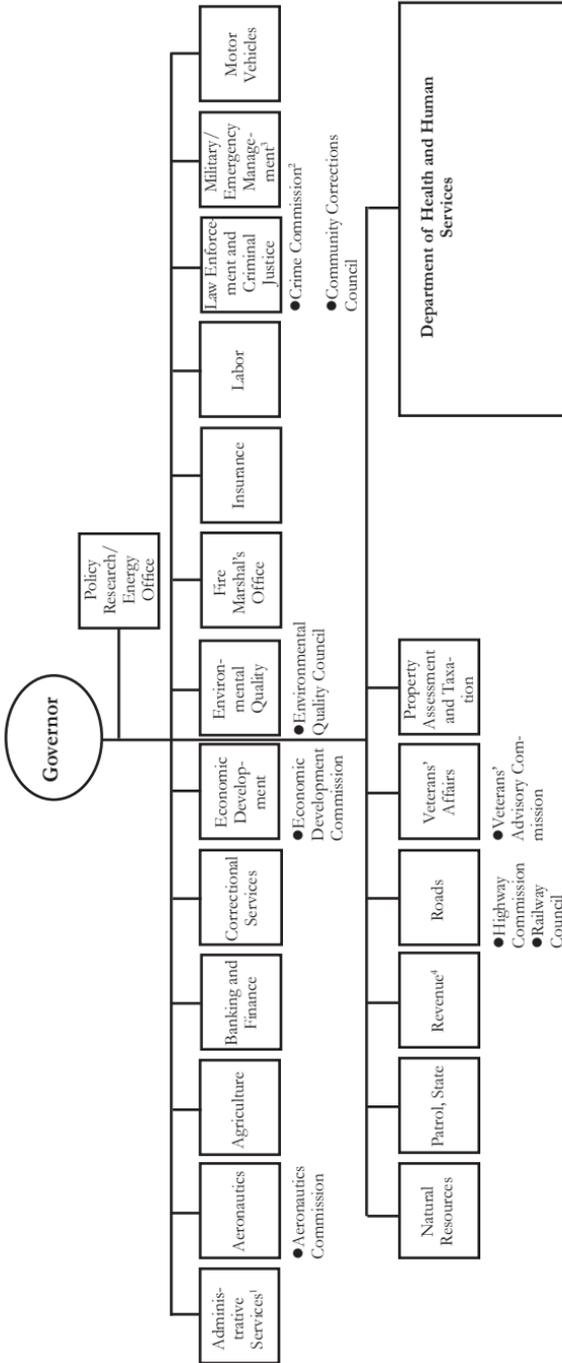


# Nebraska State Government Organization - Executive Branch\* Agencies Subject to Governor's Direct Control (Code Agencies)



\* Source: Governor's Policy Research Office.  
<sup>1</sup> Divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Task Force for Building Renewal, Communications, Employee Relations, Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Material, Personnel, Risk Management and State Claims, and Transportation Services Bureau.  
<sup>2</sup> Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.  
<sup>3</sup> Director holds the office of adjutant general.  
<sup>4</sup> Director holds the constitutional office of tax commissioner.

## CODE AGENCIES

**Editor's Note:** Code agencies are state government departments and agencies subject to the governor's direct control. The directors of these agencies serve at the pleasure of the governor and are directly accountable to him or her. These entities are full-fledged agencies, meaning they have their own staff, are affiliated with no other agency and appear as distinct items within the state budget. All statutory references in this section indicate where each entity was created — unless otherwise noted — in the Nebraska Constitution, Revised Statutes of Nebraska or both. Appointees to boards, commissions, councils, committees and other state governmental bodies serve until they resign or are replaced after their terms expire.

### Department of Administrative Services

**Office Address:** Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331, Web site — <http://www.das.state.ne.us>

**Director:** Carlos Castillo

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1103

The Department of Administrative Services, created by the 1965 Legislature, coordinates and administers the following divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Task Force for Building Renewal, Communications, Employee Relations, Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Materiel, Personnel, Risk Management and State Claims, and Transportation Services Bureau.

The Department of Administrative Services:

- develops and maintains a modern budgetary, inventory and financial accounting system
- centrally directs services and service agencies
- makes the chief executive responsible for executing state financial policies and provides assistance with technical skills to achieve this
- provides for the development, planning and management of state data processing, state communications, capital facilities, transportation services and management engineering coordination.

### *Accounting Division*

**Contact Person:** Paul Carlson, State Accounting Administrator, Room 1309, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2581

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Accounting Division, reorganized by the Legislature in 1969, operates and maintains the central accounting and payroll system for state agencies. The operations area is responsible for setting up vendors for accounts payable processing, creating payment groups for internal and external customers, and processing wage attachments and payroll transactions. The division creates and processes about 2 million warrants and 1 million electronic payments each year, including biweekly and monthly payrolls for state employees. The division processes more than \$1.7 billion in federal grants for various agencies. The division also is responsible for ensuring that users accessing the

statewide Nebraska Information System have proper security and authority.

The systems area of the division reviews the internal controls and accounting methods used by state agencies and also monitors audit reports to evaluate agency accounting methods. The division provides direction to agencies for recording entries of payments, deposits and other transactions into the accounting system. Such transactions are subject to the division's statewide accounting policies. The division also prepares a daily cash flow analysis, the state's yearly financial reports, including the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and obtains and processes master leasing for state agencies.

### *Budget Division*

**Contact Person:** Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Administrator, Room 1322, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2526

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Budget Division provides direction, coordination and support for state agencies in the preparation of mid-biennium and biennial budget requests. The division assists the governor in preparing the governor's state budget recommendations and administering the approved state budget.

### *State Building Division*

**Contact Person:** Stephen R. Robinson, Administrator, State Building Division, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3191

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1108.11

The 1974 Legislature created the State Building Division to plan, construct and administer state facilities. The division's sections are facilities planning and construction, operations and maintenance, property management, security and administrative support.

Through its facilities planning and construction section, the division ensures that state funds are used wisely for construction projects, maintains building inventory and use records, plans future state buildings and analyzes capital construction requests, programs, preliminary plans and construction contracts. The planning group also helps prepare the governor's capital construction budget. The section inspects each building project and coordinates change orders, progress payments and time-cost schedule administration to ensure facilities are efficiently built. This section also facilitates the activities of the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee as it develops a statewide facilities master plan for all state government agencies exclusive of higher education.

The division's operations and maintenance section performs daily maintenance and operation activities of buildings. The facilities assigned to this section include the the governor's residence, state office buildings in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and several 24-hour care facilities, such as veterans' homes and regional mental health centers.

The property management section serves as the state's leasing agent in procuring and providing for the space needs for state agencies and implements orders of the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee which involves the sale and disposition

of various buildings and real estate.

The security section maintains a safe environment for employees and visitors in the Omaha State Office Building.

The administrative support section includes management of the state parking program, conference room scheduling, coordination of the division’s budget and accounting activities, personal property inventory and general support to the other sections of the division.

### Nebraska Capitol Commission

**Contact Person:** Robert C. Ripley, Capitol Administrator, Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, State Capitol Building, Seventh Floor, Lincoln, NE 68508-4664, phone (402) 471-0419

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.32

The Nebraska Capitol Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Office of the State Capitol Commission on the following:

- policies and guidelines for the proper conservation, restoration and enhancement of the State Capitol and its furnishings and grounds
- participation with the Capitol Environs Commission on related projects
- policies and guidelines for the use of the Capitol’s preservation and adaptive-use spaces, including adoption of a document of standards
- proposed construction and repairs of buildings for state use
- names for state-owned sites or structures

The 1949 Legislature changed the original Capitol Commission to the state Building Commission. The Building Commission membership was altered by the 1965 Legislature and again in 1974 when the Legislature designated the body as advisory. The 1993 Legislature changed the name back to the Capitol Commission and altered the membership to include representation from the legislative and judicial branches. The governor chairs the commission. Other ex officio members include the speaker of the Legislature, the state court administrator, the dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Three other Nebraska residents are appointed by the governor, representing each of the three congressional districts. The appointed members serve alternating three-year terms. The commission meets quarterly.

The director of administrative services or his or her authorized representative serves the commission as a nonvoting secretary.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
George Haecker, Omaha .....	2nd Congressional District.....	March 1, 2007
Bryce P. Neidig, Madison.....	1st Congressional District .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Meredith Zutavern, Dunning.....	3rd Congressional District .....	Jan. 10, 2008
Sen. Mike Flood, Norfolk .....	Speaker of the Legislature.....	Nonexpiring
Wayne Drummond, Lincoln.....	College of Architecture Dean .....	Nonexpiring
Frank Goodroe, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator.....	Nonexpiring
David Heineman, Lincoln (Chairman) .....	Governor.....	Nonexpiring
Lawrence J. Sommer, Lincoln .....	Nebraska State Historical Society .....	Nonexpiring

**State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee**

**Contact Person:** Dennis Summers, State Building Division, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3191

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.41

The 1995 Legislature directed the State Building Division to develop a state comprehensive capital facilities plan. The plan projects the state’s facility needs for a period of six years. To aid in developing the plan, the governor appointed the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee. The committee became responsible for developing planning guidelines and prioritizing projects for state agency capital construction projects. The capital facilities plan is based on the process the committee developed. The plan includes state construction projects for state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. The plan is updated or a new plan is developed every two years.

The committee includes state agency personnel, municipal and professional planners, and citizens from across the state.

**Members**

**Position**

Rex Amack, Lincoln .....	Director, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
John Craig, Lincoln .....	Department of Roads
Larry Eckles, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Stephen Henrichsen, Lincoln.....	City Planner
Robert Houston .....	Correctional Services
Jeff Jensen, Lincoln .....	Task Force for Building Renewal
Steve Jensen, Omaha .....	City Planner
Tim Keelan, Lincoln.....	Professional Planner
Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke.....	Adjutant General
Carlos Castillo, Lincoln .....	Department of Administrative Services
Harry Milligan, Hastings.....	City Planner
Chad Nabity, Grand Island.....	City Planning Director
Christine Z. Peterson, Lincoln.....	Policy Secretary, Health and Human Services System
Steve Robinson.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Chris Shewchuk, Bellevue.....	City Clerk/Treasurer
Leonard Skov.....	Correctional Services
Michael Smith, Lincoln .....	Nebraska State Historical Society
Gary Yank, Crete.....	City Clerk/Treasurer
Wayne Ziebarth, Wilcox.....	Citizen

**Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee**

**Contact Person:** Carlos Castillo, Director, Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331

**Statutory Reference:** 72-812

The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee reviews potential vacant state-owned buildings or excess land and determines how the buildings or lands should be used, including possible rental, sale or demolition. Once a building or piece of land is declared vacant, the department assumes responsibility for maintenance and disposition of that building or land. The building or land is then disposed of or reused as directed by the committee. If the committee decides to sell the building or land, the director of administrative services disposes of it in the state’s best interests.

The director of administrative services, the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator and the State Building Division administrator are permanent committee members. In addition, a fourth, nonvoting member is the director of the agency responsible for any vacant building or excess land for which action is needed. Members serve at the governor's pleasure.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Larry Eckles, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Jeff Jensen, Lincoln.....	Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal
Carlos Castillo, Lincoln.....	Director of Administrative Services

### **Task Force for Building Renewal**

**Contact Person:** Jeff Jensen, Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 509, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3515

**Statutory Reference:** 81-174

The 1977 Legislature created the Task Force for Building Renewal, also known as the LB 309 Task Force, to identify deferred maintenance projects and create and monitor a preventive maintenance funding in state-owned facilities. The task force reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the governor for deferred maintenance projects, as requested by state agencies. The task force's main responsibility is to fund projects for deferred maintenance, remove barriers for people with disabilities, encourage fire life safety projects and set energy conservation measures within existing state-owned facilities.

The director of administrative services appoints an administrator as the task force's chief officer. The administrator may have up to four consultants. Each task force member is selected based on his or her ability to administer and accomplish efficient building maintenance.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Donna Helmke, Pickrell.....	Training Coordinator
Steven P. Hotovy, Lincoln.....	AIA
Jeff Jensen, Lincoln.....	Task Force Administrator
Earl D. McClintock, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Dick Mohlman, Waverly.....	Consultant
Rinda Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Projects Manager
Lyell Weyers, Greenwood.....	Consultant

### *Division of Employee Relations*

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**Chief Negotiator:** William J. Wood

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1376

The Division of Employee Relations first operated as part of the Department of Personnel. In 1992, the Legislature merged the Department of Personnel into the Department of Administrative Services and created a separate Division of Employee

Relations. The chief negotiator, who is appointed by the governor and serves at the governor's pleasure, administers the division. Duties of the chief negotiator include: negotiating and administering labor contracts involving agencies subject to the state personnel system; developing and coordinating the state's approach to labor relations by consulting, training and other activities; coordinating and processing nonorganized employee grievance appeals to the State Personnel Board within provisions of the Classified System Personnel Rules and Regulations; and coordinating negotiated grievance procedures.

### *Office of the Chief Information Officer*

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**Statutory Reference:** 86-1509

The chief information officer is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Office of the Chief Information Officer, created by the 1998 Legislature, works with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission<sup>1</sup> to ensure cost-effective and efficient use of state resources and investments in information technology. The office assists the NITC and its councils in preparing a statewide technology plan and strategies for using information technology.

The CIO must help the governor and Legislature with evaluating technology-related budget requests and recommends policies and guidelines. Statute also requires the CIO to monitor the status of major noneducational technology projects in state government. The CIO also coordinates efforts among noneducational agencies and works with departments to evaluate and act upon opportunities to more efficiently and effectively deliver government services through the use of information technology.

The 2006 Legislature changed the duties of the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The office now provides oversight for the division of communications and the information management services division.

The 1975 Legislature established the Division of Communications. By this act, the Legislature expanded the scope and authority of the Telecommunications Bureau, which had functioned as the telecommunications coordinating agency since 1967. The Information Management Services Division first operated as part of the Accounting Office. In 1967, the Legislature made it a separate division. The 1998 Legislature changed the division's name from Central Data Processing to Information Management Services. In 1999, the Intergovernmental Data Services Division was made a part of IMS.

The added responsibilities for IMS include managing the county automation project and coordinating other activities relating to automation of intergovernmental functions. Services offered are provided at cost through revolving funds.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, see Page 745.

### Enterprise Computing Services

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Enterprise Computing Services (ECS) supports the large-scale development and processing requirements of State agencies. We build information systems, operate mainframe computers and maintain the massive data stores required to conduct State business. Each ECS group has staff members on-call twenty-four hours per day to support State agency business operations.

### Intergovernmental Data Services

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Major duties of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program include management of the State's AS/400 computer network that serves county and state offices and oversight of statewide applications that will use that system. The program also provides staff support for intergovernmental data sharing activities including the Nebraska Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Steering Committee and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC). It is the mission of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program to promote opportunities for improved service or efficiency in the public sector by encouraging interagency and intergovernmental data sharing through facilitation, coordination, oversight, or implementation of projects.

### I.T. Financial Solutions

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The purpose of the IT financial solutions area is to align fiscal resources to achieve the strategies of the DAS IT organizations. Activities include cost recovery planning, rate setting, asset management, contracts, enterprise licensing, and reviews of agency purchases of information technology goods and services. Assisting with customer service and business development is another vital responsibility.

### Network Services

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Network Services Team is responsible for end to end support from your desktop through the wide area network. This includes voice and wireless services, desktop, server, cabling, VPN's, firewalls, video conferencing and wide area network services. These services include the design, planning, coordination of installation and support of those services. The mission of Network Services is to provide efficient, economical and reliable telecommunications services.

## Planning and Project Management

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Assignments of the Planning and Project Management include strategic planning, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) and its supporting councils and workgroups, project management, the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC), enterprise solutions planning, business continuity, disaster recovery, security policy and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

## Technology Support Services

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The Technology Support Services functional area consists of several service groups including: Help Desk, Directory Services, Email, Web Development, Mid-Range Systems, Lotus Development, Distributed Computing Support.

## *Materiel Division*

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**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1118

The role of the Materiel Division was established by the 1969 Legislature, which gave the division its responsibility as state purchasing agent. Division offices for surplus property, purchasing and general services (later known as office services) were created. The division was given control of state inventories in 1974.

The division was given authority to obtain leases of articles — including real property — for state agencies in 1975. Leasing of real property was transferred to the State Building Division by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of consolidating state building leases.

In 1977, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the division's central purchasing and disposal program for property did not apply to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents or the university.

The 1981 Legislature created a forms management center under the division responsible for the form and content of state agency forms, surveys and other documents. In 1983, the office was eliminated and its responsibilities delegated to the agency level.

Printing of state documents before 1919 was established by various acts that had state executive officers as the head of the Bureau of Printing board. Purchasing agent responsibilities were expanded in 1919 to include the Bureau of Printing, which is now known as the State Print Shop.

In 1943, the Legislature made the purchasing agent a governor-appointed position and gave the agent administrative powers over the state's central mailing service. A postage metering machine was installed, and since July 1, 1943, all official outgoing

mail from the State Capitol, and later from the Nebraska State Office Building, has been metered and dispatched by this central mailing service. The central mail operation is responsible for printing operations, transporting material, tracking shipments and making freight claims.

The State Purchasing Bureau buys articles needed by state agencies, except the University of Nebraska. The 1947 Legislature gave the agent authority to buy and sell state surplus property. The State Surplus Property section is responsible for disposing the state's surplus property and maintaining inventory records.

The 1965 Legislature transferred this agency from the state tax commissioner to the Department of Administrative Services as the Purchasing Division. The Legislature gave the agent jurisdiction over state university and normal schools' purchasing departments. These functions then transferred to the newly created Materiel Division in 1965.

The Copy Services area purchases and places copier requirements.

The 1992 Legislature transferred the responsibility of the State Government Recycling Program from the Energy Office to the Materiel Division.

The Office Supply Bureau provides agencies with office supplies, paper and forms.

### *Personnel Division*

**Contact Person:** Mike McCrory, Director, Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1303

The Personnel Division was created in 1967 as the Department of Personnel. The 1992 Legislature made the department part of the Department of Administrative Services. The division administers the state personnel system, which has 14,446 state employees in 61 classified agencies and 2,142 employees in 19 nonclassified agencies. The division:

- maintains a job classification and pay system for state employees
- provides state agencies with qualified job applicants
- promulgates and enforces personnel rules and regulations
- administers an employee grievance appeal procedure
- promulgates and enforces affirmative action rules and regulations
- provides a state-sponsored management training program
- administers the Nebraska State Insurance Program and the State Employee

Benefits Program

The division is led by a Director of Personnel, who is appointed by the DAS Director. The division is composed of the Affirmative Action Office and the Benefits, Classification/Compensation, Employee Services, Planning, Recruitment and Organizational Effectiveness units.

### **Affirmative Action Office**

**Contact Persons:** Charles Roberson, Affirmative Action Specialist, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-3678

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1357

The Affirmative Action Office oversees affirmative action programs for individual state agencies. The office also provides counseling and technical assistance to state agencies, employees and applicants, along with rule and regulation enforcement governing affirmative action plans. Additionally, the office is responsible for helping employees, state agencies and applicants with Americans With Disabilities Act employment issues.

The affirmative action program works to ensure all citizens are given fair and equal state government employment and advancement opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or physical or mental disability.

**Affirmative Action Committee**

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1363

The Affirmative Action Committee advises the Affirmative Action Office. The committee:

- acts as a liaison concerning affirmative action
- reviews the effectiveness of state agencies’ affirmative action plans
- advises the Affirmative Action Office and the governor on affirmative action program effectiveness
- advises the governor of noncompliance cases

The committee has 10 or fewer members that represent ethnic minorities, women, the elderly, the disabled and the public. Three-fourths of the members must have a working knowledge of affirmative action, with experience gained by employment, education or general interest. Members are appointed by the governor and serve at the governor’s pleasure. The committee meets four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

**Members**

**Position**

Mahendra Bansal, Lincoln .....	Member
Ruriko E. Bishop, Lincoln .....	Chairperson
Sidney Cook, Grand Island .....	Member
Julie Kalkowski, Omaha .....	Member
Gloria W. Menyweather-Woods, Omaha .....	Member
Lisa D. Miles, Lincoln .....	Member
Maria L. Ragan, Kearney.....	Member
Rudolph Smith Sr., Omaha.....	Vice Chairperson
Margaret J. Styles, Lincoln.....	Member
Rev. Dr. John F. Williams, Bellevue .....	Member

**Employee Benefits**

**Contact Persons:** Randy Palmer, phone (402) 471-2832

The Benefits Unit researches and administers health and welfare programs offered to state employees. This office assists state employees with enrolling and participating

in state-sponsored benefit programs. The Benefits Unit maintains compliance with governing federal legislation and vendor contractual obligations.

### **Classification/Compensation Unit**

**Contact Person:** Andrew Russell, phone (402) 471-4165

The Classification/Compensation Unit maintains the State Classification and Pay Plan by analyzing and approving agency requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments. The unit maintains class specifications for nearly 1,500 job classes and determines salary grade assignments essential for attracting and retaining qualified employees. A revised classification and pay-plan booklet is issued biennially. The unit also is responsible for the State Personnel Rules and training on rule subjects, such as overtime and performance evaluation.

### **Employee Services Unit**

The Employee Services Unit publishes a quarterly state employee newsletter, manages annual employee recognition programs, coordinates the annual combined campaign charity drive, oversees the statewide employee suggestion system and interprets and oversees the vendor solicitation policy.

### **Research/Planning Unit**

The Planning Unit develops and publishes the *Personnel Almanac*, which contains history and statistics on the state government work force. The unit also conducts annual salary surveys of local and regional employers' wages and benefits and publishes a *Salary Survey* booklet. Additionally, the unit is responsible for researching statistics regarding benefits and wages for use in the collective bargaining process.

### **Recruitment Unit**

The Recruitment Unit helps agencies with their staffing needs, including recruiting, selecting, interviewing and hiring qualified candidates. The unit publishes a weekly listing of available state government jobs known as the *Job Mart*. Agencies, except constitutional agencies, are required to post all vacancies with the unit to ensure equal opportunity. Staff in this unit help agencies in developing recruiting plans, offering services such as writing job advertisements, posting positions, Internet recruiting and attending college recruitment events, as well as fulfilling other specific recruiting needs. The staff is available to develop selection tools, offer screening services and assist agencies in selecting a top group of qualified candidates.

The unit operates the Specialized Office Services, a temporary employment program that helps agencies hire temporary help during peak work periods or employee leaves. SOS is the clearinghouse and approval source for all temporary employment requests and is a liaison with contractual temporary agencies. SOS is responsible for providing payroll and benefit services to the employees of this program.

### Organizational Effectiveness Unit

The Organizational Effectiveness Unit offers learning opportunities to agencies and employees — primarily in leadership, management and human resources. Its vision is to help agencies and employees create an environment of learning and information where people expand their capacity to produce the results they desire.

The unit aims to produce higher productivity, better customer service, fewer employee grievances and lawsuits, greater employee satisfaction, improved morale, and improved mental and physical health.

### State Personnel Board

**Contact Person:** Mike McCrory, Director, Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1318

The State Personnel Board enters decisions on employee grievance appeals for employees covered by the classified system, whether or not the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Effective June 1, 1994, employees covered by the NAPE/AFSCME Labor Contract have the option to choose whether to have their appeal heard under this system or by an arbitrator under the voluntary final and binding arbitration process.

The board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the director of personnel and provides legal advice regarding state personnel matters.

The five-member board is appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature for five-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board. The board meets monthly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Mary Colacurci, Lincoln (D) <sup>2</sup> .....	Aug. 4, 2007
Lucinda Glen Hastings (D).....	Aug. 4, 2011
Jeanne V. Ross, Kearney (R).....	Aug. 4, 2008
Samuel F. Seever, Lincoln (R).....	Aug. 4, 2009
Brian J. Tessman, Hastings (R).....	Aug. 4, 2010

### *Risk Management and State Claims Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,239.01 and 81-1108

The state risk manager is responsible for identifying and implementing the most economical and effective methods to reduce the exposure of the state and its employees to

<sup>2</sup> Political party affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat.

personal injury, property damage and legal liability through loss control, loss elimination and, where possible, transfer of costs. Measures include purchasing insurance, identifying resource services for agencies and coordinating nonlitigation legal services.

There are three broad functions of the state's Risk Management Program: State Claims Board,<sup>3</sup> Workers' Compensation/Safety and Insurance/Self-Insurance.

The division administers: the State Tort Claims Act; the State Miscellaneous Claims Act; the State Contract Claims Act; the state workers' compensation program; and the state risk management, indemnification, insurance, self-insurance and bonding programs.

### *Transportation Services Bureau*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1008

The 1969 Legislature created the Transportation Services Bureau, which provides service and guidance to state agencies in the use, operation and service of state-owned vehicles and the use of privately owned vehicles used for state purposes.

### **Department of Aeronautics**

**Office Address:** 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 150, Lincoln Municipal Airport, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

**Director:** Stuart E. MacTaggart

**Statutory Reference:** 3-103

**Publications:** *Nebraska Airport Directory*, aeronautical chart, *PIREPS* (a monthly newsletter to airmen)

### *Navigational Aids Division*

The Navigational Aids Division installs, operates and maintains Nebraska's Aeronautical Radio Navigation, Communication and Aviation Weather Reporting Network. This network consists of:

- eight VHF Omni Directional Radio Range facilities at Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cozad, Kearney, Ogallala, Scribner/Fremont, Tekamah and Thedford
- five pieces of distance-measuring equipment at Thedford, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Ogallala and Scribner/Fremont
- 30 nondirectional radio beacons at Albion, Bassett, Big Blue (at Beatrice), Broken Bow, Burwell, Cambridge, Chappell, Darr, Fairbury, Fairmont, Falls City, Gordon, Grant, Hebron, Holdrege, Imperial, Kimball, Millard (in west Omaha), Nebraska City, Ord, Oshkosh, Plattsmouth, Shaw (in Beatrice), Seward, Valentine, Wahoo, Wayne, Whitney, Willow Island and York
- 17 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS III) facilities at Ainsworth, Albion, Aurora, Beatrice, Fremont, Hebron, Holdrege, Kimball, Lexington, Millard,

<sup>3</sup>For more information about the State Claims Board, see Page 735

Nebraska City, O'Neill, Ogallala, Plattsmouth, Thedford, Wayne and York

The division also maintains the division office, maintenance shop and warehouse in Kearney; coordinates the state runway lighting program; acquires federal equipment for government use; and coordinates activities and programs with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Weather Service and cities and towns involved.

### ***Planning and Engineering Division***

The Planning and Engineering Division oversees all phases of the Federal Aviation Administration's grant program for general aviation airports. This includes applications, inspections, review of construction plans and specifications, and payment approval. Federal funds used to develop Nebraska general aviation airports must pass through the Department of Aeronautics.

Other duties include administration of state-aid grants, revolving hangar and fuel-storage loans, pavement preservation grants, airport safety and pavement inspections, airport layout plan review, state airport system planning, review of notices of construction that obstructs airports, and helping communities with height-restriction zoning. The division also manages a crack and joint filling program and a marking program.

### **State-Owned Airfields**

The State-Owned Airfield Section runs Nebraska's state-owned airfields at Fairmont, Harvard and Scribner. The division leases available land and buildings at these sites, plus an unused airport near Bruning.

### ***Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division***

The Operations Division operates three state-owned aircraft dedicated to providing transportation for state agencies. This includes the governor, his staff, and officials from state agencies, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney), the University Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and other state entities.

In addition to providing transportation, the Operations Division conducts the following duties:

- publishing the Nebraska Aeronautical Chart and Airport Directory. The chart and directory are issued at no charge to pilots and other aviation interests. They are published every two years and cover Nebraska and portions of states bordering Nebraska
- publishing an aviation newsletter, *PIREPS*. This newsletter is published 10 times a year and addresses aviation news and items of interest to the flying public in Nebraska. It is mailed free of charge to Nebraska pilots and others upon request
- licensing public use airports in Nebraska and registering personal use restricted landing areas
- conducting aviation education and career activities, including an aviation summer youth camp and an aviation art contest
- working with communities to advance airline service in Nebraska

The Operations Division also conducts precision aerial photo flights, which meet federal project standards for the Department of Roads. A specially-modified, state-owned Piper Navajo is used to conduct the photo flights.

### *Nebraska Aeronautics Commission*

**Contact Person:** Steve Wooden, Chairman, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

**Statutory Reference:** 3-104

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission advises the director of aeronautics. The commission:

- allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds
- designates airport sites
- authorizes the state's purchase of aircraft
- selects pilots to work for the state
- helps the department director develop regulations and policies

The commission also advises the governor in appointing the director of the Department of Aeronautics.

The commission has five members who are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission meets approximately seven times per year.

## Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2006\*

### Municipal Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport	City	Airport
Ainsworth	Ainsworth Municipal	Fremont	Fremont Municipal	Ogallala	Searle Field
Albion	Albion Municipal	Genoa	Genoa Municipal	Omaha	Eppley Airfield
Alliance	Alliance Municipal	Gordon	Gordon Municipal		Millard Airport
Alma	Alma Municipal	Gothenburg	Quinn Field	O'Neill	John L. Baker Field
Arapahoe	Arapahoe Municipal	Grand Island	Central Nebraska Regional	Ord	Evelyn Sharp Field
Atkinson	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	Grant	Grant Municipal	Oshkosh	Garden County Airport
Auburn	Farington Field	Greeley	Greeley Municipal	Pawnee City	Pawnee City Municipal
Aurora	Aurora Municipal	Hartington	Hartington Municipal	Pender	Pender Municipal
Bassett	Rock County Airport	Hastings	Hastings Municipal	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Municipal
Beatrice	Beatrice Municipal	Hay Springs	Hay Springs Municipal	Red Cloud	Red Cloud Municipal
Blair	Blair Municipal	Hebron	Hebron Municipal	Rushville	Modisett Field
Bloomfield	Bloomfield Municipal	Holdrege	Brewster Field	Sargent	Sargent Municipal
Broken Bow	Broken Bow Municipal	Hyannis	Grant County Airport	Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Regional
Burwell	Cram Field	Imperial	Imperial Municipal	Seward	Seward Municipal
Cambridge	Cambridge Municipal	Kearney	Kearney Municipal	Sidney	Sidney Municipal
Central City	Central City Municipal	Kimball	Robert E. Arraj Field	Superior	Superior Municipal
Chadron	Chadron Municipal	Lexington	Jim Kelly Field	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Municipal
Chappell	Billy G. Ray Field	Lincoln	Lincoln Municipal	Tekamah	Tekamah Municipal
Columbus	Columbus Municipal	Loup City	Loup City Municipal	Theftord	Thomas County Airport
Cozad	Cozad Municipal	McCook	McCook Municipal	Trenton	Trenton Municipal
Creighton	Creighton Municipal	Minden	Pioneer Village Field	Valentine	Miller Field
Crete	Crete Municipal	Mullen	Hooker County Airport	Wahoo	Wahoo Municipal
Curtis	Curtis Municipal	Nebraska City	Nebraska City Municipal	Wallace	Wallace Municipal
David City	David City Municipal	Neligh	Antelope County Airport	Wayne	Wayne Municipal
Fairbury	Fairbury Municipal	Norfolk	Karl Stefan Memorial	York	York Municipal
Falls City	Brenner Field	North Platte	North Platte Regional		

\* Source: Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

# Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2006 (Cont'd.)

## Privately Owned Public Use Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Omaha	North Omaha Airport	South Sioux City	Martin Field

## U.S. Government Airport

City	Airport
Bellevue	Offutt Air Force Base

## Seaplane Base

City	Landing Area
Alma	Harlan County Reservoir

## State Government Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Fairmont	Fairmont State Airfield	Scribner	Scribner State Airport
Harvard	Harvard State Airfield		

### Members

	Term Expires
Barry Colacurci, Lincoln	March 1, 2012
Doyle Hulme, Lincoln (chairman)	March 1, 2008
Ken Risk, Kimball	March 1, 2009
Doug Vap, McCook	March 1, 2011
Steven R. Wooden, Albion	March 1, 2010

## Department of Agriculture

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**Director:** Greg Ibach

**Assistant Director:** Neil P. Moseman

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** One-hundred fifty agriculture reports, including reports on crop production forecasts, crop estimates, cattle and pigs, monthly prices, grain stocks and the weather, most of which are published in cooperation with USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture regulates and works as an advocate for agriculture. The department also collects and compiles agricultural statistics.

The department was one of six administrative departments created by the Civil Administrative Code Law of 1919. The department was divided into the Bureau of Animal Industry; Bureau of Food, Drugs and Oil; Bureau of Markets and Marketing; Division of Game and Fish; and Clerical and Records Division. In 1933, the department's name was changed to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1963, it became the Department of Agriculture and Economic Development. In 1967, it became the Department of Agriculture.

The department's duties and organization have changed significantly since 1919. The Division of Game and Fish separated from the department in 1929, and drug inspection was removed in 1941. Licensing of itinerant merchants was removed in 1955.

Many regulatory functions were added to the department's duties. Besides original laws providing for the inspection of all petroleum sold within the state, collection of state gasoline and special fuel taxes was added in 1941, as well as petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and administration of the Agricultural Refund Law. (Petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and the Agricultural Refund Law are no longer under the department's jurisdiction.) Licensing of livestock sale rings and frozen food lockers also were added. In 1945, the Division of Potato Development became part of the department.

The 1947 Legislature added the Cigarette Tax Division and the Nebraska Resources Division to the department. It also called for slaughterhouse inspection and antifreeze testing.

The 1955 Legislature added the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Division. The Division of Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing also was added in 1955, but it later became an agency of its own.

The 1957 Legislature created the Weather Control Commission and assigned its administrative functions to the department.

In 1961, the Legislature created the Auction Livestock Market Board to help administer the auction market licensing law. Corrective legislation in 1963 made several changes, including changing the name to the Livestock Auction Market Board.

In 1965, the Legislature removed petroleum tax collection and inspection and the cigarette and oil severance tax collections from the department.

Also in 1965, the Legislature established the Division of Dairy Trade Practices (no longer a part of the department) and created a predatory animal control program. It authorized the director of agriculture to participate in a rural rehabilitation educational program to help needy farm and ranch youth with education beyond high school.

The 1967 Legislature removed the Resources Division and its role in economic development from the Department of Agriculture and created a new Department of Economic Development. The Legislature also transferred tractor permit and enforcement responsibility from the Railway Commission to the Department of Agriculture.

In 1982, the Legislature discontinued the Weather Control Commission and directed the Department of Agriculture to assume the commission's duties.

In 1988, the Legislature passed the Farm Mediation Act to give agricultural borrowers and lenders a way to resolve financial disputes without litigation. The governor designated the Department of Agriculture to administer the act.

In 1993, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Pesticide Act. This legislation gave the department authority to regulate pesticides in Nebraska.

In 1996, the Legislature repealed the weather modification laws and declared that after Jan. 1, 1997, no new weather control districts could be formed.

In 1998, the Legislature repealed the laws relating to weather control districts and gave natural resources districts the authority to establish weather modification programs. Also in 1998, the Legislature enacted the Buffer Strip Act, which provided incentives

to landowners to establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to help reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources.

In 1999, the Bureau of Animal Industry was given the authority to establish a more comprehensive Domesticated Cervine Animal Act. That year, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was also created to strengthen and share resources between new and established producers.

The Commercial Dog and Cat Operation Inspection Act and the Nebraska Agricultural and Rural Opportunities Act were enacted in 2000.

In 2002, the Legislature passed the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act. The act established a system for resolution of lease disputes arising between railroad property owners and agribusiness tenants and guard against unreasonable lease renewal terms or unjust lease termination.

In 2003, the Legislature enacted a disease control and eradication program for scrapie in sheep. The Legislature also passed a law authorizing the director of agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts by counties to maintain or expand their livestock sectors. The director is authorized to designate a county as a livestock friendly county.

### *Administration Division*

The Administration Division of the Department of Agriculture has numerous subprograms. The director and his or her support staff make up the supervision subprogram and provide leadership, management, direction and supervision to the entire agency.

The Data Center is responsible for providing technical computer services to the agency, including training and support. The Word Processing Center provides a central support system to the agency for word processing-related services.

The Legal Division provides legal support and advice to the entire agency to support regulatory and advocacy activities.

The Finance and Personnel Division provides support services to the director and all divisions in accounting, auditing, budgeting, payroll, personnel and legislative fiscal information. Fiscal services and fee collection are performed for the commodity checkoff programs through administrative service contracts.

To serve industry needs in marketing fresh fruits, vegetables and other products, the department conducts vegetable grading and inspections under the Agricultural Products Marketing Act. The purpose of this subprogram is to ensure that fresh fruits and vegetables meet state and federal guidelines for interstate and intrastate shipments. The program is 100 percent funded by producers through certification and inspection fees.

The Statistical Division, in cooperation with the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, carries out an agricultural statistics program of data collection, summarization and dissemination. The cooperative office is known as the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Addressing, sorting, mailing and printing activities necessary for the agricultural statistics program are provided to other state agencies and USDA divisions when needed. This is done on a cost reimbursement

basis and is processed through the management services revolving fund.

Another administration subprogram relates to the various commodity boards. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has direct responsibility for the poultry and egg program and the potato program. Under the Ethanol Development Act, the department collects, administers and enforces a one-half cent excise tax on corn and grain sorghum. All fees collected are remitted to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund.

Independent agencies that contract with the department to provide needed services are the Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; the Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; the Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board; and the Dry Bean Commission.<sup>1</sup>

The administration division also oversees ag promotion and development, the Farm Mediation Service, the Beginning Farmer Program, wildlife services, market news, and agricultural suppliers lease protection service.

### Ag Promotion and Development

**Contact Person:** Lynn Gordon, Division Administrator, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94947, Lincoln, NE 68509-4947, phone (402) 471-4876 or 800-422-6692

The ag promotion and development program supports the buying, selling and development of Nebraska agricultural products. It works to expand Nebraska's agricultural markets in the United States and abroad. This includes researching and developing key domestic and international contacts interested in buying Nebraska livestock, bulk commodities, fresh meat, processed food products, fruits, vegetables and fish. This service assists Nebraska producers and small- and medium-sized businesses with value-added agricultural opportunities and cooperative development. The service operates the hay hotline in times of drought. It also coordinates federal grants to research traditional and nontraditional agricultural products and their uses to expand Nebraska's agricultural economic base.

Ag promotion and development also administers grants through the Nebraska Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnership Act.

In an effort to build successful relationships at the local, state, national and international levels, the ag promotion and development personnel provide and coordinate many services including training, trade leads, trade missions, trade shows, export assistance, market research and public relations activities.

#### *Nebraska Grape and Winery Board*

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The 2000 Legislature created the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board to create

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about these agencies, see the following pages: Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Page 619; Dry Bean Commission, Page 621; Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Page 660; Wheat Board, Page 728; and Dairy Industry Development Board, 737.

programs that develop and advance the state’s wine industry. These programs give producers the resources to learn how to grow, sell, market and promote their grapes, fruits and other products associated with the wine industry.

The board consists of five members appointed by the governor. Board members must be Nebraska residents who are at least 21 years old and engaged in wine and grape production or research. At least two board members must belong to the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. The state director of agriculture or his or her designee and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex officio members.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Robert Curtright, Nemaha .....	June 7, 2009
Eric Nelson, Lincoln .....	June 7, 2009
Terry Ryan, Minden .....	June 7, 2009
Max McFarland.....	June 7, 2009
Ellen Burdick .....	June 7, 2009
Casey Foster, Lincoln .....	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio
Dr. Darrell Nelson, Lincoln .....	University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.....Ex Officio

**Farm Mediation Service**

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-4801 to 2-4816

The farm mediation process is designed to assist farmers, agricultural lenders and USDA agencies in resolving disputes in a confidential and nonadversarial setting outside the traditional legal system. A mediation involving an agricultural credit issue may be requested by any Nebraska agricultural borrower or creditor. Mediation also can be requested as an alternative to a formal appeal of a USDA “adverse decision” by any producer.

Mediation is a process in which a neutral third party helps those in conflict identify the issues, options and possible solutions, and work out a mutually agreeable solution. Prior to mediation, farm borrowers are offered no-cost educational clinics to learn about the mediation process, farm law and financial counseling. A personal financial analysis and preparation for mediation is also offered at no cost to aid in developing options for the borrower.

**Beginning Farmer Program**

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**Statutory Reference:** 77-5201 to 77-5214

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 and amended in 2000. This act gives a tax credit of 5 percent of the gross receipts for persons who rent or lease to a beginning farmer. The tax credit serves as an incentive

for owners of agricultural assets to rent to a beginning farmer who has met specific eligibility requirements. The owner is encouraged to become a mentor and share his or her expertise with the beginning farmer.

The beginning farmer attends a financial management class to ensure his or her knowledge of farm records management and participates in other board-sponsored activities. The board of directors is appointed by the governor and develops and directs the programs, approves and certifies the participants and advocates for the farmers as part of their duties.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Don Anthony, Lexington.....	District 3 Producer.....	July 2007
Marian Beethe, Tecumseh.....	Department of Agriculture.....	July 2007
Mary Jane Egr, Lincoln.....	Tax Commissioner.....	July 2007
Bert Garvin, Pierce.....	District 1 Producer.....	July 2007
Dr. Darrell R. Mark, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska.....	July 2007
Dale Pohlman, Ravenna.....	Lending Community Representative.....	July 2007
Timothy M. Schram, Gretna.....	District 2 Producer.....	July 2007

### **Wildlife Services (Animal Damage Control)**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has a contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) to carry out wildlife services in Nebraska.<sup>2</sup>

Wildlife Services provides operational and educational help to requesting landowners and public or private agencies within participating counties to control predatory mammals, field rodents, commensal rodents and birds.

Wildlife Services helps farmers and ranchers protect livestock from predatory animals. Services are provided to municipalities needing assistance with nuisance situations. One example would be the removal of large birds near airports if the birds present safety concerns for aircraft.

### **Market News**

Market News is a cooperative effort with USDA Market News Service to expand livestock auction market price reporting at a comparable level to surrounding states. Eleven additional markets were added as a result of this agreement.

### ***Bureau of Animal Industry***

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-202

The Bureau of Animal Industry’s duties include the control and eradication of animal diseases that affect Nebraska livestock. The bureau:

- regulates animal health requirements for moving into or within the state
- licenses livestock dealers and markets, and rendering and pet food plants
- works with the USDA to control and eradicate livestock diseases such as brucel-

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<sup>2</sup>For more information about U.S. Wildlife Services, see Page 100.

losis, scabies, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, scrapie and chronic wasting disease

- disseminates information concerning animal disease
- implements licensing programs for domesticated cervine animal facilities and commercial dog and cat facilities
- works with producers on health programs, which address issues of production food safety and herd health certification plans, and recognize foreign animal diseases and management practices
- serves as a consulting agency for practicing veterinarians in Nebraska

The Bureau of Animal Industry licenses livestock auction markets upon recommendation by the Livestock Auction Market Board, as directed by the Nebraska Livestock Auction Market Development Act of 1963.

Livestock health was first vested in a Livestock Sanitary Board created in 1885 that consisted of a three-member, governor-appointed commission and a state veterinary surgeon. The 1901 Legislature repealed the 1885 act and made the governor the state veterinarian with power to appoint a deputy to perform the work of the office. In 1913, power was given to a five-member board with the governor as state veterinarian. The 1919 Legislature created the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the new Department of Agriculture, with the state veterinarian in charge of the bureau.

**Livestock Auction Market Board**

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**Statutory Reference:** 54-1160

The Livestock Auction Market Board administers the Nebraska Livestock Auction Market Act by recommending the issuance, suspension and revocation of market licenses.

The board has three members, including the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson. The other two members are the state veterinarian and a governor-appointed livestock auction market owner or operator, who is appointed to a four-year term.

The board meets at least four times annually with additional meetings called by the director. Members receive \$50 a day or \$25 per half day when conducting board business and are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jerry Speck, Ogallala .....	Market Operator .....	Aug. 1, 2007
Merlyn Carlson, Lincoln .....	Director of Agriculture .....	Nonexpiring
Dr. Larry Williams, Lincoln.....	State Veterinarian .....	Nonexpiring

***Bureau of Dairies and Foods***

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address — [georgehh@agr.ne.gov](mailto:georgehh@agr.ne.gov)

Food regulation in Nebraska began in 1899 with the creation of a Food Commission. In 1907, the commission became the Food, Dairy and Drug Commission. The duties of oil inspector, first established in 1887, were added to the commission in 1913. The governor was the commissioner and appointed a deputy, a state chemist and other employees.

The duties of the defunct Hotel Commission were added by the 1917 Legislature. This involved regulation of hotels, rooming houses, apartments and restaurants.

In 1937, the Legislature changed the bureau's name to the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs when a law concerning milk and cream testing was rewritten. Drug regulation was vested with the Department of Health in 1941.

The bureau enforced bingo laws from 1959 to 1965 after the 1959 Legislature legalized the game. Bingo law regulation was then transferred to the state tax commissioner's office.

The Department of Agriculture was reorganized by the director in 1967 to transfer administration of feed, fertilizer and poison laws to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Administration of livestock remedies law was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Also, the department laboratory was given division status.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Egg Law, which set standards for eggs consistent with those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The act was paid for by a license fee and an inspection fee based on the volume of eggs handled. The law was updated in 1969 with a new licensing and inspection fee schedule. The 1969 act further required mandatory coding and dating of consumer packages of eggs.

In 1981, all previous food laws, with the exception of the Graded Egg Act, were repealed by the Legislature and replaced by the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Except for earlier laws covering the grading of eggs, the duties of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods were established by the Nebraska Pure Food Act of 1997, which regulates commercial food in Nebraska. The types of establishments licensed and inspected include restaurants, taverns, grocery stores, bakeries, food processors, food storage establishments, mobile food units and push carts, vending, temporary food establishments, salvage distributors and salvage processing plants.

In 2001, the Grade A Milk Law was updated to be consistent with federal guidelines. This was done by adopting, by reference, the latest edition of the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance and its related documents.

The Nebraska Manufacturing Milk Act regulates the production of milk for manufacturing purposes. Milk products regulated under this act include cheese, butter, ice cream and powder. The Legislature revised the Manufacturing Milk Act in 2001 to include the latest USDA recommendations.

### *Ag Promotion and Development Division*

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The Ag Promotion and Development Division supports and enhances Nebraska's

agriculture industry through educational activities that teach Nebraskans about the role of agriculture through educational services, public relations and public information.

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day seminar designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to agricultural issues and leadership skills. NAYI is held the second week in July and is organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council through the Department of Agriculture.

Other projects include partial funding for the Ag in the Classroom Program, Nebraska Leadership Education Action Development, Nebraska Youth Leadership Development Center in Aurora, Building Our America Communities Program (through FFA), and Nebraska Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference.

### *Agriculture Laboratories*

**Contact Person:** Tom Jensen, Administrator, 3703 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68502, phone (402) 471-2176

In 1967, the Department of Agriculture laboratory was removed from the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs and given independent division status. Another reorganization in 1975 incorporated the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory and the Seed Laboratory into the Laboratory Division. In 1999, these two sections were combined into one laboratory. The laboratories are known collectively as the Department of Agriculture Laboratories. In 2004, the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory was closed. Brucellosis, the main pathogen tested in this section, was eradicated from Nebraska in 1995. Sample numbers have decreased substantially since that time. Those desiring a brucellosis test now send samples out of state.

This division serves several regulatory divisions by performing chemical, physical, bacteriological, microscopical and serological analyses. These are used to evaluate foods, beverages, feeds, fertilizers, lime, economic poisons, seeds, dairy products and environmental samples.

The major divisions of the Agriculture Laboratories are as follows:

**Dairies and Foods Laboratory.** This lab is required to test Grade A milk and milk products and manufacturing milk and milk products. The samples are analyzed for bacteria, somatic cell count, drug residues, proper pasteurization and other parameters. In addition, water from dairy operations and plants is tested for certain microbiological parameters.

Other food products are analyzed to see if they meet federal laws and manufacturers' label statements. These foods can be analyzed for such things as sodium, fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, sugars, vitamins, pesticides and pathogenic and nonpathogenic bacteria, along with other parameters. This laboratory also tests foods submitted by the Health and Human Services' State Epidemiologist and other health organizations when a food-borne illness outbreak or bioterrorist act is suspected. The laboratory also is part of the Food Emergency Response Network, a national network of laboratories that maintain homeland security readiness.

**Feed, Fertilizer and Agricultural Lime Laboratory.** Feeds are analyzed to verify the accuracy of a manufacturer's guarantees. Adulterations, such as drug residues and mycotoxins, are analyzed as needed. Fertilizers are analyzed to see if they match the

manufacturer's declared percentage of primary and secondary plant nutrients. Testing for adulterants also is performed when needed. Lime samples are tested and compared to fineness and effective calcium carbonate equivalent guarantees.

**Seed Laboratory.** The Nebraska Seed Law requires a seed laboratory to perform tests for purity, germination and noxious weeds and other tests as required on agricultural, vegetable, flower and wildflower seed. Wild bird food samples are analyzed for noxious weeds. Current testing includes official regulatory samples, as well as service samples brought to the laboratory by citizens and seed companies, for which a fee is charged. Honey samples are tested in this lab, and the results are used to market Nebraska honey. Tests also are performed on bees to determine if Africanized bees have entered the state, and wheat seed is tested for karnal bunt disease.

**Residue Laboratory.** Milk and associated products and food products are tested for pesticide residues for the Bureau of Dairies and Foods. Environmental samples are tested for the Bureau of Plant Industry as part of the cooperative Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Feed and grain samples are tested for pesticide contaminants. Pesticide formulation samples are also tested for active pesticide ingredients.

Analytical work not required by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is performed by the Agriculture Laboratories for other state, federal and local agencies on a limited basis. The laboratories also cooperate with industry to solve analytical problems. The Nebraska Soil and Plant Laboratory Analysis Act is administered and enforced by the laboratory division.

### *Bureau of Plant Industry*

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The Bureau of Plant Industry consists of the following programs: plant certification and inspection; feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime; pesticides; entomology; noxious weed control; and seed.

The bureau administers the apiary, plant protection and plant pest, commercial feed, commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner, agricultural liming materials, pesticide, and seed and noxious weed control laws.

The plant certification and inspection program provides for inspections of plants and plant products for export. Companies and individuals whose products meet the requirements of the importing country are issued a federal phytosanitary certificate upon request. This program is performed jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Nebraska grain elevators that ship corn, sorghum, broomcorn and sudans to western states and many foreign countries also are inspected. These inspections are necessary so Nebraska elevators can comply with European corn borer quarantines that many of these states and countries have established.

The feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime program has a staff of field inspectors who sample commercial and custom-mixed feeds, fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to assure customers that products meet label guarantees. Samples collected are submitted to the state agricultural laboratory, where they are analyzed and compared to

label guarantees. The inspectors also routinely inspect firms that handle these products to make certain the firms are using good manufacturing practices in their operations. Under a state/federal agreement with the USDA Food and Drug Administration, feed mills that manufacture medicated feeds and grain elevators that warehouse grains are inspected, using FDA-established guidelines. Under a compliance agreement with the FDA, the program also conducts interviews and inspections of individuals who have had animals slaughtered at meatpacking plants where drug residues were found.

The entomology program is responsible for preventing harmful plant pests from becoming introduced and established. This is accomplished by conducting statewide detection surveys for plant pests. Nursery stock, plants and plant products imported into Nebraska are inspected for plant pests. Nursery stock dealers and growers are inspected for plant pests, general plant health and viability. Nursery stock not acceptable for distribution is withdrawn from distribution.

The pesticide program regulates the distribution, use, storage, application and disposal of pesticides. Field staff take samples of pesticide products. Laboratory analysis is done on all samples collected to determine whether the content matches the labeling. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program enforces provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Programs are developed to implement various provisions of this act that deal with endangered species, worker protection and groundwater. Rules and regulations adopted under the Nebraska Pesticide Act provide for collecting samples and examining records; distributing, storing and using pesticides; labeling requirements of pesticides; reporting and record-keeping requirements for people who use pesticide products; and limiting certain pesticides in designated areas.

The 1998 Legislature passed the Nebraska Buffer Strip Act. The intent of the act was to develop a program providing incentives to landowners who establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources. Landowners who desire to participate in the buffer strip program are eligible to receive payments of up to \$150 per acre for up to 10 years. Landowners whose lands are accepted into the program are required to enter into agreements with their natural resources districts. This includes agreeing to maintain the lands according to the contact requirements.

The seed program provides for the collection of samples of agricultural seeds, lawn grass seed and vegetable seed. Samples collected are submitted to the state agriculture laboratory, where tests for purity, germination, content of noxious weed seed and other special tests are performed.

The noxious weed program protects Nebraskans from the threat posed by noxious weeds. The director of agriculture designates which plants are considered noxious and determines what control measures to use. The inspection staff evaluates county noxious weed programs, conducts annual county noxious weed surveys and responds to reports of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The program provides assistance to county weed control programs when training is needed for county weed superintendants.

### *Potato Development Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-1802

The Potato Development Division was established as part of the Department of Agriculture by the 1945 Legislature. With the Potato Development Committee, the division normally contracts with universities for research activities. The division also conducts market promotion and development activities for potatoes for food and seed.

The 1969 Legislature updated a statute calling for a potato inspection grading service. As a service to the potato industry, the division helps the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska conduct an inspection program on Nebraska-certified seed potatoes. In addition, the division provides potato grading services, which are funded by user fees, as requested.

The division's activities are paid for by a tax on Nebraska-grown potatoes. The tax, originally one-half cent per 100 pounds, currently is .0075 cents per 100 pounds. The tax is collected from licensed potato shippers. Any shipper selling at least 180,000 pounds of potatoes a year (including growers not selling through licensed shippers) is defined as a shipper for tax purposes.

### **Nebraska Potato Development Committee**

**Statutory Reference:** 2-1803

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee adopts and provides rules and regulations for the Potato Development Division's affairs. The committee advises the director of agriculture on appointing the chief of the Potato Development Division and his or her deputies.

The committee consists of three potato shippers and four potato growers, appointed by the governor for two-year terms; the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson; and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as an ex officio member.

The committee meets four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
James R. Allen, Alliance .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 8, 2007
Ray Corey, Alliance .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 8, 2007
Eric Dethlefsen, Sutherland .....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Tim May, Imperial.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Jeff Phillips, O'Neill.....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Joseph D. Thompson, Hemingford .....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 8, 2007
Tracell Powers, Kearney .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 8, 2007
Greg Ibach, Lincoln (Chairman) .....	Director of Agriculture .....	Ex Officio
John C. Owens, Lincoln.....	Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio

***Poultry and Egg Development,  
Utilization and Marketing Division***

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-3402

The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Division was created in 1976 with the passage of the Poultry and Egg Resources Act by the Legislature. The division works with public and private organizations to conduct programs enhancing the image of poultry, eggs and related products. These programs include consumer education, research, advertising, promotion, utilization and market development. A voluntary checkoff fee of up to 5 cents per case of eggs and 3 cents per marketed turkey may be assessed to run these programs.

**Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development,  
Utilization and Marketing Committee**

**Statutory Reference:** 2-3404

The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee advises the division manager on poultry and egg industry issues. State law calls for the elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc. to serve as members. Ex officio committee members may include, but are not limited to, the following: the state director of agriculture; the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the UNL Department of Animal Sciences chairperson; a Department of Animal Sciences poultry specialist; the Nebraska Poultry Industries general manager; and a consumer organization representative.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Deborah VanMatre .....	Chairperson
Tim Bebee, Wakefield.....	Director
Brian Bevans, Waverly .....	Director
William Bevans, Waverly .....	Director
John Black, David City.....	Director
William Claybaugh, Carroll.....	Director
Richard Dutton, Wakefield .....	Director
Richard Earl, Lincoln .....	Director
Jerry Felber, Seward .....	Director
Greg Nelson, Manhattan, Kan.....	Director
Dale Petersen, Omaha.....	Director
Don Pohlmeier, Lawrence .....	Director
Ken Potter, Rising City.....	Director
Jim Sechrist, Bonner Springs, Kan.....	Director
John Toney, Omaha .....	Director

Don Beermann, Lincoln .....	Animal Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Roland Flores .....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Glenn Froning, Lincoln .....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Greg Ibach .....	Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
David Hardin, Lincoln .....	Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Susan S. Joy, Lincoln .....	Manager, Poultry and Egg Division, Department of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Sheila Scheideler, Lincoln .....	Extension Poultry Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Kody Sok, Lincoln .....	Extension assistant, UNL (Ex Officio)
Harshavardhant Thippareddi, Lincoln .....	Extension Food Safety Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)

### *Agriculture Statistics Division* *(Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service)<sup>3</sup>*

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture, through the Agriculture Statistics Division and in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service,<sup>4</sup> operates the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

The service provides and disseminates agricultural statistics for the state concerning production, supplies, marketing, prices and other related agricultural statistics. The service presents a picture of current and future agricultural product supplies and shows the distribution of agricultural production statewide through county estimates.

The state law calling for gathering agricultural statistics through assessors was approved in 1898 with the duties assigned to the Bureau of Labor. Agricultural statistics work was transferred to the State Board of Agriculture in 1913. In 1919, duties of the Division of Agricultural Statistics were transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established an agricultural statistics office in Lincoln on July 3, 1914. The USDA gathered agricultural statistics in Nebraska as early as 1866.

Informal cooperation between the Agriculture Statistics Division under the State Board of Agriculture and the USDA's statistical office began in 1914, and a cooperative agreement was signed between the two agencies in 1918. This cooperative arrangement provides a more efficient program than two offices could carry out separately.

The service issues more than 150 agricultural production reports each year. These reports are based on data from surveys, using questionnaires sent to farmers and agricultural business firms. This information is supplemented through personal contacts and administrative data from other government agencies.

The most extensive surveys are made near the end of the year, when a sample of farmers and ranchers receive the Annual Agricultural Survey. This data is used for county crop and livestock estimates.

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<sup>3</sup>For Nebraska agricultural statistics, see tables on Pages 472-492. <sup>4</sup>For more information about the National Agricultural Statistics Service, see Pages 114-115.

Most state estimates are published in USDA monthly and annual reports, as well as through releases available from the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. County estimates are published in a Nebraska Agricultural Statistics annual report. Data is available on its Web site.

Reports include crop production forecasts during the growing season and annual crop estimates after harvest, livestock inventory estimates, monthly cattle on feed reports, quarterly pig crop reports, monthly price reports, quarterly grain stocks reports, annual county estimates of crops and livestock, and weekly weather and crop reports.

### *Weights and Measures Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 89-1,102.01

When the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919, the Division of Weights and Measures became part of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing. The division checked commercial weighing and measuring devices for statewide accuracy. Though packaged products were not widely used, the division monitored the products for accurate quantity, and it continues to do so today. Prepackaging now is common with the variety of packaged commodities numbering in the millions.

In the mid-1940s, the division became part of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods, where it remained until 1972. The division's activities were sporadic and were conducted by the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Plant Industry. In 1970, staff members were hired specifically for weights. In 1971, the Nebraska Standards Laboratory was created with the capability of making precise calibrations of standards of mass, length and volume.

After a new weights and measures law was passed in 1972, inspection duties were given to one section for administration. In 1974, the Weights and Measures Division became a division within the Department of Agriculture. That same year, a regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Service Agencies and Servicemen for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices was adopted, as well as a regulation pertaining to requirements for pit scales that set minimum standards for construction. In 1982, the pit regulations were updated, and regulations were added regarding pitless-type scale installations. In 1991, the regulations again were updated to recognize advancements in technology and require only weighing and measuring devices that hold a national-type evaluation program certificate of conformance to be used in commerce.

# Nebraska National Agricultural Rankings\*

## May 2006

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Commercial livestock slaughter, live weight, 2005	11,012,211,000 Pounds
1st	Commercial red meat production, 2005	7,047,500,000 Pounds
1st	Great Northern bean production, 2005	1,382,000 Cwt.
1st	Light red kidney bean production, 2005	304,000 Cwt.
2nd	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2005	9,078,200,000 Pounds
2nd	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2005	7,028,900 Head
2nd	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2004	6,970,380,000 Dollars
2nd	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2004	6,196,896,000 Dollars
2nd	Proso millet production, 2005	4,250,000 Bushels
2nd	Pinto beans production, 2005	1,982,000 Cwt.
2nd	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2006	2,600,000 Head
3rd	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2006	6,419,000,000 Dollars
3rd	All dry edible beans production, 2005	3,870,000 Cwt.
3rd	Cash receipts from all feed grains, 2004	2,719,244,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from corn, 2004	2,543,705,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2004	60,519,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, 2004	7,338,183,000 Dollars
3rd	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2006	6,550,000 Head
3rd	Fed cattle marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2005	4,420,000 Head
3rd	Corn for grain production, 2005	1,270,500,000 Bushels
3rd	Sorghum for grain production, 2005	21,750,000 Bushels
4th	Cash receipts from all commodities, 2004	11,779,728,000 Dollars
4th	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2006	1,930,000 Head
4th	Land in farms and ranches, 2005	45,700,000 Acres
4th	All hay production, 2005	6,945,000 Tons
4th	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2005	1,050,000,000 Bushels
4th	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2005	691,186,000 Bushels
5th	Net farm income, 2004	3,459,064,000 Dollars
5th	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2004	1,280,621,000 Dollars
5th	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2004	1,287,932,000 Dollars
5th	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2004	761,953,000 Dollars
5th	Soybean production, 2005	235,330,000 Bushels
5th	Calf crop, 2005	1,800,000 Head
5th	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2005	1,933,729,000 Pounds
5th	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2005	7,185,800 Head
6th	Alfalfa hay production, 2005	4,625,000 Tons
6th	Value of principal crops produced, 2005	4,423,595,000 Dollars
6th	Pig crop, 2005	6,327,000 Head
6th	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2005	279,300,000 Dollars
6th	Winter wheat production, 2005	68,640,000 Bushels
6th	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2005	2,850,000 Head
7th	Sunflower production, 2005	142,000,000 Pounds
7th	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2005	18,508,000 Acres
7th	Sugarbeet production, 2005	924,000 Tons
7th	Sorghum silage production, 2005	210,000 Tons
7th	Cash receipts from crops, 2004	4,441,545,000 Dollars
7th	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2004	36,420,000 Dollars
7th	Table eggs produced, 2005	3,217,000,000 Eggs
9th	Oats production, 2005	4,380,000 Bushels
10th	Corn silage production, 2005	3,100,000 Tons
10th	All wheat production, 2005	68,640,000 Bushels
10th	Cash receipts from wheat, 2004	217,810,000 Dollars
10th	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2005	2,320,000 Tons
11th	All potato production, 2005	8,245,000 Cwt.
12th	All chickens, December 1, 2005	13,813,000 Head
13th	Value of all chickens on hand, December 1, 2005	29,007,000 Dollars
14th	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2004	218,753,000 Dollars
14th	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2004	42,977,000 Dollars
14th	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2004	138,863,000 Dollars
15th	Honey production, 2005	2,720,000 Pounds
15th	Wool production, 2005	600,000 Pounds
15th	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2006	106,000 Head
15th	Value of wool production, 2005	240,000 Dollars
17th	Cash receipts from hay, 2004	102,187,000 Dollars
18th	Number of farms, 2005	48,000 Farms

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1944-2005\*

Year	WHEAT			CORN FOR GRAIN		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1944.....	2,675,000	33,762,000	\$47,248,000	8,452,000	281,452,000	\$273,008,000
1945.....	3,596,000	82,358,000	121,042,000	8,020,000	232,580,000	262,815,000
1946.....	3,954,000	90,677,000	171,370,000	7,418,000	218,831,000	330,435,000
1947.....	4,434,000	92,757,000	206,808,000	6,973,000	139,460,000	295,655,000
1948.....	4,275,000	87,111,000	172,411,000	6,945,000	243,075,000	313,567,000
1949.....	4,165,000	58,213,000	111,123,000	7,293,000	226,812,000	274,443,000
1950.....	4,051,000	88,482,000	180,503,000	6,710,000	241,560,000	350,262,000
1951.....	4,005,000	58,073,000	125,370,000	6,726,000	188,328,000	291,908,000
1952.....	4,390,000	98,367,000	205,561,000	6,660,000	253,080,000	377,089,000
1953.....	3,856,000	85,980,000	178,838,000	6,646,000	196,057,000	288,204,000
1954.....	3,107,000	60,093,000	129,801,000	6,497,000	188,413,000	275,083,000
1955.....	3,141,000	78,255,000	156,510,000	4,775,000	95,500,000	137,520,000
1956.....	3,324,000	64,698,000	128,741,000	4,037,000	94,870,000	129,023,000
1957.....	2,920,000	78,741,000	151,172,000	4,718,000	219,387,000	239,132,000
1958.....	3,442,000	113,488,000	197,463,000	5,415,000	276,165,000	309,305,000
1959.....	3,104,000	68,204,000	120,023,000	6,558,000	318,063,000	327,605,000
1960.....	3,011,000	85,712,000	148,263,000	6,538,000	333,438,000	326,769,000
1961.....	3,220,000	78,807,000	140,276,000	5,296,000	275,392,000	305,685,000
1962.....	2,760,000	53,820,000	104,411,000	5,031,000	304,376,000	337,857,000
1963.....	2,815,000	60,522,000	110,755,000	5,031,000	286,767,000	309,708,000
1964.....	2,871,000	70,340,000	93,552,000	3,793,000	204,822,000	237,594,000
1965.....	2,727,000	54,540,000	72,538,000	3,565,000	249,550,000	291,974,000
1966.....	2,860,000	100,100,000	163,163,000	4,100,000	328,000,000	390,320,000
1967.....	3,265,000	86,523,000	114,210,000	4,510,000	333,740,000	350,427,000
1968.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	114,941,000	4,239,000	313,686,000	341,918,000
1969.....	2,650,000	83,495,000	97,666,000	4,620,000	434,280,000	473,365,000
1970.....	2,410,000	91,580,000	111,728,000	4,828,000	366,928,000	458,660,000
1971.....	2,434,000	102,228,000	126,763,000	5,300,000	450,500,000	500,055,000
1972.....	2,509,000	92,833,000	161,529,000	5,135,000	534,040,000	817,081,000
1973.....	2,680,000	93,800,000	356,440,000	5,900,000	554,600,000	1,336,586,000
1974.....	2,900,000	98,600,000	395,666,000	5,700,000	399,000,000	1,165,080,000
1975.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	333,034,000	5,920,000	503,200,000	1,247,936,000
1976.....	2,950,000	94,400,000	224,672,000	6,100,000	518,500,000	1,068,110,000
1977.....	2,950,000	103,250,000	229,215,000	6,550,000	648,450,000	1,277,447,000
1978.....	2,550,000	81,600,000	227,664,000	6,750,000	762,750,000	1,693,305,000
1979.....	2,550,000	86,700,000	319,056,000	7,150,000	822,250,000	2,039,180,000
1980.....	2,850,000	108,300,000	413,706,000	7,100,000	603,500,000	1,858,780,000
1981.....	2,900,000	104,400,000	384,192,000	6,880,000	791,200,000	1,954,264,000
1982.....	2,900,000	101,500,000	340,025,000	6,800,000	748,000,000	2,109,360,000
1983.....	2,300,000	98,900,000	331,315,000	4,850,000	470,450,000	1,472,509,000
1984.....	2,250,000	81,000,000	266,490,000	6,950,000	806,200,000	2,079,996,000
1985.....	2,300,000	89,700,000	250,263,000	7,450,000	953,600,000	2,116,992,000
1986.....	2,000,000	76,000,000	169,480,000	7,000,000	896,000,000	1,361,920,000
1987.....	1,950,000	85,800,000	210,210,000	6,200,000	812,200,000	1,591,912,000
1988.....	2,000,000	72,000,000	263,520,000	6,600,000	818,400,000	2,029,632,000
1989.....	2,050,000	55,350,000	207,563,000	7,000,000	847,000,000	1,948,100,000
1990.....	2,250,000	85,500,000	216,315,000	7,300,000	934,400,000	2,130,432,000
1991.....	2,100,000	67,200,000	202,272,000	7,800,000	990,600,000	2,318,004,000
1992.....	1,850,000	55,500,000	175,380,000	7,900,000	1,066,500,000	2,228,985,000
1993.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	223,440,000	7,550,000	785,200,000	1,978,704,000
1994.....	2,100,000	71,400,000	242,046,000	8,250,000	1,146,750,000	2,671,928,000
1995.....	2,100,000	86,100,000	392,616,000	7,700,000	854,700,000	2,752,134,000
1996.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	315,315,000	8,250,000	1,179,750,000	3,114,540,000
1997.....	1,900,000	70,300,000	224,960,000	8,600,000	1,135,200,000	2,638,660,000
1998.....	1,800,000	82,800,000	210,312,000	8,550,000	1,239,750,000	2,330,730,000
1999.....	1,700,000	81,600,000	179,520,000	8,300,000	1,153,700,000	2,018,975,000
2000.....	1,650,000	59,400,000	155,034,000	8,050,000	1,014,300,000	1,927,170,000
2001.....	1,600,000	59,200,000	162,800,000	7,750,000	1,139,250,000	2,210,145,000
2002.....	1,520,000	50,160,000	175,104,000	7,350,000	940,800,000	2,182,656,000
2003.....	1,820,000	83,720,000	272,090,000	7,700,000	1,124,200,000	2,754,290,000
2004.....	1,650,000	61,050,000	197,192,000	7,950,000	1,319,700,000	2,665,794,000
2005.....	1,760,000	68,640,000	230,630,000	8,250,000	1,270,500,000	2,439,360,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1944-2005 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	OATS			BARLEY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1944.....	2,085,000	35,028,000	\$22,418,000	760,000	8,740,000	\$8,216,000
1945.....	2,439,000	76,828,000	46,097,000	610,000	13,420,000	12,883,000
1946.....	2,561,000	71,708,000	53,781,000	549,000	11,529,000	13,835,000
1947.....	2,279,000	62,672,000	62,045,000	467,000	10,274,000	15,822,000
1948.....	2,621,000	73,388,000	49,904,000	472,000	9,204,000	9,664,000
1949.....	2,228,000	45,674,000	29,231,000	326,000	6,096,000	5,547,000
1950.....	2,562,000	61,488,000	47,961,000	310,000	4,650,000	5,068,000
1951.....	2,101,000	56,727,000	47,651,000	202,000	4,444,000	5,333,000
1952.....	2,374,000	45,106,000	34,732,000	166,000	3,403,000	4,152,000
1953.....	2,232,000	41,292,000	29,317,000	174,000	3,306,000	3,537,000
1954.....	2,254,000	63,112,000	44,178,000	226,000	3,955,000	4,153,000
1955.....	2,029,000	52,754,000	33,763,000	190,000	3,800,000	3,534,000
1956.....	1,339,000	16,068,000	12,212,000	190,000	2,280,000	2,326,000
1957.....	1,500,000	50,250,000	30,150,000	239,000	7,409,000	5,927,000
1958.....	1,380,000	48,300,000	27,048,000	244,000	6,710,000	5,905,000
1959.....	1,277,000	31,925,000	20,113,000	317,000	6,816,000	4,976,000
1960.....	1,213,000	43,062,000	24,976,000	225,000	6,525,000	4,433,000
1961.....	1,067,000	34,144,000	21,511,000	225,000	6,300,000	5,103,000
1962.....	939,000	30,987,000	19,832,000	117,000	3,042,000	2,525,000
1963.....	845,000	23,238,000	15,105,000	84,000	1,512,000	1,270,000
1964.....	617,000	17,584,000	11,781,000	78,000	1,638,000	1,441,000
1965.....	617,000	24,680,000	16,042,000	37,000	1,110,000	1,010,000
1966.....	543,000	21,720,000	14,770,000	32,000	960,000	941,000
1967.....	483,000	20,010,000	14,287,000	25,000	875,000	831,000
1968.....	464,000	12,760,000	8,549,000	35,000	1,155,000	1,016,000
1969.....	561,000	24,404,000	15,130,000	40,000	1,360,000	1,197,000
1970.....	578,000	24,276,000	15,779,000	45,000	1,620,000	1,442,000
1971.....	517,000	26,367,000	17,402,000	42,000	1,680,000	1,529,000
1972.....	390,000	19,110,000	14,715,000	38,000	1,292,000	1,331,000
1973.....	430,000	21,070,000	24,231,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,890,000
1974.....	535,000	25,145,000	38,220,000	27,000	945,000	2,079,000
1975.....	590,000	28,910,000	41,630,000	33,000	1,188,000	2,435,000
1976.....	660,000	27,720,000	41,580,000	40,000	1,440,000	2,808,000
1977.....	700,000	40,600,000	40,194,000	43,000	1,935,000	3,077,000
1978.....	450,000	21,150,000	25,803,000	29,000	1,102,000	1,873,000
1979.....	400,000	21,200,000	27,984,000	28,000	1,204,000	2,107,000
1980.....	380,000	15,580,000	28,823,000	25,000	950,000	2,185,000
1981.....	395,000	15,800,000	30,178,000	22,000	858,000	1,888,000
1982.....	460,000	26,680,000	38,686,000	22,000	1,100,000	2,200,000
1983.....	310,000	13,640,000	23,052,000	69,000	2,691,000	6,189,000
1984.....	320,000	15,680,000	26,813,000	78,000	2,652,000	5,437,000
1985.....	420,000	25,620,000	29,975,000	120,000	3,840,000	6,336,000
1986.....	360,000	21,240,000	24,001,000	135,000	5,400,000	6,480,000
1987.....	360,000	17,640,000	28,577,000	70,000	2,520,000	3,024,000
1988.....	320,000	12,160,000	29,062,000	60,000	1,920,000	3,648,000
1989.....	240,000	8,640,000	13,478,000	25,000	650,000	1,138,000
1990.....	280,000	13,440,000	15,994,000	22,000	880,000	1,945,000
1991.....	220,000	11,880,000	14,375,000	27,000	1,026,000	1,847,000
1992.....	220,000	15,400,000	20,174,000	17,000	850,000	1,615,000
1993.....	160,000	6,880,000	9,838,000	14,000	532,000	958,000
1994.....	150,000	7,500,000	9,675,000	8,000	304,000	562,000
1995.....	90,000	4,500,000	8,235,000	6,000	222,000	477,000
1996.....	105,000	7,455,000	15,730,000	17,000	901,000	1,937,000
1997.....	90,000	5,850,000	10,472,000	9,000	459,000	1,010,000
1998.....	95,000	5,320,000	6,331,000	8,000	400,000	720,000
1999.....	75,000	4,650,000	5,022,000	3,000	144,000	202,000
2000.....	45,000	1,890,000	2,684,000	5,000	135,000	216,000
2001.....	60,000	3,660,000	5,819,000	4,000	180,000	297,000
2002.....	55,000	2,365,000	4,730,000	4,000	128,000	398,000
2003.....	90,000	6,570,000	9,855,000	4,000	200,000	380,000
2004.....	50,000	3,400,000	5,134,000	3,000	162,000	292,000
2005.....	60,000	4,380,000	7,139,000	-	-	-

\*Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1944-2005 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN			SOYBEANS		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1944.....	715,000	2,564,000	\$2,282,000	19,000	338,000	\$649,000
1945.....	75,000	1,350,000	1,566,000	17,000	306,000	627,000
1946.....	78,000	1,560,000	1,794,000	23,000	483,000	1,232,000
1947.....	75,000	1,125,000	2,104,000	32,000	464,000	1,559,000
1948.....	117,000	2,632,000	3,737,000	23,000	529,000	1,180,000
1949.....	109,000	2,572,000	3,164,000	20,000	444,000	959,000
1950.....	194,000	4,850,000	4,898,000	50,000	1,200,000	2,880,000
1951.....	128,000	1,664,000	2,196,000	58,000	1,276,000	3,394,000
1952.....	97,000	2,231,000	3,101,000	88,000	2,288,000	6,086,000
1953.....	187,000	2,992,000	3,590,000	105,000	1,942,000	4,991,000
1954.....	540,000	14,580,000	17,788,000	188,000	4,042,000	9,458,000
1955.....	720,000	7,920,000	8,237,000	180,000	1,890,000	3,988,000
1956.....	889,000	12,446,000	14,188,000	146,000	1,679,000	3,526,000
1957.....	1,983,000	77,337,000	74,244,000	142,000	3,692,000	7,199,000
1958.....	1,624,000	76,328,000	78,618,000	206,000	5,974,000	11,590,000
1959.....	1,418,000	61,683,000	48,113,000	146,000	3,504,000	6,482,000
1960.....	1,796,000	90,698,000	72,558,000	164,000	4,592,000	8,908,000
1961.....	1,185,000	59,842,000	59,842,000	292,000	7,446,000	16,158,000
1962.....	1,540,000	101,640,000	101,640,000	310,000	8,370,000	18,665,000
1963.....	1,863,000	102,465,000	94,268,000	356,000	10,146,000	24,553,000
1964.....	1,975,000	90,850,000	89,942,000	523,000	11,506,000	28,535,000
1965.....	2,271,000	121,498,000	110,563,000	696,000	16,356,000	39,582,000
1966.....	2,089,000	142,052,000	136,370,000	745,000	21,978,000	58,022,000
1967.....	2,193,000	123,904,000	110,275,000	782,000	17,595,000	42,932,000
1968.....	1,700,000	98,600,000	86,768,000	782,000	18,377,000	43,737,000
1969.....	1,514,000	110,522,000	106,101,000	766,000	24,895,000	55,765,000
1970.....	1,480,000	75,480,000	81,518,000	812,000	17,864,000	49,662,000
1971.....	2,057,000	123,420,000	114,781,000	609,000	15,225,000	45,523,000
1972.....	1,640,000	118,080,000	161,770,000	707,000	22,978,000	102,712,000
1973.....	2,000,000	136,000,000	284,240,000	1,210,000	36,300,000	194,931,000
1974.....	1,900,000	62,700,000	168,663,000	1,150,000	28,175,000	175,249,000
1975.....	1,900,000	104,500,000	237,215,000	1,200,000	32,400,000	155,844,000
1976.....	2,100,000	119,700,000	215,460,000	980,000	19,600,000	127,008,000
1977.....	2,070,000	146,970,000	257,198,000	1,130,000	40,680,000	233,503,000
1978.....	1,870,000	140,250,000	263,670,000	1,250,000	42,500,000	276,250,000
1979.....	1,920,000	151,680,000	341,280,000	1,610,000	54,740,000	325,703,000
1980.....	2,030,000	121,800,000	347,130,000	1,770,000	53,100,000	384,975,000
1981.....	2,060,000	164,800,000	352,672,000	2,070,000	78,660,000	455,441,000
1982.....	1,760,000	128,480,000	294,219,000	2,250,000	78,750,000	437,700,000
1983.....	1,000,000	61,000,000	162,260,000	2,070,000	58,995,000	452,492,000
1984.....	1,900,000	121,600,000	269,952,000	2,550,000	66,300,000	373,269,000
1985.....	1,930,000	154,400,000	296,448,000	2,360,000	84,960,000	412,906,000
1986.....	1,530,000	136,170,000	183,830,000	2,450,000	93,100,000	424,536,000
1987.....	1,300,000	106,600,000	172,692,000	2,350,000	83,425,000	485,534,000
1988.....	1,360,000	103,360,000	223,258,000	2,360,000	70,800,000	517,548,000
1989.....	1,630,000	101,060,000	205,152,000	2,560,000	81,920,000	446,464,000
1990.....	1,410,000	108,570,000	222,568,000	2,360,000	81,420,000	455,138,000
1991.....	1,350,000	90,450,000	202,608,000	2,460,000	82,410,000	450,783,000
1992.....	1,530,000	143,820,000	260,314,000	2,460,000	103,320,000	554,828,000
1993.....	1,250,000	73,750,000	167,413,000	2,500,000	90,000,000	558,000,000
1994.....	1,200,000	117,600,000	230,496,000	2,860,000	134,420,000	711,082,000
1995.....	980,000	56,840,000	172,225,000	3,060,000	100,980,000	662,429,000
1996.....	1,030,000	97,850,000	228,969,000	3,010,000	135,450,000	973,886,000
1997.....	750,000	60,750,000	130,613,000	3,550,000	143,775,000	902,907,000
1998.....	600,000	56,400,000	94,752,000	3,750,000	165,000,000	796,950,000
1999.....	470,000	42,770,000	65,010,000	4,250,000	180,625,000	807,394,000
2000.....	500,000	35,000,000	64,400,000	4,575,000	173,850,000	771,894,000
2001.....	425,000	35,700,000	64,574,000	4,900,000	222,950,000	934,161,000
2002.....	320,000	16,000,000	35,532,000	4,580,000	176,330,000	957,472,000
2003.....	500,000	31,000,000	74,648,000	4,490,000	179,600,000	1,275,100,000
2004.....	415,000	32,370,000	55,832,000	4,750,000	218,500,000	1,210,490,000
2005.....	250,000	21,750,000	37,149,000	4,660,000	235,330,000	1,306,082,000

\*Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1944-2005 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	RYE <sup>1</sup>			ALFALFA HAY <sup>2</sup>		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1944	365,000	3,322,000	\$3,189,000	887,000	1,978,000	
1945	361,000	4,512,000	5,369,000	922,000	1,982,000	
1946	282,000	3,102,000	5,739,000	913,000	1,735,000	
1947	305,000	2,745,000	6,121,000	1,070,000	2,194,000	
1948	238,000	2,261,000	3,165,000	1,145,000	2,347,000	
1949	207,000	1,532,000	1,731,000	1,260,000	2,482,000	
1950	224,000	2,464,000	3,006,000	1,348,000	2,696,000	
1951	202,000	1,717,000	2,558,000	1,456,000	3,058,000	
1952	170,000	1,615,000	2,616,000	1,529,000	3,211,000	
1953	128,000	1,152,000	1,244,000	1,712,000	2,996,000	
1954	146,000	1,387,000	1,470,000	2,054,000	3,903,000	
1955	155,000	1,705,000	1,620,000	2,198,000	3,407,000	
1956	186,000	1,674,000	1,774,000	2,088,000	3,132,000	
1957	166,000	2,573,000	2,470,000	2,234,000	5,026,000	
1958	166,000	2,905,000	2,644,000	2,122,000	4,774,000	
1959	156,000	2,106,000	1,874,000	1,782,000	3,920,000	
1960	175,000	2,975,000	2,350,000	1,764,000	4,057,000	
1961	168,000	2,940,000	2,617,000	1,711,000	3,679,000	
1962	225,000	3,600,000	3,168,000	1,831,000	4,394,000	
1963	151,000	1,812,000	1,703,000	1,831,000	4,394,000	
1964	136,000	2,040,000	1,877,000	1,813,000	4,079,000	
1965	113,000	1,978,000	1,820,000	1,813,000	4,532,000	
1966	145,000	3,045,000	2,984,000	1,795,000	4,308,000	
1967	88,000	1,320,000	1,267,000	1,795,000	4,308,000	
1968	88,000	1,320,000	1,228,000	1,741,000	4,178,000	
1969	135,000	2,565,000	2,283,000	1,741,000	4,701,000	
1970	190,000	4,750,000	4,228,000	1,750,000	4,025,000	
1971	210,000	5,880,000	4,939,000	1,698,000	4,585,000	
1972	60,000	1,440,000	1,368,000	1,670,000	4,760,000	
1973	65,000	1,300,000	2,002,000	1,770,000	5,310,000	
1974	45,000	900,000	1,980,000	1,700,000	4,335,000	
1975	45,000	855,000	1,847,000	1,700,000	4,590,000	
1976	45,000	765,000	1,607,000	1,650,000	4,125,000	
1977	50,000	1,050,000	1,838,000	1,700,000	5,440,000	
1978	40,000	760,000	1,558,000	1,650,000	5,280,000	
1979	35,000	770,000	1,579,000	1,650,000	5,363,000	
1980	37,000	666,000	1,532,000	1,650,000	5,033,000	
1981	44,000	924,000	2,541,000	1,600,000	4,960,000	
1982	47,000	1,269,000	2,792,000	1,600,000	5,440,000	
1983	55,000	1,265,000	2,910,000	1,550,000	5,115,000	
1984	58,000	1,392,000	2,784,000	1,600,000	5,280,000	
1985	54,000	1,242,000	2,111,000	1,400,000	4,760,000	
1986	45,000	1,035,000	1,449,000	1,350,000	4,658,000	
1987	50,000	1,150,000	1,668,000	1,300,000	4,615,000	
1988	55,000	1,375,000	3,300,000	1,350,000	4,050,000	
1989	30,000	600,000	1,140,000	1,300,000	3,900,000	
1990	30,000	750,000	1,500,000	1,400,000	4,785,000	\$284,708,000
1991	50,000	1,000,000	2,050,000	1,450,000	4,785,000	229,680,000
1992	27,000	702,000	1,439,000	1,500,000	5,550,000	260,850,000
1993	25,000	500,000	1,055,000	1,400,000	4,760,000	247,520,000
1994	26,000	546,000	1,365,000	1,400,000	5,040,000	282,240,000
1995	20,000	480,000	1,200,000	1,350,000	4,860,000	298,890,000
1996	17,000	323,000	808,000	1,400,000	5,180,000	357,420,000
1997	12,000	240,000	864,000	1,300,000	4,225,000	335,888,000
1998	12,000	288,000	518,000	1,400,000	5,250,000	259,875,000
1999	15,000	405,000	567,000	1,400,000	5,180,000	202,020,000
2000	-	-	-	1,350,000	4,185,000	299,228,000
2001	-	-	-	1,400,000	4,970,000	368,082,000
2002	-	-	-	1,350,000	4,050,000	346,275,000
2003	-	-	-	1,450,000	5,220,000	341,910,000
2004	-	-	-	1,250,000	4,563,000	232,713,000
2005	-	-	-	1,250,000	4,625,000	231,250,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.<sup>1</sup> Rye estimates were discontinued after 1999.

<sup>2</sup> Values for alfalfa hay are included in values for all hay (See table on Page 477.)

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1944-2005 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SUGAR BEETS			ALL HAY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1944	46,000	490,000	\$4,998,000	4,355,000	4,865,000	\$63,245,000
1945	58,000	632,000	5,814,000	4,062,000	4,436,000	51,014,000
1946	60,000	825,000	8,580,000	3,915,000	3,787,000	61,728,000
1947	71,000	805,000	9,177,000	4,305,000	4,881,000	86,882,000
1948	42,000	496,000	4,563,000	4,334,000	4,532,000	92,906,000
1949	38,000	558,000	5,859,000	4,871,000	5,260,000	77,322,000
1950	59,000	812,000	9,582,000	4,994,000	5,563,000	80,107,000
1951	55,000	683,000	7,991,000	5,138,000	6,194,000	108,395,000
1952	57,900	904,000	9,582,000	5,317,000	6,098,000	140,864,000
1953	51,700	789,000	9,130,000	5,391,000	5,529,000	103,604,000
1954	60,100	786,000	8,410,000	5,595,000	6,399,000	113,262,000
1955	46,300	665,000	7,514,000	5,506,000	5,514,000	103,663,000
1956	56,100	848,000	10,939,000	5,339,000	4,966,000	106,272,000
1957	59,800	895,000	10,561,000	5,435,000	7,655,000	94,922,000
1958	61,100	902,000	11,185,000	5,236,000	7,344,000	71,237,000
1959	63,900	1,107,000	13,505,000	4,772,000	6,230,000	92,204,000
1960	68,700	1,226,000	15,815,000	4,922,000	6,685,000	100,275,000
1961	77,700	1,155,000	14,322,000	4,900,000	6,047,000	100,985,000
1962	72,700	940,000	12,314,000	5,227,000	7,433,000	115,212,000
1963	83,100	1,594,000	19,766,000	4,809,000	6,602,000	118,836,000
1964	86,200	1,407,000	18,150,000	4,724,000	6,272,000	126,067,000
1965	66,500	928,000	12,064,000	4,673,000	7,063,000	134,197,000
1966	65,200	1,205,000	16,388,000	4,490,000	6,379,000	137,148,000
1967	62,900	853,000	12,283,000	4,491,000	6,497,000	126,692,000
1968	71,800	1,222,000	18,819,000	4,297,000	6,054,000	133,188,000
1969	87,300	1,673,000	19,407,000	4,328,000	6,951,000	142,496,000
1970	78,700	1,365,000	20,202,000	4,150,000	6,100,000	128,100,000
1971	77,700	1,425,000	23,085,000	4,170,000	6,933,000	145,593,000
1972	82,100	1,650,000	29,865,000	4,050,000	7,140,000	171,360,000
1973	74,400	1,482,000	53,352,000	4,050,000	7,476,000	242,970,000
1974	75,500	1,382,000	69,376,000	3,850,000	6,270,000	282,150,000
1975	96,000	1,776,000	51,326,000	3,950,000	6,503,000	292,635,000
1976	84,500	1,690,000	35,997,000	3,800,000	5,953,000	315,509,000
1977	67,700	1,354,000	36,558,000	3,900,000	7,530,000	252,255,000
1978	76,000	1,368,000	38,030,000	3,800,000	7,538,000	263,830,000
1979	72,400	1,462,000	49,708,000	3,700,000	7,618,000	312,338,000
1980	85,000	1,777,000	83,519,000	3,700,000	7,083,000	389,565,000
1981	78,400	1,889,000	63,659,000	3,650,000	7,010,000	417,095,000
1982	45,400	926,000	32,317,000	3,700,000	7,855,000	361,330,000
1983	65,300	1,233,000	38,963,000	3,650,000	7,635,000	389,385,000
1984	67,500	1,480,000	33,596,000	3,700,000	7,695,000	377,055,000
1985	53,200	1,229,000	35,027,000	3,300,000	6,755,000	283,710,000
1986	59,000	1,387,000	45,078,000	3,450,000	7,388,000	251,192,000
1987	60,200	1,102,000	39,121,000	3,100,000	6,865,000	274,600,000
1988	62,200	1,319,000	56,981,000	3,400,000	6,510,000	413,385,000
1989	62,200	1,169,000	50,501,000	3,200,000	5,705,000	430,228,000
1990	71,000	1,491,000	59,789,000	3,650,000	7,205,000	410,548,000
1991	78,100	1,578,000	61,542,000	3,600,000	7,473,000	335,856,000
1992	77,500	1,387,000	54,925,000	3,450,000	7,793,000	350,570,000
1993	79,600	1,473,000	52,586,000	3,450,000	7,323,000	359,011,000
1994	74,100	1,504,000	54,896,000	3,300,000	7,415,000	391,490,000
1995	72,300	1,186,000	40,798,000	3,150,000	7,200,000	407,700,000
1996	51,200	913,000	40,537,000	3,150,000	7,455,000	470,033,000
1997	60,300	1,013,000	36,063,000	3,200,000	6,790,000	485,941,000
1998	47,400	934,000	32,877,000	3,200,000	7,680,000	363,150,000
1999	66,200	1,258,000	41,766,000	3,200,000	7,700,000	286,440,000
2000	54,800	1,112,000	32,470,000	2,950,000	5,945,000	416,103,000
2001	41,400	840,000	30,996,000	3,200,000	7,400,000	519,957,000
2002	42,000	760,000	30,400,000	3,050,000	5,750,000	497,325,000
2003 <sup>1</sup>	42,400	861,000	-	3,150,000	7,600,000	487,090,000
2004	47,500	1,050,000	41,895,000	2,800,000	6,423,000	323,853,000
2005	45,300	924,000	39,824,000	2,850,000	6,945,000	337,970,000

\*Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. <sup>1</sup>Preliminary

## Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1900-2006\*

Year	CATTLE		SHEEP		CHICKENS <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1900.....	2,808,000	\$87,709,000	-	-	-	-
1910.....	2,972,000	72,816,000	-	-	-	-
1920.....	3,154,000	149,500,000	-	-	-	-
1930.....	3,060,000	168,300,000	1,208,000	\$9,906,000	16,282,000	\$12,700,000
1931.....	3,242,000	126,438,000	990,000	4,653,000	15,700,000	8,949,000
1932.....	3,330,000	80,586,000	1,095,000	3,285,000	14,453,000	6,793,000
1933.....	3,610,000	67,868,000	1,115,000	3,122,000	14,610,000	4,967,000
1934.....	3,980,000	69,613,000	1,055,000	4,395,000	15,423,000	4,627,000
1935.....	3,232,000	58,193,000	804,000	3,433,000	12,027,000	4,931,000
1936.....	3,491,000	119,715,000	1,068,000	7,511,000	12,431,000	8,702,000
1937.....	3,037,000	93,788,000	721,000	4,154,000	12,925,000	5,946,000
1938.....	2,780,000	90,485,000	859,000	5,015,000	11,077,000	7,311,000
1939.....	2,810,000	108,267,000	910,000	5,551,000	12,624,000	7,574,000
1940.....	2,904,000	119,645,000	1,045,000	6,682,000	13,740,000	6,595,000
1941.....	3,009,000	129,688,000	942,000	6,493,000	13,179,000	6,985,000
1942.....	3,285,000	176,709,000	1,154,000	10,299,000	15,338,000	11,197,000
1943.....	3,765,000	264,640,000	1,265,000	12,534,000	19,308,000	18,729,000
1944.....	3,957,000	258,392,000	1,228,000	11,199,000	19,938,000	20,536,000
1945.....	4,176,000	258,077,000	1,079,000	10,161,000	17,330,000	18,716,000
1946.....	4,026,000	288,872,000	990,000	10,690,000	16,970,000	19,176,000
1947.....	3,922,000	358,471,000	716,000	10,886,000	15,299,000	18,818,000
1948.....	3,797,000	455,640,000	779,000	14,007,000	14,349,000	16,214,000
1949.....	3,856,000	520,560,000	729,000	12,585,000	13,066,000	18,815,000
1950.....	3,843,000	476,532,000	558,000	10,349,000	13,552,000	16,262,000
1951.....	4,105,000	685,535,000	765,000	19,051,000	12,913,000	16,141,000
1952.....	4,575,000	841,800,000	871,000	22,229,000	12,652,000	15,815,000
1953.....	4,992,000	559,040,000	810,000	12,674,000	11,423,000	12,565,000
1954.....	4,752,000	427,680,000	788,000	10,496,000	11,810,000	15,353,000
1955.....	5,065,000	471,045,000	849,000	13,219,000	11,563,000	9,250,000
1956.....	4,759,000	390,238,000	695,000	9,391,000	11,167,000	11,725,000
1957.....	4,455,000	392,040,000	780,000	11,318,000	11,615,000	11,034,000
1958.....	4,533,000	580,224,000	759,000	13,759,000	10,896,000	12,530,000
1959.....	4,886,000	815,962,000	813,000	15,634,000	11,047,000	10,826,000
1960.....	5,072,000	664,432,000	836,000	12,653,000	10,425,000	6,985,000
1961.....	5,134,000	698,224,000	811,000	11,796,000	9,938,000	10,435,000
1962.....	5,434,000	787,930,000	723,000	9,537,000	9,224,000	7,471,000
1963.....	5,773,000	894,815,000	671,000	10,188,000	8,177,000	6,494,000
1964.....	6,048,000	792,288,000	634,000	8,791,000	7,952,000	6,759,000
1965.....	6,077,000	704,932,000	585,000	9,247,000	7,532,000	6,478,000
1966.....	6,259,000	863,742,000	577,000	11,104,000	6,719,000	6,450,000
1967.....	6,377,000	962,927,000	569,000	10,946,000	6,819,000	6,819,000
1968.....	6,394,000	952,706,000	451,000	8,665,000	6,259,000	4,569,000
1969.....	6,330,000	1,006,470,000	393,000	8,535,000	5,343,000	4,595,000
1970.....	6,330,000	1,171,050,000	377,000	9,318,000	4,979,000	5,228,000
1971.....	6,457,000	1,194,545,000	370,000	7,955,000	5,230,000	4,969,000
1972.....	6,780,000	1,457,700,000	366,000	8,601,000	4,812,000	4,379,000
1973.....	6,865,000	1,750,575,000	370,000	9,620,000	4,427,000	4,427,000
1974.....	7,410,000	2,185,950,000	290,000	9,425,000	4,630,000	7,408,000
1975.....	6,900,000	1,035,000,000	240,000	6,960,000	4,450,000	7,788,000
1976.....	6,550,000	1,244,500,000	210,000	7,245,000	4,250,000	7,225,000
1977.....	6,450,000	1,322,250,000	190,000	7,030,000	3,830,000	6,894,000
1978.....	6,500,000	1,560,000,000	237,000	11,613,000	4,090,000	6,953,000
1979.....	6,450,000	2,644,500,000	175,000	11,375,000	4,200,000	7,350,000
1980.....	6,400,000	3,168,000,000	210,000	14,595,000	3,930,000	7,074,000
1981.....	6,850,000	3,116,750,000	250,000	16,375,000	4,000,000	7,600,000
1982.....	7,250,000	2,936,250,000	225,000	12,263,000	4,150,000	8,093,000
1983.....	7,200,000	2,736,000,000	205,000	10,865,000	4,050,000	8,303,000
1984.....	6,900,000	2,760,000,000	195,000	9,750,000	3,850,000	7,315,000
1985.....	6,300,000	2,583,000,000	165,000	8,580,000	4,000,000	9,000,000
1986.....	6,000,000	2,370,000,000	160,000	9,600,000	3,970,000	8,933,000
1987.....	5,800,000	2,378,000,000	173,000	13,148,000	4,000,000	8,600,000
1988.....	5,700,000	2,907,000,000	180,000	14,940,000	4,450,000	10,680,000
1989.....	5,600,000	3,276,000,000	169,000	13,520,000	4,150,000	8,093,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Year	CATTLE		SHEEP		CHICKENS <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1990.....	5,700,000	3,391,500,000	177,000	12,744,000	5,250,000	11,550,000
1991.....	5,900,000	4,041,500,000	165,000	11,055,000	6,200,000	16,740,000
1992.....	5,800,000	3,654,000,000	144,000	7,344,000	7,900,000	16,590,000
1993.....	5,900,000	3,953,000,000	136,000	8,568,000	9,250,000	17,575,000
1994.....	6,150,000	4,212,750,000	95,000	6,650,000	9,000,000	14,400,000
1995.....	6,000,000	3,721,000,000	105,000	7,875,000	10,600,000	20,140,000
1996.....	6,500,000	3,250,000,000	105,000	10,080,000	11,005,000	20,910,000
1997.....	6,650,000	3,724,000,000	95,000	8,835,000	11,493,000	24,135,000
1998.....	6,750,000	4,252,000,000	100,000	10,000,000	12,126,000	25,465,000
1999.....	6,700,000	3,819,000,000	105,000	10,290,000	13,219,000	27,760,000
2000.....	6,650,000	4,455,500,000	102,000	11,220,000	13,846,000	23,538,000
2001.....	6,600,000	4,686,000,000	114,000	13,680,000	13,895,000	25,011,000
2002.....	6,400,000	4,416,000,000	101,000	10,908,000	13,704,000	24,667,000
2003.....	6,200,000	4,464,000,000	97,000	11,834,000	13,747,000	24,745,000
2004 <sup>2</sup> .....	6,250,000	5,500,000,000	102,000	13,668,000	14,223,000	25,601,000
2005.....	6,350,000	5,778,500,000	97,000	14,162,000	13,813,000	29,007,000
2006.....	6,500,000	6,370,000,000	106,000	16,006,000	13,165,000	23,697,000

Year	HORSES <sup>3</sup>		MULES <sup>3,4</sup>		SWINE <sup>5</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1900.....	775,000	\$33,325,000	54,000	\$2,916,000	2,969,000	\$17,814,000
1910.....	1,010,000	109,080,000	82,000	9,758,000	2,960,000	32,560,000
1920.....	961,000	74,296,000	100,000	10,628,000	3,436,000	79,028,000
1930.....	757,000	46,177,000	99,000	7,821,000	5,010,000	78,156,000
1931.....	734,000	38,168,000	95,000	5,890,000	4,820,000	64,588,000
1932.....	712,000	31,328,000	91,000	5,096,000	5,334,000	32,004,000
1933.....	681,000	31,326,000	88,000	4,928,000	4,534,000	19,496,000
1934.....	666,000	38,396,000	83,000	6,118,000	5,010,000	21,441,000
1935.....	651,000	41,941,000	75,000	6,063,000	2,034,000	12,391,000
1936.....	618,000	52,956,000	68,000	7,140,000	2,238,000	33,838,000
1937.....	569,000	47,335,000	64,000	6,830,000	1,567,000	22,164,000
1938.....	523,000	35,024,000	55,000	4,813,000	1,507,000	18,944,000
1939.....	491,000	30,302,000	53,000	4,306,000	1,869,000	25,360,000
1940.....	532,000	30,983,000	-	-	2,385,000	20,750,000
1941.....	515,000	24,937,000	-	-	1,813,000	17,513,000
1942.....	503,000	24,857,000	-	-	2,375,000	45,745,000
1943.....	497,000	32,285,000	-	-	3,491,000	97,073,000
1944.....	477,000	28,848,000	-	-	4,329,000	94,805,000
1945.....	445,000	21,927,000	-	-	2,597,000	69,859,000
1946.....	409,000	15,064,000	-	-	3,168,000	90,605,000
1947.....	350,000	13,220,000	-	-	2,503,000	106,878,000
1948.....	307,000	11,252,000	-	-	2,403,000	132,405,000
1949.....	260,000	9,755,000	-	-	2,403,000	109,817,000
1950.....	229,000	7,653,000	-	-	2,499,000	79,968,000
1951.....	201,000	6,231,000	-	-	2,999,000	116,961,000
1952.....	162,000	5,670,000	-	-	3,239,000	99,437,000
1953.....	133,000	5,187,000	-	-	2,397,000	71,910,000
1954.....	115,000	4,600,000	-	-	2,061,000	94,600,000
1955.....	101,000	4,646,000	-	-	2,308,000	83,319,000
1956.....	85,000	4,080,000	-	-	2,423,000	42,402,000
1957.....	77,000	4,928,000	-	-	1,841,000	52,837,000
1958.....	73,000	6,132,000	-	-	2,080,000	71,968,000
1959.....	70,000	7,420,000	-	-	2,579,000	91,554,000
1960.....	70,000	7,420,000	-	-	2,502,000	48,038,000
1961.....	-	-	-	-	2,527,000	74,799,000
1962.....	-	-	-	-	2,704,000	78,146,000
1963.....	-	-	-	-	2,758,000	79,430,000
1964.....	-	-	-	-	2,868,000	69,979,000
1965.....	-	-	-	-	2,696,000	68,478,000
1966.....	-	-	-	-	2,561,000	123,696,000
1967.....	-	-	-	-	2,766,000	97,640,000

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Year	HORSES <sup>3</sup>		MULES <sup>3,4</sup>		SWINE <sup>5</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1968	-	-	-	-	3,043,000	\$87,334,000
1969	51,488	-	685	-	3,226,000	98,070,000
1970	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	120,600,000
1971	-	-	-	-	3,691,000	86,739,000
1972	-	-	-	-	3,322,000	97,999,000
1973	-	-	-	-	3,300,000	143,550,000
1974	36,733	\$7,235,000	-	-	3,455,000	214,210,000
1975	-	-	-	-	3,050,000	134,200,000
1976	-	-	-	-	2,700,000	230,850,000
1977	-	-	-	-	3,100,000	147,250,000
1978	46,614	6,992,000	610	-	3,150,000	211,050,000
1979	-	-	-	-	3,650,000	323,025,000
1980	-	-	-	-	4,150,000	251,075,000
1981	-	-	-	-	3,900,000	308,100,000
1982	51,623	20,649,000	319	-	4,100,000	305,450,000
1983	-	-	-	-	3,800,000	357,200,000
1984	-	-	-	-	4,000,000	256,000,000
1985	-	-	-	-	3,700,000	297,850,000
1986	-	-	-	-	3,900,000	288,600,000
1987	51,265	-	904	-	3,950,000	375,250,000
1988	-	-	-	-	4,050,000	315,900,000
1989	-	-	-	-	4,150,000	292,575,000
1990	-	-	-	-	4,200,000	348,600,000
1991	-	-	-	-	4,300,000	378,400,000
1992	25,757	-	834	-	4,500,000	310,500,000
1993	-	-	-	-	4,600,000	326,600,000
1994	-	-	-	-	4,300,000	322,500,000
1995	-	-	-	-	4,350,000	239,250,000
1996	-	-	-	-	4,050,000	287,550,000
1997	45,838	-	1,092	-	3,550,000	337,250,000
1998	-	-	-	-	3,500,000	315,000,000
1999	-	-	-	-	3,400,000	156,400,000
2000	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	219,000,000
2001	-	-	-	-	3,050,000	240,950,000
2002	35,757	-	834	-	2,900,000	243,600,000
2003	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	235,000,000
2004	-	-	-	-	2,900,000	205,900,000
2005	-	-	-	-	2,850,000	285,000,000
2006	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	288,000,000

<sup>1</sup> Starting in 1969, estimates are for the preceding December 1.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary

<sup>3</sup> Annual estimates were discontinued in 1961. Agricultural Census Data reports have been published every five years since 1969.

<sup>4</sup> Mule estimates are included with horses from 1940 to 1960.

<sup>5</sup> Starting in 1968, swine estimates are for the preceding Dec. 1.

## Nebraska Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2000-2005\*

### Number of Head

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January	595,100	622,700	651,100	641,200	524,900	555,900
February	609,900	551,100	561,500	539,200	487,800	507,200
March	640,900	594,100	575,100	579,200	576,100	595,900
April	576,900	559,500	640,600	649,700	576,500	541,900
May	680,700	713,400	683,600	720,000	618,400	634,600
June	692,600	708,300	695,600	736,200	630,700	662,000
July	638,000	651,800	725,800	727,700	581,800	594,002
August	703,100	716,100	735,500	686,100	595,600	663,200
September	644,400	648,500	635,300	688,900	587,800	593,600
October	669,900	698,400	724,800	634,800	586,000	569,900
November	609,500	636,000	640,400	495,000	542,800	549,600
December	556,300	594,500	592,600	562,500	594,200	567,500
Total	7,617,300	7,694,400	7,861,900	7,660,500	6,902,600	7,028,900

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2000-2005\*

### Number of Head

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January	495,600	571,600	621,900	618,200	596,200	578,700
February	494,600	524,300	526,900	538,100	514,300	561,300
March	570,400	573,100	551,000	561,700	579,700	629,500
April	448,300	531,800	574,200	568,400	580,700	604,600
May	497,700	538,100	567,300	521,700	504,800	557,800
June	498,000	475,000	516,400	533,700	560,500	607,500
July	472,500	489,300	570,600	542,300	547,000	539,800
August	545,300	553,500	572,600	549,800	596,100	611,000
September	536,600	559,800	592,200	590,600	616,900	622,300
October	587,600	642,900	639,200	665,800	634,100	625,300
November	589,200	621,300	601,900	569,100	596,900	609,100
December	533,700	600,700	610,400	614,100	626,000	639,000
Total	6,269,500	6,681,400	6,944,600	6,873,800	6,953,300	7,185,800

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Dairy Products, 1974-2005\*

Commodity	Unit	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Creamery Butter.....	1,000 lbs	20,988	19,273	17,623	15,974	- <sup>2</sup>	29,742				
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	9,753	10,408	10,496	11,203	11,074	9,912	6,077	5,757	4,901	4,445
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	6,534	6,831	6,639	6,471	-	-	4,090	3,707	3,105	2,949
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	32,177	30,841	29,448	19,049	-	-	19,586	24,238	21,719	23,695
Cheddar Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	17,388	12,669	11,434	11,790	10,082	2,109	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Dry Milk, Nonfat <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000 lbs	16,849	14,826	14,028	- <sup>2</sup>						
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	4,229	4,035	3,631	3,805	4,028	3,883	2,952	3,821	3,840	4,139
Ice Cream.....	1,000 gal	8,500	9,240	8,895	10,072	10,156	10,299	9,125	9,556	9,402	7,508

Commodity	Unit	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Creamery Butter.....	1,000 lbs	29,104	- <sup>2</sup>								
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	5,459	5,930	6,005	5,481	4,189	5,205	2,603	3,125	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	3,885	4,195	4,262	2,646	3,470	4,521	2,690	2,655	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	20,585	20,235	18,327	- <sup>2</sup>						
Cheddar Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>									
Dry Milk, Nonfat <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>									
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	4,090	3,558	3,204	3,685	3,163	2,225	1,988	1,703	1,701	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Cream.....	1,000 gal	7,502	- <sup>2</sup>								

Commodity	Unit	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>									
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>									
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>									
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	- <sup>2</sup>									

Commodity	Unit	2004	2005
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup> For human food.<sup>2</sup> Totals not shown when less than three plants.

## Nebraska Assessed Farm Land and Value\* 1911-2005\*\*

Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>		Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>	
		Total	Average Per Acre			Total	Average Per Acre
1911	36,445,453	\$953,952,145	\$26.17	1959	-	1,219,362,899	-
1912	38,094,777	1,143,705,685	30.02	1960	-	1,228,721,457	-
1913	40,020,007	1,149,658,970	28.73	1961	-	1,272,133,894	-
1914	41,739,991	1,168,479,990	27.99	1962	-	1,293,221,683	-
1915	42,583,294	1,181,680,550	27.75	1963	-	1,311,309,620	-
1916	44,186,146	1,332,301,595	30.15	1964	-	1,323,914,363	-
1917	45,128,866	1,349,630,240	29.91	1965	-	1,470,722,492	-
1918	45,140,226	1,356,420,765	30.05	1966	-	1,680,167,588	-
1919	45,703,561	1,379,883,290	30.19	1967	-	3,669,246,614	-
1920	-	2,231,644,795	-	1968	44,063,435	3,881,568,864	88.00
1921	46,389,534	1,831,048,877	39.47	1969	43,694,572	5,345,141,823	122.00
1922	46,421,647	1,753,312,309	37.77	1970	46,279,247	5,427,710,974	117.00
1923	46,487,757	1,797,276,553	38.45	1971	45,120,776	5,390,417,415	119.00
1924	46,452,035	1,773,564,474	38.18	1972	45,734,398	5,453,562,984	119.00
1925	46,466,452	1,774,883,955	38.20	1973	45,910,816	5,539,325,951	126.00
1926	46,611,649	1,775,231,543	38.09	1974	45,384,354	5,614,403,127	124.00
1927	46,611,594	1,778,440,372	38.15	1975	46,181,535	5,614,731,876	122.00
1928	46,990,280	1,780,032,546	38.87	1976	44,681,250	5,544,959,785	124.00
1929	46,622,760	1,782,761,375	38.23	1977	44,301,898	5,746,969,817	130.00
1930	46,802,438	1,736,632,786	37.10	1978	43,580,731	6,513,965,625	149.00
1931	46,700,008	1,736,537,692	37.18	1979	45,235,603	10,575,130,059	234.00
1932	46,811,348	1,435,384,208	30.66	1980	45,411,926	12,302,690,613	271.00
1933	46,663,197	1,148,126,823	24.53	1981	45,318,422	12,420,321,626	274.00
1934	46,791,712	1,140,556,070	24.43	1982	45,332,996	12,476,187,818	275.00
1935	46,758,936	1,140,719,997	24.40	1983	45,432,091	12,563,327,936	277.00
1936	46,689,217	1,136,629,834	24.34	1984	45,349,478	12,605,580,123	278.00
1937	46,559,004	1,136,408,362	24.41	1985	45,300,858	12,653,851,842	279.00
1938	46,538,928	1,132,457,641	24.33	1986	44,997,447	10,801,719,469	240.00
1939	46,513,633	1,129,400,943	24.28	1987	44,982,531	10,048,549,082	223.00
1940	46,412,020	1,032,542,666	22.25	1988	44,977,148	10,044,095,177	223.00
1941	46,443,145	1,032,947,415	22.24	1989	44,973,179	13,509,990,165	300.00
1942	46,318,850	1,015,787,214	21.93	1990	44,968,234	14,932,726,422	332.00
1943	44,792,892	1,014,720,112	22.65	1991	44,955,365	14,941,628,961	332.00
1944	46,229,000	1,011,977,480	21.88	1992	44,952,269	15,067,165,467	335.00
1945	46,007,166	1,012,107,904	22.00	1993	44,954,824	15,632,689,146	348.00
1946	46,211,342	1,019,839,596	22.07	1994	44,938,474	15,755,958,953	351.00
1947	47,362,375	1,020,672,019	21.55	1995	44,911,156	15,927,873,795	355.00
1948	46,304,492	1,039,775,246	22.45	1996	44,904,241	16,313,358,103	363.00
1949	46,197,015	1,044,759,818	22.61	1997	44,845,860	16,950,349,716	377.00
1950	46,180,741	1,050,704,960	22.75	1998	44,861,318	18,148,208,170	405.00
1951	46,215,244	1,051,439,473	22.75	1999	44,887,776	19,423,637,757	433.00
1952	46,109,591	1,075,753,423	23.33	2000	44,830,771	20,364,989,503	454.00
1953	46,192,963	1,289,292,253	27.91	2001	46,231,558	21,206,151,632	459.00
1954	46,130,684	1,195,564,100	25.92	2002	46,136,711	21,904,383,603	475.00
1955	46,242,575	1,201,915,450	25.99	2003	46,234,805	22,878,527,654	495.00
1956	46,058,603	1,197,076,098	26.00	2004	46,191,209	23,893,955,082	517.00
1957	46,058,603	1,194,160,550	25.93	2005	46,184,758	25,247,883,070	547.00
1958	46,058,603	1,429,928,290	31.05				

\* Assessed farm land only (leased school land not included.) Values equalized by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1920 to 1996; values equalized by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission since 1997. Between 1920 and 1928, there was some slight difference between the assessed and equalized value. Since 1929, the equalized value is used only as the assessed value.

\*\* Source: Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation.

<sup>1</sup> Up to 1920, the assessed value is 20 percent of actual value. From 1921 to 1952, the assessed value is 100 percent of actual value. From 1953 to 1955, the assessed value is 50 percent of actual value. From 1956 to 1957, the assessed value is 50 percent of base value. From 1958 to 1980, the assessed value is 35 percent of actual value. From 1981 to 1991, agricultural land was assessed at 100 percent of actual value. From 1992 to 2005, agricultural land was assessed at 80 percent of actual value.

## Gross Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, 1992-2005\*

### Crops

Month	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January .....	469,687	471,114	409,123	428,838	512,007	633,307	611,655
February.....	241,650	156,019	173,271	213,317	362,027	379,330	279,701
March.....	260,176	205,571	177,862	257,768	291,033	381,143	283,956
April.....	132,885	162,963	100,930	158,592	243,276	284,192	198,752
May.....	137,346	123,967	127,253	169,191	191,860	223,192	150,549
June.....	141,250	131,747	125,316	186,859	110,245	209,438	197,417
July.....	169,621	216,786	197,042	272,485	233,625	305,890	250,718
August.....	119,071	196,258	148,658	281,776	170,581	246,539	219,680
September.....	155,581	184,267	238,703	247,039	181,311	227,757	228,529
October.....	286,037	338,054	465,221	557,775	539,584	541,982	591,937
November.....	382,073	439,892	553,436	662,504	569,215	442,888	454,335
December.....	514,550	391,936	393,864	401,314	518,684	422,923	425,662
Total.....	3,009,927	3,018,574	3,110,679	3,837,458	3,923,448	4,298,581	3,892,891

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January.....	437,823	503,687	296,120	412,078	421,978	539,322	412,159
February.....	158,642	193,247	199,793	200,881	246,589	260,120	399,974
March.....	239,204	248,501	155,214	244,756	261,178	321,164	303,807
April.....	132,600	126,247	125,455	193,052	231,401	209,235	180,859
May.....	119,472	132,805	168,982	194,645	187,855	126,309	192,486
June.....	170,830	127,164	222,535	171,177	128,883	154,347	227,641
July.....	173,016	162,113	327,896	303,769	247,504	207,518	244,663
August.....	213,361	165,257	71,950	249,190	181,416	163,394	201,279
September.....	196,422	238,479	194,193	285,315	304,086	285,938	255,473
October.....	475,691	477,792	568,758	534,296	614,900	523,879	481,986
November.....	277,413	316,655	482,237	440,392	507,597	624,079	579,783
December.....	370,242	348,385	319,472	352,190	420,519	482,894	444,764
Total.....	2,964,716	3,040,332	3,132,605	3,581,741	3,753,906	3,898,199	3,924,874

### Livestock and Livestock Products

Month	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January.....	460,421	387,155	559,022	442,809	464,501	414,337	399,229
February.....	491,800	529,850	465,636	360,237	509,663	399,985	389,687
March.....	399,789	336,459	440,777	367,866	452,612	482,581	481,528
April.....	376,913	394,085	337,077	433,226	483,522	401,464	384,127
May.....	522,146	548,213	480,478	476,927	496,559	426,784	406,976
June.....	439,087	515,108	411,278	412,291	438,780	519,124	495,369
July.....	434,023	481,932	398,352	472,419	412,119	437,932	414,181
August.....	524,122	643,967	513,529	407,557	420,623	512,705	494,233
September.....	476,922	499,048	415,513	414,284	370,597	521,915	398,748
October.....	634,018	643,013	518,843	485,898	423,350	417,824	419,652
November.....	486,300	487,985	475,994	393,022	431,721	507,188	471,334
December.....	430,136	386,154	382,440	479,532	414,638	465,352	370,136
Total.....	5,675,677	5,852,969	5,398,939	5,146,068	5,318,685	5,507,191	5,125,200

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
January.....	434,216	527,054	523,598	462,989	541,652	530,838	691,104
February.....	419,719	462,778	432,793	438,398	523,960	545,842	557,541
March.....	501,124	454,152	435,878	438,197	607,696	653,198	567,353
April.....	408,760	453,617	516,268	531,457	523,026	527,263	536,915
May.....	496,951	560,699	480,312	427,452	575,416	751,341	749,261
June.....	428,429	487,838	501,156	429,434	724,890	585,906	616,957
July.....	430,761	558,272	570,272	522,918	560,802	567,130	610,109
August.....	509,047	463,631	474,259	467,394	573,394	693,421	753,334
September.....	432,683	482,939	510,951	571,983	703,283	595,579	605,892
October.....	463,758	592,796	611,733	477,849	499,743	618,992	723,392
November.....	485,404	435,454	477,416	501,495	471,834	688,032	565,055
December.....	398,766	436,800	563,397	570,767	561,131	579,848	568,373
Total.....	5,409,618	5,916,030	6,098,033	5,840,333	6,867,367	7,337,390	7,545,286

\* Source: USDA, ERS Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. All figures are in thousands of dollars.

## Gross Cash Receipts from Sales, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Nebraska Farms Where Produced, 1926-2005\*

Year	Gross Cash Income From Farm Marketings				Government Payments <sup>1</sup>	Cash Income & Government Payments	Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced	Cash Income, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced
	Crops	Livestock & Livestock Products	Crop & Livestock Total					
1926	96.6	337.6	434.2	-	434.2	37.9	472.1	
1927	126.3	292.1	418.4	-	418.4	36.5	454.9	
1928	141.8	342.8	484.6	-	484.6	36.2	520.8	
1929	126.3	362.8	489.1	-	489.1	38.0	527.1	
1930	99.3	309.1	408.4	-	408.4	32.3	440.7	
1931	55.8	223.3	279.1	-	279.1	24.1	303.2	
1932	28.5	138.2	166.7	-	166.7	18.5	185.2	
1933	52.4	141.0	193.4	1.0	194.4	18.5	212.9	
1934	45.4	181.8	227.2	23.5	250.7	17.2	267.9	
1935	42.0	167.4	209.4	33.1	242.1	25.8	268.3	
1936	57.4	233.6	281.0	17.3	298.3	26.9	325.2	
1937	63.2	187.6	250.8	17.5	268.3	25.5	293.8	
1938	46.7	153.8	200.5	15.4	215.9	21.2	237.1	
1939	56.6	164.9	221.5	28.1	249.6	19.1	268.7	
1940	51.0	173.3	224.3	46.3	270.6	18.9	289.5	
1941	77.8	212.2	290.0	15.9	305.9	23.1	329.0	
1942	131.5	337.4	468.9	36.4	505.3	29.2	534.5	
1943	179.0	474.6	653.6	37.1	690.7	33.6	724.3	
1944	185.5	449.0	634.5	21.6	656.1	30.8	686.9	
1945	280.7	453.9	734.6	18.7	753.3	37.1	790.4	
1946	277.9	563.2	841.1	23.6	864.7	42.3	907.0	
1947	401.6	671.0	1,072.6	13.5	1,086.1	49.8	1,135.9	
1948	354.9	675.3	1,030.2	8.5	1,038.7	50.4	1,089.1	
1949	336.3	618.7	955.0	6.8	961.8	39.3	1,001.1	
1950	333.1	676.5	1,009.6	8.8	1,018.4	36.7	1,055.1	
1951	335.8	853.1	1,188.9	9.1	1,198.0	41.1	1,239.1	
1952	381.0	792.6	1,173.6	10.0	1,183.6	38.4	1,222.0	
1953	403.9	716.3	1,120.3	7.9	1,128.2	35.7	1,163.9	
1954	347.3	713.5	1,060.8	8.6	1,069.4	31.0	1,100.4	
1955	297.7	720.0	1,017.7	7.7	1,025.4	27.4	1,052.8	
1956	265.2	649.5	914.7	42.7	957.4	25.9	983.3	
1957	255.9	646.4	902.3	54.8	957.1	25.0	982.1	
1958	464.9	752.3	1,217.2	36.9	1,254.1	27.6	1,281.7	
1959	409.7	823.3	1,233.0	19.9	1,252.9	25.1	1,278.0	
1960	421.3	766.6	1,187.9	22.1	1,210.0	23.1	1,233.1	
1961	416.4	797.0	1,213.4	88.6	1,302.0	22.7	1,324.7	
1962	409.9	843.3	1,253.2	101.4	1,354.6	21.2	1,375.8	
1963	473.0	842.7	1,315.6	106.9	1,422.5	19.6	1,442.1	
1964	403.6	869.8	1,273.5	164.9	1,438.4	18.3	1,456.7	
1965	378.7	964.5	1,343.2	184.7	1,527.9	19.2	1,547.1	
1966	521.3	1,160.6	1,681.8	175.4	1,857.2	19.8	1,877.0	
1967	571.7	1,172.0	1,743.7	134.5	1,878.2	14.6	1,892.8	
1968	461.3	1,270.4	1,731.7	185.3	1,917.0	15.2	1,932.2	
1969	547.1	1,413.9	1,961.0	200.6	2,161.6	16.1	2,177.7	

\* Source: Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. All figures are in millions of dollars.

## Gross Cash Receipts from Sales, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Nebraska Farms Where Produced, 1926-2005 (Cont'd.)

Year	Gross Cash Income From Farm Marketings			Government Payments <sup>1</sup>	Cash Income & Government Payments	Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced	Cash Income, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced
	Crops	Livestock & Livestock Products	Crop & Livestock Total				
1970.....	674.2	1,450.1	2,124.4	203.0	2,327.4	15.0	2,342.4
1971.....	694.9	1,590.9	2,285.8	171.0	2,456.8	11.9	2,468.7
1972.....	840.3	1,981.1	2,821.4	233.3	3,054.7	14.5	3,069.2
1973.....	1,560.2	2,383.1	3,943.3	151.8	4,095.1	21.2	4,116.3
1974.....	1,869.6	2,237.8	4,107.4	21.0	4,128.4	20.8	4,149.2
1975.....	1,721.6	2,138.6	3,860.1	71.7	3,931.8	18.8	3,950.6
1976.....	1,666.2	2,174.8	3,841.0	36.6	3,877.6	19.1	3,896.7
1977.....	1,727.2	2,247.8	3,975.0	92.9	4,067.9	18.5	4,086.4
1978.....	1,595.5	3,084.1	4,679.6	268.6	4,948.2	26.5	4,974.7
1979.....	2,034.3	4,266.6	6,301.0	132.7	6,433.7	21.8	6,455.5
1980.....	2,814.1	4,016.0	6,830.1	82.9	6,913.0	27.6	6,940.6
1981.....	2,826.6	3,795.9	6,622.5	101.0	6,723.5	30.2	6,753.7
1982.....	2,687.7	4,336.5	7,024.2	277.5	7,301.7	29.5	7,331.2
1983.....	2,233.6	4,217.7	6,451.3	786.8	7,238.1	28.9	7,267.0
1984.....	2,412.7	4,424.2	6,836.9	533.0	7,369.9	25.5	7,395.4
1985.....	3,243.1	4,145.5	7,388.6	518.4	7,907.0	21.6	7,928.6
1986.....	2,538.7	4,222.4	6,761.1	858.4	7,619.5	19.9	7,639.4
1987.....	2,198.5	4,940.6	7,139.1	1,274.8	8,413.9	18.3	8,432.2
1988.....	2,410.7	5,390.3	7,801.0	1,091.5	8,892.5	17.4	8,909.9
1989.....	3,078.7	5,646.0	8,724.7	542.3	9,267.0	15.2	9,282.2
1990.....	2,641.6	6,076.9	8,718.5	624.6	9,343.2	14.6	9,357.8
1991.....	3,065.3	5,934.0	8,999.4	490.7	9,490.0	14.0	9,504.0
1992.....	3,009.9	5,675.7	8,685.6	478.7	9,164.3	13.4	9,177.7
1993.....	3,018.6	5,853.0	8,871.5	806.3	9,677.8	12.8	9,690.6
1994.....	3,110.7	5,398.9	8,509.6	348.2	8,857.9	12.2	8,870.0
1995.....	3,837.5	5,146.1	8,983.5	507.3	9,490.8	11.5	9,502.4
1996.....	3,923.4	5,318.7	9,242.1	388.7	9,630.9	10.9	9,641.8
1997.....	4,298.6	5,507.2	9,805.8	454.5	10,260.3	10.3	10,270.6
1998.....	3,892.9	5,125.2	9,018.1	814.7	9,832.8	9.7	9,842.5
1999.....	2,964.7	5,409.6	8,374.3	1,411.9	9,786.2	9.1	9,795.3
2000.....	3,040.3	5,916.0	8,956.4	1,407.0	10,363.3	8.5	10,371.8
2001.....	3,132.6	6,098.0	9,230.6	1,297.6	10,528.3	8.3	10,536.6
2002.....	3,581.7	5,840.3	9,422.1	485.1	9,907.2	9.7	9,916.9
2003.....	4,061.1	6,867.4	10,621.3	725.8	11,347.1	3.3	11,350.4
2004.....	3,898.2	7,337.4	11,235.6	345.6	11,581.2	9.9	21,481.2
2005.....	3,924.9	7,545.3	11,470.2	914.2	12,384.4	8.5	20,884.4

<sup>1</sup>Includes rental and benefit agricultural conservation, price adjustment and parity and sugar act programs.

## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 1998-2006\*

County and District	Wells Registered to Dec. 31 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2,3</sup>			
		1998	1999	2000	2001
Banner.....	411	24,000	26,000	25,000	26,000
Box Butte.....	1,289	150,000	149,000	149,000	149,000
Cheyenne.....	588	55,000	54,000	56,000	56,000
Dawes.....	88	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Deuel.....	308	22,000	21,000	20,000	20,000
Garden.....	386	40,000	38,000	37,000	38,000
Kimball.....	399	34,000	35,000	37,000	38,000
Morrill.....	968	129,000	127,000	125,000	123,000
Scotts Bluff.....	808	200,000	195,000	190,000	185,000
Sheridan.....	667	62,000	62,000	62,000	61,000
Sioux.....	346	41,000	41,000	42,000	41,000
NORTHWEST.....	6,258	775,000	765,000	760,000	755,000
Arthur.....	94	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Blaine.....	116	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Boyd.....	65	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Brown.....	456	58,000	57,000	57,000	56,000
Cherry.....	455	38,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Garfield.....	221	18,000	17,000	18,000	18,000
Grant.....	24	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Holt.....	2,904	254,000	251,000	252,000	252,000
Hooker.....	30	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
Keya Paha.....	221	14,500	15,500	16,000	16,000
Logan.....	210	19,500	18,500	19,500	19,500
Loup.....	128	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000
McPherson.....	110	7,500	7,500	8,000	9,000
Rock.....	665	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Thomas.....	33	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Wheeler.....	587	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
NORTH.....	6,319	555,000	550,000	555,000	555,000
Antelope.....	2,096	208,000	213,000	219,000	222,000
Boone.....	1,532	156,000	157,000	160,000	162,000
Burt.....	489	54,000	54,000	56,000	57,000
Cedar.....	789	76,000	76,000	78,000	80,000
Cuming.....	458	41,000	42,000	43,000	44,000
Dakota.....	129	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Dixon.....	191	20,000	19,000	20,000	20,000
Knox.....	465	50,000	49,000	50,000	52,000
Madison.....	953	100,000	103,000	103,000	103,000
Pierce.....	1,196	120,000	119,000	119,000	119,000
Stanton.....	383	28,000	29,000	30,000	30,000
Thurston.....	112	7,000	10,000	13,000	14,000
Wayne.....	273	27,000	31,000	36,000	39,000
NORTHEAST.....	9,066	905,000	920,000	945,000	960,000
Buffalo.....	3,480	242,000	240,000	240,000	237,000
Custer.....	2,111	224,000	223,000	222,000	221,000
Dawson.....	3,619	264,000	268,000	268,000	265,000
Greeley.....	776	71,000	74,000	76,000	78,000
Hall.....	3,866	225,000	228,000	227,000	224,000
Howard.....	1,051	122,000	119,000	117,000	116,000
Sherman.....	640	74,000	74,000	75,000	75,000
Valley.....	556	88,000	89,000	90,000	89,000
CENTRAL.....	16,099	1,310,000	1,315,000	1,315,000	1,305,000

\* Sources: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 1998-2006 (Cont'd.)

County and District	Wells Registered to Dec. 31 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2,3</sup>			
		1998	1999	2000	2001
Butler.....	1,312	116,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Cass .....	49	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Colfax.....	1,017	67,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Dodge .....	1,639	106,000	103,000	105,000	107,000
Douglas.....	352	16,000	15,000	13,000	12,000
Hamilton.....	2,943	273,000	273,000	271,000	269,000
Lincoln.....	332	14,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Merrick.....	4,870	196,000	194,000	192,000	189,000
Nance.....	1,174	65,000	65,000	66,000	66,000
Platte.....	2,018	179,000	182,000	187,000	191,000
Polk.....	1,813	152,000	153,000	153,000	153,000
Sarpy.....	142	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Saunders.....	975	93,000	94,000	98,000	103,000
Seward.....	1,341	128,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Washington.....	122	19,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
York.....	2,950	260,000	259,000	258,000	258,000
EAST .....	23,049	1,695,000	1,685,000	1,690,000	1,695,000
Chase.....	1,436	191,000	192,000	191,000	191,000
Dundy .....	1,051	96,000	96,000	97,000	100,000
Frontier.....	723	70,000	70,000	70,000	67,000
Hayes.....	519	43,000	44,000	46,000	50,000
Hitchcock.....	576	35,000	35,000	36,000	37,000
Keith.....	1,188	93,000	94,000	94,000	94,000
Lincoln.....	2,304	230,000	229,000	228,000	227,000
Perkins.....	942	147,000	146,000	149,000	154,000
Red Willow.....	1,032	65,000	64,000	64,000	65,000
SOUTHWEST.....	9,771	970,000	970,000	975,000	985,000
Adams.....	2,236	203,000	204,000	207,000	211,000
Franklin.....	1,107	95,000	97,000	99,000	99,000
Furnas.....	926	60,000	62,000	64,000	64,000
Gosper.....	743	83,000	82,000	85,000	85,000
Harlan .....	1,122	84,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
Kearney.....	2,062	209,000	211,000	211,000	211,000
Phelps.....	2,120	253,000	254,000	254,000	253,000
Webster.....	712	53,000	55,000	55,000	57,000
SOUTH.....	11,028	1,040,000	1,050,000	1,060,000	1,065,000
Clay.....	2,158	202,000	200,000	200,000	198,000
Fillmore.....	2,036	211,000	211,000	209,000	209,000
Gage.....	591	54,000	54,000	56,000	59,000
Jefferson.....	714	68,000	65,000	67,000	69,000
Johnson.....	174	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Nemaha.....	71	4,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
Nuckolls.....	798	64,000	65,000	66,000	66,000
Otoe.....	46	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Pawnee.....	1	6,000	5,500	4,500	4,500
Richardson.....	37	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Saline.....	1,123	88,000	89,000	91,000	91,000
Thayer.....	1,460	134,000	133,000	133,000	135,000
SOUTHEAST.....	9,209	850,000	845,000	850,000	855,000
TOTAL .....	90,799	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,150,000	8,175,000

<sup>1</sup> Data from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

<sup>2</sup> Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates were discontinued after 2001 and added to the USDA Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years.

# Nebraska Irrigation, 1968-2005\*

## 1968-1976

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	3,605,000	3,783,000	3,998,000	4,200,000	4,478,000	4,783,000	5,050,000	5,400,000	5,900,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:									
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	236,000	238,000	255,000	250,000	260,000	275,000	290,000	300,000	315,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	1,965,000	2,032,000	2,231,000	2,526,000	2,470,000	2,800,000	3,100,000	3,400,000	3,800,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	127,600	146,500	190,000	216,000	230,000	235,000	228,000	212,000	245,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	80,000	92,000	86,000	88,000	95,000	104,000	110,000	120,000	120,000
Oats.....	11,000	14,000	23,500	15,000	12,400	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	191,000	130,000	121,000	161,000	125,000	130,000	135,000	160,000	175,000
Sorghum Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	13,750	11,250	11,700	10,700	8,700	8,700	7,800	12,000	11,000
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	55,500	52,000	64,000	30,000	43,000	102,000	95,000	90,000	70,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	71,800	87,300	78,700	77,700	82,100	74,400	75,000	96,000	84,500
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	6,000	7,200	10,300	7,600	8,400	7,400	38,000	67,500	79,000

## 1977-1985

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
	Acres								
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	6,400,000	6,700,000	6,950,000	7,200,000	7,500,000	7,600,000	7,700,000	7,800,000	7,900,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:									
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	330,000	380,000	400,000	430,000	420,000	385,000	405,000	416,000	420,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	4,400,000	4,600,000	4,850,000	4,950,000	4,950,000	4,500,000	3,250,000	4,700,000	5,050,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	250,000	255,000	250,000	285,000	305,000	240,000	220,000	215,000	180,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	114,000	118,000	135,000	150,000	230,000	212,000	131,000	170,000	151,000
Oats.....	- <sup>2</sup>								
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	200,000	170,000	140,000	220,000	250,000	210,000	110,000	215,000	217,000
Sorghum Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	13,000	11,500	- <sup>2</sup>						
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	100,000	135,000	195,000	315,000	375,000	420,000	524,000	693,000	640,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	67,700	76,000	72,400	85,000	78,400	45,400	65,300	67,500	53,200
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	92,000	50,000	55,000	66,000	85,000	125,000	110,000	165,000	105,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup>Acres harvested.

<sup>2</sup>Not available.

<sup>3</sup>Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if necessary.

## Nebraska Irrigation, 1968-2005\* (Cont'd.)

### 1986-1994

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
	Acres									
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	7,900,000	7,900,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:										
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2</sup> .....	324,000	355,000	380,000	418,000	410,000	370,000	340,000	340,000	415,000	415,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	4,300,000	4,600,000	5,000,000	5,050,000	5,300,000	5,350,000	5,050,000	5,050,000	5,450,000	5,125,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	130,000	130,000	150,000	175,000	160,000	160,000	170,000	170,000	140,000	115,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	197,000	193,000	208,000	254,000	211,000	153,000	150,000	150,000	190,000	205,000
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	118,000	106,000	150,000	111,000	102,000	132,000	73,000	73,000	60,000	60,000
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	578,000	622,000	754,000	685,000	727,000	700,000	740,000	740,000	818,000	956,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	60,200	62,200	62,000	78,100	77,500	71,500	79,600	74,100	72,500	72,500
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	99,000	80,000	77,000	83,000	71,000	63,000	73,000	73,000	73,000	93,000

### 1995-2005

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres						
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,150,000	8,175,000	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Leading Crops Irrigated:										
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2</sup> .....	360,000	335,000	350,000	360,000	380,000	440,000	465,000	500,000	450,000	430,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,250,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,550,000	4,680,000	4,765,000	4,885,000	4,925,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	100,000	115,000	100,000	120,000	140,000	155,000	145,000	115,000	120,000	100,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	180,000	180,000	188,000	187,000	156,000	148,000	165,000	148,000	110,000	172,000
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	60,000	28,000	23,000	20,000	20,000	27,000	20,000	50,000	35,000	25,000
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	895,000	1,050,000	1,130,000	1,580,000	1,915,000	2,200,000	2,055,000	1,940,000	2,180,000	2,170,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	51,200	60,300	47,400	66,200	54,800	41,400	42,000	42,400	- <sup>3</sup>	- <sup>3</sup>
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	83,000	120,000	118,000	96,000	120,000	140,000	124,000	185,000	195,000	155,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup> Acres harvested.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if necessary.

## Nebraska Farm Size, 2002\*

County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres	County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres
Adams.....	61	344,309	614	Jefferson.....	631	363,575	576
Antelope.....	792	526,896	665	Johnson.....	571	205,371	360
Arthur.....	76	436,252	5,740	Kearney.....	412	331,283	804
Banner.....	226	411,153	1,819	Keith.....	363	627,842	1,730
Blaine.....	106	441,119	4,162	Keya Paha.....	185	463,280	2,504
Boone.....	692	430,712	622	Kimball.....	362	549,646	1,518
Box Butte.....	476	675,091	1,418	Knox.....	1,016	599,468	590
Boyd.....	314	308,008	981	Lancaster.....	1,607	448,600	279
Brown.....	311	686,466	2,207	Lincoln.....	959	1,529,011	1,594
Buffalo.....	989	601,256	608	Logan.....	119	359,069	3,017
Burt.....	621	310,113	499	Loup.....	120	337,542	2,813
Butler.....	840	374,634	446	Madison.....	128	528,642	4,130
Cass.....	679	320,187	472	McPherson.....	766	342,167	447
Cedar.....	949	459,952	485	Merrick.....	513	283,026	552
Chase.....	326	539,607	1,655	Morrill.....	443	872,351	1,969
Cherry.....	557	3,777,285	6,781	Nance.....	392	228,985	584
Cheyenne.....	616	803,181	1,304	Nemaha.....	483	255,366	529
Clay.....	503	373,994	744	Nuckolls.....	476	350,539	736
Colfax.....	589	244,361	415	Otoe.....	797	342,521	430
Cuming.....	904	365,994	405	Pawnee.....	531	256,818	484
Custer.....	1,149	1,501,959	1,307	Perkins.....	438	548,264	1,252
Dakota.....	296	151,599	512	Phelps.....	470	366,154	779
Dawes.....	406	786,277	1,937	Pierce.....	697	332,550	477
Dawson.....	718	622,805	867	Platte.....	1,000	434,529	435
Deuel.....	252	293,995	1,167	Polk.....	527	264,455	502
Dixon.....	660	276,722	419	Red Willow.....	380	429,109	1,129
Dodge.....	734	339,265	462	Richardson.....	732	320,783	438
Douglas.....	361	94,613	262	Rock.....	271	628,839	2,320
Dundy.....	262	566,881	2,164	Saline.....	728	344,736	474
Fillmore.....	499	363,915	729	Sarpy.....	355	105,173	296
Franklin.....	378	331,093	876	Saunders.....	1,157	458,329	396
Frontier.....	318	486,623	1,530	Scotts Bluff.....	780	427,400	548
Furnas.....	412	440,776	1,070	Seward.....	862	364,178	422
Gage.....	1,272	552,316	434	Sheridan.....	613	1,485,895	2,424
Garden.....	253	1,072,024	4,237	Sherman.....	448	316,260	706
Garfield.....	190	293,081	1,543	Sioux.....	318	1,103,122	3,469
Gosper.....	242	262,216	1,084	Stanton.....	655	243,223	371
Grant.....	73	489,926	6,711	Thayer.....	558	380,447	682
Greeley.....	361	293,114	812	Thomas.....	79	348,802	4,415
Hall.....	595	315,787	531	Thurston.....	438	214,181	489
Hamilton.....	603	348,178	577	Valley.....	419	314,661	751
Harlan.....	346	308,814	893	Washington.....	760	242,419	319
Hayes.....	260	408,290	1,570	Wayne.....	623	281,408	452
Hitchcock.....	299	433,525	1,450	Webster.....	449	318,325	709
Holt.....	1,166	1,481,135	1,270	Wheeler.....	194	338,136	1,743
Hooker.....	81	423,838	5,233	York.....	617	353,762	573
Howard.....	600	293,537	489	State Totals.....	49,355	45,903,116	930

\* Source: USDA 2002 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years.

## Nebraska Farm Financial and Real Estate Statistics, 1990-2005\*

Year	Number of Farms	NET INCOME		EQUITY			ASSETS		
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Income- Equity	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Income- Assets
1990.....	57,000	2,512	44,074	27,190	477,015	9.2%	33,275	583,769	7.5%
1991.....	56,000	2,279	40,689	26,404	471,492	8.6%	32,721	584,305	7.0%
1992.....	56,000	2,475	44,196	26,227	468,342	9.4%	32,789	585,519	7.5%
1993.....	56,000	1,995	35,617	27,457	490,308	7.3%	34,388	614,073	5.8%
1994.....	56,000	2,156	38,502	27,779	496,051	7.8%	34,914	623,456	6.2%
1995.....	56,000	1,646	29,395	28,655	511,695	5.7%	36,022	643,259	4.6%
1996.....	56,000	3,388	60,505	30,082	537,178	11.3%	37,776	674,565	9.0%
1997.....	55,000	2,019	36,713	31,362	570,223	6.4%	39,435	716,991	5.1%
1998.....	55,000	1,791	32,562	31,175	566,811	5.7%	39,731	722,389	4.5%
1999.....	54,000	1,681	31,132	32,408	600,149	5.2%	41,142	761,888	4.1%
2000.....	52,000	1,374	26,427	34,796	669,156	3.9%	44,121	848,489	3.1%
2001.....	50,000	1,827	36,546	34,891	697,825	5.2%	44,520	890,409	4.1%
2002.....	49,400	822	16,640	35,551	719,663	2.3%	45,461	920,272	1.8%
2003.....	48,500	3,228	66,554						
2004.....	48,300	3,568	73,872						
2005.....	48,300	2,700	55,901						

Year	Number of Farms	DEBT			GOVT. PAYMENTS		REAL ESTATE
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Debt- Assets	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Value/ Acre <sup>2</sup>
1990.....	57,000	6,085	106,754	18.3%	625	10,959	524
1991.....	56,000	6,318	112,813	19.3%	491	8,762	517
1992.....	56,000	6,562	117,177	20.0%	479	8,549	517
1993.....	56,000	6,931	123,765	20.2%	806	14,398	514
1994.....	56,000	7,135	127,405	20.4%	348	6,219	550
1995.....	56,000	7,368	131,564	20.5%	507	9,059	580
1996.....	56,000	7,694	137,387	20.4%	389	6,941	610
1997.....	55,000	8,072	146,768	20.5%	455	8,264	620
1998.....	55,000	8,557	155,578	21.5%	815	14,813	645
1999.....	54,000	8,734	161,739	21.2%	1,412	26,146	670
2000.....	52,000	9,325	179,333	21.1%	1,407	27,057	695
2001.....	50,000	9,629	192,584	21.6%	1,298	25,952	730
2002.....	49,400	9,910	200,608	21.8%	485	9,820	755
2003.....	48,500				726	14,965	765
2004.....	48,300				346	7,164	772
2005.....	48,300				914	8,923	585

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, ERS

<sup>1</sup> Amount in hundreds of thousands of dollars

<sup>2</sup> Includes farmstead and operator dwelling

## State Athletic Commissioner

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**State Athletic Commissioner:** Wally Jernigan

**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,128

The office of the state athletic commissioner is not considered to be a full-fledged code agency, but it is an independent entity subject to the governor's direct control. The office of the state athletic commissioner is within the Charitable Gaming Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.<sup>1</sup>

The state athletic commissioner, appointed by the governor for a two-year term, has sole control over professional wrestling, boxing, amateur boxing, elimination bout tournaments, sparring matches and other boxing exhibitions within the state. Exceptions are events held by universities, colleges, high schools, military branches or recognized amateur associations, or on U.S. government reservations, for contestants younger than 17. The commissioner licenses clubs; makes rules and regulations governing bouts; controls and supervises ticket sales and the issuing of complimentary tickets; revokes licenses when necessary; and controls the number of wrestling, boxing or sparring matches or exhibitions held in Nebraska. The commissioner is assisted by nine inspectors and one administrative assistant in carrying out the duties of the office.

### *Athletic Advisory Committee*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,139.01

The state Athletic Advisory Committee reviews the rules and regulations drawn up by the state athletic commissioner; recommends adopted rules or regulations pertaining to the state athletic commissioner; and serves as an appeals board to determine cases for parties who contest state athletic commissioner decisions.

The governor appoints the five-member committee, selecting members based on experience, training and interest in boxing and wrestling. Members represent professional boxing, amateur boxing and professional wrestling. Other members include a medical doctor with ringside experience and an at-large member. All members serve at the pleasure of the governor. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Dr. Brian Conroy, Omaha.....	Medical Doctor
Doug Emery, Lincoln.....	Amateur Boxing
Thomas W. Lovgren, Omaha.....	At Large Member
Steve Pelster, Omaha.....	Professional Boxing
Michael P. Pierce, Lincoln.....	Professional Wrestling

<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Charitable Gaming Division, see Page 594.

## Department of Banking and Finance

**Office Address:** 1200 N St., Suite 311, P.O. Box 95006, Lincoln, NE 68509-5006, phone (402) 471-2171, Web site — <http://www.ndbf.org>

**Director:** John Munn

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Rules, policy statements and statutes governing state-chartered banks, savings and loans, building and loan associations, trust companies, credit unions, licensed lenders, delayed deposit services companies, sale of foreign and domestic securities, loan brokers, mortgage bankers and rental purchase agreements.

The director of banking supervises the examination and compliance enforcements under banking and finance statutes. By law, the director maintains standards and efficiency in banking and financial institutions under the department's control. The department's examination duties include appraisal of institutions' assets and setting policy for entities under examination.

The Department of Banking and Finance:

- investigates and grants charter and license applications
- grants licenses to small loan, sales finance and delayed deposit services companies
- approves articles of association for credit unions
- investigates illegal stock transactions
- approves legally offered stock
- issues permits to sell stock
- issues permits and licenses to brokers, agents and investment advisers
- administers and enforces the Nebraska Installment Sales Act, the Nebraska Loan Broker Act, the Nebraska Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act, the Nebraska Commodity Code, the Nebraska Mortgage Bankers Act, the Nebraska Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Act, the Nebraska Banking Act, the Nebraska Trust Company Act, the Nebraska Credit Union Act, the Nebraska Bank Holding Company Act, Nebraska Sales of Checks and Funds, and the Nebraska Transmission Act

Nebraska's first banks operated under the state's General Corporation Law. The General Banking Act of 1889 called for filing bank reports with the state auditor, who conducted bank examinations. The law provided for appointing a clerk for the state auditor and bank examiners.

In 1895, the Legislature created the State Banking Board, which consisted of the auditor, treasurer and attorney general and an appointed secretary. The governor was added to the board and the treasurer dropped in 1909. The board's duties were transferred to the Bureau of Banking in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the department was made a separate agency. In 1976, the Legislature changed the department's name to the Department of Banking and Finance.

## *Bureau of Securities*

The first laws supervising the sale of stocks, bonds and securities were made in 1913. The Railway Commission had enforcement responsibility, which was transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919, the Department of Insurance in 1937, and the Department of Banking in 1939.

The bureau's responsibilities include registration of securities qualified for sale in the state, registration of brokers and dealers and securities salespeople, and investigation of security violations and frauds.

Security violations are filed with the Department of Banking and Finance. The department investigates them and gives evidence to prosecutors.

### Nebraska State-Chartered Financial Institutions: Number and Total Assets\* June 30, 2006

Type of Institution	Number	Total Assets
Commercial Banks .....	187	\$17,785,286,000
Savings and Loan Associations .....	1	1,281,136
Credit Unions .....	22	543,148,697
Trust Companies .....	4	2,086,061,000

### Securities Division June 30, 2006

Number of registrations .....	24,710
Amount of issued registrations .....	\$11,320,260,650

\* Source: Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance.

## Department of Correctional Services

**Office Address:** Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623, Web site — <http://www.corrections.state.ne.us>

**Director:** Robert P. Houston

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 83-171

The 1973 Legislature created the Department of Correctional Services. It had been a division within the Department of Public Institutions.

The governor appoints the department director. The department's operating funds come from state general funds, supplemented by federal funds and certain cash funds.

The mission of the department is to serve and protect the public by providing control, humane care and program opportunities for those individuals placed in its custody and supervision, thereby facilitating their return to society as responsible persons.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1997, the department had an Office of Juvenile Services, which had oversight over programs and facilities for juvenile offenders. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System now oversees programs and functions of the Office of

### Juvenile Services.

Sections within the director's office are:

- **Legal Services.** This section gives the department legal advice on various issues, including legislation and inmate rules, and represents the department in administrative proceedings.

- **Medical Services.** This section provides healthcare services via professionally staffed and licensed infirmaries and outpatient clinics. Contractual arrangements with local hospitals and specialized medical professionals supplement institutional services.

- **Planning/Research Accreditation.** This section researches; gathers information; makes plans and assists management; evaluates the correctional system and coordinates the department's accreditation process; coordinates department policy, public information; manages federal grants; coordinates the department's inmate drug testing and drug intelligence programs; and conducts research and major requests for information.

## *Administrative Services*

**Contact Person:** Robin Spindler, Assistant Director, Division of Administrative Services, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

Sections within Administrative Services include:

- **Budget.** This section plans, organizes and monitors the department's fiscal allocations and fiscal reporting systems. Fiscal and accounting data are compiled to use in budget evaluation and adjustment, cost analysis and budget projections.

- **Cornhusker State Industries/Federal Surplus Property.** This section manages the correctional industries program for producing goods and services for state government agencies. This section screens, transfers, administers, markets and places federal surplus property with eligible public and nonprofit organizations in the state.

- **Engineering.** This section plans, supervises and engineers new or remodeled facilities and gives the department advice and assistance on preventative maintenance.

- **Fiscal Management.** This section coordinates the agency's accounting functions, including payments and investment of surplus funds. It is the clearing center for all transfer appropriations, expenditure documents, and grant award monitoring and reporting, and it also is responsible for inmate trust fund activities, including receipt and disbursement of individual inmate funds, payroll and savings accounts.

- **Human Resources and Development.** This section oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, competitive compensation and benefits, employee training and development, quality improvement, personal mastery, organization effectiveness, leadership development and employee communication.

- **Information Systems.** This section provides department-wide help regarding data management, technical expertise and information retrieval.

- **Organizational Development.** This section coordinates the department's Continuous Quality Initiative.

- **Purchasing/Inventory/Food Service.** This section coordinates the department's

purchasing and inventory operations. This section also manages the purchase and inventory control of food items, food equipment and commodities, including the provision of contractual technical assistance with licensed dieticians.

- **Safety/Sanitation/ADA.** This section conducts inspections and provides assistance in the correction of safety hazards and sanitation needs and provides technical advice, develops policy and processes requests for accommodations from employees, inmates and the public, providing technical assistance and training.

- **Security/Special Services.** This section is responsible for central detainer administration, issuance of escape and absconder warrants, administrative process of formal governor's warrants and requisitions, management of the Inmate Telephone System, inmate transportation, review of security equipment purchases, teletype operations, radio communications coordination and law enforcement liaison.

- **Staff Training Academy.** This section provides a central training academy for employees.

### *Programs and Community Service*

**Contact Person:** Larry Wayne, Assistant Director, Division of Programs and Community Service, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

The Division of Programs and Community Service is responsible for:

- **Inmate Classification.** The division assigns inmates to the appropriate degree of incarceration, moves them through the system in a timely manner and identifies and resolves their needs through programming.

- **Records.** The division provides technical assistance for record management and serves as the depository for discharged records.

- **Interstate Corrections Compact.<sup>2</sup>** The division provides for the transfer of Nebraska inmates to other states and inmates from other states to Nebraska.

- **Inmate Programs.** The division develops and oversees volunteer services, education, libraries, recreation and religion on a department-wide basis to ensure consistency.

- **Community Programs/Services.** The division oversees the Community Corrections Centers, the Work Ethic Camp and Adult Parole Administration.

### **Adult Parole Administration**

**Contact Person:** James McKenzie, Parole Administrator, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 15, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-5771, fax (402) 479-5804

**Statutory References:** 83-1,100 and 83-933

Adult Parole Administration is responsible for providing statewide parole services in the community for inmates paroled from Nebraska's adult correctional institutions. It also is responsible for those inmates from other states who have been transferred to

<sup>2</sup>For more information about the Interstate Corrections Compact, see Page 758.

Nebraska under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. Adult Parole Administration helps paroled inmates live their lives within the limits set by the community while providing supervision and assistance to enable the parolee to become a productive and law-abiding citizen.

Average monthly population (2004 Annual Report).....695

**Work Ethic Camp-McCook**

**Contact Person:** Raleigh Haas, Superintendent, Work Ethic Camp-McCook, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-8405, fax (308) 345-8407

The Work Ethic Camp opened April 30, 2001. The camp is designed for nonviolent, prison-bound male and female felony offenders eligible for intensive supervision probation. As a condition of probation, these offenders are sent to Work Ethic Camp for a period not to exceed 180 days. The camp’s programs include education, substance abuse assessment and treatment, cognitive restructuring, life skills and job readiness preparation. Camp work crews provide free labor to local government and non-profit agencies. Design capacity is 100.

**Adult Institutions**

**Contact Person:** Frank X. Hopkins, Assistant Director, Adult Institutions, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

**Community Corrections Center-Lincoln**

**Contact Person:** Rex Richard, Superintendent, Community Corrections Center-Lincoln, 2720 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2200, phone (402) 471-0740, fax (402) 471-6268

Nebraska’s community-based programming for inmates, created by the 1967 Legislature, allowed a select group of inmates to be employed in the community or attend an educational program not available within the confines of the institution. Initial participants were housed in the institution during nonwork/school hours. In 1993, a new facility opened, close to the Lincoln Correctional Center, housing both male and female community-custody inmates. Work release, education release and community detail assignment opportunities are available to those inmates who are nearing release on parole or discharge from sentence. Community leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 200 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....321

**Community Corrections Center-Omaha**

**Contact Person:** Ryan Mahr, Superintendent, Community Corrections Center-Omaha, 2320 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68110-0099, phone (402) 595-2010, fax (402) 595-3701

The Community Corrections Center-Omaha has operated out of various Omaha

locations since 1971. The program moved into a new facility in 1985. Located one block north of the Omaha Correctional Center, it provides work and educational release opportunities for those male and female inmates who have achieved community-custody status. Community detail assignment is available for other eligible inmates. Leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 90 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report)..... 154

**Diagnostic and Evaluation Center**

**Contact Person:** Charles Rine, Assistant Warden, Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, 3220 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522-9278, phone (402) 471-3330, fax (402) 479-6368

The Diagnostic and Evaluation Center opened in July 1979. Designated as a maximum security institution, it houses newly sentenced male inmates awaiting classification. Processing, testing, assessing and assignment functions are carried out at this facility, as well as selected psychiatric and medical services for other male facilities. Design capacity is 160 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....390

**Interpretation/Translation Services**

**Contact Person:** Robert Madsen, Interpreter Supervisor, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861

This section provides oral and written interpretation and translation services to inmates, inmate families and the community.

**Lincoln Correctional Center**

**Contact Person:** Diane Sabatka-Rine, Warden, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861, fax (402) 479-6100

The Lincoln Correctional Center opened in 1979 and houses male inmates classified as maximum and medium custody. The facility has an educational program provided by Metropolitan Community College, medical services, psychiatric services, and group and individual counseling. Design capacity is 308 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report)..... 492

**Nebraska Correctional Center for Women**

**Contact Person:** John Dahm, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, 1107 Recharge Road, York, NE 68467-8003, phone (402) 362-3317, fax (402) 362-3892

The Nebraska Correctional Center for Women is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison for women that also provides evaluation services to the state's district courts for convicted female felons before sentencing. The facility provides education and recreation programs, counseling and industry employment. Design capacity is 275 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report)..... 311

**Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility**

**Contact Person:** Cathy Waller-Borovac, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, 2610 N. 20th St. E., Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 595-2000, fax (402) 997-7477

The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility opened in 1998 and is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison. Designed to house young inmates who have been adjudicated as adults, the facility accepts the youngest inmates committed to the Department of Correctional Services and has the ability to house them until they reach 21 years and 10 months of age. The facility’s mission is focused on intensive programming. All inmates have work assignments. Design capacity is 68 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....97

**Nebraska State Penitentiary**

**Contact Person:** Dennis Bakewell, Warden, Nebraska State Penitentiary, 14th Street and Pioneers Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500, phone (402) 471-3161, ext. 3226, fax (402) 471-4326

The Nebraska State Penitentiary houses male inmates classified as maximum, medium and minimum custody. The facility includes two minimum-security dormitories and houses the Residential Treatment Center. Correctional Industries workshops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Metropolitan Community College provides education for inmates. The facility design capacity is 718.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....1,663

**Omaha Correctional Center**

**Contact Person:** Karen Shortridge, Warden, Omaha Correctional Center, 2323 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68111-0099, phone (402) 595-3964, fax (402) 595-2227

The Omaha Correctional Center, established by the 1975 Legislature, is a correctional facility for medium- and minimum-security male inmates. It opened in 1984 on a 37-acre site located in east Omaha. The center provides education and recreation programs and institutional employment for inmates. A new housing unit was added in 1994, increasing the center’s design capacity to 396 inmates.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....562

**Tecumseh State Correctional Institution**

**Contact Person:** Fred Britten, Warden, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, NE 68450, phone (402) 335-5998, fax (402) 335-5115

After approval by the 1997 Nebraska Legislature, construction commenced in early 1999 for an institution designed to house maximum, medium, death row and intensive management male inmates. The institution began receiving inmates in December 2001. The institution has a design capacity of 960.

Average monthly population (2006 Annual Report).....853

## Department of Economic Development

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**Director:** Richard Baier

**Deputy Director of Operations:** Gary Hamer

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1201.02

**Publications:** *Nebraska Development News*, published online 12 times a year. Many publications and forms are available on the department's Web site.

### *Business Development Division*

**Contact Person:** Dan Curran, Director, Business Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-6513, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3365

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Business Development Division's ultimate goal is to expand job opportunities in Nebraska by attracting new business and industry, while encouraging expansion of existing industry. The division helps Nebraska communities seek new business and industry through national and international advertising, direct mail, personal calls to prospective industries and participation in trade shows of targeted industries and special events.

Promotional literature stresses the advantages of locating and expanding new businesses and industries in Nebraska. These advantages include performance-based tax incentives, the state's central location, a productive work force, reliable transportation, a generally positive business climate and low-cost, abundant energy.

Existing business assistance provides direct services, including human resource development, business financing, help in enhancing productivity, market diversification and export assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for referrals to other sources, such as the Nebraska Business Development Centers and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Staff coordinate labor training with industrial location and expansion through advertising, screening assessment, referral, pre-employment, on-the-job training and post-employment training for hourly employees.

Business finance consultants identify and structure financial resources to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses.

The division's One-Stop Business Assistance Center improves businesses' access to state government and reduces government's response time to business needs. The center provides information on regulations, licenses, state and federal requirements, economic development programs and assistance with marketing, business and financing research.

*Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership*

**Contact Person:** Dave Wright, Operations Manager, Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3755, toll-free phone (800) MEP-4MFG, fax (402) 471-3365, e-mail address — dave.wright@ded.ne.gov

The Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership has a network of offices that team with Nebraska companies to help them become more competitive. Partners in Nebraska MEP are the Nebraska Business Development Center, the Food Processing Center, the Nebraska Community College System and the Department of Economic Development.

*Community and Rural Development Division*

**Contact Person:** Gary Hamer, Director, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-4388, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Community and Rural Development Division helps communities build development capacity and provides programs and services for housing and community development.

The division has financial and technical assistance for community and economic development. Financial resources come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Microenterprise Development Program.

Community Development Block Grant awards are made to communities for economic development and community development activities. Community development grants spur local economic development by funding projects that maintain or expand needed public facilities and adequate housing. They also expand the state's economic base by helping businesses bring new income into — and prevent income from leaving — the state.

The HOME funds provide another source for community and economic development. Through the Technical Assistance Review Team, which is composed of private and public housing partners, communities in need of affordable housing may apply for funds and receive valuable technical assistance and funding for their projects.

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as a source of affordable housing funding for the state.

The Microenterprise Development Fund is intended to encourage economic development by assisting start-up, small and home-based businesses with loans.

The division's efforts in community betterment also include the Nebraska Community Improvement Program and the Community Development Assistance Act. NCIP is a partnership between the department, the University of Nebraska and six investor-owned natural gas and telephone companies. CDAA empowers the department to distribute a 40 percent state tax credit to businesses, corporations, insurance firms or financial institutions that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects.

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, which is the comprehensive plan that identifies the state’s needs in housing, homelessness, and community and economic development, is developed every five years. The Consolidated Plan is revised and reviewed annually in the Annual Performance Report. Both are available from the department.

The division also manages the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. The commission is committed to developing housing and policies that foster the creation and preservation of affordable housing for all Nebraskans.

**Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness**

**Contact Person:** Lara Huskey, Housing Coordinator, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3759, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, e-mail address — lara.huskey@ded.ne.gov

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established in 1998. Its purposes are to develop ongoing, specific affordable housing and homelessness policies; make recommendations to the governor on policies, plans and courses of action; and monitor implementation of the recommendations.

NCHH has 21 members appointed by the governor from private and nonprofit sectors, including planners, service providers, low-income advocacy groups, developers, bankers, builders and housing manufacturers. The Department of Economic Development provides staff support. No state funds support NCHH activities.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Robin A. Ambroz-Hollman, Lincoln.....	NIFA
Nancy J. Bentley, Gering.....	Scottsbluff Housing Authority
Mary Byrnes, Omaha.....	Reunion Mortgage
Delmar Bomberger Jr., Omaha.....	The Stephen Center
Jean Chicoine, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services
Rosann Chilton, Gordon.....	Gordon Housing Authority
Sidney L. Cook, Grand Island.....	
Norene K. Fitzgerald, York.....	York County Economic Development Corp.
Alan M. Green, Lincoln.....	Mental Health Association of Nebraska
Becky J. Hanna, Lincoln.....	Hanna-Keelan Associates
Julie Hendricks, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Housing Developers Association
Ardith M. Hoins, Fairbury.....	Blue Valley Community Action
Lara Huskey, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development
Nikki J. Johnston, O’Neill.....	City of O’Neill
Thomas G. Judds.....	Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc.
Richard “Spike” Jones, Rushville.....	City of Rushville
Rick Kiolbasa, Lincoln.....	RWK, P.C.
DiAnn Kolkman, Allen.....	First National Bank
Roger D. Nadrchal, Norfolk.....	Neighbor Works Northeast NE
Karen Rathke, Grand Island.....	Heartland United Way
Melissa Robinson-Henscheid, Walthill.....	Native Council on Economic & Community Development
Norma Stealer, Winnebago.....	Village of Winnebago Housing Authority
Charles Sullivan, Omaha.....	Sullivan Homes

**Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee**

**Contact Person:** Steve Charleston, Community Development Block Grant Program Manager, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3757, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, e-mail address — steve.charleston@ded.ne.gov

**Statutory References:** 81-1201.07 and 81-1201.08

Created in 1986, the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee regularly consults with the department’s Community Development Block Grant Program. The committee helps determine community development objectives, state priorities and funding guidelines for community development projects, which must conform to objectives set forth in the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

Committee members are appointed by the Economic Development Commission upon recommendations of the department. Members include:

- two municipal officials from first class cities — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two municipal officials from second class cities — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two municipal officials from villages — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two elected county officials who live in different congressional districts
- one staff member from a development district or a regional council
- one staff member from the Governor’s Policy Research Office
- one staff member from the community action corporations
- one professional engineer

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Inez Boyd, Bellevue .....	Elected County Official, District 2 .....	September 2009
Carol Bruggeman, Johnson .....	Appointed Village Official, District 1 .....	August 2008
Jim Condon, Lincoln .....	Professional Engineer .....	Not less than one-year term
George Frye, Lincoln .....	Development District .....	Not less than one-year term
Joe Hewgley, North Platte .....	Elected County Official, District 3 .....	September 2007
Lowell Johnson, Wayne .....	Appointed 1st Class City Official, District 1 .....	August 2007
Marlene Johnson, West Point .....	Elected 2nd Class City Official, District 1 .....	August 2008
Nancy Kopejtko, Atkinson .....	Appointed 2nd Class City Official, District 3 .....	August 2009
Dan Kusek, Alliance .....	Elected 1st Class City Official, District 3 .....	August 2007
Vacant .....	Elected Village Official, District 3 .....	August 2008

Richard Nation, Fairbury .....	Community Action Agency .....	Not less than one-year term
Dan Hoffman, Lincoln .....	Governor's Policy Research Office .....	Not less than one-year term

### *Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act*

**Contact Person:** Tara Hosick, Development Consultant, Southwest Region, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (308) 367-8844, fax (308) 367-8845, e-mail address — tara.hosick@ded.ne.gov

The department provides assistance to communities that want to implement the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB 840), the mechanism by which cities and villages can spend local tax dollars on local economic development programs.

### *Office of International Trade and Investment*

**Contact Person:** Susan Rouch, Director, Office of International Trade and Investment, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-4668, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, e-mail address — susan.rouch@ded.ne.org

The Office of International Trade and Investment coordinates with other state agencies and with the governor's office to arrange foreign marketing and investment opportunities for Nebraska business and industry.

The office's Export Program promotes the export of Nebraska products to international markets through counseling, training and referrals to local export services. The Department of Economic Development also offers exposure to international markets and export finance programs for small business through international trade shows and governor-led trade missions abroad.

### *Travel and Tourism Division*

**Contact Person:** Christian Hornbaker, Director, Travel and Tourism Division, P.O. Box 98907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3794, toll-free (800) 228-4307, fax (402) 471-3026, Web site — <http://www.visitnebraska.org>

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The mission of the Travel and Tourism Division is to promote Nebraska attractions and events to the traveling public. The division produces tourism materials, works with communities to promote existing attractions and develop new attractions, leads press tours for travel writers and orientation tours for group tour leaders, trains and employs vacation guides who work at information centers, and provides grants for the promotion and development of attractions.

### **Nebraska Film Office**

**Contact Person:** Christa Kinsley, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3746, toll-free (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, Web site — <http://www.filmnebraska.org>

The Nebraska Film Office promotes Nebraska to producers of feature films, independent films, made-for-television movies, documentaries, commercials and other film-related activities. The Film Office also publishes a production guide listing services available for filmmaking in Nebraska, provides scouting services for potential projects and serves as a liaison between state agencies and local governments during filming projects.

### *Economic Development Commission*

**Contact Person:** Richard Baier, Director, Department of Economic Development, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3111, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, Web site — <http://www.neded.org>

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.02

The Economic Development Commission members are appointed by the governor and advise the Department of Economic Development on ways to develop Nebraska's economy. The commission's goals are:

- expanding personal income by developing business and employment opportunities
- developing a stable economy to enhance the state's environment
- developing a strong economy and economic opportunities in the state's communities and counties
- developing an economy that provides necessary revenue for state and local government to keep citizens' taxes low
- ensuring the department runs a nonpolitical, professionally managed division of state government

The commission has nine voting members and the director of economic development, who serves as a nonvoting member. Members serve six-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms.

To achieve a broad-based commission that represents Nebraska's economy, members are selected from rural and urban areas and come from diverse backgrounds, such as production agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, communications, travel and tourism and insurance. No more than five members may belong to the same political party. Members are not paid, but are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets at least four times a year.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Congressional District</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Nathan P. "Sandy" Dodge, Jr., Omaha (D) <sup>1</sup> .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2008
Phyllis A. Gardner, Max (R) .....	District 3 .....	July 15, 2008
Don Groesser, Omaha (R) .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2008
Craig K. Madson, Lincoln (D) .....	District 1 .....	July 15, 2010
Marilyn Sims, Omaha (D) .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2010
Richard "Dick" Jeffries, Omaha (D) .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2012
Janet A. Palmtag, Nebraska City (R) .....	District 1 .....	July 15, 2012
Bob L. Unzicker, Gering (R) .....	District 3 .....	July 15, 2012

<sup>1</sup> Political party affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat, I=Independent.

Timothy "Tim" D. White, Grand Island (R) ..... District 3 ..... July 15, 2010  
 Richard Baier, Lincoln ..... Director of Economic  
 Development ..... Nonexpiring

## Department of Environmental Quality

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**Director:** Mike Linder

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1502

The Department of Environmental Control was created in 1971 by the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. Legislation passed in 1992 changed the agency's name to the Department of Environmental Quality. The department administers the rules, regulations and standards adopted to protect and improve water, air, and land quality in the state. The department also provides services to towns, industries and citizens through several assistance programs, meetings, training, and conferences.

The Environmental Protection Act also established the Environmental Control Council, now known as the Environmental Quality Council. The department director is appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the council and with the Legislature's consent. The director serves as secretary of the council.

The department operates with state general funds, cash funds and federal funds.

### *Environmental Assistance Division*

This division provides a central source of technical information for the public, businesses, and industries affected by environmental regulations. The division consolidates several agency public outreach programs:

**Small Business and Public Assistance** – assists individuals, businesses, and industries in complying with air quality, waste management, and water quality regulations. The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (statutory reference: 81-1505.03) helps businesses comply with requirements of the federal Clean Air Act;

**One-Stop Permit Assistance** – serves as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes;

**Title III — Community Right-to-Know** – assists businesses subject to the state and federal Community Right-to-Know acts; Nebraska Environmental Partnerships – helps Nebraska's small communities address the challenges posed by complex environmental regulations, limited financial resources, and aging infrastructure.

The department's **Release Assessment Coordinator** is also located in this division. Through the Release Assessment Program, department personnel provide technical and regulatory assistance to those responsible for spills, leaks, and accidents that pose a hazard to either the environment or public health.

### ***Management Services Division***

This division provides administrative and technical support to department programs. The division is organized into the following areas of support: grants/contracts coordination, public information, human resources, fiscal services, and information technology. This division also includes the department's records management program, which is responsible for managing the agency's public records.

### ***Legal Services Division***

This division provides legal support to the director and the agency. Among its responsibilities are preparing legal opinions interpreting laws and regulations, advising the director and agency staff on duties and program responsibilities, and preparing administrative orders and other enforcement actions. The division also assists the Attorney General's office by providing legal expertise in environmental law and participating in court cases.

### ***Air Quality Division***

Air Quality Division objectives are to achieve and maintain the national and state ambient air quality standards, protect the quality of the air in areas of the state that have air cleaner than the standards, and to implement air quality rules and regulations. The division devotes extensive resources towards compliance assistance and outreach activities through its Planning and Development Program.

#### **Permitting Programs**

The department has implemented a construction permit program for air contaminant sources since the 1970s. Facilities are required to obtain a construction permit before they construct, reconstruct, or modify any air contaminant source or emission unit where there is a net increase in the potential to emit contaminants above specified levels. The department also implements the federal construction permit program known as Prevention of Significant Deterioration. This program applies to sources that emit significant levels of air contaminants.

Once constructed and operational, facilities subject to the construction permit program must also obtain an operating permit. Operating permits are issued to both large and small sources of air pollution, and are renewed every five years.

#### **Compliance Programs**

The department operates an air quality monitoring network to determine compliance with national and state air quality standards. Two agencies assist the department with the day-to-day operation of the network: the Douglas County Health Department, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. Monitoring is conducted for the following pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, and total reduced sulfur.

The department conducts compliance inspections of air pollution sources, responds

to citizen complaints, and observes and evaluates air contaminant emission tests. The department attempts to obtain compliance with regulations through voluntary efforts, but pursues legal enforcement actions when the issues are serious, chronic, or cannot otherwise be resolved.

### ***Waste Management Division***

To protect Nebraska's land and water resources, Waste Management Division programs ensure that non-hazardous wastes are properly disposed, hazardous waste is managed from creation to disposal, and contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up according to state and federal standards. The department also administers several waste-related grant programs.

#### **Solid Waste Program**

The Solid Waste Program is responsible for permitting and inspecting solid waste disposal areas (municipal landfills, construction and demolition disposal sites, delisted waste disposal areas, fossil fuel ash disposal areas, industrial waste disposal areas) and waste processing facilities (compost sites, material recovery (recycling) facilities, and transfer stations).

#### **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program**

The RCRA program ensures that hazardous waste is properly managed from the point of generation until final disposal. Among this program's duties are: performing compliance inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste; reviewing permit applications for treatment, storage and disposal facilities; approving closure and post-closure plans for hazardous waste storage areas and disposal sites; and investigating complaints. The RCRA program also helps hazardous waste generators maintain compliance with regulations through a Compliance Assistance Program.

#### **Superfund Program**

This program administers cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the federal Superfund program that was established to clean up the most seriously contaminated sites in the nation. The DEQ Superfund Program helps in the identification of potential Superfund sites and assists the EPA with ongoing work at the 13 National Priority List sites in Nebraska.

#### **Voluntary Cleanup Program**

This program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism to develop voluntary cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the department. The program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level. This program also performs targeted assessments at brownfield sites (vacant or underused industrial or commercial property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination).

### **Planning and Aid**

The Waste Management Planning and Aid Unit administers the following programs:

**Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program** (to assist in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects);

**Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program** (to support programs that reduce litter, provide education, and promote recycling);

**Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program** (to assist political subdivisions in the cleanup of solid waste disposed along public roadways or ditches); and

**Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program** (to provide an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchase of products, materials, or supplies manufactured or produced from recycled material).

### ***Water Quality Division***

To protect Nebraska's surface water and ground water resources, Water Quality Division programs ensure that petroleum leak and spill sites are investigated and cleaned up if necessary, livestock waste is properly managed, and discharges of pollutants into streams and rivers do not exceed levels intended to protect aquatic life. The division conducts surface water monitoring, administers groundwater protection programs, and issues permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer systems.

### **Petroleum Remediation Program**

The Petroleum Remediation Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground and above ground storage tanks and surface spills. The program also administers the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund (Title 200), a cleanup assistance fund for persons responsible for cleanup costs due to petroleum releases from tanks.

### **Agriculture Section**

The Livestock Waste Control Program strives to protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater from contamination by livestock waste by conducting inspections and issuing permits. The program requires many livestock operations to construct livestock waste control facilities. Owners must submit plans and specifications and obtain approval prior to construction and operation of the facilities. Some operations are required to monitor groundwater near their facilities. The Agriculture Section also administers the Chemigation and Agricultural Chemical Secondary Containment programs.

### **Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment Programs**

Surface water monitoring program staff collect physical, chemical and biological water quality samples from streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the state to identify and help remediate water quality problems. Fish tissue samples are collected annually for analysis of toxic pollutants; health advisories are issued if necessary. The program

also investigates fish kills and citizen complaints, and since 2004, has monitored over 30 lakes for the presence of toxic algae.

Groundwater unit assessment programs focus on assessing the quality of the state's groundwater resources, and protecting those resources through project reviews, permitting, and voluntary programs. The Groundwater Management Area program focuses on assessing areas where groundwater problems from nonpoint source contaminants exist or are likely to exist. The unit conducts hydrogeologic studies and reviews, reviews and issues permits for wells used to inject fluids underground, and administers the state Wellhead Protection program.

### **Water Quality Planning**

Water Quality Planning program staff conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification, and grant activities. This unit develops water quality standards that designate the beneficial uses to be made of surface waters, and the criteria to protect these uses; administers the Section 401 certification program to determine if applications for federal permits and licenses involving a discharge comply with state water quality standards; develops Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that include pollution control goals and strategies necessary to improve the quality of impaired surface waters; administers the Nonpoint Source Management Program to protect and improve the quality of water bodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution (grants are provided for eligible projects); and administers the Source Water Assessment Program to assist in protecting public drinking water supplies and systems.

### **Wastewater**

The department's Wastewater Section provides a variety of programs all related to wastewater treatment systems and their associated discharges. The Engineering Management program reviews planning documents and issues construction permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer lines. The program also provides assistance and training for wastewater facility operators.

The On-Site Wastewater program focuses on protecting surface and ground water in the area of proposed on-site systems (septic systems and small lagoons) through the certification of on-site professionals and the review of subdivision development plans.

The Wastewater Section administers two permitting programs that regulate dischargers of water pollutants: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and the Nebraska Pretreatment Program. NPDES permits issued to municipalities and industries place limits on the pollutants that can be discharged into Nebraska's rivers and streams. This program also issues permits that limit the discharge of pollutants in storm water from industrial, municipal, and construction sites. Pretreatment Program permits protect municipal wastewater systems from damage or overloading by industries.

### **Financial Assistance**

The agency administers the distribution of state and federal assistance through two community aid programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which

provides low-interest loans and small town matching grants for construction of public wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans for construction of public and private drinking water systems.

### Field Offices

The department maintains field offices in Omaha, Norfolk, Holdrege, North Platte, Chadron, and Scottsbluff. Field office staff are responsible for conducting compliance inspections, complaint investigations, environmental sampling, project management, and local compliance assistance for the agency's air quality, water quality, and waste management divisions. Contact information for field offices is available on the department's web site: [www.deq.state.ne.us](http://www.deq.state.ne.us).

## *Environmental Quality Council*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1503

The Environmental Quality Council was created to carry out the federal Environmental Protection Act, and adopts rules and regulations that set air, water, and land quality standards designed to protect the environment and the public health and welfare of the state. The governor appoints the director of the Department of Environmental Quality based on recommendations by the council.

The council has 17 members appointed to four-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Council members represent the food products manufacturing industry, conservation interests, the agricultural processing industry, the automotive or petroleum industry, the chemical industry, heavy industry, the power generating industry,

crop production, labor, the livestock industry, minority populations, county government, and municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class). Other members include a professional engineer experienced in controlling air and water pollution and solid wastes, a medical doctor with knowledge about the health aspects of air, water and land pollution, and a biologist.

The council meets at least four times per year. Members are paid \$40 a day when conducting council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Michael Bair, Aurora.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2009
John T. Baker, Scottsbluff .....	Professional Engineer.....	June 22, 2007
Dr. Janet Bernard, North Platte.....	Physician.....	June 22, 2007
Vaughn Blum, Schuyler.....	Food Products Manufacturing.....	June 22, 2009
Lawrence Bradley, Omaha.....	Minority Populations.....	June 22, 2009
Joseph Citta, Jr., Columbus.....	Power Generating Industry.....	June 22, 2009
Mark Czaplowski, Grand Island.....	Biologist.....	June 22, 2009
Rod Gangwish, Shelton.....	Agricultural Crop Production.....	June 22, 2009
Michael Griffin, Crawford.....	Heavy Industry.....	June 22, 2007

Robert C. Hall, Wahoo.....	Labor.....	June 22, 2009
Jodi Thompson, Chair, Imperial.....	County Government .....	June 22, 2007
Jerry P. Trotter, Gothenburg.....	Agricultural Processing.....	June 22, 2007
John C. Turnbull, York.....	Conservation .....	June 22, 2009
Mark Whitehead, Vice Chair, Lincoln .....	Automotive/Petroleum Industry.....	June 22, 2009
Donald Williams, Orchard.....	Chemical Industry.....	June 22, 2007
Ronald Zeiger, Syracuse .....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2009
Alden Zuhlke, Brunswick .....	Livestock Industry.....	June 22, 2009

## State Fire Marshal

**Office Address:** 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

**State Fire Marshal:** John E. Falgione

**Statutory Reference:** 81-501.01

**Publications:** Annual report

The state fire marshal's office:

- inspects buildings to ensure fire and life safety and to ensure buildings are free from barriers
- orders the removal of combustible and explosive materials from any building or premise and orders the abatement of dangerous conditions that constitute fire hazards
- orders exits and egress of buildings as necessary to ensure safe escape in case of fire
  - orders the destruction, repair or alteration of dilapidated buildings
  - issues permits for wholesale and retail sale of fireworks and enforces statutes applicable to the sale, use and storage of pyrotechnics
  - promulgates rules and regulations and adopts recognized safety standards for fire prevention and protection in Nebraska
  - prescribes and enforces regulations that set state safety standards for transporting natural and other gas by pipelines not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission
  - investigates the origin, cause and circumstances surrounding fires, explosions and similar emergencies
  - creates and enforces accessibility standards for buildings and facilities
  - enforces the underground storage tank program in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Quality
  - provides statewide training programs for fire departments and other emergency response organizations

The 1909 Legislature created a Fire Commission. Its duties were transferred in 1919 to the Division of Fire Prevention in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1925, appointing the state fire marshal became the responsibility of the governor. The state fire marshal was placed under the Department of Trade and Commerce and in 1933, under the Department of Insurance. In 1974, the state fire marshal was made responsible to the governor by the Legislature. The state fire marshal's office is funded, in part, through taxes paid by companies conducting fire insurance business in Nebraska.

### *Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board*

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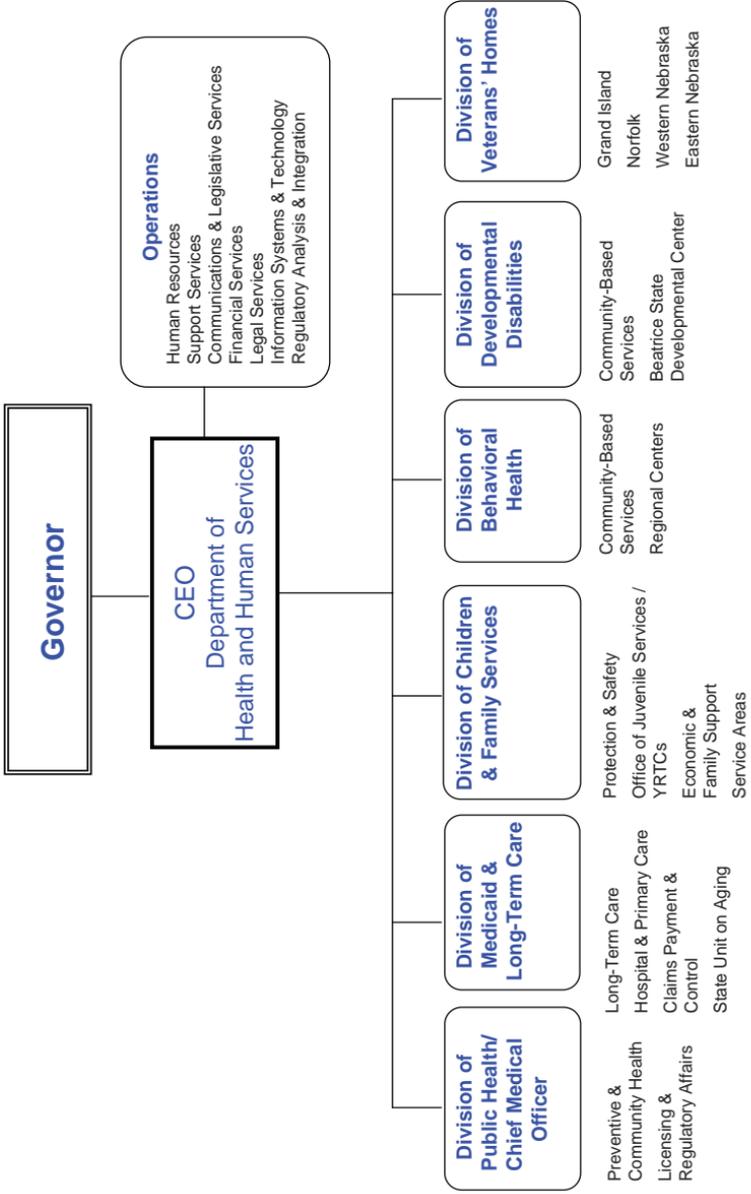
**Statutory Reference:** 81-502.01

The 1971 Legislature created an advisory committee to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In 1977, the advisory committee was changed to the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board. The board advises the state fire marshal on application of fire regulations.

The board has nine members: a fire insurance industry representative; an architect; a public school district board member; a fire protection engineer; a fire department inspector; a volunteer fire department member; a state Department of Health and Human Services representative; a Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems representative; and a state Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure representative. Members are chosen by the governor and serve four-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Daniel B. Childers, Hastings .....	Fire Department Inspector .....	Sept. 24, 2007
G. Daniel Cillessen, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Sept. 24, 2007
Thomas G. Didier, North Platte.....	Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.....	Sept. 24, 2007
James A. Hust, Lincoln .....	Public School District Board .....	Sept. 24, 2007
Rob Olson, Lincoln .....	Architect.....	Sept. 24, 2007
Teri K. Reigert, Lincoln .....	Fire Insurance Industry .....	Sept. 24, 2007
Robert L. Ruyle, Lincoln.....	Fire Protection Engineer .....	Sept. 24, 2007
Robert W. Semerena, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2007
Alan Viox, Nebraska City .....	Volunteer Fire Department.....	Sept. 24, 2007

# Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services\*



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## Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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**Statutory References:** LB 296, 2007 Legislative Session

LB 296, the Health and Human Services Act, was passed by the Legislature in March 2007. LB 296 transferred the administration of publicly funded health and human services programs in the State of Nebraska from the Health and Human Services System to the newly created Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2007. LB 296 eliminated the HHS System and its three departments.

LB 296 was the next step in a reorganization set forth by LB 1044 in 1996, the Nebraska Partnership for Health and Human Services Act. LB 1044 eliminated the Aging, Health, Public Institutions and Social Services departments and the Office of Juvenile Services in the Department of Correctional Services and created a system of three agencies beginning January 1, 1997. The agencies were the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. This system was directed by a Policy Cabinet made up of the three agency directors, a policy secretary and a chief medical officer, if one was appointed.

Under LB 296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Legislature, to direct the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department has six divisions whose directors are also appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. These are the Divisions of Behavioral Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, the Division of Public Health, and the Division of Veterans' Homes. The operations support of the Department of Health and Human Services are placed together organizationally.

### Chief Executive Officer

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Under LB 296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Legislature, to direct the Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include:

- supervise and administer the department and employees, and allow for transfer of personnel between divisions
- manage services and programs
- enter into necessary agreements for provision of services
- recommend legislation that is deemed necessary and appropriate

- consult and cooperate with other state agencies
- adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as required
- coordinate assistance programs under direction of the Adjutant General, established under section 81-829.72, with programs of the department
  - coordinate budget, research and data collection efforts
  - ensure the Legislature's Appropriations Committee is provided any information required to make funding determinations and recommendations
  - seek grants and other funds from federal and other public and private sources to carry out the purposes of the act
  - act as an agent of the federal government in matters of mutual concern in conformity with the Act and scope of authority of the department as provided by law
  - facilitate joint planning initiatives, and encourage and direct initiatives and collaboration in the department
  - delegate the authority to division directors to act as a decision maker in contested cases
  - consider adopting rules and regulations regarding access to and security of confidential information among divisions and within divisions based on several factors

## *Operations*

### *Communications and Legislative Services*

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Communications and Legislative Services provides public information activities through media relations and outreach efforts, legislative coordination for the department, and activities of the HHS System Advocate. The System Advocate responds to questions, concerns and complaints regarding Health and Human Services and publishes an annual report. The System Advocate can be reached at Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-6035 or (800) 254-4202, e-mail address — [diana.duran@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:diana.duran@hhss.ne.gov)

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Financial Services provides support to HHS through budget development and monitoring, state and federal report compilation, performance accountability and program evaluation, audits, accounting transactions, revenue collections and monitoring, grant and contract support, Medicaid reimbursements and claims processing, financial and program analysis and cost allocation and staff development.

### *Human Resources and Development*

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Human Resources and Development provides support to approximately 6,000 HHS employees across the state. The division includes employee recruitment and selection, affirmative action, employee equal opportunity, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, labor relations, classification and compensation, equity and diversity, organizational development, employee training, career development, supervisory support, human resource analysis and planning, payroll processing, workers' compensation, benefits, employee and community service drives, unemployment insurance.

#### *Information Systems and Technology*

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Information Systems and Technology, in partnership with DAS-Information Management Services, provides leadership, project management, planning, implementation and support services for information technology for HHS. IS&T helps the business define automation solutions by providing an automation plan, implementation, testing and maintenance/ongoing support. IS&T also provides Help Desk support and network/hardware support to the department, including procurement, installation, local area network management and maintenance.

#### *Legal Services*

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Legal Services provides legal advice and representation for HHS by interpreting federal laws and regulations, state statutes, and administrative rules and regulations for programs and facilities and by representing the department in administrative hearings and in some court cases. The area also drafts and reviews legislation, rules and regulations and contracts.

#### *Regulatory Analysis and Integration*

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The area manages the regulation development and approval activities for the department. It has established a uniform process within the HHS for developing and revising rules and regulations, a central clearinghouse and automated tracking system and Internet access to HHS rules and regulations at <http://www.hhss.ne.gov/reg/regs.htm>.

The area reviews HHS proposed regulations to assure policy consistency throughout the department and to identify and eliminate overstringent, outdated or duplicate regulations. The area provides technical assistance to staff in developing regulations and encouraging the use of plain language and user-friendly writing. In addition, it manages public hearings on rules and regulations and serves as the department's single

point of contact on regulatory issues with the offices of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state. The area is responsible for distributing new and revised program regulations to HHS staff in local offices across the state and to paid subscribers.

#### *Support Services*

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Support Services offers technical assistance and support to HHS in purchasing; equipment inventory; surplus property; vehicle management; telecommunications; office space leasing and space planning; safety, security and emergency planning; records management; word processing; graphics; property insurance; distribution of mail, forms and supplies; and food stamp issuance.

#### **Division of Behavioral Health**

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The Division of Behavioral Health administers the three state Regional Centers for the mentally ill and the publicly funded community-based behavioral health services.

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**Norfolk Regional Center:** William Gibson, Acting Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 1209, Norfolk, NE 68702-1209, phone (402) 370-3400

**Statutory References for Regional Centers:** 83-107.01 and 83-305

Behavioral Health implements mental health and substance abuse programs through community and regional clinical programs and services.

Through its mental health programs, the area administers developmental and regional center clinical programs and services. Community mental-health programs operate under six regional governing boards, which administer or contract with local community mental health programs to provide comprehensive emergency, short-term inpatient, day rehabilitation and treatment, residential, vocational support, service coordination, consultation and education and specialized child and adolescent services.

Changes in the behavioral health system as a result of LB1083, passed in 2004, are intended to create a balance between hospital and community-based services and develop alternative psychiatric residential rehabilitation services that allow people to live in the community when appropriate. The role of the three regional centers is to provide indigent acute care and secure residential services. Community-based alternatives for mental

health rehabilitation services, such as assertive community treatment teams, expanded community support and day rehabilitation, will be located in community settings.

A State Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council (statutory reference: 71-5008) identifies program needs, offers guidance and acts as an advocate for the interests of consumers and their families, and makes recommendations to HHS.

Through its gambler's assistance program, the area has goals to reduce substance abuse, compulsive gambling and dependency in Nebraska; to intervene and help substance abusers and compulsive gamblers; and to help them achieve and maintain a life free of these problems. The program provides leadership and coordination in the development and operation of the state's substance abuse and compulsive gambling treatment and prevention service system.

The program plans and distributes state general fund money to community-based programs that provide substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare services. It also administers the alcohol and drug abuse portion of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant. Community alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation programs fall under six mental health and substance abuse governing boards. To ensure services meet minimum quality standards, staff visit sites to certify program compliance and staff certify alcohol and drug abuse counselors to ensure they bring competence and experience to their jobs.

The Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling is responsible for recommending compulsive gambling services to be made available and promoting public awareness of the availability of gambling services.

Three advisory committees assist in the work of the Division of Behavioral Health, including the 10 member State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814), the 10 member State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815), and the 10 member State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction (statutory reference: 71-816).

#### *Behavioral Health Council*

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**Statutory Reference:** 71-813

The Behavioral Health Council was created by the 2004 Legislature as part of LB 1083. The council consists of 10 members of the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814), 10 members of the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815) and 10 members of the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction (statutory reference: 71-816).

The governor appoints three members from each committee to serve on the Behavioral Health Council, and each committee selects seven of its members to serve on the council. Members of the Behavioral Health Council are appointed for staggered terms of three years.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Jon Atherton, Omaha.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Jerome Barry, Lincoln.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Beth Baxter, Kearney.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Dr. Subhash Bhatia, Omaha.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Jimmy Burke, Lincoln.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Wayne Choat, St. Edward.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Ann Ebsen, Papillion.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Beverly Ferguson, Norfolk.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Janet French, Omaha.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Sherrie Geier, Lincoln.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Topher Hansen, Lincoln.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Steven Jung, Lincoln.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Nancy Kratky, Omaha.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Susan Krome, Lincoln.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Lynda Lakin, Omaha.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Dr. Delinda Mercer, Scottsbluff.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Brenda Miner, Grand Island.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Jane Morgan, Gordon.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Tom Nutt, Holdrege.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel, Lincoln.....	Committee on Mental Health Services
Wehnona St. Cyr, Winnebago.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Kathy Seacrest, North Platte.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Ron Sorensen, Lincoln.....	Committee on Substance Abuse Services
Kate Speck, Lincoln.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Dick Stalker, Grand Island.....	Committee on Gambling and Addiction Services
Mary Wells, Anselmo.....	Committee on Mental Health Services

*State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction*

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Region</b>
Wayne Choat, St. Edward.....	4
Janet French, Omaha.....	6
Sherrie Geier, Lincoln.....	5
Steven Jung, Lincoln.....	5
Andrea McAllister, Lincoln.....	5
Thomas Nutt, Holdrege.....	3
Kate Speck, Lincoln.....	5
Dick Stalker, Grand Island.....	3
Robert Sylvester, York.....	5
Donald Warren, Waverly.....	5

*State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services*

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jerome Barry, Lincoln.....	Independence Center.....	July 1, 2008
Dr. Subhas Bhatia, Omaha.....	Creighton University.....	July 1, 2007

Ann Ebsen, Papillion.....	Sarpy Co. Mental Health.....	July 1, 2009
Topher Hansen, Lincoln.....	CenterPointe.....	July 1, 2008
Linda Krutz, Lincoln.....	Community Corrections Council.....	July 1, 2009
Dr. DeLinda Mercer, Scottsbluff.....	Partners in Behavioral Health.....	July 1, 2008
Brenda Miner, Grand Island.....	St. Francis Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center.....	July 1, 2009
Jane Morgan, Gordon.....	Northeast Panhandle Substance Abuse Center.....	July 1, 2009
Laura Richards, Scottsbluff.....	Region 1 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administration.....	July 1, 2007
Kathy Seacrest.....	Region 2 Human Services.....	July 1, 2007
Wehnona St. Cyr, Winnebago.....	Omaha Nation.....	July 1, 2008
Lee Tyson, Lincoln.....	HHS-Division of Behavioral Health.....	July 1, 2008

*State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services*

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**Division of Children & Family Services**

**Contact Person:** Division Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

The Division of Children and Family Services administers Protection and Safety programs and services, including child welfare and the Office of Juvenile Services; Economic and Family Support programs and services, including public assistance programs and child support enforcement; and the Service Areas which include local offices across the state.

*Protection and Safety*

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This area sets policy and procedures, develops and monitors comprehensive planning efforts such as develops and monitors contracts, manages federal audits and assures quality for family and child welfare programs. These programs include child protective services, foster care, adoption and subsidized adoption programs, adoption search, preparation for independent living, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children,<sup>4</sup> help for victims of domestic abuse and resource development.

The goals are promoting safety of children and the community, ensuring permanent outcomes and encouraging physical, educational and mental well-being. These results are accomplished by assessing the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation; helping people become or remain self-supporting and independent; and providing services for dependent neglected and status offender youth and their families.

The area administers the Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board.

*Juvenile Services*

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**Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney:** Timothy O'Dea, Facility Administrator, 2802 30th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847-9599, phone (308) 865-5313, e-mail address — [tim.odea@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:tim.odea@hhss.ne.gov)

**Statutory References:** 43-404 and 83-107.01

Juvenile Services originally was established in 1994 within the Department of Correctional Services. The programs and functions of the office were transferred to HHS in 1997.

The functions of the Office of Juvenile Services include administration of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC's) in Kearney and Geneva and juvenile community supervision services. The office provides, coordinates and monitors community-based services and programs for juveniles and their families committed to the office's custody.

The Office of Juvenile Services community-based services and programs have been incorporated into the five HHS service areas. Juvenile services officers are responsible for case management of juveniles committed to the office and supervising juveniles paroled from the YRTC's or committed by the courts for direct community placement.

YRTC-Geneva houses adjudicated female juveniles committed to Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

YRTC-Kearney houses adjudicated male juveniles committed Juvenile Services by

the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

Both centers provide education and specialized treatment designed to meet the developmental needs of juveniles and to redirect their behavior.

#### *Economic and Family Support*

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Economic and Family Support, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

This area develops statewide public assistance policies and procedures for Aid to Dependent Children; Employment First; State Supplemental Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled; the State Disability Program; Medical Assistance; the Low-Income Energy Block Grant; and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Aid to Dependent Children provides financial assistance to dependent children deprived of support or care from parents because their parents have died, are absent from home, are physically or mentally unable, are without a job or work only part-time. State Supplemental Assistance to the Aged, Blind or Disabled provides financial help to needy aged, blind or disabled adults. People eligible for these two programs also are eligible for medical assistance.

Employment First provides job training, education and employment preparation to those who receive Aid to Dependent Children benefits. Supportive services, including medical and childcare, are provided for up to two years after a cash grant ceases to ensure the person is able to keep his or her job.

State Disability provides financial and medical assistance to needy adults who are temporarily disabled and do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income, State Supplement or Medical Assistance.

Medical Assistance is available to financial-assistance grant recipients and also may be available to those who can pay for day-to-day needs but are unable to afford medical care.

Low-Income Energy Assistance helps low-income Nebraskans defray their utility costs. Also, LIHEAP recipients' homes are weatherized upon request through local community action agencies.

Refugee Resettlement assists with refugees' financial and medical assistance during their initial resettlement in the United States.

#### *Child Care*

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The Nebraska child care program assists Nebraska families with the costs of child care, provides funding for child care providers to help them expand services within a community and provides training and development opportunities for child care providers and parents. These efforts are based on the state's Quality Child Care Act passed in 1991 and the federal Child Care and Development Fund.

Help with child care expenses is available, on a sliding fee scale, to families

with children 12 years of age or younger and/or with special needs. Family members must be employed, attend school or training sessions, go to medical or counseling appointments or be incapacitated. Child care grant funds are available to licensed providers to make minor building modifications in new programs necessary to meet licensing requirements; to make minor building modifications or purchase equipment to serve increased numbers of infants, children with disabilities, children who are ill or children of school age; or to help providers who are expanding to increase the number of children served. Emergency mini-grants to assist licensed programs in continuing to meet licensing regulations and grants for providers not required to be licensed also are available.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (statutory reference: 43-3401) provides coordination for the state agencies responsible for childcare, early childhood education services and early intervention services.

#### *Child Support Enforcement*

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Child Support Enforcement services include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support orders and reviewing and modifying court orders. The methods available to locate parents and collect support have increased because of recent legislation tied to welfare reform efforts, including a new hire registry and license suspension for people failing to pay support. Child Support Enforcement services are provided through a network of HHS staff, county attorneys, authorized attorneys and contracted service providers.

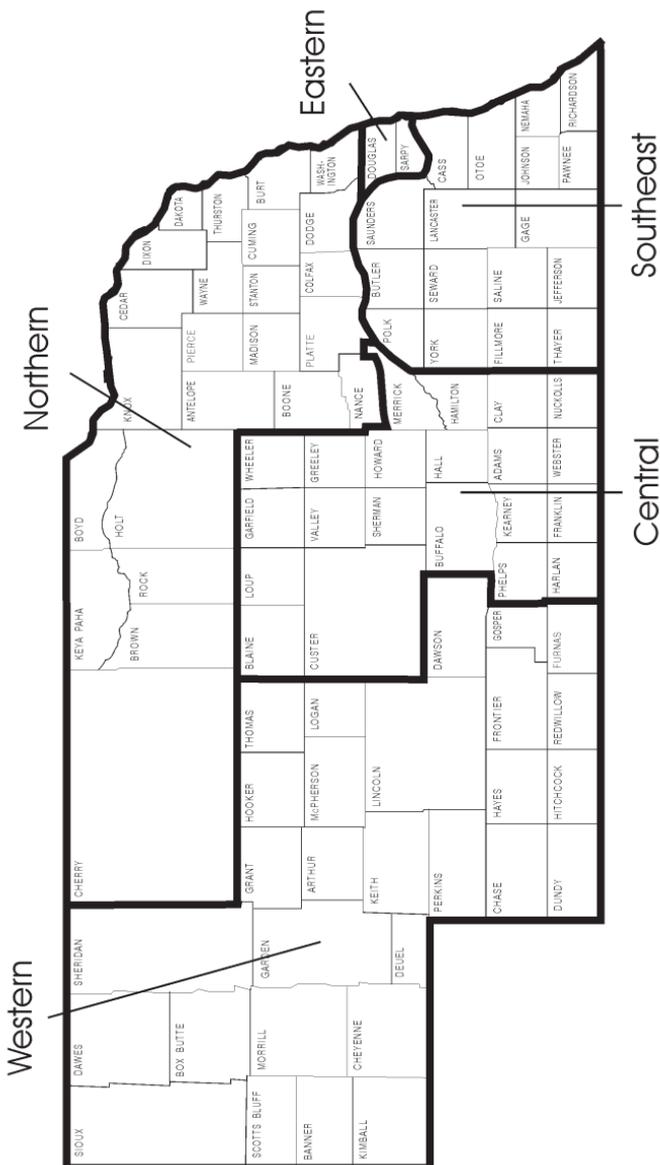
#### *Food Programs*

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The Food Stamp Program enables low-income households (not necessarily public assistance recipients) to buy a greater variety of food to provide a more nutritious diet. Each participant gets a coupon allotment based on the number of people in the household and the household's net total income.

The areas Food Distribution Program Unit administers U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food and commodity distribution to school lunch programs and coordinates commodity distribution to needy individuals.

Nebraska Health and Human Services System Service Areas\*



\*Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

### Service Areas

In 2004, the department began using a common set of geographic boundaries to organize the work of its local employees statewide into five service areas. Service area staff is responsible for the administration of the programs in the Division of Children and Family Services on the local level. The five administrators are responsible for all local offices but not the department's ten 24-hour facilities.

**Central Service Area:** Yolanda Nuncio, Administrator, P.O. Box 2400, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 385-6147, e-mail address — [yolanda.nuncia@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:yolanda.nuncia@hhss.ne.gov)

Includes Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Merrick, Hamilton, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Webster and Nuckolls Counties.

**Eastern Service Area:** Tim Koehn, Administrator, 1313 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 595-3905, e-mail address — [tim.koehn@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:tim.koehn@hhss.ne.gov)

Includes Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

**Northern Service Area:** Mike Puls, Administrator, P.O. Box 339, 209 N. Fifth St., Norfolk, NE 68702-0339, phone (402) 370-3497, e-mail address — [mike.puls@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:mike.puls@hhss.ne.gov)

Includes Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Thursday, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Boone, Platte, Nance, Colfax, Dodge and Washington Counties.

**Southeast Service Area:** Jeff Schmidt, Administrator, 1050 N St., Suite 350, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-5328, e-mail address — [jeff.schmidt@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:jeff.schmidt@hhss.ne.gov)

Includes Polk, Butler, Saunders, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Gage, Thayer, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties.

**Western Service Area:** Lonnie Starke, Administrator, P.O. Box 540, 1600 10th St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (402) 436-6559, e-mail address — [lonnie.starke@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:lonnie.starke@hhss.ne.gov)

Includes Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Garden, Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and Furnas Counties.

### Division of Developmental Disabilities

**Contact Person:** Division Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

The Division of Developmental Disabilities administers the Beatrice State Developmental Center and publicly funded community-based developmental disability services.

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**Beatrice State Developmental Center:** Larry Pezley, Interim, 300 E. Lincoln Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310-3319, phone (402) 223-6600

**Statutory References for BSDC:** 83-107.01 and 83-217

This area includes two components: community-based services and the Beatrice State Developmental Center.

The responsibility of the community-based services component is to link individuals with developmental disabilities to supports and services. This includes identifying non-specialized community supports; assessing the need for specialized services; providing certification of and technical assistance to providers of community-based developmental disability services; monitoring service delivery and administering state and federal funds used by specialized developmental disability programs in the state. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: 83-1212.01) gives advice on the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

The Beatrice State Developmental Center is a residential facility providing on-site intensive 24-hour habilitative and medical services to about 400 Nebraskans with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The center's Intensive Treatment Service helps people find increased opportunities through 30- to 90-day stays and home site follow-through. BSDC sponsors an annual conference that has become a national event drawing nearly 2,000 participants.

**Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care**

**Contact Person:** Division Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care administers the medical assistance program, also known as Medicaid; aging services; and other related programs and services.

*Hospital and Primary Care, Long-Term Care, and Claims Payment and Control*

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The Nebraska Medical Assistance program (Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act) pays for a wide array of medical care and services to low-income individuals who are elderly or disabled, children and related family members.

Medical care and services include: diagnostic and therapeutic services of licensed health care practitioners; inpatient and outpatient hospital care; laboratory and radiological services; prescribed drugs; prosthetic devices; audiology and speech services; family planning; and long-term care services, including nursing facility services, assisted living, adult and child day healthcare, respite care, home health care and other in-home support services. Preventive services are offered through the HealthCheck program for people younger than 21.

In 1998, Nebraska expanded eligibility to 185 percent of poverty for pregnant women and for children 18 and younger under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, also known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Services for children under Title XIX and Title XXI are provided in Nebraska's Kids Connection program.

The Medicaid Managed Care program requires certain recipients in Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties to enroll in a health maintenance organization or primary care

case management plan for medical and surgical services. These programs cover the medical and surgical services, except pharmacy, dental, personal assistant services and long-term care services. The Medicaid Managed Care program requires certain recipients statewide to enroll for mental health services.

In 1998, the Legislature created the Nebraska Health Care Trust Fund Act to improve Nebraska's healthcare infrastructure, including public health, and to improve access to health services for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children. Funds are generated through interest earned on the proceeds of a state settlement with the tobacco industry and a Medicaid intergovernmental transfer with nursing facilities.

This area also administers noninstitutional, home-based and community-based services for individuals qualified for federal Medicaid waivers; the aged, adults and children with disabilities; and infants and toddlers with special needs. Medically Handicapped Children area administers three programs to provide services and coordination of care under Title V of the Social Security Act, including diagnostic evaluations with specialty physicians, specialty care for severe chronic congenital conditions for people younger than 21, and the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program for people age 21 and older with sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis or hemophilia. The Medically Handicapped Children's Committee (statutory reference: 71-1401) advises the area and any other state entity or employee charged with supervising and administering services to medically handicapped children. Supplemental Security Income-Disabled Children is for children younger than 16 who are eligible for SSI benefits. Disabled Persons and Family Support provides care at home for employed adults with disabilities and relatives who provide care at home for a family member with a disability.

The component also includes the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, Home Health Services, Hospice Services, Personal Assistance Services, School Outreach, Medicaid in public schools, Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver, Social Services Block Grant, Respite Subsidy, Adult Family Home program and the Respite Lifespan program. The component also serves as co-lead with the State Department of Education for the Early Intervention Program to deliver services to infants and toddlers through 29 planning regions across the state.

Adult Protective Services administers a central registry, which contains reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults, and provides training and technical assistance to HHS staff.

*State Unit on Aging*

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Aging works to promote dignity and opportunity for older Nebraskans by setting policy and promoting education activities in support of programs that advocate for suitable housing, income, choice in living arrangements, transportation and healthcare.

Much of the mission is shared with eight area agencies on aging, which operate separately under agreements with local government officials. Each area agency develops a plan to deliver comprehensive and coordinated services to citizens who are at least 60 years old. Once approved by the state, area agencies receive funding under the Older Americans Act and the Community Aging Services Act.

Aging certifies care management units to determine least restrictive service levels for elderly, frail adults; provides long-term care ombudsman services; and provides a pre-admission screening program, called Senior Care Options, to identify Medicaid-eligible applicants for nursing home placement who can be served by a community-based option.

The Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Aging (statutory reference: 68-1101) assists the division in its work.

**Division of Public Health**

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The Division of Public Health administers preventive and community health programs and services, the regulation and licensure of health-related profession, occupations, health care facilities, and health care services.

If the Director of Public Health is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, he or she is also the chief medical officer. If the Director of Public Health is not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, the Governor shall appoint a chief medical officer in addition to the Director. The chief medical officer is the final decision-maker in contested cases of health care facilities and professionals, performs duties under current licensing laws, and other duties as provided by law.

*Community Health Protection , Promotion, Planning and Support*

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*Health Protection*

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Bioterrorism Response, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

Bioterrorism Response coordinates efforts to respond to the threat of bioterrorism

and to manage the grant funds provided to Nebraska to prepare the public health and healthcare systems for such terror threats.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Infectious Disease, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

Infectious Disease includes the Ryan White Program, which helps people with HIV infection to access healthcare and support services; the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Hepatitis and Tuberculosis prevention programs.

#### *Women, Children and Family Health Services*

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Family Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

This area promotes public health activities that enhance the health of families through education, prevention of disease, reduction of morbidity and mortality and access to appropriate services. This mission is carried out through a wide range of programs and activities.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides education and foods distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through eight local agencies statewide to infants and children younger than age 6; women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum; and seniors age 60 and older. Immunization provides vaccines, assessment and informational support to immunization clinics and private providers for children from infancy to college freshmen, and provides information about Hepatitis B prevention, adult immunization and travel immunizations. Newborn Screening and Genetics coordinates the screening of all newborns in the state for phenylketonuria (PKU), biotinidase deficiency, congenital primary hypothyroidism, galactosemia, medium chain acyl co-A dehydrogenase deficiency (MCAD) and hemoglobinopathies such as sickle cell anemia. The area funds medically necessary foods for persons with these disorders. This area also coordinates newborn hearing screening, including tracking and referral activities.

Perinatal Child and Adolescent Health promotes school and community health programs, works with consumers and providers on a number of maternal and child health issues and administers the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Helpline and the Abstinence Education grant. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive nutrition and health program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 by providing nutrient-specific foods, nutrition and health education through 14 local agencies that serve more than 100 clinic sites.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Planning and Support administers the Title V/MCH Block Grant. The MCH Epidemiology Unit plans and manages data and surveillance projects, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and the Child Death Review Team.

The Nebraska Child Death Review Team grew out of recommendations from a task force of the Nebraska Commission for the Protection of Children. (Statutory Reference: 71-3406) The commission was created by then-Gov. Ben Nelson in July

1991 to assess the status of child protection practices in the state and to develop an implementation plan to improve such practices.

The commission established 10 task forces to address specific problems affecting the well-being of Nebraska’s children. The Child Death Review Task Force was assigned the responsibility of planning for the development of state and local child death review teams in Nebraska.

The Child Death Review Task Force found that about 300 children were dying each year in the state but that Nebraska had no systematic process in place for consistent review of those deaths to determine contributing circumstances. The task force found that a child death review team was needed in Nebraska for the following purposes:

- to identify deaths that may be the result of child abuse or neglect or other preventable causes
- to obtain and maintain statistics on child mortality
- to provide services to surviving family members
- to appropriately utilize the criminal justice system
- to develop and implement measures to prevent future child deaths

The task force recommended the establishment of a state child death review team to review detailed information on Nebraska child deaths. The result of this recommendation was LB 431, enacted in 1993.

The director of Health and Human Services can appoint eight to 12 members to the Child Death Review Team. The core members are a physician and a child protection specialist in the Department of Health and Human Services, a forensic pathologist, a law enforcement representative and an attorney. The remaining members may be, but are not limited to, a county attorney, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent responsible for investigations on American Indian reservations, a social worker, and members of organizations that represent hospitals or physicians. Members serve four-year terms, except for the department physician, who is a permanent member and chairperson of the team. The team meets at least four times a year.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Karen Authier, Elkhorn .....	Social Worker.....	July 1, 2010
Don Kleine, Omaha .....	County Attorney .....	July 1, 2010
Doris Lassiter, Omaha.....	Child Health Consultant.....	July 1, 2010
Howard Needelman, Omaha .....	Neonatologist.....	July 1, 2010
Mary Jo Pankoke, Lincoln.....	Child Welfare Specialist.....	July 1, 2010
Blaine Roffman, Omaha .....	Forensic Pathologist .....	July 1, 2010
Todd Reckling, Lincoln .....	Child Protection Specialist, HHS.....	July 1, 2010
Herb Spears, Lincoln .....	Attorney .....	July 1, 2010
Jerry Watson, Grand Island .....	Law Enforcement.....	July 1, 2010
Peg Prusa-Ogea, Lincoln .....	HHS .....	July 1, 2010
Joann Schaefer, Omaha (Interim Chair).....	Chief Medical Officer, HHS.....	Nonexpiring

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Women’s Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

**Statutory Reference:** 71-701

Created by LB 480, the Women’s Health was established on July 13, 2000 to improve the health of women in Nebraska by fostering the development of a comprehensive

system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy and education.

The area performs the following duties:

- serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding women’s health issues
- performs strategic planning within the Health and Human Services Department to develop a department-wide plan for implementation of goals and objectives
- conducts department-wide policy analysis on specific issues related to women’s health
  - coordinates pilot projects and planning projects funded by the state that are related to women’s health
  - communicates and disseminates information and performs a liaison function
  - provides technical assistance to communities
  - encourages innovative responses by private and public entities
  - coordinates the Every Woman Matters Program, which provides women with screening and diagnostic services for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers; prevention and screening for cardiovascular disease and diabetes; and education on arthritis.

Reproductive Health provides education and comprehensive medical reproductive health services to men and women on a sliding fee scale. Medical services include breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, blood pressure, urinalysis, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, contraceptive methods, follow-up and referral.

The Women’s Health Initiative Advisory Council, appointed by the governor, advises Women’s Health in carrying out its duties and solicits funds to support the initiative. (Statutory Reference: 71-702)

The 30-member council includes representatives from various healthcare disciplines, community health organizations from each congressional district, health educators, consumers, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University, the executive director of the Commission on the Status of Women or his or her designee and the Department of Health and Human Services. Two state senators serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Teresa Anderson, Hastings	Community Public Health, District 3
Olga Caicedo, Lincoln	Consumer
Joan Cromer, Gering	Additional Member
Marie de Martinez, Grand Island	Additional Member
Dr. Diana Doyle, Omaha	Additional Member
Paula Eurek, Lincoln	HHSS Title V Director
Takako Faga, Lincoln	Additional Member
Mary Jo Gillespie, Lincoln	Foundation
Lisa Good, Lincoln	Director, Commission on the Status of Women
Dr. Karen Higgins, Grand Island	Pediatrician
Rosalie Higgs, Omaha	Consumer
Sen. Jim Jensen, Omaha	Ex Officio
Kathleen Kock, Omaha	Consumer
Dr. Mary Kratoska, Omaha	OB/GYN
Jeanne Laible, Atkinson	Physician’s Assistant
Kate Kulesher, Lincoln	Private Healthcare Industry
Kathleen Mallatt, Omaha	Insurance Industry
Marilyn McGary, Omaha	Statewide Health Agency

Dr. Debra Mostek, Omaha.....	Geriatrics Physician
Jane McGinnis, Lincoln.....	Epidemiologist
Joan Neuhaus, Omaha.....	Community Public Health, District 2
Mary O'Gara, Omaha.....	Consumer
Dr. Erline Patrick, Omaha.....	Creighton Medical School
Dr. Magda Peck, Omaha.....	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Dr. Richard Raymond, Lincoln.....	Director, HHS Regulation and Licensure
Laura Redoutey, Lincoln.....	Additional Member
Mary Scherling, Beatrice.....	Additional Member
Sen. DiAnna Schimek, Lincoln.....	Ex Officio
Sheryl Schrepf, Lincoln.....	Mental Health Professional
Rhonda Seacrest, Lincoln.....	Community Public Health, District 1
Dr. Janice Twiss, Omaha.....	Health Educator
Judy Ueda, Omaha.....	Additional Member

The 1995 Legislature passed LB 68, which created the Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee. (Statutory Reference: 71-7012)

The purpose of the committee is to encourage payment of public and private funds into the Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund, to plan and implement outreach and educational programs for Nebraska women, and to research and recommend to HHS appropriate expenditures from the cash fund.

The committee consists of no more than 24 volunteer members, appointed by the HHS director, at least eight of whom are women. Members serve two-year terms, which are renewable. The contract between the Nebraska Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and the Center for Disease Control allocates a yearly administrative budget for the implementation of the committee, and the department provides staff support. The committee and its subgroups — education, fundraising and survivorship — meet as needed. Members are not paid, but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jennifer Dreibelbis, Omaha.....	Hope Outreach Medical Coalition.....	June 30, 2007
Donna Hunt, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln.....	June 30, 2007
Kathleen Hunt, CFM, Omaha.....	Family Orthotics & Prosthetics.....	June 30, 2008
Janice A. Larson, Omaha.....	Retired OPS, cancer survivor.....	June 30, 2008
Rita McClure, LPN, Lincoln.....	LPS, cancer survivor.....	June 30, 2007
Joyce Morgan, Lincoln.....	Retired.....	June 30, 2008
Lynne Olson, Seward.....	Nebraska State College System.....	June 30, 2007
Carna Pfeil, CCM, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.....	June 30, 2007
Jill Wells, Omaha.....	The Nature Conservancy.....	June 30, 2007

### *Health Promotion*

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This area focuses on specific areas of chronic disease and works to reduce or prevent negative outcomes through public education, surveillance, interventions and prevention activities. The area include the Tobacco Free Nebraska, the Comprehensive Cancer program, and the Chronic Renal Disease Program, which assists people suffering from chronic renal disease and who are unable to pay for such services on a continuing basis. The division also oversees Oral Health and Dentistry, the Nebraska Diabetes Program,

the Arthritis Program, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Organ and Tissue Donor, and Injury Prevention and Control.

*Planning and Community Health Infrastructure Development*

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This area was formed in 2000 to strengthen the public health system in Nebraska by collaborating with local public health departments and other community-based public health and human services organizations.

The major functions are to provide technical assistance to local public health departments to assist in the management of the bioterrorism grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and manage state and federal grant programs including the Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant, the State Planning Grant for the Uninsured, the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA), the Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), and Governor’s Safe and Drug Free Schools

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Rural Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

**Statutory Reference:** 71-5647

This area defines and promotes the development of healthcare systems that assure availability and accessibility of quality healthcare services to meet the needs of Nebraska’s rural and urban underserved populations. The area focuses on obtaining high-quality healthcare through recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals, community planning, development of healthcare networks and cooperative ventures, and identifying community leaders and developing leadership skills.

The Rural Health Advisory Commission (statutory reference: 71-5654), staffed by the Rural Health, advises the HHS, the Legislature, the governor and the University of Nebraska concerning all aspects of rural health. It also advises Rural Health regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Minority Health and Health Disparities, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

Minority Health represents and advances the interests of people of color for the purpose of reducing the disparity that exists between the health status of racial and ethnic minorities and non-minorities in Nebraska. The area focuses on improving minorities’ access to health services, improving data collection strategies and expanding community-based health promotion and disease prevention outreach efforts.

Two satellite offices in Omaha and Lexington coordinate with local and regional health agencies, other state agencies and organizations in efforts related to minority health activities; collect, evaluate and develop minority health training materials; and provide technical assistance and support to minority grantees, community organizations and projects working on minority health activities. The satellite offices also coordinate and administer state policy on minority health.

**Contact Person:** Mary Gordon, Administrator, Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044, phone (402) 471-2330, e-mail address — mary.gordon@hhs.ne.gov

**Statutory Reference:** Federal Public Law 103-230

The Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities develops a statewide plan for persons with developmental disabilities, evaluates quality of services, advocates promoting human and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities, stimulates service activities in the priority service areas, and evaluates implementation of the State Plan.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, EMS/Trauma System, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

The area is responsible for surveying and suggesting improvements in the emergency medical services and trauma systems. Training, technical assistance and support are available to first responders and medical providers through the Critical Stress Management program, Emergency Medical Services for Children program and other projects. The area enforces the communicable disease reporting statutes and the EMS and trauma statutes.

*Public Health Support*

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Health Statistics, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

The area is responsible for Vital Records, which was created in 1905 as a legal depository for the state's vital records. This area officially registers, preserves, indexes and tabulates records of birth, death, marriage and divorce. It also maintains certificates of delayed birth registration and adoptive certificates, and it serves as a resource for information about biological parents and siblings, subject to statutory guidelines on adoption. It serves as a central registry of adoptees' medical histories for whom a relinquishment or consent for adoption was given after Aug. 31, 1998, and serves as the biological father's registry for those wishing to make a paternity claim for newborns. Vital Records also works with law enforcement agencies under the state's Missing Children Act. From these vital records, statistical reports are developed and made available for the public and for various health planning and assessment purposes.

This area collects and maintains vital statistics databases for births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also maintains several surveillance registries for selected diseases or conditions such as cancer, head and spinal cord injuries, and birth defects. Health Data Management also collects data about patient encounters and rescue calls from Emergency Medical Service Units and utilization and patient characteristics data from hospitals and nursing homes. The area has a trauma registry. The area also conducts surveys to gather information on the health behaviors of Nebraska adults. The surveys examine risky behaviors such as smoking, not wearing seatbelts, sedentary lifestyle and binge drinking, as well as preventive behaviors such as exercise, dieting and screening for breast, colon and prostate cancers.

Information within the vital statistics and registry databases is confidential, and the release of such information is restricted (statutory references: 71-602, 71-612 and 81-663 to 81-675). Data from the health databases are used to provide aggregate health statistics and survey information about attitudes and behaviors to approved researchers; federal, state and local health agencies; policymakers; and the public.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Epidemiology, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

Health surveillance programs focus on enhancing Nebraskans' health by evaluating, assessing and controlling environmental and consumer risks.

The area conducts surveillance of infectious diseases, vector-borne diseases, environmental health conditions, preparedness, substance abuse, and maternal and child health to determine incidence rates, identify high-risk groups and examine other indicators that help the section develop appropriate interventions. Epidemiologists investigate communicable disease outbreaks, such as food-borne diseases, and disease clusters to halt and confine the spread of diseases. The area also conducts evaluations of injuries, especially those resulting from motor vehicle crashes, emerging infectious diseases, the Medicaid population and chronic diseases such as asthma.

#### *Laboratory Services*

**Contact Person:** Sandra Irons, Laboratory Services, 3701 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68502-5317, phone (402) 471-2122, e-mail address — [sandy.iron@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:sandy.iron@hhss.ne.gov)

The Laboratory is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to analyze drinking water samples. The purpose of the laboratory is to provide support and a diverse selection of testing options to various state agencies, public subdivisions and Nebraska residents. Drinking water testing provides public water systems as well as residents with a method to monitor their water supplies to ensure they meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The laboratory also tests environmental and air samples using EPA-approved methods. The laboratory provides blood alcohol testing for state, county and local law enforcement agencies in Nebraska.

Public Health Laboratory services are provided under contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Geographic Information System (GIS), 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

This area uses geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying information and data related to HHS programs and services.

#### **Health Licensing, Credentialing and Regulations**

**Contact Person:** Deputy Chief Medical Officer, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

#### *Environmental Health Regulations*

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Environmental Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

Environmental Health licenses and monitors public water systems, water well standards and provides engineering support for programs. The Advisory Council on Public Water Supply and the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board assist and oversee the section's work.

**Contact Person:** Administrator, Environmental Programs, 301 Centennial Mall South, Third Floor, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007

This area carries out programs that provide public health information to prevent exposure to radon and asbestos. The section also oversees programs that address indoor

air quality and risk assessment. Environmental Programs also enforces the Nebraska Asbestos Control Act, the Nebraska Radiation Control Act (radon), the Lead Certification Act and the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act.

#### *Investigations*

**Contact Person:** Robert W. Semerena, Administrator, Investigations, P.O. Box 95164, Lincoln, NE 68509-5164, phone (402) 471-4964, e-mail address — robert.semerena@hhs.ne.gov, Web address — <http://www.hhs.ne.gov/reg/investi.htm>

This area's activities include:

- investigations of licensed, registered or certified health care professionals and professionals in health care-related fields; unlicensed health care practice; preclosure investigations; and compliance with provisions of the Uniform Licensing Law, rules and regulations governing professional practice, and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

- investigations of recipient fraud in Medicaid, energy assistance, Assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Service Block Grants (Title XX) and the food stamp programs

- assessment of the accuracy of Medicaid and food stamp eligibility
- assessment of the accuracy and timeliness of processing of child support determinations

#### *Health Licensing and Facilities Regulations*

**Contact Person:** Helen L. Meeks, Administrator, Health Licensing and Facilities Regulations, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, NE 68509-4986, phone (402) 471-4923, e-mail address — helen.meeks@hhs.ne.gov, Web site — <http://www.hhs.ne.gov/crl/crlindex.htm>

This area is responsible for assuring the public that health-related practices provided by individuals, facilities and programs are safe, or of acceptable quality, and for enforcing a moratorium on the number of nursing home and rehabilitation hospital beds. This responsibility is accomplished through the following activities:

- licensing, certifying or registering individuals to provide healthcare services or services that may relate to or affect health

- inspecting or surveying healthcare facilities and services and childcare facilities
- reviewing capital expansions posed for nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals and proposals for the sale of hospitals by not-for-profit owners to for-profit owners

Credentialing works with various professional licensing boards in administering the licensing and regulation of health and health-related professions and occupations.

This Division licenses health care facilities and services as provided by the Health Care Facility Licensure Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-401 to 71-459). This includes ambulatory surgical centers, assisted-living facilities, centers for the developmentally disabled, critical access hospitals, general acute hospitals, health clinics, intermediate care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, long-term care hospital, mental health centers, nursing facilities, pharmacies, psychiatric hospitals, public health clinics, rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, substance abuse treatment centers, adult

day services, home health agencies, hospices, and respite care services.

These licensed entities are not included here, as the list changes on a continual basis. Information on these facilities are available on the following website: <http://www.hhss.ne.gov/lis/lisindex.htm>

Hard copies of the health care facilities and services may also be obtained by calling (402) 471-2115.

#### *Credentialing Subcommittees and Advisory Councils*

- Physician Assistant Committee (statutory reference: 71-1,107.25), a subcommittee of the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery
- Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee (statutory reference: 71-1,147.59), a subcommittee to the Board of Examiners of Pharmacy
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Council (statutory reference: 71-1736), an advisory council to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine and Surgery

#### *Other Credentialing Advisory Entities*

The Nursing Home Advisory Council (statutory reference: 71-6044) advises and assists the department in carrying out the administration of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act and helps the department administer laws, rules and standards relating to nursing homes.

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered*

## Medical and Specialized Health Section

**Dentistry:**

Dentist  
 Dental Anesthesia Permit  
 Dental Faculty License  
 Dental Hygienist  
 Local Anesthesia Certification  
 Locum Tenens

**Medicine & Surgery:**

Acupuncturist  
 Locum Tenens  
 Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery  
 Osteopathic Physician  
 Physician  
 Physician Assistant  
 Physician Assistant Supervisor  
 Temporary Educational Permit  
 Temporary Physician Assistant  
 Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit

**Optometry:**

Optometrist

**Pharmacy:**

Pharmacist  
 Pharmacy Intern  
 Dispensing Practitioner  
 Temporary Educational Permit

**Podiatry:**

Podiatrist

**Radiography:**

Limited Radiographer  
 Medical Radiographer  
 Podiatric Limited Radiographer  
 Provisional Limited Radiographer  
 Temporary Medical Radiographer

**Veterinary Medicine & Surgery:**

Veterinarian  
 Veterinary Technician

## Nursing and Nursing Support Section

**Nursing:**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
 Certified Nurse Midwife  
 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
 Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse  
 Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified

**Nursing Support:**

Medication Aide  
 Nurse Aide

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Mental Health and Consumer Services Section

**Alcohol and Drug Counseling:**

Alcohol and Drug Counselor  
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor

**Alcohol Breath/Blood Testing Permits****Body Art:**

Body Brander  
Body Piercer  
Permanent Color Technician  
Tattoo Artist

**Cosmetology:**

Apprentice  
Cosmetician  
Cosmetologist  
Cosmetology Instructor  
Guest Artist  
Student Cosmetologist  
Student Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Drug and Alcohol Counselors****Electrology:**

Electrologist  
Student Electrologist  
Electrology Instructor

**Esthetician:**

Esthetician  
Esthetics Instructor  
Student Esthetician  
Student Instructor

**Funeral Directing & Embalming:**

Funeral Director/Embalmer  
Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

**Massage Therapy:**

Massage Therapist  
Temporary Massage Therapist

**Medical Nutrition Therapist:**

Medical Nutrition Therapist

**Mental Health Practice:**

Marriage & Family Therapist  
Master Social Work  
Mental Health Practitioner  
Professional Counselor  
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker  
Provisionally Licensed Mental Health  
Practitioner

**Nail Technology:**

Nail Technician  
Nail Technology Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Nursing Home Administration:**

Administrator-in-Training/Mentoring  
Program  
Nursing Home Administrator  
Preceptor  
Provisional Nursing Home Administrator

**Psychology:**

30-day Permit  
Provisionally Licensed Psychologist  
Psychological Assistant/Psychologist

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Rehabilitation and Community Services Section

**Asbestos:**

Inspector  
 Management Planner  
 Project Designer  
 Supervisor  
 Worker  
 Limited Management Planner  
 Limited Project Designer

**Athletic Training:**

Athletic Trainer

**Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology:**

Audiologist  
 Communication Assistant  
 Speech-Language Pathologist

**Chiropractic:**

Chiropractor

**Emergency Medical Care Workers:**

Certified Emergency Medical Technician  
 Emergency Medical Technician Instructor  
 Emergency Medical Technician -  
 Intermediate  
 Certified First Responder  
 Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic

**Environmental Health Specialist:**

Environmental Health Specialist

**Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensing and Fitting:**

Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser and Fitter

**Lead:**

Worker  
 Inspector  
 Risk Assessor

**Lead (Cont'd.):**

Project Designer  
 Supervisor  
 Visual Lead Hazard Advisor  
 Elevated Blood Lead Level Investigator

**Occupational Therapy:**

Occupational Therapist  
 Occupational Therapist Assistant

**Physical Therapy:**

Physical Therapist  
 Physical Therapy Assistant  
 Physical Therapy Supervisors

**Radon:**

Radon Measurement Specialist  
 Radon Measurement Technician  
 Radon Mitigation Specialist  
 Radon Mitigation Technician

**Respiratory Care:**

Respiratory Care Practitioner

**Swimming Pool Operator****Water Operator:**

Grades 1-4  
 Grade 5  
 Grade 6

**Well Drillers:**

Natural Resource Ground Water Technician  
 Well Drilling Contractor  
 Pump Installation Contractor  
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Contractor  
 Well Drilling Supervisor  
 Pump Installation Supervisor  
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Supervisor  
 Water Well Monitoring Supervisor  
 Well Drilling Contractor/Water Well  
 Monitor Supervisor  
 Well Drilling Supervisor/Water Well  
 Monitor Supervisor

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Credentialed Facilities, Services and Programs

**Adult Day Services****Assisted Living Facilities****Body Art:**

Body Art Facility

**Child Care Facilities:**Family Home I's  
Family Home II's  
Child Care Centers  
Preschools**Community Mental Health Centers****Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility****Cosmetology Establishments:**Apprentice Training Salons  
Cosmetology Salons  
Cosmetology Schools  
Home Services  
Satellite Classrooms**Developmental Disabilities:**Centers for Developmental Disabilities  
Home and Community-Based Waiver for  
Developmentally Disabled  
Developmentally Disabled Waivered  
Providers**Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded****Electrology Facilities:**

Electrology Schools

**Emergency Medical Services:**EMT Training Agencies  
Basic Life Support Service  
Advanced Life Support Service**End Stage Renal Disease Services****Esthetician Establishments:**Esthetic Salons  
School of Esthetics**Federally Qualified Health Centers****Funeral Establishments:**Funeral Establishment  
Branch Establishments  
Crematories**Health Clinics:**Abortion Clinics  
Ambulatory Surgical Centers  
Public Health Clinics**Home Health Agencies****Hospices****Hospitals:**Critical Access  
General Acute  
Long-Term Care  
Psychiatric  
Rehabilitation**Laboratories****Massage Therapy Establishments:**Massage Therapy Establishments  
Massage Therapy Schools**Mental Health Centers:**

In-Patient

**Nail Technology Establishments:**Nail Technology Salons  
Nail Technology Schools**Nursing Homes****Organ Procurement Organization****Pharmacy Facilities:**Community Pharmacies  
Mail-Order Ophthalmic Providers  
Mail Service Pharmacy Permit  
Public Health Clinic — Drug Dispensing  
Wholesale Drug Distributor**Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities****Rehabilitation Agencies:**Certified Occupational Rehabilitation  
Facilities  
Out-Patient Physical Therapy  
Speech Therapy  
Occupational Therapy**Respite Care Services****Rural Health Clinics****Substance Abuse Treatment Centers:**In-Patient  
Out-Patient**X-ray Units - Portable**

*Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses***Statutory Reference:** 71-1718.01

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Brenda Kay Bergman-Evans, Omaha.....	Nurse Practitioner.....	Dec. 1, 2008
Ruth Ellen Van Gerpen, Waverly .....	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	Dec. 1, 2009
George M. Adam, Hastings.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2009
Steven Ray Wooden, Albion.....	Anesthetist.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Michelle Sue Knolla, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Stephen Bernard Jackson, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Anita C. Jaynes, Omaha.....	Midwife.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Terry P. Gee, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Bryan Joshua White, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 1, 2011

*Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Fernando Barranco, Lexington.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2009
Jerome R. Barry, Lincoln.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2011
Susan J. Boust, Omaha.....	Psychiatrist.....	April 1, 2008
Jason C. Conrad, Lincoln.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2010
Chrisella C. Lewis, Holstein.....	Public Member.....	April 1, 2009
William O. Mulligan, Valentine.....	Public Member.....	April 1, 2010
Alfredo Ramirez, Norfolk.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2012
Kathryn E. Schinker, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2012
Marlene A. Schneider, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2008

*Board of Athletic Training***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kurt Robert Behrhorst, Lincoln.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Jay Brian Carlson, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Chad Michael Kinart, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Mel Luetchens, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kathryn Laudin Beauchaine, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Ron Busch, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jody L.P. Spalding, Lincoln.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane Stokebrand, DeWitt.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Kenya Taylor, Kearney.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Chiropractic***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kevin W. Davis, Norfolk.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Lance E. Earhart, Holdrege.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Gaylord H. Hanssen, Grand Island.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Laura Ann Scholl, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Cosmetology***Statutory Reference: 71-373**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Virginia Davidsaver, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Mike Evert, Fremont .....	School Owner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Ruth J. Lucas, McCook .....	School Owner .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Marie Frances Nordboe, Ames .....	Cosmetologist/Salon Owner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Donald B. Osentowski, York .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2007
Judith A. Roubal, Lincoln .....	Cosmetologist .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Pamela A. Rowland, Omaha .....	Nail Technician .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Sherri A. Scheele, Omaha .....	Esthetician .....	Nov. 30, 2007
Monty Lue Vogel, Omaha .....	Body Art Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Marlene S. Wagoner, Wood River .....	Cosmetologist .....	Nov. 30, 2007
Amy Jo Waskel, Omaha .....	Licensed Instructor .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Judy R. Wilson, Lincoln .....	Electrologist .....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Dentistry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John Philip Ahlschwede, Central City .....	Dentist .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Robert Mark Hinrichs, Lincoln .....	Dentist .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Sam F. Jacoby, Bridgeport .....	Dentist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Judith L. Kissell, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane I. Lott, York .....	Dental Hygiene .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Julie A. Marshall, Lincoln .....	Dental School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2010
David R. Mlnarik, West Point .....	Dentist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Doris M. Schrader, York .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane F. Stratman, Geneva .....	Dental Hygiene .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Terrence M. Wilwerding, Omaha .....	Dental School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Emergency Medical Services***Statutory Reference: 71-5176**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Ronald F. Balthazor, Lexington .....	Emergency Medical Technician .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Shawn Baumgartner, Gering .....	Approved Training Agency Representative .....	Sept. 13, 2007
Bruce A. Beins, Republican City .....	EMT-Paramedic .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Michael P. Buscher, Plattsmouth .....	Member At Large .....	Sept. 13, 2007
Joel E. Cerny, Linwood .....	First Responder .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Robert Dunn, Lincoln .....	Consumer .....	Sept. 13, 2007
Dan L. Hakel, West Point .....	Physician Assistant .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Linda Lee Jensen, Omaha .....	Registered Nurse .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Robert K. Olson, Papillion .....	Member At Large .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Clinton Rasmussen, Dakota City .....	First Responder .....	Sept. 13, 2007
James E. Smith, North Platte .....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Val D. Snyder, Gering .....	Consumer .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Jeffrey G. Strawn, Papillion .....	Emergency Medical Technician .....	Sept. 13, 2009
George Tom Surber, Norfolk .....	Physician .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Leon N. Sykes .....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician .....	Sept. 13, 2007
Scott C. Wiebe, Lincoln .....	Emergency Medical Technician .....	Sept. 13, 2009

*Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration***Statutory Reference:** 71-3705.01

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Susan C. Bamesberger, Hampton.....	Registered Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Prem Bansal, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services .....	Nonexpiring
Selma K. Brown, Elkhorn .....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2007
Sharon K. Colling, Tecumseh, .....	Proprietary Home.....	Nov. 30, 2007
Keith E. Fickenscher, Lincoln.....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jeff Kasselman, Imperial .....	Licensed Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Claire I. L'Archevesque, Bellevue .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2007
Theresa Parker, Lincoln .....	College Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2009
C. Dean Schmid, Albion .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2008

*Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Randal Ray Bangert, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Paul R. Farmer, Geneva .....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Terrence G. Kucera, Omaha .....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2009
William Lauber, Milford.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters***Statutory Reference:** 71-4715

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Stephen Boney, Lincoln .....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Dec. 25, 2008
Edward Cohn, Omaha .....	Otolaryngologist .....	Dec. 25, 2007
Margaret A. Coleman, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 25, 2010
Kimberly Joyce, Omaha .....	Audiologist.....	Dec. 25, 2008
Evelyn McKnight, Fremont .....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Dec. 25, 2007
Sammy Luke White, North Platte .....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Dec. 25, 2009

*Board of Massage Therapy***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Gail L. Anderson, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Cheryl L. Craddock, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Bradley D. Decker, Lincoln .....	Massage Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Sue A. Kozisek, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2008

*Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Pat Ann Bartels, North Platte .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
George W. Howard, Hastings.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Elizabeth Ann Kenyon, Mitchell .....	Medical Nutrition Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
James T. Lane, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Lynn Ostrem, Lincoln.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Larry Bragg, Kearney .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Samuel Brown, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
David A. Dryburgh, Seward .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Randy T. Kohl, Firth .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2007
Vonn E. Roberts, Lincoln .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Michael A. Sitorius, Omaha .....	Medical School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Carl V. Smith, Omaha .....	Medical School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Arthur A. Weaver, Omaha .....	Osteopathic Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2008

*Board of Mental Health Practice***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John Atherton, Omaha .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2008
John Danforth, Boys Town .....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Janic Whalen Fitts, Gering .....	Master Social Worker .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt, Lincoln .....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Michael Kinney, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Gail Lorenzen, Ceresco .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Susan Meyerle, Lincoln .....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Layne Prest, Omaha .....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Amanda Duffy Randall, Omaha .....	Certified Master Social Worker .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Monalisa McGee Snyder, Omaha .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Nursing***Statutory Reference:** 71-1,132.07

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Julie A. Brauer, Eustis .....	Staff Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2009
Mary A. Bunger, Minden .....	Staff Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Joyce Davis Bunger, Omaha .....	Consumer .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Marcella J. Echternacht, Omaha .....	Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2009
Nancy Gondringer, Lincoln .....	Certified Nurse Practitioner-Anesthetist .....	Dec. 1, 2007
Crystal R. Higgins, Beatrice .....	Practical Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2009
Deanna Lloyd, Roca .....	Practical Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Sandra Mann, Burwell .....	Consumer .....	Dec. 1, 2007
Mary Megel, Omaha .....	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Dawn Nickel, Lincoln .....	Practical Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Jacqueline Ross, Omaha .....	Nursing Service Administrator .....	Dec. 1, 2007
Lori Jane Smith, Mitchell .....	Nursing Service Administrator .....	Dec. 1, 2008

*Board of Occupational Therapy Practice***Statutory Reference: 71-6115**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Christina Bueide, Gering.....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2007
R. McLaran Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Lisa Scheet, Omaha .....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Mary M. Walsh-Sterup, Grand Island .....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Optometry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kim Ashbrook Baxter, North Platte.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Shelley Janae Fastenau, Bertrand .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
David M. Kincaid, South Sioux City.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
James Kirchner, Lincoln.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Pharmacy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kevin Borchert, Omaha .....	Hospital Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Roger F. Kaczmarek, Omaha .....	Pharmacist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Robert Paul Marshall, Norfolk.....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Thomas Richard Walsh, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Richard P. Zarek, Gothenburg.....	Pharmacist .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Physical Therapy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kent A. Dunovan, Scottsbluff.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Raymond Frew, Weeping Water.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Natalie Sue Harms, Papillion .....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Wayne A. Stuberg, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Podiatry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Beverly Bornschlegl, York .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Charles M. Halverson, Fremont .....	Podiatrist .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Douglas B. Moss, Omaha .....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Richard J. Raska, North Platte.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Psychologists***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Daniel Bizzell, Kearney.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2008
David S. Carver, Omaha .....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
John Joseph Curran, Norfolk.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Ann I. Heermann, Lincoln .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Christy Ann Rentmeester, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Daniel Lee Ullman, Lincoln .....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2007
Lori Wall, Lincoln .....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Registration for Environmental Health Specialists***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Douglas A. Clark, Omaha.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2008
Michael S. Gould, North Platte.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2009
George H. Hanssen, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2008
Scott E. Holmes, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2008
Joyce L. Jensen, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2008
Leslie O. Olson, York.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 31, 2009

*Board of Respiratory Care Practice***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Frank M. Freihaut, Omaha.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2010
John Andrew Jarosz, Omaha.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Lon W. Keim, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Kay L. Lavene, Bertrand.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Don V. Cain, Jr., Broken Bow.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Nanci Ann Kyhn, Lincoln.....	Veterinary Technician.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Gail Miller, York.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Steven E. Wright, Omaha.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2009
David M. Ylander, Alliance.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Medical Radiographer Advisory Committee***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Denise Elizabeth Logan, Lincoln.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2009
Michael Shane McFeely, Scottsbluff.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2009
Helen L. Meeks.....	HHS-Credentialing Division Administrator.....	Nonexpiring
James B. Temme, Omaha.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2007
Peggy L. Young, Grand Island.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2007

*Nebraska Center for Nursing Board***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Florence M. Brown, Omaha.....	Governor's Designee .....	June 21, 2007
Linda Dulitz, Ord.....	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	June 21, 2008
Sharon Kay Hayek, Hastings.....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2009
Pat Karsk, Grand Island .....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2008
Pamela H. List, Beemer.....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2009
Patricia Lopez, Lincoln.....	Registered Nurse .....	June 21, 2007
Judith A. McGee, Fairbury .....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2009
Steven R. Pitkin, Kearney .....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2009
Larry Rennecker, Lincoln.....	Governor's Designee .....	June 21, 2008
Nancy Shirley, Omaha .....	Governor's Designee .....	June 21, 2008
September Rene Stone, Lincoln.....	Long-Term Care Industry.....	June 21, 2007
Shirley L. Travis, Lincoln .....	Registered Nurse .....	June 21, 2007
Marilyn J. Valerio, Omaha .....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2007
Carol Ritscher Wahl, Kearny .....	Hospital Industry.....	June 21, 2008
Kim Woods, Kimball.....	Registered Nurse .....	June 21, 2008
Rosalee C. Yeaworth, Omaha.....	Governor's Designee .....	June 21, 2007

*Nursing Home Advisory Council***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Charle Andrews, Omaha.....	Physician and Surgeon.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Selma K. Brown, Elkhorn .....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Gail Deyle, Omaha .....	Pharmacist.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Richard Fitzgerald, Omaha.....	Dentist.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Elizabeth A. French, Cedar Rapids .....	State or Local Government .....	Aug. 1, 2007
Pamela Griffin, North Bend.....	Nursing Home Admisitrator .....	July 1, 2008
Dennis H. Loose, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Aug. 1, 2007
Raymond L. Norris, Osceola.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Robert F. Ross, Culbertson.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2007
Tom Ryan, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	July 1, 2007
Sharon D. Salisbury-Cordova, Chadron .....	Registered Nurse .....	Aug. 1, 2007
Robert Semerena, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Aug. 1, 2007
Pat Snyder, Lincoln .....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2007
John Turner, Papillion .....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	July 1, 2008
Arvid D. Wiest, Beatrice .....	Public Member.....	July 1, 2008
Rose M. Wissenburg, Newman Grove .....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2007

*Physician Assistant Committee***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John W. Davies, Pilger .....	Physician Assistant .....	April 16, 2011
Randy T. Kohl, Lincoln.....	Medical Board.....	April 16, 2011
Gerald W. Luckey, David City .....	Supervising Physician .....	April 16, 2009
Carl Rossitto, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	April 16, 2009
Charles E. Scholtes, Lincoln.....	Physician Assistant .....	April 16, 2009
Paul V. Shellabarger, Cambridge.....	Physician Assistant .....	April 16, 2009

*Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee***Statutory Reference:** 71-112

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Marti Christensen, Omaha.....	Pharmacy Board Designee.....	June 23, 2007
Paula Eurek, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Feb. 24, 2008
Ann Elizabeth Johnson, Kearney.....	Public Health Clinic.....	July 13, 2007
Brenda D. Kiolbasa, Grant .....	Pharmacy Board Designee.....	Feb. 14, 2008
Philip Medina, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services .....	June 23, 2007
Eloise Poyner, Omaha.....	Public Health Clinic.....	June 23, 2007
Amy L. Renard, Lincoln.....	Pharmacist.....	Feb. 7, 2008
Monica Beth Wilson, Omaha.....	Pharmacist.....	June 23, 2007

*State Board of Health***Statutory Reference:** 71-2601

The State Board of Health, created by the Legislature in 1891, appoints members to 24 healthcare professional licensing boards and actively recruits applicants. The board reviews initial credentialing and scope of practice changes of health professionals prior to final consideration by the Legislature, which is known as the 407 Process Credentialing Review. They also review rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health views public health as a major initiative and has a recognition program for community preventive health efforts. The board continues to research other issues including alcohol and tobacco use and cessation, indoor air quality, youth violence, obesity, school bus seatbelt use and mental health services.

The board prepares an annual report to the governor, which is also available to senators on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, HHS, the 24 healthcare professional boards, major healthcare professional associations and other interested parties. The board has representatives assigned to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board, the implementation committee for the Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000 and Credentialing Review Technical Review Committees.

The board's four standing committees are: Rules and Regulations, Credentialing Review, Professional Boards and Public Health, Education and Legislation. The board holds one of its regular public meetings in a location other than Lincoln and conducts separate meetings to interview professional board applicants and address legislative issues.

The board's 17 members are appointed by the governor, with approval from the Legislature, to five-year terms. Members include two medical doctors, two nurses, a hospital administrator, a dentist, a veterinarian, a professional engineer, a pharmacist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, an osteopath or osteopathic surgeon, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a mental health professional and two people representing the public. The governor serves as an ex officio member, with voting power only in case of tie. The board elects officers annually.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Samuel Augustine, Omaha.....	Pharmacist .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Janet Coleman, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Tim Crockett, Omaha .....	Professional Engineer.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Dr. Ed Discoe, Columbus .....	Medical Doctor.....	Aug. 1, 2009

Dr. Kent Forney, Lincoln.....	Veterinarian.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Linda J. Heiden, Bertrand .....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Russell Hopp, Omaha.....	Medical Doctor .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Linda Lazure, Omaha.....	Nurse .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Pam List, Beemer .....	Nurse .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Roger Reamer, Seward.....	Hospital Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Dr. Paul Salansky, Nebraska City.....	Optometrist .....	Aug. 1, 2008
Robert W. Sandstrom, Omaha .....	Physical Therapist.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Clint Schafer, North Platte .....	Podiatrist .....	Aug. 1, 2008
James C. Schiefen, Imperial.....	Osteopath .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Leslie Spry, Lincoln.....	Medical Doctor .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Dr. Gwen Weber, Omaha .....	Mental Health Professional.....	Aug. 1, 2008
Dr. Gary Westerman, Omaha .....	Dentist.....	Aug. 1, 2009
Daryl Wills, Gering.....	Chiropractor .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln .....	Governor.....	Ex Officio

### Division of Veterans' Homes

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The Division of Veterans' Homes administers the State's four Veterans' Homes in Bellevue, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff.

**Grand Island Veterans' Home:** Duane Hodge, Acting Administrator, 2300 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-2097, phone (308) 385-6252, e-mail address — [ron.erickson@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:ron.erickson@hhss.ne.gov)

**Norfolk Veterans' Home:** LaVonne Harrom, Acting Administrator, 600 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-0830, phone (402) 370-3330, e-mail address — [duane.hodge@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:duane.hodge@hhss.ne.gov)

**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Howard Googins Acting Administrator, 12505 40th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 595-2180, e-mail address — [howard.googins@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:howard.googins@hhss.ne.gov)

**Western Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Robert Brozek, Administrator, 1102 W. 42nd St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939, phone (308) 632-0300, e-mail address — [bob.brozek@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:bob.brozek@hhss.ne.gov)

**Statutory References:** 80-314, 80-315 and 83-107.01

HHS operates four veterans' homes. To live in one of these facilities, veterans must have served in active duty during the war, lived in Nebraska at least two years and be disabled. Disability qualifications include injury during service, old age, inability to earn a livelihood, whole or partial dependence on public assistance or requiring care available only at a state facility. Spouses of veterans and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are eligible under similar requirements.

The focus of the veterans' homes is on wellness, allowing people to live their lives to the fullest through different levels of care: domiciliary, intermediate and skilled. The homes provide specialized services such as physical therapy and a wide range of recreational and religious services. The homes have a supportive relationship with various veterans' organizations whose members donate time, money and companionship to the people living there.

## Department of Insurance

**Office Address:** Terminal Building, 941 O St., Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2201, TDD (800) 833-7352, Web site —<http://www.doi.ne.gov>

**Director:** Tim Wagner

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** *Summary of Insurance Business in Nebraska; Long-Term Care Insurance Buyers Guide; Health Insurance and the Senior Citizen*

The Department of Insurance regulates and examines insurance companies and certain related operations in Nebraska. Regulation includes: agent licensing and examination; foreign insurer admittance; periodic examination of company affairs; automobile, property and liability rate approval; policy form approval; rating and claims practice investigation inquiry; and complaints investigation.

The department also administers the Excess Liability Fund and supervises the Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority, which were established by the Hospital-Medical Liability Act of 1976.

The department's divisions include Financial Examination, Market Conduct Examination, Legal, Property and Liability, Life and Health Insurance, Agents Licensing, Consumer Affairs, Office Services, Insurance Fraud Prevention (statutory reference: 44-6606) and Medical Professional Liability.

The first complete insurance code in Nebraska, enacted in 1913, provided for an insurance board to administer the code. Before 1913, the territorial auditor and later the state auditor issued certificates to insurance companies and exercised some powers in investigating and inspecting those companies.

The duties of the Insurance Board were given to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the bureau became the Department of Insurance. In 1947, the Legislature passed laws that updated the 1913 code.

### *Excess Liability Fund*

**Statutory Reference:** 44-2829

The 1976 Legislature adopted the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act as an alternate way to determine medical malpractice claims and to ensure malpractice insurance coverage in Nebraska is available at reasonable rates.

The act created the Excess Liability Fund, administered by the Department of Insurance, to make surcharge collection easier and to carry out the act's provisions. These functions include qualification of healthcare providers, disposition of claims, and other activities necessary to protect the Excess Liability Fund's assets.

Doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers may elect to qualify under the act by securing a medical malpractice insurance policy from a company licensed to write medical malpractice coverage in Nebraska. The provider must then pay a surcharge to obtain a policy providing \$1.05 million in coverage over the underlying \$200,000 limit. The surcharge is based on the premium for the underlying policy.

## *Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority*

**Statutory Reference:** 44-2837

The Residual Malpractice Authority, created under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act, writes medical malpractice liability insurance when insurance is unavailable in the marketplace. The authority is administered by the Department of Insurance. Residual Malpractice Authority functions include:

- establishing insurance forms and rates
- performing underwriting functions
- disposition of claims and litigation in connection with residual insurance policies
- maintenance of Residual Malpractice Authority books and records

## **Department of Labor**

**Office Address:** 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, Web site — <http://www.NebraskaWorkforce.com>

**Commissioner:** Fernando Lecuona III, e-mail address — [flecuna@dol.state.ne.us](mailto:flecuna@dol.state.ne.us)

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**Public Information:** (402) 471-4189 or (402) 471-8358

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** *Employment Security Law; Safety and Labor Laws; Economic Trends.*

The commissioner of labor and the Department of Labor work to:

- foster, promote and develop the welfare of wage earners
- improve working conditions
- advance opportunities for profitable employment
- adopt and enforce industrial safety codes
- enforce state laws governing working conditions, hours of labor and employment of children
- administer the Employment Security Law

The department is organized into the Office of Agency Planning and Communications, Office of Workforce Services, the Office of Unemployment Insurance, the Office of Safety and Labor Standards, the Office of Legal Counsel and Legislative Affairs, the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Finance and Human Relations.

The 1887 Legislature created the Bureau of Labor, Census and Industrial Statistics. The governor was named commissioner of labor with office duties performed by a deputy commissioner and other employees. The 1917 Legislature created the office of deputy compensation commissioner, and in 1919 the office's duties were assigned to the secretary of labor. In 1933, the title of the chief deputy was changed to commissioner. The 1935 Legislature set up the Workmen's Compensation Court and transferred workmen's compensation laws to that court.

## *Office of Workforce Services*

**Executive Director:** Joan Modrell, phone (402) 471-9948

The Office of Workforce Services is responsible for administering the statewide labor exchange functions assigned under the federal Wagner-Peyser Act and state training programs assigned under the Workforce Investment Act and the Social Security Act as amended by the Personnel Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The office also helps administer the state component of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and foreign labor certification programs.

The Wagner-Peyser Act mandates individual states to provide labor exchange services for individuals seeking employment and employers seeking employees. The services offer free placement for job seekers, special services to veterans, occupational counseling, job search assistance and testing or assessment of an individual's skill level, aptitudes or interests. Additional services under this act provide an opportunity for employers to post their job openings on JobLink, an Internet-based labor exchange system. Individuals seeking employment may place their resumes on JobLink. Other services include a Labor Market Information function, which provides current information to employers and individuals on labor market supply and demand, job opportunities, wage data, available training programs, labor area workforce conditions and training providers.

The Wagner-Peyser Act services are funded by federal appropriations allocated to the state by a budget formula implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. Wagner-Peyser services are provided through a delivery system by One-Stop Career Centers located throughout the state. The delivery system is mandated by the recent implementation of the Workforce Investment Act. Its intent is to consolidate, coordinate and improve all employment and training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States and provide universal customer access to services offered by these programs.

Programs under the Workforce Investment Act and the Social Security Act, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliations Act, offer training services to adults, dislocated workers, youth and welfare recipients. The services are designated to increase employment opportunities, job retention, individual earnings and occupational skills attainment. The goals of these programs are to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the nation.

The programs are funded by federal dollars allocated to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The majority of the funds are administered by local workforce investment areas that are responsible for the actual delivery of services to the clients. Nebraska has three workforce investment areas, which include the Omaha Workforce Investment Area that includes the city of Omaha and Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties; the Lincoln Workforce Investment Area that includes the city of Lincoln and Lancaster and Saunders counties; and the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area that includes the remaining 88 counties in Nebraska. In each area, a local workforce investment board is appointed by the chief elected official or a chief elected officials board.

The local Workforce Investment Board is responsible to the governor for local

program operations and oversight and to ensure that training and training-related services, such as assessment, counseling, job development, paid or unpaid work experience, occupational skill training, literacy training, on-the-job training, classroom training, relocation assistance, out-of-area job search assistance, internships, job readiness, skill upgrading and retraining, and supportive services, are available to clients who reside or conduct business in these areas.

The local areas are in the process of implementing the one-stop delivery system in career centers throughout the state. Once completed, the system will provide universal access across all state programs that provide these services.

The implementation will be accomplished by establishing partnerships between the responsible agencies, including collocation and extensive cooperation and collaboration to ensure services are provided in an effective and efficient manner and meet the needs of individuals and employers who require such services.

### *Nebraska Worker Training Board*

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**Statutory Reference:** 48-622.03

The 1994 legislation that established the Nebraska Worker Training Board amended the Nebraska Employment Security Law to provide for the use of reciprocal trust funds to finance worker retraining programs. The legislation authorizes reallocating a portion of employer contributions to the State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for investment. Accrued interest transfers to the companion Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. One objective of this trust is to support training initiatives designed to promote a skilled, productive workforce enabling Nebraska to compete nationally and internationally. Interest from the trust fund is kept in Nebraska and is used to retrain Nebraska workers who are employed by Nebraska firms.

The Worker Training Board prepares the annual program plan and develops guidelines for the operation of all training programs financed. The board reports to the governor annually on the activities and performance of the programs financed by the trust fund and serves as an advisory body on all program oversight issues.

The board has seven governor-appointed members: three members of the State Advisory Council (a representative of employers, a representative of employees and a representative of the public); the commissioner of labor; the director of economic development; the commissioner of education; and a representative of the Nebraska Community College Association. The governor determines terms of office for board members. The governor also designates a chairperson, selected from one of the three council members.

The board meets quarterly. Other meetings are called by the chairperson or at the request of other board members. Members are paid a daily rate when conducting board business. Program disbursements require the approval of the governor, upon recommendation of the commissioner of labor. The commissioner employs staff to perform duties as the board requires.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Dennis G. Baack, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Community College Association
Richard Baier, Lincoln.....	Director of Economic Development
Marilyn Biel, Lincoln.....	Public Employees
John Bourne, Omaha.....	Employees
Douglas D. Christensen, Lincoln.....	Commissioner of Education
Fernando Lecuona III, Omaha.....	Commissioner of Labor
A.F. "Tony" Raimondo, Columbus.....	Employers

*Nebraska Workforce Investment Board*

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On Aug. 7, 1998, President Clinton signed the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), a comprehensive reform legislation designed to supersede the Job Training Partnership Act and amend the Wagner-Peyser Act. The WIA reforms federal job training programs and creates a comprehensive workforce investment system. The reformed system is intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high-quality services and to help U.S. companies find skilled workers. The act requires the formation of a state board to assist the governor in developing and carrying out workforce activities.

The Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) brings together representatives from business, labor, community-based organizations, education, higher education, human services, economic development, government and other critical groups to rethink and restructure the way that workforce development services are planned and delivered so they meet customer needs. The board members come from all parts of the state. They focus on strategic planning, policy development and oversight of the local workforce investment systems.

The governor has asked the board to determine specific strategies to achieve the following objectives: 1) prepare a workforce to meet the changing needs of Nebraska employers to compete in the global marketplace; 2) expand employment opportunities for all Nebraskans by providing greater access to skill training, education and career information; and 3) assure efficient use of Nebraska’s workforce development resources by coordinating programs and streamlining services.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Pepper Aasgaard, Omaha.....	Business
Michael Abramson, Omaha.....	Business
Jeff Anderson, Omaha.....	Labor
Dennis G. Baack, Lincoln.....	Community-Based Organization
Richard Baier, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development
Curtis Beck, Lincoln.....	Business
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Gurley.....	Business
Tammie Burns, Lincoln.....	Business
James Cada, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee
Douglas D. Christensen, Lincoln.....	Department of Education
Sen. Abbie Cornett, Bellevue.....	Legislature
Bruce Cutright, Hastings.....	Business
Connie Eichhorn, Omaha.....	Youth

Kay Erickson, Albion .....	Business
Mike Fahey, Omaha .....	Elected Official
Mathew Fleischer, Columbus .....	Business
Sen. Tony Fulton, Lincoln .....	Legislature
J. Brent Gilbert, Omaha .....	Business
Peg Harriott, Omaha .....	Community-Based Organization
Donavon Heimes, Columbus .....	Business
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln .....	Governor
Larry Hiers, Sidney .....	Business
John Hilgert, Lincoln .....	Governor Designee
Richard Johnson, Kearney .....	Business
Darlene Kiefer, Kimball .....	Business
Pamela Lancaster, Grand Island .....	Elected Official
Fernando Lecuona III, Omaha .....	State Agency-Department of Labor
James Linderholm, Lincoln .....	Business
Terry Lonowski, Lincoln .....	Governor Designee
Ken Maas, Omaha .....	Labor
Liz Mazzotta, Omaha .....	Business
Daniel Mauk, Norfolk .....	Business
Gayle McClure, Hastings .....	Business
Michelle Olson, Omaha .....	Governor Designee
John Owens, Lincoln .....	Governor Designee
Betty Palmer, Springview .....	Business
Dana Patterson, Omaha .....	Business
Paula Reynoso, North Platte .....	Governor Designee
Charles Richter, Omaha .....	Business
Trevis Sallis, Omaha .....	Governor Designee
Larry Scherer, Lincoln .....	Governor Designee
Coleen Seng, Lincoln .....	Elected Official
Becky Stitt, Scottsbluff .....	Business
Robert Twiss, Gretna .....	Business
Suzanne Mahel Tyrrell, Lincoln .....	Business
Pearl Van Zandt, Lincoln .....	Governor Designee
Tom Whalen, Omaha .....	Business
Raymond Wright, Nebraska City .....	Business
Jose Zapata, Kearney .....	Community-Based Organization
Vacant .....	Department of Health and Human Services

### Greater Nebraska Local Elected Officials Board

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**Statutory Reference:** Federal Public Law 97-300 and amended Public Law 99-570

The Greater Nebraska Local Elected Officials Board represents local government in the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area. The board appoints Greater Nebraska Private Industry Council members. The council:

- determines how job training plans are developed;
- chooses who receives grants and who administers the training plan; and
- guides policy and oversees unemployment and training programs.

The board has governor-appointed members who serve at the governor's pleasure. Members represent local units of government in the Greater Nebraska Workforce In-

vestment Area. The board meets quarterly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gordon Adams, Norfolk .....	Norfolk Mayor
JoDee Adelung, Nebraska City .....	Nebraska City Mayor
Linda Benjamin, Cozad .....	Dawson County Commissioner
Donald Edwards, Fremont .....	Fremont Mayor
John Faggot, Lexington .....	Lexington Mayor
Roger Glawatz, Seward .....	Seward Mayor
Jerda Gary, McCook .....	McCook Mayor
Pamela Lancaster, Grand Island .....	Hall County Supervisor
John Madsen, Chadron .....	Dawes County Commissioner
Ronald Pfeifer, Lindsay .....	Platte County Supervisor
Richard Sheehy, Hastings .....	Hastings Mayor
Jay Vavricek, Grand Island .....	Grand Island Mayor
Phil Weber, Dorchester .....	Saline County Commissioner

### *Office of Safety and Labor Standards*

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-5024, phone (402) 471-4712, e-mail address — [ghirsh@dol.state.ne.us](mailto:ghirsh@dol.state.ne.us)

**Executive Director:** Gary Hirsh

The Office of Safety and Labor Standards:

- protects Nebraskans through health and safety laws and by regulations adopted by the commissioner and writes safety codes and standards to ensure that workers' lives, health and safety are protected in the workplace;
  - enforces the state health and safety codes by inspecting all places of employment;
  - protects children from workplace abuses through the Child Labor Law;
  - protects job seekers from abuses by private employment agencies, under private Employment Agency Law;
    - administers and enforces the Lunch Period Law, the State Minimum Wage Law, the Veterans' Preference Law, the High Voltage Law, the Medical Examination Law, the Non-English Speaking Law, the Right to Work Law, the Farm Labor Contractors Law, the Veterans Re-Employment Rights Law and the Workplace Safety Consultation Law;
    - inspects or orders inspections for all boilers at least once every 12 months and all unfired pressure vessels every 24 months that are required to be inspected by the Boiler Inspection Act. This inspection determines whether the boiler or pressure vessels are in a safe and satisfactory condition, properly constructed and maintained for the purpose for which the boiler or pressure vessel is used;
      - inspects and permits freight and passenger elevators at least once a year to determine whether they are safe and properly built and maintained
      - inspects and permits amusement carnival rides in the state;
      - investigates targeted occupational fatalities to determine actions to prevent recurrence and provides recommendations and preventative measures to employers;
      - enforces the Contractor Registration Act to ensure that contractors and subcontractors doing work in counties with a population of more than 100,000 have workers' compensation insurance, if required, and that they are registered with the Nebraska

Department of Labor; and

- monitors companies' adherence to the Meatpacking Workers Bill of Rights.

**Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board**

**Contact Person:** Dan Burns, Chief Boiler Inspector, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, P.O. Box 95024, Lincoln, NE 68509-5024, phone (402) 471-4721

**Statutory Reference:** 48-739

The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, created in 1988, holds hearings and advises the commissioner on rules and regulations for testing, constructing and installing equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

The board has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for four-year terms. Members represent owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; craftsmen involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The state boiler inspector is a nonvoting member. The board meets each July. Other meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of four other members. Members receive \$50 per day plus reimbursement for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Thomas DiMartino, Hall County .....	Insurance Industry .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Martin D. Kasl, Lincoln .....	Professional Engineer .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Vacant .....	Chief Boiler Inspector .....	Ex Officio
Vacant .....	Public Safety .....	
Vacant .....	Construction/Repair Crafts .....	
Vacant .....	Boiler Owners/Users .....	

*Office of Unemployment Insurance*

**Executive Director:** Allan Amsberry, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9979, e-mail address — aamsberry@dol.state.ne.us

The 1937 Legislature passed the Nebraska Unemployment Compensation Law and created the Unemployment Compensation Division within the Department of Labor as the administrative agency of the law. The office administers unemployment insurance benefit payments and collection of unemployment taxes.

In 1970, Congress made employers subject to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, effective Jan. 1, 1972. The Legislature amended the Nebraska Employment Security Law to conform to the federal act.

Under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Law enacted in 1954, the state acts as the federal agent in processing and paying unemployment insurance benefits to eligible unemployed federal workers and, under the Veterans' Readjustment Act, to eligible discharged servicemen. The U.S. government reimburses the state for its expenditures under these two programs.

**State Advisory Council to Commissioner of Labor**

Contact Person: Fernando Lecuona III, Commissioner of Labor, 550 S. 16th

St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, e-mail address — flecuona@dol.state.ne.us

Statutory Reference: 48-610

The 1937 Legislature created a state advisory council of six members appointed by the commissioner for four-year terms. Two members represent employers, two represent employees and two represent the public. The council meets when called by the commissioner. The council advises the commissioner in administering the Employment Security Law. Members receive \$40 a day when doing council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Valerie Crook, Lincoln .....	Public .....	June 30, 2007
John F. Bourne, Omaha .....	Employees .....	June 30, 2009
Frank McGree, Omaha .....	Public .....	June 30, 2009
Terry Moore, Omaha .....	Employees .....	June 30, 2007
A.F. "Tony" Raimondo, Columbus .....	Employers .....	June 30, 2007
Vacant .....	Employers .....	

### *Office of Legal Counsel and Legislative Affairs*

**Executive Director:** John Albin, phone (402) 471-9912, e-mail address — jalbin@dol.state.ne.us

This office represents the Department of Labor on legal issues and legislative affairs pertaining to safety, labor law, the Employment Security Law and other workforce development issues. The office helps administer the state component of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and foreign labor certification programs.

### **Nebraska Appeal Tribunal**

**Contact Person:** Terence D. Nice, Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge, phone (402) 471-9886, e-mail address — tnice@dol.state.ne.us

**Statutory Reference:** 48-633

The Nebraska Appeal Tribunal is an independent and impartial appeals authority within the Office of Legal Counsel and Legislative Affairs that hears agency appeals, including unemployment insurance benefits and contribution appeals. The Appeal Tribunal consists of attorneys who act as administrative law judges during appeals hearings.

### *Office of Information Technology*

**Executive Director:** Bob Shanahan, phone (402) 471-2518, e-mail address — bshanahan@dol.state.ne.us

This office provides information technology services for the Department of Labor.

### *Office of Finance and Human Relations*

**Executive Director:** Kay Marti, phone (402) 471-2492, e-mail address — kmarti@dol.state.ne.us

This office provides administrative support functions in the areas of finance, budget, human relations, building and grounds, office services, staff training and development of Department of Labor programs.

### *Office of Agency Planning and Communications*

**Executive Director:** Terri Fonseca, phone (402) 471-8358, e-mail address — [tfonseca@dol.state.ne.us](mailto:tfonseca@dol.state.ne.us)

This office serves as the public information office and provides support functions in the areas of agency planning, marketing, communications, and support and development of Department of Labor programs.

## **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

### **(Nebraska Crime Commission)**

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946, phone (402) 471-2194, Web site — <http://www.ncc.ne.gov>

**Executive Director:** Mike Behm

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1416

**Publications:** Annual report; annual crime statistics report; criminal justice directory; monthly newsletters; film/video library catalog; biannual law enforcement training schedule

The Governor's Crime Control Commission was created in 1967. The name was changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as a state agency. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and local agencies. Since its inception, more statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and juvenile justice programs mandated by state and federal law.

The governing body of the Crime Commission has 18 members, most of whom are appointed by the governor for six-year terms. Statute requires the governor, attorney general, superintendent of the State Patrol, director of the Department of Correctional Services and chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council to be commission members. The commission meets quarterly to review the activities of its committees, take final action in awarding state and federal grant funds, provide oversight of staff activities and conduct other business as required. The commission's four standing committees are the Education, Research and Planning Committee; the Grant Review Committee; the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee (statutory reference: 81-1802); and the Data Processing Committee.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Scott B. Arnold, Grand Island .....	County Supervisor .....	Dec. 31, 2009
Dean Chase, Ponca .....	Police Standards Advisory Council Chairman .....	Dec. 31, 2007
Charles D. Brewster, Kearney .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2007
William C. Brueggemann, Plattsmouth .....	County Sheriff .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Scot E. Ford, South Sioux City .....	Police Chief .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Susan Jacobs, Lincoln .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2009
Gary E. Lacey, Lincoln .....	County Attorney .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Mike Moser, Columbus .....	Mayor .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Kathy Bigsby Moore, Omaha .....	Juvenile Delinquency Control .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Donald E. Overman, Scottsbluff .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Derek Vaughn, Omaha .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2007
James J. Riskowski, Omaha .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2009
Thomas Warren, Omaha .....	Police Chief .....	Dec. 31, 2011
William G. White, Grand Island .....	Public at Large .....	Dec. 31, 2007
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln .....	Governor .....	Nonexpiring
Colonel Bryan Tuma, Lincoln .....	Superintendent, State Patrol .....	Nonexpiring
Jon Bruning, Lincoln .....	Attorney General .....	Nonexpiring
Robert Houston .....	Director of Correctional Services .....	Nonexpiring

### *Federal and State Aid*

The Crime Commission administers federal and state aid programs in the areas of anti-drug abuse, violent crime, victim assistance, juvenile justice, law enforcement and criminal justice information systems. The commission awards grant funds to eligible programs that address priority issues and foster improvement in Nebraska's criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grant-funded projects are monitored and evaluated, with continuation funding based on each program's success in achieving its goals and objectives. Aid programs administered by the commission include: federal Anti-Drug Abuse and Violent Crime Act funds, federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program funds, federal Project Safe Neighborhoods funds, state Crime Stoppers funds, federal and state Victims of Crime Act funds, federal and state Crime Victim's Reparation Act funds, federal Stop Violence Against Women Act funds, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds, federal Juvenile Accountability funds, state Juvenile Services Act funds, state Juvenile County Aid funds, federal and state Criminal Justice Information Systems funds and federal discretionary funds.

### *Anti-Drug Abuse and Violent Crime*

Since 1986, the Crime Commission has administered and coordinated federal Anti-Drug Abuse (Byrne) Act funds. Funds have been awarded to state and local programs addressing drug abuse and violent crime, including the state's nine multijurisdictional task forces that cover 72 of the state's 93 counties, as well as the Nebraska State Patrol's Mid and Upper Level Enforcement (MULE) project. Other funded projects have included drug and violent crime enforcement, offender treatment programs, drug testing, training, prosecution, substance abuse assessments for adult offenders, indigent defense enhancement of the Sexual Offender Registry and a statewide computerized law enforcement intelligence system.

### *Crime Victim Assistance*

Since 1985, the Crime Commission has administered federal and state funds for crime victim assistance programs. These programs provide medical, emotional, financial and legal assistance as well as shelter, support and advocacy to crime victims during a time of crisis.

The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, passed in 1979, provides compensation to innocent victims of crime for certain expenses directly related to the criminal act. Victims may be reimbursed up to \$10,000 for medical and funeral expenses, loss of wages or earning power, counseling fees and residential crime scene cleanup. The commission's executive director serves as a hearing officer for claims received for reimbursement, with the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee responsible for any appeals received regarding the hearing officer's decisions.

In 1995, the commission began administering the federal Stop Violence Against Women Act Formula Block Grant Program. Since the program's inception, grant funds have been awarded to enhance the criminal justice system's response in serving women who have been victims of violence.

In 1999, the commission established a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. The VINE system is a computerized system that automatically notifies victims of crime whenever an offender is released or moved from a jail or prison or transferred to another detention or correctional facility.

### *Juvenile Justice*

The Crime Commission administers state and federal grant funds to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs throughout Nebraska and coordinates the development of juvenile justice initiatives and projects. Since 1981, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funding has been awarded to delinquency prevention and juvenile justice programs, such as shelters, staff secure programs, diversion, detention alternatives, tracker programs, disproportionate minority confinement initiatives, counseling and community-based evaluations. The commission monitors and oversees Nebraska's compliance with the federal act and provides technical assistance and training to criminal and juvenile justice practitioners. The Crime Commission also is responsible for administering Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program funds to state and local programs. The commission also administers the requirements of the Nebraska Juvenile Services Act and Juvenile Services Aid to Counties, including providing state general funds to communities to develop and provide community-based programs as alternatives to incarceration.

## *Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center*

**Contact Person:** William Muldoon, Director, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9403, phone (308) 385-6030

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1401 to 81-1414.06

The Crime Commission has been responsible for administering, supervising and controlling the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island since 1971. In 1994, legislation gave the Police Standards Advisory Council responsibility for managing and operating the training center, including training curricula development, establishing required course hours and issuing training certificates. The center provides mandatory basic and specialized training for law enforcement and detention officers statewide, including several mandatory training courses, continuing education and specialized training programs. Specialized training topics include law enforcement, drug enforcement, highway safety, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, violent crime and homicide investigations and Spanish for law enforcement. Training programs are conducted at the center and throughout the state, with selected courses via the internet. Several institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Peru State College, Bellevue University and Northeast Community College, grant college credit for training center coursework.

## *Community Corrections Council*

**Executive Director:** Linda Krutz

**Statutory Reference:** 47-619 — 47-633

The 2003 Legislature created the Community Corrections Act to provide for developing and establishing community-based facilities and programs for adult felons while encouraging their use as alternatives to incarceration or reincarceration. These alternatives are to reduce reliance on prison and enhance offender supervision in the community. The intent of the Act is to:

- promote the rehabilitation of offenders and deter offenders from engaging in further criminal activity;
- make community-based facilities and programs available to probationers, parolees and other problem-solving participants while emphasizing offender culpability, offender accountability and public safety; and
- reduce reliance upon incarceration as a means of managing nonviolent offenders.

The 20-member Community Corrections Council was created as part of the Act to coordinate the effort of establishing community correctional programs across the state, to assure the necessary supervision and services to adult felony offenders in the community and reduce the probability of criminal behavior while maintaining public safety.

The council office operates under the Crime Commission for administrative and budgetary purposes only. The council is charged with coordinating the necessary sentencing and release options for adult felony offenders in the community in order to manage corrections resources more efficiently and effectively, to reduce reliance on

incarceration, to decrease recidivism and to maintain public safety. The council works with the Crime Commission to administer and utilize the Uniform Data Analysis Fund to analyze sentencing data and to track community corrections resources related to specialized supervision programs, day and evening reporting centers, problem-solving courts and treatment funding. Committees under the council include the Justice Behavioral Health Committee and the Judicial Advisory Committee.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kermit Brashear, Omaha.....	At Large.....	Aug. 29, 2008
Scot Adams, Ph.D., Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services.....	Non-expiring
Michael Behm, Lincoln .....	Crime Commission.....	Non-expiring
Esther Casmer, Lincoln .....	Board of Parole.....	Non-expiring
Catherine Cook, Omaha .....	Mental Health & Substance Abuse .....	Aug. 29, 2007
Jeffrey Davis, Papillion.....	Law Enforcement.....	Aug. 29, 2007
Thomas Dorwart, Sidney.....	At Large.....	Aug. 29, 2007
Ellen Fabian-Brokofsky, Lincoln.....	Probation Administrator.....	Non-expiring
Karen Flowers, Lincoln.....	District Court Judge.....	Non-expiring
Julie Hippen, Lincoln.....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	Aug. 29, 2008
Robert Houston, Lincoln.....	Correctional Services.....	Non-expiring
John Icenogle, Kearney.....	District Court Judge.....	Non-expiring
Joseph Kelly, Lincoln.....	County Attorneys Association.....	Aug. 29, 2009
Robert Lindemeier, North Platte.....	Criminal Defense Attorneys Assn. ....	Aug. 29, 2008
James McKenzie, Lincoln .....	Parole Administrator.....	Non-expiring
Dwite Pedersen, Elkhorn.....	District 39 Senator.....	Dec. 31, 2008
John Synowiecki, Omaha.....	District 7 Senator.....	Dec. 31, 2008
Janice Walker, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator.....	Non-expiring
Vacant, 2nd Congressional District .....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	
Vacant, 3rd Congressional District.....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	

### *Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility Standards*

The Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division annually inspects local jails, temporary holding facilities and juvenile detention facilities for compliance with Nebraska's mandatory standards. The division also provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions in planning, construction and renovation projects, training, operations, management, record systems, policies and procedures and resource development.

### *Crime Statistics, Research and Data Collection*

In 1971, the Crime Commission became responsible for collecting Uniform Crime Reports for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement agencies in the state are required by law to submit Uniform Crime Reports detailing the number of crimes reported or known to them and the number of arrests and citations issued on a monthly basis. Crime statistics are compiled by the commission's UCR program and forwarded to the FBI for inclusion in national crime statistics and use by federal, state and local agencies and policymakers. The UCR program publishes preliminary and annual statistical reports with participating UCR law enforcement agencies receiving monthly reports, including a summary of reported data, a trends report for monthly comparisons to the previous year and year-to-date statistics. The UCR program also

maintains a central data repository for crimes motivated by hate on the part of the offender as well as domestic assault statistics.

In addition to the UCR program, the commission's Statistical Analysis Center maintains several statewide databases, including the Jail and Juvenile Detention Admission and Release Database, Juvenile Court Database, and Drug and Violent Crime Database, with statistical information compiled and published on a regular basis. Ongoing research is conducted and published. Statistical information and research is available to assist in criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and planning efforts at the local, state and federal levels.

Since 1995, the commission has hosted Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) involving 27 state and local agencies or associations. The CJIS Advisory Committee builds ways for agencies to efficiently and effectively share criminal justice data. The primary purposes of CJIS are to promote the sharing of data among agencies, to implement programs and systems that assist state and local agencies in the performance of their jobs, and to provide a forum to discuss issues.

By statute, the commission also reviews and analyzes all criminal homicide cases in Nebraska. Data is updated annually. The commission also collects traffic stop data, including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation.

### *Library Services*

The commission operates the Criminal Justice Video Library with more than 500 videos covering 73 topics available for loan to criminal and juvenile justice agencies, schools, colleges, state agencies and the public.

### *Nebraska Jail Standards Board*

**Contact Person:** Denny Macomber, Chief, Jail Standards Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-9496, phone (402) 471-3990

**Statutory Reference:** 83-4,124

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, created in 1978 and placed with the Crime Commission in 1981, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing minimum standards for the state's adult jails and temporary holding facilities. With the enactment of the Juvenile Detention Facility Standards in 1993, the board's scope was expanded to include juvenile detention facilities.

The Jail Standards Board is composed of 11 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The state fire marshal and director of the Department of Correctional Services serve on the board by statute. Appointed board members include two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a police chief, a juvenile detention facility administrator, an administrator of a large jail, a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and two laypersons. The board, which meets on a quarterly basis, operates as an independent governing board with staff and administrative support provided by the Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Micheal Applegate, David City .....	Jail Administrator.....	July 7, 2009
Issac Brown, McCook .....	Police Chief .....	July 7, 2008
Stuart Delacastro, Bellevue.....	Layperson.....	July 7, 2008
John Falgione, Lincoln .....	State Fire Marshal.....	Nonexpiring
Deborah Gilg, Omaha.....	Nebraska Bar Association .....	July 7, 2007
Jackie Hartnett, Hubbard.....	County Commissioner.....	July 7, 2007
Robert Houston, Lincoln.....	Director of Correctional Services.....	Nonexpiring
Willis Luedke, Crete.....	County Commissioner.....	July 7, 2009
Ann O'Connor, Papillion.....	Layperson.....	July 7, 2007
Gary Reiber, Lexington.....	County Sheriff .....	July 7, 2009
Mike Thurber, Lincoln.....	Large Jail Administrator.....	July 7, 2009

## *Advisory Groups*

### **Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council**

#### **Statutory Reference:** 81-1406

The seven-member Police Standards Advisory Council was established to oversee the operation of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and ensure that policies and procedures relating to law enforcement training are carried out. The council acts for the Crime Commission in matters relating to law enforcement training and the training center with the exception of budgetary and personnel matters. The council establishes and enforces minimum qualification and training standards for law enforcement officers as well as assesses current and future law enforcement needs related to standards and training. The council also is responsible for establishing training center admission criteria and the training curriculum for law enforcement certification in Nebraska. The council serves as an appeals board for actions related to the enforcement of standards, admission to the training center and actions taken by the center's director. The council also is the hearing body for decertification of law enforcement officers. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include two county sheriffs, two police chiefs, a Lincoln or Omaha police department representative, a State Patrol representative and a member of the public, with representatives from the Crime Commission and the Omaha FBI office serving as ex officio members.

### **Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council**

#### **Statutory Reference:** 23-1213

The seven-member County Attorney Standards Advisory Council has statutory responsibility for advising the Crime Commission on developing a continuing legal education curriculum required for all Nebraska county attorneys and their deputies as well as establishing the required number of annual training hours. The council also reviews and makes recommendations to the commission on the administration and disbursement of the Crimes Against Children Fund as funding is available. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include four county attorneys or deputy county attorneys, one professor of law and two county commis-

sioners or supervisors.

### **Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is mandated through the state's participation in the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the state Juvenile Services Act. The coalition makes recommendations to the Crime Commission on juvenile justice issues and federal and state juvenile justice grants, oversees Nebraska's compliance with the JJDP Act and prepares annual reports on these activities for the governor and the Legislature. Members are appointed by the governor, with at least six members being younger than 24 years of age at the time of appointment to ensure young adult representation.

### **Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee**

The Crime Commission established the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee in 1995 to provide advice and direction on issues relating to data sharing and use of information technology among criminal justice agencies. The committee advises the commission on criminal justice information system issues, establishes and promotes standards for data processing and communication, facilitates the development and coordination of state and local criminal justice information systems, provides an avenue for cooperation and coordination among state and local information systems and establishes future directions for data sharing. Committee members are appointed by the commission's executive director and include representatives from a variety of state and local criminal justice agencies and professional associations.

### **Racial Profiling Advisory Committee**

In 2004, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee was created to advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on the prevalence of motor vehicle stops involving racial profiling. The commission is required to annually submit to the governor and the Legislature a review of the prevalence and disposition of motor vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations reported. The committee developed a reporting form for motor vehicle stops and a form for receiving allegations of racial profiling.

The eight-member committee consists of the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and a representative from each of these organizations: Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, Police Officers Association of Nebraska, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, Nebraska State Patrol, AFL-CIO and the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska. The committee meets quarterly.

## **Military Department**

**Office Address:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 309-7210, toll-free phone for National Guard recruiting information (800) 334-5082

**Adjutant General:** Maj. Gen. Roger P. Lempke

**Statutory Reference:** 55-120

**Authorized Troop Strength:** Army National Guard, 3,700; Air National Guard, 900

**Publications:** *Prairie Soldier* newspaper, directives applicable to the department  
The Military Department functions as a state department for military and non-military operations.

The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, when organized (statutory reference: 55-201), make up the state's military forces. They conduct military operations and missions to support civil authority when authorized by the governor, who is commander in chief. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Military Department, coordinates civil resources to support civil authority in an emergency.

On Feb. 15, 1864, the Legislature established the adjutant general's office for the Nebraska Territory. The territorial militia was organized under an act approved in 1865. However, the initial organization of two regiments took place in 1854.

The militia was first organized in reaction to the Great Sioux and Cheyenne Indian War on the territorial border. The nature of the early militia changed to meet the state's needs from 1854 until the end of the Indian Wars in 1890. By 1881, the office of adjutant general again was established as a separate entity after being part of the secretary of state's office for 10 years. The office has continued in this capacity since that time. Legislation passed in 1974 formally changed the office's name to the Military Department.

The adjutant general, besides commanding the state military forces, is state emergency management director, emergency resource management coordinator, emergency preparedness director and state disaster coordinator.

The governor, as state military force commander in chief, appoints the adjutant general from commissioned officers of the Nebraska National Guard. The adjutant general serves until reaching the mandatory retirement age of 64, resigning or being relieved. The adjutant general controls Military Department forces for the governor and transmits the governor's orders.

The adjutant general represents the state at national, regional and area military and nonmilitary defense conferences. The adjutant general develops all civil and military defense, state emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans for the state. He coordinates with appropriate national and regional agencies and other states to formulate Army, Air Force, civil defense and emergency plans for the state.

### *Nebraska National Guard<sup>1</sup>*

**Statutory Reference:** 55-105

The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard make up the Nebraska National Guard. The Army National Guard has command over the State Area Command, which includes the 67th Support Group (Area), 92nd Troop Command and the 209th Regional Training Institute. Units are located in 28 Nebraska communities. The Army National Guard is authorized approximately 3,700 soldiers, while the Air National Guard has 13 units with an authorized strength of 900 members. The Air

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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Pages 138-140.

National Guard includes three major commands: the state headquarters and the 155th Air Refueling Wing, located in Lincoln; and the 170th Operations Support Squadron, located at Offutt Air Force Base.

Troops are called to state active duty to execute missions within the state when authorized by the governor. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

Troops are called to federal service for national defense missions, either in the United States or abroad, when authorized by the president. The federal mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide the armed forces with trained and equipped units ready for a national emergency or war, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense plans.

Most fiscal support for the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. Federal pay to Army and Air National Guard personnel, both full-time technicians and part-time Guard members, amounts to more than \$73 million each year. Other expenses paid by the U.S. government, such as fuel, travel, repairs and construction, supplies and equipment, amount to more than \$37 million each year. The present equipment and real property for both the Army and Air National Guard is valued at more than \$494 million.

### *Nebraska Emergency Management Agency*

**Office Address:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 471-7421, 24-hour emergency response phone (877) 297-2368

**Assistant Director:** Al Berndt

**Statutory Reference:** 81-829.31

The adjutant general is the state emergency management director. An assistant director conducts the agency's day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has a full-time civilian staff that can respond at any time through an established duty officer system.

If a disaster occurs, local government responds using local resources. When these resources are deemed inadequate and state resources are required to cope with the situation, local officials can contact NEMA day or night. NEMA assesses the disaster and makes a recommendation to the governor on whether a state declaration is needed. If the governor declares a state emergency, state resources can be used within certain restrictions to provide assistance.

NEMA also supports other state agencies and local governments with training and education programs, public information, disaster recovery assistance and disaster planning. NEMA writes plans at the state level, including the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Nebraska Radiological Emergency Response Plans for Nuclear Power Plants. The agency coordinates state and federal emergency planning and disaster recovery and homeland security activities in support of the state's homeland security director.

NEMA occupies the state's Emergency Operations Center at the Military Department's Headquarters Complex. The EOC provides a secure location from where Nebraska government can operate during emergencies.

### State Emergency Response Commission

**Contact Person:** Tonya Ngotel, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 471-7176

**Statutory Reference:** 81-15,210

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERG) appoints, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act for hazardous materials.

Commission members include the director of Environmental Quality, the director of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the director of the Department of Roads, the superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, the State Fire Marshal and the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or their designees. The commission also includes two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government and one citizen representing each of the following groups: firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school districts, small business, agricultural business, the chemical industry, highway transportation and rail transportation. The governor appoints the municipal or county government members and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments must represent Nebraska's three congressional districts as equally as possible. Members are appointed for four-year terms and are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets on a quarterly basis.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Christine J. Bleich, Lincoln	Environmental Protection	Sept. 13, 2007
Richard Christensen, Hastings	Chemical Industry	Sept. 13, 2009
Steven F. Danon, Omaha	Small Business	Sept. 13, 2008
Donald Eisenhower, Plymouth	Agribusiness	Sept. 13, 2008
Allen O. Grell, Beatrice	County Government (NACO)	Sept. 13, 2009
Keith Hanson, Lincoln	Public/Community Health	Sept. 13, 2010
Vacant	Municipal Government	Sept. 13, 2006
Dana Miller, Scottsbluff	Firefighters	Sept. 13, 2010
Mark S. Reimers, Omaha	Transportation	Sept. 13, 2009
Jim Schmailzl, Lincoln	Department of Roads	Nonexpiring
Steven P. Wood, Lincoln	Labor	Sept. 13, 2007
Joe Francis, Lincoln	Department of Environmental Quality	Nonexpiring
Jon Falgione, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Nonexpiring
Maj. Gen. Roger P. Lempke, Lincoln	NEMA Director	Nonexpiring
Sue Semerena, Lincoln	Department of Health and Human Services	Nonexpiring
Maj. Rhonda Lahm, Lincoln	Nebraska State Patrol	Nonexpiring
Tim Hofbauer, Columbus	Local Emergency Management	Sept. 13, 2010
Keith Deiml, Omaha	School District	Sept. 13, 2007
Larry Johnson, Chadron	Trucking Industry	Sept. 13, 2009

## Department of Motor Vehicles

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3900, fax (402) 471-9594, Web site — <http://www.dmv.state.ne.us>

**Director:** Beverly Neth

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Book containing Nebraska motor vehicle laws; driver's license manual; commercial driver's license manual; annual report; instruction manuals for county clerks and treasurers; motorcycle operator's manual; Nebraska Annual Highway Safety Plan

The Department of Motor Vehicles examines and licenses drivers; administers the driver's license point system, financial responsibility and administrative license revocation laws; issues certificates of title; and registers motor vehicles, including motor carrier proration and reciprocity.

County clerks and treasurers act as agents for the department and issue titles, driver's licenses and registration certificates.

The department performs functions previously administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles, except those related to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act. Under previous law, administration of this act was given to the head of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, acting with a supervisory board. In 1957, a new Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created, with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as its chairperson.

The first motor vehicle laws were enacted in 1905 when vehicles were defined and required to be registered with the secretary of state. Motor vehicle supervision was transferred in 1919 to the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, then to a section of the Department of Public Works. In 1921, responsibility was given to the Department of Public Works, and in 1933, responsibility was transferred to the new Department of Roads and Irrigations. In 1957, the Legislature created a separate Department of Motor Vehicles.

### *State Office of Highway Safety*

**Contact Person:** Fred Zwonechek, Administrator, State Office of Highway Safety, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94612, Lincoln, NE 68509-4612, phone (402) 471-2515, fax (402) 471-3865

In 1971, the Office of Highway Safety was transferred from the Office of Planning and Programming to the Department of Motor Vehicles. This division is financed primarily with federal funding. The office provides grant assistance for state and local highway safety projects, coordinates the state's overall highway safety plan and administers the Motorcycle Safety Education Act. The director of the department serves as the governor's highway safety representative.

## County Numbers for Nebraska License Plates\*

Number	County	Number	County	Number	County
3	Gage	34	Fillmore	66	Cherry
4	Custer	35	Dixon	67	Hitchcock
5	Dodge	36	Holt	68	Keith
6	Saunders	37	Phelps	69	Dawes
7	Madison	38	Furnas	70	Dakota
8	Hall	39	Cheyenne	71	Kimball
9	Buffalo	40	Pierce	72	Chase
10	Platte	41	Polk	73	Gosper
11	Otoe	42	Nuckolls	74	Perkins
12	Knox	43	Colfax	75	Brown
13	Cedar	44	Nemaha	76	Dundy
14	Adams	45	Webster	77	Garden
15	Lincoln	46	Merrick	78	Deuel
16	Seward	47	Valley	79	Hayes
17	York	48	Red Willow	80	Sioux
18	Dawson	49	Howard	81	Rock
19	Richardson	50	Franklin	82	Keya Paha
20	Cass	51	Harlan	83	Garfield
21	Scotts Bluff	52	Kearney	84	Wheeler
22	Saline	53	Stanton	85	Banner
23	Boone	54	Pawnee	86	Blaine
24	Cuming	55	Thurston	87	Logan
25	Butler	56	Sherman	88	Loup
26	Antelope	57	Johnson	89	Thomas
27	Wayne	58	Nance	90	McPherson
28	Hamilton	60	Frontier	91	Arthur
29	Washington	61	Sheridan	92	Grant
30	Clay	62	Greeley	93	Hooker
31	Burt	63	Boyd	A/N	Douglas <sup>1</sup>
32	Thayer	64	Morrill	A/N	Lancaster <sup>1</sup>
33	Jefferson	65	Box Butte	A/N	Sarpy <sup>1</sup>

\*Source: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2002, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties began using alphanumeric plates with three letters and three numbers instead of county-number plates.

## *Driver and Vehicle Records Division*

**Contact Person:** Betty Johnson, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3918, fax (402) 471-8694

Motor vehicles were first registered in June 1905. Individuals made their own plates, and registrations were recorded by the state. In 1915, the state began issuing license plates. In 1922, the state established the practice of using prefix numbers to identify the counties in which vehicles were registered. Each county was assigned a number based on the number of registered vehicles in the county at that time. The county with the most vehicles, Douglas, was assigned the number 1; the county with the second highest number of vehicles, Lancaster, was number 2; and so forth. Beginning with the 2002 license plate issue, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties began issuing a three-letter, three-number plate.

The 1955 Legislature provided for the slogan “The Beef State” on license plates. From 1966 to 1968, the word “Centennial” replaced “The Beef State.” This was later replaced by “Cornhusker State.”

The 1974 Legislature provided that plates issued during 1972 were valid through 1975. In 1976, specially designed license plates with the inscription “1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976” were issued. At the upper left and right corners were drawings of a covered wagon and an Indian chief in full headdress.

Current law requires a new license plate to be issued every six years. The plates are distinctive for each new issuance. Annual renewal tab stickers are affixed to plates during the six years. This division (DVR) is responsible for the budget and inventory control of the 58 types of license plates throughout all 93 counties and the message and special plate programs. The department is responsible for the issuance of 58 different license plate types.

Graphic-designed license plates were first issued in 1988. The plates have no slogans and instead use graphic art designs contained in the reflective sheeting. These plates are issued for general-use passenger vehicles.

Digitally printed flat license plates were introduced with the 2005 plate reissuance.

In addition to license plates and registrations, DVR is responsible for the administration of the statewide Vehicle Titling and Registration System (VTR). VTR is used by all 93 counties for the titling and registration of Nebraska’s approximately 2.1 million motor vehicles. VTR is the system through which all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle registration fees, sales tax, wheel tax and other assorted fees are collected. The division reviews applications and issues approximately 75,000 handicapped parking permits and maintains the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database.

DVR is also responsible for the database that maintains the records of 1.5 million licensed drivers and state ID card holders and the Digital Driver License System used by the counties to issue documents. The DVR Help Desk provides technology and business support for county officials and the general public. DVR also houses a Fraud Unit, which was created in 2005, that investigates identity theft, driver license fraud, and title and odometer fraud.

### *Driver License Examining Division*

**Contact Person:** Sara O'Rourke, Administrator, Driver License Examining Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, NE 68509-4726, phone (402) 471-3861, fax (402) 471-4020

#### **Health Advisory Board**

**Statutory Reference:** 60-4,118.02

The 1994 Legislature created a state health advisory board of six members appointed by the director of motor vehicles with the advice and recommendation of the director of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. Members consist of one general practice physician, one physician who practices ophthalmology, one physician who practices orthopedic surgery, one physician who practices neurological medicine and surgery, one optometrist and one psychiatrist. The board advises the director of motor vehicles on the physical or mental ability of applicants for or holders of driver's licenses to operate a vehicle. Board members meet as necessary at the call of the director of motor vehicles. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Robert G. Osborne, Lincoln .....	Psychiatry .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Les W. Veskrna, Lincoln.....	General Family Practice.....	Jan. 1, 2010
Howard A. Dinsdale, Lincoln .....	Ophthalmology .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Thomas M. Heiser, Lincoln.....	Orthopedic Surgery.....	Jan. 1, 2011
Duane Polzein, Lincoln.....	Optometry .....	Jan. 1, 2011

### *Motor Carrier Services Division*

**Contact Person:** Cathy Beedle, Administrator, Division of Motor Carrier Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509-4729, phone (402) 471-4435, fax (402) 471-4024

**Statutory Reference:** 75-385

The 1996 Legislature established the Division of Motor Carrier Services within the department. The director of motor vehicles appoints the administrator of the division. The division:

- promotes the motor carrier industry of the state of Nebraska
- promotes the public health and welfare of Nebraska citizens by ensuring that the motor carrier industry operates in an efficient and safe manner
- provides for efficient and uniform governmental oversight of the motor carrier industry
- promotes financial responsibility on the part of motor carriers operating in and through Nebraska
- administers provisions of the International Registration Plan, the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act and the single state insurance registration system
- issues certificates of title to apportioned registered motor vehicles
- serves as the agent of the Public Service Commission in the filing of proof of insurance by intrastate common, contract and private motor carriers

### *Financial Responsibility Division*

**Contact Person:** Kathy Hraban, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94877, Lincoln, NE 68509-4877, phone (402) 471-3985, fax (402) 471-8288

**Statutory Reference:** 60-501

The Financial Responsibility Division carries out the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. They suspend and revoke operator's licenses for:

- no proof of liability insurance
- court orders
- accumulation of violation points
- failure to comply with payment of fine
- unsatisfied judgment
- insurance cancellation
- violation of child support order

The division also processes driver's license reinstatement applications for suspensions or revocations.

### *Legal Division*

**Contact Person:** Noelle Ackermann Sherdon, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94699, Lincoln, NE 68509-4699, phone (402) 471-9593, fax (402) 471-4828

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503, 60-498.01

The Legal Division handles the department's rules and regulations promulgation, administrative hearings, and alcohol preliminary and evidentiary breath testing instrument training. The division also administers the administrative license revocation provisions for persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, or who fail or refuse a test for alcohol.

### *Information Systems Division*

**Contact Person:** Keith Dey, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-4395, fax (402) 471-4828

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503

This division is responsible for the department's electronic information systems and implements the state's new digital driver's license system.

## Department of Natural Resources

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, Web site — <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>

**Director:** Ann Salomon Bleed

**Statutory Reference:** 61-201

**Publications:** Biennial report; hydrographic report; quarterly newsletter; periodic special reports; daily river and canal bulletins (May-September); biennial report for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund; Annual Evaluation of Expected Availability of Water Supplies, numerous other reports and brochures.

The Department of Natural Resources was created on July 1, 2000, by a merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Natural Resources Commission (LB 900).

The 1895 Legislature created the state Board of Irrigation and gave it jurisdiction over water rights for irrigation, power and other purposes. In 1911, the name was changed to the state Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage. The board's director, the state engineer, was given responsibility in other fields. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Public Works. In 1933, it became known as the Department of Roads and Irrigation, with jurisdiction over highways, vehicle registration and law enforcement, besides water rights issues.

The 1957 Legislature created the Department of Water Resources and gave it the powers and duties formerly exercised by the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage, and the Department of Roads and Irrigation. The department carried out the work started by the state Board of Irrigation.

The Natural Resources Commission was originally established in 1937 as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The committee was later known as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and then was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972.

The Department of Natural Resources carries out the functions and programs of the merged agencies. It regulates the use and storage of surface water from Nebraska's streams, lakes and reservoirs and authorizes the transfer of groundwater by industrial and municipal groundwater users. The department also measures and records state stream flows. The department maintains the state water wells registration system and approves requests to waive state water well spacing requirements. The department issues permits to allow the development of geothermal groundwater use and to allow groundwater transfers to another state.

The department's floodplain management duties include administering Nebraska's Flood Plain Regulation Act and providing state coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program. Local governments with zoning jurisdiction have one year after receiving acceptable floodway boundaries to adopt zoning ordinances restricting development and land use within those floodway lines. The department helps local subdivisions meet requirements prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program. The department is responsible for reviewing and approving plans and specifications for dams to ensure that the dams will be safe

and regularly inspects dams for safety violations.

The Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act requires the department to review the state’s water supplies annually and decide if any basins are fully appropriated and, therefore, subject to the integrated management planning process. In the areas of the state that have been declared to fully appropriated or overappropriated, the department works with natural resources districts<sup>1</sup> to create integrated management plans that will sustain water uses and supplies. The department and the natural resources districts may limit water use through a variety of methods including assigning allocations to water use, prohibiting new wells and new surface water appropriations, rotating well use, tougher well-spacing standards, better management practices and educational programs.

The department director is the Nebraska member of several interstate bodies that administer stream and border compacts.<sup>2</sup> The department is responsible for coordinating the state’s efforts to comply with interstate stream compacts.

### *Natural Resources Commission*

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363

**Statutory Reference:** 2-1504

The Natural Resources Commission carries out certain specific responsibilities in connection with natural resources districts including providing special funds for district projects. The commission created the original NRD boundaries in 1971 and is responsible for approving boundary alterations. The commission has 16 members, 13 of which represent the state’s recognized river basins. The governor appoints the other three members with approval by the Legislature. Those three members represent municipal users of water, surface water irrigators and groundwater irrigators. Commission members representing river basins are selected for four-year terms at individual caucuses of NRD directors. The commission meets about every eight weeks. Members are paid \$50 a day when conducting commission business and are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Garry A. Anderson, Dixon.....	Elkhorn River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
John Burkholder, Holdrege .....	Republican River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2009
Wayne Davis, Hay Springs .....	Niobrara-White-Hat Creek River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Beverly Donaldson, Omaha .....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
W. Richard Hadenfeldt, Dannebrog.....	Loup River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
Joseph Hergott, Hebron .....	Little Blue River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Clinton Johannes, Columbus.....	Lower Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
Roger Korell, Bayard .....	Surface Water Users .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Vince Kramper, Dakota City .....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
Myron Lembke, Bridgeport.....	North Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Wayne Madsen, Trenton .....	Groundwater Users .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Larry Moore, Ulysses.....	Big Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2011

<sup>1</sup> For more information on Natural Resources Districts, see Page 891.

<sup>2</sup> For more details on these interstate compacts, see Page 756.

Ladd M. Reeves, Archer .....	Middle Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Keith Rexroth, Sidney .....	South Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
James Van Marter Jr., Holdrege .....	Municipal Water Users .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Dan Watermeier, Syracuse .....	Nemaha River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011

### *Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee*

**Contact Person:** Steve Gaul, Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, Web site — <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>

**Statutory Reference:** 2-5301

The 2000 Legislature passed an act relating to the environment and created the Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee. The act directed the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a report for the Legislature relating to the atmospheric carbon dioxide buildup (greenhouse gases) and investigate possible means to sequester carbon dioxide in the soil. A statewide assessment of carbon levels in soils and the potential for storing higher levels was issued as a separate report for the Legislature. The report and statewide assessment were completed in 2001 and 2002. The act also established a governor-appointed advisory committee to:

- advise and assist the Department of Natural Resources in report preparation
- recommend policies and programs to enhance the ability of agricultural landowners to participate in carbon trading
- encourage the production of education to advisory materials on carbon sequestration
- identify and recommend areas of research

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Ken Berney, Norfolk .....	Natural Resources Districts .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Steven K. Chick, Lincoln .....	Natural Resources Conservation Service .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Dave Endorf, Daykin .....	Crop Production .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Joe Francis, Lincoln .....	Department of Environmental Quality .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Ross D. Garwood, Amelia .....	Livestock Producer .....	Dec. 1, 2008
David E. Hallberg, Omaha .....	Ethanol Industry .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Hope C. Hasenkamp-Gibbs, Columbus .....	Electrical Industry .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Robert L. Johnson, Hastings .....	Crop Production .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Martin Kleinschmit, Hartington .....	Livestock Producer .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Lincoln .....	Department of Agriculture .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Gary D. Lynne, Lincoln .....	Marketing .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Larry Pearce, Bellevue .....	Nebraska Energy Office .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Shashi B. Verma, Lincoln .....	Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources .....	Dec. 1, 2008
Dayle Williamson, Lincoln .....	Department of Natural Resources .....	Dec. 1, 2008

## Nebraska State Patrol

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**Superintendent:** Col. Bryan Tuma

**Administration:** Lt. Col. Darrell Fisher, Assistant Superintendent; Maj. Rhonda Lahm, Administrative Services; Maj. Arlan Anderson, Traffic Services; Maj. Dave Sankey, Investigative Services

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-2001

**Publications:** Law enforcement bulletin; *The Informer* (internal newsletter); annual report; strategic plan; pamphlets and brochures

**Headquarters Troop:** Air Park-Lincoln, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4680

**Troop A:** 4411 S. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137-1290, phone (402) 331-3333

**Troop B:** 1401 Eisenhower Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-2199, phone (402) 370-3456

**Troop C:** 3431 W. Old Potash, P.O. Box 1602, Grand Island, NE 68802-1602, phone (308) 385-6000

**Troop D:** Junction Highway 83 and Interstate 80, P.O. Box 1265, North Platte, NE 69103-1265, phone (308) 535-8047

**Troop E:** Panhandle Office Complex, 4500 Ave. I, P.O. Box 1500, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-0872, phone (308) 632-1211

In 1937, the Legislature created the Nebraska Safety Patrol, making it a division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation. As amended in 1941, the law named the patrol's chief officer as "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety." In 1967, the Legislature changed the name to State Patrol and broadened the division's duties. In 1981, the Legislature made the State Patrol a separate agency, removing it from Department of Roads' control.

The superintendent's office directly supervises internal affairs, public information and executive protection, research and planning. Other state patrol duties are classified under three general areas: traffic services, investigative services and administrative and support services.

Officers of the state patrol also provide executive protection for the governor and the governor's family, legislative security and Supreme/Appellate Court security.

### *Administrative and Support Services*

This division includes accounting, human resources, grants, information technology, inspections, legal services, supply and radio engineering, communications and the training academy.

### ***Internal Affairs Division***

The Internal Affairs Division provides the agency a means of maintaining professional conduct within the Nebraska State Patrol. The Internal Affairs lieutenant receives complaints from the public and within the agency and initiates administrative investigations into complaints that allege misconduct. The division also tracks incidents where officers were required to use force or discharge weapons in the performance of their duties.

### ***Investigative Services Division***

The Investigative Services include criminal investigations, drug investigations, intelligence (criminal drug information gathering), identification (fingerprint and criminal history files) and the following divisions: bomb squad, Internet crimes, cold case, auto fraud, fuel fraud, alcohol/tobacco, sex offender registry program and the crime laboratory.

#### **Alcohol/Tobacco Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement agency for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. In addition to liquor law enforcement, the patrol investigates the background of liquor license applicants, complaints of alleged violations and conducts licensed premise inspections. The patrol also provides training to retail liquor license holders regarding state law, the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and detecting false identification.

#### **Auto/Fuel Fraud Division**

The Auto Fraud Division tracks stolen vehicles and educates key individuals about identification of false vehicle documents. The division promotes anti-auto fraud and public awareness programs and provides certification training to vehicle title inspectors. Fuel fraud personnel investigate fuel tax fraud, illegal use of dyed diesel fuel and consumer fraud involving fuel quality and quantity.

#### **Bomb Squad**

The Bomb Squad consists of five hazardous devices technicians certified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School. The squad's responsibilities include responding to explosives calls, providing training in explosive awareness and recognition and enforcing rules and regulations for the use, storage and purchase of commercial explosives.

#### **Crime Laboratory**

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science serving law enforcement agencies statewide. Key functions include evidence analysis, expert court testimony and evidence collection and preservation training.

### **Cold Case Squad**

Technological advances in DNA testing and evidence analysis created the need to review unsolved homicides. The Nebraska State Patrol Cold Case Squad consists of two investigators who confirm unsolved crimes are homicides and examine evidence to determine if DNA analysis is possible. There are approximately 150 unsolved cases in Nebraska.

### **Internet Crimes Against Children**

The Internet Crimes Against Children unit is one of 39 federally funded ICAC task forces in the United States. The unit works proactive and reactive cases involving child pornography and online enticement of children for sexual purposes.

### **Sex Offender Registry**

The Sex Offender Registry was created to maintain records on convicted sex offenders. Program personnel assign risk level to offenders, track offenders, conduct community notification and investigate violations of registry laws.

### ***Traffic Services***

Traffic services include highway patrolling, crash investigations, motor carrier enforcement, SWAT team services and the K-9, Air Wing and Community Policing divisions.

### **Air Wing**

The Air Wing has pilots stationed at Ogallala, Kearney and Lincoln. Three fixed-wing and one helicopter are used to enforce motor vehicle laws, conduct surveillance, search for missing persons and assist other law enforcement agencies.

### **Community Policing Division**

The state patrol assigns six officers dedicated to community service to participate in community policing, which is a partnership between police and the communities they serve. The program is designed to identify problems and to develop solutions to these problems. Nebraska State Patrol Community Service Officers conduct or assist with a variety of programs, including the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program, the Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, the Central Nebraska Motor Assist Program, the Junior Law, Grim Reaper and Adopt-a-School.

### **K-9 Division**

The K-9 Division consists of 16 officers and their police service dogs. The dogs are trained to track suspects or missing persons, search buildings for drugs and explosives, protect officers and apprehend suspects.

## Department of Property Assessment and Taxation

**Office Address:** 1033 O St., Suite 600, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-5984, fax (402) 471-5993, Web site — <http://www.pat.ne.gov>

**Property Tax Administrator:** Catherine D. Lang

**Statutory Reference:** 77-701 and 77-702

On July 1, 1999, the Property Tax Division of the Department of Revenue became a separate agency, the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. The agency is directed by the property tax administrator. The property tax administrator is appointed by the governor, with the approval of a majority of the members of the Legislature, for a six-year term. The department was created by statute and is governed by the Nebraska Constitution and statutes.

The Department of Property Assessment and Taxation develops information in various formats that assists the administrators, payers and beneficiaries of the property taxes to make informed decisions concerning the quality of the assessment function of the property tax system in Nebraska.

The department provides legal, policy and assessment information through regulations, rulings, directives, standards, manuals and education to the county assessors and other assessing officers to ensure the uniform execution of the property tax laws. The department provides advice concerning the assessment of real property to ensure the uniform and proportionate valuation of real property. Information also is provided to property owners concerning the level of value and quality of the assessment of real property in each county.

The department is responsible for: determining the assessable valuation of all taxable property in each school district used in the formula for state aid to school districts; valuation and distributing the value of property required to be valued by the state, such as railroad companies, public service entities, car line companies and air carriers; administering the assessment administrative program for contracted counties; administering the assessment function in counties that have transferred that responsibility to the property tax administrator; determining the appraised value for the public sale of educational lands; and determining the eligibility for exemption of certain personal property subject to compliance with the Employment and Investment Growth Act (LB 775) and Nebraska Advantage Act (LB 312).

The department has staff located centrally in Lincoln and in 13 Nebraska cities, including nine counties that have transferred the assessment function to the property tax administrator.

### *Nebraska Greenbelt Advisory Committee*

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**Chairperson:** James Hanna

**Statutory Reference:** 77-1355

The 2000 Legislature passed legislation that created the Nebraska Greenbelt Advisory Committee. The committee assists and advises the property tax administrator

in developing uniform and proportionate special valuation of agricultural land and provides advice to the property tax administrator and the Legislature on rules for such special valuation. The committee is financed by the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation.

The committee has nine members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. The committee consists of two active farmers, an active rancher, a real estate appraiser with expertise in the appraisal of agricultural real estate, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, an elected county assessor or a designee of the county assessor, a local planning and zoning official, an elected county official who has served or is serving on an agricultural and horticultural land valuation board and a county attorney who has an understanding of appraisal processes and problems encountered in the valuation of real property.

The committee must meet at least once annually. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
James Hanna, Thedford .....	Active Rancher .....	May 10, 2008
Bruce Johnson, Bennet .....	Ag Economics - University of Nebraska IANR .....	May 20, 2008
Tom Luhrs, Enders	Real Estate Appraiser .....	May 5, 2010
John Moore, Lexington	County Assessor .....	May 10, 2008
Kenneth W. Stephens, Valentine	Active Farmer .....	May 10, 2010
Richard Pierce, Miller	Elected County Official .....	May 5, 2010
Jean Rhodes, Bridgeport	County Attorney .....	May 10, 2008
Alan Svajgr, Cozad	Active Farmer .....	May 10, 2008
Darla Svoboda, Aurora	Planning and Zoning Official .....	May 10, 2008

**Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1867-2005\***

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1867	\$ 20,069,222	5.99	\$ 100,576	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
1877	71,311,578	6.18	440,424	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1887	160,506,266	8.13	1,305,659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897	165,193,736	7.15	1,181,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907	329,413,349	7.00	2,305,893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917	528,891,424	8.48	4,484,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	762,284,909	10.39	7,932,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1921	3,212,737,091	3.30	10,930,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	3,176,773,795	2.35	7,482,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	3,177,159,318	1.80	5,718,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927	3,141,146,610	3.75	11,779,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	3,125,855,462	2.06	6,439,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	3,167,489,383	2.40	7,645,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1930	3,102,050,571	2.34	7,258,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1931	3,045,793,706	2.04	6,213,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932	2,521,000,981	2.37	5,974,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933	2,073,283,250	2.39	4,955,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1934	2,059,678,928	2.10	4,424,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1935	2,030,243,533	2.15	4,467,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936	2,060,835,168	1.76	3,732,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1937	2,058,224,967	2.64	5,536,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938	2,033,302,482	2.68	6,213,375 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	2,047,519,591	2.61	6,111,012 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	1,922,271,788	2.57	5,751,790,31 <sup>2</sup>	8,522,835.62	-	9,363,959.00	827,583.52	19,089,644.91	2,157,241.36	45,713,054.72
1941	1,949,775,275	2.71	6,114,720,49 <sup>2</sup>	8,544,696.34	8,544,696.34	9,528,105.72	868,795.63	19,249,031.84	1,965,941.85	46,271,291.87
1942	2,042,442,436	2.39	5,892,250,53 <sup>2</sup>	8,437,615.85	8,437,615.85	9,923,106.54	911,358.28	20,321,586.08	47,416,936.73	49,791,714.25
1943	2,123,882,890	2.48	6,434,989,90 <sup>2</sup>	7,346,061.49	7,346,061.49	9,731,625.33	902,633.21	22,596,098.56	2,780,305.76	49,791,714.25
1944	2,115,063,748	2.54 <sup>3</sup>	6,646,877,64 <sup>2</sup>	7,089,268.72	7,089,268.72	9,635,450.57	918,210.88	24,661,371.55	2,862,832.43	51,814,011.79
1945	2,153,798,946	2.84 <sup>4</sup>	7,541,696,98 <sup>2</sup>	8,344,525.21	8,344,525.21	10,360,226.65	1,119,521.03	27,933,552.52	2,951,922.42	57,511,244.81
1946	2,160,972,214	3.30 <sup>4</sup>	8,970,146,90 <sup>2</sup>	8,895,475.72	10,021,306.17	11,392,713.44	1,299,012.87	29,212,466.96	3,473,962.23	63,243,778.23
1947	2,315,369,869	5.99 <sup>5</sup>	16,226,395,97 <sup>2</sup>	10,021,306.17	12,190,072.88	12,190,072.88	1,528,623.29	37,887,372.40	3,202,980.14	81,396,348.29 <sup>6</sup>
1948	2,499,229,766	5.26 <sup>6</sup>	16,590,938,10 <sup>2</sup>	11,128,634.02	14,026,147.84	14,026,147.84	1,829,223.68	43,285,645.46	3,163,184.71	90,287,562.48 <sup>7</sup>
1949	2,640,565,444	5.86 <sup>7</sup>	19,118,120,38 <sup>2</sup>	12,798,837.04	15,451,581.85	15,451,581.85	2,081,642.24	45,907,269.75	3,005,280.95	98,664,524.15 <sup>8</sup>
1950	2,719,489,576	5.76	19,519,763,70 <sup>3,8</sup>	12,835,629.71	16,199,324.47	16,199,324.47	2,182,106.43	53,225,772.76	3,218,657.15	107,576,591.44 <sup>9</sup>
1951	3,014,247,550	6.59	24,171,039,33 <sup>3,8</sup>	14,358,334.06	18,371,648.03	18,371,648.03	2,296,761.73	58,265,008.79	2,621,993.26	120,653,280.82 <sup>9</sup>
1952	3,104,475,679	6.98	27,025,733,01 <sup>3,8</sup>	14,424,701.63	14,424,701.63	20,346,311.25	2,467,706.17	55,240,372.79	2,683,738.43	122,746,134.07 <sup>9</sup>

\* Source: Department of Property Assessment and Taxation.

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1953	3,383,619,610	5.75	24,830,943,412 <sup>8</sup>	14,194,973,78	21,824,327,76	2,480,913,40	57,896,786,43	2,621,022,59	124,347,193,93 <sup>9</sup>
1954	3,043,753,089	6.69	20,182,539,57 <sup>8</sup>	19,138,043,41	21,692,901,55	2,351,358,95	60,463,284,26	2,902,266,64	128,041,382,23
1955	3,059,667,517	8.18	25,468,598,01 <sup>8</sup>	21,939,063,84	22,671,837,33	2,171,542,77	66,811,906,76	2,856,726,27	142,627,677,96 <sup>9</sup>
1956	2,958,572,814	8.09	24,388,599,86	22,741,831,79	1,974,012,50	1,974,012,50	70,246,466,64	3,094,990,67	146,212,379,98 <sup>9</sup>
1957	2,968,251,035	8.23	24,949,837,30	24,081,108,68	23,784,781,65	1,891,011,32	75,396,263,55	2,795,780,66	153,524,482,99 <sup>9</sup>
1958	3,026,479,555	7.97	24,598,189,28	25,162,038,00	25,072,450,95	2,010,803,07	81,258,148,92	2,789,387,21	161,513,035,51 <sup>9</sup>
1959	3,175,363,640	8.45	27,742,734,00 <sup>8</sup>	27,019,653,00	26,916,580,00 <sup>8</sup>	2,108,651,00	89,590,347,00 <sup>8</sup>	1,823,095,00	175,700,835,50 <sup>9</sup>
1960	3,212,814,395	8.43	27,084,022,00 <sup>8</sup>	27,201,544,00	27,019,360,40	2,379,607,37	97,361,961,77	1,797,134,61	189,000,499,35
1961	3,278,007,212	8.41	27,568,040,00	30,288,018,92	31,089,977,25	2,416,916,27	102,500,038,84	2,283,652,45	198,260,199,20
1962	3,367,213,876	8.43	28,385,612,00	33,298,733,90	34,422,894,22	2,472,914,89	110,833,920,33	2,862,106,94	214,740,261,73
1963	3,458,065,766	9.80	33,871,754,17	35,173,833,83	35,679,276,30	2,665,803,07	120,789,718,71	3,508,721,12	235,101,945,65
1964	3,553,328,531	9.14	32,477,422,77	37,387,165,00	38,454,973,00	2,585,621,00	126,879,196,00	4,527,456,00	246,171,142,00
1965	3,824,944,506	11.73	44,866,596,73	42,191,781,00	42,010,524,00	2,526,240,00	137,366,996,00	5,595,374,00	278,511,202,00
1966	4,334,187,613	10.67	49,317,239,46	47,162,520,04	47,093,081,86	2,590,065,42	155,612,952,14	5,227,918,82	308,319,630,21
1967	4,250,081,231	-	-	52,228,134,16	47,711,381,94	2,772,969,00	188,637,979,46	2,673,756,93	296,865,045,75
1968	4,450,148,845	-	-	52,698,236,33	48,477,535,15	2,707,718,34	186,970,844,29	1,703,395,38	291,657,729,49
1969	5,134,365,585	-	-	55,240,378,58	52,225,096,24	2,978,619,20	207,010,518,22	1,877,520,28	319,322,132,65
1970	5,375,575,178	-	-	60,070,893,25	55,540,398,42	2,886,917,00	227,298,397,69	5,494,558,40	351,261,164,85
1971	5,537,901,733 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	67,941,724,18 <sup>2</sup>	58,579,109,57 <sup>2</sup>	3,021,725,63	253,055,623,67 <sup>3</sup>	6,957,773,65	389,555,956,70
1972	5,731,535,854	-	-	66,815,345,18	59,850,069,91	3,067,721,90	268,140,216,20	11,841,962,208	409,715,315,27
1973	6,077,281,894	-	-	67,530,676,69	63,207,701,26	3,192,637,20	266,937,559,55	14,836,694,79	415,705,269,49
1974	6,503,268,242	-	-	79,948,378,28	69,070,859,84	3,383,437,94	283,085,525,68	16,840,654,20	452,328,855,04
1975	6,748,224,013	-	-	89,488,177,16	77,568,121,34	3,938,242,37	335,418,412,12	20,170,789,27	526,583,742,26
1976	7,017,779,158	-	-	97,559,784,14	84,249,910,50	4,169,473,22	390,698,319,60	20,334,040,50	597,011,527,96
1977	7,627,733,927	-	-	104,203,795,14	88,979,987,30	4,215,692,98	418,433,661,85	23,306,318,55	638,849,455,82
1978	7,613,655,151	-	-	92,085,281,43	91,670,649,88	4,302,523,80	419,938,308,46	28,324,536,08	636,321,799,65
1979	11,980,807,548	-	-	106,732,742,66	96,719,718,42	5,275,881,41	445,372,813,04	29,031,662,89	683,132,818,45
1980	12,671,717,612	-	-	118,268,175,56	111,214,847,08	5,563,833,87	444,546,095,81	29,078,338,43	708,671,290,75
1981	37,523,254,040 <sup>10</sup>	-	-	127,122,316,17	119,606,762,19	5,885,564,33	490,175,200,88	31,251,930,94	774,041,774,51
1982	38,553,689,126	-	-	132,356,518,71	129,261,511,16	6,705,460,35	519,235,159,61	33,342,822,26	820,801,472,09
1983	41,035,051,624	-	-	145,712,192,81	137,995,517,73	7,478,969,60	607,520,724,12	35,387,534,34	893,894,758,60
1984	41,632,906,878	-	-	149,167,872,98	138,999,350,26	8,052,530,26	669,396,444,64	43,989,999,79	949,006,197,93
1985	44,606,914,842	-	-	156,689,853,19	136,371,532,53	8,278,854,46	662,503,133,90	51,428,651,23	1,015,272,045,31
1986	43,925,258,519	-	-	143,742,404,22	145,214,398,57	7,873,142,86	677,983,486,92	57,595,701,77	1,059,179,271,70
1987	44,309,579,823	-	-	152,584,535,93	145,214,398,57	7,690,335,05	731,285,985,70	61,851,081,68	1,100,975,211,94
1988	44,607,049,210	-	-	162,374,423,42	148,990,983,71	7,718,588,90	777,742,709,17	66,819,052,85	1,163,685,758,05
1989	49,991,878,637	-	-	176,918,895,88	159,159,530,91	7,860,447,76	874,714,424,69	72,335,081,60	1,290,988,680,84

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1990.....	52,725,587,844	-	183,324,179.08	160,049,218.35	7,969,656.39	792,951,893.81	73,413,706.30	1,217,708,654.75	
1991.....	54,041,010,920	-	193,159,277.33	164,070,911.90	8,080,419.88	813,288,636.89	78,448,202.84	1,257,047,448.83	
1992.....	56,004,491,961 <sup>15</sup>	-	201,879,272.15	166,154,038.92	8,200,817.28	855,628,353.49	82,364,305.22	1,314,286,787.06	
1993.....	57,861,622,350	-	218,962,459.61	171,372,563.13	8,553,226.25	929,381,710.83	85,595,621.83	1,413,865,561.65	
1994.....	63,265,656,339	-	229,536,803.30	177,038,220.01	8,700,649.39	1,008,550,114.90	92,717,692.33	1,516,543,479.93	
1995.....	66,323,588,789	-	240,542,678.67	189,442,108.16	8,864,252.86	977,130,665.94	168,914,201.08	1,584,893,906.72	
1996.....	70,501,578,300	-	243,650,064.85	190,419,199.29	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	179,116,083.26	1,644,147,948.05	
1997.....	69,048,638,885 <sup>17</sup>	-	229,054,744.74	175,080,143.47	9,126,158.00	957,975,231.90	175,305,191.98	1,546,541,470.09	
1998.....	74,003,633,524	-	227,198,972.00	175,402,964.00	8,487,915.00	897,300,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,471,472,636.00	
1999.....	81,499,658,239	-	229,116,700.00	186,516,508.00	8,781,760.00	950,994,794.00	144,062,329.00	1,549,471,538.00	
2000.....	88,307,553,325	-	242,907,650.00	190,534,175.00	8,976,206.00	1,043,281,174.00	154,882,574.00	1,640,581,719.00	
2001.....	93,938,214,211	-	270,198,652.00	203,672,425.00	9,348,336.00	1,078,506,900.00	200,107,277.00	1,761,833,590.00	
2002.....	98,162,679,918	-	292,056,327.00	210,563,949.00	9,489,701.00	1,143,578,889.00	212,457,717.00	1,868,146,583.00	
2003.....	104,200,041,103	-	321,016,370.00	219,615,828.00	9,800,769.00	1,254,770,485.00	233,423,949.00	2,098,627,402.00	
2004.....	109,123,243,710	-	340,606,873.00	226,999,695.00	10,233,494.00	1,307,534,623.00	254,165,416.00	2,139,540,101.00	
2005.....	116,267,633,375	-	368,559,351.00	241,989,667.00	10,464,502.00	1,378,914,526.00	282,070,221.00	2,281,998,267.00	

<sup>1</sup> From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years. From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1959 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value. Starting in 1981, property has been assessed at full value.

<sup>2</sup> Includes tax levied by counties but remitted to state for hospitals for the "insane and feebleminded."

<sup>3</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund.

<sup>4</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for historical society buildings, .44 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and .47 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy.

<sup>5</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>6</sup> Includes .41 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>7</sup> Includes .38 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>8</sup> Includes Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board Taxes and Veterans Aid Fund, 1950-55.

<sup>9</sup> Includes Rural Fire District Taxes, Road District Taxes and Grain and Seed Taxes, 1947-79.

<sup>10</sup> Includes Head Tax.

<sup>11</sup> Homestead exemption amount of \$6.3 million.

<sup>12</sup> State aid to cities and counties amount to \$12.6 million annually.

<sup>13</sup> State aid to public schools amount to \$35 million annually.

<sup>14</sup> Actual value.

<sup>15</sup> In 1992, Nebraska changed the valuation methodology for personal property from market value to a depreciated net book basis. See *Nebraska Department of Revenue Annual Report*, Page 83.

<sup>16</sup> Reflects taxes levied for rural fire districts, natural resources districts, educational service units, community colleges and miscellaneous districts.

<sup>17</sup> 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB 271, passed in 1997.

Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2005\*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Assessment	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Assessment	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1867.....	\$ 20,069,222	\$ 12,101,211	60.30	60.30	\$ 6,889,961	34.33	34.33	\$ 1,078,050	5.37	5.37	\$ 1,064,638
1877.....	71,311,578	46,833,647	65.67	65.67	16,130,095	22.62	22.62	8,347,836	11.71	11.71	2,199,531
1887.....	160,506,266	96,338,889	60.03	60.03	40,536,015	25.26	25.26	23,601,362	14.70	14.70	4,032,794
1897.....	165,193,736	112,968,973	68.39	68.39	26,605,662	16.11	16.11	25,619,101	15.51	15.51	2,272,418
1907.....	329,413,349	192,933,917	58.57	58.57	83,081,460 <sup>7</sup>	25.22	25.22	53,397,972	16.21	16.21	15,361,496
1917.....	528,891,424	332,057,625	66.57	66.57	119,978,346	22.68	22.68	56,855,453	10.75	10.75	16,418,836
1920.....	762,284,909	540,197,502	70.87	70.87	160,788,213	21.09	21.09	61,299,188	8.04	8.04	20,267,538
1921.....	3,212,737,091 <sup>1</sup>	2,366,548,145	73.66	73.66	539,068,627	16.78	16.78	307,120,316	9.56	9.56	84,235,452
1922.....	3,202,705,714	2,293,043,094 <sup>4</sup>	71.60	71.60	59,430,740	18.55	18.55	315,629,880	9.86	9.86	141,266,092 <sup>2</sup>
1925.....	3,176,773,795 <sup>6</sup>	2,356,963,175	74.19	74.19	506,667,668	15.95	15.95	313,142,952	9.86	9.86	151,642,492 <sup>7</sup>
1926.....	3,177,159,318	2,376,019,296	74.78	74.78	488,050,275	15.36	15.36	313,089,747	9.85	9.85	144,582,220
1927.....	3,141,146,610	2,391,522,671	76.14	76.14	468,475,552	14.91	14.91	281,148,387	8.95	8.95	142,235,872
1928.....	3,125,855,462	2,400,614,031	76.80	76.80	466,799,354	14.93	14.93	258,442,077	8.27	8.27	172,562,291
1929.....	3,167,489,383	2,409,769,335	76.08	76.08	497,176,692	15.71	15.71	260,003,356	8.21	8.21	300,783,204 <sup>8</sup>
1930.....	3,102,050,571	2,357,541,588	76.00	76.00	484,373,892	15.61	15.61	260,135,091	8.39	8.39	242,115,831
1931.....	3,045,793,706	2,358,299,796	77.43	77.43	434,632,071	14.27	14.27	252,841,839	8.30	8.30	206,321,388
1932.....	2,521,000,981	1,965,705,448	77.97	77.97	334,338,251	13.26	13.26	220,957,282	8.76	8.76	150,962,544
1933.....	2,073,283,250	1,598,243,869	77.09	77.09	291,457,726	14.06	14.06	183,581,655	8.85	8.85	119,704,144
1934.....	2,059,678,928	1,587,987,654	77.10	77.10	304,087,911	14.76	14.76	167,603,363	8.14	8.14	103,080,003
1935.....	2,030,243,533	1,587,710,975	78.20	78.20	296,795,706	14.62	14.62	145,736,852	7.18	7.18	104,081,555
1936.....	2,060,835,168	1,581,278,483	76.73	76.73	331,270,576	16.07	16.07	148,286,095	7.20	7.20	110,960,397
1937.....	2,058,224,967	1,580,200,530	76.77	76.77	318,594,227	15.48	15.48	159,430,210	7.75	7.75	115,662,946
1938.....	2,033,302,482	1,575,646,085	77.49	77.49	314,819,092	15.48	15.48	142,837,305	7.02	7.02	106,200,614
1939.....	2,047,519,591	1,573,350,879	76.84	76.84	335,457,787	16.38	16.38	138,710,925	6.77	6.77	112,891,068
1940.....	1,922,271,788	1,457,849,933	75.84	75.84	333,129,615	17.33	17.33	131,292,240	6.83	6.83	114,623,252
1941.....	1,949,775,725	1,463,623,407	75.07	75.07	355,189,958	18.22	18.22	130,962,360	6.72	6.72	133,246,090
1942.....	2,042,442,436	1,448,884,200	70.94	70.94	457,905,661	22.42	22.42	135,652,575	6.64	6.64	142,369,989
1943.....	2,123,882,890	1,450,987,413	68.32	68.32	531,938,227	23.05	23.05	140,937,250	6.64	6.64	169,066,125
1944.....	2,115,063,748	1,453,194,829	68.71	68.71	517,587,944	24.47	24.47	144,280,975	6.82	6.82	215,206,984
1945.....	2,153,798,946	1,453,766,320	67.50	67.50	551,837,526	25.62	25.62	148,195,100	6.88	6.88	243,865,914
1946.....	2,160,972,214	1,482,406,559	68.60	68.60	529,705,150	24.51	24.51	148,860,505	6.89	6.89	318,114,173
1947.....	2,315,369,866	1,488,397,061	64.28	64.28	674,712,300	29.14	29.14	152,260,505	6.58	6.58	413,462,649
1948.....	2,499,222,769	1,533,713,684	61.37	61.37	811,321,135	32.46	32.46	154,187,950	6.17	6.17	474,139,556

\* Source: Department of Property Assessment and Taxation.

## Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2005 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1949.....	2,640,565,444	1,557,543,971	58.90	927,048,668	35.11	155,972,805	500,682,682
1950.....	2,719,489,560	1,586,594,626	58.34	978,066,444	35.96	154,828,490	507,602,933
1951.....	3,014,247,550	1,610,856,676	53.44	1,246,515,574	41.35	156,875,300	555,907,085
1952.....	3,104,475,679	1,670,371,892 <sup>7</sup>	53.81	1,275,736,527	41.09	158,367,260	573,707,391
1953.....	3,383,619,610 <sup>8</sup>	2,255,487,203	66.66	970,874,127	28.69	157,258,280	616,303,295
1954.....	3,043,753,089	2,030,914,111	66.72	870,580,928	28.60	142,258,050	630,066,852 <sup>11</sup>
1955.....	3,059,667,319	2,072,888,026	68.04	839,224,448	27.11	147,584,845	696,306,628
1956.....	2,955,664,238	2,099,906,982	71.05	717,248,081	24.25	138,509,175	681,728,426
1957.....	2,968,251,035	2,113,714,760	71.21	829,518,930	27.95	138,319,455	717,252,624
1958.....	3,192,817,877	2,174,291,860	68.10	849,636,484	26.61	134,401,405	702,321,077
1959.....	3,175,691,135	2,205,839,408	69.46	833,861,697	26.25	135,990,130	1,240,857,320
1960.....	3,212,807,088	2,243,524,342	69.83	870,120,735	27.10	99,162,011	1,529,115,007
1961.....	3,278,007,212	2,318,617,271	70.73	866,017,201	26.40	93,572,740	1,584,952,524
1962.....	3,367,213,876	2,371,833,963	70.43	902,065,914	26.78	89,224,590	2.65
1963.....	3,458,065,766	2,424,048,733	70.10	945,614,038	27.24	88,402,995	2.56
1964.....	3,553,328,531	2,470,718,926	69.53	995,576,495	28.02	86,933,110	2.45
1965.....	3,824,944,306	2,732,479,530	71.44	1,001,128,073	26.17	86,529,081	2.26
1966.....	4,354,187,613	3,159,596,852	72.90	1,086,309,231	25.06	88,281,530	2.04
1967.....	4,250,081,231	2,984,666,685	70.23	1,175,988,689	27.67	89,425,857	2.10
1968.....	4,468,372,340	3,200,919,638	71.63	1,176,104,251	26.32	91,348,451	2.05
1969.....	5,134,478,973	3,849,257,487	74.97	1,199,053,559	22.35	86,187,927	1.68
1970.....	5,375,575,178	3,898,915,338	72.59	1,201,269,257	24.02	85,390,583	1.59
1971.....	5,537,901,733	4,098,047,282	74.00	1,355,531,749	24.48	84,322,702	1.52
1972.....	5,731,535,854	4,225,861,385	73.73	1,422,997,118	24.83	82,677,351	1.44
1973.....	6,077,281,894	4,399,344,363	72.59	1,595,208,108	26.25	82,729,423	1.36
1974.....	5,503,268,242	4,545,771,789	69.90	1,869,689,620	28.75	87,806,833	1.35
1975.....	6,748,224,013	4,714,977,422	69.87	1,936,470,363	28.70	96,776,228	1.43
1976.....	7,014,552,162	4,870,738,201	69.43	2,033,928,295	29.00	109,885,666	1.57
1977.....	7,617,369,159	5,090,179,330	66.82	2,408,704,867	31.62	118,424,942	1.56
1978.....	7,497,203,141	5,809,800,395	77.49	1,582,305,519	21.11	105,097,736	1.40
1979.....	11,709,501,051	9,921,248,413	84.73	1,616,594,675	13.80	171,657,963	1.47
1980.....	12,595,238,136	10,766,455,938	85.48	1,650,872,705	13.11	177,909,493	1.41
1981.....	37,323,254,040 <sup>13</sup>	31,696,074,891	84.92	5,049,099,285	13.53	578,079,864	1.55
1982.....	38,553,689,126	32,289,596,653	83.75	5,684,471,669	14.75	579,620,804	1.50

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1983	41,035,051,624	34,064,660,796	83.01	6,327,056,911	15.42	643,333,917	1.57	-
1984	41,632,906,878	34,384,265,705	82.59	6,659,041,648	15.99	589,599,525	1.42	-
1985	44,606,914,842	37,104,591,262	83.18	6,870,176,725	15.40	632,146,855	1.42	-
1986	45,925,258,319	35,970,585,532	81.89	7,176,560,759	16.34	778,112,028	1.77	-
1987	44,309,579,823	35,996,445,550	81.24	7,447,918,983	16.81	865,215,290	1.95	-
1988	44,697,049,210	36,393,161,035	81.42	7,397,672,672	16.55	906,215,503	2.03	-
1989	49,991,878,637	40,829,220,012	81.67	8,435,065,040	16.87	727,593,585	1.46	-
1990	52,725,587,844	43,171,451,761	81.88	8,789,762,416	16.67	764,373,667	1.45	-
1991	54,041,010,920	44,186,914,412	81.77	9,092,048,991	16.82	762,047,517	1.41	-
1992	56,004,491,961	46,377,140,154	82.81	8,823,435,894	15.75	803,915,913	1.44	-
1993	57,861,622,350	47,341,319,554	81.82	9,696,217,529	16.76	824,085,267	1.42	-
1994	63,265,656,295	52,051,782,739	82.27	10,285,974,593	16.26	927,898,963	1.47	-
1995	66,323,588,789	54,630,627,888	82.37	10,666,680,980 <sup>14</sup>	16.08	1,026,279,921	1.55	-
1996	70,501,578,300	57,924,806,143	82.16	11,482,465,515	16.29	1,094,306,642	1.55	-
1997	69,048,638,885	62,016,909,786	89.82	5,891,413,763 <sup>15</sup>	8.53	1,140,315,336	1.65	-
1998	74,603,633,524	67,008,740,898	89.82	6,449,831,324	8.65	1,145,061,302	1.53	-
1999	81,499,658,239	73,225,020,337	89.85	6,915,801,938	8.48	1,358,826,964	1.67	-
2000	88,307,553,325	79,685,257,667	90.24	7,119,165,417	8.06	1,503,130,241	1.70	-
2001	93,938,214,211	84,953,847,915	90.44	7,345,914,312	7.82	1,638,451,985	1.74	-
2002	98,162,679,918	88,843,723,480	90.51	7,609,223,132	7.75	1,709,733,506	1.74	-
2003	104,200,041,103	94,695,127,160	90.88	7,765,667,307	7.45	1,739,246,636	1.67	-
2004	109,123,243,710	99,963,078,318	91.61	7,279,339,135	6.67	1,880,826,257	1.72	-
2005	116,267,633,375	107,098,752,213	92.11	7,332,050,132	6.31	1,836,822,030	1.58	-

<sup>1</sup>Total contains valuation of railroad and pullman cars. Prior to 1889, no provision was made for the separate assessment of sleeping cars and dining cars.  
<sup>2</sup>In this table, pullman car valuations have been included in the personal property, beginning with 1907.  
<sup>3</sup>From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years.  
<sup>4</sup>Purchasers' interest in state lands included.  
<sup>5</sup>Intangible property was assessed at one-fourth its actual value from 1922 to 1924, inclusive.  
<sup>6</sup>From 1925, the total assessment does not include valuation of intangible property, Classes A and B.  
<sup>7</sup>Intangible property was divided into two classes, A and B, in 1925. The levy on Class A intangible property was 2 1/2 mills; on Class B, 5 mills.  
<sup>8</sup>In 1929, the levy on Class B intangible property was raised to 8 mills.  
<sup>9</sup>Includes mineral interests.  
<sup>10</sup>From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1958 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value.

## Footnotes (Cont'd.)

<sup>11</sup> From 1954, the levy on Class B intangible property was 4 mills.

<sup>12</sup> Tax on intangible property repealed.

<sup>13</sup> LB 187 in 1979 changed the level of assessment from 35 percent of actual value to 100 percent of actual value starting in 1981.

<sup>14</sup> Agricultural livestock personal property exempted.

<sup>15</sup> 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB 271, passed in 1997.

<sup>16</sup> Real property excludes centrally assessed railroads and public service entities.

## Department of Revenue

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**State Tax Commissioner:** Douglas A. Ewald

**Statutory References:** Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 28; and 77-360

**Publications:** Statistical information annual report; Fund Summary Report; Department of Revenue Annual Report; Tax Expenditure Report; other reports required by law or for informational purposes

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, through the state tax commissioner, has indirect authority over state revenues and directly administers major state tax revenues except liquor and insurance taxes.

A constitutional amendment in 1967 prohibited state government from using property tax revenues. To replace this revenue, the Legislature enacted a state sales and use tax and a state income tax. The sales and use tax became effective in 1967, and the income tax became effective in 1968.

The Department of Revenue prepares an annual report that includes statistical information on collected state taxes. This report is available on the Internet at <http://revenue.ne.gov> or upon request from the department.

### *Administration*

The department's administration includes the state tax commissioner, the acting deputy tax commissioner and the personnel administrator.

The department is divided into the divisions of Audit, Charitable Gaming, Finance and Information Services, Legal, Lottery, Motor Fuels, Research, Revenue Operations, Special Services and Taxpayer Services.

### *Audit Services*

The Audit Services area has the following responsibilities:

- conducts audits of taxpayers' books and records to ensure a proper accounting of taxes due to the state. Audits are usually conducted at the taxpayer's business location.
- audits the financial report produced by the auditor of public accounts and issuing a report to the governor and the Legislature
- receives and finalizing audit reports from the multistate tax commissioner and the Internal Revenue Service for the corporate income tax program
- administers the state's economic incentive programs, established in 1987 under LB 775 and LB 312, and provides a report to the Legislature
- provides education to taxpayers.

Audit Services maintains offices in Lincoln, Omaha, Kearney and Norfolk.

## *Charitable Gaming Division*

### **Statutory Reference:** 9-1,101

The Legislature established the Charitable Gaming Division in 1986 to regulate charitable gaming activities in Nebraska. These games include bingo; lottery by the sale of pickle cards; nonprofit lotteries and raffles; county, city and village lotteries (keno); and gift enterprises conducted for business promotion purposes.

The division oversees these gaming activities to ensure they are conducted fairly and properly and that the proceeds raised are spent only in a manner that is provided by law. This division:

- licenses organizations, businesses and individuals involved at various levels in the gaming industry and performs audits of the licensees
- develops and implements rules, regulations and legislative proposals to govern various gaming activities
- conducts on-site inspections of charitable gaming activities
- initiates the investigation of complaints regarding gaming activities
- reviews background investigations of potential licensees
- tests and approves gaming equipment and products
- ensures compliance with gaming-related tax requirements

In addition, the division holds administrative hearings relative to gaming violations, imposes fines and assists the attorney general's office and county or city attorneys with regard to gaming issues and litigation.

The division also develops gaming-related application forms, reporting and tax forms and educational material, and presents educational seminars and workshops for licensees and law enforcement officials. The division is actively involved with regional and national organizations consisting of gaming regulators from other states and Canadian provinces.

The office of the state athletic commissioner is located within the Charitable Gaming Division.<sup>1</sup>

## *Finance and Information Services Area*

The finance section prepares the state budget request in conjunction with the state tax commissioner, accounts for day-to-day department expenditures and prepares monthly reports for management. This area is responsible for establishing and implementing internal accounting controls, and it performs the cashing function for all cash and checks received by the department.

The information services section coordinates, designs and manages all computer functions within the department. This covers the mainframe system, LAN/WAN, and PC applications and maintenance. This section also is the Department of Revenue liaison with the Department of Administrative Services Information Management Services Division.

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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the State Athletic Commissioner, see Page 493.

The e-commerce section is responsible for electronic commerce within the department, which includes electronic funds transfer, federal and state electronic tax filing programs and online filing options for individuals and businesses.

### *Legal Services*

Legal Services is the internal legal counsel for the state tax commissioner and the department. This service area represents the department at all formal hearings before the state tax commissioner.

Legal Services is responsible for initiating and reviewing legal documents, proposed laws, regulations, revenue rulings, contracts and forms. The service area acts as liaison between the department and the state Department of Justice and assists the attorney general's office with revenue-related litigation. All revenue-related bankruptcy and mortgage foreclosure cases are the responsibility of Legal Services.

This service area also monitors taxation on the federal level as it affects state tax revenue. It coordinates the exchange of tax information between the department and the Internal Revenue Service and other state revenue departments. The division reviews tax information confidentiality laws and the issuance of the confidentiality revenue policy for all employees. It also coordinates the implementation of new revenue laws and monitors their results to ensure they work well with existing administrative systems.

The division helps county officials administer documentary stamp taxes and coordinates portions of the homestead exemption program. This division maintains a department legal library.

### *Nebraska Lottery*

#### **Statutory Reference:** 9-804

In November 1992, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a state lottery. The Nebraska Lottery was created by LB 138, passed by the 1993 Legislature.

The Nebraska Lottery is a cash-funded division of the department. In addition to contracting for scratch ticket production and related services, online lotto equipment and related services, advertising and security, the Nebraska Lottery is responsible for recruitment and screening of lottery retailers, lottery product development and lottery revenue collection. The Nebraska Lottery employs investigators to maintain security and conduct all background investigations.

Approximately 1,200 locations comprise the Nebraska Lottery retailer network, which includes convenience stores, supermarkets, service stations and cafes. In addition to a commission of 5 percent on each ticket sold, Nebraska Lottery retailers can qualify for incentives such as a cashing bonus tied to an automated scratch game inventory system, a commission increase for employing standard merchandising techniques and a seller's bonus.

The first Nebraska Lottery scratch ticket was sold on Sept. 11, 1993. Scratch tickets now account for more than half of all Nebraska Lottery sales. Nebraska Lottery lotto

sales began with the introduction of Powerball on July 21, 1994.

After prizes, the largest share of each dollar spent on the Nebraska Lottery goes to beneficiary funds. Pursuant to passage of Amendment 4 in 2004, the beneficiaries include the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, education as directed by the Legislature, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

### *Motor Fuels Division*

**Statutory Reference:** 66-738

The Legislature established the Motor Fuels Division in July 1991.

The Motor Fuels Division administers motor fuels tax programs, ensuring compliance with state laws. Tax programs include Motor Vehicle Fuels, Diesel Fuels, Compressed Fuels, Alternative Fuels, Aircraft Fuels and the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act. The division processes the returns, provides taxpayer education and ensures compliance. This division has been a national leader in electronic filing programs. The division is also responsible for the Ethanol Producers Incentive Program.

### *Research Services*

Research Services prepares revenue estimates and cash flow projections for use by the state tax commissioner and the Legislature. Forecasting models have been developed by this service area and are updated periodically. Forecasts of national trends that affect Nebraska's economy are provided by Research Services and Global Insight Inc. This information is used by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Board at its meetings to set general fund revenue estimates.

The service area publishes the annual report of the Department of Revenue, the annual report of aid to local governmental subdivisions and other reports as required by statute or for informational purposes.

Research Services analyzes information and prepares reports that deal with all tax programs administered by the department. The service area also maintains a library of research materials and provides estimates of the fiscal impact of proposed legislation on state revenue.

Research Services also calculates state aid payments under programs for aid to local governments that are administered by the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

### *Revenue Operations*

The Revenue Operations area processes the tax programs administered by the department except those processed by the Charitable Gaming, Lottery and Motor Fuels service areas. Division staff use extensive computerization, including an image-based retrieval system for locating documents as well as widespread use of PC systems, to process revenues and refund requests. This includes all tax returns, permit applications, required reports and refund claims.

The area has seven functional sections: Initial Operations, Validation, Clearance, Licensing/Claims, Teleprocessing, Post Processing and Records. All documents flow

through these sections in their processing cycle. The section functions include mail opening, batching, validation, editing, licensing, refunding claims, file maintenance, data entry, error resolution, scanning and record management.

### *Special Services*

Special Services provides day-to-day support services for the department. These include forms design and management, word processing, Web site design and maintenance, communications, departmental mailings, purchasing and security.

### *Taxpayer Services*

The Taxpayer Services area provides taxpayer assistance, education, enforcement and tax collection services. It coordinates communication between taxpayers and the department through offices in six Nebraska cities.

The service area helps taxpayers better understand their rights and responsibilities under state tax laws and helps prepare returns for all tax programs. It corrects failures and irregularities in registration and reporting. Collection operations also work to collect back taxes from delinquent taxpayers.

### *Invest Nebraska Board*

**Contact Person:** Douglas A. Ewald, State Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

**Statutory Reference:** 77-5501

The 2001 Legislature created the Invest Nebraska Board as part of the Invest Nebraska Act. The board consists of the governor, the state treasurer and the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council. The purpose of the Invest Nebraska Act is to encourage new businesses to relocate and encourage existing businesses to expand in Nebraska. The goal of this act is to aid in the economic and population growth of the state and to assist in the creation of better jobs. The board determines, after conducting a public hearing, whether a company's proposed project meets the state purposes and requirements of the Invest Nebraska Act.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln.....	Chairperson
Ron Ross, Lincoln.....	State Treasurer

### *Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board*

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**Statutory Reference:** 13-2601

In 1999, the Legislature created the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to ensure the state may receive long-term economic and fiscal benefits from

convention facilities. The board determines whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

The board consists of the governor, the state treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the chairperson for the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy and a professor of economics from a state postsecondary educational institution. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education appoints the member.

#### Members

#### Position

Jim Titus, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln.....	Governor
Dr. John Anderson, Lincoln.....	Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research
Shane Osborn, Lincoln.....	State Treasurer

## Department of Roads

**Office Address:** 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 471-4567, Web site — <http://www.nebraskatransportation.org>

**Director:** John L. Craig

**Deputy Director - Engineering:** Monty Fredrickson

**Deputy Director - Operations:** John R. Jacobsen

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

The Department of Roads is the state surface transportation agency responsible for highway, rail, public transportation and other programs. The department's duties include planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations.

The 1895 Legislature established the State Board of Irrigation, which was changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage in 1911. In 1919, the board became the Department of Public Works and included the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage and the Motor Vehicle Records Division. The department became the Department of Roads and Irrigation in 1933. The 1957 Legislature changed the name to Department of Roads and transferred the other functions to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Water Resources. The Nebraska State Patrol became part of the Department of Roads in 1937, but became a separate agency in 1982.

### *Director*

The director is the department's chief executive officer. The director's responsibilities include:

- implementing objectives established by the Legislature and the governor consistent with an integrated transportation system, including highway, rail and public transportation programs
- directing the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of the department
- maintaining relationships with federal, county and municipal governments, other

state agencies and private entities in matters pertaining to an improved and integrated state transportation system

- developing a performance-based Department of Roads

### **Bridge Division**

The Bridge Division has five sections: Design, Hydraulics, Load Rating and Research, Bridge Inspection and Bridge Management. The division is responsible for:

- supervising the preparation of complete bridge and special structure plans
- reviewing bridge design plans prepared by consulting engineers
- performing load ratings of state and county bridges
- directing computer-aided design and drafting operations
- maintaining a record of bridges within the state
- inspecting and determining the condition of existing bridges
- conducting or supervising hydraulic studies for all bridges
- coordinating bridge-related research activities
- managing the bridges in the state through data analysis and planning

### **Construction Division**

The Construction Division has the following sections: Estimating, PS&E, Highway Construction Scheduling, Contracts, Contract Administration, Bituminous and Concrete Final Estimates Review, External Civil Rights/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Grading and Structures, and TRNS•Port. The division is responsible for:

- activities relating to the letting and administration of construction contracts
- policies and actions pertaining to construction activities, standards, techniques, manuals and uniformity of application of specifications, special provisions, and inspection
- creating estimates for each job from preliminary to letting estimates
- checking and assembling final plans and proposals
- reviewing each job for constructability and determining construction working days
- prequalifying contractors, holding bid lettings, and preparing all final contracts
- monitoring all construction contract activities once contracts are signed, such as notice to proceed, subcontracts, insurance and change orders
- resolving construction issues from the field
- administering the DBE and external EEO programs
- monitoring labor rate issues

### **Materials and Research Division**

The Materials and Research Division has the following sections: Office Services and SiteManager, Portland Cement Concrete, Physical Tests, Chemical Tests, Flexible Pavement and Quality Assurance, Pavement Design, Geotechnical and Soils, Roadway Asset Management, and Research and Development. The division is responsible for:

- developing material specifications and quality control standards
- determining pavement type, cross section and thickness

- inspecting, testing, and reporting of construction and maintenance materials
- performing field investigations to determine material performance
- preparing material manuals and guides
- coordinating the research program
- determining the 20-year needs for the state's highway system
- providing pavement management reports and maintaining the pavement management inventory
- providing soil and soil design requirements
- providing materials management training

### **Planning and Project Development Division**

The Planning and Project Development Division has the following sections: Environmental, Planning and Location Studies, and Agreements and Consultant Services. The division is responsible for:

- providing engineering reviews and corridor studies on selected highway projects and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of engineering alternatives and effects associated with highway projects
  - obtaining environmental approvals, 404 permits and floodplain permits
  - preparing, negotiating and administering engineering and other agreements with utilities, consultants and political subdivisions
  - providing liaisoning with utility companies
  - providing long range collaborative planning statewide, takes traffic counts, uses traffic modeling and measures department performance
  - providing noise and air studies, liaison with local officials on community planning, and design of noise abatement

### **Right of Way Division**

The Right of Way Division has the following sections: Appraisal, Negotiation and Relocation, Highway Beautification, Property Management and Right of Way Design. The division is responsible for:

- formulating and implementing policies, programs and procedures to govern the acquisition of right of way for highway improvements
- recommending policies pertaining to acquisition, appraisal, negotiations and relocations
  - implementing policies pertaining to the administration of rights of way
  - controlling and acquiring advertising rights
  - issuing junkyard permits and right-of-way certificates
  - screening and acquisition of scenic easements

### **Roadway Design Division**

The Roadway Design Division has the following sections: Design Support, Inter-

state, Expressways and Major Arterials Group, and Urban and Resurfacing. The division is responsible for:

- determining the specific location and scope of highway improvements
- preparing complete roadway plans for the state highway system
- reviewing the one- and five-year Highway Improvement Program
- conducting value engineering reviews
- maintaining the department's design manual and standard and special plans
- performing land, geodetic and aerial surveys
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic study and assessments
- supporting the local public agencies in development of transportation projects in urban areas off the state highway system
- providing recommendations to the districts on right of way permit applications

### **Traffic Engineering Division**

The Traffic Engineering Division has the following sections: Traffic Control, Traffic Analysis and Highway Safety. The division is responsible for:

- making recommendations for the functional design features of intersections, interchanges and other highway facilities
- designing signs, signals, pavement markings and other traffic control devices and preparing standards and policies for installation and maintenance
- continuing surveillance of the highway system to identify high-accident and congested locations, conducting studies of the locations and recommending or implementing actions to improve conditions
  - maintaining a depository of traffic accident reports
  - maintaining a computerized database of traffic crash reports
  - performing statistical analyses and creating reports for purposes of increased highway and traffic safety
  - maintaining the state property damage system
  - identifying areas of loss to the agency through a risk management program

### **Project Scheduling and Program Management Section**

This section includes the Project Scheduling Unit and the Program Management Unit. It is responsible for:

- developing and managing the one- and six-year highway construction program with input from district engineers and the State Highway Commission
- developing a highway construction program that balances time, personnel, funds and needsscheduling the preconstruction process of all projects and coordinating the schedules with all levels of management
- maintaining a computer database with information about projects under the department's jurisdiction
- directing and accomplishing functions necessary to program and fund federal-aid

projects with the Federal Highway Administration

- preparing the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

### **Communication Division**

The Communication Division is directly responsible to the deputy director for operations and has the following sections: Public Information, Public Hearings, and Communication Services The division is responsible for:

- developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures concerning agency communication and public information
- preparing information and distributing news releases; coordinating the biennial State Highway Map; preparing pamphlets, brochures, newsletters and motorist advisories on construction projects; and overseeing media relations and customer service
- preparing, coordinating and facilitating public hearings and public meetings for department projects
- providing information resources, records management, information processing, photographics, plans, printing, reproduction, mail services and website maintenance

### **Human Resources Division**

The Human Resources Division has the following sections: Employee Services and Safety, Staff Development, Classification, Recruitment and EEO, and Grievances and Discipline. The division is responsible for:

- administering the Department Workforce Development Program, including Leadership Development
- administering state and Department Human Resources policies, including the department Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, rules and regulations, the labor contract, state and federal statutes, and regulatory agency guidelines
- administering procedures for labor relations, disciplinary actions, grievance resolution, performance management, mediation, recruitment, classification and compensation, benefits, FLSA, EEO/AA/ADA/Diversity, safety, and training programs
- administering the Employee Safety, Workers Compensation, Family Medical Leave, Catastrophic Illness, Employee Assistance, Drug and Alcohol Testing, Driving Records, Employee Recognition, Wellness and Suggestion System programs
- developing policies and procedures for the administration of the department payroll, time reporting, and leave accounting systems

### **Business Technology Support Division**

The Business Technology Support Division has two sections: Technical Services and Project Management. The division is responsible for:

- providing data processing technical services to the department's users providing LAN service operations (including backups and disaster recovery), facsimile and computer production control services for the department
- identifying, tagging, entering and maintaining the inventory of computer hardware and software

- scheduling the use of computer resources to optimize their use and service to the department
- participating in evaluating, selecting and procuring computer hardware, software and supplies for the computer operations function
- liaising with the Office of the CIO on computer or data communication operation, service and on technical services matters
- liaising with DAS/Material on IT hardware and software purchasing
- providing Help Desk services, including logging and assigning reported hardware, software and application problems to appropriate BTSD staff for resolution
- determining if application development solutions should be purchased, developed by utilizing consultant services or developed by BTSD or department personnel
- developing, implementing and administering Project Management standards, policies, methodologies and best practices to ensure project delivery is done efficiently
- providing technical support for department-wide applications such as MicroStation, Falcon, GIS, Crystal Enterprise and others
- developing, maintaining, and administering the various databases that store mission critical and other data that is utilized by applications throughout the department
- communicating and working with the Office of the CIO on matters concerning application development, integration and implementation

### **Government Affairs Division**

The Government Affairs Division has the following sections: Secondary Roads, Liaison Services and Special Programs. The division is responsible for:

- coordinating federal and state aid programs, including Surface Transportation Program (STP) for counties and small municipalities, bridge replacement, transportation enhancement, scenic byways, state recreation road, state aid bridge, public lands roads, forest highway, county emergency relief, Safe Routes to Schools, and Lied Main Street
- assisting counties and municipalities in obtaining engineering services, reporting programs and plans and meeting minimum standards
- preparing and coordinating department rules and regulations
- monitoring and coordinating state and federal legislation affecting the department
- providing administrative support for the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents
- acting as contact with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Local Technical Assistance Program (NE-LTAP)

### **Rail and Public Transportation Division**

The Rail and Public Transportation Division has two sections, Motor Carrier Permits and Rail/Public Transit. The division is responsible for:

- issuing overweight and overdimensional permits and administering of department rules and regulations for overweight and overdimensional vehicles and permits
- administering the Nebraska Grade Crossing Protection Program and federal rail

safety funds and all agreements with railroads where highway improvements impact railroad facilities

- administering federal and state transit assistance programs and submitting a biennial report to the Governor on transit activities

### **Operations Division**

The Operations Division has two sections: Operations & Intelligent Transportation and Maintenance. This division is responsible for:

- promoting, coordinating, facilitating and assisting in all Homeland Security activities
- formulating and implementing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to Homeland Security
- administration and development of departmental Emergency Operations Plan, assisting and coordinating information and activities for snow storms, floods and other emergencies
- researching, planning, implementing, evaluating and promoting transportation technology to establish and maintain an intelligent transportation system
- developing, implementing and monitoring the department's communication network and traffic signal equipment
- constructing, maintaining and repairing capital facilities
- implementing and monitoring policies governing rest areas and environmental issues
- administering the statewide Adopt-A-Highway, hay harvesting and mowing programs
- operating the cold milling machine and related equipment statewide and coordinating the operation with district personnel
- administering ground water remediation and complying NDEQ rules and regulations
- coordinating formation of spill prevention control and countermeasures plans
- preparing agreements with local governmental units who assume responsibilities for the maintenance of roads, streets and bridges within their jurisdiction
- managing the department's fleet
- developing specifications for and requisitioning of all numbered equipment components, accessories and shop equipment
- administering the State Gas System and the Voyager fleet credit card system for the state
- initiating actions relative to the procurement of all stocked and non-stocked items required by the department

### **Controller Division**

The Controller Division has the following sections: Budget and Finance, Accounting, Financial Systems and Audit. The division is responsible for:

- advising on department financial matters and compliance with state statutes and federal laws

- financial planning, programming, revenue and expenditure projections, budgeting, fund controls, fund analysis and innovative financing techniques
- financial systems that include: accounting, budgeting, cash flow management, highway construction, project finance and related systems
- analysis of proposed state and federal transportation legislation and interpretation of statutes and laws
- financial management analysis to determine current and future highway construction program size and to make informed business decisions

**Field Districts<sup>1</sup>**

The Field Districts are responsible for all construction and maintenance of highways within their areas.

Headquarters for the Department of Roads field districts are:

District 1 .....	Lincoln	District 5 .....	Bridgeport
District 2 .....	Omaha	District 6 .....	North Platte
District 3 .....	Norfolk	District 7 .....	McCook
District 4 .....	Grand Island	District 8 .....	Ainsworth

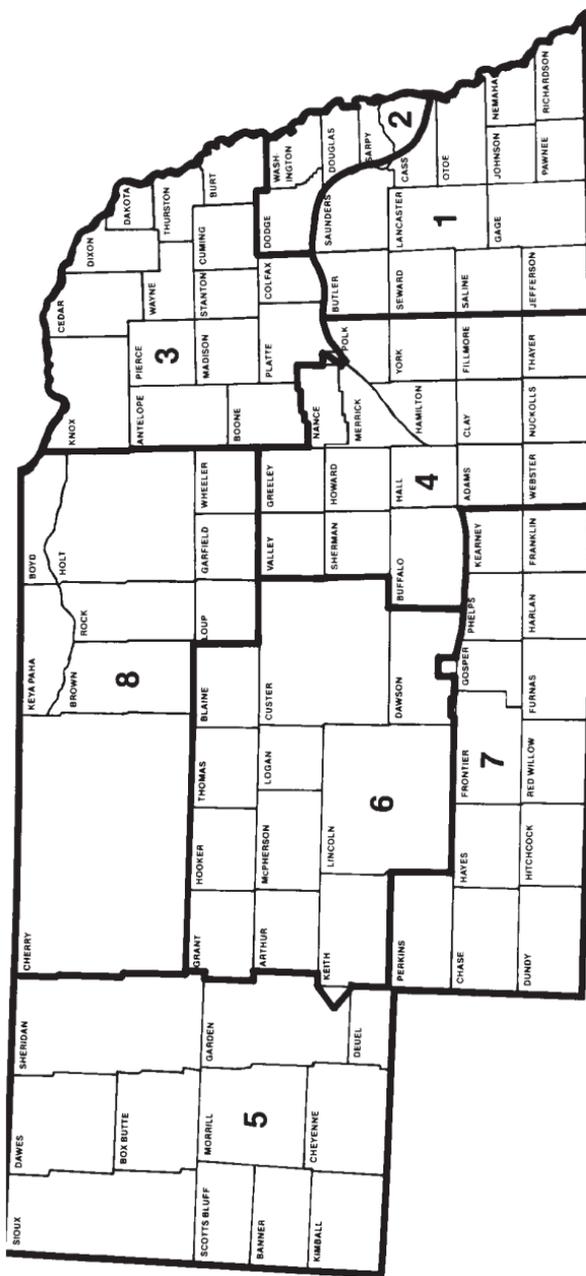
**Roads Section of the Department of Justice**

The attorney general established the Roads Section of the Department of Justice, and it is housed by the Department of Roads. This section provides all legal representation and counseling concerning the legal business of the Department of Roads.

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<sup>2</sup> See Page 607 for a map of State Highway Commission/Department of Roads districts.

## Department of Roads Field Districts and State Highway Commission Districts\*



\*Source: Nebraska Department of Roads.

## Department of Veterans' Affairs

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**Director:** John Hilgert

**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.02

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, created in 1947, serves as the advocacy agency for Nebraska's 165,200 veterans. The department, led by a director appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature, administers the interest from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Trust Fund to provide temporary assistance to needy veterans and their dependents.

The agency has four state veterans' service officers who represent veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department also administers the state's waiver of tuition and Active Selected Reserve Tuition Credit programs and serves as the state's custodian of veteran discharges and grave registrations.

The director certifies the eligibility of county veterans' service officers.

The director must reside in Nebraska five years prior to his or her appointment, be a U.S. citizen and be an honorably discharged veteran during a period designated by Nebraska law. The Veterans' Advisory Commission is the agency's oversight body.

### *Veterans' Advisory Commission*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.06

The Veterans' Advisory Commission provides counsel to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs on matters concerning veterans' advocacy and administration of the agency and approves those hired by the director for state veterans' service officer positions.

The commission also serves as the appeals board on decisions made by the department for Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims.

The commission's five members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each of the three congressional districts has one commissioner, and two commissioners serve at large. Each commissioner must have lived in Nebraska for five years prior to appointment, be considered a wartime veteran under Nebraska law, have been honorably discharged and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

The commission is required to meet twice each year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Lewis Adams, Belgrade .....	At Large.....	March 1, 2010
John Iossi, Columbus .....	District 1.....	March 1, 2008

Virgil A. Hagel, Gordon .....	At Large.....	March 1, 2009
Billy C. Smith, Palisade.....	District 3.....	March 1, 2011
Vacant .....	District 2.....	March 1, 2011

### *Board of Inquiry and Review*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-318

The Board of Inquiry and Review determines eligibility of those seeking admission into the state's four veterans' homes. The 17-member board is viewed as an advocate for those residing in the homes. The board sets admission policies and makes recommendations relating to enhancing the lifestyle of home members.

Board members include the commander and immediate past commander of each recognized veterans' organization under Nebraska law (statutory reference: 80-401.01), or their designated representatives. The director of the state Department of Veterans' Affairs serves as the board's permanent secretary. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
John Hilgert, Omaha .....	Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Bill Baier, Grand Island.....	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Keith Fickenscher, Lincoln.....	Paralyzed Veterans of America
James Cada, Lincoln .....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Robert Evans, Omaha .....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Wayne Denklauf, Wayne .....	AMVETS
Bernard Brosnihan, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Virgil Hagel, Gordon.....	American Legion
Richard McKibben, Omaha .....	American Legion
Randy Holke, Fremont.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
Steve Schawang, Falls City.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
John Liebsack, Omaha .....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Eric Williams, Geneva .....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Dennis Pavlik, Omaha.....	American Ex-Prisoners of War
Shane Osborn, Omaha.....	American Ex-Prisoners of War
Alfonso Martinez Jr., Fremont.....	Disabled American Veterans
Virgil Kenney, Amherst.....	Disabled American Veterans