

342. The yield in the United States is claimed by some to be showing signs of decreasing, indicating exhaustion of the land, though the decrease is only slight at present. The average yield per acre for the years 1880-1887, inclusive, was 12.1 bushels, and for the preceding ten years 12.4 bushels. The value of the yield per acre has, however, decreased very much, from \$13 to \$10.06, a decline and loss of 22 per cent.

Wheat
yield in
United
States.

343. The following table gives the wheat crop of the world in 1888. The figures, which are taken from the March, 1889, report of the United States Department of Agriculture, are partly official and partly estimated. The figures for Canada are probably slightly below the mark.

Wheat
crop of
the world,
1888.

WHEAT CROP OF THE WORLD IN 1888.

COUNTRIES.	Bushels.
North America:—	
United States.....	415,868,000
Canada.....	32,000,000
South America:—	
Argentine Republic and Chili.....	28,375,000
Europe:—	
Austria.....	51,075,000
Hungary.....	131,746,879
Belgium.....	14,876,130
Denmark.....	4,823,750
France.....	273,620,125
Germany.....	105,000,000
Great Britain.....	} 76,760,671
Ireland.....	
Greece.....	4,823,750
Italy.....	106,079,370
Netherlands.....	4,256,250
Portugal.....	7,093,750
Roumania.....	51,075,000
Russia, exclusive of Poland.....	254,619,000
Servia.....	4,540,000
Spain.....	101,156,875
Sweden.....	4,256,250
Norway.....	312,125
Switzerland.....	1,702,500
Turkey.....	42,562,500