

HERTFORDSHIRE

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Names of places		Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
		Expressed in acres								
32	Aston	280½	181	219½	3½	64		(94)		
396	Hitchin	927	881	586	40	162	50	(359)	26	Vetches 200
469	Knebworth	376	218	220		62		(186)		
16/157	Meesden	110	94	144		12		(1)		
822	Watton-at-Stone	492	307	263		149	10	157	7	Tares 20
16/252	Widford	135	130	108	15	22		(51)		
857	Willian	32	8	25			26			

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15/396 Hitchin

The great extent of the parish of Hitchin and the unwillingness of some of the parties to make any statement of their crops are the reasons of the lateness of this return. Besides the article mentioned in the paper, 200 acres of vatches were grown in this parish, which I have taken the liberty of specifying. I have endeavoured to ascertain the average produce of wheat and barley through this large parish, 25 bushels of wheat per acre, 36 of barley are the least quantity mentioned and probably it was considerably more.

15/469 Knebworth

This parish has no common field land, most of it arable, no waste except a small common, is in a good state of cultivation and the produce this year has been great almost beyond example, though the land in general is of a very moderate quality. There is reason to suppose that the wheat on an average will produce about 25 bushels on an acre, and barley about 4 quarters.

15/822 Watton-at-Stone

No potatoes are grown in the fields in this parish. About 100 acres of wheat more this year than are usually sown any other year in the general course of husbandry in the parish. It is presumed the return of the number of acres of turnips is not perfectly correct; the farmers being very averse to give in a true account from an idea that some measure, prejudicial to their interests is intended, which cannot be carried into execution unless a true return of the turnips is made: and which they seem not willing to do. Indeed such was the perverseness of one, that after calling twice, and repeatedly sending I was obliged to compute the contents of his turnip land according to the best of my judgement.

16/252 Widford

The crops of every description were this year remarkably good.