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Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt, per Madras garce, and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the month of September 1867, Fasli 1277.

Districts.		PRICES OF GRAIN AND SEA SALT.												RAIN-FALL.				
		2nd Sort Rice.		2nd Sort Paddy.		Cholum.		Raggy.		Horse Gram.		Sea Salt.		RAIN-FALL.				
		Fasli 1276.		1277.		1276.		1277.		1276.		1277.		RAIN-FALL.				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.
Northern Section.	Ganjam.....	622	265	250	107	405	148	366	158	437	182	275	292	8-90	9-90	9-10	10-20	9-50
	Vizagapatam	474	201	211	81	295	110	241	92	282	144	286	372	6-30	7-10	10-00	10-90	9-90
	Godavery.....	391	223	181	104	243	121	242	118	302	140	272	237	6-30	6-10	3-70	6-20	5-10
	Kistnah.....	420	380	196	167	226	211	269	188	347	201	350	274	6-00	4-90	7-99	7-49	8-85
	Nellore.....	434	363	208	171	283	231	246	187	398	269	259	257	2-75	2-16	1-35	1-38	1-91
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	664	466	313	211	484	281	460	252	677	267	373	288	1-80	2-50	3-50	2-80	3-80
	Bellary	644	472	444	250	793	264	763	248	922	292	587	408	5-60	2-70	3-60	3-70	3-90
	Kurnool	706	495	349	222	340	212	461	183	616	239	434	346	5-20	4-80	6-20	6-10	6-30
East Centre.	Madras.....	644	495	290	185	462	246	426	298	509	328	260	262	0-27	2-75	0-75	5-60	2-34
	North Arcot	614	379	281	170	444	275	413	257	570	264	448	252	1-30	2-00	3-40	1-00	2-10
	South Arcot.....	623	364	291	149	378	225	393	241	496	250	275	259	3-70	3-10	3-60	1-00	2-80
Cauvery.	Tanjore	587	403	270	190	386	236	334	215	465	276	236	255	2-20	3-30	3-60	2-70	2-90
	Trichinopoly	698	450	338	208	443	211	389	211	498	254	284	279	1-26	-	2-19	-	0-80
Southern Section.	Madura.....	769	512	379	258	416	243	450	241	465	288	284	285	1-77	2-12	0-53	0-51	1-19
	Tinnevely	703	453	326	215	448	218	409	214	439	290	292	277	0-39	0-10	-	0-99	0-26
West Centre.	Coimbatore.....	863	454	429	219	658	235	639	253	727	249	367	352	4-90	1-00	1-80	0-20	2-60
	Salem.....	718	443	344	198	506	244	484	265	540	242	323	303	1-20	4-00	4-20	2-90	3-10
West.	South Canara	558	300	250	167	-	-	394	278	451	275	244	253	19-90	10-40	2-30	19-00	8-40
	Malabar.....	616	340	288	160	-	-	433	263	530	290	303	295	10-00	6-55	10-25	8-05	9-11

Remarks on the Season.

Northern Section.

There was a copious fall of rain in the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam. In the Kistna District the fall was tolerable, but in others only partial.

In Ganjam a storm had occurred on the 29th September at Calicutapatam and Pondy and had done much damage to the shipping there.

all the standing crops in the District were in an excellent condition. Raggy had been cut, and the yield was good.

In Vizagapatam the transplantation of paddy had been completed, and the crops were in a very flourishing state. The dry crops also were doing well. The Privers Tarahandi and Sottadandi had good freshes and the Tanks dependent on them had received a full supply.

In the Godavery District, the Godavery river had received very heavy freshes. The Yelera was also in fresh and the channels were well supplied. The transplantation of paddy under the Amint and the Yelera had been completed, and the crop was generally thriving. Paddy crops under rain fed tanks were not flourishing for want of sufficient water. The dry crops such as Raggy, Cumbar, and Veragu were being harvested and the average outcome was reported to be good. Cotton cultivation had been commenced. Sugar Cane and Betel gardens were doing well.

In the Kistna District, the early dry crops were thriving, but the later ones were failing in some places from excess of rain. The wet cultivation had been progressing well, except in the Devi Pargana where the tanks had received little or no water from the Kistna freshes.

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In Mellor, wet and dry crops of different descriptions were being cultivated in all the Taluqs. The standing crops were thriving except Jowar which was reported to have suffered slightly from blight. Kar Kasari, Tajja and Indri had been reaped in parts of the District.

Prices had been falling in these Districts except in Mellor where they had been stationary.

Fever still continued in Gajaw. Cholera, small-pox and fever were more or less prevalent in the Godavery and Kistna. In Mellor small-pox had appeared in some localities.

Cattle were not free from disease in these Districts.

Ceded Dis-
tricts.

Rain fell in these Districts and the tanks generally had received a fair supply.

In Cuddapah the rain besides proving very beneficial to the dry cultivation which was being extensively carried on, had enabled the ryots to sow paddy to some extent. A small quantity of Tajja and Jowar had been harvested and Indri had been cut in some places.

In Bellary agricultural operations were in progress. The young Cotton had been damaged by grass-hoppers in the Taluq of Alur, but the early paddy and Cholum except in one Taluq, appeared to be in tolerable condition.

In most of the Taluqs of Kurnool, Cotton, Bengal grain and white Jowar had been sown. In some Taluqs the crops had suffered from blight. Jowar had been harvested in some localities.

Prices were falling in these Districts.

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The general health of this section was good, though there were a few cases of fever in some localities.

Cattle were generally healthy.

Partial showers of rain fell throughout this circle. East Centre.

In Madras the wet and dry lands were being cultivated. The crops in the Taluqs of Sinneri and Sivallur had withered for want of sufficient rain.

In North Arcot Paddy and Indigo had been cultivated in wet lands. Cholum, Toragum, Edumoru and other grains in dry lands. All the standing crops looked well generally, though in a few localities, the dry crops were said to be drooping for want of water. Kar, Raggy, Cholum, Indigo and several other crops had been reaped and the out-turn was generally fair.

In South Arcot, wet cultivation was in active progress. Dry cultivation had also advanced and the crops were in thriving condition. Kar among the wet crops and Cumbers and Raggy among the dry were being harvested. Indigo was being cut and Guizily gathered.

There had been no perceptible fluctuations in prices in this circle.

Fever and small-pox had prevailed in parts of North and South Arcot.

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in the latter of which, cholera had also appeared. In parts of Madras small pox had prevailed to a certain extent.

Cattle were not free from disease in this Circle.

Cauvery.

There was a good fall of rain throughout Tanjore, though it was very partial in Trichinopoly.

In Tanjore the wet cultivation had progressed favorably and the staple dry crops were doing tolerably well in parts of the District. The Rivers which were rather low in the beginning of the month had risen and supplied sufficient water to many villages.

In Trichinopoly, the Cauvery & the Coleroon were low, though the irrigating channels and some of the Tanks dependant thereon had received their usual supply. Both the dry and the wet crops had been cultivated. Kar, Cumbers, and Raggy were being harvested in parts of the District.

Prices had fallen in Tanjore though

though they were stationary in Trichinopoly.

The general health of this circle had been good, though there were a few cases of Cholera and small pox in parts of Tanjore.

There was slight rain in parts of this section. Southern section

In Madura, preparations were being made for the cultivation of paddy to a limited extent. The failure of seasonable rain had not only caused injury to the plants in the seed beds, but also discouraged the ryots from transplanting them in wet lands. The standing young crops were fading in parts of the District. The Koday crops such as paddy, Raggy, Cumboos, Cholam &c had been harvested, but the yield was not satisfactory.

In Tirunelveli, the dry crops had been sown & the standing crops especially the Kar had suffered for want of rain in parts of the District.

Prices had slightly risen in Madura though they had fallen in

Tirunelveli.

Tirunelveli.

The public health was generally good in these Districts.

West Centre

Rain fell in this circle but it was very scanty in Coimbatore.

In Coimbatore, the cultivation of Sumbak paddy had been carried on under the Cauvery, Bowany, and Amaravathy Channels. The dry crops in parts of the District had suffered for want of rain. The early Kar Crop of Cholam had been harvested in a few Talukis, but the outturn was small. Sugar cane, plantains and Raggy were in good condition.

In Salem, every description of dry grain and paddy were being cultivated almost everywhere. The standing crops were generally in good order, though some of the dry crops in parts of the District had suffered either from insects or want of sufficient rain. Paddy & several of the dry grains, has been more or less harvested throughout the District & the yield in some Talukis was below the estimate. Cotton, & Indigo crops were in a flourishing state & they had been also reaped in a few localities.

Prices

Prices had slightly fluctuated in this Circle.

Fever and small pox had to a certain extent affected the Public health in parts of these Districts.

There had been a tolerably ~~good~~ fall of rain in this Circle.

In South Canara, paddy was ready for harvest in several places and in a few localities it had been cut, the outturn being unusually favorable.

The fall of rain in Malabar had been very favorable to the 2^d crop wet cultivation.

Prices had fallen considerably in this Circle.

The sanitary condition of Malabar was good. Fever which had been raging in South Canara had abated. Small pox had shown itself in a few localities of this District.

Statement

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices, for the month of September 1867 Fasli 1277.

Districts.		COTTON.				Market rate of cleaned Cotton per candy of 500 lbs.	INDIGO.				Market rate per maund of 25 lbs.
		Fasli 1276.		Fasli 1277.			Fasli 1276.		Fasli 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 ...	4970	9250	3378	7464	140	50	50	1	6	50
2	Vizagapatam...	17180	40368	13170	26679	136	1983	12913	1314	9560	35
3	Godavery...	1754	5536	362	1162	105	79	161	156	386	44
4	Kistnah ...	27873	43840	72653	99069	97	2127	4091	2487	8146	46
5	Nellore ...	10619	12462	7834	8470	121	12531	26067	12987	29370	44
6	Cuddapah...	41912	52565	42639	52315	188 ⁵ / ₂₀₀	9299	41230	11099	56738	50 ⁶ / ₆₀
7	Bellary ...	116286	112408	118120	130631	105	176	159	449	804	57
8	Kurnool...	114640	122106	148781	170248	112	1082	4001	3747	10916	85
9	Madras ...	5	13	9	13	120	3694	10515	2956	6704	44
10	North Arcot ...	1465	3454	1218	2960	163	5853	12384	8976	19265	49
11	South Arcot ...	11831	26603	4081	9258	118	23360	57288	31215	54006	33
12	Tanjore ...	380	558	946	986	153	287	1227	764	2420	12 ¹ / ₂
13	Trichinopoly ...	16799	23614	18684	23812	120	9	9	20	25	22
14	Madura ...	4829	5897	4874	6339	97	20	28	21	47	40
15	Tinnevelly ...	3099	1503	2412	1597	114	23	48	29	79	31 ¹ / ₄
16	Coimbatore ...	20446	18894	42592	38087	100	"	"	"	"	24
17	Salem...	6651	10125	9212	12483	188	290	631	930	2559	42
Total...		400139	489196	499965	591573	"	60863	176802	77151	201031	"

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