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AGRICULTURE, 1925.

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. 43,143	Acres. 206,742	
43,143	206,742	Acres. 249,885

Note.—There are no Estates in the Colony.

AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES FOR LABOUR.

PREDIAL,	\$144 to \$264 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Chinese,	\$ 72 to \$444 per annum with board and lodging.
DOMESTIC SERVANTS, employed by Foreigners,	\$192 to \$432 per annum with lodging.
GARDENERS, employed by Chinese,	\$180 to \$336 per annum with lodging and generally board.
" employed by Foreigners,	\$192 to \$336 per annum with lodging.
TRADES, Chinese Workmen,	\$ 84 to \$480 per annum with board and lodging.
UNSKILLED LABOURERS, employed by Foreigners,	\$156 to \$360 per annum with lodging.
"	\$192 to \$336 per annum without board and lodging.
" employed by Chinese,	\$120 to \$384 per annum with board and lodging.
ORDINARY COMPETENT MECHANICS :—	
Blacksmiths and Fitters, employed by Foreigners,	\$1.35 cents to \$3.10 per day.
" " " Chinese,	1.00 " to \$1.90 "
Labourers,	40 " to 70 cents per day.
Carpenters and Joiners,	97 " to \$1.60 " " with board and lodging.
" "	\$1.30 " to \$1.80 " " without board and lodging.
Masons and Bricklayers,	1.25 " to 1.80 " " with board and lodging.
Painters,	1.25 " to 2.50 " " with board only.

RETURN OF THE PRODUCE, STOCK, &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.	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	22,033 } = 22,079 + 46 } + 28	2,165 } = 2,182 + 17 }	8,694	2,200	2,100	306	496 } = 497 + 1 } + 2	212	:	49,638 } 49,894 + 256 } + 30	207,047 } 206,791 - 256 } - 30	270	1,997	†	\$ 166 •

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

† Sheep only imported for immediate slaughter.

‡ Does not include New Territory for which no figures are available and does not include goats for slaughter.

AVERAGE PRICES OF VARIOUS ARTICLES OF USE OR CONSUMPTION.

		\$	c.		\$	c.
Wheaten Flour,	per bag of 50 lbs.	4.10	to	4.80		
" Bread,	per lb.	0.12	to	0.14		
Horned Cattle (large, for slaughter),	per head.	80.00	to	120.00		
Horses, (Ponies)	"	300.00	to	500.00		
Sheep,	"	19.00	to	24.00		
Goats, (for slaughter),	"	9.00	to	11.00		
Swine,	per picul.	30.00	to	37.00		
Milk,	per pint.	0.20	to	0.32		
Butter, Fresh supply very limited,	per lb.	1.60	to	1.80		
" Salt,	"	1.10	to	1.60		
Cheese,	"	0.80	to	2.00		
Beef, (native),	"	0.32	to	0.55		
" (Australian frozen),	"	0.40	to	0.70		
Mutton, (native),	"	0.48	to	0.52		
" (Australian frozen),	"	0.39	to	0.70		
Pork, (native),	"	0.36	to	0.45		
" (Australian frozen),	"	0.40	to	0.70		
Rice,	"	0.07	to	0.12		
Coffee, (raw),	"	0.35	to	0.45		
Tea,	"	0.70	to	1.80		
Sugar,	"	0.16	to	0.20		
Salt (Table),	in 2-lb. jar.	0.50	to	0.60		
Wine,	per dozen quarts.	24.00	to	54.00		
Brandy,	" "	36.00	to	54.00		
Beer,	" "	3.60	to	6.00		
"	" pints.	2.40	to	3.60		
Tobacco (Tins),	per lb.	3.20	to	7.20		
" (Cakes),	"	2.00	to	3.50		

* Nominal.

IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES † INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

Nil.

† See V 1 and 2.

PROGRESS OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Nil.