

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

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THE following table gives the estimated average yields of field crops for the season 1914-15:—

District.	Bushels, per Acre.					Lb., per Acre.					Tons, per Acre.		
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	Rye-grass.	Cocks-foot.	Chewings Fe-cue.	Red Clover.	White Clover.	Pota-toes.	Turnips.	Man-golds.
Auckland ..	24.29	33.10	40.09	50.83	25.51	224.62	121.68	..	..	..	6.16	17.71	34.91
Taranaki ..	44.18	38.94	42.17	20.77	29.29	460.65	151.94	..	..	..	7.56	24.70	30.22
Hawke's Bay ..	21.28	21.57	28.89	26.86	26.59	390.87	392.50	560.00	..	..	6.04	12.49	6.34
Wellington ..	31.17	35.76	37.64	20.00	31.61	281.08	201.46	..	266.66	..	8.87	18.24	31.44
Nelson ..	24.55	28.79	18.18	..	14.49	249.55	163.46	..	168.61	..	4.90	11.46	19.52
Marlborough ..	25.55	32.91	26.91	..	34.66	385.50	133.41	280.00	146.20	147.31	6.31	12.18	27.41
Canterbury ..	25.53	36.59	34.39	..	31.08	368.43	163.44	..	138.41	..	5.92	14.31	23.57
Otago— Otago portion ..	31.46	40.92	32.43	..	24.00	521.62	273.49	..	..	..	6.40	14.37	18.33
Averages (estimated) for the Dominion, season 1914-15	25.96	35.45	27.78	45.98	25.93	419.63	141.54	494.12	151.82	147.31	6.45	15.13	26.61
Averages (actual) for the Dominion, season 1913-14	31.37	40.75	37.65	51.79	31.64	392.89	191.11	..	163.10	138.30	5.39	13.03	29.99

The following are condensed reports of Enumerators on the prospects of yields of crops in the various districts:—

*Auckland.*—Yields generally below average of recent years, on account of prolonged drought; maize in Tauranga district up to the average; potato and turnip crops in Opotiki and Te Kuiti districts promise well.

*Taranaki.*—Wheat yields above average; oats and barley up to average; potatoes, good yield with little blight; turnips promise record yield; mangolds good.

*Hawke's Bay.*—In places practically all crops have failed owing to the continued drought. Low yields generally throughout the district.

*Wellington.*—In Wanganui district weather-conditions too dry for early crops other than wheat, but favourable for late-sown crops; wheat crops good; oats and barley very fair; potatoes very good and free from blight; turnips and mangolds good; grass-seed of good quality, but yields somewhat low. In remainder of provincial district grain crops poor, but fairly good crops of potatoes and turnips.

*Marlborough.*—Grain crops poor; root crops fair.

*Nelson.*—Grain crops fair, and wheat yield expected to be higher than in previous years.

*Canterbury.*—Wheat giving better yields than anticipated; oats light, with under-average yields; potatoes looking well and free from blight, but yield not expected to be high; peas well up to average; cocksfoot, light crop with seed inclined to be light.

*Otago.*—In Waitaki and Taieri Counties cereal crops excellent, but in remainder of district yields smaller than usual, almost complete failures being recorded for some counties. Generally root crops poor, but free from blight or other disease.

*Southland.*—Wheat, good quality, fair yields; oats looking well, but yields expected to be on light side; rye-grass and clover should yield well; potatoes only fair, and affected by blight; late plantings of turnips have done well.

*Estimated Total Yields.*—According to the returns furnished the total estimated yields of the principal crops will be approximately as given below. It should be remembered that the estimate is based on a collection of returns by post. All forms posted to farmers were not returned, the percentage of returns received out of the forms issued varying from 77.13 in Auckland to 94.62 in Wellington, and averaging 85.53 per cent. over the whole Dominion. The total yields for the season 1913-14 as estimated on the actual results achieved are given by way of comparison.

	Estimated Yields, 1914-15.	Actual Yields, 1913-14.
Wheat .. .. .	4,921,159 bushels.	5,231,700 bushels.
Oats .. .. .	10,194,037 "	14,740,946 "
Barley .. .. .	509,680 "	1,205,628 "
Rye-grass .. .. .	21,205,163 lb.	21,976,700 lb.
Cocksfoot .. .. .	2,484,169 "	4,956,438 "
Potatoes .. .. .	141,171 tons.	157,194 tons.
Turnips .. .. .	7,778,409 "	6,391,191 "
Mangolds .. .. .	257,878 "	305,358 "

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*Registrars of Births and Deaths of Maoris appointed.*

Office of Public Service Commissioner, Wellington, 25th February, 1915.

THE Public Service Commissioner has made the following appointments in the Public Service.

P. VERSCHAFFELT,  
Secretary.

Name.	Place.	Position.	Date.
Joseph Banks .. .. .	Whakarewarewa .. .. .	Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris	1st February, 1915.
William Henry Manning .. .. .	Waimarama .. .. .	"	1st " "
Arnold Admiral Whitehead .. .. .	Arowhenua .. .. .	"	1st " "
Georgina Handcock .. .. .	Te Mahia .. .. .	"	1st " "
Agnes Horneman .. .. .	Matata .. .. .	"	1st " "
Rosa Clarke .. .. .	Karioi .. .. .	"	1st " "
Ellen Louise Barnes .. .. .	Mangamaunu .. .. .	"	1st " "
William Nixon Coughlan .. .. .	Omaio .. .. .	"	1st March, "
Gordon Mackay .. .. .	Omarumutu .. .. .	"	1st February, "
Lilian Church .. .. .	Parapara .. .. .	"	9th " "
Hugh Mahon Foley .. .. .	Pawarenga .. .. .	"	1st " "
Annette Burgoyne .. .. .	Pukehina .. .. .	"	1st " "
Henry Hirst Rayner .. .. .	Taharoa .. .. .	"	1st " "
Archibald Hume Watt .. .. .	Te Kao .. .. .	"	9th " "
Florence Maude Proctor .. .. .	Te Waotu .. .. .	"	11th " "
John William Bennett .. .. .	Waima .. .. .	"	1st " "