

Average rate of duty paid on dutiable goods imported into the United States, 1896-1900.

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
A. Articles of food and animals.	35·32	37·97	61·30	66·44	62·60
B. " in a crude state.	21·55	20·11	25·16	26·15	26·96
C. " wholly or partially manufactured.	30·38	29·10	30·44	29·17	27·24
D. Manufactured articles for consumption	40·33	40·13	49·74	52·28	51·02
E. Luxuries.	55·50	62·13	57·43	55·50	57·16
Average rate	39·95	42·17	48·75	52·07	49·24

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, 1899.	Duty Collected, 1899.	Value, 1900.	Duty Collected, 1900.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ale, beer and porter	168,271	70,622	193,252	81,028
Anti-septic surgical dressings	20,838	4,049	32,954	6,474
Cattle	31,288	6,258	67,815	13,563
Horses	413,064	82,613	337,031	67,410
Sheep	86,701	17,367	99,590	19,918
Swine	9,358	2,880	10,711	2,756
Animals, N.E.S.	43,888	8,776	31,877	6,374
Baking powders	93,653	20,314	105,001	24,219
Baskets, all kinds	25,562	6,966	21,255	6,258
Belting, all kinds, except rubber and leather	27,072	4,669	31,164	5,364
Belts, surgical, trusses, &c.	14,435	2,784	17,018	3,333
" all kinds, N.E.S.	53,341	16,864	53,702	17,324
Bells and gongs	20,702	6,175	20,906	6,235
Blacking, shoe, and shoemakers' ink	27,557	6,523	21,759	5,319
Blueing, laundry, all kinds	20,911	4,144	16,537	3,253
Books, periodicals, &c., and other printed matter	1,143,920	201,577	1,195,798	214,819
Boot, shoe and stay laces	65,192	15,848	65,340	16,482
Boots and shoes, and slippers, all kinds except rubber and leather	51,636	11,438	49,311	12,156
Braces or suspenders, and parts of	72,973	22,960	65,048	20,418
Brass and manufactures of	427,256	117,620	470,882	131,581
Breadstuffs, &c., viz.:—				
Arrowroot and tapioca	39,959	8,018	50,350	10,312
Biscuits, all kinds	38,085	9,319	35,610	8,897
Macaroni and vermicelli	32,315	7,905	36,032	9,006
Rice, cleaned	234,947	120,458	227,614	125,887
" uncleaned	186,676	63,458	164,197	53,256
" and sago flour and sago	19,602	4,195	31,636	6,334
* Indian corn (see also Free Goods)	218,163	49,520	175,515	37,316
Wheat	21,547	4,267	15,770	3,272
Cornmeal	82,289	12,095	76,413	10,101
Beans	45,793	7,092	41,013	4,489

* For purposes of distillation.