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1887.

## CULTIVATED and UNCULTIVATED Lands, Wages, Produce, Stock, &amp;c.

Estimated Acreage of Cultivated Land in the Colony	Estimated Acreage of Uncultivated Land in the Colony	Estimated Acreage of the Colony	* Number of Estates in Cultivation	* Number of Estates Abandoned	* Number of Estates Cultivated Wholly or Partially on the Métairie System
31,688	1,656	33,344			

\* This Column is applicable to West Indian Colonies only.

## AVERAGE RATE of WAGES for LABOUR in 1887.

	Per annum	Per day	Per Task or Job †
Predial ... ..	£ 25 5 0 *	1s. 8d.	
Domestic ... ..	£ 45 12 6	2s. 6d.	
Trades ... ..	{ £ 30 6 0 } to { £ 37 17 6 } *	2s. to 2s. 6d.	

\* Not including festivals.

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RETURN of the PRODUCE,

DISTRICT	LOCALITY	CROPS Nature of the Crop, and Number of Acres of Land in each Crop												STOCK				
		Wheat	Mescliato	Barley	Beans and other Pulse	Cotton	Gardens	Seasum	Comin Seed	Pasture	Forage	Total Number of Acres in Crop	Number of Acres of Uncultivated Land	Horses, Mules and Asses	Horned Cattle	Sheep	Goats	
1st	Rabato . . . . .	202	95	13	23	26	96	21	16	78	102	672	18	313	899	320	199	
	Dingli . . . . .	9	36	4	4	3	19	—	8	3	10	96	3	43	84	66	18	
2nd	Zebbug . . . . .	80	29	16	15	49	63	4	48	4	51	359	4	324	579	270	200	
	Siggieul . . . . .	94	50	26	21	54	56	3	38	14	49	405	14	234	583	243	130	
	Msida, Pietà and S. Giuseppe	78	12	18	19	12	36	9	11	1	27	223	—	358	1,014	187	1,054	
3rd	Birchircara . . . . .	83	56	89	58	25	250	6	247	21	228	1,033	—	434	880	305	451	
	Attard . . . . .	56	1	6	2	5	103	3	19	—	89	284	—	91	230	120	91	
	Lia . . . . .	67	16	17	14	4	81	2	11	—	37	249	—	71	49	120	67	
	Balzan . . . . .	36	8	13	12	1	56	—	1	—	18	145	—	75	55	79	70	
	Sliema, St. Julian's and St. George	150	—	50	20	12	62	2	7	32	49	375	15	150	244	80	307	
4th	Naxaro . . . . .	663	28	159	58	85	204	13	25	82	453	1,770	—	132	457	249	320	
	Melleha . . . . .	391	485	53	98	30	195	—	3	96	271	1,622	—	248	224	476	217	
	Mosta . . . . .	1,074	17	176	125	130	384	14	59	95	826	2,900	—	447	685	694	512	
	Gargur . . . . .	275	28	30	25	33	119	9	10	23	252	804	—	49	221	387	142	
5th	Curmi . . . . .	138	27	82	18	26	260	24	26	62	274	937	—	1,194	461	170	240	
	Luca . . . . .	66	10	18	11	12	175	1	18	6	52	309	—	94	205	140	135	
	Tarsien & Paola . . . . .	60	6	14	10	8	136	3	20	3	38	298	—	95	220	136	245	
6th	Zurrico . . . . .	152	259	172	58	60	284	32	28	140	272	1,457	82	122	446	589	160	
	Safi . . . . .	57	34	48	8	16	130	14	18	—	70	395	—	30	125	66	24	
	Chircop . . . . .	86	14	61	7	10	158	17	14	—	122	489	4	36	106	305	60	
	Crendi . . . . .	180	66	78	62	46	140	52	38	28	169	799	36	105	237	300	210	
	Micaliba . . . . .	62	66	12	5	10	146	10	18	—	84	413	—	59	218	109	59	
7th	Zeitun . . . . .	1,399	44	884	280	306	2,970	36	617	—	1,912	7,548	307	335	286	510	175	
	Zabbar . . . . .	306	49	311	129	142	1,758	40	324	—	359	3,418	70	118	136	83	190	
	Axiatek . . . . .	178	44	80	40	44	75	27	129	—	142	759	267	77	81	10	210	
	Gudja . . . . .	111	18	66	27	62	395	22	200	—	439	1,340	155	76	98	87	75	
	Total, MALTA	6,053	1,498	1,467	1,149	1,211	8,351	304	1,953	688	5,417	29,750	975	5,310	8,823	6,011	5,559	
Gozo	Rabato . . . . .	102	422	2	124	105	42	—	—	223	226	81	26	421	524	1,090	396	
	Nadur and Kala . . . . .	107	359	8	76	52	280	—	—	252	266	43	389	323	227	1,896	688	
	Caccia . . . . .	118	388	3	151	157	176	—	—	362	253	631	28	281	293	1,854	457	
	Zebbug . . . . .	13	265	1	75	84	52	—	—	227	164	219	5	141	120	754	255	
	Garbo . . . . .	85	406	28	93	100	15	—	—	191	289	500	17	306	161	1,480	158	
	Sannat . . . . .	31	270	—	59	79	27	—	—	178	83	45	62	164	289	750	135	
	Xeuchia . . . . .	48	183	—	59	82	34	—	—	75	101	32	50	105	132	439	119	
	Ghain Silem . . . . .	20	83	—	29	77	91	—	—	64	56	187	15	32	60	185	72	
	COMINO . . . . .	40	22	39	9	—	8	—	—	111	1	200	89	28	44	150	48	
	GRAND TOTAL . . . . .	6,617	3,887	1,488	1,824	1,947	9,076	364	1,954	2,371	6,856	31,688	1,656	7,171	10,673	14,609	7,887	

## STOCK, &amp;c.

PRODUCE Nature of the produce, and quantity of each									PRICE OF PRODUCE Nature of Produce, and Price of each in sterling								
Wheat, Quarters	Meschiato, Quarters	Barley, Quarters	Beans, Quarters	Cotton, Cwt.	Gardens, Cwt.	Sesamum, Quarters	Cumin Seed, Cwt.	Forage, Sons or Load of 10 Bandler	Wheat, per Quarter	Meschiato, per Quarter	Barley, per Quarter	Beans, per Quarter	Cotton, per Cwt.	Gardens, per Cwt.	Sesamum per Quarter	Cumin Seed, per Cwt.	Forage, per Sons or Load of 10 Bandler
169	602	74	33	450	12,514	10	46	7,230									
24	125	8	6	34	63	—	20	2,650									
764	242	170	89	662	13,376	8	1,384	13,500									
906	604	253	118	941	35,290	7	1,077	15,400									
1,710	19	65	2,141	64	995	35	67	686									
1,500	320	551	368	82	1,800	25	1,745	16,480									
190	6	30	10	18	4,050	16	78	3,088									
117	46	40	11	8	2,740	8	22	1,642									
559	350	81	12	1	2,058	—	4	728									
1,200	—	1,200	400	94	4,620	3	—	2,000									
1,243	95	426	218	193	5,541	51	67	19,702									
667	966	143	135	53	24,428	—	2	3,808									
2,326	49	526	379	347	12,110	32	196	24,253									
637	75	113	72	79	1,987	25	24	7,286									
360	86	396	84	62	8,664	13	62	15,230									
200	30	82	32	60	2,126	2	52	3,450									
156	20	70	38	58	1,514	4	54	3,810									
613	485	856	230	180	2,000	14	67	16,224									
140	102	220	48	82	5,432	10	84	2,496									
148	62	330	27	26	7,565	17	86	7,220									
336	152	166	100	146	3,672	22	110	2,670									
150	176	30	16	30	7,632	4	76	3,262									
3,100	118	2,350	557	1,509	100,318	2	3,474	43,776									
679	129	826	256	700	59,069	24	1,324	15,552									
393	118	212	79	218	2,549	14	725	6,144									
246	47	177	53	337	13,346	14	1,125	19,008									
18,633	5,924	9,395	3,612	6,434	335,529	314	11,561	257,325									
307	1,549	20	356	402	1,725	—	—	6,480									
353	788	18	77	210	7,196	—	—	7,168									
280	1,432	4	233	543	9,452	—	—	8,197									
38	1,079	3	169	358	1,809	—	—	5,144									
256	1,610	103	237	410	1,237	—	—	8,575									
88	1,121	—	109	262	1,168	—	—	4,304									
133	721	—	91	365	2,448	—	—	3,825									
41	229	—	41	278	1,917	—	—	1,850									
19	12	45	27	—	625	—	—	40									
20,148	13,545	9,588	4,952	9,262	363,306	314	11,561	302,908									

From £ 2 0 0 to £ 2 1 0

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" £ 0 18 0 to £ 1 3 4

" £ 1 10 0 to £ 2 0 0

" £ 1 5 0 to £ 3 15 0

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## AVERAGE PRICES of various PRODUCE and MERCHANDISE, &amp;c.

ARTICLES	PRICES						Per
	From			To			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Wheaten Flour ... ..	2	—	—	2	5	—	Barrel 196 lb
Wheat ... ..	1	15	—	2	—	—	Imperial Bushed
Wheaten Bread ... ..	—	—	2½	—	—	3	lb
Horned Cattle ... ..	8	—	—	9	—	—	Each
Horses ... ..	6	—	—	40	—	—	"
Sheep ... ..	1	5	—	1	12	—	"
Goats ... ..	—	18	—	2	—	—	"
Swine ... ..	1	8	—	2	—	—	"
Milk ... ..	—	1	3	—	1	4	Gallon
Butter, Fresh ... ..	—	1	4	—	1	8	lb
Butter, Salt ... ..	—	1	2	—	1	6	"
Cheese, English ... ..	—	—	7	—	1	—	"
"  Sicilian ... ..	—	—	6	—	—	10	"
Beef ... ..	—	—	4½	—	—	7	"
Mutton ... ..	—	—	4½	—	—	5	"
Pork ... ..	—	—	4	—	—	5	"
Rice .. ..	—	—	1½	—	—	2	"
Coffee ... ..	—	—	7	—	—	10	"
Tea ... ..	—	—	8	—	1	—	"
Sugar ... ..	—	—	2	—	—	3	"
Salt ... ..	—	—	¾	—	—	1½	"
Wine (common) ... ..	—	1	9	—	2	—	Gallon
Brandy (common) ... ..	—	6	—	1	10	—	"
Beer (common) ... ..	—	2	3	—	2	9	"
Tobacco ... ..	—	—	7	—	1	—	lb

## WAGES FOR LABOUR.

Domestic ... ..	from 2/6 to 3/-	per diem
Predial ... ..	1/8	"
Trades ... ..	" 2/- to 2/6	"

Improvements in Agriculture and Manufactures introduced this year.

No improvements can be said to have been introduced during this year: but the manufacture of cotton stuff and of lucifer matches has progressed very materially. Matches can be produced at a lower cost than those that are imported and of a quality very often superior to those that are imported.

Progress of any Improvements previously reported.

Marked progress has been made in the cultivation of potatoes, "Early Rose," and of the newly introduced quality of onions, which is not liable to get heated when packed up and to undergo decomposition. Onions and potatoes are brought to maturity very early in the season and are fetching a good price in English markets. The Kidney potatoe has likewise been introduced by the English priests at St. Julians, and cultivated in their garden very successfully.

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