

The most important exports of Jaffa were wheat, soap, sesame, oranges, and olive oil, but also included barley, *durra*,<sup>68</sup> and cotton. In 1857, the wheat exported amounted to merely 45,000 kiles, but by 1882 reached 483,000 *kiles*. For sesame, 503,000 *oqqas* were exported in 1857, and reached 2,293,000 in 1882.<sup>69</sup> In 1857, 6,000,000 oranges were exported, and reached 52,967,000<sup>70</sup> units in 1881. However, exports of each product did not necessarily continuously increase year after year. Nonetheless, the following average annual exports, derived by Scholch, for 1857-1860 and 1862-1863, and 1873-1877 and 1879-1882, respectively, provide a proper perspective: for wheat 58,000 *kiles* to 279,000, with a growth multiple of 4.80; for barley 121,000 *kiles* to 102,000, with a growth multiple of 0.84; for sesame 1,245,000 *oqqas* to 2,059,000, with a growth multiple of 1.65; olive oil from 706,000 *oqqas* to 904,000, with a growth multiple of 1.28;

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<sup>68</sup>*Durra* is “a type of cereal with leaves like Turkish maize [hence the name *durra*, which means maize in Arabic] and white seeds like lentils.” See Scholch, 78, footnote 177.

<sup>69</sup>Scholch, 83, Table 18; figures rounded to nearest thousand.

<sup>70</sup>Starting in 1880, data for oranges were in boxes, and Scholch reports 170,500 boxes for 1881. Using the value of orange exports given in Scholch on p. 85, and assuming the same export price for 1879, 1880, and 1881, I calculated the unit price of .12876 piaster and the number of units, 310, in each box, which is consistent with the number of 300 reported by Charles Issawi “Trade of Jaffa, 1825-1914,” in *Studia Palaestina*, ed. Hisham Nashabe (Beirut: Institute of Palestine Studies, 1988), 45. However, for 1882, Scholch’s figure of 116,350 boxes and the corresponding value of 8,144,500 piaster do not seem to reconcile; this suggests that either the price almost doubled between 1881 and 1882, and there is no evidence for that, or that the number of boxes is too low, which seems to be the case given the continuous increase in orange export for the several preceding years.