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There was a decrease during the past year in the numbers of all classes of livestock for the United States and Colorado, except dairy cows for the state, and all livestock show marked declines in average price and total values during the same period. The total numbers and values of all livestock in Colorado decreased during the year as follows: Horses decreased in numbers 17,000 and in value \$7,963,000; mules decreased 1,000 and declined in value \$461,000; milk cows held the same in numbers but declined in value \$4,624,000; other cattle decreased 135,000 and declined in value \$22,720,000; sheep decreased 57,000 and declined in valuation \$2,879,000. On January 1, 1921, there were 4,228,000 of the principal classes of domestic animals on the farms and ranges of Colorado, having a total valuation of \$104,507,000, compared with 4,582,000 animals January 1, 1920, with a total valuation of \$154,892,000, a decrease of 7.7 per cent in numbers and \$48,385,000 or 31.6 per cent in value.

The valuations of the principal classes of livestock now held on the farms and ranges of Colorado at the average prices of January 1, 1921, compared with the average prices of January 1, 1920, show depreciation as follows: Horses, \$17 per head, 21.6 per cent, \$5,936,000; mules, \$12 per head, 11.9 per cent, \$360,000; milk cows, \$17 per head, 19.54 per cent, \$4,624,000; other cattle, \$13.30 per head, 27.7 per cent, \$16,226,000; sheep, \$4.20 per head, 42.8 per cent, \$8,286,000; swine, \$5.70 per head, 31.7 per cent, \$1,953,000. The total aggregate depreciation in the valuation of the 4,228,000 domestic animals on the farms and ranges of Colorado at present compared with the same number at the values of a year ago, is \$38,385,000, or an average decline of \$9.08 per head for all animals.

The total value on January 1, 1921, for the principal classes of animals for the United States was \$6,235,569,000 as compared with \$8,507,145,000 on January 1, 1920, a decrease of \$2,271,576,000 or 26.7 per cent.

The April 1, 1920, abstract of assessment returned to the Colorado State Tax Commission is reproduced on pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin for reference and as of special value in showing the distribution of the various classes of livestock in the several counties in the state. The numbers are not strictly comparable because the January 1 figures of the Crop Estimating Service include animals of all ages, many that were born after April 1 and not included in the assessment; and, as in the cases of sheep and swine, many are marketed before they are a year old and consequently never assessed. The census and the Crop Reporting Service includes in the number of cows being milked many that are primarily beef cattle and properly assessed as such, and not included in the milk cow assessments.

LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1920, AS RETURNED

County	HORSES			MULES			RANGE CATTLE		
	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.
Adams	6,816	\$ 547,470	\$80.32	297	\$ 26,540	\$89.40	9,399	\$ 389,472	\$41.43
Alamosa	2,521	184,755	73.28	166	21,480	129.39	11,071	473,270	42.75
Arapahoe.....	3,561	242,280	68.03	306	23,050	75.33	9,096	363,870	40.00
Archuleta.....	1,798	120,275	66.89	58	4,505	77.67	11,938	512,995	42.94
Baca	9,601	447,320	46.59	2,236	163,420	73.00	33,585	1,415,339	42.15
Bent	6,540	392,440	60.00	816	64,600	79.17	21,691	865,125	39.88
Boulder	5,128	487,740	95.11	443	43,690	98.62	7,375	366,370	49.68
Chaffee	1,427	101,650	71.23	16	1,460	91.25	7,763	324,315	41.78
Cheyenne	4,429	233,395	52.70	419	32,690	78.01	29,242	1,341,250	45.89
Clear Creek	292	19,120	65.71	4	210	52.50	679	27,175	40.02
Conejos	3,780	301,815	79.85	169	16,800	99.42	13,201	547,132	41.45
Costilla	1,827	139,405	76.30	169	14,315	84.70	4,111	1,09,644	51.48
Crowley	4,106	274,220	66.79	402	32,045	79.71	8,738	416,450	47.78
Custer	1,159	92,315	79.65	66	5,670	85.92	8,735	354,145	40.55
Delta	6,036	539,070	89.31	408	38,955	93.27	22,970	984,005	42.83
Denver	2,724	269,690	99.00	120	13,840	115.34	.....	.....	.....
Dolores	1,027	79,740	77.64	70	7,365	105.21	9,200	448,195	48.71
Douglas.....	2,319	153,565	66.22	63	5,555	88.17	15,681	703,700	44.84
Eagle	2,387	199,220	83.46	43	3,985	92.68	18,966	882,494	46.52
Elbert	6,594	442,398	67.09	1,200	88,400	73.66	25,067	1,022,092	40.78
El Paso	5,814	363,280	62.48	1,131	94,440	83.50	25,790	1,094,100	42.45
Fremont	2,831	144,950	51.20	262	18,375	70.13	15,770	696,630	44.23
Garfield	5,853	426,520	72.87	202	17,670	87.48	35,602	1,539,385	43.23
Gilpin	181	10,720	59.22	1	75	75.00	612	25,030	40.88
Grand	2,588	166,495	64.33	38	2,480	65.48	15,005	647,790	43.18
Gunnison	3,458	235,900	68.22	122	13,285	108.90	39,705	1,767,390	44.51
Hinsdale	337	20,145	59.78	20	1,000	50.00	2,312	95,090	41.16
Huerfano	2,410	141,348	62.80	540	64,800	120.00	14,010	560,400	40.00
Jackson	3,471	158,690	45.71	45	3,325	73.89	36,719	1,594,970	43.43
Jefferson	5,076	329,960	65.00	180	13,485	74.92	13,730	655,340	47.73
Kiowa	3,433	190,015	55.34	444	42,015	94.62	19,179	828,285	43.18
Kit Carson.....	14,367	676,490	47.09	1,087	61,610	56.68	24,073	1,094,450	45.52
Lake	503	39,155	77.84	19	585	30.80	647	28,940	44.73
La Plata	4,379	306,180	69.92	111	12,575	89.18	18,092	735,580	40.65
Larimer	9,371	1,041,390	111.13	629	74,355	118.21	23,539	971,240	41.27
Las Animas	10,861	507,235	46.70	1,554	134,270	86.00	55,545	2,439,002	43.92
Lincoln	8,199	393,145	47.95	792	65,420	82.60	39,701	1,711,865	43.11
Logan	11,661	906,940	77.77	948	94,810	100.00	23,820	1,010,285	42.41
Mesa	7,333	539,000	73.50	421	36,510	86.72	43,550	1,853,700	42.56
Mineral	446	21,125	47.36	7	540	77.10	2,148	85,740	39.91
Moffat	10,092	425,455	42.15	1,179	15,520	86.69	26,889	1,283,205	47.73
Montezuma	3,681	227,650	61.84	302	26,452	87.59	14,882	637,622	42.85
Montrose.....	7,569	606,555	80.14	305	28,050	91.97	26,234	1,121,460	42.75
Morgan	10,195	870,130	85.34	739	70,660	95.61	16,671	676,830	40.65
Otero	9,614	740,195	76.99	1,514	148,335	97.98	16,072	685,260	42.63
Ouray	1,329	84,895	63.40	46	3,355	72.93	8,335	363,710	43.61
Park	2,445	168,160	68.77	89	6,780	76.18	20,083	887,390	44.20
Phillips	4,608	315,780	68.52	403	37,315	92.59	6,172	247,125	40.04
Pitkin	1,418	101,845	71.82	12	2,000	166.66	6,399	288,015	45.00
Prowers	9,869	594,320	60.00	1,434	122,750	85.08	30,811	1,246,215	40.45
Pueblo	6,459	436,465	67.57	511	51,100	100.00	24,346	1,127,015	46.33
Rio Blanco.....	5,170	295,130	57.08	195	18,230	93.48	44,546	1,965,415	44.12
Rio Grande.....	3,336	245,500	73.60	515	57,110	110.89	12,157	494,020	40.65
Routt	8,434	587,425	69.64	126	10,670	84.69	43,538	1,883,066	43.25
Saguache	4,047	206,030	50.90	210	15,059	71.70	33,319	1,345,753	40.40
San Juan.....	73	5,500	75.34	49	3,725	76.12	59	2,610	41.15
San Miguel.....	1,826	146,560	80.52	95	8,040	84.63	15,746	755,715	47.99
Sedgwick	4,656	297,715	63.94	151	14,745	97.64	8,941	369,245	41.30
Summit	773	61,715	79.84	6	450	75.00	4,165	234,810	56.39
Teller	1,381	78,750	57.03	76	7,210	94.86	6,796	305,239	45.06
Washington	17,142	834,240	48.66	1,086	77,425	71.29	31,066	1,250,270	40.25
Weld	31,964	2,779,850	86.96	2,459	240,410	97.76	36,843	1,606,030	43.60
Yuma	15,174	849,760	56.00	2,126	151,385	71.00	36,253	1,468,600	40.51
Total.....	337,900	\$22,856,191	\$67.65	28,682	\$2,476,076	\$86.33	1,187,480	\$51,334,195	\$43.23

On April 1, 1920, there were still 73,163 cattle on feed in transit, as shown by the Assessors' figures in the following counties: Bent, 357; Boulder, 6,212; Crowley, 800; Larimer, 311; Logan, 5,338; Morgan, 7,852; Otero, 11,464; Prowers, 2,624; Washington, 174; Weld, 2,888. These cattle on feed were in addition to the number shown in the table above.

THE COLORADO TAX COMMISSION BY THE COUNTY ASSESSORS

County	MILCH COWS			SHEEP			SWINE		
	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.	Number	Amount	Average Pr. Hd.
Adams	4,783	\$ 376,675	\$78.75	5,137	\$48,330	\$ 9.40	10,191	\$ 104,075	\$10.21
Alamosa	884	67,525	76.38	6,177	62,968	10.19	2,846	30,476	10.70
Arapahoe	3,743	304,127	81.25	9,029	81,260	9.00	2,909	36,424	12.52
Archuleta	838	58,395	69.68	40,561	365,150	9.00	1,454	12,304	8.46
Bacala	383	25,240	65.90	2,416	24,275	10.05	5,122	50,951	9.95
Bent	1,445	86,750	60.03	22,738	209,085	9.20	1,229	12,370	10.00
Boulder	4,851	347,180	71.57	17,355	6,160	17.35	2,530	34,000	13.44
Chaffee	706	49,455	70.04	6,758	64,580	9.55	1,605	16,955	10.56
Cheyenne	1,451	94,690	65.25	8,453	84,530	10.00	2,082	41,670	20.01
Clear Creek	160	10,570	66.00	2,468	22,235	9.00	15	295	19.66
Conejos	854	56,595	66.27	87,028	878,516	10.10	4,290	48,980	11.42
Costilla	448	31,360	70.00	16,307	146,979	9.01	3,640	39,061	10.73
Crowley	2,162	134,275	62.11	247	2,540	10.28	2,835	29,515	10.41
Custer	358	22,635	63.23	28	280	10.00	264	3,880	14.70
Delta	4,852	333,175	68.88	19,850	208,870	10.51	4,960	61,145	12.33
Denver	1,600	160,910	100.57						
Dolores	193	14,210	73.10	10,931	124,445	11.38	164	2,860	17.43
Douglas	4,630	376,365	81.28	1,261	18,245	14.46	1,345	24,570	18.26
Elbert	1,070	74,365	69.50	10,321	93,523	9.06	917	11,130	12.14
El Paso	7,388	501,500	67.88	22,401	209,835	9.36	4,506	57,149	12.68
El Paso	7,709	509,480	66.09	2,738	24,650	9.00	3,425	49,180	14.36
Fremont	1,136	83,425	73.44				1,712	16,480	9.63
Garfield	2,838	195,990	69.06	18,090	190,800	10.55	4,057	41,230	10.16
Gilpin	67	4,020	60.00	2	20	10.00	16	185	11.50
Grand	1,067	71,260	66.79	5,364	53,640	10.00	184	2,130	11.58
Gunnison	158	11,535	73.00	29,354	346,275	11.79	427	4,895	11.46
Hinsdale	69	4,425	64.14	277	2,940	10.62	23	225	9.79
Huerfano	655	53,710	82.00	16,000	160,000	10.00	810	12,960	16.00
Jackson	575	43,125	75.00	531	4,860	9.15	95	925	9.73
Jefferson	4,800	387,695	80.77	4,376	43,875	10.00	3,401	40,455	11.89
Kiowa	1,731	113,810	65.74	6,000	60,000	10.00	749	16,325	21.79
Lafayette	7,398	438,805	59.31	1,410	12,735	9.03	4,767	58,095	12.19
Lake	267	17,915	67.10	9,153	92,640	10.12			
La Plata	1,935	129,065	66.70	38,887	405,660	10.43	4,561	47,810	10.48
Larimer	5,508	388,875	70.60	12,387	133,640	10.79	5,787	60,750	10.50
Las Animas	2,839	203,637	71.73	44,937	404,433	9.00	2,370	23,239	9.80
Lincoln	3,055	190,295	62.29	6,553	65,080	9.93	3,868	48,725	12.59
Logan	5,485	377,130	68.76	393	4,255	10.83	7,754	87,665	11.31
Los Alamos	4,618	344,095	74.50	24,472	249,625	10.20		43,992	
Mineral	89	5,785	65.00	6,185	61,850	10.00	9	110	12.22
Monte	998	76,050	76.30	29,707	297,040	9.99	1,180	11,660	9.83
Montezuma	2,137	145,173	67.93	35,500	356,345	10.04	5,779	58,495	10.12
Morgan	2,774	203,890	73.50	48,127	581,610	12.09	4,568	46,865	10.25
Mesa	3,972	266,220	67.02	3,000	30,000	10.00	5,710	63,660	11.15
Metro	3,829	262,605	68.58	14,655	135,540	9.25	5,437	56,325	10.36
Murray	388	24,105	62.13	9,000	112,500	12.50	356	3,875	10.88
Natural	742	48,230	65.00	44,780	438,580	9.80	213	3,065	14.39
Phillips	2,091	137,205	65.61				4,284	58,980	13.67
Pitkin	642	48,150	75.00	7,532	73,140	9.71	634	6,810	10.74
Powers	2,833	189,115	66.76	8,720	74,030	8.50	3,857	42,995	11.01
Pueblo	3,913	284,755	72.77	6,697	67,885	10.13	3,467	50,225	14.48
Rio Blanco	855	67,145	78.53	3,505	38,620	11.02	1,114	13,475	12.09
Rio Grande	1,741	122,400	70.11	43,918	439,430	10.01	4,999	71,870	14.38
Saguache	2,770	198,345	71.60	30,077	301,800	10.00	2,110	25,405	12.00
Sandwich	490	32,160	65.63	93,125	932,106	10.00	2,662	33,012	12.40
Santa Juan	46	3,065	66.63	10,922	112,025	10.25			
Santa Miguel	816	61,725	75.60	6,521	68,805	10.50	747	8,685	11.62
Seminole	1,001	70,430	70.35	686	6,174	9.00	2,643	39,495	14.32
Sheridan	337	25,275	75.00	2	20	10.00	74	1,060	15.00
Silver	562	39,335	70.00				180	1,990	11.05
Summit	216	16,290	75.41	6,635	61,370	9.25	6,020	75,545	12.54
Teller	12,778	942,730	73.77	12,698	133,950	10.54	12,362	124,370	10.05
Terrace	3,147	204,755	65.00	22	330	15.00	12,182	158,445	13.00
Total	143,981	\$10,169,207	\$70.63	915,394	\$9,230,084	\$10.08	177,497	\$2,129,493	\$12.00

On April 1, 1920, there were still 666,810 sheep on feed in transit, as shown by the assessors' figures, in the following counties—a large per cent having already moved to markets: Bent, 42,753; Boulder, 4,487; Larimer, 249,537; Logan, 3,820; Morgan, 60,308; Otero, 38,384; Prowers, 3,746; Weld, 263,954. Reports to the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service indicate that the following numbers of sheep were on feed in Colorado on January 1 for the past four years: 1921, 1,250,000; 1920, 950,000; 1919, 930,000; 1918, 1,135,000. Sheep listed as fed in transit are in addition to the number shown in the same counties in the table above.

NUMBERS AND VALUES OF LIVESTOCK ON FARMS ON JANUARY 1, FOR TWELVE YEARS, INCLUDING CENSUS FOR 1910.

Farm Animals	UNITED STATES			COLORADO				
	Per Cent. of Preceding Year	Total** Number	Average Price Per Head	Total** Value	Per Cent. of Preceding Year	Total** Number	Average Price Per Head	Total** Value
HORSES—								
1921	97.1	20,183	\$ 82.45	\$1,664,166	96.9	408	\$ 62.00	\$25,296
1920	96.7	20,785	94.41	1,962,503	98.5	421	79.00	33,259
1919	99.7	21,482	98.45	2,114,897	105.0	419	91.00	38,129
1918	101.6	21,555	104.24	2,246,970	105.0	399	97.00	38,703
1917	100.2	21,210	102.89	2,182,307	105.2	380	93.00	35,340
1916	99.8	21,159	101.60	2,149,786	104.0	361	90.00	32,496
1911-15 av.	104.4	20,702	108.13	2,238,524	111.9	329	84.71	27,876
1910 .....	.....	*19,833	108.03	2,142,524	.....	*294	93.13	27,396
MULES—								
1921	99.1	4,999	115.71	578,473	96.7	30	89.00	2,670
1920	101.7	5,941	147.07	741,400	100.0	31	101.00	3,131
1919	101.7	4,954	135.83	672,922	103.3	31	107.00	3,317
1918	103.2	4,873	128.81	627,679	125.0	30	108.00	3,240
1917	102.8	4,723	118.15	558,006	121.0	24	104.00	2,496
1916	102.5	4,593	113.83	522,834	105.5	19	101.00	1,919
1911-15 av.	104.5	4,400	121.34	533,910	115.6	17	101.94	1,733
1910 .....	.....	* 4,210	120.20	506,049	.....	*14.7	122.03	1,799
MILCH COWS—								
1921	98.7	23,321	63.97	1,491,900	100.0	272	70.00	19,040
1920	100.6	23,619	85.10	2,010,128	103.0	272	87.00	23,664
1919	100.7	23,475	78.20	1,835,770	103.8	264	82.00	23,232
1918	101.8	23,310	70.54	1,644,231	98.8	254	82.00	20,823
1917	103.6	22,894	59.63	1,365,251	117.3	257	73.50	17,420
1916	104.0	22,108	53.32	1,191,955	106.7	219	72.00	15,763
1915	102.5	21,262	55.32	1,176,338	110.2	205	68.00	13,940
1914	101.2	20,737	53.94	1,118,487	108.1	186	63.00	11,713
1913	99.0	20,497	45.02	922,783	102.9	172	53.80	9,251
1912	99.4	20,699	39.39	815,414	101.8	167	47.00	7,849
1911	100.9	20,823	39.97	832,209	113.1	164	44.50	7,298
1910 .....	.....	*20,625	35.29	727,802	.....	*145	.....	.....
OTHER CATTLE—								
1921	95.8	42,870	31.41	1,346,665	90.0	1,220	34.80	42,456
1920	99.2	44,750	43.22	1,934,185	95.0	1,355	48.10	65,176
1919	102.2	45,085	44.22	1,993,442	112.0	1,425	54.40	77,520
1918	105.8	44,112	40.88	1,803,482	106.0	1,272	50.20	63,851
1917	104.7	41,689	35.92	1,497,621	109.4	1,200	47.70	55,640
1916	107.4	39,812	33.53	1,334,928	110.0	1,096	44.80	49,160
1915	103.4	37,067	33.38	1,237,376	104.9	996	43.70	43,525
1914	99.5	35,855	31.13	1,116,333	103.0	949	40.00	37,969
1913	96.7	36,030	26.36	949,645	100.0	921	34.10	31,406
1912	93.9	37,260	21.20	790,064	95.0	921	27.60	25,420
1911	96.4	39,679	20.54	815,184	98.3	969	24.30	24,031
1910 .....	.....	*41,173	19.07	785,261	.....	*985	127.50	131,047
SHEEP—								
1921	95.6	45,067	6.40	288,732	93.0	1,973	5.60	11,043
1920	96.4	47,114	10.52	495,660	96.0	2,121	9.80	20,736
1919	100.5	48,866	11.63	568,265	94.0	2,209	10.90	24,073
1918	102.1	48,603	11.82	574,575	120.5	2,350	12.60	29,610
1917	97.9	47,616	7.13	339,529	106.0	1,950	7.50	14,625
1916	97.3	48,625	5.17	251,594	105.0	1,839	5.20	9,563
1915	100.5	49,956	4.50	224,687	104.9	1,751	4.40	7,794
1914	96.6	49,719	4.02	200,045	96.0	1,668	3.70	6,172
1913	98.3	51,482	3.94	202,779	110.0	1,737	3.60	6,253
1912	97.6	52,362	3.46	181,170	98.0	1,579	3.00	4,737
1911	102.3	53,633	3.91	209,535	112.9	1,611	3.60	5,809
1910 .....	.....	*52,448	4.12	216,030	.....	*1,426	4.80	6,856
SWINE—								
1921	92.9	66,649	12.97	865,000	85.0	325	12.30	3,997
1920	96.1	71,727	19.01	1,363,269	94.0	382	13.00	4,976
1919	105.1	74,584	22.02	1,612,598	104.9	406	23.00	9,342
1918	105.1	70,978	19.54	1,387,261	107.1	387	20.00	7,770
1917	99.6	67,503	11.75	792,898	110.0	352	12.00	4,224
1916	104.9	67,766	8.40	569,573	121.0	320	8.20	2,624
1915	108.5	63,152	9.48	598,407	121.5	218	9.94	2,173
1911-15 av. ....	.....	*53,186	9.17	533,309	.....	*179	8.75	1,563

*Census report of numbers April 15, 1910.

**Includes Milch Cows.

The numbers in these columns are in thousands, and require the addition of three ciphers (000) to complete them.

Special reports received by the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service indicate that 19 per cent of the number of swine on hands in Colorado on January 1, 1921, were brood sows, and from 38 to 40 per cent. were pigs under six months old.