthy. Cotton and Indigo were cultivated to some extent. About the middle of August, the Kistna overflowed its banks, and caused much damage.

In Nellore, the state of the Wet and Dry Crops was generally good, and in some localities Sugga and Indigo were being cut.

Prices were rising in the Northern Districts, and fluctuating in the Southern ones.

Fever and small-pox were prevalent, while Measles, sore-eyes, and Dysentery existed in some parts.

District There was an abundant fall of rain in this Circle.

In Cuddapah, the standing Crops and Sugar Cane in Vilpand taluq were in a promising condition. Transplantation padu was being raised in several places, and the late Crops of Cholum, Indigo, Corra, Sugga, and

and Arika were cut, but the out turn was not very profitable.

In Bellary, the growing crops were looking well. Cotton, Raddy, Raggy, and Korra were being sown in some taluqs; while Cholum and other crops were reaped.

In Kurnool, froches came down the Tungabhadra. Raddy, Korra, and Cotton were sown. In some taluqs, Dry Crops were suffering from blight.

Prices were stationary.

The public health was good except where affected by fever and small-pox.

Cattle disease was also prevalent to a small extent.

The rain fall in this circle was slight East Centre and partial.

In Madras, seeds were sown, but did not shoot up in some parts of the District. Sumba Crops were withering for want of water. Cumbr, and Gingelly plants in Travelling were being destroyed by insects.

In North Arcot, there was little cultivation during the month. In some parts Raddy, and Raggy were sown on Kinjah; & Veragu, Lam and Cholum on Kinjah lands to a limited extent. The standing crops were thriving, where rain had fallen, but drooping in other places. Cumbr, Cholum, Indigo, Raddy, Veragu, Raggy, and Gingelly Oil seed had been harvested. Indigo alone yielded well. Pasture was sufficient.

In South Arcot, froches came down the Coleroon and Vellar, and the river fed tanks received water varying from 15 days to 2 months. The earlier Dry Crops had been withering in several places for want of rain, but later ones were doing well. The fall of rain during the month enabled the sowing of the Dry grains

grains being completed in places where it was put off for want of rain. Wet cultivation had commenced and was progressing. Raggy, Cumbrs, and Gingelly Oil seeds were being harvested and Indigo cut in some places.

Prices were nearly stationary.

Public health was good, except where affected by Fever. Cattle disease prevailed a little.

There was a slight fall of Cannery rain.

In Tanjore, cultivation had been progressing by the aid of seasonable rains. High freshes came down the Cannery and proved beneficial. The Kunjah crops in the Delta Taluqs were thriving. Cumbrs was being harvested in the unirrigated taluqs.

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In Tirichinopoly, Kar and Sumbak in the irrigated; and Cumbrs, Cholam, Lamp Oil seeds, Shamug, and other dry grains in the unirrigated villages had been cultivated. Valam Raddy, Cumbrs; and Gingelly Oil seeds had been harvested. Certain dry crops were drooping for want of rain.

Prices were stationary.

The sanitary condition of this circle was good.

Southern section.

The rain fell in these Districts was very scanty.

In Madura, the standing crops were suffering from want of rain. Kunjah lands under river fed tanks had been sown and transplanted. Codai Raddy, Raggy, Varagoo, Cumbrs, and Gingelly Oil seed raised on Kunjah, Cholam,

Cholum, Cumbrs, and other dry grains on Loonyah were being harvested. Cotton and Indigo plants were not healthy. In Immerelly, Raddy looked healthy, and was ready for the tickle in the Western taluqs, but in the Eastern taluqs the crops were suffering from want of water.

The prices were fluctuating in Madura, and stationary in Immerelly.

Rath health was good.

In Coimbatore, there was West C little or no rain. In some taluqs, Horre-gram, Black gram and other dry crops were being sown. In Colligal, Dhorapottum, and Bhowany, they were fading for want of rain. Cholum, Raggy & Singelly crops were

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were being harvested in three taluqs. Cotton crops did not look well, but forage for cattle was pretty good. The Car paddy crops under the Bhowany were in a good condition. Bhowany and Ambavuty valleys had been ploughed. Tanks & wells were pretty full.

In Salem, there was a slight fall of rain. In some taluqs, the dry crops such as Samai, Varago, Raggy, Singelly, Oil seeds, Horre-gram & Cholum had been raised; but in others they were reported to be fading from want of a sufficient supply of water. The wet crops were in a flourishing condition, and Raddy was being transplanted. Small quantities of Cumbrs, Raggy, Varago, Singelly, Oil seeds and other dry grains were harvested in many parts of the District, and

Raddy

Raddy in Darampore Taluk. Cotton and Indigo plants were looking well.

Prices were rising in Coimbatore and fluctuating in Salem.

Fever, small-pox and Dysentery were prevalent to some extent.

There was little rain in this Circle. West In South Canara, Raddy was in ear but required more rain.

In Malabar the first or Kaimi Crop had been harvested and is expected to yield a fair return. The sowing of the second or Magorum Crops had also commenced with slight interruption in some parts of the District for want of rain.

Prices were stationary. Fever was prevalent in South Canara, but the cattle were generally healthy.

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices for the month of August 1868 Fusly 1278

Districts.	COTTON.				Market rate of cleaned Cotton per candy of 500 lbs.	INDIGO.				Market rate of cake Indigo per maund of 25 lbs.
	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.			Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		
	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	8378	7464	6113	11236	172	2	6	30	30	52
2 Vizagapatam	9447	19539	11220	25089	122	669	5687	932	6418	35
3 Godavery... ..	362	1160	583	1420	116	41	147	298	678	48
4 Kistna	932	419	6900	6312	102	561	1784	3360	6968	87
5 Nellore	127	134	2291	2435	92	4855	10652	13183	27671	48
6 Cuddapah... ..	5227	3525	2085	1245	7982	49527	8306	19080	506074	74
7 Bellary	6378	6442	17527	16068	98	412	745	1657	1792	61
8 Kurnool	18832	17393	19299	17505	92	2663	8989	15977	25704	62
9 Madras	6	8				2490	5220	5277	14554	52
10 North Arcot	662	1574	4645	3105	138	8272	17148	6367	13460	53
11 South Arcot	1255	2586	728	1520	64	26806	50866	22190	42127	36
12 Tanjore	421	458	553	681	166	670	2298	311	1123	12
13 Trichinopoly... ..	13	6	299	277	93	20	25	70	207	16
14 Madura	19100	27326	3434	5048	87	33	59	23	60	38
15 Tinnevely... ..	2021	1243	860	935	122	29	79	22	52	31
16 Coimbatore	26101	22436	38248	31743	97					27
17 Salem	3734	5226	5674	8246	146	372	1503	877	2578	39
Total...	97596	115857	117169	132865		55076	152625	78600	164132	

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 tricts of the Madras Presidency, with remarks
 on the season for the month of July 1868.*

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