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44,877 2,458 47,335

CULTIVATED and UNCULTIVATED Lands, Wages, Produce, Stock, &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
44,877	2,455	47,332			

* This Column is applicable to West Indian Colonies only.

AVERAGE RATE of WAGES* for LABOUR.

						Per annum	Per day	Per Task or Job †
Predial	{ £ 20 4 0 } to { £ 25 5 0 }*	1s. 4d. to 1s. 8d.	
Domestic	{ £ 36 10 0 } to { £ 60 16 8 }	2s. to 3s. 4d.	
Trades...	{ £ 30 6 0 } to { £ 37 17 6 }*	2s. to 2s. 6d.	

* Not including festivals.

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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	Sesamum	Cumin Seed	Forage	Pasture	Total Number of Acres in Crop	Number of Acres of Uncultivated Land	Horses, Mules and Asses	Horned Cattle	Sheep	Goats
1st	Rabat	850	170	39	211	68	191	—	21	540	174	2,264	540	383	780	500	180
	Dingli	102	42	13	110	21	34	—	9	17	38	386	17	88	210	165	115
2nd	Zebbug	255	34	47	25	80	212	21	77	13	151	915	13	346	387	240	159
	Sijjiewi	306	72	80	56	110	174	9	51	42	187	1,087	42	281	399	264	150
3rd	Msida, Pietà and S. Giuseppe	31	2	13	4	4	39	2	2	26	16	139	—	230	787	209	542
	Birkirkara	214	39	22	46	16	197	5	19	26	172	756	—	109	617	160	120
	Attard	83	5	4	1	3	83	1	8	—	27	215	—	70	152	165	70
	Lia	63	1	3	—	2	54	1	9	—	56	189	—	44	65	70	57
	Balzan	23	—	2	—	3	38	—	2	—	13	81	—	37	62	42	34
	Sliema, St. Julian's and St. George	66	—	6	22	—	22	—	—	22	33	171	33	146	420	50	250
4th	Naxxar	499	91	97	54	81	167	13	11	96	356	1,465	—	183	399	311	265
	Melleha	430	580	41	96	85	326	—	1	105	174	1,839	—	269	197	335	396
	Mosta	1,126	83	170	141	252	460	29	81	127	706	3,175	—	400	556	638	512
	Ġarġur	228	12	29	18	30	88	8	10	22	218	663	—	45	187	912	151
5th	Qormi	453	45	199	280	258	1,438	49	226	—	191	3,139	89	875	357	147	286
	Loqa	262	13	151	110	213	169	32	191	—	129	1,270	40	69	248	80	128
	Tarxien & Paula	289	31	98	89	133	240	35	150	—	89	1,154	31	36	234	20	130
6th	Zurrieq	182	168	162	42	238	376	38	34	140	286	1,666	82	143	394	599	93
	Saf	56	35	42	9	17	122	18	24	—	66	389	—	26	112	74	34
	Kirkop	74	29	62	3	28	276	8	19	—	225	724	—	36	94	313	66
	Qrendi	62	73	30	18	58	100	4	23	70	76	514	24	70	193	200	66
	Mqabba	14	52	21	3	14	215	4	7	—	80	410	12	76	222	125	42
7th	Żejtun	1,567	40	813	218	475	2,775	93	457	—	1,110	7,548	307	217	247	252	102
	Zabbar	297	27	302	217	169	1,621	44	266	—	475	3,418	70	100	179	123	204
	Axiaoq	173	49	98	49	39	111	27	120	—	93	759	267	107	78	74	152
	Gudia	111	18	84	31	89	413	22	173	—	399	1,340	155	86	109	110	80
Total MALTA		7,816	1,711	2,628	1,853	2,486	9,941	463	1,991	1,246	5,540	35,675	1,722	4,466	7,685	6,178	4,384
Gozo	Rabat	137	388	2	130	172	72	—	—	393	250	1,544	105	173	304	330	96
	Nadur and Kala	92	382	3	112	109	270	—	—	295	264	1,527	41	181	166	703	233
	Xagra	133	405	5	185	254	177	—	—	401	171	1,731	43	203	232	1,199	230
	Zebbug	11	235	1	71	152	52	—	—	274	65	861	8	99	104	427	51
	Ġarb	77	353	22	99	424	26	—	—	170	178	1,349	20	782	150	944	107
	Sannat	27	255	1	49	72	22	—	—	118	140	684	76	103	188	248	40
	Xeukia	151	182	—	46	83	41	—	—	89	112	704	31	87	117	318	54
	Għajn Siclem	34	112	1	16	35	54	—	—	139	79	470	10	27	50	152	33
	COMINO	62	13	73	44	—	6	—	—	133	1	332	399	4	9	30	17
	GRAND TOTAL		8,540	4,096	2,736	2,605	3,787	10,661	463	1,991	3,258	6,800	44,977	2,455	6,125	9,005	10,529

STOCK, &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.	Garbles, Cwt.	Sesamm, Quarters	Cumin Seeds, Cwt.	Sons or Load of 10 Bussles	Wheat, per Quarter	Meschiato, per Quarter	Barley, per Quarter	Beans, per Quarter	Cotton, per Cwt.	Garbles, per Cwt.	Sesamm, per Quarter	Cumin Seed, per Cwt.	Forage, per Sons or Load of 10 Bussles
1,460	160	32	240	253	1,662	—	38	8,464									
380	110	11	75	47	397	—	22	490									
733	92	136	74	500	15,040	11	407	7,560									
964	206	309	114	719	13,062	4	281	9,688									
56	10	47	12	31	1,359	79	184	3,923									
578	157	93	190	40	6,867	7	34	7,115									
220	10	12	10	10	2,000	1	26	890									
105	9	40	—	5	1,675	5	21	1,143									
30	—	23	—	6	1,368	—	2	276									
3	—	3	3	—	18	—	—	25									
1,000	245	231	99	212	3,418	41	26	5,675									
423	647	90	108	124	33,569	—	3	2,462									
2,479	182	520	318	586	10,615	100	216	9,225									
317	120	67	28	49	1,038	32	16	82									
500	68	354	248	906	45,550	4	956	430									
290	29	267	106	750	5,342	2	806	290									
319	48	173	78	468	7,593	2	793	200									
545	556	687	64	542	17,340	14	80	15,116									
130	98	240	40	84	5,164	12	72	2,236									
218	106	348	8	78	8,794	4	68	5,462									
236	338	121	70	246	8,652	1	158	1,156									
58	238	90	9	50	8,515	3	21	4,236									
1,737	62	1,441	192	1,671	87,862	7	1,930	2,500									
339	41	534	192	563	51,312	3	1,125	1,070									
191	75	173	43	140	3,574	2	490	210									
122	27	149	27	312	13,074	1	733	900									
13,133	3,634	6,191	2,318	8,422	404,890	335	8,508	90,824									
369	1,381	31	360	753	2,472	—	—	4,343									
167	1,097	11	68	439	2,615	—	—	5,537									
358	1,353	11	347	1,056	9,020	—	—	4,070									
37	854	2	156	680	1,368	—	—	1,285									
253	1,313	78	237	1,293	1,923	—	—	3,690									
63	753	7	97	344	596	—	—	3,101									
145	607	—	104	390	2,549	—	—	2,803									
84	162	7	36	154	3,420	—	—	1,061									
8	5	30	18	—	625	—	—	3									
14,917	11,159	6,368	3,771	13,531	429,448	335	8,508	116,717									

From £ 1 6 0 to £ 2 5 10 per Salma

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AVERAGE PRICE of various PRODUCE and MERCHANDISE, &c.

ARTICLES	PRICES						Per
	From			To			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Wheaten Flour	2	5	—	2	10	—	Barrel of 196 lbs.
Wheat	2	—	—	2	5	—	Imperial Bushel
Wheaten Bread	—	—	2½	—	—	3	lb
Horned Cattle	3	—	—	9	—	—	Each
Horses	6	—	—	30	—	—	"
Sheep	1	5	—	1	12	—	"
Goats	—	16	—	2	—	—	"
Swine	1	16	—	3	—	—	"
Milk	—	1	3	—	1	4	Gallon
Butter, Fresh	—	1	3	—	1	8	lb
„ Salt	—	1	2	—	1	6	"
Cheese, English	—	—	7	—	1	—	"
„ Sicilian	—	—	6	—	—	8	"
Beef	—	—	6	—	—	7	"
Mutton	—	—	5	—	—	6	"
Pork	—	—	5	—	—	—	"
Rice	—	—	1½	—	—	2½	"
Coffee	—	—	5	—	—	9	"
Tea	—	1	2	—	3	—	"
Sugar	—	—	2½	—	—	4	"
Salt	—	—	1	—	—	1½	"
Wine (common)	—	1	9	—	2	3	Gallon
Brandy (common)	—	—	6	—	1	—	"
Beer (common)	—	1	9	—	2	3	"
Tobacco	—	—	7	—	1	—	lb

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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No improvements can be said to have been introduced during the year; but the manufacture of cotton stuff and of hosiery articles 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.

Improvements in Agriculture and Manufacturing introduced this year.

CATTLE AND PRISONERS

Little progress has been made in the cultivation of potatoes, "Early Rose," and of the newly introduced quality of onions, which is not liable to rot 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 potato has likewise been introduced by the English potato at St. John's, and cultivated in their garden very successfully.

Progress of any improvements previously reported.