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AGRICULTURE, 1922.

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.
Acres. 42,622 + 499	Acres. 207,619 - 499	Acres. 250,241
43,121	207,120	

Note.—There are no Estates in the Colony.

AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES FOR LABOUR.

PREDIAL,	\$ 54 to \$114 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Chinese,	\$ 48 to \$384 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Foreigners,	\$120 to \$420 per annum with lodging.
GARDENERS, employed by Chinese,	\$ 96 to \$264 per annum with lodging and generally board.
" employed by Foreigners,	\$132 to \$300 per annum with lodging.
TRADES, Chinese Workmen,	\$ 48 to \$420 per annum with board and lodging.
UNSKILLED LABOURERS, employed by Foreigners,	\$120 to \$264 per annum with lodging.
" " "	\$144 to \$288 per annum without board and lodging.
" " employed by Chinese,	\$ 48 to \$300 per annum with board and lodging.
ORDINARY COMPETENT MECHANICS :—	
"Blacksmiths and Fitters, employed by Foreigners,	90 cents to \$2.50 per day.
" " " Chinese,	65 " to \$2.50 "
Labourers,	40 " to 70 cents per day.
Carpenters and Joiners,	75 " to \$1.00 " " with board and lodging.
" " "	90 " to \$1.50 " " without board and lodging.
Masons and Bricklayers,	70 " to 1.20 " " with board and lodging.
Painters,	65 " to 68 " " with board only.

RETURN OF THE PRODUCE, STOCK, &c.

NAME OF THE COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR PARISH.	CROPS.										STOCK.					
	State the Nature of the Crop, and the Number of Acres of Land in each Crop.										Number of.					
	Padi (2 crops) and 1 catch-crop.	Padi (2 crops).	Padi (1 crop).	Sweet Potatoes.	Ground-nuts.	Sugar-cane.	Pineapples.	Orchard.	Camphor.	Pasture.	Total Number of Acres in Crop.	Number of Acres of Uncultivated Land.	Horses.	Horned Cattle.	Sheep.	Goats.
Colony of Hongkong, (including the New Territories.)	11,500	22,038 } = 22,079 + 46 } +	2,165 } = 2,182 + 17 } +	8,694	2,200	2,100	306	496 } = 497 + 1 } +	212	::	49,638 } 49,894 + 256 } + 30	207,047 } 206,791 - 256 } - 30	200	1,675	475 *	170 *

* 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.	3.80	to	4.50
" Bread,	per lb.	0.09	to	0.12
Horned Cattle (large, for slaughter),	per head,	30.00	to	90.00
Horses,	"	120.00	to	300.00
Sheep,	"	12.00	to	16.00
Goats, (for slaughter),	"	7.00	to	9.00
Swine,	per picul,	21.00	to	26.00
Milk,	per pint,	0.15	to	0.30
Butter, Fresh supply very limited,	per lb.	1.10	to	1.20
" Salt,	"	1.00	to	1.10
Cheese,	"	0.80	to	1.20
Beef, (native),	"	0.19	to	0.21
" (Australian frozen),	"	...	to	0.40
Mutton, (native),	"	0.29	to	0.32
" (Australian frozen),	"	0.35	to	...
Pork, (native),	"	0.20	to	0.24
" (Australian frozen),	"	0.40	to	...
Rice,	"	0.06	to	0.09
Coffee, (raw),	"	0.35	to	0.45
Tea,	"	0.50	to	1.00
Sugar,	"	0.16	to	0.20
Salt (Table),	in 2-lb. jar.	0.30	to	0.40
Wine,	per dozen quarts.	16.50	to	45.00
Brandy,	" "	27.50	to	33.00
Beer,	" "	3.30	to	5.00
"	" pints.	2.00	to	3.00
Tobacco (Tins),	per lb.	2.80	to	3.00
" (Cakes),	"	0.25	to	0.35

* 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.