

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 April 1868, Fussy 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.					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	
Northern Section.	Ganjam	292	174	109	70	196	110	188	108	189	102	260	275	0.60	0.20	0.30	1.30	0.60
	Vizagapatam ...	228	184	104	75	146	88	154	98	183	99	301	265	1.20	"	0.10	0.95	0.60
	Godavery	276	173	127	77	153	92	159	86	194	98	241	249	1.32	"	0.08	1.05	0.61
	Kistna	429	268	200	119	232	164	182	142	240	134	269	257	"	"	"	"	"
	Nellore	403	373	193	178	269	211	230	178	318	191	263	255	"	"	"	"	"
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	546	485	260	238	317	268	268	248	339	246	335	339	"	0.18	"	0.40	0.11
	Bellary	544	439	216	154	251	173	252	165	292	175	457	397	0.37	0.02	0.10	0.30	0.20
	Kurnool ...	528	401	234	186	233	186	306	187	267	194	346	324	"	0.03	0.14	1.28	0.36
East Centre.	Madras	397	428	162	203	203	233	307	248	363	263	298	267	"	"	"	"	"
	North Arcot ...	391	388	167	182	201	252	295	231	291	237	242	257	0.10	"	"	1.20	0.30
	South Arcot	372	365	160	163	241	226	247	202	255	226	258	275	0.10	"	"	"	0.02
Cauvery.	Tanjore	383	329	177	153	257	236	208	182	267	227	234	252	0.07	0.16	"	"	0.05
	Trichinopoly ...	442	412	198	192	169	159	230	190	259	256	291	291	0.33	"	"	0.19	0.13
Southern Section.	Madura	467	402	219	197	257	202	289	190	279	223	279	453	0.87	1.12	"	"	0.47
	Tinnevelly	441	385	213	179	326	"	218	176	312	260	277	275	1.03	0.25	"	2.49	0.94
West Centre.	Coimbatore	490	450	227	217	295	261	205	238	286	274	341	434	0.20	1.24	0.78	0.17	0.62
	Salem	416	389	184	177	261	248	242	222	227	222	304	230	1.60	1.60	1.70	"	0.40
West	South Canara	404	318	168	146	"	"	316	259	358	293	254	254	2.00	2.67	4.40	1.37	2.60
	Malabar	463	394	235	182	"	"	313	255	317	318	393	299	5.24	1.02	2.85	1.47	2.65

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

Northern Section

There was a slight fall of rain in the Districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavery, but in the first mentioned District alone, was it sufficient to enable the ryots to plough their lands.

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In Vijayapatam, the standing crops ^{have} been in a tolerably good condition. Cotton and Sugar cane cultivation had still been progressing in a few Taluqs. Pasture and water had not been scarce.

In the Godavary District summer Raddy had been generally thriving. The later Gingely crop was being cut and the yields had been reported to be satisfactory. Cotton was being picked and sugar cane had been thriving. Raddy seed beds had been under preparation, but the seed had not made much progress owing to the main channels being shut up for repairs. Want of water had been felt in parts of fine Taluqs.

In the Nistnah District, the late dry crops had been thrashed and housed by the ryots. Cotton and Indigo yielded a good harvest. Pasturage and water had been deficient in the Western Taluqs.

In Killore, Supra, Kooru, Janna and Indigo had been cultivated in a few Taluqs

Taluqs. The Wet Crops in Gudur & Killore ^{have} been withering for want of water and the Killore Crops yielded but a scanty harvest. Kodavary, Sonnawari, Raggy, Tobacco &c. were being cut in these Taluqs.

Prices were stationary in all the Districts of the Circle except Godavary where they had slightly fallen.

Small pox and fever had been generally prevailing and cattle had been partially suffering from diarrhoea.

Ceded Districts.

There was a slight fall of rain in this Circle.

In Cuddapah the standing dry crops had ^{been} withering in a few Taluqs, but those in the Eastern section had been harvested. Sugar Cane, Janna, & Raggy had been harvested in a few Taluqs but the yield was by no means satisfactory. Indigo, Janna and Kooru had been cultivated under wells & channels in a few localities.

In Bellary, the harvest of the Hungari crops had been completed and most of

of the negas lands had been ploughed up.

In Kurnool, the second crop paddy had been cut.

Water in this circle had become scarce but it is reported that there was abundance of pasture and fodder for cattle in a few Taluqs of Bellary.

Prices were fluctuating.

Fever and small pox had been generally prevalent, and Cattle disease was very prevalent.

There was no rain in this circle during the month except a few drizzles in Madras and North Arcot and want of water had been greatly felt.

In Madras Savara crops & Raggy had been harvested to a limited extent.

In North Arcot, Red Raggy, Sugarcane and Paddy had been cultivated to a limited extent. Raggy, Cholam, Chillies, Gingelly Oil seed, Sabara, Indigo and Car beans other paddy and Sugar cane raised maize well had been doing well, which others had been drooping. Paddy, Red Raggy, Cholam Oil seed & Chillies had been harvested but the yield was much below the average.

In South Arcot Madras & Madras crop had been harvested in a few localities.

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Among dry crops, Cholam and Cumboo had been harvested. Indigo, Cotton, Tobacco and Sugar Cane had been cut and Gingelly Oil seeds were being gathered.

Prices were stationary in North Arcot and fluctuating in others.

Small pox, fever and ague had been generally prevalent.

Cattle disease prevailed in all these Districts. In North Arcot they suffered from fever of every type.

Canvey

In Tanjore there was no rain during the month except a few drizzles here and there; the various branches of the Canvey had been quite dried up except the southernmost one, and want of water had been severely felt by both man and beast. The Gingelly oil seed and a few other minor crops yielded but a scanty harvest.

In Trichinopoly, there was a slight fall of rain in parts of three Taluqs. And Paddy had

had been cultivated in some parts of the District
and Kodai Car and Gingelly Oil seed harvested
in others.

Prices were moderate.

Men and Cattle were generally healthy and
remarkably so in Tanjore, notwithstanding the
unusual severity of the season and the great want
of water.

There was a slight fall of rain in this Circle
and low freshes came down the Tambraparni.

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section

In Madras, Cholum, Paggy and Gingelly
Oil seed had been sown, but Poorjale crops were
drooping and Cotton indifferent.

In Tinnevely, the Pishanum rice crop
had still been under the sickle. Higher up the
Tambraparni, the irrigated lands had been
ploughed up for the Car crop. Cotton had
been picked.

Prices were fluctuating.

People were generally healthy, but water
and pasturage were failing in Madras.

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West Centre.

There were a few showers of rain
throughout this Circle.

In Coimbatore the Dry lands had been
ploughed up. Cotton had been gathered in some
Talugs but in others it had been suffering
from want of water. Cholum had been cultivated
under wells. The second crop Paddy under the
Bhowany river had been harvested. Sugar Cane,
Plantain, and Betelnuts had ~~not~~ been in
a good condition.

In Salem, Cholum, Guamboo, and Paggy
had been cultivated in parts of the District by
the aid of well irrigation; but the standing
wet crops had been drooping for want of rain.
Paddy, Cholum, Paggy and Lamp oil seeds
had been generally harvested but the yields
had not been satisfactory.

Prices were fluctuating in Coimbatore
and stationary in Salem.

Public health in this circle was
affected.

affected by fever, ague, small pox and Cholera and cattle had still been suffering from disease in Salem.

Want of water and pasture was much felt in Salem.

Rain fell only to a limited extent of these Districts.

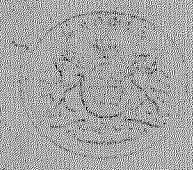
In South Canara the third rice crops had greatly suffered from want of water. Preparations were being made for raising seedlings for the next year's cultivation.

In Malabar the first crop cultivation had commenced.

Prices were stationary. Public health was in the whole good.

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Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices for the month of April 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 127		Fusly 127			Fusly 127		Fusly 127		
		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	"	"	2634	6400	135	"	"	"	"	49
2	Vizagapatam	144	1797	121	299	103	55	956	48	356	34
3	Godavery... ..	"	"	"	"	99	"	"	"	"	42
4	Kistna	"	"	"	"	Not given	"	"	"	"	Not given
5	Nellore	"	"	"	"	85	26	422	62	308	43
6	Cuddapah... ..	"	"	"	"	90 1/2	138	742	8	213	52 1/2
7	Bellary	"	"	"	"	72	"	"	"	"	56
8	Kurnool	"	"	"	"	79	"	"	"	"	57
9	Madras	"	"	"	"	69	"	"	2	13	49
10	North Arcot	53	93	6	4	132	182	768	18	250	52
11	South Arcot	274	461	11	26	109	1230	14129	2775	5309	37
12	Tanjore	3	8	25	48	123	8	11	"	"	20
13	Trichinopoly... ..	"	"	"	"	64	"	"	"	"	20
14	Madura	"	"	11	10	100	"	"	"	"	34
15	Tinnevely... ..	"	"	"	"	136	"	"	"	"	31
16	Coimbatore	"	"	1	2	90	"	"	"	"	27
17	Salem	"	"	629	813	163	"	"	25	42	40
Total...		474	2359	3338	7602		6639	17018	2926	6471	

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