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The average resident of an eastern city when his attention is attracted, by any method, to the population of Omaha, almost invariably wants to know how it is possible for an inland city, so far removed from Wall street and Broadway, to persist in exhibiting such evidences of material prosperity. He can not understand why big jobbing houses, packing plants, manufacturing establishments and commercial enterprises of all kinds should be built up and prosper a way out in the wild and woolly west. In the recent financial flurry, Omaha gained some distinction by being the only city in the country that reported a persistent and consistent gain in bank clearings and about the only city whose people showed no concern over the methods adopted by financial institutions in conserving the money supply. For the benefit of those more or less benighted dwellers in the east, as well as for the encouragement of some people nearer home, some figures have been compiled relative to the crop production in Nebraska for the year 1907 and the value of it, as compared with the banner output of 1906. Even cursory study of the statistics will furnish ample explanation of Omaha's refusal to worry over existing troubles in the money market.

Omaha is the natural and only commercial center of Nebraska, but it is also the headquarters of most of the financial, commercial and industrial affairs of the entire west. The figures appended, however, relate only to the value of Nebraska's products for the present year. Their significance would be greatly emphasized and accentuated if they were extended to include the Western Iowa, Northern Kansas, North Missouri and all of the Western territory tributary to Omaha and its markets. The accompanying tables show the production of certain staples in Nebraska

for 1906 and 1907, with their value, based on prices current today and one year ago:

Product	1906 bu.	1907 bu.	1906 val.	1907 val.
Wheat	49,975,399	48,585,823	\$22,947,000	\$20,859,200
Corn	79,575,517	80,794,400	12,525,517	13,119,400
Barley	3,187,800	2,529,300	1,585,920	1,291,950
Rye	1,585,920	1,585,920	1,585,920	1,585,920
Potatoes	1,585,920	1,585,920	1,585,920	1,585,920
Alfalfa	1,102,692	1,200,000	1,102,692	1,200,000
Wild Hay	1,994,100	2,158,000	1,994,100	2,158,000

On this basis, the value of these farm products for the two years is as follows:

Product	1906	1907
Wheat	\$22,947,000	\$20,859,200
Corn	12,525,517	13,119,400
Barley	1,585,920	1,291,950
Rye	1,585,920	1,585,920
Potatoes	1,585,920	1,585,920
Alfalfa	1,102,692	1,200,000
Wild Hay	1,994,100	2,158,000
Totals	\$43,727,957	\$40,709,390

This does not include the value of the live stock, butter, eggs, poultry and other dairy and farm products, all of which show an increased value of the record-breaking totals of last year. It does, however, go a long way toward explaining the continued and increasing prosperity and development of Omaha, The Market Town.

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