

Crop and Trade Report.

Groundnut 1936—Summer and Early Crops. Sowings of the summer crop of groundnut and of the early crop in the districts of Salem and Coimbatore are generally satisfactory. Harvest of the summer crop of groundnut has commenced in parts.

The yield is expected to be generally normal. The wholesale price of groundnut (shelled) per imperial maund of 82 2/7 lbs. as reported from important market centres towards the close of June 1936 was Rs. 6-1-0 in Cuddalore, Rs. 5-15-0 in Vizianagaram, Rs. 5-14-0 in Guntur, Rs. 5-11-0 in Vellore, Rs. 5-10-0 in Negapatam, Rs. 5-9-0 in Cuddapah and Salera, Rs. 5-8-0 in Cocanada, Rs. 5-7-0 in Nandyal, Rs. 4-11-0 in Madura, Rs. 4-6-0 in Vizagapatam, Rs. 4-3-0 in Bezwada, Rs. 4-2-0 in Ellore and Rs. 3-6-0 in Tinnevely. When compared with the prices in March 1936, these prices reveal a rise of 50 per cent. in Madura, 35 per cent. in Tinnevely, 20 per cent. in Cuddapah, 15 per cent. in Nandyal, 14 per cent. in Ellore and Salem, 12 per cent. in Vellore, 10 per cent. in Guntur, 9 per cent. in Vizianagaram, 5 per cent. in Negapatam, and 1 per cent. in Cocanada and Cuddalore and a fall of 20 per cent. in Vizagapatam.

College News & Notes.

The Students' Club. The general body meeting held on the 30th June 1936, elected the following office bearers for the working Committee of the Agricultural College Students' Club. Club Secretary, H. Krishnakumar. Games Secretary, S. K. Sastry. Cricket Captain, D. V. Rajagopalan. Hockey, V. Joseph dass. Foot ball, M. Mukundan. Tennis Representative, P. M. Sayeed. Class Representatives, III year, A. V. Pichumani. II Year, Agha Muhamad Bauker. I Year, Kunhirama Menon. On the 23rd the students of II year and III class gave a tea to welcome the 1st year and short course students. The members of the teaching staff, the tutors and the Secretary of the Union participated in the function. The representatives of the ii and iii year students made speeches welcoming the freshers and they were followed by the representatives of the tutors, members of the staff and the coaches, and the Secretary of the Union. The representative of the 1st year class replied in suitable terms. The Principal in a short speech emphasised the value of practical work in agriculture and advised the students not to neglect it.

Cross Country Race. The race was run on the 18th and S. V. Sastry was winner, Marthappakini II and Syinludian III.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The various committees, formed in connexion with the College Day Celebrations are busy making arrangements for the unique event. The preliminary heats were run on Saturday the 25th inst. The sports will come off on the 1st. August. The Entertainment committee have on their programme four plays for the first night (30th) and one on the 31st. The Agricultural Officers of the iv. circle will enact a play dealing with Agricultural propaganda, written by Mr. S. Raja Ratnam.

The Gazetted Officers of the Department will meet in a special conference on the 30th and 31st at which a large number of important topics are to be discussed.

Correction. Mr. N. Sivaraj did not visit Coimbatore in connection with the selection of students as mentioned in our last issue. The members who visited were—Rao Sahib S. N. Ponnai Kavundar, Chairman of Coimbatore Municipality.

Mahboob Ali Baig Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C., Bezwada. The other member M.R.Ry. N. Ranganathan Ayl., M.L.C. could not attend. We regret the error.

Association of Economic Biologists. An Ordinary Meeting of the Association was held on Friday, the 24th July at 5-30 P. M. in the Freeman Building when the following two papers were read and discussed (1) Some physiological observations on Groundnut by U. Narasinga Rao, B. Sc. Ag., and (2) Cytological Studies in Cymbopogon Species by C. N. Babu, B. Sc.

Visitors. Dr. S. K. Sen, Physiological Chemist, Institute of Science, Bangalore visited the Institute during the month.

Weather Review (JUNE 1936).

RAINFALL DATA

Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st	Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st
Circars	Gopalpore	14.7	+8.9	28.9	South	Negapatam	1.6	+0.3	10.4
	Berhampore*	11.3	+4.1	20.9		Aduthurai*	1.2	-0.2	7.3
	Calingapatam	4.8	+0.1	11.1		Madura	0.8	-0.6	9.2
	Vizagapatam	3.4	-1.5	12.4		Pamban	0.0	-0.1	5.4
	Anakapalli*	4.1	-0.9	18.4		Koilpatti*	0.2	-0.3	8.8
	Samalkota*	8.8	+4.7	20.6		Palamkottah	0.7	+0.2	12.0
	Maruteru*	8.0	+5.6	15.0	West Coast	Trivandrum	10.4	-3.0	33.0
	Cocanada	9.3	+4.5	17.6		Cochin	18.9	-9.6	53.3
	Masulipatam	3.3	-1.2	14.9		Calicut	33.3	-0.8	59.9
	Guntur*	2.9	-0.7	17.8		Pattambi*	23.1	+14.2	41.6
Ceded Dists.	Kurnool	3.8	+0.8	7.3		Taliparamba*	33.3	-6.0	44.9
	Nandyal*	6.2	+1.6	8.6		Kasargode*	42.7	+4.5	58.4
	Hagari*	1.4	-0.2	5.8		Nileshwar*	36.3	-5.0	48.2
	Bellary	0.9	-1.0	2.9		Mangalore	48.3	+11.5	59.9
	Anantapur	1.3	—	5.1	Mysore and Coorg	Chitaldrug	3.8	+1.0	6.5
	Rentachintala	2.6	—	6.4		Bangalore	2.6	-0.2	10.2
Carnatic	Cuddapah	3.4	+0.5	5.2		Mysore	3.2	+0.3	15.5
	Anantharajupet*	3.9	—	—		Mercara	40.5	+14.1	52.7
	Nellore	0.9	-0.4	3.4	Hills.	Kodaikanal	5.7	+1.7	18.8
	Madras	2.8	+0.9	6.8		Coonoor*	4.7	—	30.4
	Palur*	2.8	+0.9	8.7		Ootacamund*	9.7	+4.7	23.5
	Indivanam*	0.5	-1.7	6.8		Nanjanad*	11.7	+3.5	26.2
Central	Cuddalore	1.3	-0.3	7.2					
	Vellore	2.5	+0.1	6.4					
	Salem	3.5	+0.5	15.9					
	Coimbatore	1.5	-0.2	7.5					
	Coimbatore Res. Inst.*	1.5	+0.1	7.3					
	Trichinopoly	2.0	+0.6	8.8					

* Meteorological Stations of the Madras Agricultural Department.

@ From average rainfall for the month calculated upto 1935 (published in Fort St. George Gazette).

Summary of General Weather Conditions. The monsoon was active almost throughout the month on the West Coast and in the North Madras Coast and was especially active in the West Coast at the end of this month.