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HON. MELVIN EDWARDS,
Secretary of State.

DEAR SIR:—The following is the first report of the Agricultural Statistics for the State of Colorado, collected in accordance with an act of the State Legislature, approved in February, 1883. The blanks furnished the Assessors of the counties were of necessity hurriedly prepared. Officers and people alike failed in many instances to fully understand the intent of the law.

The fact that returns have been received from thirty-one out of thirty-nine counties is one deserving praise. As the system is longer continued, means will be found of avoiding the delays and obstacles naturally incident to a new venture. It is to be hoped that this effort on the part of our Legislature, to bring into a shape to be easily studied the real wealth of our State in domestic animals and crops, will meet with the hearty support of farmers and those officers whom the law designates as collectors of statistics.

Farmers should recognize in this annual report, which is designed for general distribution, a means of showing to the people outside our State just what can be done in Colorado.

J. J. RAN,
Secretary State Board of Agriculture.

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COUNTIES.	POTATOES.		TIMOTHY.		CLOVER.		NATIVE GRASS.		ALFALFA.		WHEAT.	
	ACRES.	BUSHEL.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	BUSHEL.
Arapahoe	29	4,100	17	25	242	835	4,078	4,763	312	921	3,438	63,186
Boulder	315	17,547	161	271	12	20	10,028	11,153	640	1,809	20,289	395,085
Bent	½				6		2,738	2,285½	174	105¼		
Chaffee												
Clear Creek		6,815		5				140				
Conejo												
Custer	2,840	295,360					2,962	10,350			278	6,976
Costilla	97	8,810					6,764	5,495	5	5	432	10,625
Douglas	692	32,714	8	8			3,029	3,531	30	80	638	10,491
Dolores												
Delta	49	6,468		3			231	174	3		8	161
El Paso	1,673	80,981	35	41	3	4½	7,607	8,800	206	459	286	5,911
Elbert	309	21,095	4	9			4,611	4,858	9	10	15	253
Eagle												
Fremont	89	8,010	30	45	16	25	533	635	281	800	285	5,813
Gunnison												
Gilpin	300	5,490	20	15			200	140			200	Fodder.
Grand												
Garfield												
Huerfano	96	9,368	14½	19	5	12	1,431	2,006	33	34	102	11,165
Hinsdale												
Jefferson	1,298¾	56,092	135	280	13	14	3,649	3,549	378	534	770¾	163,514
Lake												
Las Animas												

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Larimer	263	19,022	47	63	9	24	9,039	8,412	401	1,150	16,815	330,049
La Plata	303	57,530	42	63	1½	2½	1,812	2,118	78½	172	244½	5,770
Mesa	2								1		1	
Montrose	200				1		500		2		100	
Ouray	116¼	12,157					775	882			28	762
Pueblo	219	22,285	123	255	10	30	2,886	3,652	279	487	417	10,696
Park		7,960						8,571				80
Pitkin												
Rio Grande	344	52,859	76	90			4,549	4,032			103	1,853
Routt	5½	431						922			2	60
Saguache	235¾	33,550	31	23			11,830	9,821	41	16	451	11,224
San Juan												
Summit												
San Miguel												
Weld	2,859	162,370			40	100	3,188	3,227	1,284	3,512	22,439	385,769
TOTALS	12,442¼	912,014	743½	1,215	358½	1,065	78,362	98,624¼	4,857½	10,094¼	67,342	1,419,443

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COUNTIES.	GLUCOSE.		BEES.		WOOL.	DOMESTIC ANIMALS.							
	FACTORIES.	POUNDS.	HIVES.	POUNDS OF HONEY.	POUNDS.	DAIRY Cows.	HORSES.	MULRS.	ASSES.	CATTLE.	SHEEP.	GOATS.	SWINE.
Arapahoe			362	10,585		1,711	5,576	260	5	13,928	55,030		592
Boulder			639	29,079		3,029	3,294	326	46	5,053	696	8	853
Bent						134	1,107	39	5	21,896	50,815	4	39
Chaffee													
Clear Creek						461	444	116	82	416	1		
Conejos													
Custer						1,808	1,478	126		10,142			116
Costilla					90,522	201	1,331	138	129	4,359	36,209	946	211
Douglas			30	290		1,295	2,315	67		7,349	1,255	3	149
Dolores						100	257	14	165	2,030		3	7
Delta						92	343	40	17	2,224			
El Paso			143	2,660	522,108	1,502	4,929	326		19,353	103,231	59	196
Elbert			2		422,700	1,227	3,048	60		43,072	102,546	6	117
Eagle													
Fremont			189	940		645	2,244	158	15	13,665		10	273
Gunnison													
Gilpin						500	499	241		9,054			4
Grand													
Garfield													
Huerfano			2	80		475	2,064	260	51	16,570	64,752	2,162	223
Hinsdale													
Jefferson			572	16,832		2,168	1,941	146		3,650	3		297
Lake													
Las Animas													

Larimer			143	1,282		1,437	5,795	393		11,126	29,077		578
La Plata				100		643	427	47					40
Mesa													
Montrose			3			100	403	246	5	3,500	3,500	5	35
Ouray			1	78		44	159	35	8	381	30		
Pueblo			52	369		1,138	2,980	284		9,740	20,034	62	364
Park						828	1,539	66		17,251	5,997	10	113
Pitkin			2										
Rio Grande					18,270	608	1,450	165	126	4,031	10,200	69	97
Routt						19	308	21		3,200			
Saguache					10,500	598	1,953	87	29	13,404	19,739	44	155
San Juan													
Summit							335	70	62	1,035	700		3
San Miguel													
Weld			110	3,105		1,158	13,666	786	6	67,014	96,215		540
TOTALS			2,250	65,400	1,064,100	21,924	59,855	4,517	751	303,443	580,030	3,388	5,058

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COUNTIES.	SORGHUM.			ORCHARDS.				QUARTS OF SMALL FRUIT.				
	ACRES.	GALLONS OF SYRUP.	POUNDS OF SYRUP.	BUSHELS OF APPLES.	BUSHELS OF PEACHES.	BUSHELS OF PEARS.	TOTAL ACRES.	STRAWBERRIES.	BLACKBERRIES.	RASPBERRIES.	GOOSEBERRIES.	CURRANTS.
Arapahoe				34		1	6½	85,702	18,952	6,710	21,062	4,400
Boulder	3	214		468	1	21	128	34,047	3,637	5,190	8,945	13,335
Bent		2	86				7¾	15		2	125	50
Chaffee												
Clear Creek												
Conejos												
Custer												
Costilla												
Douglas								100	2			
Dolores												
Delta												
El Paso	½	15		80	10	5	10	9,801	60	197	1,431	2,463
Elbert												
Eagle												
Fremont	13	60		2,265	25	22	249	2,010	40	182	273	92
Gunnison												
Gilpin												
Grand												
Garfield												
Huerfano				5								
Hinsdale												

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Jefferson				1,276	1	11	122½	32,115	14,785	6,860	3,533	3,913
Lake												
Las Animas												
Larimer	8¾	238		55			90	4,894		1,236	3,443	1,154
La Plata				1				4,150	600	800	1,000	1,500
Mesa												
Montrose	18						4					
Ouray												
Pueblo	2	60	200	4	1	8		400	96	50		
Park								20				
Pitkin												
Rio Grande								52			22	85
Routt												
Saguache												
San Juan												
Summit												
San Miguel												
Weld	22	1,777		69			56	8,205	1,641	3,893	2,055	2,330
TOTALS	67¼	2,366	286	4,257	37	61	681¾	181,511	39,813	25,720	41,889	29,322

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COUNTIES.	FRUITS.				TREES.	BUTTER.		CHEESE.		OLEOMARGARINE.	
	CHERRIES.	PLUMS.		TOTAL ACRES.	ACRES OF GROVE AND FOREST.	FACTORIES.	POUNDS.	FACTORIES.	POUNDS.	FACTORIES.	POUNDS.
Arapahoe				133	637		52,115				
Boulder					107		149,360	6	400		
Bent				3½	1,617						
Chaffee											
Clear Creek											
Conejos							126,560				
Custer							Estimated.				
Costilla							10,000				
Douglas					2,061		83,615	1	12,000		
Dolores											
Delta				5	50		575				
El Paso							56,794	1	40,000		
Elbert					3		28,690		100		
Eagle											
Fremont					203						
Gunnison											
Gilpin											
Grand				2,481			4,725				
Garfield											
Huerfano											
Hinsdale							1,800				

Jefferson	2,720	7,300	137%	156	2	63,325		1,600	
Lake									
Las Animas									
Larimer			43½	197		97,782		25	
La Plata						31,095			
Mesa				60					
Montrose									
Ouray						2,300			
Pueblo			1			57,425	1	1,000	
Park				6,785		29,760			
Pitkin									
Rio Grande			2			48,351			
Routt					5	825			
Saguache						24,145			
San Juan									
Summit									
San Miguel									
Weld			12	303		86,506			
TOTALS	2,720	7,300	2,818½	12,179	7	955,748	9	55,125	

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COUNTIES.	LAND.		OATS.		BARLEY.		RYE.		CORN.		BUCKWHEAT.	
	ACRES UNDER IRRIGATION.	ACRES IN PASTURE.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.
Arapahoe	19,218	9,261	2,311	53,896	558	12,591	41	670	1,059	20,750		
Boulder	55,689	35,081	4,234	128,364	2,125	44,385	320	3,477	4,424	70,830	¼	3
Bent	4,950	30,133	926	412					183	1,050		
Chaffee												
Clear Creek	381½	6,881		320		120		12				
Conejos												
Custer	14,863	17,000	2,980	92,380					562	11,190		
Costilla	10,637	5,396	386	9,857	38	675	5	165	36	335		
Douglas	2,313	79,784	531	12,758	337	6,777	310	3,696	69	987		
Dolores												
Delta	1,447	840	226	5,491	22	231			101	1,112		
El Paso	12,850	247,782	1,601	42,462	6	123	448	6,578	853	17,915	1½	60
Elbert	301	223,309	220	7,417	76	1,632	41	170	177	4,590		
Eagle												
Fremont	7,835	13,815	560	14,277	8		½	10	863	11,420	½	
Gunnison												
Gilpin	40	1,621					100	Fodder.				
Grand												
Garfield												
Huerfano	5,021	5,529	276	5,961	110	2,621	5	85	218	2,482		
Hinsdale												

Jefferson	21,562½	22,117	2,162	54,569	817	17,200	302½	4,471	1,454	16,395		
Lake												
Las Animas												
Larimer	39,589	18,051	3,424	96,419	303	6,888	9	790	3,742	62,185	3	71
La Plata	10,561	2,476	3,768	132,556	91	2,675	3	100				
Mesa	60	5	1½						1			
Montrose	3,600	750	250		30				75			
Ouray	2,446½	612½	722½	16,968	7½	231	¼	1			2	20
Pueblo	92,422	213,781	1,701	59,628	23	561	10	295	1,266	32,729		
Park	12,589	70,892		28		13						
Pitkin												
Rio Grande	12,207	8,502	623	12,915	215	4,001						
Routt	131	420	23	450								
Saguache	32,129½	125,046	2,387	63,807	42	979						
San Juan												
Summit												
San Miguel												
Weld	53,751	234,071	4,381	113,120	1,371	11,058	34	423	6,680	102,508		
TOTALS	416,594	1,367,255½	33,684	925,029½	6,179½	112,761	1,628¼	20,343	21,763	356,478	7¼	154

REMARKS.

Assessor of Arapahoe county remarks that his returns are very incomplete ; partly owing to the disinclination of parties to give full returns, and in part to incomplete schedules furnished by the State.

Boulder reports 29 acres millet, 34 tons ; also 5 acres of grapes, yielding 20,360 pounds.

Clear Creek reports 780 bushels of turnips and 198 tons of oats cut for feed.

Native grass of Costilla is gramma grass.

Delta county reports 1,000 pounds of squashes.

The Clerk of Pitkin county writes that "The blanks were received, the Assessor was notified, but he made no returns. There was little produced during the year 1882 in this county."

The Clerk of San Juan county says: "San Juan county is strictly a mining county and does not contain one acre of agricultural land ; hence, no returns."

The Clerk of Eagle county reports: "The Assessor made no returns in regard to agricultural statistics in this county."

The entire report received from Mesa county is as follows :

"One person made the following returns : Acres under irrigation, 60 ; pasture land, 5 acres ; wheat, 1 acre ; oats, 1 ½ acres ; potatoes, 2 acres ; alfalfa, 1 acre ; forest trees, 60 acres ; horses, 516 ; mules, 75 ; cattle, 4,195 ; asses, 19 ; sheep, 7,010 ; swine, 3. This person could not name the

yield of any item. Besides this, only a few gardens were cultivated the preceding year. I have returned to you the figures concerning stock contained in the general schedule of May 1, 1883. Because of the fact that during the preceding year stockmen have been coming in so irregularly that no correct list could be obtained."

The Clerk of Mesa county says of the returns made by the Assessor: "In regard to his agricultural report, I can endorse it, as it was very late in the season before water could be got for irrigation purposes. In regard to stock, I presume it would have been difficult for him to have got a correct statement, as the largest stockmen of the previous year had sold their herds and were gone out of the county. The Assessor does not seem to have thoroughly understood the law, or at least deemed it not applicable to this locality further than his report implies."

Accompanying the schedule returned by the Assessor of Fremont county to the County Clerk, was the following:

"This being the first year, there has been some difficulty in getting full returns. Butter, for instance, is omitted, although thousands of pounds are made annually in this county. The crop statistics are incomplete. The number of acres in orchards are computed by counting 70 trees to the acre. The 7,000 pounds of grapes were actually sold. Plums last year were almost a total failure; the usual crop is about 400 bushels. I would call your attention to the small yield of fruit in proportion to the number of trees; this is by reason—most of the orchards are newly planted."

H. CLAY WEBSTER,
Assessor.

I transmit a copy of this letter because of the importance of its being published with the returns of the county as a matter of justice.

The County Clerk of Hinsdale county returns a blank schedule and remarks that "Nothing was returned by our Assessor. There is nothing of any consequence in the county except possibly 100 acres of potatoes."

The County Clerk of Huerfano county says: "This report gives a very poor idea of the agricultural resources and products of this county, although I think the Assessor did the best he could, under the circumstances. The amount of territory that he has to go over is too large to enable him to see personally all the taxpayers in the time allotted him by law, consequently he has to assess a great many from the old books, and from them can get no agricultural report; and the greater portion of the farmers of this county are Mexicans, who have very little idea of what they plant or what they raise. With the exception of the stock, this report multiplied by ten would be nearer the mark."