

THE collection of agricultural and pastoral statistics for the season 1918-19 is now sufficiently advanced to enable preliminary figures to be given for the Dominion. Complete returns have so far been received for 117 counties out of the 126 which comprise the Dominion. Estimates have been made for the incomplete portions of the remaining nine counties. The tables appended hereto are consequently liable to revision on the complete returns coming to hand.

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INTERIM RETURNS.

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

Land District.	Wheat.					Oats.					Barley.				Maize.				Rye-grass.		Cocksfoot.		Potatoes.		Turnips.	Mangolds.		
	For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		Not harvested (Fed off, &c.).	For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		Not harvested (Fed off, &c.).	For Threshing.		For Chaff, Hay, or Ensilage.		For Threshing.		For Ensilage.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.
	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.												
North Auckland	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Lb.	Acres.	Lb.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	285	7,901	108	195	1	57	1,478	7,523	11,437	92	104	2,781	51	101	504	16,294	55	204	444	124,124	110	19,200	1,196	6,460	7,404	268	268	
Hawke's Bay	210	6,132	69	124	..	279	5,280	13,668	21,508	1,115	133	6,095	54	82	5,817	218,186	133	797	188	41,691	655	65,903	1,651	7,080	45,117	1,055	1,055	
Taranaki	583	18,642	119	166	3	934	33,183	13,996	24,621	407	2,116	115,692	107	199	3,437	178,108	66	201	3,425	1,487,987	253	54,625	1,085	5,734	11,897	222	222	
Wellington	474	14,112	43	134	10	982	31,861	7,047	16,059	428	431	17,204	73	151	1	35	2	10	77	29,070	154	14,980	380	1,924	26,055	1,581	1,581	
Nelson	3,261	97,377	340	496	13	4,293	143,824	20,688	34,886	513	811	25,905	55	107	57	1,950	39	190	2,508	784,681	589	96,252	1,565	9,301	31,375	889	889	
Marlborough	1,816	30,235	40	55	22	800	18,000	8,775	10,274	236	750	16,000	15	55	..	..	13	74	61	11,120	338	39,145	422	1,462	4,026	20	20
Westland	1,643	42,058	2	2	5	1,002	30,422	16,308	32,823	176	3,432	109,157	28	62	..	..	1	1	402	74,105	235	41,620	287	1,421	1,570	219	219
Canterbury	1	18	4	5	..	5	290	332	527	53
Otago	167,299	5,341,453	575	842	771	90,790	3,422,860	110,123	154,876	8,151	5,888	221,526	46	59	..	..	..	..	19,557	6,912,580	15,382	3,330,065	9,367	52,794	102,051	3,025	3,025
Southland	32,272	1,050,615	437	679	315	41,879	1,782,564	53,552	89,428	1,447	5,014	187,013	79	132	1	10	..	..	3,035	1,243,357	125	28,340	2,190	11,548	98,757	294	294
Totals, Dominion, 19 8-19 (interim figures only)	209,404	6,658,613	1,753	2,737	1,168	172,953	6,925,543	298,154	469,464	13,038	18,903	708,873	529	974	9,817	414,583	309	1,477	38,805	15,279,588	18,144	3,766,492	19,276	104,428	432,496	7,574	7,574	
Totals, Dominion, 1917-18 (final figures)	280,978	6,807,536	2,258	3,549	2,835	156,202	4,942,759	311,316	419,434	20,658	18,860	568,702	634	1,240	8,151	367,761	613	3,335	70,220	27,112,252	16,595	2,410,557	22,854	100,596	450,819	8,712	8,712	

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

Land District.	Horses, as at 31st Jan., 1919.	Dairy Cows, as at 31st Jan., 1919 (in Milk and Dry).	Total Cattle, as at 31st Jan., 1919 (including Figures in previous Column).	Number of Sheep shorn, Season 1918-19.	Number of Lambs tailed, Season 1918-19.	Sheep (including Lambs), as at 30th April, 1919.	Pigs, as at 31st Jan., 1919.
North Auckland	41,215	121,581	430,517	755,109	292,156	728,915	30,051
Auckland	51,850	176,377	569,025	1,046,266	439,756	966,377	41,652
Hawke's Bay	40,143	46,235	478,240	5,665,018	2,338,684	5,977,805	15,533
Taranaki	24,585	144,809	349,824	980,006	335,835	937,227	30,931
Wellington	50,351	129,398	574,595	5,241,432	2,314,225	5,683,541	34,242
Nelson	8,801	19,466	56,321	387,880	179,860	478,279	8,539
Marlborough	7,390	11,587	38,299	942,099	380,116	1,044,307	6,221
Westland	2,886	9,854	42,042	63,803	30,983	71,647	3,096
Canterbury	66,375	64,098	186,673	4,120,689	2,317,209	5,147,677	40,194
Otago	40,054	46,064	132,572	2,640,687	1,121,384	3,044,503	15,627
Southland	30,252	50,982	163,673	1,542,231	708,506	1,748,276	9,136
Totals, Dominion, 1919 (interim figs.)	363,902	820,451	3,021,781	23,385,220	10,458,714	25,828,554	235,222
Totals, Dominion, 1918 (final figures)	378,050	793,215	2,869,465	23,749,700	11,194,167	26,538,302	258,694