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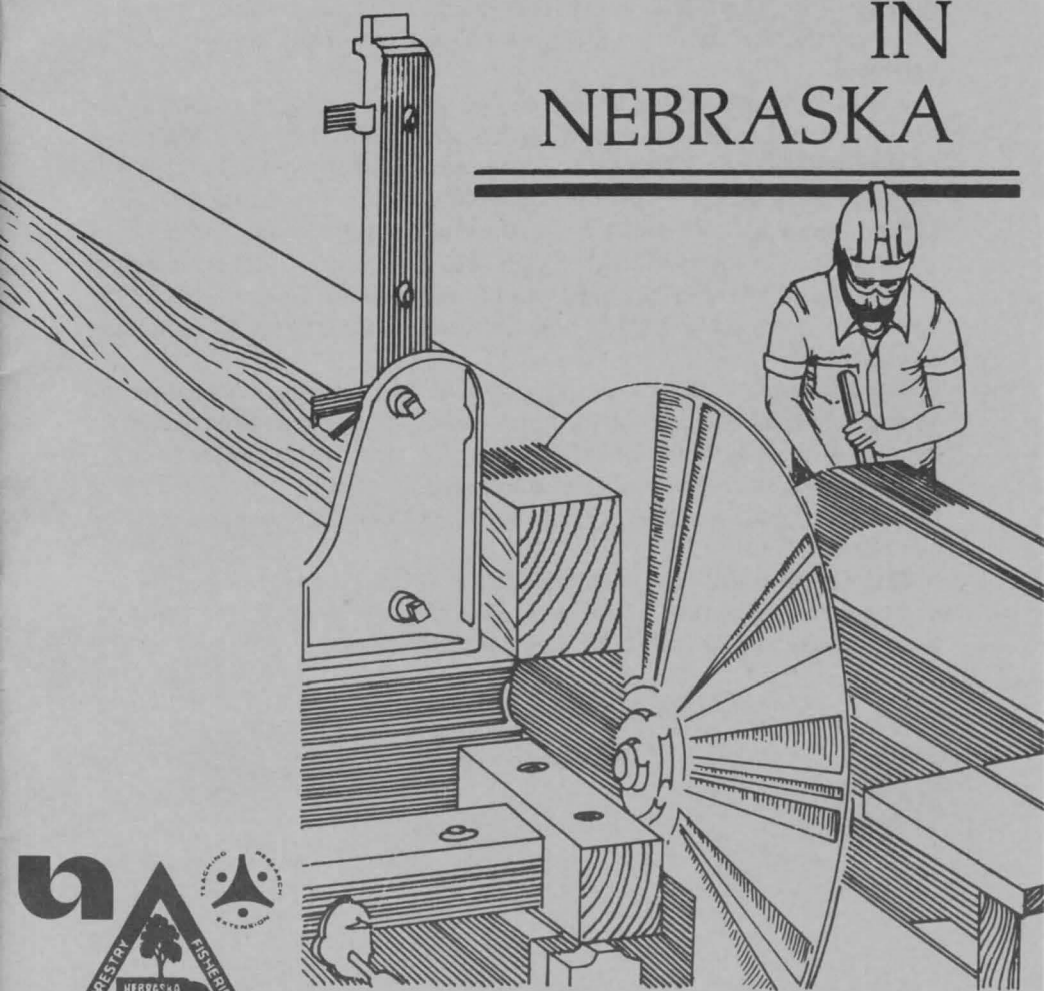
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INTRODUCTION

Nebraska's forests support more than 50 sawmills in the state. Primary processing of forest products provides about 230 man-years of employment. The industry ranges in size from part-time custom sawing to large mill owners with yard, logging crews and affiliated buyers. Most mills are small scale and run as part of a farming operation. Major products produced by the larger mills are pallets, pallet stock, and crating material. These products account for more than 65 percent of the lumber material produced.

The total annual timber harvest in Nebraska is estimated at 28,600,000 board feet (b.f.) Nebraska mills process about 24,900,000 b.f. while out-of-state mills handle 3,700,000 b.f. Of lumber used by Nebraska mills cottonwood accounts for 75 percent, or 19,000,000 b.f. Ponderosa pine comprises 15 percent, 3,500,000 b.f. with the remaining 10 percent consisting of 1,800,000 b.f. of mixed hardwoods, 500,000 b.f. of black walnut, and close to 100,000 b.f. of red cedar. Black walnut accounts for 2,700,000 b.f. of the annual harvest leaving the state with cottonwood making up the remaining 1,000,000 b.f.

Sawmills listed in this directory responded to a survey conducted by the Nebraska Forest Service and a questionnaire by the Extension Forester. Numerous inactive mills, which could not be identified or located, and a few operators who did not desire to be listed, are not included. Omissions are unintentional. Endorsement of individual sawmills is neither intended nor implied.

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County	Name/Address	Products Produced	Species Used	Annual Production (MBF)
Cass	10.Cunningham Log & Lbr Co Loyd Cunningham 58 Hy West Pleasant Hill, MO 64080 816 937-2554 816 537-6255	Pallet lumber Industrial stock	Cottonwood Hardwoods	Over 500
Cherry	11.Niobrara Mill Duane Gudgel 323 E. 3rd St. Valentine, NE 69201 402 376-1482		Oak Ash Elm	
Cumming	12.West Point Sawmill Vernon Miserez R 3, Box 219 West Point, NE 68788 402 372-2617		Ash Cottonwood Maple Black walnut	100
	13.Rabe Sawmill and Supply Dale Rabe RR 2, Box 4 Wisner, NE 68791 402 529-3327		Cottonwood	100
Dakota	14.Meyer, Inc. Leonard Meyer Box 189 So Sioux City, NE 68776 402 494-1200	Pallets Wood Chips & Sawdust Rough lumber	Cottonwood	Over 500
Dixon	15.Schram Lumber Box 171 Ponca, NE 68770 402 755-2777	Pallets Pallet material	Native hardwoods	Over 500
Douglas	16.Phillips Basket Co. 2810 Grebe St. Omaha, NE 68112 402 451-2191	Pallets Veneer mill	Cottonwood	Over 500
Franklin	17.Timber Products Co. Dick Maxwell P.O. Box 212 Franklin, NE 68939 308 425-3121	Lumber Pallets Shavings	Cottonwood Oak	Over 500
Gage	18.Warford Mills Howard Warford 401 N. 4th Wymore, NE 68466 402 645-3396	Cooperage headings Graded dimension lumber Has dehumidifying kiln	Red oak Bur Oak Walnut, Ash Linden Mixed hard- woods	200-500

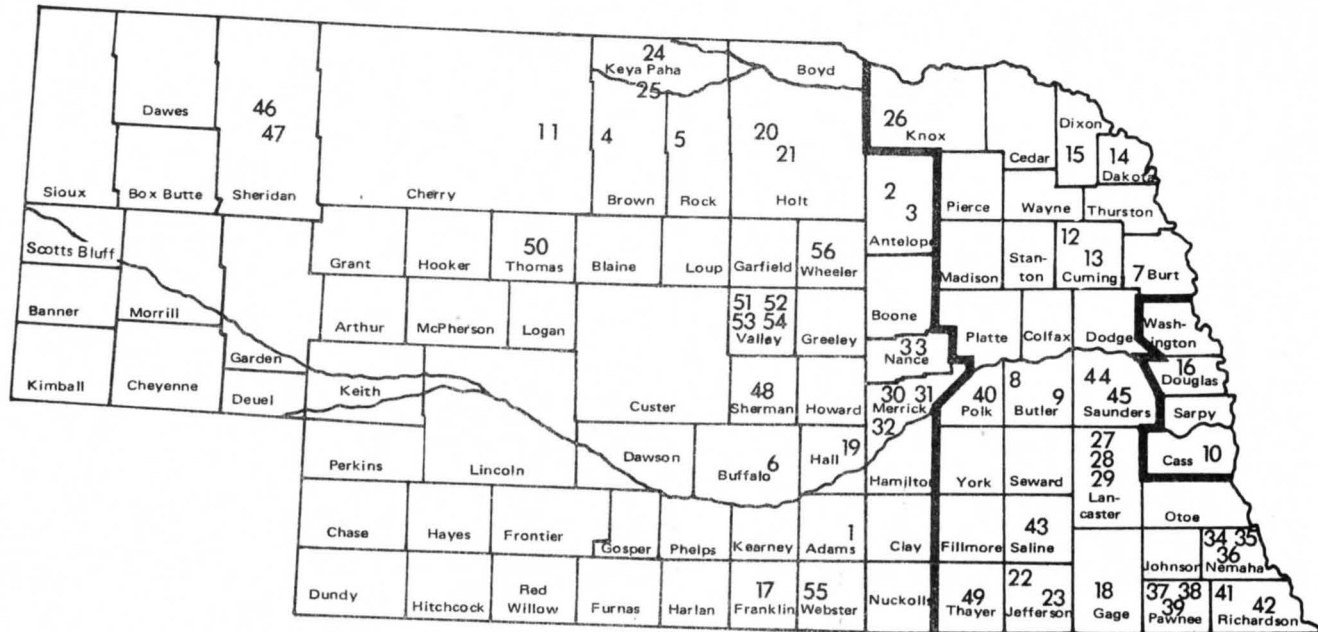
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Hall	19.Senseney Sawmill Wood River, NE 68883 308 583-2480		Ash Walnut Elm	
Holt	20.Mitteis Sawmill Lyle F. Mitteis 5 South 3 West Ewing, NE 68735 402 626-7708		Cottonwood	200-500
	21.Franklin Uhlir Opportunity Star Route O'Neil, NE 68763 402 655-2218		Oak Black walnut Ash Cedar	Less than 100
Jefferson	22.Carl Prellwitz Endicott, NE 68350			
	23.Ronald Weers Diller, NE 68342 402 793-5853	Custom sawing		Less than 100
Keya Paha	24.Leonard Gipson, Jr. Box 66 Springview, NE 68878 402 497-3172	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Ponderosa pine Red cedar	Less than 100
	25.4 Bar 2 Sawmill J. F. Policky RR 2 Ainsworth, NE 69210 402 387-0603	Rough lumber Planed lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Ponderosa pine Red cedar	Less than 100
Knox	26.Glen Ruzicka Rt. 2 Verdigre, NE 68783 402 668-7413		Cottonwood Elm Oak	Less than 100
Lancaster	27.Joe Bowman RFD Bennett, NE 68317 402 782-6900		Walnut Linden Cottonwood	Over 500
	28.Dale Jeffrey Rt. 1, Box 135B Waverly, NE 68462 402 786-2201			Less than 100
	29.Lincoln Logging Co. Wm. Vanlaningham 2201 S. 10th, Apt 302 Lincoln, NE 68502 402 477-7988	Hardwood Firewood Portable mill	Cottonwood Oak Walnut Hackberry Hickory	200

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Merrick	30.J&J Tree Clearing Willis & Mike Jones RR 1 Central City, NE 68826 308 946-3692	Cedar lumber Closet liners Portable mill	Cedar	Less than 100
	31.Red Cedar Products of Nebraska Kenneth McHargue Clarks, NE 68628 308 946-2210	Cedar lumber Decking, fencing shavings, shaving mill also	Cedar	Less than 100
	32.R&L Wood Products Co. Rickard W. Kuna Box 332 Central City, NE 68826 308 946-2006	Pallets Pallet lumber Dimension lumber Custom sawing	Cottonwood	Over 500
Nance	33.Claude Schooler Rt. 1 Fullerton, NE 68638 308 536-2000	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Red cedar	Less than 100
Nemaha	34.Beatty Mill Ralph and Carol Beatty Box 123 Peru, NE 68412 402 872-4395	Pallet stock Rough lumber Custom sawing	Cottonwood Sycamore	Over 500
	35.Peru Bldg & Pallet Supply Peru, NE 68421 402 872-6005	Pallets Rough lumber	Cottonwood	Over 500
	36.Dick Schultz Rt. 1, Box 39 Brock, NE 68320 402 274-5638			
Pawnee	37.Pettinger Sawmill Marvin Pettinger Burchard, NE 68323 402 865-5385	Pallet material Specialties Custom sawing	Cottonwood Oak Walnut	Less than 100
	38.Sitzman Sawmill Robt. Sitzman Table Rock, NE 68447 402 839-2795	Rough lumber Pallet stock Custom lumber	Cottonwood Bur oak Mixed hard- woods	200-500
	39.Table Rock Lumber Co. Box 141 Table Rock, NE 68447 402 839-4895		Walnut, oak Hackberry Ash, maple Cottonwood	200-500

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Polk	40.Cedric Fincey Box 94 Osceola, NE 68651 402 747-6141			Less than 100
Richardson	41.Chester R. Carrithers Rulo, NE 68431 402 245-5089	Custom sawing and milling	Native	Less than 100
	42.John Eis Rt. 3 Humboldt, NE 68376 402 859-4750	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hardwood	Less than 100
Saline	43.Hagemeier Logging Co. Dallas Hagemeier 319 South Shimerda Wilber, NE 68465 402 821-2722	Rough and graded dimension lumber	Walnut Oak Cottonwood	100-200
Saunders	44.I. T. Sawmill Irvin Wooster, Tim Gray Rt. 1, Box 162 Linwood, NE 68036	Rough pallet material Portable mill	Cottonwood Oak	200-500
	45.Joe Vasa RR, Box 167 Weston, NE 68070			
Sheridan	46.Pine Tree Sawmill Pete and Mike Jancik Cravers Route Hay Springs, NE 69347 308 638-8341 Mill 308 638-5437 Res.		Ponderosa pine	Less than 100
	47.Otto Krueger RR Hay Springs, NE 69347 308 638-5412	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods	Less than 100
Sherman	48.Sherman Co. P&B Sawmill Rt. 1 Rockville, NE 68871 Lawrence Burman - 308 372-3239 Bud Pritschau - 308 452-3358	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Red cedar Walnut Bur oak Mixed hard- woods	Less than 200
Thayer	49.Stradley Blacksmith Harry & Carl Stradley Hubbell, NE 68375 402 436-2321 Shop 402 436-2573 Res.	Pallet lumber Dimensions lbr Custom sawing	Cottonwood Oak Mixed hard- woods	Less than 100

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Thomas	50.Halsey Milling Ron Worm, Gilmer Blakely Box 41 Halsey, NE 69142 308 533-2244 308 533-2205	Posts (peeled and treated) Rough lumber	Ponderosa pine	Less than 100
Valley	51.Audrey Carner Arcadia, NE 68815 308 789-4015	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Red Cedar	Less than 100
	52.George Merritt Box 66 Arcadia, NE 68815 308 789-2595	Rough lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Ponderosa pine Red cedar	Less than 100
	53.Dale Philbrick 1004 O Street Ord, NE 68862 308 728-5722	Rough lumber Planed lumber Custom sawing	Mixed hard- woods Ponderosa pine Red cedar Black walnut	Less than 100
	54.Darrell Smith Rt. 1 Comstock, NE 68828 308 628-3402			
Webster	55.Schnases Lumber Mill John Schnase Red Cloud, NE 68970 402 746-2848 Res. 402 746-2820 Bus.	Dimension lumber Custom sawing	Cottonwood	200-500
Wheeler	56.Charles Clark Rt. 1 Bartlett, NE 68622 308 653-3421	Rough lumber	Cottonwood	Less than 100
Madison (Additional)	57.Frank Smith Cottonwood Lumber Prod Rt. No. 2 Norfolk, NE 68701 402 371-0250			

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