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# EXPLANATION.

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1. I have learned since the publication of this report, that an injustice has been done the Secretary of State in reference to the matter of distribution of blanks to the different county officers. It appears from receipts on file in his office, that the blanks were sent out in ample time to the County Clerks. This exonerates that office from the apparent charge of having failed to perform the duty required by law.

2. The statistics contained in this report fall very far short from representing the true situation with reference to the agricultural products raised in this State, as well as the number of cattle, horses and sheep. In many cases the statistics are fully 50 per cent. below what the actual products for the year named would show.

FRANK J. ANNIS,  
*Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.*

## Letter of Transmittal.

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HON. JAMES RICE,  
*Secretary of State:*

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly, approved February 11, 1883, I have the honor to transmit herewith a compilation of the Agricultural Statistics of this State, collected for the year 1886.

These statistics are collected during the months of May and June each year, by the County Assessors, and embrace the record for the preceding year, and this accounts for the statistics of 1886 not being returned until 1887.

The statistics for 1887 will be collected this year, and reported next December, if returns are made according to law.

This report has been delayed far beyond the time in which the statute provides it should be made, and for causes almost entirely without my control.

Returns have been received from thirty out of the forty-two counties in the State, and some of these are very incomplete and unsatisfactory.

Early in November, 1887, I communicated with the different County Clerks who had failed to compile and forward returns. I called their attention to the provisions of the statute in reference to this matter, and suggested to them the value to the State of such statistics when carefully collected and published.

I did not succeed in securing complete returns. In the notes appended to this report, you will observe that the principal cause assigned for failure to collect and forward the statistics has been on account of the blanks not being received in time by the County Assessors.

From information received from your office, I believe this cause of complaint will be eliminated from the reports this year.

Complaint has also been made that no compensation is provided for this extra labor required of the Assessor, and this affords another excuse for not giving the matter that careful attention so essential in gathering and compiling statistics of this character.

Some provision ought to be made whereby certainty and accuracy can be secured in collecting and making these returns.

Before the next session of the General Assembly, another report will be due from this office, and I may at that time be able to offer some suggestions with a view to aid in securing these results.

I find upon examination of the records of this office that no report has been made since the year 1883. My term of office did not begin until April, 1887, and I know of no reason why reports have not been prepared and transmitted, unless due to the fact that the returns made by the County Clerks were incomplete and unsatisfactory.

During the past four years there has been a marked development of the agricultural resources of the State.

I have prepared a table giving a summary of the statistics for 1883 and 1886, and so arranged them that a comparison can readily be made.

In 1883, thirty out of thirty-nine counties reported, and in 1886, thirty out of forty-two.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1883 AND 1886.

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AGRICULTURAL, STATISTICS.

	CLOVER.		N'TIVE GRASS		ALFALFA.		SORGHUM.			ORCHARDS.				QUARTS OF SMALL FRUIT.				
	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	GALLONS OF SYRUP.	POUNDS OF SYRUP.	BUSHELS OF APPLES.	BUSHELS OF PEACHES.	BUSHELS OF PEARS.	TOTAL ACRES.	STRAWBERRIES.	BLACKBERRIES.	RASPBERRIES.	GOOSEBERRIES.	CURRENTS.
1883	358½	1,065	78,362	98,624¼	4,857½	10,094¼	67¼	2,366	286	4,257	37	61	681¾	181,511	39,813	25,720	41,889	29,322
1886	3,372	22,867½	173,259	185,469	22,566	58,973	108	7,224		12,697	316¼	546	1,710	238,058	75,907	71,020	55,919	70,582

SUMMARY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1883 AND 1886.

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TABLE IV.

SUMMARY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1883 AND 1886.

	DOMESTIC ANIMALS.							
	DAIRY COWS.	HORSES.	MULES.	ASSES.	CATTLE.	SHEEP.	GOATS.	SWINE.
1883	21,924	59,855	4,517	751	303,443	580,030	3,388	5,058
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1886	24,713	95,354	4,901	1,323	431,881	545,978	4,688	15,995
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The value and importance of the report herewith submitted cannot be overestimated, especially with reference to its influence in the matter of immigration.

Applications from the eastern and western States are received at this office nearly every day for reports of this character, and making special inquiries as to the development of the agricultural resources of different counties in the State. I trust the county officers will bear in mind the importance of this subject, and furnish complete returns for the year 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. ANNIS,

*Secretary State Board of Agriculture.*

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, }  
FORT COLLINS, COLO., March 1, 1888. }

TABLE I.  
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

COUNTIES.	No. OF ACRES UNDER IRRIG- ATION.	No. OF ACRES IN PASTURE.	WHEAT.		OATS.		BARLEY.		RYE.		CORN.	
			ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.
Arapahoe . . . . .	21,670	33,490	2,740	51,730	2,360	61,720	836	15,690	113	4,117	172	3,150
Archuleta . . . . .	1,128	1,332	54	1,080	225	9,000	41	1,025	4	100	8	200
Bent . . . . .												
Boulder . . . . .	62,801	37,467	15,109	274,462	6,363	175,523	1,531	29,629	189	2,730	4,377	80,810
Chaffee . . . . .	11,245	3,662	98	2,312	3,091	80,716	57	1,647	49	965	2	40
Clear Creek . . . . .	624½	6,351		25		1,301		182		167		
Conejos . . . . .	150,000	70,000	20,632	312,640	10,750	16,760	2,800	5,600			200	1,500
Costilla . . . . .	30,418	20,870	2,180	65,809	3,500	140,000	1,007	25,245			90	1,090
Custer . . . . .	8,214	14,595	296	4,306	2,686	72,816	276	6,713	88	1,249	701	6,560
Delta . . . . .	6,555	7,605	725	14,160	2,613	67,394	13	184			299	9,470
Dolores . . . . .	25	3	1	20		190	2½	100			6	100
Douglas . . . . .	3,891	73,298	431	14,440	1,005	22,165	143	3,325	257	4,128	477	10,595
Eagle . . . . .	7,935	428	24	1,185	612	20,350	64	615				
Elbert . . . . .	60	4,499	5	189	92	1,935	13	360	17	150	123	1,540

TABLE I.—Continued.

COUNTIES.	NO. OF ACRES UNDER IRRIG- ATION.	NO. OF ACRES IN PASTURE.	WHEAT.		OATS.		BARLEY.		RYE.		CORN.	
			ACRES.	BUSHEL.	ACRES.	BUSHEL.	ACRES.	BUSHEL.	ACRES.	BUSHEL.	ACRES.	BUSHEL.
El Paso . . . . .	21,146	321,633	268	4,915	2,665	65,805	218	3,686	745	9,330	1,021	30,430
Fremont . . . . .	9,460	19,300	890	2,240	1,140	39,600	100	3,500	8	260	2,100	59,000.
Garfield . . . . .												
Gilpin . . . . .		1,700	300	cut green don't tripn	75	cut green			100	cut green		
Grand . . . . .												
Gunnison . . . . .	60,854	20,759										
Hinsdale . . . . .												
Huerfano . . . . .	20,115	44,269	764	13,819	896	21,965	434	11,442	15	610	556	13,181
Jefferson . . . . .	18,750	14,217	3,365	64,394	3,053	72,389	295	5,955	205	2,426	983	19,695
Lake . . . . .												
La Plata . . . . .												
Larimer . . . . .	42,133	38,924	15,001	245,742	4,888	131,539	351	7,615	26	357	3,990	75,595
Las Animas . . . . .												
Logan . . . . .	12,000	10,830	32	430	361	7,405	23	445	28	340	1,308½	23,220
Mesa . . . . .	5,707	421	282	4,582	1,720	180,672	338	5,453	7	81	769	17,613

Montrose . . . . .	6,662	1,357	798	12,009	2,170	42,407	114	3,534	19	90	153	3,690
Ouray . . . . .	5,739	719	142½	2,848	1,565	43,937	103	1,969	14	440		
Park . . . . .	12,556	130,215	23½	440	189	4,025	9	135	53½	920	2	
Pitkin . . . . .												
Pueblo . . . . .												
Rio Grande . . . . .	13,279	9,193	1,413½	27,630	2,556	53,760	411	10,657				
Routt . . . . .												
Sagauche . . . . .	41,159	126,921	640	15,266	2,726	80,823	276	9,501				
San Juan . . . . .												
San Miguel . . . . .												
Summit . . . . .	764	590	14	12								
Washington . . . . .												
Weld . . . . .	71,621	23,318	24,451	480,488	8,297	124,776	2,405	66,237	128	2,630	6,472	142,125
	655,621	1,027,766	90,679½	1,617,164	65,598	1,538,973	11,860½	220,437	2,065½	31,148	24,809½	449,604

TABLE II.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

COUNTIES.	BUCKWHEAT.		POTATOES.		TIMOTHY.		CLOVER.		NATIVE GRASS.		ALFALFA.	
	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	BUSHELS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.
Arapahoe . . . . .			16½	2,160	195	315	759	2,445	2,753	2,746	2,435	7,165
Archuleta . . . . .	1	40	83	8,300	7	just sown	2	just sown	875	875	26	just sown
Bent . . . . .												
Boulder . . . . .	67	1,539	283	16,095	176	272	370	955	6,278	6,944	3,249	9,692
Chaffee . . . . .	14	325	446	41,452	77	133	479	14,895	1,015	1,267	119	287
Clear Creek . . . . .				2,645		146				103		
Conejos . . . . .			7,500	1,500,000	300	275	50	60	60,000	45,000	200	600
Costilla . . . . .			320	31,420	4	7	2	4	22,417	18,490	27	81
Custer . . . . .	1	20	434	41,693	181	224			2,915	2,896	68	71
Delta . . . . .			263	43,165	229	361	1	1½	161	264	258	591
Dolores . . . . .			1½	150	4	5				103		
Douglas . . . . .			434	25,832	96	148	12	34	3,275	3,665	383	1,121
Eagle . . . . .			109	13,080	67	150			2,264	2,242	152	129
Elbert . . . . .			35	4,273					396	482	3	2

El Paso . . . . .	1	12	1,373	81,120	285	463	94	152	8,204	7,881	981	2,884
Fremont . . . . .			240	24,000	290	530	85	275	985	1,490	850	3,300
Garfield . . . . .												
Gilpin . . . . .			200	11,000	25	20			200	150		
Grand . . . . .												
Gunnison . . . . .				5,000						26,000		
Hinsdale . . . . .												
Huerfano . . . . .	23	625	99	6,784	270	403	25	30	2,984	3,844	540	897
Jefferson . . . . .		200	735	21,055	254	548	320	851	1,278	2,993	3,092	10,186
Lake . . . . .												
La Plata . . . . .												
Larimer . . . . .	57½	653½	295	25,135	445	653	313	642	7,864	7,159	1,877	5,778
Las Animas . . . . .												
Logan . . . . .			72¼	5,235					2,370	2,356	519	1,647
Mesa . . . . .			115	11,915	22	21			108	106	149	390
Montrose . . . . .	68	520	111	6,824	103	61			1,672	1,044	713	498
Ouray . . . . .			101½	11,060	248	193	11	14	1,114	1,146	16	21
Park . . . . .	2	none	134	8,230	65	71			12,030	11,596		
Pitkin . . . . .												
Pueblo . . . . .												
Rio Grande . . . . .			205	99,565	47	59			4,835	3,674	26	28

TABLE II.—Continued.

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

COUNTIES.	BUCKWHEAT.		POTATOES.		TIMOTHY.		CLOVER.		NATIVE GRASS.		ALFALFA.	
	ACRES.	BUSHEL8.	ACRES.	BUSHEL8.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.	ACRES.	TONS.
Routt . . . . .												
Saguache . . . . .			208	35,090	46	80			17,172	19,846	135	445
San Juan . . . . .												
San Miguel . . . . .												
Summit . . . . .			13¾	1,215	10	20			690	559		
Washington . . . . .												
Weld . . . . .	73½	1,281	3,940	219,295	198	213	849	2,509	9,404	10,548	6,748	13,166
	308	5,215½	17,767½	2,302,788	3,644	5,371	3,372	22,867½	173,259	185,469	22,566	58,973

TABLE III.  
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

	SORGHUM.			ORCHARDS.				SMALL FRUITS.				
	ACRES	SYRUP, GALLONS.	SUGAR, POUNDS.	APPLES, BUSHELS.	PEACHES, BUSHELS.	PEARS, BUSHELS.	TOTAL ACRES.	STRAW- BERRIES, QUARTS.	BLACK- BERRIES, QUARTS.	RASP- BERRIES, QUARTS.	GOOSE- BERRIES, QUARTS.	CURRENTS QUARTS.
Arapahoe . . . . .	.	.	.	30	.	.	3½	42,700	23,700	13,160	.	.
Archuleta . . . . .	.	.	.	30	16	.	.	100	30	190	544	1,024
Bent . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Boulder . . . . .	12	839	.	4,641	.	36	361	52,285	13,186	22,865	18,723	15,324
Chaffee . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10½	350	.	.	30	40
Clear Creek . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Conejos . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	.	.	10	10
Costilla . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	wild 59	wild 587
Custer . . . . .	6	190	.	50	1	2	37	12,625	70	433	78	103
Delta . . . . .	23	1,280	.	33	24	5	143	3,367	10,027	720	610	260
Dolores . . . . .	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	984	100	208	2,334	126
Eagle . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	.	.	60	50
Elbert . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

TABLE III.—Continued.

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

	SORGHUM.			ORCHARDS.				SMALL FRUITS.				
	ACRES.	SYRUP, GALLONS.	SUGAR, POUNDS.	APPLES, BUSHELS.	PEACHES, BUSHELS.	PEARS, BUSHELS.	TOTAL ACRES.	STRAW- BERRIES, QUARTS.	BLACK- BERRIES, QUARTS.	RASP- BERRIES, QUARTS.	GOOSE- BERRIES, QUARTS.	CURRENTS QUARTS.
El Paso . . . . .				608		70		18,495	1,925	3,935	10,440	27,645
Fremont . . . . .	2	350		5,000		300	600	20,000	200	2,000	450	2,170
Garfield . . . . .												
Gilpin . . . . .												
Grand . . . . .												
Gunnison . . . . .												
Hinsdale . . . . .												
Huerfano . . . . .				85		10	25	308		20	8	150
Jefferson . . . . .				212	150	123	165	36,021	19,200	16,177	9,215	13,150
Lake . . . . .												
La Plata . . . . .												
Larimer . . . . .	11	386		1,456	¼		84¼	13,844	6,592	8,500	10,038	8,190
Las Animas . . . . .												
Logan . . . . .	2¾	340			125							
Mesa . . . . .	28	2,535		100			99	10,000	80	200	87	85

Montrose . . . . .						42						
Ouray . . . . .			4			4	2,367	2	36	26	122	
Park . . . . .												
Pitkin . . . . .												
Pueblo . . . . .												
Rio Grande . . . . .			5			7½	1,200		300	100	50	
Routt . . . . .												
Saguache . . . . .												
San Juan . . . . .												
San Miguel . . . . .												
Summit . . . . .												
Washington . . . . .												
Weld . . . . .	18¼	1,504	443			128¼	23,300	795	2,274	4,107	1,496	
	108	7,224		12,697	316¼	546	1,710	238,058	75,907	71,020	55,919	70,582

TABLE IV.  
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

COUNTIES.	FRUITS.						GROVE AND FOREST TREES, ACRES.	BUTTER.		CHEESE.		OLEOMAR- GARINE.	
	CHERRIES QUARTS.	PLUMS QUARTS.	GRAPES POUNDS.	WINE, GALLON.	ONIONS, POUNDS.	TOTAL ACRES.		NO. FAC- TORIES.	POUNDS.	NO. FAC- TORIES.	POUNDS.	NO. FAC- TORIES.	POUNDS.
Arapahoe . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	31,685	.	.	.	.
Archuleta . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	20,009	.	9,500	.	.	.	.
Bent . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Boulder . . . . .	.	.	39,237	30	100	155	78	.	118,665	.	100	.	.
Chaffee . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1½	.	.	14,759	.	.	.	.
Clear Creek . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,500	.	.	.	.
Conejos . . . . .	.	Wild	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25,000
Costilla . . . . .	.	2,080	.	.	.	½	.	.	21,000	.	2,040	.	.
Custer . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	10	465	.	20,945	.	.	.	.
Delta . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	13	850	.	13,695	.	1,080	.	.
Dolores . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	.	88,150	2	16,000	.	.
Eagle . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Elbert . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,100	.	.	.	.

El Paso . . . . .						28		89,220	1	18,000		
Fremont . . . . .	850		20,100			200		11,850				
Garfield . . . . .												
Gilpin . . . . .						2,600		4,815				
Grand . . . . .												
Gunnison . . . . .								2,000				
Hinsdale . . . . .												
Huerfano . . . . .								11,740				
Jefferson . . . . .						223		47,275				
Lake . . . . .												
La Plata . . . . .												
Larimer . . . . .		10				33 $\frac{1}{4}$	224	80,770		2,185		
Las Animas . . . . .												
Logan . . . . .								1,000				
Mesa . . . . .								10,000		200		
Montrose . . . . .												
Ouray . . . . .								750				
Park . . . . .						4,480		13,500	1	1,700		
Pitkin . . . . .												
Pueblo . . . . .												
Rio Grande . . . . .								18,005				

TABLE IV.—Continued.

COUNTIES.	FRUITS.						GROVE AND FOREST TREES, ACRES.	BUTTER.		CHEESE.		OLEOMAR-GARINE.	
	CHERRIES, QUARTS.	PLUMS, QUARTS.	GRAPES, POUNDS.	WINE, GALLON.	ONIONS, POUNDS.	TOTAL ACRES.		NO. PAC-TORIES.	POUNDS.	NO. PAC-TORIES.	POUNDS.	NO. PAC-TORIES.	POUNDS.
Routt . . . . .													
Saguache . . . . .									13,200				
San Juan . . . . .													
San Miguel . . . . .									3,210				
Summit . . . . .													
Washington . . . . .													
Weld . . . . .			800			3¼	178		1	180,180			
	850	2,090	60,137	30	100	3,240	26,326	3	810,414	4	41,305	1	25,000

TABLE V.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

COUNTIES.	GLUCOSE.		BEES.		POUND OF WOOL SHORN.	NO. OF DAIRY COWS.	NO. OF HORSES.	NO. OF MULES.
	NO. FAC- TORIES.*	POUNDS.	NO. OF HIVES.	POUNDS OF HON- EY.				
Arapahoe . . . . .			93	5,425	262,100	4,894	8,680	500
Archuleta . . . . .					142,500	240	450	20
Bent . . . . .								
Boulder . . . . .			242	15,739	8,045	1,548	5,052	336
Chaffee . . . . .					11,350	305	1,347	225
Clear Creek . . . . .							518	92
Conejos . . . . .					300,000		1,888	118
Costilla . . . . .					35,000	1,660	1,908	90
Custer . . . . .			49	2,410		349	2,460	113
Delta . . . . .			7	112		478	1,413	128
Dolores . . . . .						402	314	9
Douglas . . . . .			97	1,261	800	64	2,155	22
Eagle . . . . .						1,449	1,220	182
Elbert . . . . .			1			57	125	
El Paso . . . . .			125	2,935	602,650	146	5,726	203
Fremont . . . . .			70	3,000		2,051	3,282	142
Garfield . . . . .						970		
Gilpin . . . . .			15	250			419	188
Grand . . . . .						500		
Gunnison . . . . .							1,490	
Hinsdale . . . . .						1,050		
Huerfano . . . . .			23	370	183,877	294	3,253	144
Jefferson . . . . .			201	4,515		934	1,218	26
Lake . . . . .								
La Plata . . . . .								
Larimer . . . . .			234	4,477		1,351	14,550	367
Las Animas . . . . .								
Logan . . . . .					99,780	2,000	4,322	742
Mesa . . . . .			5	80		130	2,019	106
Montrose . . . . .			19	800	100,000	450	2,757	210

TABLE V.—Continued.

COUNTIES.	GLUCOSE.		BEES.		POUNDS OF WOOL SHORN.	NO. OF DAIRY COWS.	NO. OF HORSES.	NO. OF MULES.
	NO. FACTORIES.	POUNDS.	NO. OF HIVES.	POUNDS OF HONEY.				
Ouray . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	490	30
Park . . . . .	.	.	1	15	estimated 100,000	531	2,372	169
Pitkin . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pueblo . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Rio Grande . . . . .	.	.	.	.	43,025	337	1,498	114
Routt . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,552	48
Sagauche . . . . .	.	.	.	.	75,800	825	3,352	127
San Juan . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
San Miguel . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Summitt . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	44	80	3
Washington . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Weld . . . . .	.	.	608	16,180	.	1,645	15,444	444
	.	.	1,790	57,569	2,116,303	24,713	95,354	4,901

TABLE VI.  
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1886.

	NO. ASSES.	NO. CATTLE.	NO. SHEEP.	NO. GOATS.	NO. SWINE.
Arapahoe . . . . .		12,459	53,910		728
Archuleta . . . . .	35	1,835	51,904	120	108
Bent . . . . .					
Boulder . . . . .	17	13,204	2,116		2,274
Chaffee . . . . .	147	7,384	2,274	10	622
Clear Creek . . . . .	112	1,223	100		23
Conejos . . . . .	33	6,000	13,648	189	629
Cos. illa . . . . .	51	9,205	14,849	727	366
Custer . . . . .	6	10,365	194	25	389
Delta . . . . .		10,721	5,933		757
Dolores . . . . .	151	3,467			4
Douglas . . . . .		11,219	751	1	666
Eagle . . . . .	55	6,000			25
Elbert . . . . .		1,019	375		17
El Paso . . . . .		38,618	110,229		836
Fremont . . . . .		22,908		25	373
Garfield . . . . .					
Gilpin . . . . .		1,196			7
Grand . . . . .					
Gunnison . . . . .		6,561	120		50
Hinsdale . . . . .					
Huerfano . . . . .	108	20,331	57,569	2,644	478
Jefferson . . . . .		2,697			350
Lake . . . . .					
La Plata . . . . .					
Larimer . . . . .		44,500	28,520		3,227
Las Animas . . . . .					
Logan . . . . .		25,220	19,956		800
Mesa . . . . .	50	18,402	306		616
Montrose . . . . .	204	21,063	10,000		275
Ouray . . . . .	81	1,277			118
Park . . . . .	158	23,937	21,546	605	69

TABLE VI.—Continued.

	NO. ASSES.	NO. CATTLE.	NO. SHEEP.	NO. GOATS.	NO. SWINE.
Pitkin . . . . .					
Pueblo . . . . .					
Rio Grande . .	66	4,535	5,680	83	478
Routt . . . . .		39,001	8,725		22
Saguache . . . .	40	22,333	19,997	259	468
San Juan . . . .					
San Miguel . .					
Summit . . . . .	9	632			8
Washington . .					
Weld . . . . .		44,558	87,376		1,122
	1,323	431,881	545,978	4,688	15,905

## Notes on the Reports.

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### BENT COUNTY.

No report. I was unable to secure any response from the county clerk in reference to the matter.

This is one of the largest counties in the State, and its agricultural resources must have been largely increased during the past two years, owing to the construction of new railroads and irrigating canals, and the immigration which follows in the wake of their development.

### CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

This county reports, in addition to the returns found in the table, fifteen tons rye-hay, two hundred and five bushels of turnips, two hundred and sixty tons of oats-hay, and sixteen tons of wheat-hay. I suppose it is to be understood that these products were cut green and cured for feed to stock, the altitude and season not being favorable to the maturing of the same.

### COSTILLA COUNTY.

Commenting upon the returns of this county, the county clerk says: "The above figures are rather low; the statements as to yield are underrated in many instances. Fruit trees are now planted everywhere, especially in the south. No yield yet. The great loss of sheep during the preceding two winters diminished the usual crop very much."

In response to a letter of inquiry from this office, the county clerk sent the following: "I ask your pardon for not forwarding at an earlier date the compilation of agricultural statistics. There were no blanks sent to us to make the same out on, and after searching the old returns I found several blanks. They are somewhat soiled, but the time being so short I thought better to use them. Next time I shall not fail to promptly forward the statistics."

## EAGLE COUNTY.

The county clerk says: "Only part of the oats raised in Eagle county were threshed. The number of bushels was estimated from the average yield of those threshed. There was quite a number of acres of alfalfa sown last year that was not cut, which will account for the average being in excess of tons cut."

## EL PASO COUNTY.

In addition to the tabulated returns, the clerk reports four tons of tame grapes raised.

## GARFIELD COUNTY.

To my request for a report the clerk sent the following reply: "The assessor of this county failed to make the returns required by the above section. I am and have been unable to send them in."

## GILPIN COUNTY.

The clerk writes: "Sorry for the delay in sending report. We have ours made out early, we have so little to report. If you would ask us for a report on our mines we could send you a good one."

In commenting on his returns, the clerk says: "Wheat, oats, etc., will not ripen at this elevation, and are cut green for fodder."

## GRAND COUNTY.

No report. The clerk of this county made no response to my request for a report.

## HINSDALE COUNTY.

This is a mountain county, and I presume the clerk did not deem its agricultural statistics of any importance, as he made no reply to my letter of inquiry.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The clerk says: "A very incomplete return of the statistics of this county."

## LAKE COUNTY.

No report. No explanation from clerk.

## LA PLATA COUNTY.

No report. The clerk reports no blanks upon which to make a compilation and return; owing to a change of officers the blanks furnished were in some manner lost.

## LARIMER COUNTY.

The clerk endorses upon his report in reference to the wool product, the following: "In the blanks furnished the assessor for his final report there is no space provided for wool, hence, while there is a large shipment of this commodity from this county, it does not appear."

## LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

No report. ' The clerk writes: "Yours of November 21, to hand, calling attention to general section 59, general laws, 1883. In reply will say that the assessor made no returns, such as you speak of."

## LOGAN COUNTY.

This is a new county organized in 1887, out of the northeastern portion of Weld county. Indorsed upon the report is the following: "Owing to the severe drouth early in the season but little produce was raised on the uplands, and but a small portion of the land under ditches is under cultivation, consequently our showing is small."

## PARK COUNTY.

The clerk writes: "Only a few reported butter statistics, and the amount reported is for home consumption. The forest trees were not fully given. Four thousand four hundred and eighty acres were taxed as 'timber lands.' Nine hundred and twenty acres of coal land was returned. The wool clip being unfinished was estimated; some flocks yielded 7.9 pounds per fleece; the sheep were mainly brought into the county this year."

This evidently refers to the year 1887, and as far as the wool clip is concerned includes the estimate for that year.

## PITKIN COUNTY.

No report. In response to a request for the report the clerk said: "The assessor informs me that the blanks, etc., necessary for the report, did not reach him

until he and his deputies had assessed the lower or farming part of the county, and consequently the necessary information was not procured."

## PUEBLO COUNTY.

No report. In response to my request the clerk wrote: "In reply would say that our assessor has not made any returns of agricultural statistics, consequently I am unable to make a return unless I can make a return from his assessment roll, and this would only give land, cattle, horses, etc., no amount of grain or butter, nor anything of that kind."

## ROUTT COUNTY.

The report is incomplete. The clerk said in response to the request for a report: "Cannot send full report, as the verified statement blank did not reach the assessor. They did not reach this office until the fifteenth of June, 1887, and the assessor never received them, so I just send the number of stock."

## SAN JUAN COUNTY.

No report. No reply to request for report.

## SAN MIGUEL COUNTY.

No report. The county clerk made this reply: "Yours of the twenty-first duly received, and in reply I beg leave to state that the assessor did not collect and return any schedules of agricultural statistics, and, therefore, I am unable to report any abstract to your department."

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

New county, organized in 1887, from south-eastern portion of Weld county. No report.

The assessor made the following response to the letter of inquiry sent to the county clerk: "It was late before we got organized, and the work being new to all of us we did not have time to look up all the law governing our offices, and not being notified that an agricultural report was necessary to be made, or furnish us with blanks until a large part of the territory had been assessed. Again there was not much raised here only on sod. I have meagre reports in the office, but not sufficient to do the county justice."