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KANTOOR VAN DIE—OFFICE OF THE

Agricultural Officer,
ESHOWE : ZULULAND.

2nd November, 1949.

The Native Commissioner,
ESHOWE.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

In reply to your unnumbered minute of the 19th September for information for the South African Institute of Race Relations, I have to report as follows :-

1. 158839 Morgan
2. 33466 Acres
3. 27.79⁰⁰ over four years. 1945 - 1948.
4. Main crops maize $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 bags (200 lb) per acre

Kaffir-corn	-1	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$	bags per acre
Beans	- $\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	bags per acre
Sweet Potato	-8	-	10	bags per acre
5. 6.3 acres under water at Nkwalini Native owned.
2 acres under water South African Native Trust demonstration at Vuma Farm.
Contemplated 15 acres by private individual near Madidima on banks of the Tugela.
Approximately 120 acres contemplated at Mvuzane by the Department Native Affairs.
In parts the District is very suitable for small irrigation scheme specially in the low Veld along the Tugela.
6. Three.
7. Cattle 68554. Equines 7615 Sheep and Goats 4379 Pigs 6048 Poultry 22540.
8. Cattle Tanks 33 Sheep 21.
9. Approximately half each of "Nkongeni" Sour Veld in broken country and thorn Veld.
10. Five.
11. 1183 acres already fenced off for anti-erosion measures and further 360 acres contemplated. Total Departmental fencing 4864 miles. Contours laid over $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
12. One G.V.O. post at present vacant.
13. 1212 acres of Indigeneous Forest have been proclaimed for improvement. Further 350 acres contemplated.

- 14. Natives are becoming more reluctant to reduce their livestock. Many Mguni bulls sold from Vuma Farm to individuals on this district. A Bull camp with two Mguni Bulls at Cross Roads is promising.
- 15. Slow but sure.
- ✓ 16. Several scattered throughout the Reserves in addition to those at the schools. Of late the encouraging number of co-operative ploughing and planting schemes are working well under the Departments care particularly for Winter Vegetables and Sweet Potato plots.
- 17. An average of 7 sales a year has disposed of an average of 1062 head per year, but the figures are fast falling away to nothing despite propanganda which in the past has not proven sufficiently effective. New methods are now to be tried. The sales are not more than a hand full out of the Reserves, force will altimately be necessary.
- 18. Upable to supply this figure.
- 19. An excellent Shaw Hall is at the disposal of Eshowe Natives Show Society in which it is hoped to hold cinema shows for Natives.
- 20. Indigenaous Foresss cover 1762 acres. Plantations now cover 261 acres and a further 240 acres are being established at the moment.
- 21. Average money granted about £500.

Signed. W.T.Wilkins.

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