

GRAIN BUSINESS IS LARGER

Total Transactions for Five Months Shows Substantial Increase in Volume.

MAY ALONE DOES NOT MAKE GAIN

Omaha Maintains Its Envious Position as One of the Principal Grain Markets of the World.

Receipts of grain at the Omaha Grain exchange during the month of May decreased slightly as compared with May, 1906, according to the monthly report of the secretary of the Grain exchange, but a substantial increase is shown in total transactions for the first five months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of last year, which indicates the Omaha market is maintaining its prestige as one of the largest primary grain markets of the world. A peculiar feature of the grain trade at Omaha during the last month is that corn receipts decreased from 1,983,300 bushels in May, 1906, to 1,369,400 bushels last month, while the receipts of wheat for the comparative periods increased from 214,800 bushels to 461,300 bushels, or an increase of over 100 per cent. According to its geographical situation Omaha is naturally one of the largest corn markets and the business in wheat has been comparatively small until the present year, but great strides have been taken in the wheat trade and if the present season is maintained Omaha bids fair to become a great wheat center.

Total Receipts Larger.
Total receipts of grain at the Omaha market last month were 2,332,800 bushels, as compared with 2,711,700 bushels during May, 1906, but this decrease in receipts was due to abnormal conditions prevailing during the last month. The market has been in a turbulent state on account of unsettled crop conditions and little interest has been manifested in the corn market. Corn receipts decreased, but much corn is now being held in elevators and by farmers and probably will be shipped to the market during the ensuing month. A gratifying increase in the amount of oats received during the last month is noted when 305,200 bushels were received, an increase of 30,000 bushels over the receipts during May of last year. Total shipments from Omaha for the month ending May 31 were 2,049,500 bushels, against 2,878,000 bushels during May, 1906. Shipments of wheat during the comparative periods were 814,000 bushels, against only 281,000 bushels, and corn shipments decreased from 1,833,000 bushels to 1,351,000 bushels, which was due to the light receipts.

Statistics Are Favorable.
Statistics for receipts and shipments of grain at Omaha for the five months ending May 31, as compared with the same period of 1906 are more nearly indicative of the relative importance of this market

and are decidedly favorable in character. Total receipts for the five months just ended were 17,949,900 bushels, an increase of over 2,000,000 bushels over those of 1906. The principal increase reported was in receipts of wheat, which increased from 1,128,700 bushels in 1906 to 2,815,400 bushels this year. Receipts of corn decreased, on account of the smaller receipts last month, from 16,147,000 bushels in 1906 to 9,465,800 bushels during the five months ending Friday. An increase of 20 per cent in the receipt of oats during 1907 is reported, when receipts were 8,443,300 bushels, against 4,822,000 bushels last year. Total shipments for the five months of 1907 were 30,059,000 bushels, against only 18,977,900 bushels during the corresponding period of 1906.

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