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READ—Abstract of Season Report for the week ending 7th May 1893.

RAINFALL AND PRICES OF THE STAPLE FOOD-GRAINS.

Districts.	RAINFALL IN INCHES.			PRICES IN RUPEES (OF RU TOLAS) PER RUPEE.											
	In the week	Up to the end of the week from 1st April.		Rice.			Ragi.			Cholam.			Oumbu.		
		1892-93	Average of 25 years.	Average for May.	Last week.	This week.	Average for May.	Last week.	This week.	Average for May.	Last week.	This week.	Average for May.	Last week.	This week.
Coorgs.															
Ganjam ..	0.1	1.0	1.4	17.7	12.8	12.8	29.1	14.8	14.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	0.7	1.9	2.1	15.3	12.5	12.5	27.6	18.0	18.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari ..	0.4	1.3	1.2	15.4	10.1	10.2	28.2	16.4	16.4	27.0	17.3	17.4	26.8	18.1	18.1
Kistna ..	0.2	0.5	0.6	14.7	10.4	10.4	28.5	15.6	16.2	24.8	14.0	14.3	22.2	13.8	13.0
Deccan.															
Kurnool ..	0.1	1.4	0.7	13.0	9.2	9.2	27.7	19.0	19.5	27.9	20.0	23.5	33.9	14.4	14.3
Bellary ..	0.7	2.7	0.9	12.4	9.2	9.1	35.4	23.5	22.8	28.4	20.6	20.7	..	..	..
Anantapur ..	0.7	1.8	0.9	14.1	9.9	10.2	33.3	19.5	19.7	30.9	19.4	19.9	26.5	17.8	17.8
Cuddapah ..	0.5	2.8	0.6	14.1	9.3	9.5	32.3	19.4	19.7	28.8	17.4	18.4	28.5	15.7	15.8
Carnatic.															
Nellore ..	0.2	0.5	0.5	14.3	9.0	8.9	27.9	14.6	14.8	24.8	13.5	13.7	22.4	12.2	12.3
Chingleput ..	..	..	0.7	15.3	9.3	9.3	25.7	14.5	14.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madras ..	..	..	1.3	12.5	8.9	8.9	25.1	16.4	16.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	0.4	1.1	1.2	15.2	10.8	10.9	26.3	16.5	16.4	..	..	..	26.0	16.1	16.2
Central.															
North Arcot ..	0.8	1.6	1.3	15.2	10.0	10.0	29.9	16.3	16.5	26.1	15.2	15.4	25.3	14.3	14.5
Basem ..	0.8	3.6	2.0	14.1	9.7	9.8	30.3	16.9	17.0	25.3	15.5	15.0	24.5	15.7	15.5
Ootimbatore ..	1.2	3.5	2.6	13.1	9.7	9.9	27.8	17.6	18.3	22.6	14.5	15.3	25.3	17.1	17.5
Trichinopoly ..	0.6	2.7	1.4	14.5	9.3	9.4	27.0	15.0	15.3	25.8	15.8	16.1	25.3	14.7	14.7
South.															
Tanjore ..	0.2	1.3	1.5	14.9	10.7	10.6	26.6	16.8	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pudukkottai ..	1.3	2.4	..	..	9.2	9.2	..	17.1	17.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madurai ..	0.8	3.3	2.7	14.7	10.1	10.2	28.6	15.9	15.8	31.5	17.7	17.7	26.5	14.6	14.6
Tinnevely ..	0.2	2.4	2.7	13.8	10.2	10.2	25.3	14.1	14.1	24.4	13.6	13.6	31.1	13.8	13.8
Nilgiris ..	0.6	3.9	4.5	10.9	7.7	7.7	21.1	15.5	15.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Coast.															
Malabar ..	3.1	6.7	4.6	12.9	9.9	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canara ..	1.2	3.5	2.2	13.9	11.4	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Travancore ..	1.3	6.0	6.2	..	8.5	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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* Average for ten normal years previous to fiscal 1805 (1895-96).
† Includes an inferior variety.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

GANJAM.

Water-supply sufficient. Agricultural operations nil. Summer paddy, gingelly and summer ragi thriving in places. Ragi and gingelly being harvested; outturn middling to fair. Pasture getting scarce; fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle normal.

VIZAGAPATAM.

Water-supply generally sufficient except for drinking in Vizagapatam and a few coast villages. Gingelly sown in one taluk and sugarcane transplanted in three others. Standing crops good. Harvested gingelly and chillies; outturn middling to fair; ragi and sugarcane average. Pasture available and fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle normal. Exports by sea 1,880 maunds. Emigrants to Rangoon 34.

GODAVARI.

Water-supply generally sufficient for drinking but insufficient for agricultural purposes in parts. Golavari 5-6 feet over upper sill of Dowlishwaram lock. Preparation of seed-beds, transplanting, manuring and weeding in progress. Standing crops generally good except in Ramachandrapuram and Cocanada where gingelly and second-crop paddy have been damaged for want of water. Tobacco, second-crop paddy, gingelly, ragi, sugarcane, chillies and onions harvested; outturn second-crop paddy and gingelly bad to fair, tobacco fair, and the rest middling to fair. Fodder sufficient but pasture scanty in parts. Condition of cattle generally good. Cocanada—exports rice 4,745, paddy 32; imports rice 9,542, paddy 823 bags of 16½ pounds.

KISTNA.

Water-supply generally sufficient. Manuring, watering and ploughing going on in parts. Standing crops fair. Harvested red-gram, green-gram, ragi, paddy, cumbu, korra, chillies, variga, indigo, chulam, tobacco; outturn middling to fair. Pasture scarce; fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good. Season and prospects favourable.

KURNOOL.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation. No supply to canal from Sunkesala anikat, but this is normal. Ploughing continues in parts. Preparing land for cultivation in parts. Standing crops, area small and mostly under wells, generally good. Paddy and ragi harvested; outturn generally middling to fair. Pasture almost nil; fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle normal. Prospects moderate.

BELLARY.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation in parts of Adoni, Alur and Halagalli. Ploughing in parts. Paddy and sugarcane under tanks and channels generally good. Harvested paddy, sugarcane and cotton; yield fair. Pasture nil; fodder sufficient. Cattle healthy.

ANANTAPUR.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation. Ploughing dry lands for early crops in parts. Standing wet crops mostly under wells generally fair, but paddy fading in parts. Harvested paddy; outturn middling to average; cholam middling to fair. Pasture scanty; fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle generally normal. Prospects stationary.

CUDDAPAH.

Wells mostly contain sufficient supplies. Ploughing, sowing, baling and harvesting in progress. Standing crops under wells fair. Harvested paddy, outturn middling to fair generally; cholam, tobacco, gingelly and turmeric middling to fair. Pasture scanty; fodder available.

NELLORE.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation and in parts for drinking also. Tanks dry; one tank at Kanigiri received a month's supply from rainfall in the week. No flow over the Nellore and Bangam anikats. Sowing under wells in parts. Standing crops under wells generally thriving, but paddy fading in parts of Nellore. Harvested paddy; outturn middling to fair; ragi fair. Pasture nil; fodder generally available but dear. Condition of cattle indifferent in parts of Udayagiri and Kanigiri for want of fodder, elsewhere generally normal. Labourers find employment in harvesting, tank repairs, railway and relief works. No improvement in prospects. Slight freshes in three rivers and light scattered showers.

CHINGLEPUT.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation. Ploughing, sowing, weeding, transplanting and baling continue in parts mostly under wells. Standing crops mostly under wells generally good or fair, but paddy beginning to fade in parts of Conjeevaram. Paddy, ragi, cholam, horsegram, chillies harvested; outturn middling to fair. Pasture scanty; fodder available. Condition of cattle normal. Situation remains unchanged.

MADRAS.

Water-supply and fodder sufficient; pasture scarce. Imports by sea—rice 898 tons; other grains 164 tons.

SOUTH ARCOT.

Crops mostly harvested. Irrigation available for small areas which still require it. Some tanks in Tiruvannamalai have received small supplies. Drinking water getting scarce in parts. Ploughing, sowing, manuring and transplanting in parts under wells. Standing crops under wells generally good. Harvested paddy, ragi, sugarcane and gingelly; outturn middling to fair; indigo and tobacco fair. Pasture scanty; fodder available. Condition of cattle normal.

NORTH ARCOT.

Water-supply generally insufficient for irrigation; tanks mostly dry, but wells still hold out. Freshets in the Palar and the Cheyyar. Ploughing for and sowing cholam,umbu, gingelly and ragi and baling under wells continue; sugarcane planted. Standing crops generally fair, being benefited in parts by recent rains. Paddy, ragi, ground nut, sugarcane and cholam harvested; outturn middling to fair. Pasture scanty, but sprouting in parts after recent rains; fodder available but dear. Condition of cattle generally normal. Prospects generally fair. More rain required for agricultural operations throughout.

SALEM.

Water-supply sufficient for irrigation in two taluks. Ploughing, sowing, manuring and transplanting in progress. Standing crops generally fair under sources affording irrigation. Harvested paddy, ragi, cholam, castors and sugarcane; outturn fair to average. Fodder available; pasture revived after recent rains. Condition of cattle generally normal. Prospects fair. Deaths from cholera 143.

COIMBATORE.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation in parts; slight freshets in the Amravati. Sowing in progress. Standing crops under irrigation sources having water generally fair. Harvested paddy, outturn average; cholam fair to middling, and ragi fair. Pasture improving; fodder available. Condition of cattle normal. Deaths from cholera 59.

TRICHINOPOLY.

Water-supply insufficient in parts. Sowing and transplanting in parts. Standing crops fair where irrigation is available. Harvested paddy and gingelly, outturn middling to average; cholam, fair to full. Pasture scarce, but re-appearing where rain has fallen; fodder available. Condition of cattle normal. Deaths from cholera 91. Prospects fair.

TANJORE.

Water-supply insufficient in parts outside delta. Ploughing and sowing in progress. Standing crops, mostly under baling sources, generally fair. Harvested paddy, cholam, gingelly and tobacco; outturn poor to average. Pasture scanty, fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle normal. Good showers in parts of Pattukkottai taluk, where drought much felt.

PUDUKKOTTAI.

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation and in parts for drinking also. Ploughing, sowing, manuring and garden cultivation in parts under wells. Standing crops good. Cholam harvested; outturn fair. Pasture scanty or nil; fodder sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good.

MADURA.

Water-supply for irrigation generally insufficient. Irrigation tanks in parts have received small supplies from recent rainfall. Cultivation going on under wells and tanks. Standing crops generally fair. Harvested cholam; outturn middling to fair. Pasture scanty; fodder available. Condition of cattle normal. Deaths from cholera 241.

TINNEVELLY.

Water-supply for irrigation insufficient in parts. No flow over Srivaikuntam anikat. Ploughing and sowing continue. Standing crops under riverfed tanks and wells in good condition; but others require rain. Harvested paddy; outturn middling to fair. Cotton picking going on. Pasture available; fodder dear in parts. Condition of cattle normal. Deaths from cholera 55.

NILGIRIS.

Water-supply sufficient. Ploughing and sowing in progress. Standing crops good. Pasture poor in parts; fodder available. Condition of cattle good. Prospects fair; rain wanted in Ootacamund division.

MALABAR.

Water-supply sufficient. Ploughing and sowing for first crop progressing. Pasture scanty; fodder available. Health of cattle generally good.

SOUTH CANARA.

Water-supply insufficient in parts. Ploughing and sowing for first paddy crop progressing. Seedlings in good condition. Harvested third paddy crop; outturn average. Pasture and fodder insufficient in parts. Condition of cattle generally good. Prospects fair.

TRAVANCORE.

Ploughing over. Water-supply and pasturage sufficient. Condition of cattle good.

RESOLUTION—No. 173, dated 10th May 1898.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, Simla:—

Week ending 7th May 1898. Heavy showers West Coast; elsewhere light falls and scattered thunderstorms at many stations except in Godavari, Chingleput and Madras where practically nil. Water-supply improved in parts. Ploughing of dry lands general in some, and beginning in most districts. Standing crops, mostly under wells and baling sources, fair. Harvest continues in parts with middling outturn. Pasture springing up where rain has fallen; fodder available but dear. Condition of cattle normal. Prices slightly easier or stationary except West Coast where price of rice slightly risen. Numbers on relief in Nellore.—Workers—310 men, 450 women, 217 children, total 977. Fed in kitchens—dependants 1 man, 1 woman, 73 children, total 75. Grand total on relief 1,052.

(A true Extract.)

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" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" all Collectors.
" the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, Madras.

APPENDIX.

Comparative statement showing the number of persons relieved in the Nellore district for the week ending 7th May 1898.

Nature of relief.							This week.	Last week.		
Relief-workers	{	Men				310	424			
			{	Women			450	751		
					{	Children			217	331
							Total	977	1,506	
Gratuitous relief	{	1. Dependents.	{	Men		1	1			
					{	Women		1	1	
							{	Children		73
		{	Total	75	68					
				2. Others	{	Men				
							{	Women		
	{	Children								
			{	Total						
	B. Otherwise	{			Men					
						{	Women			
				{				Children		
	{	Total								
{				Grand Total	75	58				
			{		Grand Total on relief	1,052	1,664			

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