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I. Population in relation to Area

1. Statistics on classification of Land (in Hectares)

	<u>Syria 1945</u>	<u>Lebanon 1946</u>
Land under cultivation	2,263,000	225,000
Arable but untilled land	3,388,000	180,000
Forests	417,000	
Pasturage	3,600,000	
Mountainous regions	2,534,000	
Deserts	6,651,000	

2. Population in Syria and Lebanon

<u>Year</u>	<u>Syria</u>	<u>Lebanon</u>	<u>Total</u>
1944	2,901,000		
1945	2,949,800	1,146,800	4,096,600
1946	3,006,000	1,165,200	4,171,200

3. Rate of Population Increase

Syria 22% Lebanon 16.1%

4. Estimated future population: Syria

1944	2,901,000
1949	3,246,000
1954	3,625,000

5. Distribution of population: Syria 1944

Urban population	825,000	28.5%
Rural population	<u>2,076,000</u>	<u>71.5%</u>
	<u>2,901,000</u>	<u>100</u>

Arable land5,651,000 hectares:

Rural population per square

km. of arable land37 persons.

II. Index Numbers

	<u>Weighted index numbers</u>		<u>Index Numbers</u>	
	<u>Wholesale Prices</u>	<u>Retail Prices</u>	<u>Cost of Living</u>	<u>Agricultural Wages</u>
1939	100	100	100	100
1940	205	126	110	100
1941	-	271	-	175
1942	631	500	275	225
1943	860	671	419	300
1944	913	716	537	500
1945	1019	731	562	600
1946	852	686	523	550
1947	781	669	466	500
1948	774	629	476	-

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III. Agricultural Work

I. Agricultural machinery used in Syria

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
No. of tractors	202	301		
No. of harvester-threshers	143	194		
No. of agricultural threshing, shelling and sorting machines etc.	492	492		

Customs returns show the number of agricultural machines imported in 1948 to be double the number existing in 1947. Prospects for 1949 are still more encouraging.

2. Grain production: Syria

	<u>(Tons)</u>
1942	818,000
1943	1,184,000
1944	1,061,000
1945	1,004,000
1946	1,188,000

3. Wheat production and area under wheat: Syria

	<u>Area (Hectares)</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>	<u>Yield (Kg. per Ha.)</u>
1938	369,825	529,874	1,432
1940	486,100	499,915	1,028
1941	429,900	357,770	833
1942	470,050	393,748	838
1943	503,600	535,620	1,063
1944	570,725	438,760	769
1945	750,140	379,493	519
1946	810,485	568,775	701
1947	843,472	403,800	477

N.B. As may be seen, the yield per Ha. varies according to weather conditions.

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	<u>Area (Hectares)</u>	<u>Production (in tons)</u>	<u>Yield (Kg. per Ha.)</u>
1938	244,170	318,130	1,304
1940	279,265	276,090	988
1941	258,960	206,680	798
1942	263,560	213,600	810
1943	242,560	314,980	1,298
1944	272,650	250,270	917
1945	348,130	247,568	711
1946	370,800	282,384	763
1947	365,040	168,810	463

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IV Foreign Trade

1. Overall figures for special import
and export trade
Years 1938-1947

(Quantities refer to m. tons; values to thousands of Lebanese or Syrian pounds).

	<u>Imports</u>		<u>Exports</u>		<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
1938	561,231	70,811	376,201	29,278	-41,533
1939	542,234	75,567	325,830	36,517	-39,050
1940	314,147	57,156	121,563	19,302	-37,854
1941	273,542	40,527	29,487	11,228	-29,299
1942	503,465	107,085	23,781	23,753	-83,332
1943	428,483	110,137	52,821	32,031	-78,106
1944	428,968	93,644	120,099	46,195	-47,449
1945	514,692	130,624	139,315	43,842	-86,782
1946	596,258	271,984	106,521	85,560	-186,424
1947	655,798	368,614	148,018	83,640	-284,974
1948*	(488,828)	(329,898)	(58,042)	(43,620)	(-286,278)

* First nine months.

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2. Rice production and imports; area under rice:

Syria and Lebanon

<u>Syria</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Production (m.tons)</u>	<u>Area (Hectares)</u>	<u>Imports (m.tons)</u>
1938	2,840	950	17,500
1938	3,050	1,020	20,000
1940	2,430	650	9,000
1941	1,020	1,050	18,000
1942	3,300	962	750
1943	6,100	1,800	7,500
1944	9,767	2,086	1,500
1945	14,500	6,770	9,500
1946	19,000	7,609	2,792
1947	21,500	8,165	4,371
<u>Lebanon</u>			
1947	1,000	300	

3. Ginned cotton; production and imports:

Syria

	<u>Production (m.tons)</u>	<u>Area (Hectares)</u>	<u>Imports (m.tons)</u>	<u>Exports (m.tons)</u>
1937	-	-	1.9	3,031
1938	7,600	32,860	16.3	2,021
1939	5,670	36,780		
1940	7,600	31,780		
1941	2,770	18,970		
1942	3,200	13,320		
1943	3,400	15,240		
1944	3,140	16,700		
1945	4,300	17,525		
1946	4,784	19,837	842	30
1947	5,440	19,335	821	174

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4. Cement; production and imports in metric tons:

Syria and Lebanon

<u>Year</u>	<u>Syria</u>	<u>Lebanon</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>
1938	80,000	171,000	251,000	6,000	49,000
1940	2,085	89,568	91,653	-	9,000
1941	14,455	67,862	82,317	-	3,000
1942	42,778	171,966	214,744	-	1,000
1943	33,584	118,321	151,905	-	28,000
1944	35,106	136,326	171,432	-	55,000
1945	34,728	148,471	183,199		
1946	44,800	157,599	202,399	1,337	1,345
1947	45,668	167,580	213,248	17,500	331
1948	49,250	208,532	257,782	51,041	

N.B. The future requirements of the two countries are estimated
as follows:

for 1949 at 300,000 m.tons

for 1953 at 350,000 m.tons

Market prices:

excluding taxes Beirut	79	Syrian pounds		
-do- Damascus	100	Syrian or Lebanese pounds		
C.i.f. price of imported cement	66	"	"	"
-do- plus 11%	73.2	"	"	"