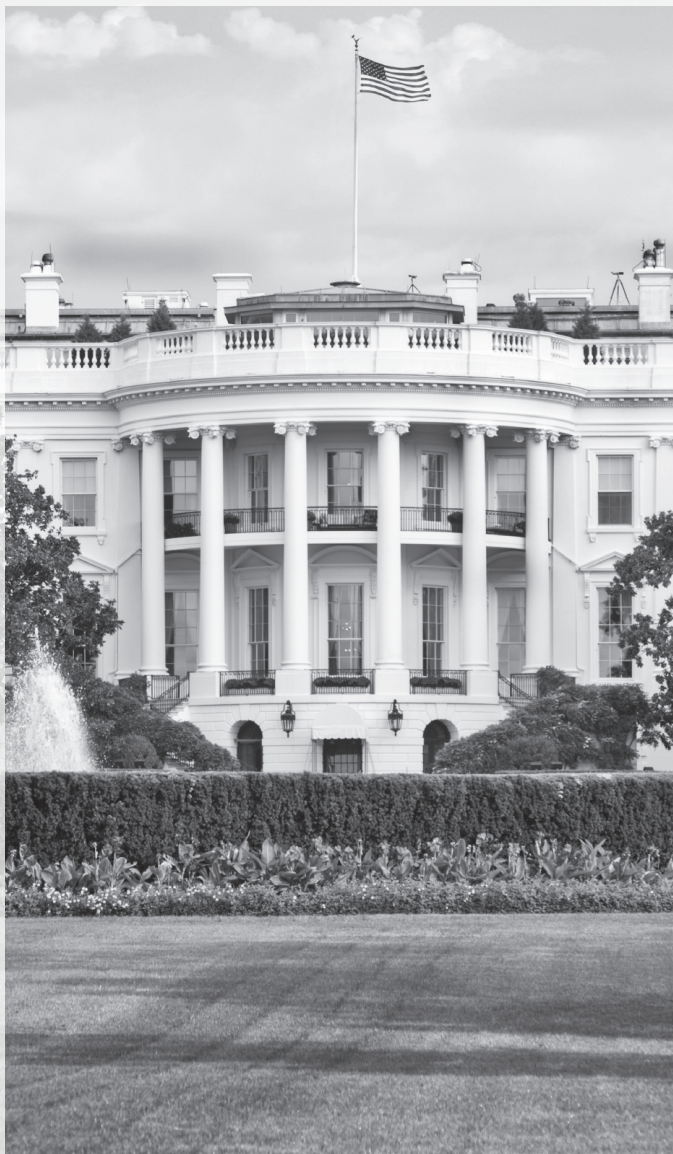




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Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution provides that “the executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, ... together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term ...” In addition to the powers set forth in the Constitution, federal statutes have conferred upon the president specific authority and responsibility covering a wide range of matters.

The president is the administrative head of the U.S. government’s executive branch, which includes numerous agencies, both temporary and permanent, as well as the 15 executive departments — Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury and Veterans Affairs.

The Cabinet, a creation of custom and tradition dating back to George Washington’s administration, functions at the pleasure of the president. Its purpose is to advise the president upon any subject, relating to the duties of the respective offices, on which he or she requests information. The Cabinet is composed of the heads of the 15 executive departments and other officials to whom the president has accorded Cabinet-level rank.

Editor’s note: The following is a list of U.S. government departments and agencies that maintain one or more offices in Nebraska. Other U.S. departments and agencies serve Nebraska from offices outside of the state.

For information on other offices, the U.S. government has a federal information center hot line. The toll-free number is (800) 333-4636. The U.S. government also maintains a website at www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call/phone listing commonly requested federal toll-free numbers. For hearing-impaired people, TTY numbers also are listed. More information about U.S. government departments and agencies can be obtained from the latest edition of *The United States Government Manual*.

¹ Information about the executive branch, Cabinet-level agencies and federal independent agencies was gathered from the following sources: *The United States Government Manual 2022* and information provided by the agencies listed.

CABINET-LEVEL AGENCIES

Department of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to improve and maintain farm income and develop and expand markets abroad for agricultural products. The department works to curb and cure poverty, hunger and malnutrition. It works to enhance the environment and maintain production capacity by helping landowners protect the soil, water, forests and other natural resources. Rural development, credit and conservation programs are key resources for carrying out national growth policies. The department, through inspection and grading services, works to safeguard and ensure standards of quality in the daily food supply.

Office of Inspector General

Office of Audit: 100 Centennial Mall North, Ste. 290, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 916-9306

Senior Auditor: Keith Arnold

Office of Investigation: 100 Centennial Mall North, Ste. 290, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5249

Resident Special Agent: Suzanne Humeniak

The Office of Inspector General conducts audits and investigations designed to promote economy and efficiency in the administration of USDA programs and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in the operation of such programs.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducts regulatory and control programs to protect and improve animal and plant health for the benefit of humanity and the environment. These programs are carried out in cooperation with state governments, foreign governments, other federal agencies, farmers and ranchers, and private organizations. The agency administers federal laws and regulations pertaining to animal and plant health and quarantine, humane treatment of animals, and the control and eradication of pests and diseases. The service also enforces regulations to prevent the introduction or interstate spread of certain animal or plant pests or diseases. APHIS also carries out research and operational activities to reduce crop and livestock damage caused by birds, rodents and predators.

Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs

Nebraska Office: 5940 S. 58th St., Lincoln, NE 68501, phone (402) 434-2345, fax (402) 434-2330, email — craig.a.webb@usda.gov, website — www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health

Acting State Plant Health Director: Craig Webb

Plant protection officials are responsible for programs to control or eradicate plant pests and diseases. Agricultural quarantine inspection officials administer federal regulations that prohibit or restrict the entry of foreign pests and plants, plant products, animal

products and byproducts, and other materials that may harbor pests or diseases.

Other responsibilities include the inspection and certification of domestic commodities for export; regulation of the import and export of endangered plant species and of genetically engineered organisms and products that present a plant pest risk; and ensuring that imported seed is free of noxious weeds.

Veterinary Services

Nebraska Field Office: 5940 S. 58th St., Lincoln, NE 68516, phone (402) 434-2300, email — melissa.lang3@usda.gov, website — www.aphis.usda.gov

Area Veterinarian in Charge: Dr. Melissa Lang

Veterinary Services is the animal health arm of APHIS. Agency officials are responsible for protecting and improving the health, quality, productivity and marketability of U.S. animals and animal products and for facilitating agricultural trade.

Veterinary Services regulates the entry of imported animals and animal products and is prepared to take emergency action against foreign diseases. In cooperation with the states and industry groups, the agency also operates eradication programs for domestic animal diseases. When diseases are found, the agency regulates the interstate movement and transport of infected and exposed animals. Veterinary Services provides health certification for exported animals and animal products. It also issues licenses for veterinary biological products and manufacturers and monitors quality control.

Wildlife Services

Nebraska Office: 5940 S. 58th St., Lincoln, NE 68516, phone (402) 434-2340, fax (402) 434-2339, email — timothy.b.veenendaal@usda.gov

State Director: Tim Veenendaal

Officials with Wildlife Services, formerly Animal Damage Control, work to reduce crop and livestock damage caused by birds, rodents and predators.

Wildlife Services officials work to educate and advise farmers and ranchers on proper uses of control methods and techniques; suppress serious nuisances and threats to public health and safety caused by birds, rodents and other wildlife; and work with airport managers to reduce risks of bird strikes. Wildlife Services also conducts research on predator-prey relationships, new control methods, and more efficient and safe uses of present methods.

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Through the Farm Service Agency, this mission area administers farm commodity, crop insurance and resource conservation programs for farmers and makes loans through a network of state and county offices. Agency programs are directed at agricultural producers or, in the case of loans, at those with farming experience.

Farm Service Agency

Nebraska State Office: 7131 A St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 437-5581

State Executive Director: John Berge

FSA State Committee: Mark Jagels, Geoff Ruth, Scott Spilker, Lonnie Starke

The Farm Service Agency administers programs authorized through the federal farm bill, including farm income safety net programs, disaster programs, conservation programs and farm loans.² The FSA delivers these programs to agricultural producers and rural landowners through 71 county offices in Nebraska.³

The agency was created during the 1994 USDA organization. The parent organizations for the FSA were the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Farmers Home Administration.

Examples of programs that FSA implements include:

Income safety net: Agriculture Risk Coverage, Price Loss Coverage, Dairy Margin Coverage and Marketing Assistance Loans

Disaster programs: Livestock Indemnity Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-raised Fish Program, Tree Assistance Program and Emergency Conservation Program

Conservation programs: Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Farm loans: Direct Farm Operating Loans, Direct Farm Ownership Loans, guaranteed farm loans, Farm Storage Facility Loan Program, microloans, youth loans and a beginning farmer and rancher loan program

Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services works to harness the nation's agricultural abundance to end hunger and improve health in the United States. Its agencies administer federal domestic nutrition assistance programs and the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, which links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers through science-based dietary guidance, nutrition policy coordination and nutrition education.

Food and Nutrition Service

Mountain Plains Regional Office: 1244 Speer Blvd., Ste. 903, Denver, CO 80204-3581, phone (303) 844-0300

Regional Administrator: Cheryl Kennedy

The Food and Nutrition Service administers USDA domestic food assistance programs. These programs, which serve one in four Americans, provide a federal safety net to people in need. The mission of the agency is to increase food security and reduce hunger by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education in a way that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

FNS works in partnership with the states and tribal governments in all of its programs. State and local agencies determine most administrative details regarding distribution of food benefits and eligibility of participants, and FNS provides commodities and

²More information regarding FSA can be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov/ne. For more information regarding federal assistance for farmers and ranchers see www.farmers.gov.

³See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 114-115.

funding for additional food and to cover administrative costs. In Nebraska, the state Department of Health and Human Services and the state Department of Education help administer most FNS programs.

FNS programs include:

- the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, which provides electronic food benefits through state and local welfare agencies to low-income people to increase their food purchasing power. The benefits are used to buy food at approved retail stores.
- the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, which provides food supplements, nutrition education and referrals to health care and other social services to low-income pregnant women, postpartum women and infants and children up to 5 years old
- the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provides WIC participants with coupons to buy fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers
- the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age
- the National School Lunch Program, which supports nonprofit food services in elementary and secondary schools and in residential childcare institutions. More than half the meals served through these institutions are available free or at reduced cost.
- the School Breakfast Program, which supports schools in providing eligible children with breakfasts for free or at reduced cost
- the Special Milk Program for Children, which provides milk for children in those schools, summer camps and childcare institutions that do not participate in other federally supported meal programs
- the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which provides reimbursement for meals served to children in child care facilities or to chronically impaired adults in nonresidential care facilities
- the Summer Food Service Program, which reimburses various sponsor organizations for serving meals to children in low-income areas during the summer months and during school vacations
- the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides state agencies with commodities for distribution to food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and other charitable institutions
- the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, which provides commodities to low-income households on or near Indian reservations in lieu of SNAP benefits

Food Safety and Inspection Service

The Food Safety and Inspection Service is the public health agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry and egg products is safe, wholesome and correctly labeled and packaged.

Compliance and Investigation Division (CID): Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Ste. 120, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5654

Supervisory Investigator: Gregory Harstick

CID manages and directs investigations, case development and documentation of

violations of inspection laws and regulations. The division consists of a Washington staff and five regions.

Policy Development Staff (PDS): Edward Zorinsky Federal Building, 1616 Capitol Ave., Omaha, NE 68102-5908, phone (402) 344-5000, toll-free phone (800) 233-3935

Director: John Linville

PDS assists decision making by providing all parties with the standards and other technical information needed to understand, implement, apply and enforce regulatory requirements.

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

This mission area includes marketing and regulatory programs other than those concerned with food safety.

Agricultural Marketing Service

The Agricultural Marketing Service administers: standardization, grading, inspection, certification, market news, marketing orders, and research, promotion and regulatory programs. Two branches of the AMS Livestock and Seed Division — the Livestock and Grain Market News Service and the Meat Grading and Certification Branch — have offices in Nebraska.

Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News Service

Livestock and Seed Division Branch Office: 47299 785th Road, Loup City, NE 68853, phone (308) 390-5399, email — thomas.walthers@usda.gov, website — www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-grain

Officer in Charge: Tom Walthers

The AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News Service provides current market information to producers, processors, distributors and others to assist them in the orderly marketing and distribution of farm commodities. Information is collected on supply, demand, prices, movement, location, quality, condition and other market data on farm products in specific markets and marketing areas. The data is disseminated nationally via a modern satellite system and is shared internationally. The service also has assisted countries in developing their own market information systems.

The Kearney office of the Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News Service reports daily movement, trade activity, price trends and livestock prices. Grain prices are collected daily from about 40 locations in the state. This office also produces a weekly report of hay prices for Nebraska. The Kearney office supervises the reporting of 12 of the largest volume feeder cattle auctions through a cooperative program with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Livestock and meat reports are released throughout the trading day through radio, television and newspapers. Market news reports are transmitted by Market News Communication Systems to national and international market interests via the Market Analysis and Reporting Service and can be found on My Market News and the LPGMN website.

The news service receives reports from other market news offices across the nation, keeping livestock and grain producers and marketing agencies informed of the movement and price of livestock, meat and grain at all marketing areas.

The news service also grades and certifies livestock to fill Chicago Mercantile Exchange livestock futures trading contracts.

Natural Resources and Environment

This mission area is responsible for fostering sound stewardship of 75 percent of the nation's total land area. Ecosystems are the underpinning for the USDA's operating philosophy in this area. This approach is intended to ensure that products, values, services and uses desired by people are produced in ways that sustain healthy, productive ecosystems.

U.S. Forest Service

The U.S. Forest Service is responsible for national leadership in forestry. Its mission is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable, multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people.

U.S. Forest Service operations in Nebraska are handled by three branches: the national forest system branch, which is administered by a forest supervisor at Chadron; the research branch, represented by the National Agroforestry Center in Lincoln; and the state and private branch in Lincoln. U.S. Forest Service state and private forestry cooperative programs are carried out in states by the state forestry agency, headed by the state forester. The Nebraska Forest Service/State Forester's Office is part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

National Forest System⁴

Nebraska National Forest Office: 125 N. Main St., Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-0300, website — www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nebraska

Forest and Grasslands Supervisor: Jack Isaacs

Nebraska National Forest, Pine Ridge Ranger District: 125 N. Main St., Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-0300

District Ranger: Tim Buskirk

Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District: 40637 River Loop, P.O. Box 39, Halsey, NE 69142, phone (308) 533-2257

District Ranger: Julie Bain

Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery: 40637 River Loop, P.O. Box 39, Halsey, NE 69142, phone (308) 533-2257

Nursery Manager: Richard Gilbert

The U.S. Forest Service manages 155 national forests, 20 national grasslands, and eight land utilization projects on more than 191 million acres in 44 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The intent is to balance the nation's need for wood and paper products with the other resources or benefits that the national forests and grasslands provide, such as recreation and natural beauty, wildlife habitat, livestock forage and water supplies.

The 90,400-acre Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest, which is in Thomas and Blaine counties, contains a completely man-made forest. Dr. Charles E. Bessey, an eminent University of Nebraska botanist, generated public interest in the idea of growing trees on parts of the Great Plains. The Bessey District administers another area with hand-planted trees, the 116,000-acre Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest in Cherry County. These two national forest areas were established by presidential

⁴For more information about national areas in Nebraska administered by the U.S. Forest Service, see page 42.

proclamation in 1902.

About 22,000 acres of coniferous trees have been planted on the Bessey District, and 2,500 acres have been planted on the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest. Techniques developed at the Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery increased knowledge about tree propagation, helped countless farms establish tree windbreaks, and helped the federal government to implement a shelterbelt program from 1935 to 1942.

The 51,000-acre Pine Ridge Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest is in Dawes and Sioux counties in northwest Nebraska. The district contains about 25,000 acres of natural ponderosa pine forests growing along the Pine Ridge.

The 94,000-acre Oglala National Grassland in northwest Nebraska, administered by the Pine Ridge District, demonstrates rangeland conservation techniques and practices. Range managers, ranchers and conservationists are working together to improve the grassland resources.

The 7,794-acre Soldier Creek Wilderness Area and the 6,600-acre Pine Ridge Recreation Area were created by the Nebraska Wilderness Act of 1985.

The Bessey Nursery is the oldest federal tree nursery. Nearly 3.5 million trees are produced there each year. The seedlings are distributed to national forests for rehabilitation plantings and through natural resource districts in Nebraska and neighboring states to private landowners for conservation projects.

The forest supervisor at Chadron is responsible to the regional forester in Denver for the administration of the Nebraska National Forest; the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest; Oglala National Grassland; Bessey Nursery; and the Buffalo Gap and Fort Pierre National Grasslands in South Dakota. Also, the forest supervisor represents the U.S. Forest Service in Nebraska activities except for research.

Human Resource Programs

Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center: 15710 Highway 385, Chadron, NE 69337, phone (308) 432-3316

Center Director: Tammy Calamari

The U.S. Forest Service operates the Youth Conservation Corps and the Volunteers in the National Forests programs and participates with the U.S. Department of Labor on several human resource programs that involve citizens, both young and old, in forestry-related activities.

In Nebraska, the center director administers the Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor. The center is 12 miles south of Chadron on U.S. Highway 385. It is a certified Nebraska high school and offers seven learning areas for 16- to 24-year-olds.

National Agroforestry Center

Contact Person: Susan Stein, Center Director, 1945 N. 38th St., Lincoln, NE 68583-0822, phone (402) 437-5178, website — <https://fs.usda.gov/nac>

The USDA National Agroforestry Center is a partnership between the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It conducts and facilitates research and outreach on agroforestry — the intentional integration of trees with crop

and animal production. Agroforestry practices in the United States include alley cropping, forest farming, riparian forest buffers, silvopasture and windbreaks.

NAC's innovative approach conducts, synthesizes and distills research and produces tools and information to support land management decision making. The center gathers and packages research conducted by universities, government agencies and others into educational and promotional materials. Products include field demonstrations, training workshops, a quarterly newsletter, technology how-to notes, videos, brochures and displays. The center's primary audience is the local, state and federal natural resource professionals who directly assist landowners and communities throughout the nation. The partnership draws upon Forest Service expertise with forestry and natural resource stewardship as well as NRCS expertise in agriculture and its program and delivery system to farmers, ranchers and communities.

Agroforestry systems provide cost-effective ways to diversify production, increase income and manage risk, while simultaneously enhancing natural resource conservation. The Farm Bill recognizes and supports many agroforestry practices in its conservation programs.

Key issues addressed by the center are:

- Carbon — Agroforestry plantings on farms and ranches can store large amounts of carbon while also providing other production and conservation services.
- Communities — Trees at the community/agriculture interface provide visual screening, abate dust and noise, manage stormwater, modify temperatures and provide greenways and recreational settings.
- Food security — Agroforestry systems enhance and diversify food production, pollinator habitat and efficiency for local communities.
- Livestock — Trees shelter livestock from harsh weather and can reduce animal heat stress. Agroforestry systems allow for forage production and livestock grazing in the understory of trees that are managed for timber production, nut and fruit production or other benefits.
- Pollinators — Windbreaks, alley cropping and riparian buffers provide pollinator habitat, protect them from pesticide drift and provide a diversity of food for both wild and domestic bees.
- Rural economies — Agroforestry practices can diversify crop and livestock production systems and generate additional on-farm income in support of local economies.
- Soil health — Agroforestry systems help keep soil in place, enhance soil organic matter and help increase diversity of soil biota.
- Water — Agroforestry practices, especially forested riparian buffers, improve water quality by placing perennial vegetation on the landscape to control soil and streambank erosion and reduce runoff of agricultural fertilizers, pesticides and animal wastes into waterways.

Cooperation With the States

State and Private Forestry Programs/Nebraska Forest Service: 102 Forestry Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815, phone (402) 472-2944, email — jerixson2@unl.edu

State Forester: John Erixson

Through its cooperative State and Private Forestry Program, the U.S. Forest Service provides national leadership and financial and technical assistance delivered through state forestry agencies to nonfederal forest landowners, operators, processors of forest products and community forestry interests. These cooperative programs work to protect and improve the productivity and health of forests, air, water and soil and encourage the use of natural resources on nonfederal lands that best meet the needs of the nation while protecting the environment.

Cooperative programs are carried out by the Nebraska State Forester and Director of the Nebraska Forest Service, who receives federal grant funding under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as well as state funding support. The Nebraska Forest Service implements a portfolio of programs mandated by Nebraska state statute that provide rural forestry assistance to owners of more than 2 million acres of forested lands, forest health protection, community forestry assistance, rural fire protection to 483 rural fire districts and mutual aid associations, state forest resource planning, and development, marketing and utilization of forest products and biofuels. Funding and technical assistance are provided to rural volunteer fire departments for training, planning, fire prevention programs and equipment. The Federal Excess Property Program operated by the state forester provides reconditioned heavy-duty vehicles on loan to rural fire districts for use as fire trucks. The Nebraska Community Forestry Program provides assistance and funding to communities that want to improve community forest resources.

The Nebraska Forest Service is part of the University of Nebraska and is administratively housed in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Nebraska State Conservationist's Office: Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 152, Lincoln, NE 68508-3866, phone (402) 437-5300, email — craig.derickson@usda.gov, website — www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov

State Conservationist: Craig Derickson

National Soil Survey Center: Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 152, Lincoln, NE 68508-3866, phone (402) 437-4113, email — dave.hoover@usda.gov

State Soil Scientist: Dave Hoover

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has national responsibility for helping farmers, ranchers and private landowners develop and carry out voluntary efforts to protect the nation's natural resources. NRCS is USDA's technical delivery arm for conservation. Many NRCS programs are conducted in cooperation with other federal agencies, state and local agencies, universities, natural resources districts (NRDs), commercial businesses and private groups. NRCS provides service through 77 USDA Service Centers across Nebraska.⁵

Technical Assistance Programs:

NRCS delivers conservation technical assistance to any group or individual interest-

⁵See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 114-115.

ed in conserving natural resources and sustaining agricultural production in this country.

- **Conservation Technical Assistance.** This is the program by which NRCS delivers conservation technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, local units of government and tribal governments. Conservation technical assistance is the help NRCS and its partners provide to land users to address opportunities, concerns and problems related to the use of natural resources and to help land users make sound natural resource management decisions on private, tribal and other non-federal lands. NRCS staff provide assistance to individuals, groups, organizations and government units and deliver conservation assistance through a partnership with NRDs. This assistance may be in the form of resource assessment, practice design, resource monitoring or follow-up of installed practices.

- **Natural Resources Assessment.** NRCS documents the effects of conservation practices and systems at various geographic levels so that better decisions can be made up front and risk is managed more effectively. NRCS cooperates with other federal agencies, state agencies and partners to collect and analyze natural resource data. As new information becomes available, it is used to conduct analyses of policy options and strategies for improving conservation efforts.

- **Natural Resources Inventory,** a report issued every five years on how well the nation is sustaining natural resources on nonfederal land

- **National Cooperative Soil Survey,** which provides the public with local information on the uses and capabilities of soils⁶

Financial Assistance Programs:

NRCS offers voluntary programs to eligible landowners and agricultural producers to provide financial and technical assistance to help manage natural resources in a sustainable manner. Through these programs, the agency approves contracts to provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns or opportunities to help save energy or improve soil, water, plant, air, animal and related resources on agricultural lands and nonindustrial private forest land.

- **The Environmental Quality Incentives Program** provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

- **The Conservation Stewardship Program** helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance — the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

Partnership Programs:

NRCS works with partners to leverage additional conservation assistance for agricultural producers and landowners in priority conservation areas.

- **The Regional Conservation Partnership Program** offers new opportunities for NRCS, conservation partners and agricultural producers to work together to harness innovation, expand the conservation mission and demonstrate the value and efficacy

⁶For more information visit websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov

of voluntary, private lands conservation.

Easement Programs:

NRCS offers easement programs to eligible landowners to conserve working agricultural lands, wetlands, grasslands and forestlands.

- The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. There are two components of ACEP:

- Agricultural Land Easements help Indian tribes, state and local governments and nongovernmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit nonagricultural uses of the land.

- Wetland Reserve Easements provide technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners and Indian tribes to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of a wetland reserve easement. For acreage owned by an Indian tribe, there is an additional enrollment option of a 30-year contract.

- The Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership is part of the WRE component and is a voluntary program through which NRCS signs agreements with eligible partners to leverage resources to carry out high-priority wetland protection, restoration and enhancement and to improve wildlife habitat.

Landscape Planning Assistance:

Landscape planning is a natural resource problem-solving and management process. The process integrates economic, social and ecological considerations to meet private and public needs. This approach, which emphasizes desired future conditions, helps improve natural resource management, minimize conflict and address problems and opportunities.

- The Emergency Watershed Protection Program safeguards lives and property from floods, drought and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood or other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of the watershed.

- The Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program provides technical and financial assistance to entities of state and local governments and tribes (project sponsors) for planning and installing watershed projects.

- The Watershed Rehabilitation Program offers financial and technical assistance to rehabilitate dams constructed through NRCS watershed programs. This program extends the service life of dams to meet applicable safety and performance standards or decommissions the dams so they no longer pose a threat to life and property.

Research, Education and Economics

This mission area's main focus is to create, apply and transfer knowledge and technology to provide affordable food and fiber, ensure food safety and nutrition, and support rural development and natural resource needs. These goals are pursued by conducting integrated national and international research, information, education and statistical programs and services.

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service expands the

research and higher education functions of the former Cooperative State Research Service and the education and outreach functions of the former Extension Service.

The service links the USDA's research and education resources and activities. CSREES works with land-grant institutions in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia; more than 130 colleges of agriculture; 59 agricultural experiment stations; 57 cooperative extension services; 63 schools of forestry; 16 historically black land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University; 27 colleges of veterinary medicine; 42 schools and colleges of family and consumer services; 29 American Indian land-grant institutions; and 127 Hispanic-serving institutions.

In cooperation with its partners and customers, CSREES provides the focus to advance a global system of research, extension and higher education in the food and agricultural sciences and related environmental and human sciences.

The service's mission emphasizes partnerships with the public and private sectors to maximize the effectiveness of limited resources. Its programs are intended to increase and provide access to scientific knowledge; strengthen the capabilities of land-grant and other institutions in research, extension and higher education; increase access to and use of improved communication and network systems; and promote informed decision-making by producers and families to improve social conditions in the United States and globally.

The service provides research, extension and education leadership through programs in plant and animal production, protection and processing; natural resources and environment; rural, economic and social development; families, nutrition and 4-H; partnerships; competitive research grants and awards management; science and education resource development; and communications, technology and distance education.

Cooperative Extension Division

University of Nebraska Office: Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 211 Agriculture Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0703, phone (402) 472-2966, website — www.extension.unl.edu

Associate Dean and Director: Dave Varner

The Cooperative Extension Division at land-grant universities has professional staff located at the state, county and local government levels. These staff work together to assess clients' needs and create educational programs to help farmers, families, individuals, rural businesses and communities develop problem-solving and decision-making skills. Extension staff use computers, video, satellites and teleconferences to develop and deliver educational programs to people. The national Cooperative Extension System also assures access to research findings and information nationwide.

In Nebraska, extension programs' federal funds are combined with state funds, county funds and user fees by the Cooperative Extension Division.

Agricultural Research Division (Nebraska Agricultural)

University of Nebraska Office: Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 207 Agriculture Hall, P.O. Box 830704, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0704, phone (402) 472-7084, email — aclutter2@unl.edu, website — ard.unl.edu

Dean and Director: Archie C. Clutter

The Agricultural Research Division is the only public entity in Nebraska charged with conducting agricultural research. It is part of a national network of state agricultural experiment stations at land-grant universities.

The mission of ARD is to conduct problem-solving and fundamental research that:

- addresses priority issues facing Nebraska's agricultural and food industries
- provides the knowledge base essential for managing natural resources
- promotes family well-being and community development
- educates future scientists through hands-on experiences

Agricultural Research Service

Administrative Office: 251 Filley Hall, UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583, phone (402) 472-2961, fax (402) 472-4020, email — brian.wienhold@ars.usda.gov

Location Coordinator: Brian Wienhold

Administrative Officer: Gary Maixner

The Agricultural Research Service conducts research to improve the productivity, sustainability of production and value of grain, forage and bioenergy crops by developing improved plant germplasm and management practices with basic and applied research in plant genetics, plant pathology, molecular biology and production system management.

Research activities are carried out at 104 domestic locations, including Puerto Rico, and three overseas locations. Much of this research is conducted in cooperation with partners in state universities and state experiment stations, other federal agencies and private organizations. Much research in Nebraska is conducted with the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station.

The ARS operates in two Nebraska locations: the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus and the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center. On East Campus, the ARS includes two research units: Agroecosystem Management and Wheat, Sorghum and Forage.

Agroecosystem Management Research Unit: 3720 East Campus Loop South, UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583, phone (402) 472-1484

Research Leader: Virginia Jin

The mission of the Agroecosystem Management Research Unit is to develop sustainable integrated cropping systems and livestock management technologies and disseminate useful information and technologies to customers.

Wheat, Sorghum and Forage Research Unit: 251 Filley Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0937, phone (402) 472-1563

Research Leader: Scott Sattler

The mission of the Wheat, Sorghum and Forage Research Unit is to improve the productivity, stability and profitability of wheat, sorghum, forage and biomass energy crops in the Central Great Plains and Midwest.

Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center: Spur 18D, P.O. Box 166, Clay Center, NE 68933-0166, phone (402) 762-4254

Center Director: Mark Boggess

The Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center conducts research to define the role of genetics in animal, pathogen and microbial community interactions in domestic livestock production. Additional research is focused on livestock reproduction, nutrition, meat safety and quality, animal health, animal well-being and environmental management. The goal is to develop strategies focused on system biology that improve meat quality and safety for human consumption; animal health and well-being; and production capacity and production efficiencies for meat animal producers, consumers and industry stakeholders.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

NASS, Nebraska Field Office

Nebraska USDA Field Office: 263 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5541, email — nassrfonpr@nass.usda.gov, website — www.nass.usda.gov

State Director: Nicholas Streff

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service⁷ operates the NASS, Nebraska Field Office.

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 500 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.⁷

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

Most state estimates are published in USDA monthly and annual reports, as well as through releases available from the NASS, Nebraska Field Office. Data are available on the website.

⁷ For charts and tables of Nebraska agricultural statistics, see Pages 456-467.

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, weekly weather and crop reports and the Census of Agriculture which is conducted every five years.

Rural Development

Nebraska State Office: 308 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3859, phone (402) 437-5551, email — kate.bolz@usda.gov, website — www.rd.usda.gov/ne

State Director: Kate Bolz

USDA Rural Development's mission is to help improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. USDA Rural Development financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. Rural development promotes economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. The office provides technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. It also provides technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.

Rural Development provides service through five USDA offices in Nebraska.⁸

Rural Business-Cooperative Programs

Business and Cooperative Programs Director: Joan Scheel, phone (402) 437-5594, email — joan.scheel@usda.gov

Rural Development's Business-Cooperative programs seek to enhance the quality of life of all rural Americans by providing leadership in building competitive businesses that can prosper in both the domestic and global trading marketplace. Rural business-cooperative programs include:

- Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program, which provides loan guarantees for business and industrial development to create and maintain employment and to improve the economic climate. Projects include business/industrial acquisition, construction, enlargement, modernization, real estate, buildings, equipment, working capital and refinancing.
- Intermediary Relending Program, which provides intermediary loans to ultimate recipients for community development projects, establishment and expansion of businesses and creation and/or saving of jobs.
- Rural Business Development Grants, which facilitate and finance the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas through establishing small business revolving loan funds, acquisition of land, buildings and infrastructure to enhance business development or by providing technical assistance.
- Rural Economic Development Loans and Grant Program, which provides financ-

⁸ See the list of USDA offices on Pages 114-115.

ing for business and community development projects. Projects may include business expansion and start-up, community development, business incubator, medical, training and technology projects or revolving loan funds.

- Rural Energy for America Programs, which provide for the development and commercialization of renewable energy sources including wind, solar, geothermal, hydrogen, ocean waves, hydroelectric, biomass and biofuel (ethanol, biodiesel, etc.) to change the way people power their homes, businesses and industries.

- Value-Added Producer Grants, which help producers expand the customer base for the products or commodities that they produce. This results in a greater portion of the revenues derived from the value-added activity being made available to the producer of the product.

Rural Housing Programs

Single-Family Housing Programs Director: Krista Mettscher, phone (402) 437-5518, email — krista.mettscher@usda.gov

Rural Development's Single-Family Housing programs provide financing with no down payment for home ownership loans to rural households that are income-eligible. Loans and grants also are available to repair or rehabilitate owner-occupied homes in eligible rural areas. All communities in Nebraska are eligible for housing programs with the exceptions of Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha and South Sioux City/Dakota City. Rural housing programs include:

- Guaranteed Homeownership Loans, which are loans up to 100 percent of market value to acquire a new or existing dwelling that will be the applicant's principal residence. Eligible applicants cannot exceed the moderate-income limit (115 percent of the median household income for the county), and the property must be in an eligible rural area. The program provides a 90 percent loan note guarantee to approved lenders to reduce the risk of extending 100 percent loans to eligible rural home buyers.

- Direct Homeownership Loans, which are loans up to 100 percent of market value to acquire a new or existing dwelling that will be the applicant's principal residence. Eligible applicants cannot exceed the low-income limit (80 percent of median household income for the county), and the property must be in an eligible rural area. The program offers low fixed interest rates, and payment assistance may be available for qualified households at interest rates as low as 1 percent. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

- Rural Home Repair Loans and Grants, which provide loans to very low-income homeowners (50 percent of the median household income for the county) to repair, improve or modernize their homes. Loans of up to \$20,000 are available at a 1 percent interest rate with a 20-year term. Lifetime assistance grants of up to \$7,500 may be available to very low-income elderly homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. Grant recipients must be at least 62 years old and unable to repay a loan.

Multi-Family Housing Programs Director: Cindy Frazier, phone (402) 437-5557, email — cindy.frazier@usda.gov

Programs include:

- **Direct Loans**, which provide competitive financing for affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income, elderly or disabled individuals and families in eligible rural areas. The program assists qualified applicants who cannot obtain commercial credit on terms that would allow them to charge rents that are affordable to low-income tenants. Qualified applicants include individuals, trusts, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, nonprofit organizations, for-profit corporations and consumer cooperatives, most state and local government entities and federally recognized tribes. Borrowers must have the legal authority needed to construct, operate and maintain the proposed facilities and services.

- **Farm Labor Direct Loans and Grants**, which provide affordable financing to develop housing for year-round and migrant or seasonal domestic farm laborers. Housing may be constructed in urban or rural areas if there is a demonstrated need and can be used for construction, improvement, repair or purchase. Qualified applicants include farmers, associations of farmers and family farm corporations, associations of farm workers and nonprofit organizations, most state and local government entities and federally recognized tribes.

- **Housing Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration Loans and Grants**, which restructure loans for existing Rural Rental Housing and Off-Farm Labor Housing projects to help improve and preserve the availability of safe, affordable rental housing for low-income residents. Current multi-family housing project owners with Rural Rental Housing and Off-Farm Labor Housing loans can apply. However, borrowers must continue to provide affordable rental housing for 20 years or the remaining term on any USDA loan, whichever is later, to qualify.

- **Housing Preservation Grants**, which provide grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very low-income rural citizens. The USDA will award a total of \$10 million in Housing Preservation Grant Program funding for the repair and rehabilitation of rural housing units. Rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people or federally recognized tribal lands are eligible. Individual homeowners are not eligible for this grant. Applicants must have the necessary background and experience with proven ability to perform the responsibility of repair and rehabilitation of low-income housing and are required to make quarterly progress reports and a final audit on their accomplishments.

- **Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees**, which work with qualified private-sector lenders to provide financing to qualified borrowers to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns. Private lenders may apply for a loan guarantee on loans made to eligible borrowers who are building or preserving affordable rental housing. Lenders automatically are eligible if approved and active in one of the following programs: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae; HUD; Federal Home Loan Bank members; state or local housing finance agencies; Multi-Family Housing Rental Assistance or Rural Housing Site Loans. For rural areas and towns with 35,000 or fewer people or federally recognized tribal lands, rent for individual units is capped at 30 percent of 115 percent of the area median income. Average rent for an entire project (including tenant paid utilities) can-

not exceed 30 percent of 115 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Complexes must consist of at least five units. Complexes may contain units that are detached, semi-detached, row houses or multi-family structures.

- **Multi-Family Housing Rental Assistance Program**, which provides payments to owners of USDA-financed Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing projects on behalf of low-income tenants unable to pay their full rent. Rental assistance only can be provided for apartments in new or existing Rural Rental Housing and Farm Labor Housing financed properties.

Rural Utilities Programs

Community Programs Director: Kelley Messenger, phone (402) 437-5559, email — kelley.messenger@usda.gov

General Field Representative: Roger Meeks, phone (402) 416-4936, email — roger.meeks@usda.gov

Rural Development's Rural Utilities programs provide financial assistance for the development of water systems, waste systems and telecommunications in rural communities. Rural utilities programs include:

- **Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants**, which may award funds to develop water and wastewater disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage. Nonprofit groups, municipalities, special purpose districts and federally recognized tribes are eligible for this program.

- **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants**, which may be given to rural communities experiencing a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water.

- **Technical Assistance and Training Grants**, which are available for private nonprofit groups to provide rural water and waste system officials with technical assistance and training in identifying and evaluating solutions to water and wastewater problems relating to water source, storage, treatment and distribution and waste collection treatment and disposal.

- **Solid Waste Management Grants**, which are available to private nonprofit groups and public entities to provide technical help and training to rural areas to reduce or eliminate water pollution and improve planning and management of solid waste facilities.

Rural Development's community programs provide financial assistance to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural Nebraska. Programs include:

- **Rural Community Development Initiative**, which provides technical assistance to recipients who undertake projects to improve housing, community buildings and economic development. Eligible applicants include private, nonprofit, public or federally recognized tribes that provide financial and technical assistance to multiple recipients.

- **Community Facilities Loans and Grants**, which provide direct and guaranteed loans and grants to nonprofit groups, federally-recognized tribes or public entities such as municipalities, counties, nonprofit corporations and special-purpose districts for essential community service facilities such as fire and rescue buildings and equipment, streets, utilities, community buildings, libraries and health care clinics.

- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program**, which provides

technology equipment and facilities for linking rural schools to other educational institutions, using libraries for distance-learning centers and linking rural hospitals and medical clinics to major medical centers for distance health training. Rural schools, libraries, hospitals, health care clinics and related organizations are eligible to apply.

- Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees, which fund the cost of construction, improvement or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities.

- Community Connect Grant Program, which provides grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced education, health care and public safety services.

- Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program, which assists Public Television Stations serving substantial rural populations in transitioning to digital broadcast television transmission, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. Grant funds may be used to acquire and install facilities and software necessary for the transition. Grant funds also may be used for associated engineering and environmental studies.

USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2021*

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present ¹	Address	Phone
Adams.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2727 W. Second St., Hastings, NE 68901.....	(402) 463-6771
Antelope.....	FSA, NRCS.....	1105 S St., Neligh, NE 68756.....	(402) 887-4176
Boone.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2581 Hwy 14, Albion, NE 68620.....	(402) 395-2621
Box Butte.....	FSA, NRCS.....	124 E. 24th St., Alliance, NE 69301.....	(308) 762-4322
Boyd.....	NRCS.....	108 W. North St., Spencer, NE 68777.....	(402) 589-9019
Brown/Keara/Paha/Rock.....	FSA, NRCS.....	731 E. 4th St., Ainsworth, NE 69210.....	(402) 387-2242
Buffalo/Sherman.....	FSA, NRCS, RD.....	4009 Sixth Ave., Kearney, NE 68845.....	(308) 237-3118
Burt.....	FSA, NRCS.....	539 S. 13th St., Tekamah, NE 68061.....	(402) 374-1920
Butler.....	FSA, NRCS.....	317 E. St., David City, NE 68632.....	(402) 367-3074
Cass.....	FSA, NRCS.....	5508 144th St., Weeping Water, NE 68463.....	(402) 267-2025
Cedar.....	FSA, NRCS.....	102 E. Elm, Hartington, NE 68739.....	(402) 254-6858
Chase.....	FSA, NRCS.....	706 E. 5th St., Imperial, NE 69033.....	(308) 882-4263
Cherry/Blaine/Grant/Hooker.....	FSA, NRCS.....	518 W. Hwy 20, Valentine, NE 69201.....	(402) 376-1712
Cheyenne/Deuel.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2244 Jackson St., Sidney, NE 69162.....	(308) 254-4507
Clay.....	FSA, NRCS.....	120 W. Fairfield St., Clay Center, NE 68933.....	(402) 762-3569
Colfax.....	FSA, NRCS.....	120 W. 16th St., Ste. A, Schuyler, NE 68661.....	(402) 352-5200
Cuming.....	FSA, NRCS.....	451 E. Deere St., West Point, NE 68788.....	(402) 372-2451
Custer.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2519 Heritage Dr., Broken Bow, NE 68822.....	(308) 872-6877
Dakota.....	NRCS.....	1505 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731.....	(402) 494-4949
Dawes/Sioux (north).....	FSA, NRCS.....	1006 W. 6th St., Chadron, NE 69337.....	(308) 432-4616
Dawson.....	FSA, NRCS.....	721 E. Pacific, Lexington, NE 68850.....	(308) 324-6314
Dixon.....	FSA, NRCS.....	105 E. 4th St., Ponca, NE 68770.....	(402) 755-2277
Dodge.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2450 Business Park Dr., Fremont, NE 68025.....	(402) 721-8455
Dundy.....	FSA.....	1303 A St., Benkelman, NE 69021.....	(308) 423-2402
Fillmore.....	FSA, NRCS.....	120 S. 12th St., Geneva, NE 68361.....	(402) 759-4463
Franklin.....	FSA, NRCS.....	805 16th Ave., Franklin, NE 68939.....	(308) 425-0276
Frontier.....	NRCS.....	106 E. First St., Curtis, NE 69025.....	(308) 367-4130
Furnas.....	FSA, NRCS.....	411 9th St., Beaver City, NE 68926.....	(308) 268-2215
Gage.....	FSA, NRCS.....	2920 East Court, Beatrice, NE 68310.....	(402) 223-3125
Garden.....	FSA, NRCS.....	125 Main St., Oshkosh, NE 69154.....	(308) 772-3953
Garfield/Loup.....	NRCS.....	415 Grand Ave., Burwell, NE 68823.....	(308) 346-4457
Gosper.....	FSA, NRCS.....	309 S. Smith Ave., Elwood, NE 68937.....	(308) 785-3307
Greeley.....	NRCS.....	103 W. O'Connor Ave., Greeley, NE 68842.....	(308) 428-3525
Hall.....	FSA, NRCS.....	703 S. Webb Rd., Grand Island, NE 68803.....	(308) 395-8586
Hamilton.....	FSA, NRCS.....	1527 3rd St., Aurora, NE 68818.....	(402) 694-6163
Harlan.....	FSA, NRCS.....	707 N. Kennedy, Alma, NE 68920.....	(308) 928-2089
Hayes.....	FSA, NRCS.....	317 Tate St., Hayes Center, NE 69032.....	(308) 286-3297
Hitchcock.....	NRCS.....	36465 Hwy 34, Trenton, NE 69044.....	(308) 334-5292

*Source: USDA Farm Service Agency, Nebraska State Office. Agencies within each service center may serve more than one county.

USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2021 (Cont'd.)

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present ¹	Address	Phone
Holt.....	FSA, NRCS	107 E. Hwy. 20, O'Neill, NE 68763	(402) 336-3796
Howard.....	FSA, NRCS	1318 Second St., St. Paul, NE 68573	(308) 754-4424
Jefferson.....	FSA, NRCS	514 C St./305 5th St., Fairbury, NE 68352	(402) 729-6134
Johnson.....	FSA, NRCS	448 N. 12th St., Tecumseh, NE 68450	(402) 335-3377
Kearney.....	FSA, NRCS	1005 S. Brown Ave., Minden, NE 68959	(308) 832-2280
Kath/Arthur.....	FSA, NRCS	1605 E. First St., Ogallala, NE 69153	(308) 284-2048
Kimball.....	FSA, NRCS	311 E. Second St., Kimball, NE 69145	(308) 235-2822
Knox.....	FSA, NRCS	111 N. Washington, Bloomfield, NE 68718	(402) 373-4914
Lancaster.....	FSA, NRCS, RD	8000 S. 15th St., Ste. C, Lincoln, NE 68512	(402) 423-9683
Lincoln/Logan/McPherson.....	FSA, NRCS, RD	1202 S. Cottonwood St., North Platte, NE 69101	(308) 534-2360
Madison.....	FSA, NRCS, RD	2601 Lakewood Dr., Norfolk, NE 68701	(402) 371-5350
Merrick.....	FSA, NRCS	1708 31st St., Central City, NE 68826	(308) 946-3035
Morrill.....	FSA, NRCS	902 Main St., Bridgeport, NE 69336	(308) 202-1313
Nance.....	FSA, NRCS	420 Broadway, Fullerton, NE 68638	(308) 536-2456
Nemaha.....	FSA, NRCS	918 26th St., Auburn, NE 68305	(402) 274-4987
Nuckolls.....	FSA, NRCS	175 E. Fourth St., Nelson, NE 68961	(402) 225-2311
Otoe.....	FSA, NRCS	988 11th St., Syracuse, NE 68446	(402) 269-2361
Pawnee.....	FSA, NRCS	601 F St., Pawnee City, NE 68420	(402) 852-2020
Perkins.....	FSA, NRCS	927 Central Ave., Grant, NE 69140	(308) 352-4776
Phelps.....	FSA, NRCS	1609 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE 68949	(308) 995-6121
Pierce.....	FSA, NRCS	210 E. Main St., Pierce, NE 68767	(402) 329-4996
Platte.....	FSA, NRCS	3276 53rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601	(402) 564-0506
Polk.....	FSA, NRCS	530 Nebraska St., Osceola, NE 68651	(402) 747-2111
Red Willow.....	FSA, NRCS	1400 W. Fifth St., McCook, NE 69001	(308) 345-4163
Richardson.....	FSA, NRCS	502 E. 14th St., Falls City, NE 68355	(402) 245-2451
Saline.....	FSA, NRCS	211 S. Wilson, Wilber, NE 68465	(402) 821-3292
Sarpy/Douglas.....	FSA, NRCS	8901 S. 154th St., Omaha, NE 68138	(402) 896-0121
Saunders.....	FSA, NRCS	611 Commercial Park Rd., Wahoo, NE 68466	(402) 443-4106
Scotts Bluff/Banner/Stout.....	FSA, NRCS, RD	818 Ferdinand Plaza, Scottsbluff, NE 69361	(308) 632-2195
Seward.....	FSA, NRCS	1940 N. Highway 15, Seward, NE 68434	(402) 643-4586
Sheridan.....	FSA, NRCS	110 Main St., Rushville, NE 69360	(308) 327-2489
Stanton.....	FSA, NRCS	715 11th St., Stanton, NE 68779	(402) 439-2213
Thayer.....	FSA, NRCS	1220 South Ave., Hebron, NE 68370	(402) 768-6520
Thomas.....	NRCS	39311 Hwy 2, Thedford, NE 69166	(308) 645-2621
Thurston.....	FSA, NRCS	106 S. Costello, Walthill, NE 68067	(402) 846-5655
Valley/Wheeler.....	FSA, NRCS	1614 N. 28th St., Ord, NE 68862	(308) 728-3244
Washington.....	FSA, NRCS	1060 Wilbur St., Blair, NE 68008	(402) 426-2625
Wayne.....	FSA, NRCS	709 Providence Road, Wayne, NE 68787	(402) 375-2453
Webster.....	FSA, NRCS	20 N. Webster St., Red Cloud, NE 68970	(402) 746-2268
York.....	FSA, NRCS	419 W. Sixth St., York, NE 68467	(402) 362-5700

Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce encourages, serves and promotes the nation's international trade, economic growth and technological advancement. The department provides a wide variety of programs through the competitive free enterprise system. The department:

- offers assistance and information to increase U.S. competitiveness in the world economy
- administers programs to prevent unfair foreign trade competition
- provides social and economic statistics and analyses for business and government planners
- provides research and support for the increased use of scientific, engineering and technological development
- works to improve our understanding of and benefits from the earth's physical environment and oceanic resources
- grants patents and registers trademarks
- develops policies and conducts research on telecommunications
- provides assistance to promote domestic economic development
- assists in the growth of minority businesses

Bureau of the Census

Bureau of the Census, Denver Regional Office: 6950 W. Jefferson Ave., Ste. 250, Lakewood, CO 80235, phone (720) 962-3700, toll-free phone (800) 852-6159, website — www.census.gov/about/regions/denver.html

Regional Director: Cathy Lacy

The principal functions of the Bureau of the Census include:

- population and housing censuses every 10 years
- censuses every five years of state and local governments, manufacturers, mineral industries, distributive trades, construction industries and transportation
- monthly, quarterly, annual and other regular surveys that provide information on many subjects covered in the censuses
- compilation of current statistics on U.S. foreign trade, including data on imports, exports and shipping
- special censuses at the request and expense of states and local governments
- publication of estimates and projections of the population
- publication of current data on population and housing characteristics
- current reports on manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, services, construction, imports and exports, state and local government finances and employment, and other subjects

The state of Nebraska is part of the Denver region served by the Denver Regional Office.

International Trade Administration

The International Trade Administration was established to promote world trade and

to strengthen the international trade and investment position of the United States. The administration is responsible for nonagricultural trade operations of the U.S. government and supports the trade policy negotiation efforts of the U.S. trade representative.

U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service

Omaha Export Assistance Center: P.O. Box 390948, Omaha, NE 68139, phone (402) 680-4261, email — meredith.bond@trade.gov, website — www.export.gov

Director: Meredith Bond

The U.S. Commercial Service is the trade promotion arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. Located across the United States and in U.S. embassies and consulates in nearly 80 countries, our global network of trade professionals connects U.S. companies with international buyers, providing them with market intelligence, trade counseling, business matchmaking and advocacy/commercial diplomacy support.

The Omaha Export Assistance Center covers Nebraska.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is to describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and wisely manage the nation's coastal and marine resources. The National Weather Service is a line office of NOAA. The NWS mission is to provide weather, water and climate data and forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy.

National Weather Service

Omaha Weather Forecast Office: 6707 N. 288th St., Valley, NE 68064, phone (402) 359-5166, website — www.weather.gov/omaha

Meteorologist in Charge: Suzanne Fortin

Hastings Weather Forecast Office: 6365 Osborne Drive West, Hastings, NE 68901, phone (402) 462-4287, website — www.weather.gov/hastings

Meteorologist in Charge: Phil Poyner

North Platte Weather Forecast Office: North Platte Regional Airport, 5250 E. Lee Bird Drive, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-4936, website — www.weather.gov/northplatte

Meteorologist in Charge: Teresa Keck

Cheyenne Weather Forecast Office: 1301 Airport Parkway, Cheyenne, WY 82001, phone (307) 772-2468, website — www.weather.gov/cheyenne

Meteorologist in Charge: Rob Cox

Goodland Weather Forecast Office: 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735, phone (785) 899-7119 or (785) 899-2360, website — www.weather.gov/goodland

Meteorologist in Charge: Ed Holicky

Sioux Falls Weather Forecast Office: 26 Weather Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, phone (605) 330-4247, website — www.weather.gov/siouxfalls

Meteorologist in Charge: Todd Heitkamp

Nebraska is served by six National Weather Service forecast offices, three within the state and three outside the state. These offices observe the weather and issue forecasts and warnings to the public and aviation officials. The Omaha and North Platte offices are upper-air balloon observation stations. All offices operate Doppler weather radars. NOAA radio stations, which continuously broadcast weather information, cover most of Nebraska. A list of stations and coverage is available at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr.

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense is responsible for providing the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of the nation. The major elements of these forces are the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps, consisting of over 1.3 million men and women on active duty. They are backed by more than 801,000 members of the reserve components. In addition, there are approximately 718,000 civilian employees in the Defense Department.

Under the president, who is commander in chief, the secretary of defense exercises authority over the department. The department is composed of the Office of the Secretary of Defense; the separately organized departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the military services within those departments; the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the combatant commands, including the U.S. Strategic Command; various defense agencies established for specific purposes, including the Defense Commissary Agency, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Security Service; department field activities; and such other offices, agencies, activities and commands as may be established or designated by law, or by the president or the secretary of defense.

Department of the Air Force

The Department of the Air Force is responsible for defending the United States through control and exploitation of air and space.

Air Combat Command

The Air Combat Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It is the primary provider of air combat forces to the nation's unified combatant commands, including the U.S. Strategic Command. ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management, rescue and theater airlift aircraft, as well as command, control, communications and intelligence systems. ACC organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while working to ensure strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense.

55th Wing

55th Wing Command Section: 205 Looking Glass Ave., Ste. 140, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-5468; Offutt Air Force Base, website — www.offutt.af.mil

55th Wing Public Affairs: 109 Washington Square, Ste. 221, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-3663

Commander, 55th Wing: Col. Gavin Marks

Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue is home to the 55th Wing, the Air Force's premier reconnaissance, combat support and command and control unit. The "Fightin' Fifty-Fifth" is the largest wing in Air Combat Command and is the host unit at Offutt. The wing supports more than 50 mission partner units, including U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), the 557th Weather Wing and more than 57,000 active duty members, civilians, family members and retirees. The 55th Wing is composed of six groups and 31 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic attack, command and control, presidential support and treaty verification missions.⁹

55th Communications Group: 201 Lincoln Highway, Ste. 206, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2040, phone (402) 294-4108

The 55th Communications Group is responsible for providing base-level communications support, navigational aids, worldwide command, control, communications and computer systems, information management and combat support critical to the wing and to the base's mission partners. The group also is responsible for long-haul satellite, high-frequency communications support to USSTRATCOM's emergency action message dissemination and alternate missile warning center systems. The group also provides software development, operations and maintenance support to command and control computer systems vital to war fighting and national leadership. The group is composed of two squadrons: the 55th Communications Squadron and the 55th Strategic Communications Squadron.

55th Maintenance Group: 602 Looking Glass Ave., Ste. 410, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3110, phone (402) 294-4030

The 55th Maintenance Group is a combat enabler composed of more than 1,200 personnel who maintain 27 C-135 aircraft. The group responds to nationally tasked worldwide reconnaissance missions and supports five geographically separated units.

55th Medical Group/Ehrling Bergquist Clinic: 2501 Capehart Road, Ste. 1K47, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2160, phone (402) 294-7311

The 55th Medical Group operates a composite medical facility located near the Rising View military family housing area on 25th Street and Capehart Road. The Ehrling Bergquist Clinic provides complete medical services for eligible beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime, the Department of Defense health insurance program. All other categories of beneficiaries are seen on a space-available basis. The clinic is one of the largest, and has the largest dental clinic, in Air Combat Command. The clinic hosts a residency program for Air Force physicians and medical personnel.

55th Mission Support Group: 105 Washington Square, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4029, phone (402) 294-5552

The 55th Mission Support Group provides vital support for Offutt Air Force Base through engineering, security, mission support, services, supply, transportation, contracting and deployment readiness programs for more than 40,000 active duty, dependent

⁹For more information about the U.S. Strategic Command, see Page 132. For more information about the Air Force Weather Wing, see Page 123.

and retiree personnel and 50 associate units. The group is composed of five squadrons that provide operating support to all units at Offutt.

55th Operations Group: 205 Looking Glass Ave., Ste. 140, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-5468

The 55th Operations Group, the largest and most diverse operations group in Air Combat Command, has operational control over 11 squadrons and two detachments worldwide. The group consists of approximately 2,900 personnel and currently employs 29 aircraft composed of six variants of the OC, WC, TC and RC-135 aircraft. The group operates these aircraft in support of the wing's global reconnaissance, contingency operations, treaty verification, National Command Authority support and command and control responsibilities. The group operates aircraft in every geographic command and supports contingency and peacetime operations around the clock. Overseas operating locations include RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom; NSA Souda Bay, Greece; Kadena AB, Japan; and elsewhere. The group also supports the Federal Emergency Management Agency during times of natural disaster.

U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band

Heartland of America Band: 109 Washington Square, Ste. 111, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2126, phone (402) 294-6046, website — www.heartlandofamericaband.af.mil

Commander: Maj. Rafael F. Toro-Quinones

The U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band is a 16-member military music organization that honors service members and veterans through ceremonies and concerts, inspires audiences with uplifting music and connects the American public to their Air Force. Assigned to Air Combat Command and located on Offutt Air Force Base, the band presents more than 150 performances annually in a broad range of musical styles across Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. In addition to performing for the American public, these airmen deploy overseas where they support combatant commanders to raise the morale of U.S. and coalition service members and, in partnership with U.S. embassies, use music to share American culture and develop relationships with foreign publics.

The unit has a rich history beginning as the 402nd Army Air Force Band on Feb. 1, 1943, at Ardmore Army Base, Oklahoma. After assignments at Andrews Field in Maryland and Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan, it eventually was assigned to Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base on Oct. 2, 1948, its home ever since. Officially inactivated on Aug. 1, 2013, it was redesignated as a named activity at Offutt and assigned to the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band as Operating Location A.

Air Education and Training Command

The Air Education and Training Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It recruits, accesses, commissions, educates and trains Air Force enlisted and officer personnel. It provides basic military training, initial and advanced technical training, flying training, and professional military and degree-granting professional education. The command also conducts joint, medical service, readiness and Air Force

security assistance training.

Civil Air Patrol

Contact: Nebraska Wing HQ, 640 N. Main St., West Point, NE 68788, phone (402) 919-1459

Commander: Lt. Col. Leonard Cassell

The Civil Air Patrol is the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force and for communities across the state. It conducts aerospace education programs, provides resources to reduce the flow of drugs into and within the United States, conducts cross flow educational and orientation flights with the Air Force ROTC and helps the Air Force with emergency services, primarily search and rescue work, disaster relief and homeland security.

The Nebraska Wing Headquarters oversees 15 units between the Missouri River and Chadron.

Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools,

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

Detachment 465, Air Force ROTC: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1360 Vine Street, Pershing Military and Naval Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0141, phone (402) 472-2473, fax (402) 472-8836

Commander: Lt. Col. C.J. Zaworski

Detachment 470, Air Force ROTC: University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68182-0009, phone (402) 554-2318, fax (402) 554-2999

Commander: Lt. Col. Jessica Stewart

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is an educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become an Air Force officer while completing a degree. Air Force ROTC is a subunit of Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools based at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Air Force Recruiting Service

372nd Recruiting Group, 343rd Recruiting Squadron: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2010, phone (402) 232-3663, website — www.air-force.com

Commander: Lt. Col. Janelle Koch

The 343rd Recruiting Squadron handles Air Force recruiting in the eastern three-fourths of Nebraska, all of Iowa and South Dakota, and parts of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The squadron is part of the 369th Recruiting Group based at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The squadron oversees recruiting offices in Bellevue, Fremont, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha.

367th Recruiting Squadron: 9362 Grand Cordera Parkway, Ste. 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80924, phone (719) 554-1273

Commander: Lt. Col. Jeremy Farlaine

The 367th Recruiting Squadron handles Air Force recruiting in the western one-fourth of Nebraska, all of Colorado and New Mexico, most of Wyoming, and parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. The squadron is part of the 372nd Recruiting

Group based at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. The squadron oversees a recruiting office in Scottsbluff.

Air Mobility Command

The Air Mobility Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It provides airlift, air refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for U.S. military forces. It also supplies forces to theater commands to support wartime tasking.

Defense Courier Station

Defense Courier Station: 901 SAC Blvd., Ste. 3J2, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3170, phone (402) 294-5354

Defense Courier Station Offutt is one of 18 stations around the globe that are direct reporting units of the United States Transportation Command located at Scott AFB, Ill. The service exists to provide secure, timely and efficient global distribution of classified and sensitive material for the United States and its allies.

Air Force Reserve Command

The Air Force Reserve Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It provides trained units and individuals to accomplish assigned tasks in support of national objectives. The command performs peacetime missions that are compatible with training and mobilization readiness requirements.

960th Cyberspace Wing

52nd Network Warfare Squadron: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Ste. 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3194, phone (402) 232-0610

Commander: Maj. Michael Troyer

The 52nd Network Warfare Squadron provides communications security. The 52nd Network Warfare Squadron reports to the 960th Cyberspace Operations Group and is subordinate to the 960th Cyberspace Wing, which is the U.S. Air Force Reserve's only cyberspace operations wing and is based at Joint Base San Antonio-Medina Annex in Texas.

655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing

49th Airborne Linguistic Intelligence Squadron: 320 Butler Blvd., Ste. 1430, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 232-2540

Commander: Lt. Col. Jed Snarr

The 49th IS executes a crypto-linguistic mission and delivers specialized intelligence directly to Air Force and joint warfighters in near-real time. The 49th IS is a classic associate unit supporting the 97th Intelligence Squadron and is subordinate to the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, an independent wing under the 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

820th Targeting Intelligence Squadron: 225 Chennault Circle, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-7560

Commander: Lt. Col. Eric Knight

The 820th executes targeting requirements for precision point production and aim point development. The 820th IS is a classic associate subordinate to the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, an independent wing under the 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

Air Force Global Strike Command

The Air Force Global Strike Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It is responsible for the nation's three intercontinental ballistic missile wings, the Air Force's entire bomber force, Air Force Nuclear Command, Control and Communications and operational and maintenance support to organizations within the nuclear enterprise.

595th Command and Control Group

901 SAC Blvd., Ste. 2C12, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-4335

Commander: Brian Golden

The 595th Command and Control Group is a geographically separated unit of Eighth Air Force. Established in 2016, the group consolidates all of the Air Force's Nuclear Command, Control and Communications into one unit. The 595th Command and Control Group is composed of four squadrons: the 1st Airborne Command Control Squadron, the 595th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 595th Strategic Communications Squadron and the 625th Strategic Operations Squadron.

625th Strategic Operations Squadron

625th Strategic Operations Squadron: 901 SAC Blvd., Ste. 2B23, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-5540, phone (402) 294-7418

Commander: Lt. Col. Hayley James

The 625th Strategic Operations Squadron is a direct reporting unit of the 20th Air Force based at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming. By providing space and missile expertise, the flight aids in the 20th Air Force mission to maintain land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles to deter conflict.

557th Weather Wing

Headquarters, 557th Weather Wing: 101 Nelson Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-1023, phone (402) 232-4772, email — 557ww.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil, website — <https://www.557weatherwing.af.mil>

Commander: Col. Patrick Williams

The mission of the 557th Weather Wing, the Air Force's only weather wing, is to exploit timely, accurate and relevant weather information anytime and everywhere on the globe. This is done by providing around-the-clock authoritative terrestrial and space-environmental data, analyses, forecasts and threat-warning and threat-mitigation products and services for the Department of Defense, military services, all geographic and functional combatant commands, the national intelligence community, White House Situation Room and interagency, allied and coalition partners around the world across multiple security enclaves. The 557th comprises 1,450 personnel in two groups and 12 squadrons spanning 19 globally dispersed locations. The 1st and 2nd Weather

Groups integrate leading-edge threat-based weather forecasts and warnings, as well as climatological projection and solar-threat expertise, into all operational phases. From managing daily risk for protection of personnel and resources, to shaping warfighter planning and execution of kinetic and non-kinetic engagements, to enabling long-range strategic basing decisions, the 557th empowers the decision makers to “choose the weather for battle” and achieve the nation’s objectives.

Department of the Army

The mission of the Department of the Army is to organize, train and equip active duty and reserve forces for the preservation of peace and security and the defense of the United States. As part of the national military team, the Army focuses on land operations. The Army also administers programs aimed at protecting the environment, improving waterway navigation, flood and beach erosion control and water resource development. It provides military assistance to federal, state and local government agencies, including natural disaster relief assistance.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is one of the Army’s major commands. The responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers include:

- performing real property activities, including requirements, programming, acquisition, operation, maintenance and disposal
- managing and executing engineering, construction and real estate programs for the Army and Air Force
- performing research and development in support of these programs
- managing and executing civil works programs, including research and development, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance, and real estate activities related to rivers, harbors and waterways
- administering laws for protection and preservation of navigable waters and related resources such as wetlands
- assisting in recovery from natural disasters

Northwestern Division, Missouri River Region

Missouri River Regional Headquarters: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division Office, Edward Zorinsky Building, 1616 Capitol Ave., Ste. 365, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 996-3840, website — www.nwd.usace.army.mil

Omaha District Office: 1616 Capitol Ave., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 995-2001

Commander: Col. Mark R. Himes

Fort Crook Area Office: Building 525, P.O. Box 13287, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 995-2768

Wehrspann Regulatory Field Office: 8901 S. 154th St., Ste. 1, Omaha, NE 68138, phone (402) 896-0896

Kansas City District Office: 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106, phone (816) 389-2000

Commander: Col. William C. Hannan, Jr.

Harlan County Project Office: 70788 Corps Road A, Republican City, NE 68971-9742, phone (308) 799-2105

The Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers covers much of the Pacific Northwest and the Midwest. The division comprises two regions: the North Pacific Region and the Missouri River Region. The Missouri River Region comprises the Omaha District and the Kansas City District.

The Omaha District covers northern Nebraska; most of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming; and parts of Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. The Kansas City District covers southern Nebraska, northern Kansas, much of Missouri, and parts of Colorado and Iowa.

U.S. Army Forces Command

The U.S. Army Forces Command is one of the Army's major commands. It commands all assigned active Army forces in the continental United States and the Continental United States Armies, and assigned U.S. Army Reserve troop program units in the continental United States and Puerto Rico. The Forces Command also commands those subordinate commands, installations and activities assigned by the Department of the Army headquarters and, as directed, provides administrative and logistical support to the Department of the Army, the Department of Defense or other federal agencies.

U.S. Army Reserve Command

Headquarters, 561st Regional Support Group: 2404 N. 204th St., Elkhorn, NE 68022, phone (719) 366-7129

Commander: Col. Stanley Ostrem

Headquarters, 530th Military Police Battalion: Booker Armory, 5730 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111, phone (402) 451-4300

Commander: Lt. Col. Christopher Wilson

Headquarters, 394th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion: 1306 N. Ridge Road Drive, Fremont, NE 68025, phone (402) 721-4786, ext. 4701

Commander: Lt. Col. Scott Van Zee

The U.S. Army Reserve Command commands and supports all Army Reserve troop units in the continental United States with the exception of psychological operations and civil affairs units. The USARC also ensures the readiness of its forces and prepares the nearly 1,700 units under its command to mobilize and deploy to a wartime theater of operation.

Nebraska falls under the 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Wichita, Kan. The 561st Regional Support Group, based in Omaha, has three battalions and 26 subordinate units covering seven states: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Almost all Army Reserve units in Nebraska belong to the 561st Regional Support Group. The only exceptions are two units of the training divisions, based in Oklahoma City; a hospital belonging to the 331st Medical Group, based in Wichita, Kan.; and a legal support office.

U.S. Army Materiel Command

The U.S. Army Materiel Command is one of the Army's major commands. It develops and provides equipment, supplies and related services to the Army, to Army elements of unified commands and specified commands, to Department of Defense agencies, and to other U.S. and foreign agencies as directed.

Munitions and Armaments Command (MAC)

Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant: 102 N. 60th Road, Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 384-2300, fax (308) 384-4680

Contracting Officer's Representative: Mary Wellensiek

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District: 106 S. 15th St., Omaha, NE 68102-4978

The Munitions and Armaments Command (MAC) provides munitions and armaments support to the war fighter.

The Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant, a Joint Munitions Command installation, is a former ammunition manufacturing facility that is undergoing property decontamination and disposal. The 11,936-acre facility was established in 1942 in support of World War II. The plant is on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List for hazardous substance cleanup.

The plant was transferred to the Omaha District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2001 for disposal. Since 1999, the COE has disposed of 11,000 acres of the 11,936-acre facility at public auctions conducted by the General Services Administration.

U.S. Army Recruiting Command

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command is one of the Army's major commands. It is responsible for recruiting quality young men and women to serve in the regular Army and the Army Reserve.

5th Recruiting Brigade, Denver Recruiting Battalion

Omaha Recruiting Company: 7171 Mercy Road, Ste. 307, Omaha, NE 68106, phone (402) 553-5277, email — 4D4@usarec.army.mil, website — www.usarec.army.mil/5thbde/4dbn/

Commander: Capt. Russell A. Jones

Lincoln Recruiting Company: 100 Centennial Mall North, Federal Building, Room 292, Lincoln, NE 68508-3849, phone (402) 476-3405, email — 4D5@usarec.army.mil

Commander: Maj. Jeffrey R. Wooten

The Denver Recruiting Battalion has two recruiting companies that operate in Nebraska: the Omaha and Lincoln companies.

The Omaha company serves northeast Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, southern Saunders and Washington counties, with two recruiting stations in Omaha, one in Bellevue, one in Millard and one in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Lincoln company serves the southern, central, north-central and northeast parts of the state, with recruiting stations

in Beatrice, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and North Platte.

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command is one of the Army's major commands. It prepares the Army for war, acts as the architect for the Army for the future, and ensures the command's capability to execute its mission. These duties are carried out through six mission domains: doctrine, force design, materiel requirements, leader development, training and mission support.

U.S. Army Cadet Command, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

U.S. Army ROTC, Department of Military Science: Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178-0165, phone (402) 280-1176, email — armyrotc@creighton.edu

Commander: Lt. Col. Daniel J. Pecha

U.S. Army ROTC, Department of Military Science: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 110 Pershing Military and Naval Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0140, phone (402) 472-2469

Commander: Lt. Col. Jamie Peer

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps is designed to develop college-educated officers for the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Army ROTC is a subunit of the U.S. Army Cadet Command based at Fort Monroe, Va. The Creighton University and University of Nebraska-Lincoln programs are part of the 3rd Brigade of the Army ROTC's Eastern Region.

U.S. Military Academy

U.S. Military Academy Liaison Officer: Russell G. Quimby, 6001 N. 147th St., Omaha, NE 68116, phone (402) 763-6209; website — www.usma.edu/admissions

The U.S. Military Academy is at West Point, N.Y. During the four-year course, cadets receive, besides a general education, theoretical and practical training as junior officers. Upon completion of a four-year bachelor's degree and graduation, cadets are commissioned second lieutenants in the Army.

Department of the Navy

The mission of the Department of the Navy is to protect the United States by the effective prosecution of war at sea, including the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases; to support, as required, the forces of all U.S. military departments; and to maintain freedom of the seas. The Department of the Navy includes two uniformed services: the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. The department also includes the U.S. Coast Guard in time of war.¹⁰

U.S. Navy

The chief of naval operations exercises command over the operating forces of

¹⁰ For more information about the U.S. Coast Guard, see Page 138.

the Navy and the Navy's shore activities.

Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Strategic Communications Wing ONE Detachment: 201 Looking Glass Ave., Ste. 141, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-1110

Officer in Charge: Vice Adm. Charles A. Richard

Strategic Communications Wing ONE, based at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, provides operations and administrative command and support for the Navy's TACAMO ("Take Charge And Move Out") E-6 Mercury aircraft. The E-6 provides a survivable communications link between national decision makers and the country's arsenal of strategic nuclear weapons. Strategic Communications Wing ONE is a Navy air wing carrying out a Navy mission in joint operations. The wing oversees Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadrons THREE (VQ-3) and FOUR (VQ-4) and various training units.

On Oct. 1, 1998, the TACAMO E-6B aircraft took over the Looking Glass mission formerly held by the EC-135 aircraft of the Air Force's 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. The Looking Glass mission is to support the U.S. Strategic Command's Command and Control System and provide the USSTRATCOM commander in chief with an airborne platform capable of coordinating and controlling the nation's strategic forces. The detachment at Offutt Air Force Base provides maintenance support for the E-6B.

Naval Education and Training, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps

Naval ROTC, Department of Naval Science: 103 Military and Naval Science Building, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0139, phone (402) 472-2475, fax (402) 472-7700, website — www.unl.edu/nrotc

Commanding Officer: Capt. Mark A. Lakamp

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program was established to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as Navy or Marine Corps commissioned officers. NROTC is overseen by the Naval Service Training Command.

Navy Recruiting Command

Navy Talent Acquisition Group: 621 17th St., Ste. 301, Denver, CO 80293, phone (303) 866-1980

The Denver Navy Recruiting District handles Navy recruiting in Nebraska, all of Colorado, most of Wyoming, parts of Kansas and parts of Oklahoma. The district is part of the Navy Recruiting Command's west area. The district office oversees a recruiting station in Scottsbluff.

Naval Reserve Force

Navy Operational Support Center Omaha: 702 Nelson Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE, 68113, phone (402) 451-2098

Commanding Officer: Cmdr. Paul Dee

The role of the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Omaha is to support

the fleet by ensuring all assigned units and personnel are mission capable and ready to fully integrate with active duty forces whenever called upon. In the community, NOSC Omaha strives to cultivate and maintain friendly, cooperative relations through a number of events including public speaking/presentations and other community engagements. NOSC Omaha oversees 12 Navy Reserve Units.

U.S. Marine Corps

The Marine Corps is organized, trained and equipped to provide Fleet Marine Forces of combined arms, together with supporting air components, for service in the seizure or defense of naval bases and for the conduct of such land operations that may be essential to a naval campaign. The Marine Corps also provides detachments and organizations for service on Navy armed vessels, provides security detachments for protection of naval property at naval stations and bases, and performs such other duties as the president may direct.

Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Headquarters, Des Moines Recruiting Station: Camp Dodge, Bldg. S-72, 7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston, IA 50131, phone (515) 727-3490, website — www.9mcd.usmc.mil

Commanding Officer: Maj. Patrick Skehan

The Des Moines Recruiting Station handles Marine Corps recruiting for all of Nebraska except the Panhandle, all of Iowa, and parts of South Dakota, Illinois and Wisconsin. The station is part of the 9th Marine Corps Recruiting District. The station's Nebraska recruiting offices are in Bellevue, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, and Sioux City, Iowa.

Marine Forces Reserve, 4th Marine Logistic Group

Detachment 1 Maintenance Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 451: Marine Corps Reserve Center, 5808 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111-1299, phone (402) 453-8807, fax (402) 457-5474

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. Adrian Chambers

Inspector/Instructor: Capt. Peter Spencer

The mission of Marine Forces Reserve is to augment and reinforce the active Marine Corps forces in time of war, national emergency or contingency operations; and provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime.

The mission of Combat Logistics Battalion 451's Engineer Maintenance Company is to provide intermediate maintenance support for Marine Corps engineer equipment (e.g. forklifts, bulldozers, cranes, generators and water purification units) of the Marine Expeditionary Force. Combat Logistics Battalion 451, based in Charlotte, N.C., is a unit of the 4th Marine Logistics Group based in New Orleans, La.

National Guard Bureau¹¹

National Guard Headquarters: 1636 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-0001, phone (703) 614-3087

Chief of National Guard Bureau: Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson

The National Guard Bureau, a joint bureau of the departments of the Army and the Air Force, develops and administers programs for Army National Guard and Air National Guard units. It is also the primary communication channel between the Army and Air Force and the states and territories.

Air National Guard

Nebraska Air National Guard Headquarters: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8131

Assistant Adjutant General-Air: Brig. Gen. Wendy K. Johnson

Chief of Staff: Vacant

155th Air Refueling Wing: 2420 W. Butler Ave., Lincoln Municipal Airport (Nebraska National Air Guard Base), Lincoln, NE 68524-1897, phone (402) 309-1114

Commander: Col. Robert Hargens

170th Group, Nebraska Air National Guard: 205 Looking Glass Ave., Ste. 175, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone: (402) 294-7811

Commander: Col. David Preisman

The Air National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and to provide assistance during national emergencies. Under state law, the Air National Guard protects life and property and preserves peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters; search and rescue operations; support to emergency management authorities; maintenance of vital public services; and counterdrug operations.

In Lincoln, the 155th Air Refueling Wing is composed of an Operations Group that manages flight operations, a Maintenance Group that manages the fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers, a Mission Support Group optimized to sustain the wing while conducting its state or federal mission and a Medical Group that provides medical services for all Nebraska Air National Guard members. At Offutt Air Force Base, a group has been established to assist the 55th Wing with training and support functions related to RC-135 flight operations.

Army National Guard

Nebraska Army National Guard Headquarters: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8210

Assistant Adjutant General-Army: Brig. Gen. Kevin Lyons

Land Component Commander: Brig. Gen. Lynn Heng

Chief of Staff: Col. Richard A. Gray

Headquarters, 92nd Troop Command: 2400 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1892, phone (402) 309-1723

¹¹ For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Page 532.

Commander: Col. Thomas Golden

Headquarters, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade: 1776 N. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1096, phone (402) 309-7367

Commander: Col. Todd Stevens

Headquarters, 209th Regional Training Institute: 220 County Road A, Ashland, NE 68003-6000, (402) 309-7608

Commander: Col. Vernon Chandler

The Army National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and to provide assistance during national emergencies. These units have received specialized training enabling them to conduct diverse missions such as combat operations, ground and air transportation, nuclear, biological and chemical operations, medical support operations, law enforcement and security operations and leadership development training. Under state law, the Army National Guard protects life and property while preserving peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters, search and rescue operations, support to emergency management authorities, maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations. Army National Guard units are located in 23 Nebraska communities.

U.S. Property and Fiscal Office

U.S. Property and Fiscal Office for Nebraska: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8250, email — georgia.k.kroese.mil@mail.mil

U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer: Col. Georgia K. Kroese

The U.S. Property and Fiscal Office for Nebraska is accountable for all federal funds and property in the possession of the Nebraska Air National Guard and the Nebraska Army National Guard. The office ensures that all federal funds are obligated and expended in conformance with applicable guidelines. The office provides accounting and payroll, audit and internal review, data processing, logistics, and purchasing and contracting support.

Joint Chiefs of Staff and Joint Staff

The Joint Chiefs of Staff consist of the chairman, the vice chairman, the chief of staff of the Army, the chief of naval operations, the chief of staff of the Air Force, the commandant of the Marine Corps and the director of the National Guard Bureau. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the principal military adviser to the president, the National Security Council and the secretary of defense.

The Joint Staff under the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff assists the chairman and the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out their responsibilities. The Joint Staff is composed of all members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees assigned or detailed to permanent duty to perform the functions assigned to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

National Airborne Operations Center

National Airborne Operations Center: 901 SAC Blvd., Ste. 2C12, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-4335

Commander: Col. Brian Golden, U.S. Air Force

The National Airborne Operations Center is part of the national military command centers that directly support the president, secretary of defense and joint chiefs of staff in the exercise of national defense responsibilities.

The center operates four E-4B airplanes, which are modified Boeing 747s capable of serving as the NAOC. In the event of national emergency or destruction of the ground command and control centers, the aircraft provides a command, control and communications center to direct U.S. forces, execute emergency war orders and coordinate actions by civil authorities.

U.S. Strategic Command

Office of the Commander: CC, 901 SAC Blvd., Ste. 2A1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 912-0100, website — www.stratcom.mil

Public Affairs Office: J020, 901 SAC Blvd., Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 294-0020

Commander: Adm. Charles “Chas” A. Richard, U.S. Navy

Deputy Commander: Lt. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, U.S. Air Force

The U.S. Strategic Command is headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base with 162,000 people (2,250 at headquarters) representing all four branches of the military and Department of Defense civilians and contractors worldwide. The command is one of 10 U.S. unified commands under the Department of Defense and provides a unified resource for greater understanding of specific threats around the world and the means to respond to those threats rapidly.

The mission of USSTRATCOM is to deter strategic attack and employ forces, as directed, to guarantee the security of our nation and our allies. The command's assigned responsibilities include strategic deterrence; nuclear operations; space operations; joint electronic spectrum operations; global strike; missile defense; and analysis and targeting. USSTRATCOM's forces and capabilities underpin and enable all other Joint Force operations.

Defense Commissary Agency

Offutt Commissary: 101 Meyer Ave., Building 107, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2130, phone (402) 294-6782, email — Anthony.chaki@deca.mil

Store Director: Anthony Chaki

The Defense Commissary Agency is responsible for providing a worldwide system of commissaries for reselling groceries and household supplies to military service members, their families and other authorized patrons.

Defense Logistics Agency

The Defense Logistics Agency provides supplies to the military services and sup-

ports their acquisition of weapons and other materiel. Support begins with joint planning with the services for parts for new weapon systems, extends through production, and concludes with the disposal of materiel that is obsolete, worn out or no longer needed. The agency provides supply support, contract administration services, and technical and logistics services to all branches of the military and to a number of federal agencies.

Document Automation and Production Service

DAPS-Offutt: 106 Peacekeeper Dr., Ste. 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4005, phone (402) 294-4115, website — www.daps.dla.mil

Electronic Duplication Systems Technician: Ron Billingsley

The Defense Automated Printing Service handles printing needs for the Department of Defense and federal executive branch agencies. DAPS specializes in electronic conversion, retrieval, output and distribution of digital and hard copy information. The office at Offutt Air Force Base is part of a 10-member office group based in Bangor, Wash.

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Building 301, Ste. 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3299, phone (402) 271-6524, website — <http://www.dla.mil>

Operations Monitor: Jon Howery

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service provides for the redistribution and disposal of DOD equipment and supplies no longer needed by the original user. When equipment becomes surplus, it is offered to the General Services Administration and state agencies, after which it is sold to the public on the Internet at www.govliquidation.com.

The Defense Reutilization Marketing Office at Offutt Air Force Base serves Nebraska, western Iowa and southeastern South Dakota.

Defense Security Service

Omaha Field Office: 113 Grant Circle, Ste. 217, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4068, phone (402) 294-5875, website — www.dss.mil

Special Agent in Charge: William A. Harrison Jr.

The Defense Security Service conducts all personnel security investigations for DOD components and, when authorized, also conducts investigations for other U.S. government activities. These include investigating allegations of subversive affiliations and investigating adverse suitability information. The Omaha Field Office serves most of Nebraska, most of Iowa, and parts of South Dakota and Minnesota.

U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command

Omaha Military Entrance Processing Station: 5303 F St., Omaha, NE 68117-2805, phone (402) 733-7474; fax (402) 733-7660; email — rose.abell@mepcom.army.mil

Commander: Maj. Ryan R. Main

The Omaha Military Entrance Processing Station is one of 65 stations nationwide reporting to the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command. The MEPS mission is to ensure that Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and National Guard applicants are medically, mentally and morally qualified to enter into military service. After applicants are deemed qualified, the MEPS processes them into the service and ships them to basic training stations. The Omaha MEPS processes applicants from the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska and western Iowa.

Denver Military Entrance Processing Station: 721 19th St., Ste. 275, Denver, CO 80202-2515, phone (303) 623-1020, ext. 223, fax (303) 623-5506, email — denvsec@mepcom.army.mil, website — www.mepcom.army.mil

Commander: Maj. C. Hugo Morales

The Denver station processes applicants from western Nebraska, Colorado, and parts of Kansas and Wyoming.

Department of Energy

The Department of Energy, in partnership with its customers, provides the technical information and the scientific and educational foundation for the technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality and a secure national defense.

Western Area Power Administration

Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Wyoming/Nebraska Maintenance, Gering Field Office (facilities in Alliance, Bridgeport, Chadron, Dunlap, Gering, Lyman, Kimball, Mitchell, Morrill and Stegall): 1030 U St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (308) 436-6407, website — www.wapa.gov

Field Maintenance Manager: William D. Weber

Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Eastern Colorado Maintenance, Brush Field Office (facilities in Chappell, Ogallala and Sidney): 17532 Highway 71, Brush, CO 80723, phone (970) 842-2372

Field Maintenance Manager: Kyle VonBonn

Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Eastern Colorado Maintenance, Sidney Converter Station: P.O. Box 57, Sidney, NE 69162, phone (308) 254-3046

Foreman II: Jake Elwell

Wyobraska Region, Casper Office: 5600 Poison Spider Road, Casper, WY 82604, phone (307) 261-5775

Division Director: Kurtis Mayer

Upper Great Plains Region, Huron Maintenance Office: 200 Fourth St. S.W., Huron, SD 57350-2474, phone (605) 353-9201, toll-free phone (800) 365-9272, fax (605) 353-9205

Maintenance Manager: Dan Olson

The Western Area Power Administration is responsible for the federal electric power marketing and transmission functions in 15 central and western states, including

Nebraska. WAPA headquarters is in Lakewood, Colo. WAPA is one of the four power administrations of the Department of Energy.

WAPA annually sells and delivers more than 10,000 megawatts of power from 57 hydropower plants, making up about 40 percent of hydroelectric generation in the western and central United States. WAPA also markets the United States' 547-megawatt entitlement from the coal-fired Navajo Generating Station near Page, Ariz.

WAPA operates and maintains an extensive high-voltage power transmission system to deliver power to customers. This system includes more than 17,000 circuit miles of transmission lines. The service area covers 1.3 million square miles in 15 states. The WAPA's 680 wholesale customers in turn provide retail electric service to 50 million consumers.

Nebraska lies in two project areas. Western Nebraska is served by the Loveland Area Projects, which includes the Western Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. Eastern Nebraska is served by the Eastern Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. The Rocky Mountain customer service region markets power for the Loveland Area Projects, and the Upper Great Plains customer service region markets power for Pick-Sloan's Eastern Division.

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services is the U.S. executive department that works to improve the health, safety and well-being of U.S. citizens. Its programs include disease screening and prevention, safety and wellness, nutrition and food and drug information.

Food and Drug Administration

Omaha Resident Post: 10918 John Galt Blvd., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (913) 495-5138, website — www.fda.gov

Administrative Management Specialist: Amy Meeks

Food and Drug Administration programs are designed to achieve the overall objective of consumer protection. FDA's mission is to ensure that food is safe, pure and wholesome; that human and animal drugs, biological products and medical devices are safe and effective; and that electronic products that emit radiation are safe.

Indian Health Service

Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center: Aberdeen Area, Omaha Service Unit, P.O. Box 250, Macy, NE 68039, phone (402) 837-5381

Chief Executive Officer: Roselyn Tso

The goal of the Indian Health Service is to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level. The service provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for American Indians and Alaska Natives, with opportunity for tribal involvement in developing and managing programs. The service:

- assists Indian tribes in developing their health programs through activities such

as health management training, technical assistance and human resource development

- facilitates and assists tribes in coordinating health planning, in obtaining and using health resources available through federal, state and local programs, in operating comprehensive health programs, and in evaluating health programs

- provides comprehensive healthcare services, including hospital and ambulatory medical care, preventive and rehabilitative services, and development of community sanitation facilities

- serves as the primary federal advocate for Indians to ensure comprehensive health services for American Indian and Alaska Natives

The Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service was established to serve the Indian tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. The Aberdeen Area Office in Aberdeen, S.D., is administrative headquarters for 22 service units.

Several tribes assume partial or full responsibility for their own healthcare through contractual arrangements with the Aberdeen Area IHS. Tribally managed facilities include the Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center, an ambulatory care and nursing home facility in Macy managed by the Omaha Tribe.

Department of Homeland Security

Nebraska Contact Person: Joe Kelly, Lieutenant Governor, Room 2315, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509-4863, phone (402) 471-2256, website — www.ltgov.ne.gov

On Nov. 25, 2002, President George W. Bush signed the Homeland Security Bill of 2002 into law, which created the Department of Homeland Security. The department's purpose is to protect the United States from terrorist attacks, reduce the country's vulnerability to terrorism and minimize damage and aid recovery if terrorist attacks occur. The legislation combined intelligence analysis and infrastructure protection, border protection and immigration and response-and-recovery resources into one department. The department provides state and local government agencies with a central resource for homeland security issues.

The department's creation marked the largest reorganization of the federal government since World War II. Before the reorganization, more than 100 government organizations performed homeland security duties. The department employs approximately 180,000 federal workers.

The department contains five divisions: Border and Transportation Security; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Science and Technology; Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection; and Management.

Nebraska has offices within the Border and Transportation division.

Border and Transportation Security

The Border and Transportation Security division secures national borders and transportation systems, which cover 350 official ports of entry. The division manages who and what enters the country and prevents terrorists and weapons of terror from entering the country while ensuring legitimate traffic flows efficiently.

As ordered by the Homeland Security Bill of 2002, the division absorbed these

offices: U.S. Customs Service and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, formerly part of the Department of Treasury; Transportation Security Administration, formerly part of the Department of Transportation; Office for Domestic Preparedness, formerly part of the Department of Justice; and Federal Protective Service, formerly part of the General Services Administration.

The Department of Homeland Security shares duties of the Animal and Health Inspection Service with the Department of Agriculture and shares duties of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol with the Department of Justice.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the investigative component of Border and Transportation Security. It combines the functions and resources of several agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. ICE enforces immigration and customs laws, protects specified federal buildings and leads air and marine enforcement activities.

Omaha Office for Detention and Removal Operations: 1717 Ave. H, Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 536-4847

Assistant Field Office Director: Greg Jensen

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Omaha Field Office: 1717 Ave. H, Omaha, NE 68110, National Customer Service Call Center (800) 375-5283, website — www.uscis.gov

Field Office Director: William Connor

Nebraska Service Center: P.O. Box 82521, Lincoln, NE 68501-2521, National Customer Service Call Center (800) 375-5283, website — www.uscis.gov

Director: Loren Miller

In March 2003, the services formerly provided under the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service were moved into U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. USCIS works to improve the administration of benefits and citizenship services. Benefits processed through the Nebraska Service Center include processing:

- petitions for employment that allow current and prospective employees to stay in the U.S.
- applications for permanent residence filed by employees, asylees, refugees and beneficiaries of programs which grant immigrant status to eligible foreign nationals
- travel documents for eligible non-citizens
- employment authorization documents for eligible non-citizens
- naturalization applications from active duty U.S. military personnel

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Omaha Port Director's Office: 3737A Orville Plaza, Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 341-0240, website — www.CBP.gov

Port Director: Steve McKlem

U.S. Customs and Border Protection enforces customs, immigration, agriculture

and related laws. CBP also administers the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and other laws for more than 80 other government agencies. The primary mission of the agency is preventing terrorists and the instruments of terror from entering the United States while facilitating the passenger and trade operations arriving or departing the United States. Other responsibilities of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection include:

- interdicting and seizing contraband, including narcotics and illegal drugs
- assessing and collecting customs duties, excise taxes, fees and penalties due on imported merchandise
- processing persons, carriers, cargo and mail into and out of the country
- enforcing a wide range of requirements to protect the public, such as auto safety and emission control standards, radiation and radioactive material standards; counterfeit monetary instruments; flammable fabric restrictions; animal and plant quarantine requirements; and food, drug and hazardous substance prohibitions
- detecting and apprehending persons engaged in practices designed to circumvent customs and related laws; copyright, patent and trademark provisions; quotas; and marking requirements for imported merchandise
- cooperating with other federal agencies and foreign governments in suppressing the traffic of illegal narcotics and pornography
- enforcing export control laws and intercepting illegal high-technology and weapon exports
- overseeing Deferred Inspections Site for Nebraska, South Dakota, and Western Iowa where incoming aliens are referred when documentation requires additional review and/or possible correction.

U.S. Coast Guard

Cutter Gasconade: 9800 John J. Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE 68112, phone (402) 451-7681

Officer in Charge: Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Shaun S. Wunch

Cutter Support Team, Omaha: 9800 John J. Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE 68112, phone (402) 453-4333

Auxiliary Station: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, c/o U.S. Coast Guard, P.O. Box 12337, Omaha, NE 68112-0337, phone (402) 451-7083

Division Captain: Capt. E. Kay Reed

The Coast Guard is a branch of the U.S. armed forces at all times and is a service within the Department of Homeland Security except when operating as part of the Navy in time of war or when the president directs. Before March 1, 2003, the Coast Guard was part of the Department of Transportation. The Coast Guard:

- maintains the U.S. aids to navigation system, which is intended to help a navigator determine a position or plot a safe course or to warn the navigator of dangers or obstructions to navigation
- directs a national boating safety program for small boats
- administers laws regulating construction, maintenance and operation of bridges and causeways across U.S. navigable waters
- oversees the Coast Guard Auxiliary, a nonmilitary volunteer organization of

private citizens who conduct boating education programs, patrol marine regattas, participate in search and rescue operations and conduct courtesy marine examinations of recreational boats

- administers a licensing and regulatory program governing the construction, ownership and operation of deepwater ports on the high seas to transfer oil from tankers to shore

- operates the nation's icebreaking vessels to facilitate maritime transportation and aid in prevention of flooding in domestic waters

- enforces the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and other laws relating to the protection of the marine environment when spills occur

- formulates and enforces safety standards for the design, construction, equipment and maintenance of commercial vessels of the United States and offshore structures on the Outer Continental Shelf

- evaluates and licenses U.S. Merchant Marine personnel

- administers the Marine Safety Council, which acts as a deliberative body to consider proposed Coast Guard regulations

- serves as the primary U.S. maritime law enforcement agency

- maintains a state of readiness to provide coastal and harbor defense as part of the Navy in time of war, or as directed by the president

- enforces rules and regulations governing the safety and security of ports and anchorages, and the movement of vessels and prevention of pollution in U.S. waters

- oversees the Coast Guard Reserve, which provides individuals and trained units for active duty in time of war or national emergency and which augments the active service during domestic emergencies and during routine and peak operations

- maintains a system of rescue vessels, aircraft and communications facilities to save life and property in and over the high seas and the navigable waters of the United States

- operates Vessel Traffic Services in six major ports to provide for the safe movement of vessels at all times

The Cutter Gasconade is a 75-foot river buoy tender attached to a 90-foot barge that operates on the Missouri River between Glasgow, Mo., and Sioux City, Iowa. The ship deploys aids-to-navigation buoys and day beacons to mark the ever-changing river channel. The ship, which has a crew of 13 active Coast Guard members and 31 reserve members, has its home port at Omaha. The cutter support team in Omaha provides support services to the ship and maintains the port building and grounds.

The recruiting station in Kansas City handles Coast Guard recruiting for Nebraska.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary operates on four levels: flotillas, divisions, district regions and national. A division of the auxiliary exists in the eastern part of Nebraska. This division supports the activities of five flotillas that primarily conduct public education programs. The flotillas also conduct safety patrols on the Missouri River and area lakes, as well as conduct vessel safety checks and other operations with local law enforcement and state agencies.

U.S. Secret Service

Omaha Resident Office: 2707 N. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 965-9670, fax (402) 965-9670

Resident Agent in Charge: Paul Brandenburg

The Secret Service has the authority and responsibility to:

- protect the president, the vice president, the president-elect, the vice-president-elect and their immediate families; major presidential and vice presidential candidates; former presidents and their spouses, except that protection of a spouse terminates in the event of remarriage; children of a former president until the age of 16; visiting heads of foreign states or governments; other distinguished foreign visitors to the United States; and official U.S. representatives performing special missions abroad
- provide security at the White House complex and other presidential offices, the temporary official residence of the vice president in the District of Columbia, and foreign diplomatic missions in the Washington, D.C., area and throughout the United States, its territories and possessions
- detect and arrest people who break U.S. laws relating to currency, coins, obligations and securities of the United States or of foreign governments
- suppress the forgery and fraudulent negotiation or redemption of U.S. government checks, bonds, and other obligations or securities
- conduct investigations relating to certain criminal violations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the Federal Land Bank Act and the Government Losses in Shipment Act
- detect and arrest offenders of laws pertaining to electronic funds transfer fraud, credit and debit card fraud, false identification documents or devices, computer access fraud and U.S. Department of Agriculture food coupons

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Nebraska State Office: Edward Zorinsky Federal Building, 1616 Capitol Ave., Ste. 329, Omaha, NE 68102-4908, phone (402) 492-3101, website — www.hud.gov

Office Director: Earl Redrick

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is the principal federal agency responsible for programs concerned with the nation's housing needs, fair housing opportunities, and community improvement and development.

Although HUD administers many programs, its major functions may be grouped into seven categories:

- insuring mortgages for single-family and multifamily dwellings, and extending loans for home improvement and for purchasing mobile homes
- channeling funds from investors into the mortgage industry through the Government National Mortgage Association
- making direct loans for construction or rehabilitation of housing projects for the elderly and the handicapped
- providing housing subsidies for low- and moderate-income families
- providing community development grants to states and communities
- promoting and enforcing fair housing and equal housing opportunity

- providing grants and resources to support homelessness services (including rapid and supportive housing)

Department of the Interior

The mission of the Department of the Interior is to protect and provide access to the nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor the nation's trust responsibilities to tribes. The department manages the nation's public lands and minerals, national parks, national wildlife refuges and western water resources and upholds federal trust responsibilities to Indian tribes. It is responsible for migratory wildlife conservation; historic preservation; endangered species; surface-mined land protection and restoration; mapping; and geological, hydrological and biological science.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Law Enforcement

Office of the Resident Agent in Charge (Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota): 3425 Miriam Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501, phone (701) 255-0593, email — richard_grosz@fws.gov

Resident Agent in Charge: Richard Grosz

Office of Law Enforcement: 1730 W. 23rd St., Fremont, NE 68025, phone (402) 727-4413, email — jeremy_tenkley@fws.gov

Special Agent: Jeremy Ten Kley

Office of Law Enforcement: Vacant

Special Agent: Vacant

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services: 9325 S. Alda Road, Wood River, NE 68883, phone (308) 382-6468, email — scott_larson@fws.gov

Acting Nebraska Field Supervisor: Scott Larson

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for migratory birds, endangered species, certain marine mammals and inland sport fisheries. Its mission is to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats. Within this framework, the service strives to foster an environmental stewardship ethic based on ecological principles and scientific knowledge of wildlife; works with the states to improve the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources; and administers a national program providing opportunities to the public to understand, appreciate and wisely use these resources.

The service has headquarters in Washington, D.C., seven regional offices, and a variety of field units and installations. These include more than 500 national wildlife refuges and 37 wetland management districts totaling more than 93 million acres; 65 national fish hatcheries; and a nationwide network of wildlife law enforcement agents. Federal wildlife law enforcement in Nebraska and the Dakotas is supervised by the resident agent in charge in Bismarck, N.D.

Law enforcement is essential to virtually every aspect of wildlife conservation. The Office of Law Enforcement contributes to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service efforts to manage ecosystems, save endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, restore fisheries, combat invasive species and promote international

wildlife conservation.

Service law enforcement focuses on potentially devastating threats to wildlife resource-illegal trade, unlawful commercial exploitation, habitat destruction and environmental contaminants. The Office of Law Enforcement investigates wildlife crimes, regulates wildlife trade, helps Americans understand and obey wildlife protection laws and works in partnership with international, state and tribal counterparts to conserve wildlife resources.

In the area of resource management, the service provides leadership for the protection and improvement of land and water habitats. Activities include surveillance of pesticides, heavy metals and other contaminants; studies of fish and wildlife populations; ecological studies; environmental impact assessments, including hydroelectric dams, nuclear power sites, stream channelization and dredge-and-fill permits; and environmental impact statement reviews.

The service helps fulfill the public demand for recreational fishing while maintaining the nation's fisheries at a level and in a condition that will ensure their continued survival. Specific wildlife and fishery resource programs include wildlife refuge management for migratory bird production, migration and wintering; migratory bird population, production and harvest surveys; refuge management of resident species of mammals and nonmigratory birds; protection of certain marine mammals; fish hatchery production and stocking; law enforcement; and technical assistance.

The service provides national and international leadership in identifying, protecting and restoring endangered species of animals and plants. This program includes developing the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List, conducting status surveys, preparing recovery plans, and coordinating efforts nationally and internationally; operating national wildlife refuges; law enforcement; foreign importation enforcement; and consultation with foreign countries.

Public use and information programs include preparing leaflets and brochures; operating environmental study areas on service lands; operating visitor centers, self-guided nature trails, observation towers and display ponds; and providing recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife photography.

Crescent Lake-North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Complex: 10630 Road 181, Ellsworth, NE 69340, phone (308) 762-4893, email — crescentlake@fws.gov

Project Leader: Brian DeVries

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge is a 46,000-acre block of Sandhills rangeland north of Oshkosh in Garden County. It is managed for the preservation of migratory and breeding birds and other wildlife. The refuge is open to limited hunting and fishing.

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, established by executive order in 1916, was set aside as a "preserve and breeding ground for native birds." The 2,722-acre refuge, located in northern Scotts Bluff County, is managed as a resting and feeding area for waterfowl and shorebirds. Other important uses include providing nesting habitat for bald eagles and waterfowl and offering wildlife-oriented recreational uses compatible with the management of refuge wildlife.

Fort Niobrara-Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Complex: HC 14, Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201, phone (402) 376-3789, email — r6rw_ftn@mail.fws.gov, website

— www.fortniobrara.fws.gov

Acting Refuge Manager: Juancarlos Giese

The 19,131-acre Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge is four miles east of Valentine. Buffalo, elk, deer and prairie dogs can be seen along the wildlife drive throughout the year. A visitor center explaining the history and ecology of the area is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day during the summer and weekdays during the rest of the year. Hiking trails lead to Fort Falls and into the Fort Niobrara Wilderness Area. Canoeing down the refuge through the scenic Niobrara River Canyon is a popular activity.

The 71,272-acre Valentine National Wildlife Refuge is 13 miles south of Valentine. The Hackberry Headquarters on the refuge is along State Spur 16B. Birdwatching, wildlife observation and photography are encouraged. In the spring, observation blinds are provided for viewing prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse courtship displays. Fishing and upland game, deer and waterfowl hunting are provided.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge: 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555, phone (712) 642-4121, fax (712) 642-2877, email — desoto@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto/

Project Leader: Tom Cox

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1958, is 25 miles north of Omaha. Fifty-four percent of the 8,362-acre refuge lies in Nebraska and 46 percent lies in Iowa in the Missouri River Valley. Refuge objectives are to protect and enhance habitat for endangered species; provide food, water and cover for migrating waterfowl; provide habitat for other migrating and resident wildlife; protect, preserve and display the salvaged 1860s steamboat *Bertrand* cargo; provide interpretation and environmental educational opportunities; and provide wildlife-oriented recreation. The 788-acre, seven-mile long DeSoto Lake, a former oxbow of the Missouri River, provides opportunities for fishing and wildlife and waterfowl observation.

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge: 3720 Rivers Way, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023, phone (402) 468-4313 or (712) 642-4121 (DeSoto NWR), email — boyerchute@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/

Project Leader: Tom Cox

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge is a 4,039-acre wildlife area converted from agriculture. It is along the Missouri River, three miles east of Fort Calhoun and 15 miles north of Omaha. The project restored a portion of the Missouri River habitat that flows through a 2.5-mile-long channel paralleling the main flow of the river. The refuge may be expanded up to 10,000 acres as part of the federally sponsored “Back to the River” project. The refuge is open during daylight hours and offers fishing, hunting, nature trails and wildlife observation. The refuge opened in 1996 and is a sister refuge to the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Development is being carried out in partnership with the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Karl E. Mundt National Wildlife Refuge: c/o Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, 38672 291st Street, Lake Andes, SD 57356, phone (605) 487-7603, fax (605) 487-7604, email — mick_hanan@fws.gov

Project Leader: Mick Hanan

Karl E. Mundt National Wildlife Refuge is in Boyd County and in Gregory County,

S.D., along the Missouri River. The refuge was established for wintering bald eagles; however, nesting bald eagles recently have begun using the refuge. The refuge contains 780 acres of river bottomland, 20 acres of which lie in Nebraska. An additional 300 acres of woodlands in South Dakota are protected by perpetual easement. Along with the bald eagle, a variety of resident and migratory species use the refuge. It is closed to the public because of the potential for disturbance to the bald eagles. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a viewing area on its property below Fort Randall Dam.

Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District Office: 2610 Ave. Q, P.O. Box 1686, Kearney, NE 68848, phone (308) 236-5015, fax (308) 237-3899, email — rainwater@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/rainwater

Project Leader: Brad Krohn

The Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District is a field office with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The office manages 24,210 acres in 61 locations in 14 counties in south-central Nebraska. Lands are primarily wetlands and adjacent upland areas that have been restored to tall-grass prairie. The areas are managed to provide habitat for migratory birds, endangered species and resident wildlife. The areas are open to public use for wildlife observation, hunting and trapping, environmental education and hiking. Two hiking trails, four visitor contact stations and two blinds are available for wildlife observation. The office also provides help to private landowners who wish to manage wetlands on their own lands through the Partners for Wildlife Program.

U.S. Geological Survey

USGS Nebraska Water Science Center: 5231 S. 19th St., Lincoln, NE 68512-1271, phone (402) 328-4100, website — <http://ne.water.usgs.gov>

Director: Steve Peterson, email — speterson@usgs.gov

USGS Nebraska Water Science Center Offices: 5231 S. 19th St., Lincoln, NE 68512-1271, phone (402) 328-4100; 244 Federal Building, 303 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5323

The United States Geological Survey collects, compiles and disseminates data on water, energy, biological and geological resources in Nebraska as well as geography and geospatial information. The USGS gathers, interprets and presents data that enable resource planners and others to make decisions based on objective research. As the nation's leading earth science agency, the USGS works with federal, state and local agencies to address issues related to Nebraska's earth resources. The USGS provides reports, maps and information to help others manage, develop and protect America's water, energy, mineral, biological and land resources. It publishes the results of its investigations in thousands of new reports and maps each year.

The USGS Nebraska Water Science Center is one of the state-level Water Science Centers in the USGS Water Resource Mission Area and is dedicated to hydrologic data collection, scientific research, applied science and information dissemination. The district office helps the USGS conduct nationwide assessments of the quality, quantity and use of the nation's water resources. The other USGS Mission Areas are Core Science Systems, Ecosystems, Natural Hazards and Energy and Minerals. The director of the

NEWSC serves as the USGS state representative because the other Mission Areas do not have offices in Nebraska.

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*¹²

Winnebago Agency: P.O. Box 18, Winnebago, NE 68071, phone (402) 878-2502, website — <https://www.bia.gov>

Superintendent: Nilah Solomon

Santee Field Office: 108 Spirit Lake Ave. West, Niobrara, NE 68760, phone (402) 857-2772

The principal objectives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are to:

- encourage and assist American Indian and Alaska Native people to manage their own affairs under the trust relationship to the federal government
- facilitate, with maximum involvement of American Indian and Alaska Native people, full development of their human and natural resource potential
- mobilize all public and private aids to the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native people for use by them
- promote self-determination by using the skills of American Indian and Alaska Native people in the direction and management of programs for their benefit

The bureau works with American Indian and Alaska Native people, tribal governments, American Indian organizations, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and other interested groups.

Nebraska, pursuant to Public Law 280, assumed civil and criminal jurisdiction over Nebraska reservations in 1953. In 1969, the U.S. government granted the Omaha Tribe retrocession on criminal jurisdiction. In 1986, the assistant U.S. secretary for Indian affairs accepted retrocession to the United States of all criminal jurisdiction exercised by the state over the Winnebago Reservation. The 1986 Nebraska Legislature offered the retrocession. By Tribal Resolution No. 86-37, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska acknowledged and endorsed the offer of the state to retrocede criminal jurisdiction to the United States.

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide judicial and law enforcement services, as provided by the Indian Self-Determination Act. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska contracts judicial services and some of the law enforcement communication services. Winnebago Reservation police officers serving the Winnebago Reservation are federal employees.

In 2000, by Resolution 2001-12, the Santee Sioux Nation requested that Nebraska retrocede civil and criminal jurisdiction to the United States. The retrocession offered by the Nebraska Legislature was accepted in 2001.

The Omaha, Santee Sioux and Winnebago tribes of Nebraska have total jurisdiction over minor children who qualify as eligible descendants of their tribes, as provided by the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. The 1985 Legislature passed the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act to aid Nebraska's Indian children.

The Winnebago Agency administers services to the Winnebago and Omaha tribes

¹²For more information on tribal government in Nebraska, see Pages 55 and 657-659.

in Thurston County and the Santee Sioux Tribe in Knox County. All three tribes operate under tribal constitutions enacted under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. There are 12,100 enrolled members of these three tribes.

Bureau of Land Management

Wild Horse and Burro Center: 5050 100th Road, P.O. Box 160, Elm Creek, NE 68836, phone (308) 856-4498

Facility Manager: Joseph A. Stratton

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing about 270 million acres of public lands. These lands are primarily in the West and Alaska; however, small scattered parcels are in other states. In addition to mineral management responsibilities on the public lands, BLM also is responsible for subsurface resource management of an additional 300 million acres where mineral rights are owned by the federal government.

Resources managed by the bureau include timber, solid minerals, oil and gas, geothermal energy, wildlife habitat, endangered plant and animal species, rangeland vegetation, recreation and cultural values, wild and scenic rivers, designated conservation and wilderness areas and open space. Bureau programs provide for the protection (including fire suppression), orderly development and use of the public lands and resources under principles of multiple use and sustained yield. The bureau also manages watersheds to protect soil and enhance water quality; develops recreational opportunities on public lands; administers programs to protect and manage wild horses and burros; and, under certain conditions, makes land available for sale to individuals, organizations, local governments and other federal agencies when such transfer is in the public interest.

The bureau oversees the development of energy and mineral leases and ensures compliance with applicable regulations governing the extraction of these resources. It has responsibility to issue rights-of-way, leases and permits. The bureau also is responsible for the survey of federal lands and establishes and maintains public land records and records of mining claims.

Three employees are responsible for the care and well-being of animals at the Wild Horse and Burro Center at Elm Creek. The facility is a resting point for up to 3,000 wild horses and burros throughout the year on their way to adopters' homes throughout the country. An average of 100 animals are adopted per year through the efforts of local volunteers and facility staff.

National Park Service

Midwest Regional Office: 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102-4226, phone (402) 661-1736

Regional Director: Herbert Frost

Midwest Archeological Center: 100 Centennial Mall North, Federal Building, Room 474, Lincoln, NE 68508-3873, phone (402) 437-5392, website — www.cr.nps.gov/mwac

Manager: Ann Bauermeister

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument: 301 River Road, Harrison, NE 69346-2743, phone (308) 668-2211, website — www.nps.gov/agfo

Superintendent: James Hill

Homestead National Monument of America: 8523 W. State Highway 4, Beatrice, NE 68310-6743, phone (402) 223-3514, website — www.nps.gov/home

Superintendent: Betty J. Boyko

Missouri National Recreational River: 508 E. 2nd St., Yankton, SD 57078, phone (605) 665-0209, website — www.nps.gov/mnrr

Superintendent: Curt Dimmick

Niobrara National Scenic River: 214 W. Highway 20, Valentine, NE 68201, phone (402) 376-1901, website — www.nps.gov/niob

Superintendent: Steve Thede

Scotts Bluff National Monument: P.O. Box 27, Gering, NE 69341-0027, phone (308) 436-9700, website — www.nps.gov/scbl

Superintendent: Daniel Morford

Chimney Rock National Historic Site: (Affiliated Area), Chimney Rock Road, P.O. Box F, Bayard, NE 69334-0680, phone (308) 586-2581; Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3270, website — www.nps.gov/nr/travel/scotts_bluff/chimney_rock.html

The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. There are 392 units in the National Park System, including national parks and monuments; scenic parkways, preserves, trails, riverways, seashores, lakeshores and recreation areas; and historic sites associated with important movements, events and personalities of the nation's past.

The Midwest Regional Office in Omaha administers a 13-state area that includes Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The National Park Service also has a Midwest Archeological Center in Lincoln, which handles archeological work for the Midwest and Intermountain regions.

In Nebraska, three national monuments, two wild and scenic rivers, and a national historic site are under the Omaha office's jurisdiction.¹³ Scotts Bluff National Monument in Scotts Bluff County has 300 square acres. Homestead National Monument of America in Gage County has more than 200 acres. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in Sioux County has about 3,055 acres. The Niobrara National Scenic River in Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock counties is 76 miles long and has 23,074 acres. The Missouri National Recreational River is a two-segment unit comprising 126 miles of the Missouri River and its tributaries and 34,149 acres. The 83-acre Chimney Rock National Historic Site in Morrill County is administered by the Nebraska State Historical Society, the city of Bayard and the National Park Service under a cooperative agreement.

Bureau of Reclamation

Nebraska-Kansas Area Office: 1706 W. 3rd St., McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-4400

Area Manager: Aaron Thompson

¹³ For more about the areas in Nebraska administered by the National Park Service, see Page 42.

Wyoming Area Office: 705 Pendell Blvd., Box 1630, Mills, WY 82644-1630, phone (307) 261-5671

Area Manager: Lyle Myler

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

The reclamation program has helped to settle and develop the West through the development of a water storage and delivery infrastructure. This infrastructure provides water supplies and hydroelectric power for agricultural, municipal and industrial users; protects and improves water quality; provides recreational and fish and wildlife benefits; enhances river regulations; and helps control floods. With this infrastructure largely in place, the reclamation program is focusing greater emphasis on resource management and protection than on development. The Bureau of Reclamation:

- works in partnership with others to develop water conservation plans, provide for the efficient and effective use of water and related resources and improve the management of existing water resources
- designs and constructs authorized water resource projects
- develops and supports recreational uses at reclamation projects
- conducts research and encourages technology transfer to improve resource management, development and protection
- ensures that the lands it manages are free from hazardous and toxic waste and helps other federal and state agencies in protecting surface water and groundwater from hazardous waste contamination
- operates and maintains its facilities to ensure reliability, safety and economic operation to protect the public, property and the nation's investment in the facilities, and to preserve environmental resources
- provides engineering and technical support to federal and state agencies, American Indian tribes, and other nations to accomplish national, regional and international resource management, development and protection objectives

Reclamation project facilities in operation include 348 storage reservoirs, thousands of miles of canals and water conveyances and distribution facilities and 58 hydroelectric power plants.

All of the bureau's geographic area in the 17 western states is included under area offices that have first-level program line authority. The Wyoming Area Office has first line authority for the geographic area that extends from Wyoming into western Nebraska to the confluence of the North Platte and South Platte rivers, forming the Platte River. The Nebraska-Kansas Area Office in McCook has first line authority for the remainder of Nebraska.

The NKAO manages four units of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program and one additional project in Nebraska. The Pick-Sloan units are Ainsworth, Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick. The other NKAO-managed project is the Mirage Flats Unit in northwest Nebraska.

Major reclamation facilities in Nebraska include: Trenton Dam and Swanson Lake near Trenton; Enders Dam and Reservoir near Imperial; Red Willow Dam and Hugh Butler Lake near McCook; Medicine Creek Dam and Harry Strunk Lake near Cambridge;

Harlan County Dam and Lake (maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) near Alma; Box Butte Dam and Reservoir south of Chadron; Merritt Dam and Reservoir near Valentine; Virginia Smith Dam and Calamus Reservoir near Burwell; Davis Creek Dam and Reservoir near Scotia; and Lake Alice and Lake Minatare near Scottsbluff.

The Nebraska projects provide water for farmland, as well as for flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes. Reservoirs in Nebraska provide 25,000 acres of water surface at normal pool and 40,000 acres of adjacent land for public use. The reservoir recreation areas are managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The Pick-Sloan projects in Nebraska and Kansas were constructed for flood control in the Republican and Solomon River basins. During the 1993 flooding in the Midwest, flood control operations at these dams prevented downstream damages of \$1.2 billion by storing more than 800,000 acre-feet of flood waters. Flood control operations of these facilities are directed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Department of Justice

As the largest law firm in the nation, the Department of Justice serves as counsel for its citizens. Through its thousands of lawyers, investigators and agents, the department plays the key role in protection against criminals and subversion, in ensuring healthy competition of business, in safeguarding the consumer, and in enforcing drug, immigration and naturalization laws. The department also plays a role in protecting citizens through efforts for law enforcement, crime prevention, crime detection, and prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders.

The department conducts all suits in the Supreme Court in which the United States is concerned. It represents the U.S. government in legal matters generally, rendering legal advice and opinions, upon request, to the president and to the heads of the executive departments. The U.S. attorney general supervises and directs these activities, as well as those of the U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals in the various judicial districts around the country.

U.S. Attorney

U.S. Attorney — District of Nebraska Offices: 1620 Dodge St., Ste. 1400, Omaha, NE 68102-1506, phone (402) 661-3700; 487 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5241

Acting Nebraska U.S. Attorney: Steven A. Russell

U.S. attorneys serve as the nation's principal litigators under the direction of the attorney general. There are 93 U.S. attorneys appointed by the president with advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. attorney is assigned to each judicial district, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, where a single U.S. attorney serves in both districts. Each U.S. attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer within his or her jurisdiction. Nebraska constitutes a single judicial district.

U.S. attorneys have three statutory responsibilities:

- the prosecution of criminal cases brought by the federal government
- the prosecution and defense of civil cases in which the United States is a party
- the collection of debts owed the federal government that are administratively uncollectible

Nebraska U.S. Attorneys, 1854-2023

Territorial

Experience Estabrook.....	1854-1859	Robert A. Howard.....	1860-1861
Leavitt L. Bowen	1859-1860	David L. Collier	1861-1864

State (District)

Daniel Gantt	1864-1876	William C. Spire.....	1956-1961
James Neville	1876-1878	Theodore L. Richling.....	1961-1969
Gerrio M. Sambertson	1878-1887	Richard A. Dier	1969-1972
George E. Prichett	1887-1890	William K. Schaphorst.....	1972-1975
Benjamin S. Baker.....	1890-1894	Daniel E. Wherry.....	1975-1977
Andrew Jackson Sawyer.....	1894-1898	Edward G. Warin.....	1977-1981
Williamson S. Summers.....	1898-1904	Thomas D. Thalken.....	1981 ¹
Irving F. Baxter.....	1904-1905	Ronald D. Lahners	1981-1993
Charles A. Goss.....	1905-1910	Thomas J. Monaghan.....	1993-2001
Francis Howell.....	1910-1915	Michael G. Heavican.....	2001-2006
Thomas S. Allen.....	1915-1921	Joe W. Stecher	2006-2009
James C. Kinsler.....	1921-1930	Deborah R. Gilg.....	2009-2017
Charles E. Sandall	1930-1935	Joseph P. Kelly.....	2018-2021
Joseph T. Totava.....	1935-1954	Steven A. Russell.....	2022 ¹ -
Donald R. Ross.....	1954-1956		
Henry W. Shackelford.....	1956		

¹ Acting

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives¹⁴

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives enforces federal criminal laws regarding alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, explosives and arson, as well as regulates the firearms and explosives industries. The primary objectives of ATF are to reduce firearms violence and regulate the firearms and explosives industries in order to prevent terrorist acts. This agency recently moved from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Justice.

Office of Criminal Enforcement

Omaha Office: 17310 Wright St., Ste. 204, Omaha, NE 68130, phone (402) 952-2605, fax (402) 952-2605, website — www.atf.gov

Resident Agent in Charge: Michael Parker

The Office of Criminal Enforcement, in partnership with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, works to:

- suppress illegal trafficking, possession and use of firearms, destructive devices and explosives
- investigate acts of arson
- investigate narcotics traffickers who use firearms and explosives as tools of their trade, especially violent gangs
- suppress interstate trafficking of illicit distilled spirits and contraband cigarettes

¹⁴ Formerly part of the Department of the Treasury.

Office of Industry Operations

Omaha Office: 17310 Wright St., Ste. 204, Omaha, NE 68130, phone (402) 952-2635, fax (402) 952-2606

Area Supervisor: John Basile

The Office of Industry Operations duties are to:

- assist other federal, state and local government agencies in the resolution of problems relating to revenue protection
- ensure that persons prohibited by law from manufacturing, importing or dealing in firearms and explosives do not obtain a license or permit
- ensure that storage facilities for explosives are safe and secure and do not present a hazard to the public
- inspect explosive storage facilities to ensure they are safe and do not present a hazard to the public
- ensure that an audit trail is preserved to permit the tracing of firearms used to commit crimes and to provide for accountability for explosive materials

Drug Enforcement Administration

Omaha Division Office: 2707 N. 108th St., Ste. D201, Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 965-3600

Special Agent in Charge: Justin C. King

The Drug Enforcement Administration is the lead federal agency in enforcing U.S. narcotics and controlled substance laws and regulations.

The administration operates on a worldwide basis. It presents cases to the criminal and civil justice systems of the United States — or any other competent jurisdiction — on those significant organizations and their members involved in cultivation, production, smuggling, distribution or diversion of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illegal traffic in the United States. DEA immobilizes these organizations by arresting their members, confiscating their drugs and seizing their assets. The agency also creates and supports enforcement-related programs — domestically and internationally — aimed at reducing the availability of and demand for controlled substances.

The administration's responsibilities include:

- investigation of major narcotic violators who operate at interstate and international levels
- seizure and forfeiture of assets derived from, traceable to or intended to be used for illicit drug trafficking
- enforcement of regulations governing the legal manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances
- management of a national narcotics intelligence system
- coordination with federal, state and local law enforcement authorities and cooperation with counterpart agencies abroad
- training, scientific research and information exchange in support of drug traffic prevention and control

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Omaha Field Office: 4411 S. 121st Court, Omaha, NE 68137-2112, phone (402) 493-8688, email — omaha@fbi.gov

Special Agent in Charge: Eugene Kowel

Lincoln Office: Ste. 363, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 476-6393

Grand Island Office: 308 N. Locust St., Ste. 201, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 382-3690

North Platte Office: 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5116

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the principal investigative arm of the Department of Justice. It is charged with gathering and reporting facts, locating witnesses, and compiling evidence in cases involving federal jurisdiction.

The FBI is charged with investigating all violations of federal law except those that have been assigned by legislative enactment or otherwise to another federal agency. It has jurisdiction over violations of more than 200 categories of federal law, grouped within three national security priorities and five criminal priorities.

U.S. Marshals Service

District of Nebraska Omaha Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. B06, Omaha, NE 68102-4970, phone (402) 221-4781

District of Nebraska Lincoln Office: 552 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 742-7021

Nebraska U.S. Marshal: Scott E. Krael

Each federal judicial district is served by a U.S. marshal appointed by the president. Nebraska constitutes a single judicial district.¹⁵

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. The service is responsible for:

- providing support and protection for the federal courts, including security for judicial facilities, judges, magistrates, jurors and attorneys
- apprehending federal fugitives
- operating the Federal Witness Security program and ensuring the safety of endangered government witnesses
- maintaining custody of and transporting federal prisoners
- executing court orders and arrest warrants
- seizing, managing and selling property forfeited to the government by drug traffickers and other criminals, and assisting the Justice Department's asset forfeiture program
- responding to emergency circumstances, including civil disturbances, terrorist incidents, and other crisis situations, through its Special Operations Group, and restoring order in riot and mob-violence situations
- operating the U.S. Marshals Service Training Academy
- providing security and law enforcement assistance to the U.S. Air Force in the

¹⁵ For more information about the U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, see Pages 181-184.

movement of missiles

The U.S. trustee does not have a significant role in proceedings under chapter 9, which relates to the adjustment of debts of a municipality.

The Omaha and Lincoln offices serve all of Nebraska and are in the U.S. Trustee Program's Region 13, which is made up of Nebraska, Arkansas and Missouri.

Nebraska U.S. Marshals, 1854-2023

Territorial

Mark W. Izard	1854-1855	William E. Moore.....	1860-1861
Eli R. Doyle.....	1855-1856	Phineas W. Hitchcock.....	1861-1865
B.P. Rankin	1856-1858	Caspar E. Yost.....	1865-1867
William A. West.....	1858-1860		

State (District)

Casper E. Yost.....	1867-1869	Frank Golden.....	1948-1954
Joseph T. Hoile.....	1869-1872	William Raab.....	1954-1961
William Daily	1872-1880	Jack D. Obbink	1961-1964
Ellis L. Bierbower.....	1880-1889	D. Clive Short	1964-1969
Brad D. Slaughter	1889-1893	Lloyd H. Grimm.....	1969-1974
Frank E. White	1893-1897	Ronald C. Romans	1974-1980
George H. Thummel.....	1897-1899	Mack A. Backhaus.....	1980-1982
Trevanyon L. Matthews.....	1899-1905	Thomas A. O'Hara Jr.	1982-1994
William P. Warner.....	1905-1915	Cleveland Vaughn Jr.	1994-1995
Thomas J. Flynn	1915-1920	Willie Greason Jr.	1995-1996 ¹
James C. Dahlman.....	1920-1921	Roger Arechiga.....	1996-1997 ¹
James B. Nickerson	1921	John Cleveland.....	1997-2002 ¹
Dennis H. Cronin.....	1921-1932	Brian M. Ennis.....	2002-2008
Valentine J. Peter	1932-1936	John Cleveland.....	2008-2009 ¹
John C. Byrnes.....	1936-1938	Karen A. Thomas	2009-2010 ¹
Earl L. Young.....	1938	Mark A. Martinez.....	2010-2018
George E. Proudfit.....	1938-1948	Scott E. Krael	2018-

¹Appointed by attorney general to serve in an acting capacity

U.S. Trustee Program

District of Nebraska Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. 1148, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4300, fax (402) 221-4383

Assistant U.S. Trustee: Jerry L. Jensen

The U.S. Trustee Program acts in the public interest to promote the efficiency and to protect and preserve the integrity of the bankruptcy system. It works to secure the just, speedy and economical resolution of bankruptcy cases; monitors the conduct of parties, takes action to ensure compliance with applicable laws and procedures and identifies and investigates bankruptcy fraud and abuse; and oversees administrative functions in bankruptcy cases.

The U.S. trustees supervise the administration of four of the five types of bankruptcy proceedings defined under the Bankruptcy Code. These are:

- proceedings under chapter 7 in which the assets of the debtor are liquidated
- reorganization proceedings under chapter 11 for rehabilitation of the business debtor
- adjustments of debts of a regular-income family farmer under chapter 12
- adjustment of debts of an individual with regular income under chapter 13, pursuant to which an individual can discharge debts by arranging for payments over a period of time

Department of Labor

The Department of Labor works to foster, promote and develop the welfare of U.S. wage earners, to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The agency administers federal labor laws guaranteeing workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions, a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation. The department also protects workers' pension rights; provides for job training programs; helps workers find jobs; works to strengthen free collective bargaining; and keeps track of changes in employment, prices and other national economic measurements. As the department seeks to assist all U.S. citizens who need and want to work, special efforts are made to meet the unique job market problems of older workers, youths, minority group members, women, the handicapped and other groups

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program

Omaha District Office: Central Park Plaza, 222 S. 15th St., Ste. 504B, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3381, website — www.dol.gov

Assistant District Director: Walker Plank

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program protects workers, promotes diversity and enforces the law. OFCCP holds contractors and subcontractors who do business with the federal government responsible for compliance with legal affirmative action and nondiscrimination requirements on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability or status as a protected veteran. In addition, contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discharging or otherwise discriminating against applicants or employees who inquire about, discuss or disclose their compensation or that of others, subject to certain limitations.

Wage and Hour Division

Omaha District Area Office: 222 S. 15th St., Ste. 504A, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4682

Contact Person: Melissa Wright, Community Outreach and Resource Planning Director, phone (515) 323-2195

The Wage and Hour Division is responsible for planning and administering a variety of federal labor programs. These programs are designed to:

- protect low-wage incomes as provided by the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act
- discourage excessively long hours of work through enforcement of the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act

- safeguard the health and well-being of minors
- prevent curtailment of employment and earnings for students, trainees and handicapped workers
- minimize losses of income and job rights caused by indebtedness
- direct a program of farm labor contractor registration designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of migrant and seasonal agriculture workers
- administer and enforce a number of immigration-related programs designed to safeguard the rights of U.S. and foreign workers and to prevent U.S. workers similarly employed from being adversely affected by employment of alien workers

The division also is responsible for predetermination of prevailing wage rates for federal construction contracts and federally assisted programs for construction, alteration and repair of public works subject to the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts, and a continuing program for determining wage rates under the Service Contract Act. The division also has enforcement responsibility in ensuring that prevailing wages and overtime standards are paid in accordance with federal law.

Employment and Training Administration

The Employment and Training Administration fulfills responsibilities that relate to employment services, job training and unemployment insurance. Component offices and services of the administration manage a federal-state employment security system; fund and oversee programs to provide work experience and training for groups having difficulty entering or returning to the work force; formulate and promote apprenticeship standards and programs; and conduct continuing programs of research, development and evaluation.

Office of Apprenticeship and Training

Nebraska State Office: Central Park Plaza, South Tower, 222 S. 15th St., Ste. 504-C, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3281, email — wightman.james.e@dol.gov, website — www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/apprenticeship

State Director: James Wightman

The National Apprenticeship Act enables the Department of Labor to formulate and promote labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to cooperate with the states in the promotion of such standards and to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship.

Sponsors and potential sponsors are encouraged and helped in the development, expansion and improvement of apprenticeship and other forms of allied industrial training. Through field representatives in states, the Office of Apprenticeship and Training works closely with employers, labor unions, vocational schools, community planning groups and others concerned with apprenticeship.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Omaha Area Office: Lake Regency Office Building, 444 Regency Parkway Drive, Ste. 303, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 553-0171, website — www.osha.gov

Area Director: Matthew Thurlby

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration develops and promulgates occupational safety and health standards; develops and issues regulations; conducts investigations and inspections to determine the status of compliance with the standards and regulations; and issues citations and proposes penalties for noncompliance with the standards and regulations.

OSHA also provides outreach in the form of compliance assistance, technical assistance, training and educational materials, electronic products and conferences and tools intended to support the safety and health efforts of employers and other stakeholders. Additional information may be found at www.osha.gov.

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Nebraska Office: 550 S. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-9837, website — www.dol.gov/vets

Director: Cecilia Coatney

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) manages the U.S. Department of Labor's veterans' employment and training program grants in Nebraska.

VETS provides assistance to military personnel and veterans who experience employment related problems due to their military obligations under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

VETS works with and provides technical assistance to the Nebraska Workforce Development offices to ensure veterans are given priority service benefits. VETS also provides oversight of the Department of Labor Employment Workshop, located at Offutt Air Force Base, which assists active military members and their spouses with the transition to civilian life.

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation establishes the nation's overall transportation policy. The department has 10 administrations, and their jurisdictions include highway development and construction; urban mass transit; railroads; aviation; and the safety of waterways, ports, highways and oil and gas pipelines.

Federal Aviation Administration

Great Plains System Management Office¹⁶: 901 Locust St., Kansas City, MO 64106-2641, phone (816) 329-3050, website — www.faa.gov

Central Regional Administrator: Joseph Miniace

FAA/OMA System Support Center: P.O. Box 19123, ATO, Omaha, NE 68119, phone (402) 271-7520

Supervisor: Larry Janeczek

FAA/LNK System Support Center: 3431 Aviation Road, Ste. 130, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 474-1919

¹⁶Functions as the primary office for the FAA's Nebraska System Support Centers in Omaha, Bellevue, Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte.

Supervisor: Preston Haith

FAA/GRI System Support Center: 3776 N. Sky Park Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9142, phone (308) 382-2524

Supervisor: Amy Newman

FAA/LBF System Support Center: RR 3, Box 292, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5590

Supervisor: Scott Brady

Lincoln Flight Standards District Office: 3431 Aviation Road, Ste. 120, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 475-1738, website — www.faa.gov/fsdo/lnc/

Manager: Richard E. Johnson

Lincoln Airport Traffic Control Tower: 2600 W. Adams St., Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 474-3011

Manager: Michelle Wilson

Omaha Airport Traffic Control Tower: Eppley Airfield, P.O. Box 19127, Omaha, NE 68119, phone (402) 346-6678

Manager: Perry Grell

Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON): 100 TRACON Hill, Bellevue, NE 68005-3953, phone (402) 682-4340

Manager: Brad Hermosillo

The Federal Aviation Administration is charged with:

- regulating air commerce in ways that best promote its development and safety and fulfill the requirements of national defense
- controlling the use of navigable airspace of the United States and regulating civil and military operations in such airspace
- encouraging and developing civil aeronautics
- consolidating research and development with respect to air navigation facilities
- installing and operating air navigation facilities
- developing and operating a common system of air traffic control and navigation for civil and military aircraft
- developing and implementing programs and regulations to control aircraft noise, sonic boom and other environmental effects of civil aviation
- regulating U.S. commercial space transportation

Nebraska airway facilities include system support centers in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte. The Great Plains System Management Office in Lenexa, Kan., is the primary office for these centers.

Other manned airway facilities in Nebraska include the OFF Work Center in Bellevue and the QHO Long Range Radar Work Center in Omaha, which report to the Omaha System Support Center; the OLU Work Center in Columbus and the QJM Work Center in Rockville, which report to the Grand Island System Support Center; and the LBF Long Range Radar Work Center in Wellfleet and the BFF Work Center in Scottsbluff, which report to the North Platte System Support Center.

The system support centers and work centers perform maintenance of federal airway facilities and equipment.

The FAA's Flight Standards District Office in Lincoln certifies air carriers, air

agencies and airmen; enforces federal aviation regulations; ensures the safety and maintenance of civil aircraft; investigates aircraft accidents; and conducts an airman education program.

Nebraska also has airport traffic control towers in Omaha and Lincoln, a contract airport traffic control tower in Grand Island and a Terminal Radar Approach Control facility at Offutt Air Force Base near Bellevue. These facilities transmit weather and flight information necessary for private, military and commercial aviation.

Federal Highway Administration

Nebraska Division Office: 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 220, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 742-8460, email — Nebraska.fhwa@dot.gov, website — <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/nediv/>

Division Administrator: Joseph A. Werning

The Federal Highway Administration administers highway transportation programs. The administration coordinates highways with other modes of transportation to achieve a balance of transportation systems and facilities under cohesive transportation policies. Administration activities include:

- the federal-aid highway program, which provides financial assistance to the states for highway planning, construction and improvement, including maintenance of the National Highway System
- highway safety programs, including a state and community safety program jointly administered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and a highway safety construction program to eliminate road hazards and improve rail-highway crossing safety
- review of state truck size and weight enforcement programs
- the federal lands highway program, affecting forest highways, public lands highways, park roads and parkways, and American Indian reservation roads
- research, development and technology transfer activities
- efforts to find research and technology abroad that can be applied to the U.S. highway system

Federal Railroad Administration

Omaha Office of Safety: Council Bluffs Federal Building, 8 S. Sixth St., Room 246, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, phone (712) 325-4343, website — www.fra.dot.gov

Chief Inspector: R.C. Edmondson

The purpose of the Federal Railroad Administration is to carry out and enforce rail safety regulations, administer railroad financial assistance programs, conduct research and development in support of improved railroad safety and national rail transportation policy, provide for the rehabilitation of Northeast Corridor rail passenger service and consolidate government support of rail transportation activities.

Department of the Treasury

The Department of the Treasury formulates and recommends economic, financial, tax and fiscal policies; serves as financial agent for the U.S. government; enforces the law; and manufactures coins and currency.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Nebraska Office of the Comptroller Offices: 13710 FNB Parkway, Ste. 110, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 493-0654, fax (402) 493-0329; 1811 W. Second St., Ste. 360, Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 381-8126, website — www.occ.gov

Assistant Deputy Comptroller: Troy L. Thornton

The primary mission of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is to regulate national banks. The office has the power to examine banks; approve or deny applications for new bank charters, branches or mergers; take enforcement action — such as bank closures — against banks that are not in compliance with laws and regulations; and issue rules, regulations and interpretations on banking practices. The office supervises approximately 2,900 national banks, including their trust activities and overseas operations.

Internal Revenue Service

Senior Commissioner's Representative — Great Plains Area: Gerald Krogman, 316 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101, phone (651) 312-7661

Administrative Officer — Nebraska Territory: Christopher Wiese, 7215 Ontario St., Omaha, NE 68124 (402) 361-0253

Media Specialist: 310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203, phone (414) 297-1040

Nebraska Governmental Liaison: 5799 Broadmoor St., Mission, KS 66202-2403, phone (913) 789-1215

Grand Island Office: 3307 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-1334

Lincoln Office: 160 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3877, taxpayer assistance available, phone (402) 437-5060

Norfolk Office: 208 N. Fifth St., Ste. B, Norfolk, NE 68701-5220, phone (402) 371-1503

North Platte Office: Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69103-0160, taxpayer assistance available, phone (308) 532-8810

Omaha (Downtown) Office: State Building, 1313 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102-1836, taxpayer assistance available, phone (402) 221-3614

Omaha Office: 7215 Ontario St., Omaha, NE 68124

Scottsbluff Office: 2001 Broadway, Ste. 3, P.O. Box 766, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0766, taxpayer assistance available, phone (308) 635-3435

Appeals Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. 2217, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-3683

Chief Counsel Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. 2201, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-7337

Tax Assistance by Telephone: toll-free phone for recorded federal tax information and automated refund information, (800) 829-4477; refund hotline, (800) 829-1954; toll-free phone for federal tax forms and publications, (800) 829-3676; individual tax help line (800) 829-1040; business/specialty tax help line (800) 829-4933; toll-free phone for federal tax assistance for hearing-impaired taxpayers, (800) 829-4059

Tax Assistance by Computer: website — www.irs.gov

The Internal Revenue Service is the nation's tax collection agency and administers the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress. The IRS has four major operating divisions:

- Wage and Investment, which serves approximately 116 million taxpayers who file individual and joint tax returns
- Small Business and Self-Employed, which serves approximately 45 million small businesses and self-employed taxpayers
- Large and Mid-Size Business, which serves corporations with assets of more than \$10 million
- Tax-Exempt and Government Entities, which serves tax-exempt organizations such as nonprofit charities and government entities and businesses offering employee benefit plans

Other divisions include criminal investigation, appeals, chief counsel and communications and liaison.

The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 expanded taxpayers' rights and established the Taxpayer Advocate Service as an independent voice inside the agency on the taxpayer's behalf. The service assists taxpayers with problems that have not been resolved through normal channels and taxpayers who have suffered or are about to suffer significant hardships. This toll-free service is available by calling 877-777-4778 or contacting the Local Taxpayer Advocate office at (402) 221-4181.

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates benefit programs for veterans and their families. Benefits include compensation payments for disabilities or death related to military service; pensions; education and rehabilitation; home loan guaranty; burial; and a medical care program incorporating nursing homes, clinics and medical centers.

Veterans Benefits Administration

Nebraska Regional Office: 3800 Village Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516, phone (402) 420-4021, toll-free phone (800) 827-1000, website — www.vets.state.ne.us

Director: Kerrie Witty

The Veterans Benefits Administration conducts an integrated program of veterans' benefits, including death and disability compensation and pension; special equipment, housing, and other items for disabled veterans; educational assistance; vocational rehabilitation; housing loan guaranty services; and life insurance. The administration provides information, advice and help to veterans, their dependents, beneficiaries, representatives and others applying for VA benefits. It also cooperates with other federal, state and

local agencies in developing employment opportunities for veterans and referral for assistance in resolving socioeconomic, housing and other problems. VBA also provides information regarding veterans' benefits to branches of the armed forces. Programs are provided through VA regional offices, medical centers, visits to communities and a special toll-free telephone service, 800-827-1000.

National Cemetery Administration

Omaha National Cemetery: 14250 Schram Road, Omaha, NE 68138, phone (402) 253-3949, fax (402) 253-8357, email — greta.hamilton@va.gov, website — www.cem.va.gov

Director: Greta L. Hamilton

There are 150 national cemeteries and 34 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 42 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict are buried in VA national cemeteries. The VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve and maintain 117 cemeteries in 48 states and territories, including tribal trust lands, Guam and Saipan.

For veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service.

The National Cemetery Administration operates two cemeteries in Nebraska: Omaha National Cemetery and Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Established in 1873, Fort McPherson is the site of historical burials of cavalry and American Indians from the Indian Wars, as well as veterans from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. The cemetery has more than 9,000 burials and is the final resting place of four Medal of Honor recipients. The cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 5, 2012.

The National Cemetery Administration also operates a soldiers' lot at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha.

Veterans Health Administration

The Veterans Health Administration provides hospital care, nursing home care, domiciliary care, and outpatient medical and dental care to eligible veterans of military service. The administration operates medical centers, domiciliaries, outpatient clinics, nursing home care units and Vietnam Veteran Outreach Centers.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Central Plains Health Network Office (Veterans Integrated Service Network 23): 600 S. 70th St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 484-3200, website — www.va.gov

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Director: Eileen Kingston
Chief of Staff: David Williams

In 2002, the Department of Veterans Affairs merged two networks that provided healthcare services. The new Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 is stationed in Minneapolis with a satellite office located in Lincoln. VISN 23 serves Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and portions of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming. The Lincoln Regional Office serves approximately 162,800 veterans in

Nebraska.

The Nebraska panhandle, along with Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, belongs to VISN 19.

The three VA facilities in Nebraska, located in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, were integrated in November 1999 to become the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System. Each of these facilities provides a unique array of healthcare services.

Omaha Division: 4101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, NE 68105, phone (402) 346-8800

As an acute, highly affiliated, tertiary care facility, the Omaha division provides inpatient medical, surgical and psychiatric care in addition to its ambulatory care services. The Omaha VA is the home of a major clinical research program.

Lincoln Division: 600 S. 70th St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 489-3802

The Lincoln VA is an outpatient, primary care facility.

Grand Island Division: 2201 N. Broadwell Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 382-3660

The Grand Island VA focuses on ambulatory and extended care including geriatric and rehabilitation services.

Community-Based Outpatient Facilities: These facilities, located in Alliance, Bellevue, Holdrege, Grand Island, Gering, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Rushville and Sidney, provide closer access to primary care. VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is researching additional sites for community-based outpatient care.

Lincoln Vet Center — Outreach: 211 S. 84th St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 476-9736

Team Leader: Leroy Schoen

Omaha Vet Center — Outreach: 2047 S. 72nd St., Omaha, NE 68124, phone (402) 346-6735

Team Leader: Norman A. McCormack

Vet Centers offer counseling and support groups; individual, marital and family therapy; employment education; assistance with VA benefits; screening and referral to inpatient care for alcohol or drug abuse and psychiatric care; and counseling for sexual trauma in the military. Veterans of the Vietnam era and conflict zone veterans of World War II, Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf and Somalia are eligible to use Vet Center services free of charge. Families of these veterans also are eligible.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Corporation for National and Community Service

Lincoln Office: 256 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5474, email — ne@cns.gov, website — www.nationalservice.gov

State Director: Julie Nash

The Corporation for National and Community Service engages more than 5 million Americans in community-based service through six focus areas: economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, disaster services, healthy futures and veterans and

military families. The corporation carries out its mission through two major programs, Senior Corps and AmeriCorps.

As the nation's largest grantmaker for service and volunteering, CNCS plays a critical role in strengthening America's nonprofit sector and addressing our nation's challenges through service.

CNCS provides federal funding for the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. The corporation's state office is responsible for the promotion of national service and supporting the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and Senior Corps programs (Foster Grandparent, RSVP and Senior Companion) in Nebraska.

Environmental Protection Agency

Nebraska Office: 289 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5080, toll-free action line (Kansas City, Kan., office) (800) 223-0425

Project Officer: Dick Wiechman

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment — air, water and land — on which life depends. The agency's purpose is to ensure that federal laws protecting human health and the environment are enforced fairly and effectively.

The EPA office in Lincoln provides technical assistance and oversight to the Nebraska pesticide program. The Lincoln office also provides assistance to American Indian tribes in the state. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture enforces and implements the Nebraska Pesticide Act.¹⁷ The EPA Region 7 office in Kansas City, Kan., is responsible for other EPA programs affecting Nebraska, including hazardous waste, air, water, radiation and toxic substance programs.

Farm Credit Administration

The Farm Credit Administration is responsible for ensuring the safe and sound operation of the banks, associations, affiliated service organizations and other entities that collectively comprise the Farm Credit System, and for protecting the interests of the public and those who borrow from Farm Credit institutions or invest in Farm Credit securities.

The administration carries out its responsibilities by conducting examinations of the various Farm Credit lending institutions, which are Farm Credit Banks, the Bank for Cooperatives, the Agricultural Credit Bank, Federal Land Bank Associations, Production Credit Associations, Agricultural Credit Associations and Federal Land Credit Associations. It also examines the service organizations owned by the Farm Credit lending institutions, as well as the National Consumer Cooperative Bank and its subsidiaries.

The lending institutions of the Farm Credit System were established to provide credit and closely related services to farmers, ranchers and producers or harvesters of aquatic products; persons engaged in providing on-the-farm services; rural homeowners;

¹⁷For more information about the Nebraska pesticide program, see Page 451.

and associations of farmers, ranchers and producers or harvesters of aquatic products. Initially capitalized by the U.S. government, the Farm Credit lending institutions are organized as cooperatives and are completely owned by their borrowers. The loan funds provided to borrowers by these institutions are obtained primarily through the sale of securities to investors in the nation's capital markets.

Farm Credit Services of America

Omaha Office: 5015 S. 118th St., Omaha, NE 68137, toll-free phone (800) 884-3276, fax (402) 348-3324, website — www.fcsamerica.com

President: Mark Jensen

Farm Credit Services of America is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide agricultural banking network that provides credit and affiliated services to farm and ranch operators across the United States.

Farm Credit Services of America is owned by its more than 50,000 stockholders/customers and is governed by a 15-member board of directors. The customer-owners of the association elect 12 directors and three directors are appointed by the board. The association operates on a cooperative basis. All Farm Credit Services of America customers own stock in the association.

Unlike commercial banks, Farm Credit institutions do not take deposits. Instead, money is raised by selling system-wide bonds on Wall Street. The proceeds are then channeled through Farm Credit banks and associations to agricultural producers and cooperatives. Because of the market acceptance of Farm Credit securities and the volume of funds raised, Farm Credit Services of America is able to offer competitive interest rates and unlimited amounts of capital to the agricultural sector.

Farm Credit Services of America has a network of 42 retail offices within Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, with its corporate headquarters located in Omaha.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Omaha Field Office: 450 Regency Parkway, Ste. 310, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 397-0142, website — www.fdic.gov

Field Supervisor: Todd Eich

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation works to promote and preserve public confidence in U.S. financial institutions by:

- insuring bank and thrift deposits up to the legal limit
- periodically examining about 5,300 state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System for safety and soundness as well as compliance with consumer protection laws
- managing receiverships

Federal Reserve System

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha Branch: 2201 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-5500, toll-free phone (800) 333-1040, website —

www.kansascityfed.org

Vice President and Branch Executive: Nathan Kauffman

The Federal Reserve System, the central bank of the United States, is charged with administering and making policy for the nation's credit and monetary affairs. Through its supervisory and regulatory banking functions, the Federal Reserve ensures the banking industry remains in sound condition, capable of responding to the nation's domestic and international financial needs and objectives.

The system's major responsibility is executing monetary policy. It also performs other functions, such as maintaining the stability of the financial system, handling government deposits and debt issues, supervising and regulating banks and acting as lender of last resort.

The system consists of three key entities: the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. is the governing body; the 12 Federal Reserve banks and their 24 branches are the operating arms; and the Federal Open Market Committee sets national monetary policy. The Omaha branch has responsibility for the state of Nebraska and is a part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

General Services Administration

The General Services Administration establishes policy for and provides management of government property and records, including construction and operation of buildings; procurement and distribution of supplies; utilization and disposal of real and personal property; transportation, traffic and communications management; and management of the government-wide automatic data processing resource program. Its functions are carried out at three levels of organization: the central office, regional offices and field activities.

Public Buildings Service

Nebraska Property Management Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. C31, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-4725, website — www.gsa.gov

Director: Jeff L. Warinski, email — jeff.warinski@gsa.gov

Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Ste. C31, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4716

Omaha Property Manager: Tim Ronan, email — tim.ronan@gsa.gov

Edward Zorinsky Federal Building, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Room 190, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4720

Omaha Property Manager: Terry Morgan, email — terry.morgan@gsa.gov

Lincoln Building Property Management Office: Denney Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 156, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5430

Property Manager: James Small, email — james.small@gsa.gov

Property Manager: Steven Hicks, email — steven.hicks@gsa.gov

North Platte Building Property Management Office: Federal Building, 300 E.

3rd St., Room 304, North Platte, NE 69103, phone (308) 532-8550

Property Manager: Joe Wiezorek, email — joe.wiezorek@gsa.gov

The General Services Administration - Public Buildings Service provides space and related services for other federal agencies and the federal courts. Services include real estate brokerage, property management, construction and repairs, security services, property disposal and overall portfolio management. The service is responsible for more than 370 million square feet of federally owned and leased space and preserves more than 481 historic properties across the United States.

The Nebraska Property Management Center in Omaha manages the daily operations of four federally owned buildings and 72 leased properties throughout Nebraska and Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The leased property space provides more than 1.6 million rentable square feet supporting 2,503 tenants in 34 agencies with annual rent of \$34.1 million. The Lincoln and North Platte Building Property Management offices are under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Property Management Center.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Regional State Liaison: 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011-4511, website — www.nrc.gov

Regional State Liaison Officer: William A. Maier

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulates the use of nuclear materials in the United States to protect public health and safety, the environment, and defense and security. The NRC is not connected with nuclear weapons.

The NRC reviews and issues licenses for the construction and operation of commercial nuclear power plants, research reactors and other nuclear fuel facilities. It licenses the possession and use of nuclear materials for medical, industrial, educational and research purposes. Nebraska is one of 38 states that belong to the Agreement States Program, under which the NRC gives states authority to license and regulate commercial nuclear materials. The NRC also licenses the import and export of nuclear facilities, equipment and materials.

The NRC conducts inspections and investigations to assure that nuclear plant activities are in compliance with the terms of the license and the agency's other regulations and requirements. The commission has approximately 3,200 employees and an annual budget of about \$937 million. The NRC is primarily supported by fees collected from its licensees.

A major share of the NRC's work is regulating the use of nuclear energy to generate electric power. The NRC regulates Nebraska's two commercial nuclear power plants — the Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville and the permanently shut down Fort Calhoun Station near Fort Calhoun. The Nebraska Public Power District operates the Cooper plant, and the Omaha Public Power District maintains the Fort Calhoun plant.

U.S. Postal Service

Central Area District: P.O. Box 249500, Omaha, NE 68124-9500

District Manager: Lisse Garrett

Postal Inspection Service: 10707 Pacific St., Ste. 100, P.O. Box 249550, Omaha, NE 68124-9550

Omaha Post Office: 1124 Pacific St., P.O. Box 249998, Omaha, NE 68108, toll-free phone (800) 275-8777

Postmaster: Keith J. Reid

Lincoln Post Office: 700 R St., Lincoln, NE 68501-9998, phone (402) 458-1844

Postmaster: Kerry Kowalski

The U.S. Postal Service provides mail processing and delivery services to individuals and businesses within the United States. The service develops mail-handling systems and operates its own planning and engineering programs. The protection of the U.S. mail and the mail system is the responsibility of the Postal Inspection Service. As the law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service, the Inspection Service is the country's oldest federal law enforcement agency and has jurisdiction in all criminal matters infringing on the integrity and security of the mail, and the safety of all postal valuables, property and personnel. Postal inspectors investigate violations of all postal laws and other related criminal violations. Included are investigations of mail fraud, the illegal transmission of controlled substances through the U.S. mail, the mailing of child pornography, thefts of mail or other postal valuables, assaults on postal employees, bombs sent through the mail and other unauthorized mail matter, including poison and harmful or prohibited articles.

The Central Area District is responsible for post offices in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. The district serves more than 2 million people. The Nebraska post offices are under the jurisdiction of the district manager.

Nebraska Zip Codes, 2023*

City	Zip Code	City	Zip Code
Abie	68001	Bloomfield.....	68718
Adams	68301	Bloomington	68929
Agnew	68428	Blue Hill.....	68930
Ainsworth.....	69210	Blue Springs	68318
Albion	68620	Boelus.....	68820
Alda	68810	Boone.....	68620
Alexandria.....	68303	Boys Town.....	68010
Allen	68710	Bradshaw	68319
Alliance	69301	Brady	69123
Alma	68920	Brainard	68626
Almeria.....	68879	Brewster.....	68821
Alvo	68304	Bridgeport	69336
Amelia	68711	Bristow	68719
Ames	68621	Broadwater.....	69125
Amherst.....	68812	Brock	68320
Angora	69331	Broken Bow	68822
Anoka	68722	Brownlee.....	69166
Anselmo.....	68813	Brownville.....	68321
Ansley.....	68814	Brule	69127
Arapahoe.....	68922	Bruning.....	68322
Arcadia	68815	Bruno	68014
Archer	68816	Brunswick.....	68720
Arlington	68002	Burchard	68323
Arnold	69120	Burr	68324
Arthur	69121	Burwell	68823
Ashby	69333	Bushnell.....	69128
Ashland	68003	Butte	68722
Ashton	68817	Byron.....	68325
Atkinson	68713	Cairo	68824
Atlanta.....	68923	Callaway	68825
Auburn.....	68305	Cambridge.....	69022
Aurora	68818	Campbell.....	68932
Avoca	68307	Carleton.....	68326
Axtell	68924	Carroll.....	68723
Ayr	68925	Cedar Bluffs	68015
Bancroft.....	68004	Cedar Creek.....	68016
Barneston	68309	Cedar Rapids.....	68627
Bartlett	68622	Center.....	68724
Bartley.....	69020	Central City.....	68826
Bassett.....	68714	Ceresco	68017
Battle Creek.....	68715	Chadron	69337
Bayard	69334	Chambers.....	68725
Bazile Mills	68729	Champion	69023
Beatrice	68310	Chapman.....	68827
Beaver City.....	68926	Chappell.....	69129
Beaver Crossing.....	68313	Chester.....	68327
Bec	68314	Clarks	68628
Beemer.....	68716	Clarkson.....	68629
Belden	68717	Clatonia.....	68328
Belgrade.....	68623	Clay Center.....	68933
Bellevue.....	68005	Clearwater.....	68726
	68123	Cody	69211
	68147	Coleridge.....	68727
Bellwood.....	68624	Colon.....	68018
Belvidere.....	68315	Columbus	68601-
Benedict.....	68316		02
Benkelman.....	69021	Comstock	68828
Bennet.....	68317	Concord.....	68728
Bennington.....	68007	Cook	68329
Bertrand.....	68927	Cordova	68330
Berwyn.....	68814	Cornlea.....	68642
Big Springs	69122	Cortland.....	68331
Bingham.....	69335	Cotesfield.....	68835
Bladen	68928	Cowles.....	68930
Blair	68008-	Cozad	69130
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* Source: U.S. Postal Service.

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City	Zip Code	City	Zip Code
Crab Orchard.....	68332	Filly.....	68357
Craig.....	68019	Firth.....	68358
Crawford.....	69339	Fordyce.....	68736
Creighton.....	68729	Fort Calhoun.....	68023
Creston.....	68631	Foster (Osmond).....	68765
Crete.....	68333	Franklin.....	68939
Crofton.....	68730	Fremont.....	68025-
Crookston.....	69212		26
Culbertson.....	69024	Friend.....	68359
Curtis.....	69025	Fullerton.....	68638
Dakota City.....	68731	Funk.....	68940
Dalton.....	69131	Garland.....	68360
Danbury.....	69026	Garrison.....	68632
Dannebrog.....	68831	Geneva.....	68361
Davenport.....	68335	Genoa.....	68640
Davey.....	68336	Gering.....	69341
David City.....	68632	Gibbon.....	68840
Dawson.....	68337	Gilead.....	68362
Daykin.....	68338	Giltner.....	68841
Decatur.....	68020	Gladstone.....	68352
Denton.....	68339	Glenvil.....	68941
Deshler.....	68340	Goechner.....	68364
Deweese.....	68934	Gordon.....	69343
DeWitt.....	68341	Gothenburg.....	69138
Dickens.....	69132	Grafton.....	68365
Diller.....	68342	Grand Island.....	68801-
Dix.....	69133		03
Dixon.....	68732	Grant.....	69140
Dodge.....	68633	Greeley.....	68842
Doniphan.....	68832	Greenwood.....	68366
Dorchester.....	68343	Gresham.....	68367
Douglas.....	68344	Gretna.....	68028
DuBois.....	68345	Guide Rock.....	68942
Dunbar.....	68346	Gurley.....	69141
Duncan.....	68634	Hadar.....	68738
Dunning.....	68833	Haigler.....	69030
Dwight.....	68635	Hallam.....	68368
Eagle.....	68347	Halsey.....	69142
Eddyville.....	68834	Hamlet.....	69040
Edgar.....	68935	Hampton.....	68843
Edison.....	68936	Hardy.....	68943
Elba.....	68835	Harrisburg.....	69345
Elgin.....	68636	Harrison.....	69346
Elk Creek.....	68348	Hartington.....	68739
Elkhorn.....	68022	Harvard.....	68944
Ellsworth.....	69340	Hastings.....	68901-
Elm Creek.....	68836		02
Elmwood.....	68349	Hay Springs.....	69347
Elsie.....	69134	Hayes Center.....	69032
Elsmere.....	69135	Hazard.....	68844
Elwood.....	68937	Heartwell.....	68945
Elyria.....	68837	Hebron.....	68370
Emerson.....	68733	Hemingford.....	69348
Emmet.....	68734	Henderson.....	68371
Enders.....	69027	Hendley.....	68946
Endicott.....	68350	Henry.....	69358
Ericson.....	68637	Herman.....	68029
Eustis.....	69028	Hershey.....	69143
Ewing.....	68735	Hickman.....	68372
Exeter.....	68351	Hildreth.....	68947
Fairbury.....	68352	Holbrook.....	68948
Fairfield.....	68938	Holdrege.....	68949
Fairmont.....	68354	Holland.....	68372
Falls City.....	68355	Holmesville.....	68310
Farnam.....	69029	Holstein.....	68950
Farwell.....	68838	Homer.....	68030

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Hooper.....	68031	Long Pine.....	69217
Hordville.....	68846	Loomis.....	68958
Hoskins.....	68740	Lorton.....	68382
Howells.....	68641	Louisville.....	68037
Hubbard.....	68741	Loup City.....	68853
Hubbell.....	68375	Lyman.....	69352
Humboldt.....	68376	Lynch.....	68746
Humphrey.....	68642	Lyons.....	68038
Huntley.....	68971	Macy.....	68039
Hyannis.....	69350	Madison.....	68748
Imperial.....	69033	Madrid.....	69150
Inavale.....	68952	Magnet.....	68749
Indianola.....	69034	Malcolm.....	68402
Inglewood.....	68025	Malmo.....	68040
Inland.....	68954	Manley.....	68403
Inman.....	68742	Marquette.....	68854
Ithaca.....	68033	Marsland.....	69354
Jackson.....	68743	Martell.....	68404
Jansen.....	68377	Maskell.....	68751
Johnson Lake.....	68937	Mason City.....	68855
Johnson.....	68378	Max.....	69037
Johnstown.....	69214	Maxwell.....	69151
Julian.....	68379	Maywood.....	69038
Juniata.....	68955	McCook.....	69001
Kearney.....	68845	McCool Junction.....	68401
	68847-	McGrew.....	69353
	49	McLean.....	68747
Kenasaw.....	68956	Mead.....	68041
Kennard.....	68034	Meadow Grove.....	68752
Keystone.....	69144	Melbeta.....	69355
Kilgore.....	69216	Memphis.....	68042
Kimball.....	69145	Merna.....	68856
La Vista.....	68128	Merriman.....	69218
Lakeside.....	69351	Milburn.....	68813
Lamar.....	69023	Milford.....	68405
Laurel.....	68745	Millard.....	68144-
Lawrence.....	68957		45
Lebanon.....	69036	Miller.....	68858
Leigh.....	68643	Milligan.....	68406
Lemoyne.....	69146	Mills.....	68753
Leshara.....	68064	Minatare.....	69356
Lewellen.....	69147	Minden.....	68959
Lewiston.....	68380	Mitchell.....	69357
Lexington.....	68850	Monowi.....	68746
Liberty.....	68381	Monroe.....	68647
Lincoln.....	68501-	Moorefield.....	69039
	10	Morrill.....	69358
	68512	Morse Bluff.....	68648
	68514	Mullen.....	69152
	68516-	Murdock.....	68407
	17	Murray.....	68409
	68520-	Naper.....	68755
	24	Naponee.....	68960
	68526-	Nebraska City.....	68410
	29	Nehawka.....	68413
	68531-	Neligh.....	68756
	32	Nelson.....	68961
	68542	Nemaha.....	68414
	68544	Nenzel.....	69219
	68583	Newcastle.....	68757
	68588	Newman Grove.....	68758
Lindsay.....	68644	Newport.....	68759
Linwood.....	68036	Nickerson.....	68044
Lisco.....	69148	Niobrara.....	68760
Litchfield.....	68852	Nora.....	68961
Lodgepole.....	69149	Norfolk.....	68701-
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Norman	68959	Petersburg.....	68652
North Bend.....	68649	Phillips	68865
North Loup.....	68859	Pickrell	68422
North Platte	69101	Pierce.....	68767
	69103	Pilger	68768
Oak.....	68964	Plainview.....	68769
Oakdale.....	68761	Platte Center	68653
Oakland	68045	Plattsmouth.....	68048
Obert.....	68757	Pleasant Dale.....	68423
Oconto.....	68860	Pleasanton.....	68866
Octavia.....	68632	Plymouth	68424
Odell.....	68415	Polk.....	68654
Odessa.....	68861	Ponca.....	68770
Offutt Air Force Base.....	68113	Potter.....	69156
Ogallala.....	69153	Prague.....	68050
Ohioa.....	68416	Primrose.....	68655
Omaha	68101-	Prosser	68883
	12	Purdum.....	69157
	68114	Ragan.....	68969
	68116-	Ralston	68127-
	20		28
	68122	Randolph	68771
	68124	Ravenna	68869
	68127	Raymond.....	68428
	68130-	Red Cloud.....	68970
	32	Republican City	68971
	68134-	Reynolds	68429
	39	Richfield.....	68059
	68142	Richland.....	68601
	68144-	Rising City.....	68658
	45	Riverdale	68870
	68152	Riverton.....	68972
	68154-	Roca.....	68430
	55	Rockville	68871
	68157	Rogers	68659
	68164	Rosalie	68055
	68172	Rose.....	68714
	68175-	Roseland	68973
	76	Rosemont	68930
	68178-	Royal.....	68773
	83	Rulo.....	68431
	68197-	Rushville.....	69360
	98	Ruskin	68974
O'Neill	68763	St. Columbans.....	68056
Ong.....	68452	St. Edward.....	68660
Orchard.....	68764	St. Helena.....	68774
Ord.....	68862	St. Libory.....	68872
Orleans.....	68966	St. Mary.....	68443
Osceola.....	68651	St. Paul	68873
Oshkosh.....	69154	Salem.....	68433
Osmond.....	68765	Sargent.....	68874
Otoe	68417	Saronville.....	68975
Overton	68863	Schuyler.....	68661
Oxford.....	68967	Scotia.....	68875
Page.....	68766	Scottsbluff.....	69361
Palisade	69040		69363
Palmer.....	68864	Scribner.....	68057
Palmyra.....	68418	Seneca.....	69161
Panama.....	68419	Seward.....	68434
Papillion.....	68046	Shelby.....	68662
	68133	Shelton.....	68876
Parks.....	69041	Shickley	68436
Pawnee City.....	68420	Sholes.....	68771
Paxton.....	69155	Shubert.....	68437
Pender.....	68047	Sidney.....	69160
Peru	68421		69162

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Silver Creek	68663	Utica	68456
Smithfield	68976	Valentine	69201
Snyder	68664	Valley	68064
South Bend	68058	Valparaiso	68065
South Sioux City	68776	Venango	69168
Spalding	68665	Verdel	68760
Sparks	69220	Verdigre	68783
Spencer	68777	Verdon	68457
Sprague	68438	Virginia	68458
Springfield	68059	Waco	68460
Springview	68778	Wahoo	68066
Stamford	68977	Wakefield	68784
Stanton	68779	Wallace	69169
Staplehurst	68439	Walthill	68067
Stapleton	69163	Walton	68461
Steele City	68440	Washington	68068
Steinauer	68441	Waterbury	68785
Stella	68442	Waterloo	68069
Sterling	68443	Wauneta	69045
Stockville	69042	Wausa	68786
Strang	68444	Waverly	68462
Stratton	69043	Wayne	68787
Stromsburg	68666	Weeping Water	68463
Stuart	68780	Weissert	68814
Sumner	68878	Wellfleet	69170
Superior	68978	West Point	68788
Surprise	68667	Western	68464
Sutherland	69165	Westerville	68881
Sutton	68979	Weston	68070
Swanton	68445	Whiteclay	69365
Syracuse	68446	Whitman	69366
Table Rock	68447	Whitney	69367
Talmage	68448	Wilber	68465
Tarnov	68642	Wilcox	68982
Taylor	68879	Willow Island	69171
Tecumseh	68450	Wilsonville	69046
Tekamah	68061	Winnebago	68071
Theftord	69166	Winnetoon	68789
Thurston	68062	Winside	68790
Tilden	68781	Winslow	68072
Tobias	68453	Wisner	68791
Trenton	69044	Wolbach	68882
Trumbull	68980	Wood Lake	69221
Tryon	69167	Wood River	68883
Uehling	68063	Wymore	68466
Ulysses	68669	Wynot	68792
Unadilla	68454	York	68467
Union	68455	Yutan	68073
Upland	68981		

Railroad Retirement Board

District Office: 1299 Farnam St., Ste. 1200, Omaha, NE 68102-1880, phone (877) 772-5772, email — omaha@rrb.gov, office hours M, T, Th, Fr 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., W 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

District Manager: Donna Baker

The Railroad Retirement Board administers comprehensive retirement-survivor, disability and unemployment-sickness benefit programs for the nation's railroad workers and their families.

Small Business Administration

Nebraska District Office: 10675 Bedford Ave., Ste. 100, Omaha, NE 68134-3613, phone (402) 221-4691, fax (402) 221-3680, website — www.sba.gov

Director: Leon Milobar

SBA/SCORE Business Information Center: 10675 Bedford Ave., Ste. 100, Omaha, NE 68134-3613, phone (402) 221-3606, fax (402) 221-3680, email — score@scoreomaha.org

The purposes of the U.S. Small Business Administration are to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business; ensure that small business concerns receive a fair portion of government purchases, contracts and subcontracts, as well as sales of government property; make loans to small business concerns, state and local development companies, and the victims of floods or other catastrophes, or of certain types of economic injury; and license, regulate and make loans to small business investment companies.

In Nebraska, the SBA offers free counseling, advice and information on starting a business through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Nebraska Business Development Centers located in Omaha, Chadron, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Scottsbluff and Wayne. Advice for women business owners is available through the Rural Enterprise Assistance Project's Women's Business Center.

The SBA connects small businesses with contracting opportunities with the federal government and has special loan programs available for businesses involved in international trade. In addition, a veterans officer is available to counsel entrepreneurs who wish to serve their community in a new way as a small business owner.

Social Security Administration

Grand Island Level 2 District Office: 115 N. Webb Rd., Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (877) 407-3441, website — www.socialsecurity.gov

Norfolk Level 2 District Office: 605 Iron Horse Dr., Ste. 1, Norfolk, NE 68701, phone (855) 207-7082

North Platte Level 1 District Office: 300 E. Third St., Room 204, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (866) 830-0668

Lincoln Level 1 District Office: 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 240, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (866) 593-2880

Omaha Level 1 District Office: Old Mill Centre, 604 N. 109th Ct., Omaha, NE 68154, phone (866) 716-8299

Scottsbluff Level 2 District Office: 415 Valley View Dr., Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone (800) 297-4291

Sioux City (Iowa) Level 1 District Office: 3555 Southern Hills Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106, phone (866) 338-2859 (office serves Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties in Nebraska)

Omaha Office of Hearings and Appeals: 1000 N. 90 St., Ste. 500, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (888) 881-4633

Chief Administrative Law Judge: Chris Yokus

Hearing Office Director: Cory Allan

Billings (Mont.) Office of Hearings Operations: 2900 Fourth Ave. North, Billings, MT 59101, phone (877) 5454-5512

The Social Security Administration manages the nation's social insurance program, consisting of retirement, survivor and disability insurance programs, commonly known as Social Security. The SSA also administers the Supplemental Security Income program for the elderly, blind and disabled. The administration is responsible for studying the problems of poverty and economic insecurity among U.S. citizens and making recommendations for effective methods for solving these problems through social insurance. The administration also assigns Social Security numbers to workers and maintains earnings records for workers under their Social Security numbers.

Nebraska is served by six SSA district offices and two hearing and appeals offices in Omaha and Billings, Mont. Level 1 offices oversee other offices. The North Platte Level 1 office oversees Level 2 offices in Grand Island, Norfolk and Scottsbluff. The Lincoln Level 1 office is a stand-alone Level 1 office. The Omaha Level 1 office oversees a Level 2 office in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Sioux City, Iowa, Level 1 office, which serves Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties in Nebraska, oversees Level 2 offices in Spencer and Carroll, Iowa.