

STAFFORDSHIRE

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	Names of places	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
Expressed in acres										
4	Alrewas	-166	259	177	30		(12)	67	25	
6	Alstonfield	6		213	32			(7)		
13	Armitage	167	159	117½	14		6	75	4	
25	Barton-under-Needwood	163	139	158	4½		76	(35)		
26	Baswich	187	298	165	27	2	3	(96)	3	
33	Biddulph	35	5	480						
40	Bradley	923	139	566	19	8	193	(44)		
41	Bradley in the Moors	20	10	60	2			5		
45	Bramshall	49½	10	59	2	1	8½	(3)	1½	
142	Brierley Hill	98	13	98	21	3	19			
25/22	Broome	119½	121	13	20	17½	64		11	
47	Broughton	33	12	52	4		33	(8)		
51	Burton upon Trent	693	584	691	25		33	(24)	1	
52	Butterton			136	23					
54	Calton	1½	1½	122½	7½			(8½)		
55	Cannock	481	549	491	20½	12		(280)		
61	Cheadle	135½	73½	447	25	3		(25)		Vetches 5
62	Cnebsey	495	70	377	9	40	100			
63	Checkley	302½	35½	328½	25½	8½	18½	(15½)		

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64	Cheddleton	121	128	948	26½			(65)		
68	Chesterton	85	64½	48	½	16	14½	8		Cabbages 1½
73	Codsall	390	232	172½	16	70	10	(128½)	2½	
75	Colton	304	87½	207	8	5	48	(43)		
40	Coppenhall	152	19	67	3		81	10		
86	Dilnorne	98½	29½	311½	20	1½	½	(5)		
88	Drayton Bassett	329½	217½	283½	17½	25	25½	81½		
93	Edingale	134	90	68	2	7	42			
95	Elford	141½	158½	112	2½	4½	45	42		
3	Elkstones		32	104						
96	Ellenhall	354	45	282	4	14½	21	(6)		
156	Endon	81½	45½	647½	18½		½	(2½)		
98	Enville	373	418	145	3	81½	1½	(192)	27	
103	Farewell	40	38½	60				24		
112	Fradswell	119	28	152	4		3	(5)		
251	Fulford		See Stone							
118	Gratwich	82½	6½	96	1		6	2		
119	Grindon	½	10	214	4			(7)		
71	Harlaston	98½	117	77		3	12			
126	Haughton	190	30	100	20	27	32	(5)		
196	High Offley	336½	181½	163½	38	29½	4	(29)		
121	Himley	65½	123½	40	8½	13½	6	(64½)	17½	
138	Hopton	154	90	154	4	8	2	(25)		
135	Horton	18½	14	522	24½			1		

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138	Ingestre	37½	15	22	5½	3	16	(4)		
147	Keele	153	11	330	13			(8)		
140	Kingsley	35	32	279	12			36		
141	Kingswinford	421	845½	204	6½	39	1	(291)	135	
144	Kingstone	111½	15½	111½	6	2½	11	(5½)		
164	Longdon (i.e. near Lichfield)	346	210	230	17½		32	70		
163	Longdon (i.e. in Leek)	133	103	74	4	15		(30)		
169	Marston	110	28	78	2	7	12	(10)		
173	Mayfield	40	8	116	8			(12)		
155	Meerbrook	½	9½	443½	8½					
186	Moreton (i.e. in Gnosall)	260½	53½	323½	16½	21½		(33½)		
185	Norbury	415	259	274	23	48	20	103		
192	Norton-in-the-Moors	41	15	466	20			(2)		
154	Onecote		3½	199						
204	Pelsall	84	35	114	10	6		(12)	5	
205	Penkridge	1173	395	375	10	100	320	108		
206	Penn	492	363	202	12	75		(115)		
220	Ranton	193	43	118	3		14	(3)		
221	Rugeley	110	214	166	20			(95)	3	
230	Seighford	585½	155½	174½	9	13	37½	30		
232	Sheen	1		286	3			(1)		

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244	Stapenhill	See Stapenhill in Derbyshire							
251	Stone and Fulford	85	7	125	13	1	8	(13)	
254	Stowe	408	94	438	10		70	(35)	
264	Thorpe Constantine	55½	83	64	2		42		
265	Tipton	235	44	249	10	5		(5)	
267	Tixall	211½	197	166½	5½		11½	(84)	
271	Trysull	358½	527	74½	8½	33		(392)	47
281	Wetton	4	2½	151½	6½		†		
299	Yoxall	268	69½	250	6½	5	33	(12½)	

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- 13 Armitage
I have sent an accurate account of the grain etc. grown in the parish of Armitage. Crops of every kind extremely abundant.
- 25 Barton-under-Needwood
The crops have proved extremely abundant; and were got in remarkably well. Rye is never, I believe, sown in the township of Barton.
- 26 Baswich
Wheat 20 strikes per acre, barley 28, oats 30 and a full crop. Potatoes very abundant, rye, peas, beans and turnips a full crop.
- 33 Biddulph
This is not given as a very accurate account. The farms are so many and the tillage so small. This not a corn country; it is too much among the hills in the moorlands of Staffordshire. The daily bread of the inhabitants is oat-cake. The crops are said by old people to be the best they have had for upwards of 40 years, since 1758 I think, they say. Potatoes, few for sale.
- 40 Bradley
The land in this neighbourhood being remarkably stiff, neither rye nor rape are sown; and for the same reason, not much either of barley or turnips.
- 142 Brierley Hill
Wheat very great crops, some smutted, but in general exceedingly productive, barley very good, oats in general good crops, potatoes uncommonly good crops, peas very great crops, beans well podded and a very good crop. The crops in general better than they have been for several years.
- 25/22 Broome
Besides the account given in as directed there were 11 acres of rye and 26 acres of flax. About 40 acres of barley were greatly injured by a hail storm in July 1801.
- 47-9 Broughton
Wheat on an average about 12 thrave an acre yielding about a

measure and a half per thrave, barley about 22 measures per acre, oats about 27 measures per acre. Potatoes good crops, beans fair crops, turnips or rape good crop. N.B. this township being in the parish of Eccleshall will possibly be returned again by the minister of that parish, but a letter coming to me as minister of a small chapel here, I thought proper to take notice of it.

54 Calton

The crops in general very good.

55 Cannock

The annexed is a tolerably correct statement of the several species of grain etc. in this parish for the year 1801. Rye, beans and rape were not sown, potatoes planted in gardens have not been noticed. Every species of grain here specified in this, as well as in all the several parishes with which I am acquainted, or of which I have had any information, has been abundantly productive.

56 Covering letter for 55, Cannock, above

Inclosed I have transmitted to your Lordship an account of the number of acres of the different species of grain grown in this parish in the year 1801. The difficulty of procuring a tolerably accurate statement, arising from the extreme backwardness of the farmers in giving any information, has been one principal cause of my long delay, to which may be added the laborious undertaking of going through this widely extensive parish, which contains a considerable portion of Cannock Chase, and in different parts of which are scattered several small farms, all of which it was found necessary to visit. Judging that the inclosed will be pretty correct.

61 Cheadle

I have been very correct as to the quantities of wheat, barley and oats. Potatoes and turnips I cannot ascertain at present.

62 Chebsey

All good crops.

63 Checkley

We have not grown or sown, of late, any rape-seed, or rye within this parish: And the account stated in the margin, is, as near as I can, according to your Lordship's present requirement; that, though I have obtained it in great part by oral testimonies, and much guesswork, in my actual surveys; I believe it to be, on the whole, near the truth of our statute acres, not knowing whether it even be more or less than so. This parish is in its extent of surface very large intercepted on its north side by the parishes of Cheadle, Kingsley and Ipstones; and its enclosed part, being (I think) as much as six-sevenths of its whole, is very good land, vastly mostly used to produce grass; yet toward all present and future good, this parish (I think) ought to have

vastly more now the use of the plough than as it has: However, I seeing that in this parish, tithes in kind and equivalents thereof have been much forborne throughout several incumbencies, to be taken by my predecessors; am therewithal sadly sensible, that, as in some portions of it, with pretences of doubtful moduses to be excused from all tithes; and, in it in general, as the land occupiers, in obedience to their immediate landlords, pretend usages, or various moduses as if secure to cope against me, for (at least) the tithe of any hay; they have chosen less to attempt any tillage for corn.

64 Cheddleton

This parish and also the county for many miles around is very much improved in cultivation within these few years and consequently in the quantity of grain. About 17 years ago no other sort of grain was got but oats, and now the quantity of wheat, barley and turnips is rapidly increasing every year.

68 Chesterton

Nearly the whole of the parish of Chesterton consists of old pasture land.

73 Codsall

It may be proper to remark that some few of the farmers in my parish have not given in faithful returns of their grain. I cannot assign any motive for such conduct, unless it be the groundless fear of being taxed in proportion to the number of acres sown.

75 Colton

Some farmers in the parish of Colton claiming an exemption from tithe I know not the size of their fields and they have made no returns though often applied to by me. I suppose their crops might be about 100 acres of wheat and the same of oats they grow very little barley etc.

95 Elford

The parish of Elford contains about 1,900 acres of land, and in the quantity allotted annually to the growth of corn there is very little alteration from year to year. The foregoing statement for this year is perfectly correct, the crops were very good, and well got in.

96 Ellenhall

I think it just to observe that this is all wheat land which has been certainly more productive, in this part of the country, than the rye lands, however it may have been in other parts, oats the same, barley indifferent. The account of potatoes is independent of what are grown by almost each individual throughout the parish for their own consumption in their gardens or odd lands consequently all for the market.

156 Endon

I did not receive the printed circular letter of your Lordship's and of the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry until the 24th of last month, after a week's absence from home; and I have since been so much indisposed, and have had so much difficulty in collecting the information required, that these circumstances will, I trust, be considered as a sufficient apology for the delay in sending it. I have not taken the least notice of the potatoes etc. in the gardens of poor cottagers and others, where the quantity of the article has not amounted to one-eighth of an acre, but, with this exception, the information now given is as accurate as I can obtain it. My poor exertions will never be wanting to promote the designs of His Majesty's Ministers for the public good, but I think that this plan of procuring information from the most considerable farmers in some counties, whose interest it may be not to give it in a correct manner, is hardly practicable. A compulsory power appears to be wanting. With all due deference to the consummate wisdom of Parliament, I think, that if means were devised to oblige the great farmers and corn factors to bring the produce of the land fairly and openly to market, that single act might tend to prevent their too long practised, and, if possible, still intended, most abominable oppression of the poor and needy; many of whom are highly to be praised for the very patient manner in which they have borne their sufferings.

3 Elkstones

Potatoes no more than is thought sufficient for the family of the grower, peas and beans confined to the gardens.

98 Enville

From the best information which I am able to procure from my parishioners, I believe that these several crops are very fair, and perhaps the number of acres tolerably accurate.

112 Fradswell

Wheat a full crop about 22 strikes per acre. Other sorts of grain very abundant and above common crop.

71 Harlaston

Potatoes, none except in gardens. 160 inhabitants.

69-70 Covering letter sent with 71, Harlaston, above.

Conformably with your Lordship's letter I transmit the return of produce in the hamlet of Harlaston in the parish of Clifton Campville, Staffordshire. In the other hamlet of the same parish where I do duty I have tried to induce the six farmers to make a return which they refuse to do asserting that no such thing is done in several other places. Three however after much trouble have made a return of wheat 51 acres, barley 56, oats 45, turnips 19, potatoes 0 - 1 - 12, the others positively refuse. I am inclined to think from the little experience I have had on the

present occasion that the lists transmitted from the inferior clergy will be found very incomplete. The suspicions of the farmers being very vigilant and any attempt to revise or corroborate the accuracy of a return would raise a nest of hornets about a poor curate's ears, these are strong reasons against accuracy. Where rectors, vicars or men of property request a return a most apparently willing obedience is paid and probably a very exact statement is obtained. Should your Lordship think a second attempt worth the trial on the recusants I will make it.

(Editor's note: the second village referred to is Chilcoat.)

138 Hopton (See Ingestre below. The same note applies because the two places were entered on the same return.)

135 Horton

Oat cakes used in this parish for bread.

138 Ingestre and Hopton

Wheat a good crop from 20 - 40 strikes an acre which has been thrashed and yields (?) and heavy. Barley not so good as wheat, the land being strong in general and not so applicable to it. Oats very good in general some crops as high as 50 strikes an acre. Potatoes a good crop, cottagers' gardens and small lots of ground not included. Beans a fair crop, turnips or rape a good crop in general. Hopton is included in this statement as although it is in the parish of the manor of Stafford yet the great tithes belong to the rector of Ingestre.

141 Kingswinford

This parish is divided into two districts. The annexed is a true statement of the crops in the district belonging to the parish church which I have served 36 years as curate and do attest that there never were more abundant crops (within that period) nor better housed. As to the potatoes, the acres appear to be few indeed but I beg leave to remark that prodigious quantities are planted in the corners of fields and gardens and in such a manner as not to be ascertainable by me. However I can with pleasure assert that there is not a single person (in possession of land or garden) in this district who has not acknowledged having planted a quantity of that useful article fully sufficient for the use of his family during the winter. N.B. the other district is made out by the curate of Brierley Hill Chapel.

164 Longdon (near Lichfield)

I have not been able to send your Lordship a very accurate account of the grain grown in the parish of Longdon a farmer of the name of Thomas there having refused to deliver an account he says if Government want to know they may send someone to measure his ground.

- 169 Marston
Wheat about 20 strikes per acre, barley 15, oats 25, beans and peas 19 and reputed a full crop for land of such a nature. Potatoes and turnips very plentiful and more than a common crop.
- 173 Mayfield
Mayfield is but a small parish and the land in general more fit for the dairy than the plough.
- 155 Meerbrook
I know not whether it may be proper to observe, that Leek-Frith, containing about one-third part of Leek parish in the moorlands of Staffordshire, is a late, cold climate; and by consequence but ill calculated by nature for the production of grain, excepting oats; and those, indeed, of an inferior sort, being chiefly black ones. Beans, peas and turnips are strangers in our neighbourhood; excepting a few in gardens for the use of families; but none at all given to or intended for cattle.
(Editor's note: The document is headed Meerbrook in Leek and subsequent references are to Leek-Frith.)
- 185 Norbury
A good average crop throughout the parish.
- 192 Norton-in-the-Moors
It is to be observed that the earth has been uncommonly productive this year. It is a general remark, that very large farms are improper.
- 154 Onecote
Potatoes no more than is thought sufficient for the consumption of the family of the grower. Peas and beans confined to the gardens.
- 204 Pelsall
This account given by the impropiator's titheman and upon a supposition that he has no interest to the contrary, it may be presumed to be a fair one.
- 206 Penn
Produces on an average 25 bushels (of 8 gallons) per acre. In the parish are about 500 inhabitants, hence it will appear on calculation that there will be a surplus of 8,066 bushels for the market. In the parish of Penn is a common or wasteland containing about 126 acres, which in its present state is of little or no use to the inhabitants or the community, for though it is excellent cornland, yet at present it exhibits nothing but a bed of furze and a few half starved sheep, whereas were it in a state of cultivation there would be at least an additional quantity of 1,000 bushels for the market, besides other grain

and potatoes, a matter of no small moment when we consider that the adjoining parishes Sedgley, Wolverhampton and Bilston do not produce one-fiftieth part of their consumption; for the benefit of the community therefore. I would wish and earnestly recommend that the inclosure of this common be immediately taken into consideration to this purpose your Lordship would honour me much by your instructions how to proceed. The Marquis of Stafford has considerable interest in the parish as lord of the manor and possessing considerable property.

221 Rugeley

This statement may be looked upon as nearly correct.

254 Stowe

Wheat about 20 strikes per acre, barley 22, oats 25 and a full crop. Other articles very plentiful and above an average crop.

264 Thorpe Constantine

About one-fourth of the parish in tillage. Crops very good and yield well. There is no scarcity of corn or cattle in this neighbourhood; the present enormous price of provisions is owing to large farms; the occupiers of them buy up the wheat under defence of using it for seed wheat; their great profits last year have made them rich; plenty of keep enable them to keep back their fat (?), and they have money to pay their rents: unless some steps are taken to oblige the farmers to reduce the exorbitant price of the necessaries of life, so soon as the militia are disembodied the populace will take a short method of redressing their grievances.

265 Tipton

The produce of wheat about 22 bushels per acre of 70 lbs per bushel, of barley about 35 at 60 lbs, of oats about 35 at 40 lbs, of potatoes about 300 at 85 lbs, of peas about 30 at 70 lbs. Turnips produce about 320 bushels.

267 Tixall

It may be necessary to observe, that more acres have been in tillage this year in the parish than usual, owing to the very high price of every kind of grain. The wheat is not a bulky crop in proportion to the land sown, but it is expected to be very productive. Barley and oats are more abundant.

271 Trysull

Wheat averages per acre for the last year 16 bushels, rye 20, barley 25, oats a weak crop and poor in quality, potatoes average crop 108 bushels, peas 35, beans none grown; the soil of this parish being of a light sandy consistency, what farmers call ryeland soil. Turnips or rape for the most part a good crop.

281 Wetton

I believe the several crops specified in this return were very abundant.

299 Yoxall

The dairy is chiefly encouraged in the above mentioned parish.