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**A G R I C U L T U R E**

1886.

## 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 <i>Métairie</i> System
41,155	1,642	42,797			

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

AVERAGE RATE of WAGES for LABOUR in 1886.

					Per annum	Per day	Per Task or Job †
Predial	...	...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{£ } 20 \text{ } 4 \text{ } 0 \\ \text{to} \\ \text{£ } 25 \text{ } 5 \text{ } 0 \end{array} \right\}^*$	1s. 4d. to 1s. 8d.	
Domestic	...	...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{£ } 36 \text{ } 10 \text{ } 0 \\ \text{to} \\ \text{£ } 60 \text{ } 16 \text{ } 8 \end{array} \right\}$	2s. to 3s. 4d.	
Trades	...	...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{£ } 30 \text{ } 6 \text{ } 0 \\ \text{to} \\ \text{£ } 37 \text{ } 17 \text{ } 6 \end{array} \right\}^*$	2s. to 2s. 6d.	

\* Not including festivals.

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## RETURN of the PRODUCE,

LOCALITY		CROPS Nature of the Crop, and Number of Acres of Land in each Crop												STOCK				
District	CASAL	Wheat	Meschiato	Barley	Beans and other Pulse	Cotton	Gardens	Sesamum	Cumin Seed	Pasture	Ferage	Total Number of Acres in Crop	Number of Acres of Uncultivated Land	Horses, Mules and Asses	Horned Cattle	Sheep	Goats	
1st	Rabat . . . . .	680	72	81	162	255	425	—	17	65	374	2,131	65	404	767	510	351	
	Dingli . . . . .	76	56	34	97	17	38	—	—	9	76	403	9	58	102	149	74	
2nd	Zebbej . . . . .	280	76	85	52	89	183	13	97	4	191	1,070	4	372	410	260	190	
	Sijjiewi . . . . .	293	64	77	59	81	227	12	85	10	272	1,180	10	312	628	400	164	
3rd	Maida, Pietà and S. Giuseppe	64	—	19	25	17	9	11	10	—	6	161	—	222	980	275	737	
	Birkirkara . . . . .	228	45	26	65	21	234	7	18	30	197	871	—	120	600	136	110	
	Attard . . . . .	72	1	28	1	8	80	4	22	—	66	282	—	60	138	140	80	
	Lia . . . . .	68	14	15	16	5	65	3	13	—	39	238	—	61	65	115	72	
	Balzan . . . . .	125	30	35	60	3	210	6	4	—	16	489	—	68	62	62	55	
	Sliema, St. Julian's and St. George	62	2	16	7	1	—	1	—	—	41	130	—	158	245	95	469	
4th	Naxxos . . . . .	699	71	145	81	81	196	14	24	97	436	1,844	—	190	568	296	314	
	Melieha . . . . .	356	836	63	100	72	242	—	—	—	289	1,958	—	255	225	485	298	
	Mosta . . . . .	1,000	22	118	113	162	338	24	79	128	773	2,797	—	432	674	618	530	
	Ġargġur . . . . .	270	47	52	22	33	117	8	8	23	243	823	—	47	224	892	160	
5th	Qormi . . . . .	136	24	76	16	20	252	28	25	53	270	900	—	1,076	650	160	230	
	Luqa . . . . .	64	8	16	8	8	160	1	21	4	50	340	—	77	230	90	120	
	Tarxien & Paola . . . . .	50	8	16	8	12	140	4	22	4	56	320	—	65	196	119	349	
6th	Zurrieq . . . . .	148	288	168	60	64	276	36	32	140	268	1,180	82	146	345	446	135	
	Saħ . . . . .	58	32	42	6	18	125	15	20	—	68	384	—	28	116	79	36	
	Kirkop . . . . .	84	12	61	8	12	156	14	16	—	116	484	4	35	75	313	54	
	Qrendi . . . . .	184	64	80	64	64	136	84	36	28	96	836	36	65	223	173	77	
	Mqabba . . . . .	60	62	8	4	8	232	12	20	—	88	494	—	73	185	154	42	
7th	Żeitun . . . . .	1,647	36	848	168	409	3,002	44	506	—	888	7,548	307	315	259	485	159	
	Zabbar . . . . .	359	31	333	173	200	1,603	31	284	—	404	3,418	70	128	148	100	223	
	Axjaq . . . . .	186	36	84	49	49	84	35	98	—	136	759	267	115	93	93	170	
	Gudja . . . . .	120	13	89	22	71	466	27	177	—	355	1,340	155	91	106	110	80	
Total MALTA		7,369	1,950	2,658	1,116	1,780	8,996	436	1,634	595	5,816	32,680	1,009	4,973	8,314	6,755	5,279	
Gozo	Rabat . . . . .	102	399	9	115	139	45	—	—	240	248	1,297	39	138	312	375	65	
	Nadur and Kala . . . . .	101	347	6	84	71	287	—	—	277	279	1,452	168	171	204	812	245	
	Xagra . . . . .	124	377	6	160	186	183	—	—	401	248	1,685	38	202	267	1,315	251	
	Zebbej . . . . .	9	239	—	58	125	56	—	—	313	125	925	5	105	112	514	152	
	Ġarb . . . . .	71	346	26	62	129	16	—	—	197	240	1,087	127	131	124	449	33	
	Sannat . . . . .	45	253	—	80	88	38	—	—	152	151	807	73	116	249	273	54	
	Xenkia . . . . .	54	186	—	53	79	34	—	—	75	129	610	43	86	107	380	58	
	Għajn Silem . . . . .	20	83	—	37	26	82	—	—	134	62	434	7	28	60	150	48	
	COMINO . . . . .	49	17	35	26	—	7	—	—	40	4	178	133	4	16	35	24	
	GRAND TOTAL		7,944	4,197	2,740	2,121	2,623	9,744	436	1,634	2,424	7,292	41,155	1,642	5,954	9,765	11,058	6,209

## 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 Seeds, Cwt.	Forage, Sons or Load of 10 Bundles	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 Bundles
1,500	145	84	408	156	17,717	—	50	13,960									
166	103	14	100	9	2,209	—	—	2,930									
1,046	262	407	160	760	13,128	6	640	10,120									
1,294	218	306	194	578	15,062	5	562	13,460									
158	—	18	2,141	14	108	112	4	397									
619	180	108	256	59	8,345	9	29	8,219									
250	5	80	7	27	3,943	2	10	1,060									
120	42	35	18	9	2,350	18	28	1,692									
58	360	35	19	2	2,100	3	10	720									
198	8	88	30	10	—	1	—	2,772									
1,052	145	360	207	143	5,486	31	58	16,102									
662	853	156	162	142	33,360	—	—	582									
2,237	54	405	344	421	11,034	4	228	21,585									
585	140	102	69	83	1,972	1	23	6,895									
336	77	382	70	66	8,475	14	58	15,124									
193	18	75	24	52	1,984	2	55	2,550									
148	19	78	29	64	1,013	8	59	4,232									
444	690	840	242	190	18,209	15	74	14,121									
148	90	240	38	88	5,269	11	86	2,348									
136	44	339	29	24	7,455	14	80	6,850									
348	148	142	116	166	3,566	30	113	2,636									
145	146	26	14	28	8,630	5	83	3,940									
113	7	189	14	1,437	14,783	21	1,781	3,600									
24	6	73	14	703	7,894	11	1,000	1,688									
12	7	18	4	172	418	2	344	558									
8	3	19	2	250	2,296	11	219	1,440									
12,020	3,770	4,619	47,011	5,653	195,996	270	5,594	162,581									
279	1,378	46	362	631	1,951	—	—	7,556									
237	1,024	15	192	330	7,851	—	—	8,250									
297	1,257	18	349	865	7,964	—	—	8,359									
26	736	—	158	701	1,632	—	—	4,141									
185	1,037	62	188	689	1,321	—	—	6,634									
87	906	—	153	349	828	—	—	4,719									
138	664	—	122	440	2,331	—	—	4,440									
48	206	—	55	120	1,454	—	—	1,896									
30	22	39	32	—	468	—	—	100									
13,347	10,999	4,799	48,532	9,778	221,796	270	5,594	208,676									

From £ 1 9 0 to £ 2 3 4 per Salma

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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 of 196 lb
Wheat .. .. .	1	16	—	2	—	—	Imperial Bushel
Wheaten Bread .. .. .	—	—	2½	—	—	3	lb
Horned Cattle .. .. .	6	—	—	22	—	—	Each
Horses .. .. .	5	—	—	45	—	—	..
Sheep .. .. .	1	8	—	1	15	—	..
Goats .. .. .	—	18	—	2	5	—	..
Swine .. .. .	2	5	—	2	10	—	..
Milk .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	4	Gallon
Butter, Fresh .. .. .	—	1	3	—	2	—	lb
Butter, Salt .. .. .	—	—	9	—	1	4	..
Cheese, English .. .. .	—	—	7	—	1	—	..
.. Sicilian .. .. .	—	—	6	—	—	8	..
Beef .. .. .	—	—	4½	—	—	6	..
Mutton .. .. .	—	—	5	—	—	6	..
Pork .. .. .	—	—	5½	—	—	6	..
Rice .. .. .	—	—	1½	—	—	2	..
Coffee .. .. .	—	—	6	—	1	—	..
Tea .. .. .	—	1	2	—	3	—	..
Sugar .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	3½	..
Salt .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	1½	..
Wine (common) .. .. .	—	1	8	—	2	4	Gallon
Brandy (common) .. .. .	—	6	—	1	10	—	..
Beer (common) .. .. .	—	1	9	—	2	3	..
Tobacco .. .. .	—	—	6	—	1	—	lb

## WAGES FOR LABOUR.

Domestic .. .. .	£ 0 2 0	..	£ 0 3 4	per diem
Predial .. .. .	.. 0 1 4	..	£ 0 1 8	..
Trades .. .. .	.. 0 2 0	..	£ 0 2 6	..

Improvements in Agriculture and Manufactures introduced this year.

Progress of any Improvements previously reported.

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.

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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