



Center of a Billion Dollar Region

The total annual wealth production of the country Omaha serves as the financial, commercial and industrial center, is in excess of one billion dollars. The amount is beyond comprehension. It is larger than the national debt of the United States. It is greater than the sum appropriated by congress for all the expenses of the government for two years. It is more than ten times as large as the capitalization of the Standard Oil trust. Yet that value in farm products and live stock is produced every year in the territory that is reached by Omaha manufacturers' and jobbers and stock and grain dealers every day in the year.

In these columns last week, it was shown that the value of the wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, wild and tame hay and potatoes produced in this region amounted to \$567,227,300 for the year 1907. Great as that showing is, it is but a little more than half

the value of the live stock on the farms, ranches and ranges in the country that pay Omaha tribute. In the eleven states that are reached by Omaha dealers in different lines is found the greatest live stock wealth in the nation. The people of these states are rich. Their farm products and live stock are available assets for which there is always a ready and active market. With these resources, the people in Omaha's territory have no dread of panics. The value of the live stock, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep and swine, in the Omaha country is in excess of \$800,000,000. The figures herewith appended are for the close of the year of 1907 and are taken from the official reports of the department of Agriculture. They furnish additional reasons for emphasizing Omaha's importance in the development of the most prosperous section of the most prosperous nation in the world. The figures:

STATES	Port Used	Horses	Mules	Cattle	Sheep	Swine
Nebraska	All	\$ 86,362,900	\$ 7,082,900	\$ 90,661,000	\$ 1,372,000	\$ 25,436,000
Iowa	All	31,591,000	\$1,550,000	\$2,225,000	1,590,000	46,260,000
South Dakota	All	31,750,000	588,000	38,320,000	845,000	6,190,000
Montana	All	10,350,000	27,000	19,225,000	20,000,000	512,000
Wyoming	All	1,127,000	109,000	18,155,000	19,704,000	341,000
Idaho	All	7,855,000	163,000	7,267,000	12,000,000	826,000
Washington	All	1,854,000	184,000	2,210,000	1,200,000	650,000
Oregon	All	6,658,000	252,000	6,385,000	3,711,000	750,000
Utah	All	6,310,000	219,000	7,877,000	11,171,000	422,500
Colorado	All	2,282,000	242,000	2,825,000	3,385,000	1,921,000
Kansas	All	2,282,000	4,822,000	34,220,000	332,000	7,000,000
Totals		\$264,937,900	\$16,053,500	\$328,886,500	\$98,181,200	\$100,248,800
Grand Total						\$ 803,313,100
Add Value of Grain, Hay and Potatoes						\$67,227,300
Grand Total of Live Stock and Hay						\$1,370,540,400

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