

YORKSHIRE - EAST RIDING

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	Names of places	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Potatoes	Peas	Beans	Turnips or Rape	Rye	Others
Expressed in acres										
5	Acklam	23½	16	322	7½	10½	31	(144½)		Maslin 9
12	Aldbrough	894	16	1080	10	9	130	(211)		Rye or Maslin 6
14	Allerthorpe	25	14	16	7			(15)		
27	Atwick	375	29	292	2	8	92	(46)		
161	Auburn		See Fraisthorpe							
202	Barlby		See Hemingborough							
36	Barmby Moor	60	20	55	15	10	6	(42)	25	
35	Barmby on the Marsh	195	89½	213½	72½	16½	24½	(7)	21½	
37	Barmston	94½	13	457	8		3½	(204)		Rye or Maslin 1
63	Bempton	122½	60½	263½	4½	11	34½	(91)		
64	Bessingby	85	46	134	½	2½	30	(80)		
42	Beverley St Mary			8	4	2				
43	Beverley St Mary (Holme Church aliter St Nicholas annexed)	5	4	32	6	1		(3)		
44	Bielby	63½	53	330½	26		1	(137½)	70½	
47	Bilton	120		140	5½		13	(70)		
57	Birdsall	111	129	432	12	10	16	(282)		
56	Bishop Wilton	469	220	245	7½	107	271	(286)	30	

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58	Blacktoft	466	39	442	25		232	90	22	
65	Boynnton	22	22					32		Rye or Maslin 76
70	Brandesburton	353	62½	373½	13½		44½	(150½)		
72	Brantingham	111	115	85	5	18	71	96	18	
74	Bridlington	805	1078½	901	32	91	266½	497½		
81	Bugthorpe	200	50	100	2	3	40	(35)		
85	Burnby	140	85	41	4		53	(25)		
86	Burstwick	597	34	1273	13	(227)		(199)		Rye or Maslin 2
88	Burton Pidsea	290	24	203	2½		144	(31)		
83	Burythorpe	15	43	84	5	3	2	(100)		Rye or Maslin 6
91	Carnaby	137	80	91	2½	24	79	(89)		
98	Catton	542	140	709	51	23	117	(311)		Rye or Maslin 175
102	Cherry Burton	450	150	150	2	20	400	(50)		
109	Cowlam	30	130	200	½	6		(140)		
125	Driffield (Great and Little Driffield)	706	395	297	4	213	57	(282)		
122	Drypool	175	2½	68	5½		76			
126	Dunnington	50	40	200	10	5	10	(60)		Rye or Maslin 100
127	Easington	534	62	264	19		336	(44)		
138	Ellerker	166	71	103	10		93	30	4	

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141	Elvington	185	40	268	8	28	51	51		Rye or Maslin 66
139	Elstronwick	162		27½			133			
140	Etton	332	299	215	9	76	134	99½		
144	Everingham	88	15	435	27	1	4	(184)		Rye or Maslin 60
146	Fangfoss	95	39	89	10	29	35	(45)		
152	Filey	193	34	415	36	3	86	(110)		
160	Flamborough	213	107	297	10		(78)	(113)		
154	Folkton	96	305	185	8	16		(193)		Rye or Maslin 8
155	Foston	507	237	456	2	100	52	(40)		
157	Foxholes	76	118	197	8	41		124		
161	Fraisthorpe and Auburn	129	30	202	2½	12	11	71		
159	Fulford	141½	50	181	63½	8	21	36	20½	
166	Ganton	44	103	106	5	14		(90)		
169	Garton	220		191	3		40	(66)		Rye or Maslin 3
170	Garton on the Wolds	370	400	251	3	72		377		
178	Goodmanham	141	332	331	1	5		(172)		Rye or Maslin 1
179	Goxhill	99		61½	1½		7	(4)		
125	Great Driffield		See Driffield							
191	Harswell	41	6½	328	5½	3	11	(103)		Rye or Maslin 57

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Expressed in acres										
197	Hayton	102	82	204	12	1	5	(174½)	24½	
199	Hedon	6½		2½	1		1½			
201	Helperthorpe	77	190	130		17		(89)		
202	Hemingbrough and the chapelry of Barlby	1137	233	1407	135	25	434	(128)	39	
204	Heslington, St Pauls	117	96½	51	19½			(67½)	9½	
203	Hessle	740½	182	421	105½	14½	254½	70		
208	Hilston	87	2	74			10	(15)		
210	Hollym with Withernsea	423	6	250	15		130	3		
212	Holme on the Wolds	134	177	205	3	63	28	(188)		
211	Holme upon Spalding Moor	332½	183½	1609½	167½	7½	10	(358)		Rye or Maslin 380½
213	Holmpton	265	20	114	15		152	2		
219	Hornsea	479	16	188	12		337	(27)		
222	Hotham	140	109	305	18			(140)		Rye or Maslin 21
226	Huggate	115	522	727	5	17		(591)		
228	Humbleton	676	24	569	14		114	(160)		
232	Hutton Cranswick	950	132	586	14	(423)		55		Maslin 19
238	Keyingham	385	22	160			271			Rye or Maslin 9

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Expressed in acres										
244	Kilham	517½	767½	607½	4	112½	10	(413)		
246	Kilnsea	148	3	6	4		172	(2)		
243	Kilnwick	230	50	160	2		119	(50)		
242	Kilnwick Percy	47	36	99	2½		4	(67)		
254	Kirk Ella	612	178	223	17½	45	259	(91½)		Tares 30
252	Kirkburn	466	594	278		87	80	342		
263	Kirby Underdale	149	97	697	4			(455)		
268	Langtoft	134	290	502	2			(240)		
267	Langton	175	88	43	3	7	3	(188)		Rye or Maslin 3
272	Leconfield	275½	112½	238	8½	7	109½	(44½)		
274	Leppington	131½	52	110½	½		29½	(9)		
125	Little Driffield		See Driffield							
279	Lockington	388	171½	192	10	43	157	(50)		
283	Lonsbrough	211½	212½	127	1	33	14	(154)		Rye or Maslin 1
284	Lowthorpe	191	49	190			16	(72)		
286	Lund	412	280	350		100	60	(210)		
287	Luttons	74	229	75		10		(148)		
290	Mappleton	398	1	167	2		250	(2)		
289	Marfleet	177½		122	½	36	120		5½	
446	Market Weighton	324	350	771	22	14	47	(413)	79	
444	Meaux		See Wawne							
470	Meltonby		See Yapham							

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Expressed in acres										
306	Millington	20	85	145	2	8		(90)		
312	Muston	84	46	124	17	14	6	(76)		
315	Nafferton	580	250	480	8	100	120	(150)		
319	North Cave	386	461	672	59	6	81	(589)		Rye or Maslin 65
118	North Dalton	260	565	530				(370)		
321	North Newbald	359½	675½	882	9½	55½	3½	475½	20½	
164	North Frodingham	360	25	90 to 100	5	(300)		(50 to 60)		
180	North Grimston	140	96	116		24	7	(135)		
322	Norton	330	200	120	23	30	2	(12½)		
323	Nunburnholme	60	155	210	3	15	20	(100)		
324	Nunkeeling	262	12	286			27	(58)		
333	Patrington	505	19½	594½	4	1½	194	(115½)		
335	Paull	404	46	261	10		338	(44)		Rye or Maslin 1
337	Pocklington	257½	197½	160	18½	42½	19½	(148½)	8½	
339	Preston	844	76	344	12	20	686	(19)		
346	Rillington	169	158½	141½	11	43½	4	(226)		Rye or Maslin 46
349	Rise	130	11	160			13	(43)		
266	Riston	150	126	70		60	80			
350	Roos	415	15	261	4		196	(58)		
353	Rudston	120	280	190	8	10	8	(200)		
357	Sancton	106½	250½	482½	28	3		(292½)		Rye or Maslin 27

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Expressed in acres										
366	Scampston	98	67	141	8	26		(141)		Rye or Maslin 43½
369	Scrayingham	281	52½	288½	4½	2	68	(89)		
363	Seaton Ross	243½	24½	333½	27	4	81½	(23½)		Rye or Maslin 59½
379	Sherburn	51½	241	542	2	6		(272)		Rye or Maslin 27
381	Shipton	50	58	190	6		(20)	(124)	25	
371	Siggleshorne	491	56	732	8		98	(162½)		Rye or Maslin 1
138	Skeffling	331	20	159	3		180	(23)		
391	Skerne	280	40	200	4	6	80	(10)		
393	Skipsea	387½	50½	574½	6½	5	125½	(138½)		Rye or Maslin 1½
392	Skipwith	329½	112½	541½	96	16½	136½	(99½)	126	
394	Skirlaugh	136	3½	200½	2	10	22	(69)		
396	Sledmere	200	559	695	15	160		(1000)		Rye or Maslin 16
375	South Cave	728	260½	839½	58½	8	246½	248½	78	19
401	Speeton	68	68	290	3	18	3	(125)		
400	Sproatley	131	54	132	12½		90	(79½)		
384	Stillingfleet	296½	191	250	63½	6	271	(39½)		Rye or Maslin 144
370	Sulcoates			19½				1½	5	
387	Sutton on Hull	710	54	584	20		215	(21)		
388	Sutton upon Derwent	186	31	387	17		45	(202)		Rye or Maslin 150

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404	Swine	1080	59	981	14		129	(202)		Rye or Maslin 18
411	Thorganby	222	18	181	20		205	(9)		Rye or Maslin 28
412	Thorngumbald	258	19	217			114			
420	Thorpe Bassett	123	93	101	3½	23½		(80)		Rye or Maslin 20
424	Thwing	246	343	449	3	48		(356)		
433	Ulrome	155	7	250	6½		147	(20)		Rye or Maslin 12
442	Warter	243	1225	444	30	47		(913)		
438	Watton	363	57	230			211	(77)		
444	Wawne with Meaux	495	19	698	11		208	(65)	1	
445	Weaverthorpe	117	252	223	1	3		(126)	1½	
479	Welton	No figures - see Notes								
447	Welwick	579		177	2		250	20	8	
450	Wharram le Street	103	180	282	1	22		(238)		
455	Wheldrake	431	60	245	31	(182)		(135)		
210	Withernsea	See Hollym								
461	Withernwick	369		143	2		285	(15)		
318	Wold Newton	111	142	142	2	10		(142)		
470	Yapham with Meltonby	169½	77½	186	6	24	56½	(78½)	19	
472	Yedingham	40	28	120	15	1		(40)		Rye or Maslin 20

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- 5 Acklam
Mr Butterfield one of the principal farmers refused to give an account saying there was no act of Parliament for the same.
- 12 Aldbrough
The farmers of this parish seem to be of opinion that the present crop of wheat is rather thin, and not likely to yield very abundantly. They will, however, be more competent to judge, when they shall have made a greater progress in threshing. The crop of oats is exceedingly luxuriant, and that of beans very good. Separate crops of peas are here very rare: they are generally sown among beans. The above 9 acres are the proportion of ground supposed to be occupied by peas growing among beans.
- 27 Atwick
This account includes Skirlington and Arram, hamlets in the parish of Atwick.
- 35 Barmby on the Marsh
The wheat crop is extraordinary good, and got into the barns without any rain, as well as all the other grains. I may with confidence state that this is an accurate statement.
- 37 Barmston
The crops are in general good.
- 63 Bempton
This return was taken early in October but, by mistake, was not sent sooner. It is very correct.
- 64 Bessingby
The only additional information which I am able to convey (and which, I apprehend, will be common to the whole of England) is that the crops have been in general very abundant to the eye, though some doubts are entertained whether they will realise to the flail the promise made to the sickle.
- 42 Beverley St Mary
There is very little either arable or meadow land in this parish: the greatest part of it is in the town of Beverley.

- 43 Beverley St Mary (Holme Church aliter St Nicholas annexed.)
The greatest part of the lands in this parish are meadow, a very small proportion is arable.
- 44 Bielby
The farmers say their wheat crops do not yield well, but very good in quality.
- 47 Bilton
I have not the least doubt but this return is in fact perfectly correct. This may be perhaps a smaller proportion of arable land than is usual for the extent of the township; it may therefore be proper to observe, that great part of the grass land is engaged in feeding pastures for large oxen; for which purpose it is particularly proper.
- 70 Brandesburton
The produce of this year's harvest may in this parish be estimated at one-third more than an average crop, except in respect to potatoes, which has not been a good crop.
- 74 Bridlington
Be pleased to observe that the parish of Bridlington consists of the township of Bridlington and six other townships viz. Hilderthorpe cum Wilsthorpe, Sewerby cum Marton, Buckton, Easton, Grindale and Speeton, all of which are included in this return, except the township of Speeton which being a chapelry within this parish with a separate minister by whom a separate return for the said chapelry hath or will be made. And with respect to the quantity and quality of this year's crop: It hath been both abundant and excellent, and may fairly be accounted one-fourth more than an average one taken for 7 years back. The above is the most correct information that I have been able to obtain.
- 85 Burnby
The crops of grain of all kinds are very good, the wheat in general inneed without any rain after it was cut, and though there has been above a fortnight's rainy weather, neither oats nor barley have suffered so much as the farmers apprehended, and as the weather is pretty favourable for the season, there is a fair prospect that beans will be got well.
- 86 Burstwick
The statement of the number of the acres since last year's harvest in the parish of Burstwick under the several crops mentioned is I believe very accurate.
- 88 Burton Pidsea
This is an accurate return.

- 102 Cherry Burton
Cherry Burton field is unenclosed and the third part of it is generally fallow. Gardum a farm in this parish is enclosed and part in grazing.
- 109 Cowlam
The harvest being only just finished in this part of the country, must plead my excuse for not sending the Returns sooner. The crops of every kind have been most abundant, and from the very small quantity threshed out, likely to be very productive.
- 125 Driffield
Crops in general the most abundant ever remembered.
- 122 Drypool
The crops in general have been very abundant, and well got in.
- 126 Dunnington
Part badly cultivated for want of money, part for want of judgement, and part well managed and very productive. The consumption of the town is pretty near equal to the produce.
- 127 Easington
As I did not receive any directions for Skeffling (I suppose through mistake) I have taken an exact account of the several particulars in my said parish of Skeffling (which adjoins my parish of Easington on the west) and placed them under those of Easington. The lands are flat and level in both parishes and similar with respect to soil and produce. The soil a strong clay and the crops deficient this year at least one-fourth below an average produce.
- 141 Elvington
Crops all abundant and well got in.
- 140 Etton
The land in Etton township, being chiefly in large open fields it is impossible to get a thoroughly accurate account. It might perhaps be productive of some good, to have the number of sheep, and cattle depastured and fed in each parish; and that would be much more easily ascertained. Shambles and meat, even at this great distance from the Metropolis, is now, and has been for a long time past, most unreasonably and most unusually high. Country banks, and large farms bring many most serious inconveniences and evils upon the country, and being the chief cause, why the farmer will not bring his corn to market, till he can have his own exorbitant price for it, half the crop is in the meantime wasted by the vermin in the stack; and so turns the bountiful hand of providence, into a real distressing scarcity.

- 144 Everingham
This is a true statement of the request. The inferior acres are (?).
- 160 Flamborough
Remarkable fine crops and of the best quality.
- 154 Folkton
These returns contain the best information that can be procured.
- 157 Foxholes
It is admitted by the farmers that the crops this year in this parish, are at least equal to the crops of the two preceding years.
- 170 Garton on the Wolds
N.B. no potatoes grown anywhere but in the (?) orchards and gardens in and about the village. This return I fear is inaccurate and deficient.
- 179 Goxhill
The produce this year in the said parish may be estimated at about one-third more than an average crop.
- 197 Hayton
The farmers say their wheat crops do not yield well, but very good in quality.
- 199 Hedon
The parish of Hedon contains about 260 acres of land, of which not more than 20 acres have been under tillage yearly, upon an average for the last 18 years.
- 202 Hemingbrough and the chapelry of Barlby
Wheat the produce may be 3 quarters per acre, barley 3, oats 5, potatoes a pretty good crop, peas at least 4 quarters, beans 4, turnips or rape a full crop, rye 4 quarters. N.B. rye is very little grown in this parish, but there is a sort of bread corn, which we call maslin, (a mixture of wheat and rye) and as the quantity of each is nearly equal, I have divided the acres betwixt wheat and rye.
- 203 Hessle
There has been no rape, rye or maslin grown in this parish this season. Every kind of grain specified has produced a good crop and been well got in.
- 212 Holme on the Wolds
The crops in this parish are more than an average one.

- 219 Hornsea
This township is not yet inclosed. The different crops do not exceed an average, as far as can hitherto be ascertained: and it is thought full short of the plentiful harvest of 1798 nearly one-fourth.
- 222 Hotham
This is the most accurate account I can obtain of the grain grown last year in my parish.
- 226 Huggate
This is the best information I can procure, though in my own opinion not quite equal to the real number of acres.
- 232 Hutton Cranswick
It is thought that wheat will produce 3 quarters an acre, Winchester measure, upon an average; which in this parish is a very good crop. Barley and oats to produce 5 quarters per acre. Very few potatoes are grown here, but the crop tolerable. Peas and beans a tolerable crop. Turnips very good.
- 238 Keyingham
The intention of Government, it is presumed, requires the number of acres of each crop reaped; accordingly in the case of rape, it is replied, there is none here, although there may be a few acres sown to be eaten green by sheep. Respecting potatoes, every person informs me, he has none; by which it must be understood, that no individual has an acre; for there appears to have been about 4 acres or more in the field. The extensive crown estate, called Sunk Island, (extraparochial) for all religious purposes is considered a part of this parish; but as in civil matters it is usually annexed to Otteringham, is not here included. If the island be included in the return from thence, it may be known by the great quantity of rape, which in that case will appear therein, of which crop, otherwise, Otteringham can have had little, if any.
- 244 Kilham
N.B. potatoes are grown chiefly in and about the town. The crops of grain have been abundant in straw, and well housed, wheat, on threshing has been, in some former years, known to yield more produce from the same quantity, but this will, thanks be to providence, be amply compensated by the luxuriant produce of the ground. Some of the farmers gave in, I believe, all they had and others I have some reason to suspect did not, so, after all, this return (which includes Swathorp a place in this parish but not in this lordship) may not be accurate. N.B. wheat a few weeks ago was 7/3 per bushel but now is upwards of 8/-.
- 246 Kilnsea
The soil a very strong red clay. The average crop very moderate

both of wheat and beans not more than 2 quarters per acre.

243 Kilwick

The crops in the parish are very good.

252 Kirkburn

There are not perhaps 2 acres of potatoes in the whole parish, each individual planting as many only as will serve his own family. The crops throughout the parish were this year as abundant as ever remembered.

263 Kirby Underdale

Out of the quantity of rape 14 acres have been thrashed for seed the remainder is either eat off or to be eaten off.

268 Langtoft

N.B. this account included the number of acres of grain grown at Cotham, a place in the parish, but not in the lordship of Langtoft. No potatoes grown, but in the (?), orchards, and gardens about the village amounting to about two acres in the whole. This return, it is to be doubted, is not quite accurate and that the number of acres falls short of the truth.

272 Leconfield

This is an inclosed parish, and in a high state of cultivation. The whole is tithe free.

274 Leppington

No one in these parishes have refused to give the account of the number of acres of corn etc. but I understand it to have been the case in some of the neighbouring ones which will tend to defeat the intention of this application.

279 Lockington

The crops in this parish are all very good.

283 Lonsbrough

This is as accurate a return as could be procured. The crops very abundant.

286 Lund

Potatoes no more than for family use. The crops in this parish are all good, except barley, which may be called nearly equal to an average crop.

290 Mappleton

This account includes Great Cowden and part of Great Hatfield in the parish of Mappleton.

289 Marfleet

The crops in general have been very abundant and well got in.

- 446 Market Weighton
 The act of inclosure not having extended to a certain farm in the parish the acres sown with wheat on that farm are added to the return made in January last. The letter addressed by the Archbishop of York, covering the inclosed dated September 5th 1801, not being received before October 28th this return could not be made sooner. As to the state of the crops this year. I cannot speak with that certainty that I could wish, but they are generally reckoned to be very good. N.B. the multitude of corn jobbers last winter was generally believed to be a very great evil.
- 306 Millington
 Produce per acre about 4 quarters of wheat, from 5 - 7 of barley and 10 of oats.
- 315 Nafferton
 About 3½ quarters of wheat upon an acre. The great backwardness in the occupiers of lands to give information upon this subject, renders this statement, not so perfect as I could wish; but I have reason to believe, this account is rather under than above the exact number of acres.
- 319 North Cave
 The above parish includes the townships of South Cliffe, Everthorpe and Drewton; hence the great number of arable acres.
- 118 North Dalton
 There is about the same number of acres in grazing as in tillage chiefly in sheep walks, being wold land. This parish is enclosed.
- 321 North Newbald
 In general productive. N.B. the above is strictly accurate.
- 164 North Frodingham
 About 3 quarters of wheat upon an acre. The same reasons given for the inaccuracy of the statement of the parish of Nafferton render this equally incorrect. Farmers in general are extremely jealous and suspicious, that this inquiry may operate against their future interests.
- 324 Nunkeeling
 This parish contains 2 townships viz. Bewholme and Nunkeeling, both of which are inclosed. The different crops are good exceeding an average.
- 335 Paul
 I have no doubt but this account is minutely correct: and it includes the Cherry Cobb Sands, a large addition to this parish of late years left by the river Humber.

- 349 Rise
It appears from my own judgement and the information I have received that the produce is according to the annexed rate wheat 3 quarters per acre, barley 3, oats 5, beans 3, turnips or rape worth £2-12-6 per acre.
- 350 Roos
Mr Simpson remarks that no papers have been sent to the Rev. William Hildyard for a return of crops for the parish of Winestead.
- 357 Sancton
In general productive. Turnips or rape are principally turnips.
- 369 Scrayingham
In this parish are included 2 townships Howsham and Scrayingham.
- 379 Sherburn
Bad wheat land.
- 371 Sigglesthorpe
There are several small gardens in which are a few patches of potatoes not inclosed in this account, which is given in from the respective farmers in the parish.
- 392 Skipwith
About 10 acres of potatoes will be much damaged by the frost. The other sort of grain etc. are in general an extraordinary good crop.
- 375 South Cave
I believe this account very near correct. But of great (?) is that (?) which the proprietors of the parish speak of, adding horses to horses till there is no room and unless that is stopped there will be no good and or the proper constitution.
- 400 Sproatley
This parish is all inclosed, and contains by measurement 1,320 - 2 - 26. The soil in general a strong clay.
- 384 Stillingfleet
The total number of acres of land in the parish of Stillingfleet in the East Riding of Yorkshire is 5,434 - 0 - 22.
- 370 Sulcoates
The fields of this parish or township are appropriated either to new streets or to the feeding of cattle, as pasturage is more lucrative than tillage, and oats than wheat. The latter, however in our vicinity has been bolder and fuller in the ear,

more productive under the flail and more nutritive in flour than in any former year in the memory of man. Each acre has produced 2½ to 3 quarters: The whole harvest is one half more than an average crop. No grain of the here named species has failed. Now the farmers in our neighbourhood compute that their own families consume a full quarter of wheat per person of any age. Sulcoates and Hull contain nearly 35,000 souls: their support then would require 35,000 quarters or 12,000 acres: of course, a large proportion of all the crops of all the fields in East Yorkshire. In the same mode of reasoning all the British fields are incompetent to feed the population of the towns in Great Britain hence the necessity of an immediate Bill for a General Inclosure or of a bounty on new laid cornlands, to render Britain independent of other corn countries. Sulcoates and Hull include nearly one half of the population of the East Riding, as appears by the returns under the last year act of Parliament. The large cities of West Yorkshire and of Lancashire being naval or manufacturing or seated near canals, comprise a population fully equal to that of all the villages in a county: through these districts I have often travelled. Staffordshire offers the same picture. In the present system, indeed, of political economy, villages must be annexed to our all absorbing and spreading towns, a smaller space will be left for tillage, and more mouths be collected to be supplied. Hence, the import of foreign grain must increase with the increasing numbers of our towns. As to the necessity for importation at present, our Government may by this simple calculation accurately decide: the late enumeration gave the numbers of the English: the present summation of acres will detail the wheat produce of England: the ratio is three quarters of grain or one acre to 3 persons. Foreign import must supply the deficiency in the English fields, to support the English population. Our Government are also wise in (?) the clergy to send in the present returns, as the merchants and the farmer are obviously interested to make the most falsified reports, as their hopes of monopoly and of consequent profits depend on the uncertainty of the real produce of two or three successive harvests. Yet even these clerical returns will be unintentionally inaccurate, as many parishes have never been measured, and their acres are merely computed! Farmers and tenants frequently oppose the admeasurement, as rents are now paid by the computed acre. Other reasons require an enlarged cultivation of our commons and wastes, and a creation of new grounds by drains or canals. First the rapid increase of our manufactures of cloth etc. in which is used a size of wheat etc: second the increase of distilleries in a luxurious age: third the increasing preference which the poor give to wheat and oats over vegetables etc: fourth the augmentation of horses for the saddle, for carriages and carts, for mills machines and canals, for export and the army: fifth the modern mode of living among the poorer ranks, more on solid meats than formerly; as is proved by the increase of resident butchers in small market towns, and by the men servants or labourers in our towns requiring mutton and beef. In one of our villages, only 2 sheep were formerly killed in the year, and these at the wake or the feast:

in the very last year 2 were killed every week. The country at large may surely indulge an hope: first that the merchants may be permitted to continue to import until the farmers be obliged by fear of loss to thresh and bring the grain to market: second that the members of the two Houses of Parliament would not raise their tenants' rents from the productiveness of one season, as the tenant must then raise his prices: third that men of landed property and in the law departments would encourage bills of inclosure, and lessen their expensiveness as such a proceeding alone can render England more productive and the produce more cheap.

387 Sutton on Hull

The crops in general have been very abundant and well got in.

388 Sutton upon Derwent

More wheat grown last year by near 100 acres than the preceding year. Wheat and all kinds of grain of uncommon good crop and quality and well got in.

404 Swine

The officers of the townships of Marton and Benningholme within the parish above said have not thought proper to give us any account of grain.

412 Thorngumbald

This chapelry not included in the parochial return from Paull.

424 Thwing

The harvest being only just finished must plead my excuse for not sending the returns sooner. The crops of every description have been most abundant and from the small quantity threshed out likely to be very productive.

433 Ulrome

The crops have upon an average yielded very well.

438 Watton

In the parish of Watton (which is enclosed) there is about 2,500 acres of grazing chiefly low grounds called carrs.

227 Letter associated with the parish of Wawne in number 444 below.

About 10 (?) ago, I received from the Secretary of State's Office, a printed letter from the Archbishop of York requesting me to procure a statement of the number of acres since last year's harvest sown in the several parishes of Sutton, Marfleet and Drypool, with enclosed returns, but have received no letter respecting the crops in the parish of Wawne whereof I am the vicar, which I imagine I must attribute to its being a peculiar, not under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop, but the Dean and Chapter of York. And I must beg leave to observe to your

Lordship that if all the peculiars in England are exempted from giving the above statement, many thousands of acres of grain will not be known. If your Lordship, after this information, should please to order a return sent me for the parish of Wawne, I will, with pleasure, procure a correct statement of the acres of grain, as me mentioned in the return. (Editor's note: evidently the return was sent resulting in document number 444, the Return for Wawne.)

444 Wawne with Meaux

All the crops very abundant and well got in.

479 Welton

The schedule to be filled up with a return of the different crops, and the amount of each in this parish, I received the middle of last month. But from the general aversion in the farmers to give the required information it is utterly out of my power to comply with the wishes of Government.

318 Wold Newton

The harvest being only just finished must plead my excuse for not sending the returns sooner. The crops of every description have been most abundant, and from the small quantity threshed out, likely to be very productive.

472 Yedingham

About 3½ quarters of wheat to an acre, barley 4-5, oats 6. The potatoes are rather a failing crop. Rye or maslin about 3½ quarters.