

PRODUCTION AND AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF WHEAT IN
THE UNITED STATES, 1880-1892.

YEAR.	Production.	Area.	Value.
	Bushels.	Acres.	8
1880.....	498,549,868	37,986,717	474,201,850
1881.....	383,280,090	37,709,020	456,880,427
1882.....	504,185,470	37,067,194	444,602,125
1883.....	421,086,160	36,455,593	383,649,272
1884.....	512,765,000	39,475,885	330,862,260
1885.....	357,112,000	34,189,246	275,320,390
1886.....	457,218,000	36,806,184	314,226,020
1887.....	456,329,000	37,641,783	310,612,960
1888.....	415,868,000	37,336,138	385,248,030
1889.....	490,560,000	38,123,859	342,491,707
1890.....	399,262,000	36,087,154	334,773,678
1891.....	611,780,000	39,916,897	513,472,711
1892.....	515,949,000	38,554,430	322,111,881
Total.....	6,023,944,588	487,350,100	4,888,453,311
Average.....	463,380,353	37,488,469	376,034,870

Average
yield of
wheat in
United
States.

458. The average weight per bushel of wheat in the United States in 1892 was 57.5 lbs., making a total of 494,353,667 bushels of 60 lbs. The average weight for nine years was 57.7 lbs. per bushel. The average yield is only small, during the ten years 1870-1879, it was 12.4 bushels per acre, and during the next ten years 1880-1889, it was only 12.1 bushels, while in the last two years it has slightly increased, having been 15.3 bushels and 13.4 bushels in 1891 and 1892 respectively. The small yield is attributed to insufficient cultivation. The readiness with which the United States has, under the ordinary circumstances of a favourable season, in two successive years, produced such enormous crops, must evidently defer the anticipated period when the home demand will consume the entire supply ; which period, it had been predicted by some, was rapidly approaching.

Wheat ex-
ports from
India.

459. The exports of wheat from India in 1892 were the largest in the history of that country, and amounted to 56,566,393 bushels, and were 24,197,418 bushels over the average of the ten preceding years, but there is no reason at present to expect that this large export can be maintained, or to change the opinion expressed in previous issues that from 30 million to 35 million bushels is the average limit of the wheat-exporting capacity of the country.