

Average rate of duty paid on dutiable goods imported into the United States, 1893-97.

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
A. Articles of food and animals.....	31·13	31·41	34·11	35·32	37·97
B. " in a crude state.....	33·72	28·37	21·99	21·55	20·11
C. " wholly or partially manufactured.....	40·17	41·04	33·29	30·38	29·10
D. Manufactured articles for consumption.....	59·19	50·72	43·69	40·38	40·13
E. Luxuries.....	56·49	63·80	56·25	55·50	62·13
Average rate.....	49·58	50·06	41·75	39·95	42·17

A comparative Summary of the value and duty collected on the principal articles imported for home consumption in the last two years will be found in the following table, dutiable goods being distinguished from those admitted free:—

ARTICLES.	IMPORTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.			
	Value, 1896.	Duty Collected, 1896.	Value, 1897.	Duty Collected, 1897.
Ale, beer and porter.....	\$ 137,587	\$ 57,966	\$ 144,817	\$ 65,245
Cattle.....	5,606	1,121	52,709	10,542
Horses.....	82,948	16,592	98,649	19,731
Sheep.....	72,563	14,513	80,715	16,143
Swine.....	6,322	3,172	11,603	5,481
Animals, N. E. S.....	16,097	3,220	19,219	3,844
Baking powders.....	81,588	18,082	79,857	17,497
Belts, surgical, trusses, &c.....	13,562	3,391	17,224	4,146
" all kinds, N. E. S.....	28,043	8,407	41,573	12,886
Bells and gongs.....	21,545	5,387	22,965	6,048
Blacking, shoe, and shoemakers' ink.....	35,649	8,917	24,885	6,192
Blueing, laundry, all kinds.....	18,591	4,648	20,550	4,974
Books, periodicals, &c., and other printed matter.....	802,990	216,334	814,163	201,962
Bookbinders' tools and implements, &c.....	14,465	1,446	22,434	2,240
Boot, shoe and stay laces.....	44,035	13,210	56,459	16,558
Braces or suspenders, and parts of.....	68,630	24,022	61,186	21,240
Brass and manufacturers of.....	333,928	94,224	325,792	92,789
Breadstuffs, &c., viz. :—				
Arrowroot and tapioca.....	31,383	6,277	26,735	5,533
Biscuits, all kinds.....	41,022	10,791	41,877	11,017
Macaroni and vermicelli.....	14,335	3,584	18,984	4,748
Rice.....	122,192	89,618	145,355	100,208
" uncleaned.....	106,477	40,538	58,032	10,394
" and sago, flour and sago.....	9,894	2,473	11,283	2,819
Indian corn (see also Free Goods).....	1,089,366	207,301	512,505	134,103
Wheat.....	78,175	21,320	37,739	8,311
Cornmeal.....	116,700	24,565	33,716	7,957
Flour, wheat.....	118,739	31,078	94,379	19,152
Other breadstuffs.....	241,418	55,848	153,975	32,736
Total breadstuffs.....	1,971,701	493,393	1,134,580	346,478