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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 November 1866,
Fasli 1276.*

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.
		Fasli 1275.		" 1276.		" 1275.		" 1276.		" 1275.		" 1276.						
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.
Northern Section.	Ganjam.....	493	411	208	151	429	306	260	205	270	437	240	271	0.40	1.00	0.90	0.70	0.70
	Vizagapatam ..	468	452	217	189	247	249	238	210	253	298	261	284	1.40	0.40	1.50	0.70	1.00
	Godavery.....	290	407	128	183	119	221	163	208	211	323	240	252	0.20	2.30	0.70	0.45	0.91
	Kistnah.....	386	452	174	214	194	237	187	212	283	326	286	281	0.80	0.81	1.58	.	0.80
	Nellore.....	366	440	171	211	198	201	170	259	260	422	234	273	1.17	8.99	9.23	5.67	7.14
Ceded Districts.	Cuddapah	523	602	245	290	309	348	286	328	335	616	313	369	1.50	1.10	1.70	0.20	1.10
	Bellary	601	844	245	367	397	417	331	381	432	721	461	536	0.30	0.40	0.30	0.22	0.30
	Kurnool	527	600	239	300	328	341	344	298	359	575	344	406	0.90	0.30	1.20	0.10	0.6
East Centre.	Madras.....	602	663	187	302	278	435	238	419	337	540	262	264	1.90	5.50	6.17	3.80	5.10
	North Arcot ..	414	637	179	279	261	396	232	335	303	582	232	278	1.50	3.40	1.70	1.50	2.20
	South Arcot.....	374	575	156	249	221	285	173	275	241	473	249	264	4.70	4.60	4.10	4.21	3.65
Cauvery.	Tanjore	359	400	169	303	229	371	178	312	246	614	214	242	3.60	4.20	6.50	10.00	6.10
	Trichinopoly ..	414	739	195	344	221	358	205	356	242	569	265	300	13.70	21.00	16.10	10.00	25.60
Southern Section.	Madura.....	512	858	241	427	281	549	278	486	252	582	250	307	0.34	1.47	1.82	1.28	1.23
	Tinnevely	493	609	248	290	361	417	320	386	361	536	278	330	10.29	12.70	12.40	10.40	11.32
West Centre.	Coimbatore.....	501	187	239	328	274	337	234	378	287	704	312	366	0.30	3.80	1.50	1.80	1.90
	Salem.....	412	162	182	297	239	405	224	356	247	533	267	316	0.40	0.40	1.40	0.70	0.80
West.	South Canara ..	406	320	173	209	.	.	271	380	256	468	232	266	.	.	.	.	.
	Malabar.....	433	522	217	239	.	.	262	398	321	522	298	303	0.69	7.65	2.20	1.65	2.99

Remarks on the Season.

Northern Section. Scanty showers fell in these Districts except in Nellore, where the fall was heavy.

In Ganjam the early Paddy crop was almost universally abundant. The great

great Paddy crop, was being cut in parts of the District. Lamp Oil seed, Floor gram, Red gram, Jonnalu, Mustard and Niger were all in excellent condition. Sugar cane was ready for the mill. Cotton plants both in Perhampore and Yamsur were thriving.

In Tirajapatam, Paddy crops were in a flourishing condition and in some places they had been reaped. The crops of legally Floor gram ^{see} were thriving.

In the Godavari District, transplanted Paddy promises generally a remarkably good crop. Jonnalu was thriving. The surviving Sugar cane plantations were improving and the Tobacco plants were flourishing. Tiragon was being sown. The cultivation of the later Dry crops, was being actively carried on. The garden products, such as Onions, Chillies and Yams were being grown. The Black Paddy crop was thriving.

In the Pistna District, the Pumasa or early crops had been reaped. Jonnalu had suffered much from excessive rains; Jilama and Pudama crops were being cut.

cut. The late crops of Bengal gram, Tobacco ^{see} had been raised in places. Pil seed crop was affected in some degree by insects. Preparations were being made for the Opium cultivation in places. White Paddy, kurse ries, were generally flourishing. The Cotton crop had in parts, suffered from insufficiency of rain. Indigo had been cut, and was under manufacture. In places, the plant was injured by insects.

In Nellore, the tanks under the influence of the Aricut, were, with a few exceptions, nearly full. Those in the other parts of the District had received a good supply of water.

In the Northern and Western taluqs, Dry crops had been extensively cultivated. Jonna crops had suffered a little from excessive rains. Sujjah, Korra and Konduru Jonna were being harvested.

In

In Ganjam, prices had fallen considerably except those of Wheat and Hoar gram, which continued high. Rice was selling in places at 15 to 18 measures a Rupee. In the Vizagapatam and Godavari Districts, prices were falling. In the Pichua and Nellore Districts they were stationary.

Cholera, small-pox, and Fever prevailed in parts of these Districts. Ague and sore-eye also in the Godavari and Pichua Districts. In consequence of the favorable nature of the season in Ganjam, the demand for labor and the visible improvement in the condition of the poor, the Relief houses at Atka and Hoamah ^{and the Pauper Hospital at Pimbari} had been closed. Cattle were free from disease in Ganjam and Nellore. They were suffering slightly from Murrain and other diseases in the Godavari and Pichua Districts.

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ceded Districts. There was a slight fall of rain in these Districts.

In Cuddapah, Agricultural operations were being carried on to a very limited extent. Raggy, Suggah, and other dry crops, had been harvested in places, and the out-turn was from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full produce. Indigo had been cut. The crops in the ground were generally in good condition.

In Bellary, the wells and tanks had received a good supply of water and agricultural operations were being actively carried on where the circumstances of the Ryots permitted. Many of the Ryots had lost their ploughing cattle from disease and want of pasture, and were in want of seed grain as well, which had been met by advances of Successive, to enable them to

to purchase what they required for
ploughing and sowing. Distress continued
to prevail, though it was to some extent
relieved by a tolerably favorable har-
vest. Famine works were still in pro-
-gress and Relief houses kept up. The
lands were being ploughed in some ta-
-luzs for the Uparah crop and were
being sown in others. Razzy, Cumbar
and other grains were being sown.

In parts of Kurnool, Paddy
crops were being harvested. White Ja-
-van, Chenna &c were being sown in
plaus and the young crops were thriving.
White Javan crops in two Taluqs were
affected by diseases called "Banka-
-thazoolos" and "Aggipoorooos".

In Cuddapah and Bellary,
prices continued high, and in Kurnool
they

they had risen.

Cholera, Ague, and Fever were
rife in Cuddapah and Bellary. Fever
in Kurnool. In the Hospett Taluq of
the Bellary District, there were 230 deaths
from Fever alone. In Kurnool also, many
deaths occurred from the same cause.
Cattle were free from disease in Cud-
-dapah and Bellary.

East Centre. - Rain fell in these Districts,
but the fall in North Arcot was
partial.

In Madras, Tanks under
river channels had received full sup-
-ply and others from 1 to 6 months
supply of water. Wet and Dry crops
looked vigorous and healthy and cul-
-tivation was extending on all sides.

In North Arcot, some tanks
had received a further supply of
water

water, averaging from a fortnight to 2 1/2 months' supply, which stimulated the ryots to extend the cultivation of both Kunjah and Punjah lands. The Dry and Wet crops were generally in good condition. Mar, Samba Paddy, Raggy, Varago and Samay, had been harvested.

In South Arct, slight freshes came down the rivers. Wet-cultivation was in active progress. Cumbar, Raggy, Car paddy, and Cholum, were being harvested in parts of the District.

Prices of the principal grains continued high in these Districts, but those of a few dry grains had fallen slightly.

Cholera was prevalent in parts of Madras and North Arct. Fever, Ague and Dysentery, also in the latter District. In South Arct, public

public health was on the whole good though Cholera and Cattle disease, still prevailed to some extent. Diseases from long continued scarcity, still continued in all the taluqs of the Madras District. Cattle suffered from disease in parts of Madras and North Arct.

Cannery. Rain fell in these Districts. In the Delta taluqs of Tanjore, the supply of water both from the rivers and rains, had been on the whole sufficient and timely. In the dry tracts, the rain had been only partial. The Kunjah and Punjah crops were however doing well generally. In Trichinopoly, the tanks in the upland tracts, had received a good supply of water. Freshes came down the rivers Cannery and Coleroon. Samba crops were promising well.

well. Grain, Gingelly and Cotton had been cultivated, and Cae Paddy harvested. There had been a slight increase in the cultivation of Cotton and a slight fall in that of Indigo.

Prices had risen in Tanjore. They had slightly fallen and exhibited a tendency to fall still further in Trichinopoly. In Tanjore and Trichinopoly, the general health was good.

Rain fell in these Dis. Southern Districts, but the fall in Madras was partial.

In Madras, freshes continued in the river Vagai. A few tanks had received a small supply of water. Samai and Razze had been harvested to a small extent. Water for cultivation was

was scarce in parts. Tanjore and Panjah crops had withered in places from want of rain. The later crops of Cotton were in blossom and in bud, and the earlier crops looked well.

In Tinnevely, the tanks were full, but some of them had breached. The freshes in the Lambapoorney river, had been continuous, and the river irrigated lands had a superabundant supply of water. Lands were still being ploughed for the Pishannu or 5 months Rice crop in places, elsewhere, the Pishannu crop was being planted. Some dry crops had been harvested. There was a great decrease in the Cotton

cultivation this year from want of rain, at the proper season.

Prices had risen in Madras. They had not fallen much in Trinnally.

Cholera and Fever still prevailed to a small extent in Madras. Cattle also suffered from disease. It is stated that many of the poorer classes of people would have died of hunger, but for the support rendered by the famine relief houses. The Trinnally district was healthy, though there had been cases of Cholera in two Taluqs.

Rain fell in these West Centre districts, but it was partial.

End

In Coimbatore, the tanks and wells were generally full. The early Rice crop under the Canavery, Kowary and Amravatty rivers, had been cut. Samba paddy, W. garoane, Plantains and Kok vines, were in good condition. The dry crops in parts of the district had been harvested, but the produce had been short.

In parts of Salem, some of the tanks had received nearly two months' supply of water. Karee and Kengab gram gingily oil seeds, Varagu and Paddy were being cultivated. The standing dry crops in most parts, were fading from want of rain, but the wet crops in

Places, were thriving. Cumboo
Cholum, Raggy, Thamai, Samai
 and Pussy, were being harvested.
 The Cotton and Indigo plants
 were in good condition.

Rice had slightly fallen
 in these districts.

Cholera and Fever pre-
 vailed in these districts. Gy-
sentery and small-pox also
 in parts of Salem. In Salem,
 Cattle were free from disease.

Rain fell in Malabar, West
 but none in South Canara.

In South Canara, Sugi
 on second Rice cultivation,
 had been completed, and the
 crops were in a thriving condition.

In Malabar, the season
 continued favorable.

Priees had fallen in these
 districts.

Cholera and Fever prevailed
 here in the South Canara
 district. Cattle healthy.

Statement

Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, with their Market prices, for the
 month of November 1866 Fasli 1276.

Districts.		COTTON.				Market rate of cleaned Cotton per candy of 500 lbs.	INDIGO.				Market rate per maund of 25 lbs.
		Fasli 1275.		Fasli 1276.			Fasli 1275.		Fasli 1276.		
		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	9032	18376	2650	4249	148	11	11	50	50	44
2	Vizagapatam...	8009	17868	13386	42784	160	1057	5365	1528	2991	38
3	Godavery... ..	13381	35034	12157	23282	167	319	983	98	169	50
4	Kistnah	15227	22573	14632	197714	146	7675	13702	8749	17765	53
5	Nellore	31275	33868	27476	36299	163	12539	32176	16530	35777	48
6	Cuddapah...	56258	72571	53908	68004	16622	24637	59071	11312	46762	50 1670
7	Bellary	31024	32822	27872	276529	180	1016	1471	231	257	60
8	Kurnool...	197112	217235	774624	185802	161	3716	13167	1678	5982	57
9	Madras	97	183	x	x	137 1/2	5205	7658	x	x	50
10	North Arcot ...	2212	407	2434	5856	193	4137	8053	4574	9157	50
11	South Arcot ...	15732	36467	17441	40634	152	42524	92751	16219	32469	35
12	Tanjore	5237	6761	2481	3107	191	721	1645	282	127	12 3/4
13	Trichinopoly ..	57011	69225	73719	95244	174	164	242	10	11	18
14	Madura	62975	102267	49994	84795	121	58	72	41	75	36
15	Tinnevelly ...	15034	153678	13423	135044	175	245	168	257	193	31 1/2
16	Coimbatore ...	73365	66533	82658	81923	138	"	"	"	"	25
17	Salem...	16022	25253	7881	14723	244	958	2924	484	1210	89
Total...		115747	144446	102098	173065	"	105265	24658	61775	76225	"

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 Madras, 21st Decemr 1866.

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Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

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The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

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