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EXPORTS OF ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.

The course of the export trade in animals and their products during the past eight years forms a very interesting subject for study. The great gains in the exports of live animals have been with horses, mules, and sheep. With animal products a notable gain is seen in the case of fresh beef, mutton, oleo oil, hams, and sole leather. In 1889 the exports of horses were 3,748 head, and the average of the four years 1889 to 1892, inclusive, was 3,396. In 1896 the exports of horses reached 25,126, with an average for the four years 1893 to 1896, inclusive, of 11,831. The number of sheep exported in 1889 was 128,852, and the average for the four years 1889 to 1892 was 76,070. In 1896 the export of sheep reached the remarkable number of 491,565, and the average for the four years 1893 to 1896 was 266,736.

The exports of fresh beef have increased from 137,895,391 pounds in 1889 to 224,783,225 pounds in 1896. The average for the years 1889 to 1892 was 181,433,310 pounds, and for the years 1893 to 1896 it was 204,077,065 pounds. The exports of hams have steadily increased from 42,847,247 pounds in 1889 to 129,036,351 pounds in 1896. The exports of oleo oil increased from 28,102,534 pounds in 1889 to 103,276,756 pounds in 1896, and the average for the four years 1889 to 1892 was 67,033,342 pounds, as compared with an average of 104,652,723 pounds for the years 1893 to 1896. There has also been a considerable increase, about one-third, in the exports of sole leather during the last three years. The shipments of live cattle, bacon, canned and cured beef, lard, and pickled pork, while they have fluctuated from year to year, have not shown any very marked tendency to increase or decrease.

Bacon and pickled pork have diminished somewhat, but the exports of lard have been larger for 1896 than for any other year of the series.

The exports in a few items have been considerably diminished during the eight years under consideration. Live hogs have fallen off from 45,128 in 1889 and 95,654 in 1891 to 21,049 in 1896. This is probably due to the risk attending the shipment of these animals and the greater profit derived from the exportation of their products. There was a continuous decrease in the shipments of tallow from 1890, when they reached 112,745,370 pounds, to 1895, when they were only 25,864,300 pounds. There has, however, been a recovery in this trade during the last year, the exports reaching 52,759,212 pounds. The exports of dairy products have not been satisfactory. The butter trade, which in 1890 reached 29,748,042 pounds, fell off to 5,598,812 pounds in 1895. Fortunately, much of this decrease was overcome in 1896, when 19,373,913 pounds were exported. The cheese exports show a continuous decline since 1890, when they reached 95,376,053 pounds. The quantity exported in 1896 was only 36,777,291 pounds.

In order to make clear the remarkably large proportion of our exported animals and animal products which are marketed in Great Britain, the figures have been tabulated for the total exports and for the exports to the United Kingdom:

Comparative statement of the exports of live cattle and beef products.

[From reports of Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department.]

TO ALL COUNTRIES.

Fiscal year.	Cattle.	Beef.			Tallow.	Imitation butter.	Oleo oil.
		Fresh.	Canned.	Salted and other cured.			
	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
1889	205,786	137,895,391	51,025,254	55,200,435	77,844,555	2,192,047	28,102,534
1890	394,836	173,237,596	82,638,507	97,610,529	112,745,370	2,535,926	68,218,098
1891	574,679	194,045,638	109,585,727	91,908,812	111,689,251	1,986,743	80,231,035
1892	394,607	220,554,617	87,028,084	71,158,448	89,780,010	1,610,837	91,581,703
1893	287,094	206,294,724	79,089,493	59,322,883	61,819,153	3,479,322	113,939,363
1894	359,278	193,891,824	55,974,910	63,901,001	54,661,524	3,898,950	123,295,895
1895	331,722	191,338,487	64,102,263	63,294,998	25,864,300	10,100,897	78,098,878
1896	372,401	224,783,225	63,698,180	71,223,512	52,759,212	6,063,699	103,276,756

TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1889	193,167	137,286,553	37,333,528	31,881,728	34,858,526	79,410	1,003,549
1890	360,589	171,032,579	64,265,020	63,066,392	51,029,819	165,477	2,452,951
1891	345,797	192,456,458	80,246,787	47,469,568	52,970,476	5,448	2,460,200
1892	378,167	219,103,267	59,048,407	34,336,415	38,160,366	6,928	6,629,411
1893	280,996	205,911,093	57,089,367	26,613,602	24,603,744	12,192	5,502,077
1894	345,734	193,331,292	42,544,532	27,368,261	19,170,283	57,295	9,520,217
1895	305,068	190,736,186	40,310,196	28,720,804	4,784,782	1,193,259	6,809,688
1896	364,193	224,507,040	40,092,098	36,416,180	18,987,338	(*)	8,940,705

* Included with the oil.

Exports of horses, mules, sheep, mutton, dairy products, and leather (sole).

[From reports of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department.]

TO ALL COUNTRIES.

Fiscal year.	Horses.	Mules.	Sheep.	Mutton.	Dairy products.		Sole leather.
					Butter.	Cheese.	
	No.	No.	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
1889	3,748	2,980	128,852	296,220	15,504,978	84,999,828	35,558,945
1890	3,501	3,544	67,521	256,711	29,748,042	95,376,053	39,595,219
1891	3,110	2,184	60,947	199,395	15,187,114	82,133,876	37,501,278
1892	3,226	1,965	46,960	101,463	15,047,246	82,100,221	37,053,381
1893	2,967	1,634	37,280	108,214	8,920,107	81,350,923	39,570,037
1894	5,246	2,063	132,370	2,187,900	11,812,092	73,852,134	42,877,497
1895	13,984	2,515	405,748	591,449	5,598,812	60,448,421	45,304,949
1896	25,126	5,918	491,565	422,950	19,373,913	36,777,291	41,818,503

TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1889	285	.....	18,866	122,132	7,454,107	72,304,393	27,519,464
1890	229	.....	4,927	194,604	15,448,163	81,875,298	29,997,873
1891	379	.....	10,946	187,720	4,993,180	71,104,253	27,419,058
1892	467	8	3,584	51,251	5,915,185	70,201,769	28,819,708
1893	564	.....	58	46,551	3,869,649	69,845,314	25,655,464
1894	1,355	.....	79,786	2,087,527	5,493,704	61,459,757	34,574,232
1895	5,834	.....	335,882	320,491	868,815	48,286,660	36,764,480
1896	(*)	(*)	397,280	(*)	11,246,611	29,801,334	32,769,953

* Not given by countries.

Comparative statement of the exports of live hogs and hog products.

[From reports of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department.]

TO ALL COUNTRIES.

Fiscal year.	Hogs.	Hog products.				
		Bacon.	Hams.	Pork, fresh.	Pork, pickled.	Lard.
	No.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
1889	45,128	357,377,399	42,847,247	22,794	64,110,845	318,242,990
1890	91,148	531,899,677	76,591,279	279,463	79,788,868	471,083,598
1891	95,634	54,675,557	84,410,108	818,875	81,317,364	498,343,927
1892	31,963	507,919,830	76,856,559	377,746	80,336,481	460,045,776
1893	27,375	391,758,175	82,178,154	912,644	52,459,722	365,693,501
1894	1,553	416,657,577	86,970,571	1,168,647	63,575,881	447,566,867
1895	7,130	452,549,976	105,494,123	818,581	58,266,893	474,895,274
1896	21,049	425,352,187	129,036,351	744,656	69,498,373	509,534,256

TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1889	.....	299,891,556	34,866,806	.....	14,912,087	117,139,325
1890	1,102	450,466,037	64,878,007	.....	16,843,194	150,808,980
1891	.....	413,850,146	68,084,482	771,615	23,086,642	158,561,052
1892	1,044	402,091,132	56,340,965	334,200	15,362,173	124,952,485
1893	2,062	335,075,784	68,750,506	900,820	11,213,627	138,365,415
1894	.....	334,985,389	73,994,248	1,140,850	13,132,207	149,691,959
1895	60	346,210,100	89,800,462	751,640	14,268,862	184,251,911
1896	500	344,271,223	103,165,961	(*)	12,670,206	201,924,144

* Included with pickled.

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