

THE collection of agricultural and pastoral statistics for the season 1919-20 is now sufficiently advanced to enable preliminary figures to be given for the Dominion. Complete returns have so far been received from 111 counties out of the 129 which comprise the Dominion; and estimates have been made for the incomplete portions of the remaining eighteen counties. It is, however, unfortunate that estimates have had to be made for portions (though small) of two of the most important grain-growing counties of the Dominion—viz., Ashburton and Waimate. It has also been necessary to estimate a portion of the particulars for Waimea County which comprises a large part of Nelson Land District.

The tables appended hereto are, of course, 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.	Area.			Yield.
	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.		Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.	Area.	Yield.												
North Auckland	102	2,586	78	122	20	47	1,361	7,471	10,423	196	121	2,659	52	174	307	9,097	208	631	253	77,763	96	26,170	1,874	8,177	11,066	206		
Auckland	77	1,459	42	70	167	391	1,262	12,855	17,639	1,002	182	5,491	82	119	5,619	216,291	191	1,767	90	16,800	177	24,992	1,661	6,928	66,213	1,414		
Hawke's Bay	288	11,342	130	212	6	255	7,113	12,173	19,773	755	1,832	96,044	83	105	3,035	174,583	78	217	2,263	948,791	45	5,617	1,431	7,042	20,089	361		
Taranaki	170	3,385	3	5	13	530	18,648	7,231	15,825	556	130	5,926	76	194	5	168	18	87	23	7,340	64	4,840	372	1,955	34,141	1,450		
Wellington	1,726	57,314	295	519	54	3,807	150,335	20,979	36,315	797	606	21,551	168	258	16	440	50	191	2,121	614,317	207	12,445	2,097	14,402	44,349	1,132		
Nelson	716	15,331	5	7	..	523	13,601	8,703	10,330	340	687	20,225	8	12	1	40	4	43	130	14,680	337	9,485	527	2,461	5,655	18		
Marlborough	908	26,396	1,409	47,358	17,934	34,483	201	4,688	155,675	18	42	280	93,395	120	14,499	446	2,675	3,202	234	
Westland	..	..	2	4	..	..	669	1,124	222	..	..	..	6	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	229	1,599	..
Canterbury	114,069	3,751,945	597	958	334	101,407	3,852,476	117,596	158,775	8,559	8,259	330,434	64	159	1	72	..	..	20,991	4,967,357	15,580	2,109,433	12,286	76,851	127,760	3,450
Otago	20,009	648,068	568	627	284	36,736	1,433,523	59,218	80,340	1,743	5,677	149,369	148	148	1	20	..	..	3,251	1,042,144	352	59,813	2,447	12,812	100,677	1,042
Southland	939	30,160	221	400	1	31,645	1,295,133	49,855	69,677	472	226	8,817	1	2	..	..	..	..	9,247	4,978,931	129	25,715	1,305	8,242	119,417	7
Totals, Dominion, 1919-20 (interim figures only)	139,004	4,547,986	1,991	2,924	879	176,755	6,820,810	314,684	455,198	14,843	22,408	796,191	688	1,182	8,985	400,711	567	2,978	38,654	12,761,518	17,107	2,293,009	24,500	141,774	534,168	9,314		
Totals, Dominion, 1918-19 (final figures)	208,030	6,567,629	1,646	2,554	1,099	172,686	6,884,609	301,724	461,739	12,927	18,753	710,932	530	938	9,792	413,595	272	1,378	31,250	12,923,886	19,318	3,761,814	19,116	105,483	438,045	8,233		

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., 1920.	Dairy Cows, as at 31st Jan., 1920 (in Milk and Dry).	Total Cattle, as at 31st Jan., 1920 (including Figures in previous Column).	Number of Sheep shorn, Season 1919-20.	Number of Lambs tailed, Season 1919-20.	Sheep (including Lambs), as at 30th April, 1920.	Pigs, as at 31st Jan., 1920.
North Auckland	37,240	121,074	386,273	630,095	228,304	664,455	31,231
Auckland	49,198	203,538	610,202	1,171,939	468,515	911,135	50,964
Hawke's Bay	36,949	46,522	456,848	5,461,154	2,021,337	5,454,427	15,646
Taranaki	23,538	157,287	357,644	920,667	318,981	860,365	41,805
Wellington	47,792	141,806	615,719	5,130,109	2,097,929	5,358,289	39,784
Nelson	8,178	20,537	59,355	409,402	134,646	451,374	8,820
Marlborough	7,111	11,656	39,967	946,302	301,379	1,011,741	5,653
Westland	2,777	10,072	40,561	55,897	29,005	66,100	3,273
Canterbury	63,829	68,413	193,157	4,259,202	2,171,501	4,727,882	41,155
Otago	38,528	47,141	134,338	2,639,469	1,051,598	2,807,098	14,136
Southland	29,108	54,758	165,381	1,434,357	641,558	1,601,640	7,180
Totals, Dominion, 1920 (interim figs.)	344,248	882,854	3,059,445	23,058,593	9,464,748	23,914,506	259,647
Totals, Dominion, 1919 (final figures)	363,188	826,135	3,035,478	23,720,818	10,485,351	25,828,554	235,347