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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 October 1867, 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.       | Rs.   | Ins.              | Ins.         | Ins.        | Ins.        | Ins.     |
| Northern Section. | Ganjam .....       | 534                           | 218   | 212             | 91    | 369     | 136   | 262    | 119   | 144         | 153   | 274       | 326   | 1330              | 1090         | 1150        | 890         | 1110     |
|                   | Vizagapatam .....  | 475                           | 186   | 199             | 79    | 242     | 110   | 280    | 87    | 301         | 127   | 283       | 297   | 460               | 800          | 2510        | 1100        | 1220     |
|                   | Godavery .....     | 416                           | 195   | 193             | 91    | 257     | 110   | 238    | 104   | 338         | 116   | 252       | 241   | 709               | 972          | 936         | 636         | 813      |
|                   | Kistna .....       | 436                           | 334   | 202             | 152   | 240     | 206   | 213    | 154   | 362         | 182   | 820       | 268   | 673               | 1128         | 602         | 503         | 726      |
|                   | Nellore .....      | 438                           | 360   | 209             | 169   | 281     | 213   | 250    | 177   | 423         | 247   | 261       | 260   | 912               | 745          | 1286        | 546         | 877      |
| Ceded Districts.  | Cuddapah .....     | 613                           | 455   | 297             | 215   | 382     | 250   | 379    | 244   | 575         | 257   | 371       | 332   | 290               | 405          | 445         | 150         | 327      |
|                   | Bellary .....      | 844                           | 436   | 385             | 202   | 596     | 216   | 575    | 209   | 827         | 248   | 490       | 405   | 342               | 367          | 800         | 772         | 415      |
|                   | Kurnool .....      | 671                           | 436   | 299             | 192   | 427     | 187   | 398    | 165   | 613         | 219   | 428       | 324   | 717               | 229          | 681         | 418         | 511      |
| East Centre.      | Madras .....       | 607                           | 412   | 277             | 177   | 359     | 251   | 340    | 242   | 506         | 311   | 262       | 267   | -                 | -            | -           | -           | -        |
|                   | North Arcot .....  | 610                           | 362   | 268             | 159   | 435     | 268   | 318    | 212   | 579         | 262   | 242       | 252   | 290               | 500          | 200         | 220         | 302      |
|                   | South Arcot .....  | 607                           | 357   | 255             | 150   | 248     | 200   | 310    | 205   | 477         | 248   | 269       | 264   | 660               | 386          | 855         | 677         | 645      |
| Cauvery.          | Tanjore .....      | 606                           | 340   | 283             | 157   | 362     | 190   | 324    | 191   | 496         | 265   | 234       | 257   | 427               | 356          | 195         | 690         | 435      |
|                   | Trichinopoly ..... | 759                           | 437   | 353             | 194   | 400     | 217   | 326    | 188   | 536         | 257   | 288       | 298   | 1621              | 857          | 1037        | 1062        | 1144     |
| Southern Section. | Madura .....       | 791                           | 539   | 370             | 248   | 505     | 248   | 454    | 240   | 607         | 294   | 306       | 277   | 926               | 740          | 408         | 540         | 653      |
|                   | Tinnevely .....    | 634                           | 407   | 308             | 192   | 445     | 205   | 394    | 201   | 532         | 304   | 302       | 285   | 1029              | 825          | 1677        | 1721        | 1513     |
| West Centre.      | Coimbatore .....   | 730                           | 457   | 353             | 208   | 649     | 243   | 449    | 212   | 750         | 253   | 370       | 344   | 900               | 601          | 671         | 408         | 620      |
|                   | Salem .....        | 680                           | 415   | 313             | 187   | 442     | 244   | 392    | 239   | 507         | 239   | 317       | 307   | 810               | 715          | 603         | 630         | 689      |
| West              | South Canara ..... | 580                           | 275   | 236             | 134   | "       | "     | 481    | 253   | 475         | 252   | 246       | 254   | 247               | 450          | 980         | 905         | 645      |
|                   | Malabar .....      | 559                           | 338   | 254             | 160   | "       | "     | 437    | 263   | 643         | 285   | 307       | 295   | 653               | 552          | 720         | 610         | 609      |

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

*Northern Section. There had been a copious fall of rain in all the Districts comprised in this section.*

*In Ganjam, the standing paddy and other crops promised an abundant harvest.*

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In Vizagapatam, the rice crops were very promising. Dry crops such as Amigely, Cumbar and Paggy were being reaped. Horse gram and Cholum were being sown.

In the Godavery District the transplantation of paddy was completed. The portion of the crop transplanted late in the season had suffered from blight in some taluks. The black paddy which was being cut had yielded, but an indifferent return, as the crop had been injured by excessive rain. Sugar cane and other garden products were thriving. Cotton cultivation was progressing. The later dry crops such as Horse gram, Green gram, Lamp oil seed &c. were being sown.

In the Krishna District the early dry crops of Sajja, Kora and Godra Gonnah were being reaped. The staple Gonnah had <sup>been</sup> affected by the excessive rain which had however, been generally

generally beneficial to all other descriptions of crops. Cotton and Indigo were thriving well.

In all the taluks of Nellore, Horse gram, Oil seed and Paggy were being cultivated. The existing crops generally promised well, though in a few places they were reported to have suffered slightly from blight. Nellavari and Sajja were being reaped in some taluks. The cultivation of Cotton and Indigo had commenced in parts of the District.

Prices had generally fallen in this section, except in Nellore, where they had been stationary.

Small-pox, and fever were more or less prevalent in portions of these Districts, and cholera had also appeared in some parts of the Krishna District.

Cattle had suffered from disease in all these Districts.

Rain had fallen in these Districts Ceded District  
and the tanks generally had received a  
moderate supply.

In Cuddapah, the cultivation  
of lands of all descriptions was in progress  
and the growing crops were in good order.  
Some garden and dry crops were being  
harvested in several taluks.

In Bellary, agricultural  
operations had been in active progress.  
White Cholum, Cotton, and Bengal gram  
were being sown in several places. The  
early dry and wet crops were being reaped.  
Some Cotton had been exported to Madras  
and other places.

In Tummal, Horse gram,  
Bengal gram, Wheat and Cotton were  
being sown. Yellow jonna, Korra and  
Indigo were being harvested, but  
they had suffered from blight  
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in some places.

Prices were falling in these Districts.

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

Cattle were generally healthy.

East Centre

The rain fall had been  
tolerable in this circle, except in Madras  
where the want of rain was much felt.

In Madras Sumba and Car  
were being cultivated. Raggy was being  
harvested in a few villages. The standing  
crops were in a good state.

There were slight freshes in  
the principal rivers of North Arcot and the  
tanks and channels dependent on them received  
a tolerable supply. Car, Sumbak and Sugar  
Cane had been cultivated in part and  
Cholum, Cumboo, Veragu and other grains  
in dry land. The standing crops were  
generally thriving, though some of the dry  
crops.

crops had suffered from blight in some taluqs. Sumbak, Paggy, Cumboo, and other grains had been harvested and the average return was fair.

In South Arcot, most of the tanks dependent on River channels had received a full supply. Paddy cultivation was still being carried on in parts of the District and all the standing crops were doing well.

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

Fever and small-pox had prevailed in parts of North and South Arcot and in the latter District, cholera had also appeared.

In parts of Madras small-pox had prevailed to some extent.

Cattle were not entirely free from disease in this circle.

There was a copious fall of rain throughout this circle.

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In Tanjore, the Season was on the whole prosperous. The Sussabah cultivation was nearly completed, and the Kar Crop had been harvested. The standing crops were in good order.

In Trichinopoly, all the irrigating channels dependent on the Canvey and Coleroon had had a fair supply. The Second Crop Pishanum and Curuvai paddy in wet and horse-grass and other grains in dry lands were being cultivated. Car Paddy and Cumboo were being harvested and Indigo was being cultivated to a small extent in one Taluq.

Prices had fallen considerably in Tanjore, but only slightly in Trichinopoly.

The general health of this Circle had been good, though there were a few cases of Cholera, small-pox & Dysentery in parts of Tanjore.

Southern section.

There was a good fall of rain in this section, especially in Simnelli where the

the fall was almost continuous for 10 days.

In Madura, both the dry and wet crops were being cultivated. All the standing crops as well as Cotton and Indigo looked well.

In Sinnerelly, heavy freshes came down the Rivers and several tanks had been brached. The Car paddy in the Eastern taluqs had been harvested and the Pishamun crop had been generally planted. All the standing crops were flourishing.

Prices had fallen considerably in Sinnerelly, but the fall in Madura had been slight.

The Public health was generally good in these Districts.

There was a tolerably good West Centre fall of rain throughout this Circle.

In Coimbatore, the Cultivation  
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of Sumbak Raddy had been carried on under the Cauvery, Bowany, Amravathy and Noel Channels. The Car Crop under the Bowany was about to be harvested. Cholum, Horse-grain, Cumboo and Cotton had been cultivated in parts of the District. Raggy was partially harvested. All the standing crops were doing well.

In Salem, every description of dry & wet grain had been cultivated in all parts of the District and the standing crops were in a flourishing condition. Car paddy, Cumboo, Raggy and Cholum were being harvested in all the Taluqs. Cotton and Indigo were in a favorable condition and the former had been picked in several localities.

Prices

Prices had slightly fallen in this Circle.

Fever had to a certain extent affected the public health in parts of these Districts.

Rain fell in this Circle

In South Canara the 1<sup>st</sup> Rice West Crop had been harvested throughout the District & the yield was decidedly good.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Rice cultivation had been commenced and the Crops were doing well.

The effects of the good season on the Cultivation and Crops in Malabar had been decidedly felt.

Prices had much fallen in this Circle.

The Sanitary Condition of Malabar was good. Fever which had been raging in South Canara had almost entirely disappeared, though small pox was reported to have shown itself in some localities. Cattle were generally healthy.

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices for the month of October 1867 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 ... ..       | 5558        | 11245       | 6215        | 10595       | 160                                                 | 50          | 50          | 40          | 46          | 50                                              |
| 2          | Vizagapatam ... ..  | 18968       | 54895       | 15286       | 33932       | 128                                                 | 2086        | 13345       | 2277        | 13310       | 35                                              |
| 3          | Godavery... ..      | 3928        | 9490        | 2387        | 5630        | 97                                                  | 80          | 161         | 215         | 417         | 43                                              |
| 4          | Kistna ... ..       | 7909        | 10802       | 15099       | 21027       | 81                                                  | 7466        | 16614       | 8200        | 15941       | 45                                              |
| 5          | Nellore ... ..      | 23267       | 23832       | 23827       | 25147       | 114                                                 | 16244       | 30698       | 11445       | 28948       | 44                                              |
| 6          | Cuddapah... ..      | 52133       | 65264       | 54880       | 70774       | 100620                                              | 9871        | 23182       | 14006       | 60312       | 50660                                           |
| 7          | Bellary ... ..      | 221835      | 224789      | 285688      | 303002      | 88                                                  | 182         | 162         | 814         | 1162        | 58                                              |
| 8          | Kurnool ... ..      | 161262      | 174729      | 244264      | 206928      | 88                                                  | 1568        | 5747        | 5416        | 12612       | 58                                              |
| 9          | Madras ... ..       | 21          | 35          | 9           | 13          | 100                                                 | 4075        | 11118       | 3855        | 8358        | 42                                              |
| 10         | North Arcot ... ..  | 1864        | 1229        | 1617        | 3763        | 140                                                 | 6110        | 12880       | 10621       | 22222       | 50                                              |
| 11         | South Arcot ... ..  | 18270       | 42400       | 10186       | 22079       | 100                                                 | 23472       | 57578       | 31444       | 54394       | 34                                              |
| 12         | Tanjore ... ..      | 754         | 1029        | 1508        | 1562        | 145                                                 | 393         | 1250        | 780         | 2439        | 12                                              |
| 13         | Trichinopoly ... .. | 50717       | 68415       | 47884       | 61673       | 120                                                 | 10          | 11          | 20          | 25          | 20                                              |
| 14         | Madura ... ..       | 41989       | 75171       | 4955        | 6398        | 100                                                 | 20          | 28          | 30          | 47          | 37                                              |
| 15         | Tinnevelly... ..    | 46207       | 46419       | 26036       | 26418       | 90                                                  | 38          | 59          | 45          | 171         | 31                                              |
| 16         | Coimbatore ... ..   | 40306       | 35999       | 57186       | 51953       | 90                                                  | "           | "           | "           | "           | 24                                              |
| 17         | Salem ... ..        | 7160        | 11076       | 11755       | 16810       | 180                                                 | 470         | 1186        | 988         | 2659        | 42                                              |
| Total...   |                     | 772253      | 957039      | 944362      | 1056930     |                                                     | 70035       | 192069      | 90196       | 223058      |                                                 |

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