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OF CERTAIN

PRINCIPAL CROPS IN INDIA

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PREFACE TO THE TENTH ISSUE.

In previous years the record of the conditions prevailing at the time of forecast in each province was summarized for the years dealt with in the tables, and prefixed to them; but this form of presentation was both cumbrous and inconvenient, as merchants wishing to discover the causes of marked fluctuations in area or yield might take some time to discover the summary with the particular crop, particular province, and particular season in which they were interested. Considerations of space also rendered it necessary to confine the figures given to fifteen years instead of giving a complete series from 1891-92 as in the issues prior to 1907. In the present volume accordingly the summaries have been omitted, and in their stead a new column opened in the tables of area and outturn epitomizing in a phrase the character of the season—thus enabling the reader to see at a glance the bearing of one upon the other. The interest of the publication has, it is hoped, been further enhanced by the insertion of the prefatory notes hitherto exclusively appended to Table IX in the volume of Agricultural Statistics—explaining in detail for each province how the forecasts are prepared.

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