

LINCOLNSHIRE - HOLLAND DIVISION

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Names of places	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
Expressed in acres									
7	Algarkirk and Fosdyke	880	34	1094	46	6	100	(175)	
81	Benington	120	20	130	5		12	(60)	
109	Boston East	40	8½	50½	3		8	(17½)	
109	Boston West	272	41½	270	11½	3	44	(135)	
152	Butterwick	88	27	49½	6½		30½	(23½)	
216	Cowbit	26	27	70	3		3	(2)	
293	Fishtoft	100	30	148	12	7	36	(42)	
295	Fleet	178½	87½	952½	36		49½		18½ Mustard seed 27½ Cole 25½
7	Fosdyke	See Algarkirk							
304	Frampton	300	60	400	25		105	(209)	
321	Gedney	979	184½	1182	20		107	(350)	
322	Gedney (Fenlands)	39	14½	138½	5		22½	(8)	
466	Kirton	650	80	750			50	(400)	
469	Leverton	113	80	222	20		40	(100)	
527	Moulton	530	233	1380	32	12	63	132	373
457	Old Leake	140	60	300	70	(30)		(70)	
582	Pinchbeck	200	254	513	77		25	(168)	
590	Quadring	119½	282½	622½	13½		59½	(265)	
681	Skirbeck	85	31	113	20	11	64	(45)	
741	Surfleet	192	119	309	10		19	(153)	

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743	Sutton St Edmund	184	117	1130	27		30	(153)		
744	Sutton St James	305	39	429	17		36	(173)		
788	Tydd St Mary	435½	45	549	30½	5	45	(31)	1	Mustard 7
840	Weston	200	53	334	1½		40	(50)		
854	Wigtoft	256	59	412	35	12	34	(107)		
895	Wrangle	196	99	423	80		12	(60)		
900	Wyberton	239	31	482	15	4	38	(142)		Woad 170

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81 Benington

I understand that the quantity of wheat grown this year in Benington is not equal to that which has been usually grown in the parish. With respect to the other sorts of grain, pulse etc., there is, I find, very little difference between this year's account, and the number of acres heretofore commonly allotted to these productions. The land in this neighbourhood is for the most part dedicated to pasturage.

109 Boston East and Boston West

Boston is, to most purposes, one entire parish; in some respects, (as the highways and sewers) it is divided into East and West; that is, East and West of the river Witham: and particularly as to common rights. Boston East has rights in the East and West Fens, still uninclosed. Boston West has rights in Holland Fen, containing 20,225, drained, and divided into eleven parochial allotments, about the year 1767; and subdivided afterwards, at different times by separate acts of Parliament. The allotment to Boston West from the fen (inclosed in 1771), being 1,501 acres, was at first almost wholly ploughed, and sown with oats. The annual export of grain from the port of Boston appears, from the custom house books, to have increased, since the inclosure of Holland Fen, in the proportion of 200 to 20.

216 Cowbit

The farmers seem to keep their corn too long in their stacks.

295 Fleet

The parish of Fleet contains 8,000 acres all inclosed. Having collected the tithes of the parish for 20 years, the accuracy of this return may be depended upon. There is never any rye sown, very seldom any peas, and in very small quantities. By turnips and rape is meant green rape (or as it is here called) cole, for sheep food. By rape seed is meant such as stands for seed, and is threshed out. By mustard seed is meant brown mustard, made into flour of mustard for sauce etc. The lands in Fleet are very good, fertile, and the crops productive. The herbage in the parish and vicinity, very rich, and luxuriant. There is very little fallow lands in the parish.

321 Gadney

For the purpose of sheep feed generally. Turnips or rape,

- 322 Gedney Fenlands
Turnips or rape, green coleseed.
- 466 Kirton
More than an average crop.
- 469 Leverton
The acres are by computation, and are supposed to be equal to five roods.
- 527 Moulton
Rye, of this there is not one acre in the parish so little is it esteemed here. Potatoes are not grown in large quantities, though all who have a bit of land, grow a few for their own use. Peas are also as little valued as rye. Turnips or rape, these two articles are in the plant now growing for winter fodder, rape or cole as it is called here.
- 590 Quadring
Very great unwillingness was found in many farmers to give information on this subject; under a notion that the enquiry tended to bring upon them some new burthens. Would it not be expedient, on any future occasion, to obviate this suspicion by some public declaration, on the part of Government, of the real purpose of the enquiry.
- 743 Sutton St Edmund
The potatoes grown in gardens are not included, as it would be difficult to ascertain the measure. Green rape is taken.
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- 840 Weston
Of what benefit can abundant crops be, if they are not brought to market.
- 854 Wigtoft
Wheat is considered as at least one half more than an average crop; and the weight of it is uncommonly great, being generally 18 (?) per sack of 4 bushels, according to Winchester measure. By the way; some further enforcement of the sole use of this legal measure, within this district exceeds the Winchester by at least 2 pints per bushel; for which excess (whatever may be pretended) scarcely any allowance is made in the price; by which means the farmer loses more than 3 per cent, upon all his corn sold. It seems, that the additional trouble to the clergy would be very small, and it is hoped that generally they would be far from declining it, if this enquiry were extended to the number of acres of pasture and meadow in each parish: an accurate account of which might afford important information to the legislature.