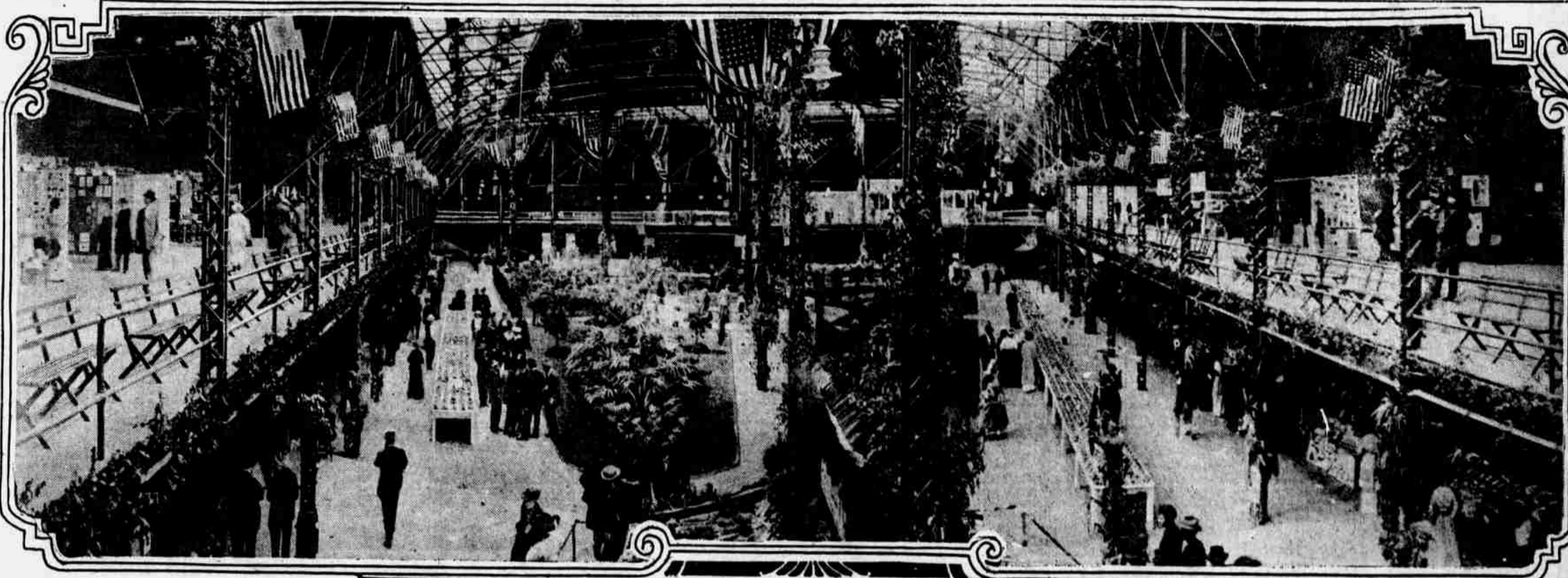


# Nebraska State Fair an Exposition of International Importance



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE GREAT AGRICULTURAL PAVILION AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR GROUNDS

The display of farm products at the state fair has always been a source of wonder and delight to people who have visited Agricultural hall and have seen the wonderful displays of all kind of agricultural products.

About 2,000 exhibitors showed the fruit of their labors in the display of agriculture in the big hall. Their work was shown in everything from a half-bushel of potatoes to big watermelons and pumpkins, and from bright grains of wheat to mammoth big ears of corn. Grass and alfalfa exhibits aroused the wonder of people from outside of the state who could hardly understand that the great American desert of fifty years ago could bring forth such wonderful results from its soil.

Something like two dozen or more counties made a display of the products of their counties in collective exhibits, and Agricultural hall fairly groaned with the car after car of all kinds of "fruits of the farm" there on display. The county collective exhibit has brought out a great deal of rivalry in last three or four years and each year sees new counties entering the contest for honors.

These displays do not alone come

from the counties of Nebraska which represent the older counties of the eastern part of the state, but the far west, yes, even up into what was only a very few years ago the trackless northwest, sends in its displays of agriculture and most of them compare favorably with those of the older counties.

One can hardly understand just how wonderful has been the development of Nebraska's western and northwestern section until he observes the displays of products from that section. It is a revelation to the doubter and a source of conviction that there is no spot in Nebraska, but that under right conditions can be made to blossom like the Garden of Eden.

But one reaches their height of wonder and admiration when they observe the display made under the auspices of the State Horticultural society. As one steps into the mammoth big steel building which covers the display of the products of Nebraska farms, he almost catches his breath, so amazed is he at the beautiful sight spread out before him.

Long tables covered with thousands upon thousands of plates of big, luscious apples whose rosy cheeks give evidence of the health and

wealth in the breezes which blow across the state, moistened by the bountiful showers that fall upon the earth. Grapes and other fruits give out an aroma that makes the building a veritable sweet-smelling garden, while the wonderful display of flowers and shrubs makes one almost wonder if he has not at last found the Garden of Eden and is basking in the smiles of nature's paradise.

It is useless to try to describe the wondrous beauties of the horticultural hall. Winding in and out among the beautiful wonders of nature to the music of rippling fountains, the beholder soon drifts off into an ecstasy of dreams, wonderful dreams, dreams that are real, and can hardly tear himself away from the beautiful picture spread out before him, while he drinks in the zephyrs, intoxicated with the perfume of the myriads of fruits and flowers, the product of Nebraska's wonderful farms and gardens.

However, Nebraska's wonderful display of fruit and vegetables and flowers is not grown for the pleasure of the state fair visitor alone. Many a man who has come to Nebraska a poor man has become independent raising these products for the market. Hardly a city in the state

but what provides a market for these products and many of them are shipped to the outside.

Just the amount that Nebraska raises of fruits, vegetables and flowers would be hard to determine. Nobody knows, except that he knows that it is an almost unbelievable amount. It is known that last year Nebraska raised large amounts of corn, wheat and like products, but no statistician has ever attempted to give the amount of vegetables and flowers raised in the state.

Just to give some idea of the resources of the state along agricultural lines below is a few of the products which the State Board of Agriculture has gathered for the edification of the public:

Product	Bushels	Value
Corn	228,094,750	\$114,047,350
Winter wheat	87,220,468	39,854,268
Spring wheat	4,170,227	8,285,251
Oats	72,764,462	20,654,849
Rye	3,472,440	2,054,220
Berley	2,025,012	1,200,804
Alfalfa (tons)	4,985,594	24,831,588
Wild hay (tons)	2,132,219	15,793,374
Potatoes	10,869,827	4,226,570

So as one looks over the above table, which does not represent all of the bushels or the full value of the above products, because of the failure of assessors to report completely, he can get some idea of the

big agricultural mine lying in Nebraska soil. But when he adds to it the innumerable other things, such as stock, vegetables, flowers, fruit, etc., the amount becomes almost incomprehensible until he sees the exhibits at the state fair, and then he begins to comprehend somewhat what wealth their lies in Nebraska farms.

And so from year to year people have come to the Nebraska state fair and have gone away amazed at the pictures painted by nature they have seen.

This year they are going to be more amazed than ever. The 1916 state fair bids to be far in excess of any previous exhibition. Entries on all classes are coming in and there is every indication that a trip to the fair this year will be an event one cannot afford to pass up.

As the traveling salesman has his side lines, so the farmer has those lines of farming which do not exactly come in under the tilling of the soil proposition.

It used to be that the housewife took charge of one of the most important side lines, that of churning the butter and preparing it for the market. Now that is mostly done with a cream separator and much of

the hard toil incident to handling the milk is done away with. Nebraska creameries relieved the housewife of the trouble of churning 41,776,080 pounds of butter last year, this being the amount that was put out by the creameries of the state after the cream had been separated on the farm and sent to the towns.

Another side line of the farmer which the housewife has had a great part in controlling is the poultry industry. No proposition has yet been discovered that will take from the farmer's wife the right to raise chickens and sell eggs to the storekeeper. And so during the year just past the busy housewife has been able to sell 25,108,441 dozen of eggs and, adding to the value of these, she has also sold \$1,783,720 worth of poultry. So, as one of the important side lines to farming, that of handling poultry is still an important one.

Bee keeping is another side line which is a valuable one wherever the farmer has found time to attend to it. This industry is not as strong as the others, but in Nebraska there are 20,007 stands of bees, which produce a good income to their owners, and this side line is increasing every year.

There are other sidelines to farming which add to the wealth of the farming industry and help the farmer and his busy housewife to meet the financial demands which have come with the years. Modern education has added to the expense of the farmer's family, and as the boys and girls must now have a high school education and perhaps a course at the university, so it has been necessary to add to the income of the farm and the side lines have helped a great deal in this regard. Modern farming has enabled the farmer, wherever he has taken advantage of it, to get the most out of the soil with not nearly as much drudgery as in the old days, and so had more time to devote to the side lines with beneficial results.

Much of the benefits which he has accumulated have come from the things he has learned while attending the Nebraska State fair and the county fair at home. Meeting others of his vocation and swapping ideas has enabled the agriculturist to rise to the situations which confront him and solve them with beneficial results. As an educational institution the state fair has performed wonders for Nebraska.

# NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

## Lincoln, September 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1916

**Automobile Races, Monday, September 4.** Seven races from one to twenty-five miles, contested by the world's best drivers.

**RUTH LAW, Aviatrix, in day and night flights.** See her loop the loop.

**SEVEN BANDS--** The world renowned "KILTIES," Nebraska State Band, George Green and his band, Superior, Verdon, Ainsworth and Johnny Jones band.

**LeBARON WHEATLEY Grand Opera Double Quartette**

**ST. PAUL ORATORIO CHORUS**

**WHANG DOODLE QUARTETTE**

**THE BEST VAUDEVILLE**

**Stupendous DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS.** September 4, 5, 6 and 7

**The World Renowned JOHNNY JONES SHOWS**  
The Best Carnival Company on the Road.

**Horse Races, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.** 3 harness and 2 running races daily. Classes closed August 21st.

**SPEED PROGRAM--Daily Race Program**

2-year-old Trot	Tuesday, September 5	\$ 300
3-year-old Trot	Friday, September 8	700
2:25 Trot	Wednesday, September 6	700
2:20 Trot	Friday, September 8	700
2:15 Trot	Thursday, September 7	700
2:10 Trot	Tuesday, September 5	1,000
2-year-old Pace	Tuesday, September 5	300
3-year-old Pace	Thursday, September 7	600
2:25 Pace	Wednesday, September 6	600
2:18 Pace	Thursday, September 7	600
2:13 Pace	Tuesday, September 5	600
2:10 Pace	Friday, September 8	600
Free-for-All Pace	Wednesday, September 6	1,000

Real camping on the grounds. Come and have a week of enjoyment and camp pleasures.

The world's best Live Stock Show. The most complete and largest exhibit of Agriculture and Public School Display at any state fair this year.

See what Nebraska produces in Horticulture, Poultry, Bees and Honey.

Visit the Ladies' Departments in Domestic Products, Textiles and Fine Arts.

All the new improvements in Machinery.

The Automobile you want.

Nebraska Manufacturers' Exposition will be held for a second time at the 1916 State Fair. See Nebraska-Made Goods.

Better Babies' Exhibit. Entries closed August 21st.

Boys' School Encampment, for boys between the ages of 15 and 21 years of age.

For premium lists, entry blanks and information, write W. R. Mellor, Sec., Lincoln, Neb.