

DORSET

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	Names of places	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
Expressed in acres										
2	Alton Pancras	122	82	130	1	12		(30)		
3	Cerne Abbas	167	149½	138	3	19	1½	(48½)		
4	Cheselbourne	193½	308½	153½	9	10		(50)		
6	Fontmell Magna	180	108½	98½	18	24½	39½		1	
8	Hilfield	37	14	45	9			7		
9	Hinton Parva	50	80	15		5				
12	Melcombe Horsey	56	81	55	9			(12)		
13	Sydling St Nicholas	394½	359½	192½	4	39½	15	(43½)		

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- 2 Alton Pancras
About 34 acres of the wheat sown in consequence of the failure of turnips. The potatoes nearly all in the gardens. These are reputed or customary acres and less than statute.
- 3 Cerne Abbas
Number of inhabitants at the survey taken at the beginning of this year, 845. One farm in this parish is let at £1,100 per annum the tenant paying rates etc., his poor rates amounted last year, as I am informed, to £500, perhaps other rates besides those to the poor, may be included in what are called poor rates, this farm is said to be worth a clear £1,500 per annum. It pays just half the rates of the whole parish. The wheat on it this year was 97 acres, barley 102, oats 92, turnips 43. The land arable commonly rests here every fourth year, as it does in most parts of the county of Dorset.
- 4 Cheselbourne
A fifth part of the corn lands in this parish very unproductive. In any year previous to this there have never been perhaps more than three acres of potatoes. These are reputed or customary acres and less than statute.
- 6 Fontmell Magna
In this account are included the parish of West Orchard and the hamlet of Hartgrove both of which pay tithe to the rector of Fontmell Magna.
- 8 Hilfield
Number of inhabitants 97. This small parish is in ecclesiastical matters united with Sydling St Nicholas.
- 9 Hinton Parva
Potatoes, none except in gardens.
- 12 Melcombe Horsey
In former years perhaps not more than 2 acres of potatoes. These are reputed or customary acres and less than statute.
- 13 Sydling St Nicholas
Number of inhabitants 500. The common practice is to give the land rest every fourth year. But this practice is not without exceptions. This parish contains common fields and has many copyhold and leasehold tenants under Winchester College.