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STORY OF OMAHA'S GRAIN MARKET

For many years Omaha furnished a striking illustration of the failure of a city to take advantage of its opportunities. In the very heart of the most productive grain belt of the globe, Omaha knew nothing of the business, except that corn, wheat, oats and all the cereals were raised in record-breaking quantities in the neighborhood and that the eastbound railroads were swamped with the profitable task of transporting it to eastern markets.

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	1906		1904	
	Bushels	Percent	Bushels	Percent
Wheat	10,036,700	3.87	5,887,500	17.7
Corn	20,725,400	8.33	8,833,735	25.0
Oats	13,355,200	5.17	9,837,950	27.6
Rye	229,000	0.09	316,000	0.9
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