

Beetles Collected on Native and European Plantations.
IN UPOLU.

Quarter.	Native Plantations.			European Plantations.		
	Beetles.	Larvæ.	Eggs.	Beetles.	Larvæ.	Eggs.
1923—April-June	21,177	638,898	50,787	6,577	85,745	7,485
July-September	18,834	612,241	71,585	5,586	85,000	4,742
October-December	21,301	605,023	69,773	3,766	83,790	7,991
1924—January-March	24,289	635,369	72,058	4,829	65,317	10,788
Totals for Year ended 31st March, 1924	85,601	2,491,531	264,203	20,758	319,852	31,006
Totals for Years 1922-23 ..	101,203	2,945,253	316,397	29,909	504,315	24,530

IN SAVAI'I.
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924.

Native—				European—			
Beetles	100,527			Beetles	2,840		
Larvæ	2,217,506			Larvæ	16,943		
Eggs	47,658			Eggs	1,109		

FLYING-FOXES.

The presence of this troublesome pest among the coconut-palms became very pronounced at the beginning of the year under review. There has, however, been a noticeable diminution in the number of flying-foxes seen lately in the plantations and around Native villages. The reason for this is most probably that an abundance of food is now available for them in the bush. In the earlier part of last year, owing to the severe weather, food must have been very scarce in the bush, in which case the famished foxes would be compelled to raid the coconut and other cultivations, thus accounting for the excessive numbers observed.

With a view to combatting the flying-fox nuisance a competition was commenced on the 1st January, and is to close on the 30th June, carrying a prize of £10 to the person bringing in the greatest number of feet of flying-foxes during the period specified. In addition to the prize, payment is being made for flying-foxes destroyed at the rate of 1s. for twenty-five.

NATIVE FOOD RESOURCES.

The accompanying return will show to what extent the planting of foodstuffs, &c., has been carried out by the Natives under the supervision of the Inspectors of the Agricultural Department. On the whole, food has been plentiful throughout both islands during the year.

Schedule of Plantings of Native Foodstuffs, &c., for the Year ended 31st March, 1924.
UPOLU.

Date.	Coconuts	Cacao.	Bananas.	Taro.	Taamu.	Tobacco.	Yams.	Sugarcane.	Kava.	Arrow-root.
1923.										
April-June ..	15,320	980	90,500	570,200	54,210	1,550	27,870	750	990	870
July-Sept. ..	17,050	9,398	79,571	782,468	106,620	60,392	10,271	17,507	5,479	..
Oct.-Dec. ..	36,943	10,355	155,036	887,365	182,702	146,368	48,708	65,160	28,121	..
1924.										
Jan.-Mar. ..	6,100	..	82,320	443,000	50,800	..	660	332,000	900	..
Totals ..	75,413	20,733	407,427	2,683,033	394,332	208,310	87,509	415,417	35,490	870

No account is taken of many thousand Lauie, Laupaogo, Laufala (for mats) and U'a (for tapa-cloth).

SAVAI'I.

Coconuts	104,076	Taamu	2,806,893
Cacao	93,090	Yams	234,039
Bananas	1,240,339	Sugarcane	1,123,488
Taro	2,269,482	Kava	194,590