

BEDFORDSHIRE

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	Names of Places	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
Expressed in acres										
16	Arlesey	276	200	260		82	13	60	14	
35	Astwick	85	107	28		43		4		
58	Barton-le-Clay	331½	236½	226½	7	152	78½	30	11	
64	Battlesden	41	7	18	½	17	8	(2)		
72	Bedford Martin St Peter	116	67	20	1½		59	(15)		
68	Bedford St Cuthbert	80	20	16			30	38		Tares 20
69	Bedford St John	No figures - see Notes								
70	Bedford St Mary	80	123	12	6	7		(36)		
71	Bedford St Paul	120	72	15	3	40	50	45		
89	Billington	144½	54½	3½			201			
98	Bletsoe	164½	183½	89	1		34	(14)		
100	Blunham	403	294	70	14	100	50	(48)	30	
104	Bolnhurst	160	69	207	½	8		(4)		
162	Campton	165	102	71	4	61	46	44	15	Tares 7
166	Cardington	707	346	902	3	135		(195)		
180	Chalgrave	323	179	88		68	200	(63)		
187	Clapham	173	99	93	2½	30	44½	53½		
197	Clophill	135	100	68	7	50	61	100	35	
203	Colmworth	357	177	251		(126)				
206	Cople	252	181	186		61	14	(69)	3	
235	Dean	No figures - see Notes								
257	Dunton	426	337	90		(132)		35		

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262	Eaton Bray	252	120	113	2	75	165		8½	
263	Eaton Socon	1200	1100	600	30	400	500	(400)	40	
265	Edworth	137	125	123		66	5			
266	Eggington	263	97½	19	13		356½	(16½)		
275	Eilstow	228½	156	63	3	42	54	77	4	
282	Eversholt	120	93	67	8	56	32	(67)	41	
283	Everton	206	145	93	24		(58)	(25)	57½	
285	Eyworth	108	95	55		15	15			
288	Farndish	37	93	31	½	25	36	26		
297	Flitton with Silsoe	297	150½	112½	11½	72½	154½	62	28½	
298	Flitwick	117	69½	130½	9	28	13	119½	81½	
328	Goldington	294	158½	110½	1	58½	91	84		
44	Great Barford	344	226	304	6	163	141	58		
363	Harlington	175½	65	95		72½	57	(23½)		
367	Harrold	214	68	71	22	20	33	(39)		
377	Haynes	235½	145	174½		100	50	100	50	
382	Heath and Reach	260	90	40		25	260			
389	Henlow	310½	243	91	1	122½	35	(117)	21½	
398	Hockliffe	37½	11½	9			25½			
415	Houghton Conquest	174½	94	17		11	235			
420	Hulcote	25	6	18			14			
446	Kempston	585	266	169	3	177	348	(130)	19	
449	Keysoe	No figures - see Notes								
472	Knotting	142	40	15½			(51)	(27)		
474	Langford	285	215½	177	5½	89	45½	(107½)	26	
467	Leighton Buzzard	250	100	25	120	160	215	(45)		Vetches 45

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Expressed in acres										
471	Lidlington	215	120	84	5	92	89	63	15	
45	Little Barford	160	60	10		46	37	(30)		
730	Little Staughton	228	107	133	1	(170)				Tares 2
510	Maulden	172½	149	139½	50½	49½	65	(135)	87½	
516	Meppershall	435	250	210	5	80	60	(30)	6	
518	Milton Bryan	143	51	95	6	39	100	15	1	
550	Northill	526½	453	218½	17½	176½	84½	(190½)	21	
556	Oakley	233	132	115	3	171	36	(77)		
558	Odell	188	136	163		(111)		(20)		
824	Old Warden	328	304	156	20	124	76	(165)	53	Vetches 30
575	Pertenhall	127	68	50½			116½			Tares 7½
585	Potsgrove	40	15	14½	½	5	42	(2½)		
586	Potton	252	291	188	120	(198)		132	223	
604	Ravensden	304	115	231	2	104	50			
610	Renhold	212	89	156		84	69			
614	Ridgmont	200	93½	84	7	32	10	(20½)	69	
616	Riseley	310	220	193	3	77	52	24	3	
621	Roxdon	328	274	251	10	139	117	(118)		
631	Salford	148	30	75		50	21	19		
633	Sandy	214	168	123		(125)		88	40	
662	Sharnbrook	250	150	120		(280)		(30)		
665	Shefford	1	10	17	1	4		8		Tares 9
666	Shelton	90	65	68		12	54			Tares 3
697	Souldrop	130	87	28		(50)				
698	Southill	676	526	277	14	198	41	344	152	
707	Stanbridge	253½	64	37		17	280			

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714	Steppingley	98	86	102	3	7	39	91	61	
715	Stevington	257	90	100	2	10	200			
729	Stotfold	234	218	107		77	65	41	10	
734	Streatley	255	239	195		74	16	(48)		
738	Studham	317	138	330½	2	83		(99½)		
740	Sundon	264	203	177		89	19	(62)		
742	Sutton	247	204	137	4	136	12	(121)	39	
764	Tempsford	177	159	98	3	(124)		51		
785	Thurleigh	350	150	282		106	105	(6)	3	
789	Tilbrook	100	200	61	1½	6	91	(4)		
791	Tingrith	89	38	31	3	13	4	(19)	15	
797	Totternhoe	323	144	277		97	28	17		
799	Turvey	362	183	194	½	9	129	(62)		
336	Upper Cravenhurst	108	87	25		27	30	(277)		
841	Westoning	243½	72	78		6	193	(37)	65½	
848	Whipsnade	170	59	85		32½	18	(30)		
855	Wilden	373	71½	258	1	(172)		10		Tares 11
864	Willington	209	123	114		(51)				
869	Wilshamstead	313	140	125		126	259			
893	Wootton	337	155	56			352	6½		
898	Wrestlingworth	241	172	224		(146)				
870	Wymington	103	117	158		41	109			
908	Yelden	175	116	57			142			

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- 16     Arlesey  
A general good crop. It has been with much difficulty my account hath been obtained from the obstinacy of the farmers.
- 35     Astwick  
A general good crop.
- 64     Battlesden  
The greater part of the land in this parish is pasture.
- 72     Bedford Martin St Peter  
St Peter's is a small parish in, and contiguous to the town of Bedford.
- 69     Bedford St John  
The parish of St John in the town of Bedford, has no arable land belonging to it; it is altogether surrounded by the parish of St Mary in the same town. It is an ancient hospital, and the emoluments to the rector who is also Master of the hospital, arise from sundry lands dispersed about, which were left to the said hospital at different times.
- 70     Bedford St Mary  
The crops in general are double and ( ? ) in yield to last year.
- 71     Bedford St Paul  
The several farmers who were consulted in order to obtain the account annexed universally agree that the growth of all sorts of grain has been upon the decrease for several years in this parish.
- 89     Billington  
Billington is a hamlet also in the parish of Leighton Buzzard and the field exactly in the same state as Eggington adjoining each other; but it is to be remarked the proprietors and occupiers of land have given their number of acres statute measure reckoning 3 roods to the computed acre as their fields lie.
- 98     Bletsoe  
The average of wheat through the parish about 18 bushels per acre, of barley 3¼ quarters, of oats 4 quarters, of beans 4 quarters. All the grain uncommonly well got in.

- 100 Blunham  
The tardiness of the landholders in giving in an account must account for the delay in forwarding this return.
- 104 Bolnhurst  
The crop this year presumed a double one the straw yielding very well. No field potatoes. The tilths for the next year in high order from the very fine weather as the land of this parish is a cold backward clay. All the corn got in dry.
- 162 Campton  
The parish of Campton contains about 900 acres, was enclosed four years ago and is considerably improved by it. No land laid down to grass in consequence. Previous to the inclosure the average quantity of wheat sown was 150 acres. N.B. No papers were sent to Chicksands (extra-parochial) the extent of the land under the plough there may be estimated at three-fourths of Campton.
- 166 Cardington  
The oats were not all pure and simple, but some of them were intermixed with peas and beans. Potatoes are not usually sown in the fields. Each cottage, (which are numerous) has a garden to it. The return would have been made more expeditiously, had not the farmers, who are numerous (30) in this extensive parish, been averse to give an account of their respective crops, and would not comply till after several applications made to them.
- 187 Clapham  
It is a pretty general opinion, that the monopoly of farmers, the numerous inclosures that are rapidly increasing, and the converting many acres to pasturage, which used to be in tillage, are very inimical to the production of bread and other kinds of grain.
- 197 Clophill  
Mr Nethersole conceives that the tenants have given in some few acres less than they have cultivated.
- 203 Colmworth  
Wheat, the average is 50 acres more annually I conceive - price of seed last year the cause. 100 acres that should have been sown with lent corn lay ley owing to the high price and scarcity of seed and the soil so poor generally in this parish that indeed it would not have repaid the expenses of cultivation for that species of grain.
- 206 Cople  
These are the sums total of the number of acres of the different sorts of grain grown in the parish of Cople, in the county of Bedfordshire, agreeably to the return made by each individual, the only mode in my power of ascertaining the quantity grown. Potatoes are grown only in small quantities in gardens.

235

Dean

The parish of Dean is just enclosed, the deficit this year is half to the country of all sorts of grain. There will no doubt be a decrease of all sorts of breeding stock such as pigs, sheep, calves. Enclosures to my observation for these last ten years have greatly diminished the quantity of all sorts of grain, especially wheat and barley. Many parishes before enclosed were great sellers of grain after enclosed not enough for the parish consumption. In all open parishes there is enough of land under the plough.

263

Eaton Socon

All good crops.

266

Eggington

Eggington is a hamlet in the parish of Leighton Buzzard. It is in an open field state, and divided into three divisions or fields, and has a rotation of the same crops and has been so by custom time immemorial, being first fallow, second wheat and barley and third beans. It is computed acres and is not by statute measure more than 3 roods to the acre. It is titheable and copyhold. It is excellent strong, good, loamy land, and by proper tillage would be very productive; but the losses by being in the open field state by trespass is immensely great, and were the proprietors and occupiers allowed, and the lands exchanged and laid together would be infinitely more productive, as the land is sufficient to bear more in quantity than it now does every year for 10 or 15 years or more, without the loss of a fallow every third year. The potatoes have been mostly planted in the fallows by virtue of the recent act of Parliament and good crops.

283

Everton

The average produce in general is as follows, wheat 3 loads, or 15 bushels per acre. Rye the same. Barley 3 quarters or 24 bushels. Peas and beans 3 loads.

285

Eyworth

It is old inclosure, and grows about 4 loads (5 bushels to the load) of wheat on an acre, 4 quarters of barley, 3 quarters of oats and 3 loads of beans.

288

Farndish

Potatoes, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an acre in the fields and a few in their gardens for their families.

297

Flitton with Silsoe

The crops in general were very abundant. This account does not include vetches. Rapes are not cultivated in this parish. And the account does not include many small portions of potato ground in gardens.

- 328 Goldington  
It is a pretty general opinion, that the monopoly of farms, the numerous inclosures that are rapidly increasing, and the converting many acres to pasturage, which used to be in tillage, are very inimical to the production of bread and other kinds of grain.
- 420 Hulcote  
Hulcote is a small parish chiefly pasture.
- 446 Kempston  
These are customary or reputed acres in the open fields and are less than statute measure. It has been attended with a considerable degree of trouble to obtain the number of acres of different grain etc. grown in this parish last year. It is a long straggling parish, and many, who live at a distance occupy land here, some were not able, and others were unwilling to give an account of their crops.
- 449 Keysoe  
The parish of Keysoe is in the open state so that there is plenty of land under the plough and plenty of all sorts of grain this year, potatoes, stock etc.
- 472 Knotting  
Old inclosed parish.
- 471 Lidlington  
An act was passed in the year 1775 to inclose this parish; and soon afterwards many acres of arable land were converted into grass, and have ever since been kept in that state. Red clover is sown amongst part of the wheat and barley, and therefore upon this land there is a crop of clover the next year, instead of a crop of beans; which causes a considerable reduction in the number of acres, that would be otherwise sown with beans.
- 45 Little Barford  
Wheat, which it is supposed may produce 400 quarters, barley 120, oats 20, peas 30, beans 90, turnips or rape 45.
- 510 Maulden  
Wheat crops on the wet lands in general light and infected with smut. Rye in general good. All other crops very good. Potatoes planted in the new made hedgerows and corners of fields not estimated. The quantity considerable.
- 516 Mappershall  
Number of acres in the parish arable 1,389, pasture 512, total 1,901. Of late years several acres in this parish have been converted from arable into pasture ground, on account of the high price of stock and the great expense, attendant upon cultivating arable land.



550

Northhill

The several farmers holding lands in the parish of Northhill have given in a return of their crops to me; by which means I hope this return is accurate.

558

Odell

This is an accurate statement of the different sorts of grain cultivated in the parish of Odell in the year 1801. The parish has been enclosed 25 years and it is clearly ascertained that a much less quantity of grain is grown since the inclosure than before and less sheep are maintained in the parish.

575

Pertenhall

Wheat, quality good, and well got in, but crops in general not heavy: some not more than 15 bushels per acre. Potatoes, 1,258 bushels. It would be very difficult to ascertain the quantity of land, every family having more or less in small pieces to the amount of 50 at least. The whole field inclosed is about 800 acres; the remainder is under clover, or laid down to grass.

585

Potsgrove

The greater part of the land in this parish is pasture.

586

Potton

I have here given the best account of grain sown that I could procure. Peas and beans are here generally sown together, quantity of potatoes is much larger than ever known in this parish. Nothing will so effectually conciliate the affection of the body of the people to Government as the reduction of the price of the necessaries of life. Conscious of my own loyalty I venture to say this.

604

Ravensden

Supposed will produce 3,800 bushels of wheat, 2,760 of barley, 4,120 of oats, 240 of potatoes, 1,560 of peas and 750 of beans. N.B. The land in this parish is not very productive. It is a cold clay.

614

Ridgmont

The parishes of Ridgmont and Segenhoe have been for many years so blended together that the bounds and limits are now not known.

616

Riseley

Wheat produces 20 bushels per acre, total 6,200 bushels. Rye 25 and 75, barley 20 and 4,400, oats 20 and 3,860, potatoes 100 and 300, peas 15 and 1,155, beans 15 and 780 and turnips 10 loads and total 240 loads. The farmers are all satisfied the crops have been abundant and well gotten in. The price of corn is infamously managed somewhere, the farmers have no knowledge of causes. They sell by samples which are bought by agents who attend every market and offer high prices without solicitation.

- 631 Salford  
Salford is not inclosed supposed about 3 roods for an acre.
- 633 Sandy  
Potatoes, I cannot get the number of acres ascertained, as they are dispersed in small pieces of land in various parts of the parish, in garden grounds and in the new plantations, in the new inclosures of the parish. Peas and beans are sown mixed together.
- 662 Sharnbrook  
Parish unenclosed.
- 665 Shefford  
The parish of Shefford contains about 100 acres. Was enclosed with Campton. Very good land and was almost all wheat the year before.
- 697 Souldrop  
Parish enclosed in 1770.
- 715 Stevington  
All the crops, as I am informed, are short measure, about 3 roods for an acre.
- 729 Stotfold  
A good crop. Could not obtain this account any ( ? ) from the farmers.
- 764 Tempsford  
The 124 acres under the article peas and beans comprise the produce of them both. They are sown together in this parish and not made a separate crop.
- 785 Thurleigh  
The crops in general nearly double this year. No field potatoes. This parish an extensive one, but chiefly pasture ground as its name denotes.
- 789 Tilbrook  
Clover was sown last year to a great extent which will for the most part be sown this year with wheat.
- 791 Tingrith  
A full crop.
- 797 Totternhoe  
Potatoes, none except in gardens. Chain measures.
- 799 Turvey  
This is I believe a true account.

336 Upper Gravenhurst

I have sent an exact account of the acres of wheat, barley, oats, peas and beans that were sown last year in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst. The harvest has been a good one and has produced full one third more this year than the last.

848 Whipnade

One portion of land of 20 acres nearly, its crop refused to be made known.

864 Willington

Wheat supposed to produce 20 bushels per acre, barley 32, oats 24, peas and beans 18. Potatoes, a few only in the labourers small gardens. N.B. The soil of this parish is a gravel, and called good land.

898 Wrestlingworth

The field grows upon an average about 3 load (5 bushels per load) of wheat on an acre, 3 quarters of barley, 3 quarters of oats and 2½ load of peas and beans. It is not chain measure, and does not exceed 3 roods to the acre taking the field through.

908 Yelden

In the inclosure wheat 36 acres, barley 32, beans 10. In the open field wheat 139 acres, barley 84, oats 57, beans 132, tares 14. The acres in the open field are computed acres which are generally believed not to exceed 3 roods per acre chain measure.