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The table published on page 4 of this Bulletin shows the amount of corn, wheat, oats and barley on the farms in Colorado and the United States on March 1 of this year, remaining over from the 1919 crop, and the amount remaining over on March 1 from the preceding year's crop for the past three years. It will be noted that the amount of wheat and corn remaining on the farms in Colorado is considerably greater this year than it was last year, while the amount of barley remaining on farms is slightly greater than for last year and the amount of oats is considerably less. In the United States the amount of both corn and wheat remaining on the farms is considerable greater than it was in 1919, while the amount of both barley and oats is considerably less. In Colorado the amount of corn remaining on the farms on March 1 this year is greater than it has been for any preceding crop, while in the United States it is slightly less than the amount remaining on March 1, 1918, from the 1917 crop. The percent remaining on hands from the Colorado corn crop this year is the same as that remaining in 1918 from the 1917 crop, but the 1919 crop was the largest ever produced in the state, and for that reason the actual number of bushels remaining on hands is greater than for any previous year. In the United States the amount of wheat remaining on hands this year is greater than at any time in the past four years, while in Colorado it is less than the amount remaining on March 1, 1918, from the 1917 crop.

The county tables published on pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin show the views of several hundred reporters on the values of various classes of land on March 1 this year. It will be noted that the land values here given are generally slightly higher than the average assessed valuation of various classes of land in the several counties, but are somewhat less than the average at which lands have been selling in most of the counties in recent months. It should be borne in mind that the values here given are meant to be the averages for all lands in the several classes, while sales in recent months have generally been in the better classes of farm lands, particularly in the non-irrigated districts. The range in the value of farm lands in the various counties, as given in these tables, shows averages of opinions of maximum and minimum values of these lands, without improvements, and it will be noted that these figures show some surprisingly high values, compared with the prices at which lands in Colorado were selling four years ago. The values given vary widely in different counties, not so much on account of difference in the value of land for agricultural purposes in the several counties as because of the varied demand for farm lands in different sections of the state. Demand is, of course, one of the controlling factors in fixing the price at which farm lands sell, and the demand has been exceptionally heavy in some sections of the state in the past two years, while it has been comparatively light in other districts. This demand is growing rapidly in all sections of the state, however, and land prices in the districts now showing the lower figures are increasing much more rapidly than those where large increases already have been made.

AVERAGE VALUE AND APPROXIMATE RANGE OF VALUE OF IRRIGATED FARM LANDS

| District and Counties | Irrigated Farm Land as Reported by County Assessors April 1, 1919. Acres | All Farm Lands (including pastures and meadows) | | | | | | Approximate range of values of all farm lands (without improvements) | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|---------|---------|
| | | Pasture | Meadows | Poor Plow Lands | Good Plow Lands | All Plow Lands (Not including meadows or pastures) | With improvements (including farm buildings, etc.) | Without improvements (excluding value buildings, etc.) | Minimum | Maximum |
| 1 Northwest— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand | 29,943 | \$ 30 | \$ 63 | \$ 25 | \$ 43 | \$ 40 | \$ 78 | \$ 56 | \$ 20 | \$ 80 |
| Jackson | 66,725 | 10 | 40 | 28 | 58 | 56 | 35 | 30 | 20 | 85 |
| Moffat | 16,619 | 32 | 50 | 28 | 58 | 75 | 52 | 50 | 45 | 85 |
| Rio Blanco | 22,470 | 60 | 75 | 38 | 83 | 75 | 80 | 75 | 62 | 100 |
| Routt | *42,994 | 27 | 78 | 40 | 74 | 70 | 85 | 73 | 54 | 131 |
| 2 North Central— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adams | 88,330 | ... | ... | 95 | 197 | 171 | ... | 143 | 91 | 261 |
| Boulder | 86,354 | 104 | 133 | ... | ... | ... | 170 | ... | ... | ... |
| Denver | 17,539 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 178 | 103 | 348 |
| Larimer | 114,269 | 150 | 109 | 106 | 255 | 223 | 217 | 170 | 108 | 342 |
| Weld | 327,920 | 70 | 82 | 94 | 202 | 182 | 208 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3 Northeast— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Logan | 57,056 | 88 | 127 | 65 | 145 | 148 | 155 | 117 | 115 | 141 |
| Morgan | 74,582 | 68 | 180 | 81 | 194 | 165 | 148 | 142 | 83 | 318 |
| Phillips | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120 | 112 | 75 | 234 |
| Sedgwick | 20,364 | 75 | 85 | 60 | 140 | 125 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Washington | 7,163 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 142 | 105 | 105 | 145 |
| Yuma | 3,469 | 100 | 113 | 60 | 141 | 117 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 4 West Central— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delta | *73,711 | 72 | 75 | 77 | 150 | 108 | 165 | 113 | 53 | 283 |
| Eagle | 21,708 | 23 | 47 | 50 | 119 | 109 | 109 | 85 | 69 | 156 |
| Garfield | *59,604 | 65 | 125 | 65 | 138 | 106 | 97 | 78 | 75 | 275 |
| Gunnison | 34,322 | 17 | 67 | 43 | 58 | 53 | 58 | 48 | 50 | 75 |
| Mesa | *86,480 | 35 | 80 | 50 | 138 | 111 | 159 | 116 | 63 | 222 |
| Montrose | *78,287 | 95 | 73 | 73 | 129 | 107 | 138 | 108 | 50 | 200 |
| Ouray | 10,327 | ... | 100 | 40 | 75 | 50 | 125 | ... | 50 | 222 |
| Pitkin | 14,999 | 50 | 100 | 60 | 125 | 120 | 100 | 90 | 50 | 222 |
| 5 Central— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chaffee | 22,424 | 75 | 65 | 52 | 108 | 85 | 103 | 70 | 70 | 83 |
| Clear Creek | ... | 75 | 112 | 62 | 163 | 160 | 148 | 141 | 148 | 211 |
| Fremont | *21,445 | 35 | 35 | 10 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 62 |
| Gilpin | ... | ... | 100 | 150 | 375 | 275 | 350 | 250 | 150 | ... |
| Jefferson | 41,051 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lake | ... | ... | 30 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Park | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Summit | 6,020 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 10 | ... | ... |
| Teller | ... | 40 | 32 | 10 | 18 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 6 East Central— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arapahoe | 41,770 | 81 | 92 | 82 | 180 | 164 | 239 | 151 | 111 | 222 |
| Cheyenne | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Douglas | 7,554 | ... | 150 | 100 | 175 | 150 | 80 | 60 | 50 | 100 |
| Elbert | 340 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| El Paso | *20,820 | 80 | 150 | 180 | 210 | 175 | 180 | 145 | 70 | 350 |
| Kit Carson | 362 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lincoln | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 7 Southwest— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Archuleta | 10,295 | 15 | 32 | 23 | 37 | 32 | 40 | 36 | 25 | 50 |
| Dolores | 1,728 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Hinsdale | 2,248 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| La Plata | *50,459 | 38 | 56 | 38 | 74 | 58 | 68 | 44 | 28 | 150 |
| Mineral | 440 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Montezuma | *37,323 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 32 | 53 | 71 | 45 | 18 | 100 |
| San Juan | 9,200 | ... | ... | 50 | 70 | 60 | ... | ... | ... | 55 |
| San Miguel | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8 South Central— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alamosa | 24,000 | 41 | 31 | 19 | 42 | 44 | 66 | 52 | 40 | 100 |
| Conejos | 87,200 | 59 | 65 | 50 | 92 | 71 | 88 | 69 | 50 | 100 |
| Costilla | 83,000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Custer | 11,268 | 40 | 50 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 35 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Huerfano | 21,740 | 10 | 83 | 28 | 55 | 63 | 80 | 61 | 38 | 42 |
| Rio Grande | 45,869 | 36 | 75 | 58 | 130 | 96 | 102 | 78 | 23 | 100 |
| Saguache | 37,480 | 18 | 42 | 18 | 62 | 48 | 46 | 38 | ... | ... |
| 9 Southeast— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baca | 10,312 | 50 | 75 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 125 | 101 | 50 | 100 |
| Bent | 47,414 | 200 | ... | 125 | 225 | 200 | 217 | 200 | 135 | 100 |
| Crowley | *54,505 | 100 | 150 | 175 | 225 | 200 | 180 | 165 | 100 | 100 |
| Kiowa | 22,059 | 45 | 133 | 63 | 163 | 100 | 124 | 95 | 71 | 100 |
| Las Animas | ... | ... | ... | 147 | 250 | 216 | 217 | 176 | 147 | 100 |
| Otero | *78,619 | 68 | 63 | 99 | 159 | 121 | 130 | 112 | 96 | 100 |
| Prowers | 89,585 | 72 | 67 | 99 | 159 | 121 | 130 | 112 | 96 | 100 |
| Pueblo | †45,976 | 92 | 108 | 125 | 237 | 184 | 225 | 141 | 92 | 100 |
| State | 2,277,741 | 60 | 82 | 70 | 145 | 125 | 140 | 110 | 75 | 100 |

* Includes fruit land. † Includes Suburban land.
 In counties where blanks occur either there is no irrigated land or no reports were received.

AVERAGE VALUE AND APPROXIMATE RANGE OF VALUE OF NON-IRRIGATED FARM LANDS

| District and Counties | Dry Farming Land as Reported by County Assessors April 1, 1919. Acres. | All Farm Lands (including pastures and meadows) | | | | | Approximate range of values of all farm lands (without improvements) | | |
|---|--|---|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|---------|----|
| | | Pasture | Meadows | Poor Plow Lands | Good Plow Lands | All Plow Lands (Not including meadows or pastures) | Minimum | Maximum | |
| 1 Northwest— | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand | | \$ 5 | \$ 18 | \$ 11 | \$ 15 | \$ 9 | \$ 10 | \$ 10 | |
| Jackson | | 5 | 5 | | | | 12 | 10 | |
| Moffat | 64,999 | 10 | 23 | 15 | 34 | 25 | 25 | 16 | |
| Rio Blanco | 17,484 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 22 | 11 | |
| Routt | 37,662 | 11 | 26 | 17 | 42 | 33 | 34 | 25 | |
| 2 North Central— | | | | | | | | | |
| Adams | 460,920 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 32 | 26 | 34 | 25 | |
| Boulder | 22,521 | 20 | 54 | 33 | 66 | 47 | 56 | 54 | |
| Denver | | | | | | | | | |
| Larimer | 22,425 | 15 | 45 | 23 | 53 | 37 | 49 | 35 | |
| Weld | 745,843 | 16 | 32 | 21 | 38 | 31 | 40 | 30 | |
| 3 Northeast— | | | | | | | | | |
| Logan | 579,008 | 29 | 53 | 34 | 74 | 69 | 86 | 64 | |
| Morgan | 232,857 | 12 | 26 | 15 | 25 | 19 | 22 | 19 | |
| Phillips | 366,298 | | | | | | | | |
| Sedgwick | 178,971 | 33 | 82 | 42 | 73 | 65 | 69 | 53 | |
| Washington | 1,099,478 | 16 | 26 | 19 | 34 | 27 | 35 | 31 | |
| Yuma | 620,170 | 22 | 40 | 19 | 51 | 40 | 58 | 43 | |
| 4 West Central— | | | | | | | | | |
| Delta | 38,479 | 11 | 60 | 16 | 57 | 23 | 45 | 40 | |
| Eagle | | 7 | 9 | 12 | 20 | 19 | 12 | 12 | |
| Garfield | 28,966 | 7 | 20 | 5 | 32 | 22 | 45 | 25 | |
| Gunnison | | 8 | 20 | 20 | 28 | 25 | 28 | 19 | |
| Hesa | | 8 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 12 | 10 | |
| Montrose | 38,097 | 21 | 49 | 14 | 27 | 20 | 22 | 18 | |
| Duray | 3,118 | 10 | 75 | 20 | 35 | 30 | 15 | 13 | |
| Pitkin | 480 | 10 | 50 | 55 | 70 | 60 | 65 | 60 | |
| 5 Central— | | | | | | | | | |
| Chaffee | | 10 | 15 | | | | | | |
| Clear Creek | | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Fremont | 20,493 | 9 | 52 | 12 | 44 | 29 | 5 | 6 | |
| Golden | | 10 | 15 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 | |
| Jefferson | 34,301 | 10 | 45 | 16 | 50 | 40 | 20 | 14 | |
| Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| Park | 5,125 | | | | | | | | |
| Summit | | | | | | | | | |
| Teller | 18,616 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 27 | 19 | 27 | 19 | |
| 6 East Central— | | | | | | | | | |
| Arapahoe | 383,140 | 24 | 39 | 31 | 40 | 38 | 47 | 30 | |
| Cheyenne | 1,015,080 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 24 | 19 | 23 | 19 | |
| Douglas | 89,154 | 20 | 40 | 18 | 27 | 23 | 35 | 25 | |
| Elbert | 416,091 | 15 | 36 | 16 | 29 | 24 | 36 | 26 | |
| El Paso | 208,640 | 15 | 47 | 17 | 37 | 25 | 26 | 20 | |
| Fort Carson | 1,073,996 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 34 | 27 | 26 | 20 | |
| Lincoln | 1,012,873 | 14 | 19 | 16 | 37 | 32 | 35 | 25 | |
| 7 Southwest— | | | | | | | | | |
| Archuleta | 8,850 | 6 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 15 | 30 | 24 | |
| Colores | 12,422 | | | | | | | | |
| Hinsdale | | | | | | | | | |
| La Plata | 18,371 | 8 | 31 | 11 | 29 | 18 | 25 | 17 | |
| General | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Montezuma | †26,893 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 9 | |
| San Juan | | 6 | | 20 | 28 | 24 | 15 | 10 | |
| San Miguel | 6,895 | | | | | | | | |
| 8 South Central— | | | | | | | | | |
| Brewster | 102,000 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 26 | 17 | |
| Comanche | | 8 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 7 | |
| Costilla | 2,800 | | | | | | | | |
| DeSoto | 9,223 | 8 | | 8 | 10 | 8 | 10 | | |
| DeWitt | 4,852 | 7 | 22 | 8 | 21 | 17 | 15 | 13 | |
| Doña Ana | *27,000 | 8 | 25 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 10 | |
| Guadalupe | | 6 | 13 | 15 | 22 | 21 | 10 | 12 | |
| 9 Southeast— | | | | | | | | | |
| Brewster | 829,745 | 13 | 40 | 13 | 25 | 17 | 21 | 15 | |
| Comanche | 6,390 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 14 | 12 | |
| DeSoto | 3,462 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 10 | |
| Doña Ana | | 9 | 19 | 18 | 25 | 17 | 19 | 15 | |
| El Paso | 10,880 | 9 | 23 | 8 | 26 | 15 | 12 | 12 | |
| El Paso | 19,813 | 8 | 19 | 17 | 32 | 22 | 18 | 9 | |
| El Paso | 5,483 | 9 | 22 | 8 | 19 | 14 | 16 | 14 | |
| El Paso | 62,928 | 13 | 25 | 12 | 28 | 20 | 25 | 20 | |
| State | 10,002,192 | 13.7 | 29 | 17.7 | 35.7 | 27.8 | 33 | 25 | |
| *See Land. | | | | | | | | | |
| †Susceptible of irrigation. | | | | | | | | | |
| in counties where blanks occur, no reports were received. | | | | | | | | 15.9 | 41 |

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| Crop | Acres for Grain | Production Bushels | Grain of Preceding Year on Farms March 1 | | Shipped out of County by March 1 | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | Per Cent | Bushels | Per Cent | Bushels |
| CORN for grain— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 35 | 3,922,000 | 18 | 2,017,000 |
| 1919 | 671,000 | 11,206,000 | 30 | 3,202,000 | 29 | 3,209,500 |
| 1918 | 610,000 | 10,675,000 | 35 | 3,724,000 | 15 | 1,596,000 |
| 1917 | 532,000 | 10,640,000 | 26 | 1,914,000 | 15 | 1,104,000 |
| WHEAT— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 15 | 2,647,000 | 63 | 11,116,000 |
| 1919 | 1,459,000 | 17,645,000 | 16 | 2,464,000 | 55 | 8,470,000 |
| 1918 | 1,250,000 | 15,400,000 | 21 | 2,843,000 | 49 | 6,633,000 |
| 1917 | 600,000 | 13,536,000 | 17 | 2,020,000 | 48 | 6,537,000 |
| OATS— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 32 | 2,088,000 | 16 | 1,014,000 |
| 1919 | 249,000 | 6,524,000 | 34 | 3,287,000 | 15 | 1,450,000 |
| 1918 | 251,000 | 7,530,000 | 32 | 3,563,000 | 16 | 1,781,000 |
| 1917 | 293,000 | 11,134,000 | 24 | 2,297,000 | 21 | 2,010,000 |
| BARLEY— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 30 | 1,170,000 | 15 | 595,000 |
| 1919 | 200,000 | 3,900,000 | 30 | 1,112,000 | 10 | 371,000 |
| 1918 | 206,000 | 3,708,000 | 27 | 1,497,000 | 17 | 542,000 |
| 1917 | 168,000 | 5,540,000 | 22 | 1,126,000 | 17 | 870,000 |

UNITED STATES—

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|------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|---------------|------|-------------|
| CORN for grain— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | | | 37.4 | 1,092,095,000 | 16.3 | 575,544,000 |
| 1919 | 102,075,000 | 2,917,450,000 | 34.2 | 855,269,000 | 14.5 | 362,856,000 |
| 1918 | 104,467,000 | 2,502,665,000 | 40.9 | 1,253,290,000 | 22.1 | 677,416,000 |
| 1917 | 116,730,000 | 3,065,233,000 | 30.6 | 789,416,000 | 17.6 | 453,950,000 |
| WHEAT— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 17.6 | 165,539,000 | 60.1 | 565,533,000 |
| 1919 | 73,243,000 | 940,987,000 | 14.0 | 128,703,000 | 58.8 | 541,806,000 |
| 1918 | 59,181,000 | 921,438,000 | 16.9 | 107,745,000 | 51.1 | 325,331,000 |
| 1917 | 45,089,000 | 636,655,000 | 15.8 | 101,365,000 | 56.6 | 362,302,000 |
| OATS— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 33.9 | 422,815,000 | 25.7 | 320,816,000 |
| 1919 | 42,400,000 | 1,248,310,000 | 38.4 | 590,251,000 | 27.4 | 421,446,000 |
| 1918 | 44,349,000 | 1,538,124,000 | 37.6 | 599,208,000 | 32.3 | 514,455,000 |
| 1917 | 43,553,000 | 1,592,740,000 | 31.5 | 393,985,000 | 28.3 | 354,601,000 |
| BARLEY— | | | | | | |
| 1920 | ..... | ..... | 22.9 | 38,010,000 | 34.8 | 57,670,000 |
| 1919 | 7,420,000 | 165,719,000 | 31.9 | 81,746,000 | 39.0 | 100,184,000 |
| 1918 | 9,740,000 | 256,225,000 | 21.0 | 44,419,000 | 39.7 | 84,063,000 |
| 1917 | 8,933,000 | 211,759,000 | 18.2 | 32,841,000 | 43.4 | 78,583,000 |

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|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Corn, per cent of crop merchantable..... | 1920 | 1919 | 1918 | 1920 | 1919 | 1918 |
| | 85 | 89 | 72 | 86.9 | 82.4 | 60 |

LAND VALUES PER ACRE.

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| | Average of All Farm Lands | | | Average of All Farm Lands | | |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Average of poor plow lands | Average of good plow lands | Average of all plow lands | With improve-ments. | Without improve-ments. | Average of all plow lands |
| 1920 | \$40 | \$88 | \$66 | \$75 | \$55 | \$90.01 |
| 1919 | 32 | 80 | 60 | 66 | 50 | 74.31 |
| 1918 | 32 | 74 | 55 | 64 | 48 | 68.38 |
| 1917 | 32 | 75 | 55 | 62 | 45 | 62.17 |
| 1916 | 32 | 68 | 50 | 59 | 42 | 58.39 |
| | | | | | | 69.45 |
| | | | | | | \$74.31 |