

# Pillsbury Mills

The Pillsbury plant in Saint Louis was located just North of the downtown area. More historic information is available about the larger Pillsbury Plant that was in Springfield, Illinois, so here are a few interesting facts about the Illinois plant.

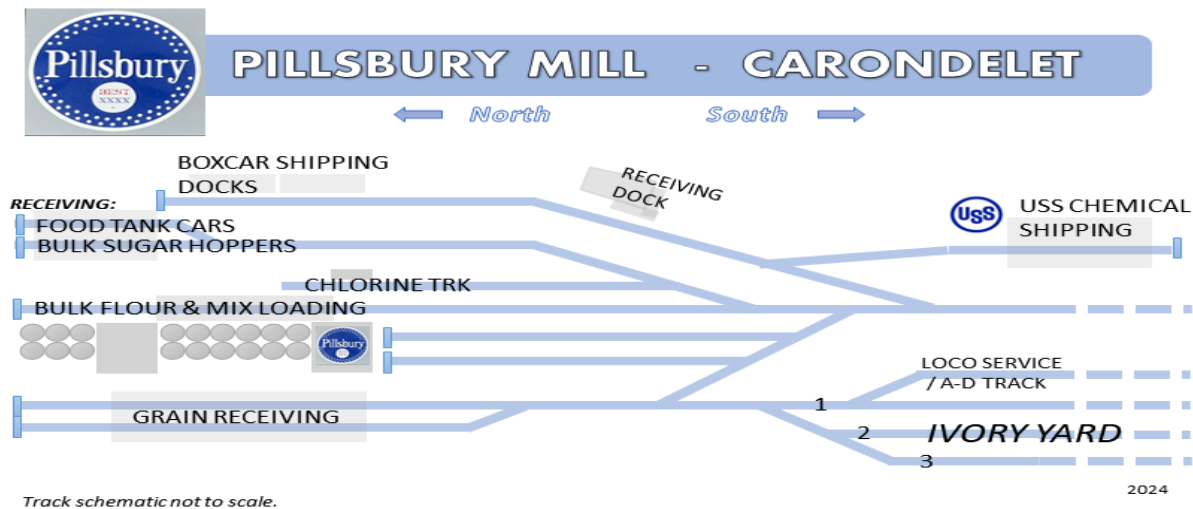
In 1936, items produced at the plant included pancake and doughnut flour, soft wheat flour, cake flour, and bread flour. The main product was Pillsbury's Best Flour. Yellow and white cornmeal was packaged only.

The large plant could load 109 railcars simultaneously, and could unload 60 cars a day in its 6 wheat unloading pits. Sugar arrived in special rail cars and was stored in its own bins

The area around plant had its own grocery store, ice cream shop, gas station, barbershop, and numerous corner taverns. There was also a restaurant and nightclub.

Flour, sugar, hot shortening, salt, milk and egg, soda and leavening were major ingredients in the 278 different products produced at the plant by the late nineteen-seventies.

Here is the track schematic for Pillsbury as modelled on the layout:



To enter the mill, stop your train in south Carondelet, disconnect the power, and run around to the back of the train, and push the Pillsbury-bound cars onto the plant's tracks.

Note that there are 3 locations for covered hoppers (grain and sugar receiving and bulk loading), 2 locations for boxcars (shipping dock and receiving dock), and 2 locations for tank cars (chlorine tank unloading and food tank car unloading). Please deliver cars to their appropriate spots.

Use the 2 unmarked tracks that terminate against the mill elevator and silo structures, for temporary cars storage while you work the mill. Other open track may also be used. Stop into the test kitchen and grab a freshly baked donut before you leave.