

PRODUCTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

## 1. AGRICULTURE AND LAND TENURE.\*

Acreage disposed of during the year				Total acreage at end of year			
Granted without sale (on long lease)	Sold	Total	Amount realised	Alienated	In process of alienation	Un-alienated	Total area of Colony
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	£ s. d.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Sq. miles
3.35	1.20	4.55	277. 2. 3	16,633.15 (a)	—	— (b)	121.844

Remarks:—

\* For the Financial year 1924-25.

(a) Cultivated and let on long or short leases.

(b) Uncultivated lands. They consist mainly of rocky wastes, and are uncultivable. Exact figures cannot be given.

## Size of Holdings, specifying the Number of Holdings

Under 10 acres	11 to 50 acres	51 to 100 acres	101 to 1,000 acres	Over 1,000 acres
236	10,864	Nil.		

CROPS †			PASTURE ‡	LIVESTOCK on 31st December, 1924.		
District and nature of crop		Number of acres under cultivation	Gross quantity of produce	Acreage of pasture land	District and nature of livestock	Number
VALLETTA DISTRICT				6 acres		
Wheat	...	174	Quarters 713		Horses	86
Meslin (Mischisto)	...	—	—		Asses	8
Barley	...	44	" 281		Mules	5
Maize †	...	6	" 23		Horned cattle	—
Beans and Peas	...	27	" 97		Sheep	—
Potatoes	...	90	Tons 405		Goats	3
Onions	...	14	" 88		Pigs	—
Cumin seed	...	50	Cwts. 204			
Cotton	...	16	lbs. 3,804			
Vegetables	...	20	Cwts. 1,285			
Forages	...	239	Loads 14,801			
Citrus fruits	...	7	Dozen 6,503			
Vines and Other fruits	...	13	Cwts. 4,015			

† For Agricultural year June 1924—May 1925.

‡ Chiefly grown as second crop, after potatoes or green-forages.

CROPS†			PASTURE†	LIVESTOCK on 31st December, 1924.	
District and nature of crop	Number of acres under cultivation	Gross quantity of produce	Area of pasture land	District and nature of livestock	Number
<b>EAST DISTRICT</b>			181 acres		
Wheat ... ..	1,826	Quarters 7,277		Horses ... ..	749
Meslin (Mischiato) ... ..	6	" 30		Asses ... ..	976
Barley ... ..	1,471	" 8,117		Mules ... ..	777
Maize* ... ..	37	" 133		Horned cattle ... ..	883
Beans and Peas ... ..	405	" 1,455		Sheep ... ..	5,064
Potatoes ... ..	1,322	Tons 4,582		Goats ... ..	5,049
Onions ... ..	357	" 2,445		Pigs ... ..	727
Cumin seed ... ..	1,491	Cwts. 8,142			
Cotton ... ..	208	lbs. 49,432			
Vegetables ... ..	283	Cwts. 16,542			
Forages ... ..	2,952	Loads 182,040			
Citrus fruits ... ..	20	Dozen 18,400			
Vines and other fruits ... ..	234	Cwts. 17,530			
<b>CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>			95 acres		
Wheat ... ..	1,850	Quarters 7,355		Horses ... ..	1,285
Meslin (Mischiato) ... ..	—	—		Asses ... ..	1,287
Barley ... ..	428	" 2,398		Mules ... ..	557
Maize* ... ..	30	" 113		Horned cattle ... ..	1,813
Beans and Peas ... ..	232	" 920		Sheep ... ..	2,709
Potatoes ... ..	1,021	Tons 3,451		Goats ... ..	6,374
Onions ... ..	126	" 822		Pigs ... ..	2,426
Cumin seed ... ..	973	Cwts. 5,359			
Cotton ... ..	184	lbs. 45,267			
Vegetables ... ..	268	Cwts. 16,418			
Forages ... ..	2,400	Loads 149,643			
Citrus fruits ... ..	85	Dozen 82,150			
Vines and other fruits ... ..	228	Cwts. 16,423			
<b>WEST DISTRICT</b>			309 acres		
Wheat ... ..	3,540	Quarters 13,705		Horses ... ..	501
Meslin (Mischiato) ... ..	96	" 470		Asses ... ..	1,058
Barley ... ..	732	" 3,929		Mules ... ..	900
Maize* ... ..	65	" 270		Horned cattle ... ..	1,151
Beans and Peas ... ..	522	" 2,068		Sheep ... ..	2,515
Potatoes ... ..	946	Tons 3,247		Goats ... ..	4,355
Onions ... ..	266	" 1,663		Pigs ... ..	1,647
Cumin seed ... ..	951	Cwts. 5,230			
Cotton ... ..	317	lbs. 77,908			
Vegetables ... ..	1,569	Cwts. 105,735			
Forages ... ..	3,656	Loads 216,209			
Citrus fruits ... ..	46	Dozen 46,200			
Vines and other fruits ... ..	912	Cwts. 67,612			
<b>GOZO DISTRICT</b>			323 acres		
Wheat ... ..	1,320	Quarters 5,155		Horses ... ..	217
Meslin (Mischiato) ... ..	1,991	" 9,875		Asses ... ..	1,149
Barley ... ..	3,400	" 17,540		Mules ... ..	463
Maize* ... ..	104	" 412		Horned cattle ... ..	1,228
Beans and Peas ... ..	517	" 2,221		Sheep ... ..	6,700
Potatoes ... ..	85	Tons 217		Goats ... ..	5,016
Onions ... ..	28	" 186		Pigs ... ..	2,671
Cumin seed ... ..	859	Cwts. 4,727			
Cotton ... ..	240	lbs. 52,917			
Vegetables ... ..	149	Cwts. 9,868			
Forages ... ..	1,868	Loads 116,067			
Citrus fruits ... ..	14	Dozen 12,900			
Vines and other fruits ... ..	970	Cwts. 70,661			

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## YIELD OF ANIMAL PRODUCE DURING THE YEAR.

No returns available.

## 2. FORESTRY.

There are no forests in Malta.

## 3. FISHERIES.

Catch of Fish			Number of boats engaged in fishing	Number of persons engaged in fishing
Kind of Fish	Quantity	Landed Value		
	(Crs.)	£		
Dog fish (var. sp.)	2,400	8,000	Malta ... .. 401	British ... .. *3,500
Hammerhead	4	26	Gozo ... .. 128	Foreigners ... ..
Angel fish	655	2,700	Total ... .. 529	3,500
Rays (var. sp.)	550	2,000		
Eel	30	250		
Conger	335	2,400		
Murrey	300	2,200		
Power	65	550		
Forkbeards (var. sp.)	130	1,100		
Brill	80	800		
Atis shad	10	75		
Pilchard	140	700		
Garfish	60	400		
(Saurus griseus)	17	85		
Grey mullet	255	2,100		
Sea pike	9	75		
Wrasse (various sp.)	160	800		
Rainbow wrasse	70	450		
Razor fish	8	85		
(Saurus cretensis)	40	230		
Streaked snare	960	3,700		
Snare	90	350		
(Dentex)	80	800		
Oldwife	50	350		
Gilthead	9	100		
Brinze	45	450		
Pandora	95	950		
Axillary beam	40	300		
Sparus (sp.)	80	750		
(Sargus vulgaris)	100	900		
Egyptian sargo	130	1,200		
Bogue	1,650	5,500		
(Box salpa)	300	1,000		
Black-tailed bream	450	4,100		
Red mullet	200	1,800		
Striped mullet	15	130		
Piper, garnard, etc.	52	250		
Scorpaena	120	600		
Percina scorpaena	60	600		
Basoc	11	110		
Stone basoc (various)	35	350		
Comber	350	2,500		
Leathered perch	200	1,500		
Dusky perch	130	1,100		
(Umbra cirrosa)	50	450		
Sword fish	55	500		
Spanish mackerell	750	2,500		
Tunny	71	650		
Long nined tunny	19	175		
Bellid bonito	65	600		
(Thynnus tunnina)	90	600		
Pino bonito	250	1,700		
Pilot fish	250	1,900		
(Seriola dumerili)	50	500		
Horse mackerell	250	1,800		
Coryphene	950	7,100		
Greater weaver	40	200		
Lesser weaver	40	200		
Stargazer	20	100		
	13,550	74,841		

General information regarding the industry and the possibilities of its development.

The industry is practically wholly dependent on inshore fishing, the craft at present in use being inadequate for deep sea fishing. Owing to the wholesale destruction of immature fish, the industry has during recent years suffered considerably, but energetic steps have been taken by the Government for securing a better control and Laws and Regulations have been issued for the purpose of ensuring the protection of immature fish. It is intended, however, to enforce more stringent measures in the near future. The adoption of motor power and larger craft for undertaking deep sea fishing has, though on a very limited scale, been already initiated and it is anticipated that the exploitation of distant fishing grounds will soon be taken in hand.

\* The number of persons who live exclusively by means of fishing is in the last census given at 1438.



## 4. MINERALS.

Quantity and value of each class of Mineral mined or quarried during the year 1925, in Malta and Gozo				Mining Concessions and Prospecting Licences granted during the year		Oil Concessions and Prospecting Licences granted during the year	
Mineral	Quantity	Value	Metallic content (in case of metallic ores)	No. of Concessions	No. of Prospecting Licences	No. of Concessions	No. of Prospecting Licences
(i) Mined:— No mines		£					
(ii) Quarried:— Globigerina Limestone	c. ft. 6,200,000	90,500	No metallic ores	Nil.		Nil.	
Coralline do.							
(a) in blocks	c. ft. 43,000	1,380					
(b) in spalls	c. yds. 60,000	7,500					
(iii) Produced:— Lime	salms* 39,000	3,900					
Common salt (sodium chloride):— (a) Total production	salms* 3,600	—					
(b) sold of above	salms* 730	250					
Total		103,730					

The geographical survey of Malta is practically complete. About 85sq. miles have been surveyed also geologically. No important mineral deposits are known which are not worked.

\* One salm=8 Imperial Bushels.

## 5. WATER POWER.

No water power available in the Colony.

## 6. INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND MANUFACTORIES from 1st January to 31st December, 1925.

(so far as not included under sub-sections 1-5 above).

Industry	Number of Establishments or Manufactories	Number of persons employed	Cost of Raw Material used	Output during the year		
				Quantity	Net selling value at factory or works	
Natural Wine	Malta... 127	—	Not available	litres 659,700	Not available	
	Gozo... 245	—		" 505,600		
Artificial Wine	Malta... 15	—		" 717,400		
	Gozo... —	—		—		
Distilling Alcohol	Malta... 1	—		Nil		
	Gozo... —	—		—		
Distilling Orange flower water	Malta... 39	—		" 5,375		
	Gozo... 43	—		" 3,569		
Cigarettes	Malta... 7	687				
Cigars	Do... 3	50				
Caps	Do... 1	Not available				
Shoody	Do... 1	do.				
Cottons	Do... 8	do.				
Furniture and Cabinet making	Do... 6	326				
Candles	Do... 1	—				
Flour-milling	Do... 5	250				

## 7. SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The commencement of the rainy season was very well timed and the incidence of the rain was favourable for the yearly germination and growth of field-crops. The production of wheat and barley was satisfactory. The winter crop of potatoes was very abundant but the spring crop was not so satisfactory. Spraying with Bordeaux mixture was adopted by the growers on an unprecedented scale. Cumin was grown more extensively than before. The production of forage and vegetables was satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.

2. Potato-blight appeared towards the close of December and many tubers were found more or less diseased. Spring potatoes, on the other hand, suffered severely from this disease and from the hail-storm of March. The crop of grapes was wholly free from the usual fungous diseases, but owing to the dry season, the quantity of berries was less than that of the preceding year. The reconstitution of vineyards in consequence of the Phylloxera infection, is proceeding very satisfactorily and next winter, it is hoped, the output of rootlings from the Government Vine Nurseries will be sufficiently large to meet the increasing demands.

3. The following statement shows the grants made by Government for the development of the natural resources of the Colony in 1924-25 :-

1).	Subsidy to the Società Economico-Agraria, Malta,	towards the improvement of agriculture	...	...	...	£	80	
2).	Do. do. do. do.	towards the upkeep of the Society's experimental farm	...	...	...		20	
3).	Do. do. do. do.	towards the holding of agricultural competitions	...	...	...		67	
4).	Do. do. do. do.	towards encouraging the growing of vines and fruit trees	...	...	...		13	
5).	Do. do. do. do.	for prizes to Exhibitors of the best Malta mule-breeding donkeys	...	...	...		10	
6).	Subsidy to the Agricultural and Industrial Show, Guze	...	...	...	...		200	
7).	Subsidy to the Horticultural Society	...	...	...	...		50	
							Total	£ 440