

The area under sugarcane up to the 25th July 1936 is estimated at 98,950 acres. When compared with the area of 97,050 acres estimated for the corresponding period of last year, it reveals an increase of about two per cent. There has been an increase in area in West Godavari, Guntur, the Deccan, Nellore, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Tanjore, Tinnevely and South Kanara, which has been partly counterbalanced by a decrease in area in Vizagapatam, Kistna, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Ramnad and Malabar. The large increase in area in Bellary is attributed to the working of the sugar factory at Hospet while the increase in North Arcot is due to the favourable season.

The condition of the crop is generally satisfactory.

The wholesale price of jaggery per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lbs. as reported from important markets towards the close of July 1936 was Rs. 6-9-0 in Adoni, Rs. 6-3-0 in Madura, Rs. 5-9-0 in Nandyal, Rs. 4-15-0 in Bezwada and Kumbakonam, Rs. 4-12-0 in Guntur and Tuticorin, Rs. 4-10-0 in Masulipatam, Rs. 4-7-0 in Calicut and Mangalore, Rs. 4-6-0 in Ellore and Mangalore. Rs. 4-6-0 in Ellore, Rs. 4-5-0 in Rajahmundry, Rs. 4-2-0 in Bellary, Cuddapah and Coimbatore, Rs. 3-15-0 in Cocanada, Rs. 3-10-0 in Vellore, Rs. 3-9-0 in Salem, Rs. 3-3-0 in Vizagapatam and Rs. 2-15-0 in Trichinopoly. When compared with the prices in the corresponding period of last year, these prices reveal a fall of 37 per cent. in Bellary, 34 per cent. in Trichinopoly, 31 per cent. in Nandyal and Vellore, 30 per cent. in Vizagapatam and Cocanada, 28 per cent. in Cuddapah, 27 per cent. in Ellore, 22 per cent. in Rajahmundry, 21 per cent. in Bezwada and 20 per cent. in Guntur and Coimbatore.

**Gingelly.—1936—37.—First Report.** The average of the areas under gingelly in the Madras Presidency during the five years ending 1934—35 has represented 11.6 per cent. of the total area under Gingelly in India.

**Area.** The area under gingelly up to the 25th July 1936 is estimated at 344,700 acres. When compared with the area of 279,900 acres estimated for the corresponding period of last year, it reveals an increase of 64,800 acres, i.e. about 23 per cent. The increase in area occurs in all districts except Kistna, Nellore, Salem, Trichinopoly, Ramnad, Tinnevely, and South Kanara.

**Yield.** The yield is expected to be below normal in Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Bellary, Anantapur, Trichinopoly, Tanjore and Madura, and normal in the other districts.

**Groundnut—1936—Second report. Summer crop—Area and yield.** The area under the summer or irrigated crop of groundnut in parts of the Madras Presidency during the five months—January to May 1936—is estimated at 61,300 acres. When compared with the area of 67,000 acres estimated for the corresponding period of last year, it reveals a decrease of 8.5 per cent. The crop has been harvested in most places. The yield is reported to be normal. The total yield is estimated at 54,900 tons of unshelled nuts as against 57,000 tons during the corresponding period of last year.

**Early Crop—Area and yield.** The area under the early crop of groundnut (mostly unirrigated) up to the 25th July 1936 in the districts of Salem and Coimbatore, is estimated at 128,000 acres. When compared with the area of 96,000 acres estimated for the corresponding period of last year, it reveals an increase of 33 per cent. The condition of the crop is satisfactory. The total yield is estimated at 64,000 tons of unshelled nuts as against 44,100 tons estimated for the corresponding period of last year.

The wholesale price of groundnut (shelled) per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lb. as reported from important markets towards the close of July 1936 was Rs. 7-1-0



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## College News & Notes.

**The Students' Club.** Mr. Chen of Nanking delivered an interesting lecture on "Boxing in China". On 17-8-'36 the inaugural address of the Students' Club was delivered by Dewan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar, M. L. C. Rao Bahadur G. N. Rangaswamy Ayyangar presided over the function.

**Association of Economic Biologists.** Under the auspices of the Association Mr. Chen of Nanking delivered an impressive lecture on the "present problems of cotton improvement in China".

**Visitors.** On the occasion of the Jubilee Celebrations and College Day, the Pudukotta Durbar deputed several of their Agricultural subordinates to attend the functions.

## Weather Review (JULY 1936).

**Summary of General Weather Conditions.** The monsoon was generally active throughout the month on the West Coast and in the Circars, and particularly so in the latter regions.

Two depressions influenced the weather in the Bay of Bengal. The first depression formed off the Orissa-Ganjam Coast on the 2nd and passing inland near Balagore on the next day lay over Chota Nagpore till the 5th as a shallow depression and then filled up. The second depression also formed off the Orissa-Ganjam Coast, on the 21st and after intensifying into a storm crossed the Coast between Gopalpore and Puri on the 24th and passed into East Central Provinces on the 25th and filled up over Bihar by the 26th. Both these depressions occasioned heavy rainfall in South Orissa and Ganjam.

The month's rainfall was markedly above the average in Ganjam and South Canara, in defect in the Ceded Districts and was nearly normal elsewhere.

The chief falls reported were, Icchapur 9'5, Gopalpore 7'9, Nowrangpur 7'5 and Parlakimidy 6'5 and Berhampore 5'6 on the 23rd and Gopalpore 5'1 on the 25th.