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SEASON REPORT FOR MAY 1898.

SECTION I.—Statement showing the average fall of rain in each District during the month of May 1898 and also the total fall from 1st April 1898 up to the month, compared with the corresponding figures of the preceding year and with the averages of the twenty-five years ending 1894-95.

Districts.	Average rainfall for twenty-five years ending 1894-95	1897-98.			1898-99.		
		In the month.		Up to the month from 1st April.	In the month.		Up to the month from 1st April.
			Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.	Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.		INCHES.	INCHES.
1. Ganjám	2·69	3·44	3	1·30	2·02	4	1·77	2·66
2. Vizagapatam { Littoral ..	2·73	3·52	5	3·42	4·05	4	2·70	3·58
2. Vizagapatam { Agency ..	3·32	4·83	5	2·36	4·05	6	2·82	4·30
3. Gódávari	1·75	2·09	2	2·89	3·25	2	1·23	1·18
4. Kistna	1·52	1·80	3	1·54	1·88	2	0·84	1·17
5. Kurnool	1·38	1·79	4	1·53	2·09	2	0·88	2·15
6. Bellary	1·92	2·51	2	1·88	2·86	3	2·08	3·93
7. Anantapur	2·19	2·72	2	1·25	1·64	3	1·57	2·61
8. Cuddapah	1·86	2·24	2	1·17	1·47	2	1·32	3·15
9. Nellore	1·39	1·61	1	1·42	1·43	2	1·34	1·62
10. Madras	*2·11	2·73	1	0·18	0·25	1	0·65	0·65
11. Chingleput	2·03	2·38	3	0·84	1·00	1	0·69	0·76
12. South Arcot	2·51	3·12	3	1·87	2·28	2	1·37	2·11
13. North Arcot	2·83	3·31	8	1·88	2·09	4	2·47	3·28
14. Salem	4·09	5·18	7	4·75	5·19	5	2·95	5·71
15. Coimbatore	3·38	5·20	4	4·32	5·80	6	3·31	6·71
16. Trichinopoly	3·16	4·41	2	4·46	5·26	4	3·04	6·10
17. Tanjore	2·28	3·15	3	1·56	2·54	2	1·82	2·78
18. Madura	2·23	4·10	1	2·03	4·25	4	2·84	5·16
19. Tinnevelly	1·62	3·42	9	0·77	5·41	2	1·01	3·39
20. Nilgiris	5·47	8·88	7	5·20	9·51	10	4·07	7·52
21. Malabar	8·49	11·78	6	6·16	10·10	8	6·06	9·57
22. South Canara	6·80	8·28	5	3·76	5·61	5	3·22	5·64

Remarks.—The early rains in the districts, where these are of chief importance, have been above the average.

* Average of 80 years ending 1892.

River Freshes.—The Gódávari 4·1 ft. over the upper sill of Dowlaishweram lock and the Kistna 2 ft. below the anicut. There were freshes in the rivers in parts of Vizagapatam, Anantapur and Salem. Moderate in Nellore. Slight in Cuddapah, Coimbatore, Tanjore, and in parts of South Arcot, North Arcot, and Madura. None elsewhere.

Supply to Tanks.—Generally sufficient in Ganjám, Gódávari and Kistna. Insufficient or slight in Kurnool, Nellore, North Arcot, Tanjore and in parts of Vizagapatam, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, South Arcot, Salem, Trichinopoly and Madura. *Nil* elsewhere.

SECTION II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of May 1898.

Districts.	In the month.				Up to the month.				Average of the five previous years including last year for the corresponding period.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		*Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Ganjám	584	818	..	10	692	896	5	2	1,612	828	19	86
Vizagapatam	465	638	..	..	878	6,167	..	..	1,661	3,015	126	..
Gódávari	8,150	4,129	..	..	126	1,339	..	..	6,753	4,361	60	..
Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anantapur	2,621	2,020	..	..	1,354	1,028	..	..	1,337	1,404	14	17
Cuddapah	7,805	6,503	13	65	4,763	4,583	25	..	11,199	9,303	..	9
Nellore	2,817	6,545	..	11	4,671	1,016	..	..	3,802	4,161	..	56
Chingleput	2,402	15,469	..	19	12,600	3,367	..	20	9,489	10,540	..	67
South Arcot	18,077	13,550	182	169	11,101	11,154	183	68	19,317	13,219	62	..
North Arcot	8,301	7,761	..	..	12,076	16,180	..	..	11,921	7,883	69	..
Salem	41,891	13,910	8	13	67,948	5,132	..	..	69,906	12,667	60	92
Coimbatore	209,671	5,201	2	42	308,992	..	..	..	290,907	6,521	12	8
Trichinopoly	647	1,716	71	382	2,607	3,002	90	111	1,955	3,381	58	238
Tanjore	1,180	1,743	343	1,222	2,242	722	61	312	1,598	1,169	207	434
Madura	11,196	18,807	4	224	16,609	16,699	..	3	13,455	15,448	39	61
Tinnevelly	21,587	29,619	2	9	12,536	22,128	2	2	33,034	28,675	..	9
Nilgiris	2,721	1,729	..	..	2,870	1,718	..	..	4,403	1,759	..	..
Malabar	90,406	173,390	1,190	20	87,225	183,847	1,066	35	91,830	176,134	1,088	64
South Canara	11,142	16,088	..	..	11,190	16,550	..	..	9,971	29,062	..	..
Total ..	432,463	319,816	1,815	2,122	565,203	303,131	1,461	656	586,141	329,509	1,781	1,123
Ganjám	648	127	..	..	692	396	5	2	1,612	828	19	86
Vizagapatam	643	1,118	..	..	878	6,167	..	..	1,661	3,015	126	..
Gódávari	78	460	..	..	126	1,339	..	..	6,753	4,361	60	..
Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	976	771	..	..	1,354	1,028	..	..	1,337	1,404	14	17
Anantapur	3,170	3,337	..	..	4,763	4,583	25	..	11,199	9,303	..	9
Cuddapah	1,826	492	..	..	4,671	1,016	..	..	3,802	4,161	..	56
Nellore	512	2,061	..	20	12,600	3,367	..	20	9,489	10,540	..	67
Chingleput	10,681	8,769	79	17	11,154	11,154	183	68	19,317	13,219	62	..
South Arcot	9,616	9,622	..	..	11,101	12,076	..	..	11,921	7,883	69	..
North Arcot	57,394	9,992	..	..	67,948	16,180	..	..	69,906	12,667	60	92
Salem	281,628	3,255	..	..	308,992	5,132	..	..	290,907	6,521	12	8
Coimbatore	1,895	2,114	61	112	2,607	3,002	90	111	1,955	3,381	58	238
Trichinopoly	1,940	599	33	106	2,242	722	61	312	1,598	1,169	207	434
Tanjore	13,767	8,175	..	3	16,609	16,699	..	3	13,455	15,448	39	61
Madura	9,638	10,018	2	2	12,536	22,128	2	2	33,034	28,675	..	9
Tinnevelly	2,370	1,034	..	..	2,870	1,718	..	..	4,403	1,759	..	..
Nilgiris	64,293	120,906	133	35	87,225	183,847	1,066	35	91,830	176,134	1,088	64
Malabar	1,610	5,240	..	..	11,190	16,550	..	..	9,971	29,062	..	..
South Canara	462,341	198,020	300	355	565,203	303,131	1,461	656	586,141	329,509	1,781	1,123
Total ..												

Section III.—Statement showing the average prices of the principal food-grains and salt for the month of May 1898.

Districts.		Number of seers of 80 tolas per rupee.														
		Second-sort rice.			Cholam.			Cumbu.			Ragi.			Salt.		
		In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the five years ending 1889-90.
Circars ..	Ganjám ..	12·7	12·8	17·7	..	..	..	..	..	..	14·3	14·6	29·1	11·6	11·6	13·1
	Vizagapatam ..	12·3	12·3	15·3	..	..	..	18·9	19·2	28·7	17·7	17·9	27·6	11·9	11·9	13·1
	Gódávari ..	10·3	10·5	15·4	16·7	17·4	27·0	18·8	19·9	26·8	16·1	16·4	28·2	11·5	11·5	11·5
	Kistna ..	10·4	10·5	14·7	14·0	14·7	22·8	12·3	12·7	22·2	15·5	15·7	28·5	12·3	12·2	12·7
Deccan ..	Kurnool ..	9·3	9·6	13·0	19·1	20·1	27·9	13·9	14·7	23·9	19·3	19·8	27·7	12·0	12·0	12·1
	Bellary ..	8·8	9·3	12·4	21·6	21·6	28·4	..	..	..	26·2	22·8	35·4	12·3	12·5	11·7
	Anantapur ..	9·6	10·3	14·1	19·0	20·0	30·9	17·5	18·2	26·5	18·7	20·4	33·3	12·0	12·0	11·8
	Cuddapah ..	9·4	9·9	14·1	17·2	18·7	28·8	14·8	15·5	28·5	19·0	19·5	32·3	12·3	12·2	12·4
Carnatic ..	Nellore ..	9·0	9·1	14·3	13·5	13·8	24·8	11·9	12·2	22·4	14·2	16·0	27·9	12·7	12·8	13·2
	Madras ..	8·9	8·9	12·5	11·9	12·8	20·5	..	..	..	16·4	15·9	26·1	12·3	12·3	13·4
	Chingleput ..	9·4	9·3	15·3	..	..	..	..	..	..	14·2	14·8	25·7	12·1	12·1	12·5
	South Arcot ..	10·9	10·4	15·2	..	..	..	16·1	16·0	26·0	16·2	16·1	26·8	12·6	12·6	12·6
	North Arcot ..	9·9	10·1	15·2	13·6	15·2	26·1	14·2	14·3	25·3	16·1	16·9	29·9	12·5	12·5	12·6
Central ..	Salem ..	9·6	9·6	14·1	14·9	14·9	25·3	15·6	15·5	24·5	16·8	17·0	30·3	13·5	13·4	13·6
	Coimbatore ..	9·7	9·9	13·1	14·7	15·3	22·5	17·3	17·3	25·3	17·4	18·6	27·8	12·1	12·3	12·2
	Trichinopoly ..	9·5	9·5	14·5	12·8	14·2	36·8	14·6	14·7	25·3	15·1	15·2	27·0	12·5	12·6	12·7
	Tanjore ..	10·9	10·4	14·9	..	..	..	16·8	16·0	22·9	17·3	16·7	26·6	13·5	13·4	13·5
Southern ..	Madura ..	10·1	9·9	14·7	14·5	15·7	31·5	15·3	15·5	26·5	15·5	15·2	28·6	12·8	12·7	13·6
	Tinnevelly ..	10·1	10·1	13·8	14·6	14·6	21·4	14·3	13·4	21·1	14·8	14·6	25·3	13·5	13·5	14·1
	Nilgiris ..	7·7	7·7	10·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	15·4	15·5	21·1	10·4	10·6	11·1
West Coast	Malabar ..	9·9	9·6	12·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	20·2	20·2	25·7	11·7	11·4	12·0
	South Canara ..	11·5	11·3	13·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14·0	13·5	13·8

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Condition of the Market.

Compared with the previous month, the prices of the staple food-grains were generally either stationary or easier except in Tanjore. Prices still remained very much dearer than the averages of the ten normal years previous to 1895-96; and those of cumbu in Kistna and of ragi in Ganjám were slightly dearer than scarcity rates. The price of salt was generally stationary.

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The statements read above, showing the rainfall, cultivation and prices of food-grains and of salt in the several Districts of the Presidency during May 1898, will be published.

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