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

1888.

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
42,150	1,932	44,082			

* This Column is applicable to West Indian Colonies only.

AVERAGE RATE of WAGES for LABOUR in 1888.

	Per annum	Per day	Per Task or Job †
Predial... ..	{ £ 18 5 0 to „ 25 5 0* }	1s. to 1s. 8d.	
Domestic	{ £ 30 8 4 to „ 38 0 5 }	1s. 8d. to 2s. 1d.	
Trades	{ £ 30 6 6 to „ 37 17 0 }*	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			
Diary	CATTLE	Wheat	Mesclato	Barley	Beans and other Pulse	Cotton	Gardens	Sesamum	Cumin 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	533	115	89	200	129	222	—	44	—	311	1,543	218	431	773	521	573
	Dingli	98	53	44	89	22	115	—	27	—	44	492	9	31	88	272	93
2nd	Zebbug	222	62	53	40	133	222	13	115	—	266	1,126	18	351	362	198	129
	Siggieni	266	80	71	49	80	240	9	53	—	302	1,150	62	243	576	902	326
	Misida, Floriana and Hamrun	101	8	154	45	9	39	2	4	2	32	—	—	369	649	248	1,612
3rd	Birchirra	211	40	22	47	17	197	19	9	—	173	735	—	169	379	236	626
	Attard	53	2	5	3	3	108	16	1	—	93	284	—	70	152	130	122
	Lia	64	4	14	13	1	83	1	9	—	40	229	—	80	62	116	109
	Balzan	31	6	15	11	2	61	1	1	—	21	149	—	90	46	54	60
	Sliema, St. Julian's and St. George	62	—	13	17	15	25	10	50	13	175	380	—	135	171	72	541
4th	Naxaro	693	54	173	89	99	258	17	34	88	697	2,202	—	146	432	220	296
	Melleha	227	257	46	81	98	214	—	9	149	187	1,468	—	119	236	391	223
	Musta	1,579	24	300	166	120	637	11	115	99	1,076	4,127	—	539	692	593	496
	Gargur	290	34	53	29	40	135	12	13	27	268	901	—	51	203	378	129
5th	Curmi	142	33	78	21	30	285	22	29	53	288	981	—	1,194	553	350	476
	Luca	60	10	19	11	7	172	1	20	4	56	360	—	97	213	135	142
	Tarxien & Paola	52	11	18	8	6	140	2	23	3	42	305	—	216	105	128	621
6th	Zurrico	162	248	180	56	49	298	28	30	140	288	1,479	82	147	285	406	203
	Saf	60	32	36	6	14	142	12	16	—	85	403	—	24	120	82	38
	Chircop	88	16	58	6	12	166	13	12	—	140	511	4	82	169	311	57
	Cremli	120	70	72	60	40	172	50	24	28	118	754	36	111	219	240	128
	Micabiba	64	50	10	8	12	182	6	15	—	92	441	—	62	225	227	171
7th	Zeitun	1,340	35	763	244	328	3,254	36	683	—	895	7,548	307	343	291	1,119	560
	Zabbar	810	26	239	165	217	1,807	51	354	—	268	3,418	70	124	32	687	374
	Atlack	154	34	93	36	53	72	23	142	—	152	759	297	126	87	435	217
	Gadla	89	14	71	34	50	492	27	208	—	355	1,340	155	107	99	223	171
	Total MALTA	7,173	1,418	2,680	1,324	1,586	9,732	384	2,030	690	6,634	32,185	1,228	3,444	7,066	8,774	8,490
8th	Rabato	107	556	9	186	198	62	—	—	340	262	1,722	64	219	430	799	344
	Nadur and Kala	99	356	8	95	60	283	—	—	280	316	1,488	307	160	77	565	278
	Carcia	101	436	4	205	198	182	—	—	456	192	1,674	43	213	242	1,788	462
	Zebbug	6	281	1	80	166	44	—	—	156	59	793	4	81	76	434	45
	Garbo	83	325	36	90	240	24	—	—	283	228	1,979	17	242	118	740	94
	Sannat	34	294	—	73	92	28	—	—	157	170	845	103	117	207	315	72
	Xenchta	43	292	—	54	58	26	—	—	56	143	584	30	83	92	261	44
	Ghajn Sulesa	25	71	3	22	29	42	—	—	36	37	265	10	33	49	112	41
	COMINO	40	28	9	26	—	9	—	—	97	3	212	129	4	15	42	45
		GRAND TOTAL	7,702	4,037	2,754	2,357	2,827	10,434	384	2,030	2,367	8,044	42,150	1,922	6,296	8,972	14,030	9,918

AVERAGE PRICES of various PRODUCE and MERCHANDISE, &c.

ARTICLES	PRICES						Per
	From			To			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Wheaten Flour	1	10	—	2	5	—	Barrel of 196 lb
Wheat	1	10	—	2	—	—	Imperial Bushel
Wheaten Bread	—	—	1	—	—	1½	lb
Horned Cattle	3	—	—	7	—	—	Each
Horses	15	—	—	25	—	—	"
Sheep	—	18	—	2	—	—	"
Goats	—	16	—	1	12	—	"
Swine	1	18	—	2	16	—	"
Milk	—	1	3	—	1	4	Gallon
Butter, Fresh	—	1	2	—	1	8	lb
Butter, Salt	—	—	9	—	1	—	"
Cheese, English	—	—	7	—	—	7½	"
.. Sicilian	—	—	5	—	—	6	"
Beef	—	—	6	—	—	7½	"
Mutton	—	—	5	—	—	7	"
Pork	—	—	5	—	—	6	"
Rice	—	—	1	—	—	1½	"
Coffee	—	—	10	—	1	—	"
Tea	—	1	2	—	3	—	"
Sugar	—	—	3	—	—	5	"
Salt	—	—	½	—	—	1½	"
Wine (common)	—	1	8	—	2	4	Gallon
Brandy (common)	—	6	—	1	10	—	"
Beer (common) .. .. .	..	1	9	—	2	3	"
Tobacco .. .. .	..	—	6	—	—	10½	lb

WAGES FOR LABOUR.

Domestic	£ 0 1 8	..	£ 0 2 1	per diem
Predial .. .. .	.. 0 1 0	..	.. 0 1 8	"
Trades .. .. .	.. 0 2 0	..	.. 0 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.

