

BERKSHIRE

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| | Names of places | Wheat | Barley | Oats | Potatoes | Peas | Beans | Turnips or Rape | Rye | Others |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------|----------|------|-------|-----------------|-----|--------|
| Expressed in acres | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Abingdon SS. Helen and Nicholas | 415 | 390 | 60 | | 60 | 225 | (60) | | |
| 82 | Letcombe Bassett | 215 | 140 | 240 | 1 | 42 | 50 | (142) | | |
| 75 | Letcombe Regis | 169½ | 140 | 94 | 3 | 42 | 122 | (3½) | | |
| | Reading | No figures - see Notes | | | | | | | | |
| 97-8 | Stratfield Mortimer | No figures - see Notes | | | | | | | | |
| 147 | Wallingford St Leonard | 179 | 139½ | 37½ | 1½ | 17 | 102 | (20½) | | |

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1 Abingdon SS. Helen and Nicholas

The annexed is the best account which Mr Lempriere has with difficulty, been able to procure. He is at the same time apprehensive that Government cannot depend upon it as sufficiently authentic, as the farmers, from whom the clergy must collect their information, are very universally unwilling to give it, and such as some of them have given, has in many instances varied, from the statement delivered by their neighbours. A positive law, alone, can remedy the evil, and it is piously hoped Government will ascertain the whole produce of the Kingdom by obliging the farmers to deliver their statements upon oath.

82 Letcombe Bassett

This is about the quantity of corn etc. of each kind this year planted, the quantity both of wheat and oats rather exceed the average quantity on account of the dearness of them the preceding season which induced the farmers to sow some out of course.

75 Letcombe Regis

This is not to be considered as the usual quantity of each that is planted one year with another: as a bill has been passed for the inclosing the parish. Much has been planted out of course, as for example, in the field which should have been turnips there were planted 26 acres of barley and above 30 of oats this year, whereas there were but 3 acres of turnips.

Reading (The following note was found in HO 42/58 No.221 but should in fact have been placed in HO/67/23, 1801 Crop Returns, Diocese of Salisbury.)

In consequence of the Bishop of Salisbury's circular letter, I am to inform your lordship, that there is not one acre of arable land in this parish.

97 Stratfield Mortimer (In spite of the reference to a return in the following letter no return has yet been found.)

In consequence of the commands of my Diocesan the Bishop of Salisbury I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a statement of the produce of my parish for the present year.

147 Wallingford St Leonard

This is the produce of two small parishes united, viz. St Leonard's in Wallingford and Sotwell. The crops were in general very productive and the harvest being fine there is no doubt but the corn will yield well and be very good. Turnips are raised chiefly for the sheep and very few potatoes are planted in the open fields but many in gardens.