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Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garis and Rain report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Month of May 1863 Tasli 1272.

Districts.	Prices of Grain and Sea Salt.										Rain fall.				
	2 ^d Sort Rice	1 st Sort Paddy	Cholam	Paddy	Rice	Sea Salt	Rice	Sea Salt	Rice	Sea Salt	Northern Section	Southern Section	Eastern Section	Western Section	Average.
	Tasli 1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.	1272.	1271.
	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.
Ganjam	252	210	90	83	139	147	124	126	124	112	252	241	1'70	2'30	0'90 1'20 1'52
Vijayapattam	279	275	125	115	158	153	141	143	123	122	248	248	1'20	1'12	0'75 2'10 1'29
Northern Godavery	286	275	131	127	170	170	153	146	147	124	236	231	1'67	0'95	1'00 1'10 1'18
Pistna	300	345	142	168	163	274	146	136	156	153	255	236	0'03	0'06	8'13 0'06
Kellom	332	353	158	167	185	182	161	160	206	163	231	226	0'37	0'14	0'38 0'17 2'27
Suddolapatti	425	396	197	188	213	225	191	200	211	210	300	323	0'45	2'70	0'65 9'10 3'22
Coastal District Bellary	354	382	150	160	161	231	146	202	171	209	378	431	1'35	1'00	1'15 1'20 1'15
Kurnool	342	412	147	179	162	237	150	196	186	222	326	319	0'40	1'00	0'75 0'54
Madras	352	323	166	151	190	200	215	218	225	227	209	215	0'51	1'10	0'40
East. Centre. North. Knot.	361	300	166	132	213	201	210	182	194	153	217	259	2'00	2'48	0'90 2'30 1'90
South. Knot.	330	300	143	127	202	142	192	150	199	142	224	251	0'95	14'00	1'45 4'35 5'19
Tanjore	306	258	137	115	160	129	158	113	199	161	209	230	0'92	2'49	0'72 1'36 1'37
Canway. Trincomopoly	380	297	165	132	226	201	195	149	208	138	289	289	3'43	6'15	1'00 6'37 4'24
Madura	402	329	189	141	221	200	196	144	217	136	230	259	4'36	2'42	1'03 4'10 2'98
Southern Tinnevely	375	332	174	158	211	166	221	191	278	241	237	276	1'89	0'70	1'56 1'02
Coimbatore	393	360	183	165	260	183	198	156	258	156	344	342	5'70	1'63	11'30 1'00 4'91
West. Centre. Salem	350	285	158	130	200	163	181	145	172	130	242	265	3'40	5'10	5'20 2'70 4'10
South. Canara	259	326	122	144	197	203	266	232	205	266	5'20	3'85	4'10	5'25	4'60
West. Malabar	362	384	169	187	243	191	313	234	331	277	6'45	9'77	11'43	8'70	9'09

Remarks on the Season.

Northern.

Rain fell in this Division, but in the Godavery and Pistna Districts it was slight. In some Taluqs in Ganjam Paddy and Cotton had been sown, In other places, Cotton was

was in flower and pod. In portions of the Berhampore Taluk it was languishing from drought. In this Taluk the Dalwa Paddy was being cut and the Sugar cane crop was in good condition. In Vizagapatam the cultivation of dry crops had commenced. In the Godavery District, transplantation of Paddy had commenced in some places. Summer Paddy and Gingely seed were being cut and the yield was good. The Cotton and Indigo plants were slightly injured in a few localities by rain and wind. In the Kistna District the fields were being ploughed, the whole produce of the dry and wet lands having been taken home. The harvesting of the 2^d Paddy crop in the Kolair Island and of Cotton had been completed. The Indigo plants had failed from want of rain. In Nellore Indigo had been sown to a small extent. The first crop of Sonma had been reaped in a few Villages of the Ongole Taluk and the 2^d crop sown on Garden lands was partly harvested. The Peruvian Cotton plants sown in this Taluk were thriving. In Ganjam prices were stationary. In the Vizagapatam and Kistna Districts, they were higher than those

Ceded Districts.

those of the previous month while in the Godavery and Nellore Districts, they had slightly fallen. Cholera and small pox prevailed in parts of all these Districts except Vizagapatam which was generally healthy. In the Godavery, Kistna and Nellore Districts, cattle suffered from Murrain and from want of sufficient water and pasturage.

Rain fell in these Districts. In Andrapur the 2^d Series of Cholera, Paddy &c. crops had been generally harvested and the yield was good. In some parts however, the crops were withering from want of rain. Indigo had been sown in the Eastern Section. In Bellary, the partial fall of rain proved beneficial to the Vysaka crop and allowed the Ryot to plough the dry lands. Cotton had been picked, but the crop was short. In Kurnool, land was being prepared for the sowing of the early dry crops. In Bellary prices had slightly risen since last month. In this District there were a few cases of Fever. In parts of Kurnool the people were suffering from Guinea Worm. There was mortality among Cattle owing to the scarcity of fodder and water.

Rain

Rain fell in these Districts. In North East Centre. Arot Sojjalu, Gingely seed &c had been sown on Poonjah lands. The Navari and Gingely crops raised on Narya lands were withering in some Taluqs from want of water. In others the Navari Paddy had been harvested, but the return was considerably below the average. In South Arot the coarse Paddy and the 2^d Indigo crop were in healthy condition. Cumboo was being sown and Sugar cane planted. Prices continued high in these Districts. The people were generally healthy.

Canary. Rain fell throughout these Districts. In Sanjore, land was being prepared for dry and wet cultivation. In Trichinopoly, Paddy cultivation was carried on in the river irrigated Taluqs. Cumboo and Gingely seed were sown in parts of the dry Taluqs. The garden produce had been harvested in a few places. Prices had fallen in this District, but in Sanjore, they were beginning to rise. Small pox continued to prevail in the latter District to a slight extent.

Southern. Rain fell in these Districts, and the rivers and a few Tanks had received small supplies of water. In Madura the crops were generally flourishing except Cholum, Cotton and Gingely which suffered in some places from excess of rain. The Codai crops were being harvested in some localities. In Tirunelveli the fall of rain was beneficial to the young Paddy

West Centre.

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Paddy and other crops, and enabled the Ryots to prepare land for sowing. The Cotton crop in some Taluqs is stated to have been small. Prices were stationary in this District. In Madura the price of Paddy had slightly fallen but that of the dry grains had risen. This District was healthy, but Fever prevailed in one Taluq of Tirunelveli where there was also a slight mortality among cattle.

Rain fell in these Districts. In Coimbatore the wells were full. The Cholum Gingely seed sugar cane &c crops were in good condition. Paddy had been harvested, and in some places a 2^d crop was being sown. In parts of Salem some of the wet and dry crops had been harvested and Cumboo, Gingely seed &c were being generally sown. Paddy cultivation also, was carried on in places where water was available. The Cotton crops in some Taluqs were destroyed from excessive rains. The Indigo plants were flourishing. Prices were rising in these Districts. Small pox prevailed in two Taluqs of Coimbatore and Cholum in parts of the Kistnagherry Taluq in Salem. Slight mortality among cattle occurred in the latter District.

West.

Rain fell in these Districts. It was favorable to the garden lands in South Canara, but was not likely to be so to the crops in Malabar, the fall of rain having been unusual. In the former District the cultivation of Rice had commenced. In Malabar the aspect of the garden produce was satisfactory. In South Canara the price of Rice had increased since last month. Fever prevailed in the vicinity of the Ghats.

The following is the statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation with the market prices for May 1863.

Districts

Cotton.

Indigo.

Districts.	Tinsli 1871					Tinsli 1872.					Market rates.
	Extent.	A/ps. amount.	Extent.	A/ps. amount.	per 500 lbs.	Extent.	A/ps. amount.	Extent.	A/ps. amount.	per 500 lbs.	
1. Ganjam	4750	7094	4527	6923	Clear 236	4750	7094	4527	6923	Clear 236	40 5/8
2. Vizagapatam	4626	30,998	9091	24,233	See 54	977	5292	947	4989	Cake	40
3. Godavary	5740	15,586	11,583	26,210	Clear 176	102	164	294	587		40
4. Krishna	105,275	267,326	120,161	169,875	do 162	11,62	17,645	13,463	25,014		45
5. Bellary	15,162	16,220	15,784	17,024	do 14	17,528	43,771	21,561	57,242	Cake	45
6. Nellore	32,580	37,734	36,543	50,240	do 105	26,769	64,721	24,209	76,903	do 49 1/2	45
7. Bellary	29,428	36,222	33,577	39,025	do 77	2618	3022	2417	4,670	do	45
8. Harwar	9,125	9,486	11,568	11,522	do 193	19,397	44,789	21,947	66,232	do	45
9. Maras	1	1	9	14	do 224	2275	6028	4,368	12,809	do 35 1/2	45
10. North Arcot	6	9	4	6	do 260	3,458	6,452	3,266	6,868		50
11. South Arcot	36,748	73,020	38,391	90,496	do 146	57,118	114,978	53,203	106,525		22 1/2
12. Tanjore	1234	1810	2033	2537	do 200	1590	2312	1558	2491	Cake	14
13. Trichinopoly	82,770	9032	69,898	222,276	do 220	933	1940	1286	1736	Doyleaf	46
14. Madurai	57,450	99,236	74,548	132,236	do 207	59	73	131	156	Cake	35
15. Tirunelveli	154,891	176,476	261,958	264,020	do 240	466	346	462	356	do 31 1/2	44
16. Coimbatore	86,400	86,847	130,787	155,613	do 212						
17. Salem	16,054	26,239	16,334	26,550	do 242	1598	4,658	1861	6249		37
Total	1,001,424	1,136,630	1,001,856	1,204,830		1,467,50	3,199,89	1,592,225	3,687,45		

* The extent of Ottadum Cotton (Cotton sown intermixed with small dry Grain) Acres 57,913, is included in this item, but the amount of assessment are the same is not given, no accounts having been kept for Tinsli 1871.

Revenue Board Office
Madras,
25th June 1863.

Inspector.
Secretary.

To
J. P. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

For [Signature]

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