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IN the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 20th December last there appeared tables giving areas and yields of crops, and also details of other cultivation and numbers of live-stock in the Dominion. The tables appended hereto now give details of the number of fruit-trees of each variety in commercial orchards in the Dominion, the yield of fruit, and the average price realized per bushel; and also particulars of holdings classified according to size, and the purpose for which they are principally utilized.

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COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS.

TABLE SHOWING FOR EACH LAND DISTRICT THE TOTAL AREA IN ORCHARD FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, AND PARTICULARS AS TO NUMBER OF TREES OF EACH VARIETY, QUANTITY OF FRUIT GATHERED, AND AVERAGE PRICE REALIZED PER BUSHEL.

Land District.	Not Bearing.						Bearing.						
	Total Area.	Number of Trees.					Total Area.	Apples.			Pears.		
		First Year from Planting.	Second Year from Planting.	Third Year from Planting.	Fourth Year from Planting.	Fifth Year from Planting.		Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.	Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.
	Acres.						Acres.	Bushels.	s. d.		Bushels.	s. d.	
Auckland .. .. .	2,951	91,681	131,273	63,446	32,995	23,172	3,384	92,192½	5 7	30,315	18,308	7 5	
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	860	22,931	44,435	21,472	13,298	10,147	1,324	96,254	4 8	20,557	28,635	4 4	
Taranaki .. .. .	10	924	340	33	35	110	48	2,052	4 7	252	136	4 3	
Wellington .. .. .	279	5,394	7,113	6,863	7,813	2,953	482	19,901	6 0	4,719	5,401½	5 6	
Nelson .. .. .	4,949	171,065	171,507	192,486	67,798	70,768	3,950	377,292	3 3	15,339	13,723	4 3	
Marlborough .. .. .	579	5,218	13,670	47,928	221	4,649	153	7,348	3 11	404	851	4 10	
Westland .. .. .	59	1,860	224	1,228	929	10	77	3,638	4 10	364	436	6 2	
Canterbury .. .. .	695	17,862	30,097	38,372	9,841	4,782	855	76,077½	4 7	17,979	25,318½	4 0	
Otago .. .. .	2,230	46,344	100,034	79,984	54,540	20,982	1,906	56,454½	6 2	10,417	12,952½	4 11	
Southland .. .. .	6	..	..	735	..	194	13	1,561	4 0	13	24	4 0	
Totals for Dominion ..	12,618	363,279	498,693	452,547	187,470	137,767	12,192	856,979	618,625½	5 1	100,359	105,785½	5 7

Land District.	Bearing—continued.											
	Peaches.			Nectarines.			Apricots.			Plums.		
	Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.	Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.	Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.	Number of Trees.	Quantity of Fruit gathered.	Average Price realized per Bushel.
		Bushels.	s. d.		Bushels.	s. d.		Bushels.	s. d.		Bushels.	s. d.
Auckland .. .. .	93,383	42,158½	6 4	11,171	4,462½	6 4	5,837	1,040½	3 6	28,430	14,550	6 2
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	29,073	31,441½	5 11	3,244	3,671½	4 10	2,216	1,188½	10 1	7,873	11,306	4 3
Taranaki .. .. .	427	222	4 3	104	51	10 0	36	27	4 1	1,473	1,488	4 1
Wellington .. .. .	4,993	2,402½	10 9	1,176	606	9 9	408	232½	10 1	2,741	2,312½	5 5
Nelson .. .. .	22,596	19,666	4 0	4,796	4,920	3 11	8,423	3,338	8 11	8,246	15,049	4 5
Marlborough .. .. .	612	669½	7 6	144	173	7 9	86	148½	5 11	203	342½	5 3
Westland .. .. .	94	228½	5 0	46	20	5 6	5	15	4 0	1,312	1,801½	8 0
Canterbury .. .. .	4,204	3,495	12 8	329	206½	9 4	2,270	1,676	6 5	8,597	11,325½	4 6
Otago .. .. .	47,072	30,988	6 10	4,629	2,845½	7 5	48,936	32,913½	6 6	16,144	13,396	5 0
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5 7	300	500	3 11
Totals for Dominion ..	202,454	131,271½	6 5	25,639	16,955½	6 4	68,218	40,580½	6 10	75,319	72,071	5 3