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Statistics—Crop—Gingelly—1948—'49—Fourth or Final Report. The average area under gingelly in the Madras Province during the five years ending 1944—1945 represents 14·7 per cent of the total area under gingelly in India.

2. The area sown with gingelly in 1948—1949 is estimated at 651,800 acres. When compared with the actual area of 638,400 acres according to the Season and Crop Report of the previous year, it reveals an increase of 2·1 per cent. The present estimate reveals a decrease of 4·8 per cent when compared with the average area of 684,900 acres during the previous five years.

3. The estimated area under gingelly in 1948—1949 is the same as the final area in the previous year in Guntur District. An increase in area is estimated in the districts of Vizagapatam, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Nellore, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Ramnad, Tirunelveli and South Kanara and a decrease in area in the other districts of the Province. The decrease is marked in Chingleput (—6000).

4. The yield per acre is estimated to be normal in Krishna and Guntur and below the normal in all the other districts of the Province due mainly to adverse seasonal conditions. The condition of the late sown crop is reported to be generally satisfactory. The seasonal factor for the Province as a whole works out to 85 per cent of the average as against 82 per cent estimated in the Season and Crop Report of the previous year. On this basis the total yield works out to 75,800 tons which is more than that estimated in the Season and Crop Report of the previous year by 5·1 per cent. The present estimate shows a decrease of 5·5 per cent, when compared with average yield of 80,200 tons during the previous five years.

5. The wholesale price of gingelly seed per imperial maund of 82.2/7 lbs. (equivalent to 3200 tolas) as reported from important markets on 9—4—1949 was Rs. 35—4—0 in Salem, Rs. 32—15—0 in Tirunelveli, Rs. 32—3—0 in Tuticorin, Rs. 31—6—0 in Cuddalore Rs. 30—12—0 in Rajahmundry, Rs. 30—1—0 in Kakinada and Rs. 27—1—0 in Vizagapatam. When compared with the prices which prevailed on 8—1—1949, these prices reveal a rise of 16 per cent in Salem 12 per cent in Tuticorin, 11 per cent in Rajahmundry, 9 per cent in Kakinada, 5 per cent in Tirunelveli and 2 per cent in Cuddalore and Vizagapatam. (From Public and Economic Statistics Department).

Cotton Raw, in the Madras Presidency (in bales of 392 lbs.) The receipts of loose cotton at presses and spinning mills in the Madras Presidency from 1st February 1949 to 29—4—1949 amounted to 70934 bales of 392 lbs. lint as against an estimate of bales of the total crop of 1949. The receipts in the corresponding period of the previous year were 113582 bales. 145861 bales mainly of pressed cotton were received at spinning mills and 1656 bales were exported by sea while 41755 bales were imported by sea mainly from Karachi and Bombay. (From the Director of Agriculture, Madras).

Division

Orissa & Circars.

Ceded Districts.

Carnatic.

Central.

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