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## NOTICE

WITH the earlier issues of the volume of Agricultural Statistics of British India were incorporated those of Mysore, the only Native State from which such statistics were then obtainable. In course of time arrangements were made in several States for the collection of agricultural statistics, and all that were received in the Statistical Department were included in a separate section of the volume. Additions have been made from time to time in the last few years to the number of States rendering statistics, and the growth of the tables has made it convenient to print them in a separate volume. The States included are :

Mysore	Tonk
Jaipur	Alwar
Gwalior	Kishangarh
Bikaner	Bharatpur
Marwar	Jhaláwar

Kotah

In several cases the statistics are more or less defective, and they must—like the statistics of British provinces—be used with cautious reserve. Reference to specific defects will be found in the Explanatory Notes prefixed to the tables, but the greatest defect is the fragmentary nature of the information, for the area represented is insignificant compared with the total area of all the Indian States. Thus in the first place no returns are made for any of the tributary or feudatory States within the boundaries of the British provinces which are politically controlled by the Local Governments. The total gross area of these States, exclusive of the frontier States of Burma and Assam, is 127 million acres, and though a very large portion of this is neither cultivated nor capable of cultivation, the fact that the population is 22 millions necessarily means a large cultivated area. Of these States the largest and far the most important are those in Bombay which have a population of nearly seven millions.

The remaining Indian States have direct political relations with the Government of India, and of these, Baroda, Hyderabad, and Kashmir, with an aggregate area of 110 million acres, make no returns. Of the nine States in Central India, with an area of 50½ million acres, Gwalior alone supplies statistics, and among the 21 States in Rajputana, with an area of 81½ million acres, nine States render statistics. Excluding Baluchistan the population of these States is nearly 40 millions, and the area for which no returns are made is 214 million acres.

The returns made are also very incomplete, for the gross area as shown in Table 1 is in some cases only a small fraction of the State, being one-third of the total area in Jaipur and Bikaner, and one-eighth in Marwar. Again from the total of 54 million acres described as the gross area, a deduction is first made of

7 million acres on account of *jagirs* and lands held on other privileged tenures, for which absolutely no information is obtainable, and then after a further deduction of forests and uncultivated land, the area for which crop statistics are given is reduced to the relatively insignificant total of about 15 million acres, or including lands cropped more than once  $15\frac{1}{2}$  million acres.

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