

**Table 1: Cotton (in Okes) Exported from Acre and Haifa, 1852-62**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Okes</b>
1852	446,545
1853	294,545
1854	37,091
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1856	-----
1857	-----
1858	-----
1859	5,237
1860	69,455
1861	58,909
1862	55,273

Source: Scholch "European Penetration and the Economic Development of Palestine, 1856-82" in Owen, (ed), *Studies in the Economic and Social History of Palestine in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries* (Oxford: 1982) p. 61

In the early 1870s, cotton exported from Palestine was estimated at 100,000 Okes. However by 1876, the amount of cotton exported dropped to about 32,489 Okes only (Scholch, 1982: pp. 14-15).

The decline in market demand for Palestinian cotton did not leave the land fallow. New demands for sesame, citrus and particularly oranges were also responded to by the Palestinian peasants. Fields previously planted with cotton were turned into sesame fields. In northern Palestine, namely, the Galilee, 12 per cent of all cultivable land was devoted to sesame production. Sesame seed was exported to France for the extraction of oil. (Scholch, 19882:61). The quantities of sesame exported from different regions in Palestine, between the period 1872-1880, are shown in the following table.