



Corn and Iowa

Corn shocks were a common sight on every farm in pioneer days and into the 20th century. Planted and cultivated with horse drawn machinery, the stalks were cut in the fall and stacked in the field like teepees.

After drying, the bundles were collected and the ears shucked by hand and stored in a crib. The corn and stalks were fed to livestock and the stalks were also used for bedding.

The scene on this sheet music is similar to the scene below in Clarke County. An Amish crew was shocking corn at the Jonas and Lydia Beachy farm, 1011 120th Avenue, Murray, in October 2012.

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