

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

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THE annual collection of the agricultural and pastoral statistics for the season 1916-17 is now sufficiently advanced to enable fairly accurate figures to be given showing the results so far as the North Island is concerned.

The appended interim tables for the North Island are therefore published in order to give the earliest possible information regarding the principal crops and live-stock. Complete returns have so far been received for sixty-one counties, but there are still some returns outstanding for the remaining twelve counties which comprise the North Island. The figures which have been adopted in these cases are estimated for the incomplete portion only, and the totals now given are therefore subject to slight revision on the complete returns coming to hand.

An interim return for the South Island will be published as soon as sufficient information is available.

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INTERIM RETURNS.

I.—TABLE showing APPROXIMATE AREAS and YIELDS of the PRINCIPAL CROPS in each Land District in the North Island.

Land District.	Wheat.				Oats.				Barley.				Maize.				Rye-grass.		Cocksfoot.		Potatoes.		Turnips.	Mangolds.
	For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		For Threshing.		For Ensilage.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.		
	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.										
Auckland .. ..	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Lb.	Acres.	Lb.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Acres.
Hawke's Bay .. ..	573	11,696	114	149	368	6,393	21,009	25,811	484	12,037	105	275	3,314	119,010	511	3,667	1,078	221,285	977	55,235	3,020	10,915	77,012	537
Taranaki .. ..	319	7,940	173	344	1,104	27,923	12,791	19,184	2,576	96,253	319	459	3,070	162,919	60	683	4,896	1,492,990	491	24,212	923	4,231	11,576	479
Wellington .. ..	423	11,257	53	108	519	13,110	6,923	13,071	370	12,290	111	209	13	372	26	116	96	29,119	80	7,114	399	1,558	35,041	1,375
Totals, North Island, 1917	4,996	120,950	297	377	7,775	239,714	18,375	29,297	941	28,339	124	261	23	761	55	333	2,523	571,438	654	82,271	2,389	12,917	40,653	788
Totals, North Island, 1916	6,311	151,843	637	978	9,766	287,140	59,098	87,363	4,371	148,919	659	1,204	6,420	283,062	652	4,799	8,593	2,314,832	2,202	168,832	6,731	29,621	164,282	3,179
Totals, North Island, 1916	17,926	483,924	1,271	2,615	17,228	577,301	106,796	178,362	8,854	290,274	1,400	2,529	8,073	340,078	563	3,332	12,558	3,920,679	3,314	543,716	9,606	43,120	198,835	4,256

II.—TABLE showing APPROXIMATE NUMBERS of the Principal Varieties of LIVE-STOCK in each Land District in the North Island (inclusive of its Interior Boroughs).

Land District.	Horses.	Dairy Cows (in Milk and Dry).	Total Cattle (including Figures in Previous Column).	Pigs.
Auckland .. ..	89,960	251,484	820,210	86,678
Hawke's Bay .. ..	37,837	42,662	342,061	15,724
Taranaki .. ..	25,855	154,406	334,773	50,428
Wellington .. ..	51,735	131,895	493,427	47,263
Totals, North Island, 1917	205,387	580,447	1,990,471	200,093
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