

**Cost of Production.**

The United States Department of Agriculture, in its March report just issued, gives the results of its investigations into the cost per acre of raising wheat and corn in that country based upon estimates from over 25,000 practical farmers in the case of wheat, and over 28,000 in the case of corn. In view of the present low prices of wheat and corn, the importance of diversified farming is urged upon farmers. The following summary of estimates as to the average cost per acre of raising wheat and corn is presented:—

	Wheat, per acre.	Corn, per acre.
Rent of land.....	\$ 2.31	\$ 3.3
Manure.....	2.16	1.86
Preparing ground.....	1.87	1.62
Seed.....	.96	.42
Sowing or planting.....	.37	.42
Cultivating.....	1.19	1.80
Harvesting or gathering.....	1.20	1.22
Threshing.....	.37	.50
Housing.....	.76	1.26
Marketing.....		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11.69</b>	<b>\$11.71</b>

In the December report the average farm value was given at \$6.16 for wheat and \$3.21 for corn. This would show on the face of it a virtual loss to the farmer of \$5.53 per acre of wheat and \$3.50 per acre of corn for the year 1893, but it must be remembered that besides the grain the farmer has the straw of wheat and stalks of corn, which have in some sections of the country a feeding value of about \$5 per acre, and that while the cost of production was about normal, the price of wheat was unprecedentedly low, and that of corn much below the average.

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