

# Half-yearly Fertiliser Returns, 1939

THE following returns from January to June, 1939, have been compiled by the Inspector of Fertilisers, Fields Division, Department of Agriculture, from figures furnished by courtesy of the Comptroller of Customs.

Fertiliser.	Origin.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Quarter	April	May	June	Quarter	Half-yearly Return. Tons.
		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
Phosphates— Rock .. ..	Gilbert and Ellice Islands	8,120	16,314	8,286	32,720	6,840	7,191	1,198	15,229	47,949
	Nauru .. ..	15,619	5,976	12,245	33,840	5,326	34,805	35,031	74,662	108,502
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*156,451
Slag .. ..	United Kingdom .. ..	2,709	3,260	2,250	8,219	930	1,620	50	2,600	10,819
	Belgium .. ..	275	9,211	3,928	13,414	13,185	1,426	50	14,661	28,075
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,894
Guano .. ..	New Caledonia	..	1,006	..	1,006	603	..	240	843	1,849
	Seychelles .. ..	8,400	4,658	..	13,058	..	2,918	..	2,918	15,976
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,825
Other Phosphate .. ..	Tunis .. ..	..	5,500	3,000	8,500	6,300	11,999	7,350	25,649	34,149
	Belgium .. ..	25	5,472	..	5,497	2,850	100	..	2,950	8,447
	Egypt .. ..	..	..	..	..	1,250	..	..	1,250	1,250
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43,846
Total Phosphates .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	257,016
Potash— Kainit .. ..	Germany .. ..	..	..	20	20	15	66	..	81	101
	France .. ..	..	20	..	20	..	..	50	50	70
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	171
Sulphate .. ..	Germany .. ..	..	275	..	275	126	..	35	161	436
	France .. ..	15	..	155	170	..	5	120	125	295
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	731
Muriate .. ..	Germany .. ..	..	20	..	20	20	15	105	140	160
Other Potash .. ..	France .. ..	425	1,495	650	2,570	926	370	30	1,326	3,896
	Germany .. ..	330	1,470	1,400	3,200	1,786	930	470	3,186	6,386
	Belgium .. ..	..	50	..	50	..	..	..	..	50
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,332
Total Potash .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,394
Nitrogen— Sulphate of Ammonia	United Kingdom .. ..	515	150	..	665	315	622	550	1,487	2,152
	Nitrate of Soda .. ..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2
.. ..	Netherlands .. ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Germany .. ..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2
	Chile .. ..	103	150	65	318	10	410	85	505	823
Total .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	828
Total Nitrogen .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,980
Miscellaneous .. ..	United Kingdom .. ..	..	21	..	21	29	17	71	119	140
	Netherlands .. ..	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	10
Total miscellaneous .. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
Totals .. ..	.. ..	36,547	55,048	32,003	123,598	40,511	61,996	45,435	147,942	271,540

\* Equal to approximately 300,000 tons of superphosphate.

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