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## AGRICULTURE, 1917.

## 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.
Acres. 42,198	Acres. 208,042	Acres. 250,240

Note.—There are no Estates in the Colony.

## AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES FOR LABOUR.

PREDIAL, .....	\$ 36 to \$ 72 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Chinese, .....	\$ 36 to \$300 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Foreigners, .....	\$ 72 to \$300 per annum with lodging.
GARDENERS, employed by Chinese, .....	\$ 96 to \$180 per annum with lodging and generally board.
" employed by Foreigners, ..	\$120 to \$240 per annum with lodging.
TRADES, Chinese Workmen, .....	\$ 36 to \$264 per annum with board and lodging.
UNSKILLED LABOURERS, employed by Foreigners, .....	\$108 to \$216 per annum with lodging.
" employed by Chinese, .....	\$ 36 to \$ 72 per annum with board and lodging.
ORDINARY COMPETENT MECHANICS :—	
Blacksmiths and Fitters, .....	40 cents to \$1.20 per day.
Labourers, .....	30 " to 60 cents per day.
Carpenters and Joiners, .....	35 " to 55 " " with board and lodging.
Masons and Bricklayers, .....	35 " to 50 " " " " "

## RETURN OF THE PRODUCE, STOCK, &amp;c.

NAME OF THE COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR PARISH.	CROPS. State the Nature of the Crop, and the Number of Acres of Land in each Crop.										STOCK. Number of.				
	Padi (2 crops) and 1 catch-crop.	Padi (2 crops).	Padi (1 crop).	Sweet Potatoes.	Ground-nuts.	Sugar-cane.	Pineapples.	Orchard.	Pasture.	Total Number of Acres in Crop.	Number of Acres of Uncultivated Land.	Horses.	Horned Cattle.	Sheep.	Goats.
Colony of Hongkong, .....	11,500	21,674	2,103	8,703	2,200	2,100	500	274	...	47,629	207,608	...	...	†	†

\* No reliable figures obtainable.

† Sheep and Goats are imported for slaughter only, with the exception of a few goats kept by Indians for milk.

## AVERAGE PRICES OF VARIOUS ARTICLES OF USE OR CONSUMPTION.

		\$	c.	to	\$	c.
Wheaten Flour, .....	per bag of 50 lbs.	4.00		to	4.50	
" Bread, .....	per lb.	0.07		to	0.10	
Horned Cattle (large, for slaughter) .....	per head.	30.00		to	95.00	
Horses, .....	"	120.00		to	300.00	
Sheep, .....	"	13.00		to	19.00	
Goats, (for slaughter), .....	"	8.00		to	14.00	
Swine, .....	per picul.	20.00		to	24.00	
Milk, .....	per pint.	0.20		to	0.25	
Butter, Fresh, supply very limited, .....	per lb.	1.40		to	...	
" Sait, .....	"	0.85		to	1.80	
Cheese, .....	"	0.48		to	0.65	
Beef, (native), .....	"	0.20		to	0.22	
" (Australian, frozen), .....	"	...		to	0.40*	
Mutton, (native), .....	"	0.26		to	0.29	
" (Australian, frozen), .....	"	0.35		to	...	*
Pork, (native), .....	"	0.22		to	0.28	
" (Australian, frozen), .....	"	0.40		to	...	*
Rice, .....	"	0.10		to	0.12	
Coffee, (raw), .....	"	0.40		to	0.50	
Tea, .....	"	0.85		to	1.00	
Sugar, .....	"	0.13		and	0.14	
Salt, (Table), .....	in 2-lb. jar.	0.30		to	0.40	
Wine, .....	per dozen quarts.	8.00		to	22.00	
Brandy, .....	" "	20.00		to	40.00	
Beer, .....	" "	4.00		to	7.50	
" .....	" pints.	2.50		to	4.00	
Tobacco, (Tins), .....	per lb.	0.60		to	1.60	
" (Cakes) .....	"	0.40		to	0.80	

\* Quotations nominal. Imports restricted by Commonwealth Government.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES † INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

*Nil.*

† See V 1 and 2.

## PROGRESS OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

*Nil.*