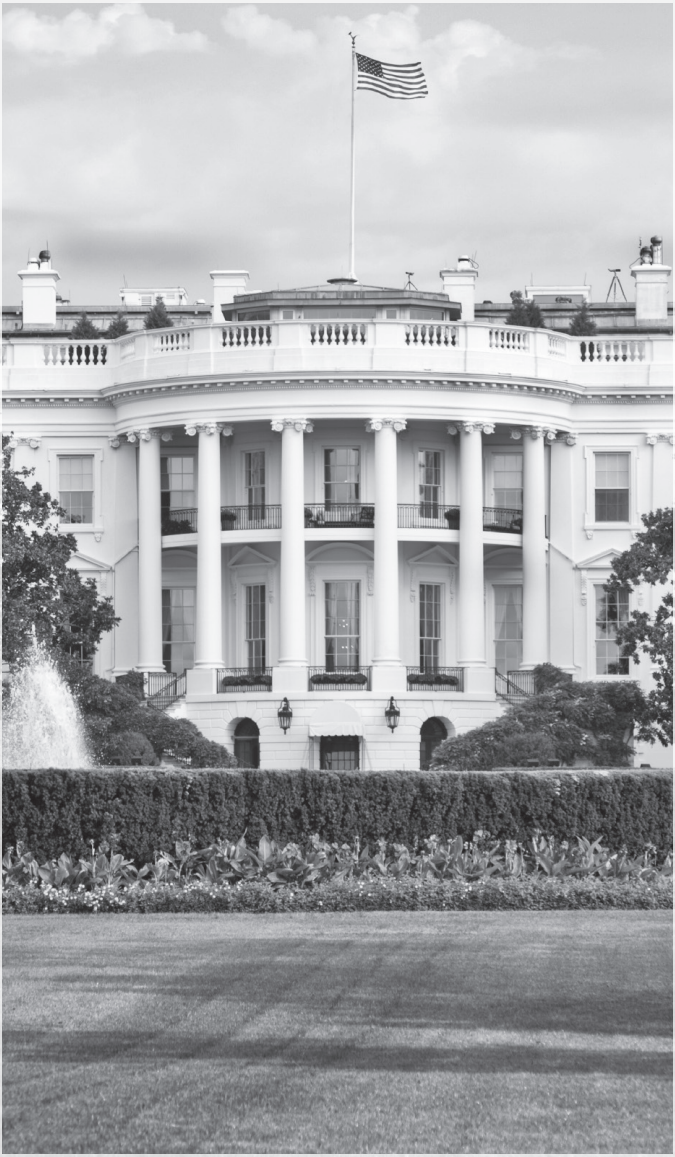

U.S. Executive Branch

U.S. Executive Branch[1]

President and Vice President

White House Office: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500, phone (202) 456-1414

President of the United States: Donald J. Trump

Vice President of the United States: Michael R. Pence

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 2015-16* 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: 276 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5271

Senior Auditor: Anne C. Morrison

Senior Auditor: Keith Arnold

Office of Investigation: 282 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5249

Resident Special Agent: Martin Dahlke

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., P.O. Box 81866, Lincoln, NE 68501, phone (402) 434-2345, fax (402) 434-2330, email address —shayne.p.galford@aphis.usda.gov, website — www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health

State Plant Health Director: Shayne Galford

Plant protection officials are responsible for programs to control or eradicate plant pests and diseases. Agricultural quarantine inspection officials administer federal regula-

tions 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 Office: 5940 S. 58th St., Lincoln, NE 68516, phone (402) 434-2300, email address — vsne@aphis.usda.gov, website — www.aphis.usda.gov

Area Veterinarian in Charge: Dr. Kathleen Jan Akin

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[2]

Nebraska Office: 5940 S. 58th St., P.O. Box 81866, Lincoln, NE 68501-1866, phone (402) 434-2340, fax (402) 434-2339

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.

[2] For more information on Wildlife Services, see Page 463.

Farm Service Agency

Nebraska State Office: 7131 A St., Lincoln, NE 68505-4202, phone (402) 437-5581

State Executive Director: Dan Steinkruger

FSA State Committee: Bill Armbrust, Fred Christensen, Susan Frazier, Leo Hoehn and Linda Kleinschmit

The Farm Service Agency administers farm loans, conservation programs, marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments, as well as other commodity programs including direct and countercyclical payments. FSA also administers emergency programs to address crop disasters and livestock losses. Other programs are administered by the FSA as provided by Congress.[3]

The FSA delivers programs to agricultural producers through 71 offices in Nebraska.[4] 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.

The FSA administers the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance programs as authorized by Congress. These programs provide loss payments when producers suffer serious crop losses, livestock forage losses, livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality and emergency relief for livestock producers.

The FSA also offers eligibility and payment limitation programs. These include Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) criteria that vary by program. AGI and payment limits apply differently for FSA and Natural Resource Conservation Service programs.

The Conservation Reserve Program takes highly erodible land out of crop production and reserves it for growing grasses, trees and forage for 10 to 15 years. In return for participating in the program, the owner receives a rental payment each year.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program became effective January 2003 in 37 counties in southeast and eastern Nebraska. Conservation practices include planting filter strips and riparian buffers to protect streams, lakes and rivers from sedimentation and pollution from agricultural chemicals and to restore wetlands and ground cover to provide habitats for threatened wildlife species. In 2005, a second Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program project was authorized primarily to enroll irrigated land in the Republican and Platte rivers in 22 western Nebraska counties.

The Emergency Conservation Program provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers for the restoration of farmlands where natural disasters have impeded normal farming operations.

The FSA Farm Loan Program offers direct and guaranteed financing for family farmers and beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain affordable commercial credit for farm ownership, improvements and operating purposes. When natural disasters occur, emergency loan authorities are available to help producers who have incurred losses.

Agricultural price support operations, including marketing assistance loans, loan deficiency payments, Farm Storage Facility loans and the purchase and sale of agricul-

[3] More information regarding FSA can be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov

[4] See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 118-119.

tural commodities by the Commodity Credit Corporation are offered by FSA. The FSA also provides rural youth operating loans, which are available to youth ages 10 to 20 to establish and operate income-producing projects.

Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

The mission of Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services is to ensure access to nutritious, healthy diets for all U.S. residents. Through food assistance and nutrition education, FNCS encourages people to make healthful food choices. Rather than just providing food, FNCS works to give people knowledge of the link between diet and health, providing dietary guidance based on research.

Food and Nutrition Service

Mountain Plains Regional Office: 244 Speer Blvd., Suite 903, Denver, CO 80204-3581, phone (312) 353-6664

Regional Administrator: Tim English

The Food and Nutrition Service administers the USDA domestic food assistance programs. These programs, which serve one in four Americans, provide a federal safety net to people in need. The goals of the programs are to provide needy persons with access to a more nutritious diet, improve the eating habits of children and provide America's farmers with an expanded customer base.

The FNS works in partnership with the states 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 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 (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, which provides food benefits through state and local welfare agencies to needy 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 (WIC), which provides food supplements, nutrition education and healthcare referrals 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 an extensive package of foods monthly to low-income pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; their infants and children younger than age 6; and the elderly. The program also provides nutrition education.

• 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 needy 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 have federally supported meal programs

• the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which provides cash and commodities for meals for children in childcare facilities and for functionally impaired adults in nonresidential care facilities

• the Summer Food Service Program for Children, which helps various organizations get meals to needy children 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 and the Trust Territories, 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): 120 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5632

Compliance Investigators: Tamara Dey, Jeffery Griess and Joseph Wolfgram.

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.

Evaluation and Enforcement Division (EED): 120 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5758

Compliance Specialist: Alan D. Shadduck

EED takes the lead in initiating criminal, civil and administrative sanctions for violations of FSIS laws and regulations.

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

Director: John Linville

PDD, formerly known as the technical service center, 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 and Grain Market News Service

Livestock and Seed Division Branch Office: 4009 Sixth Ave., Suite 47, Kearney, NE 68845-2393, phone (308) 390-5399, email address — kearney.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov, website — www.marketnews.usda.gov

Officer in Charge: Tom Walthers

The AMS Livestock 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 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, Iowa and parts of South Dakota and Iowa. The Kearney office supervises the reporting of 10 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 MNCS system and the AMS website.

The news service also 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.

Meat Grading and Certification Branch

Omaha Area Contact: Alan Kohles, 412 S. 127th St., Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 218-6768, email – alan.kohles@ams.usda.gov

Grade standards have been established for nearly 240 agricultural commodities to help buyers and sellers trade on agreed-upon quality levels. Standards are developed with the benefit of views from those in the industries directly affected and others interested. The AMS also participates in developing international standards to facilitate trade.

The Meat Grading and Certification Branch of the Livestock and Seed Division interprets the federal grade and class standards and performs meat grading services

upon the request of federally inspected and recognized nonfederally inspected meat slaughtering and wholesale plants.

Meat grading includes three types of services:

• the meat grading service, which provides quality and yield grading to allow a common language for the industry to market meat carcasses or cuts;

• the certification service, which examines, accepts and certifies fresh-chilled meats, prepared meats and meat food products. The Meat Grading and Certification Branch has an Omaha office that covers Omaha, Dakota City, Gibbon, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Norfolk, Schuyler and West Point;

• the carcass data service, which evaluates carcass characteristics by applicable official U.S. standards. The carcass data service also records and transmits data to the service's applicants. An applicant also can direct the service to send the data elsewhere.

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 System[5]

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 Acting Supervisor: Jim Pitts

Deputy Forest and Grasslands Supervisor: Stephen Lenzo

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: Kris Hill

[5] For more information about national areas in Nebraska administered by the U.S. Forest Service, see page 44.

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 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 Nursey; 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: Clyde Franklin

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 forest supervisor 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 nine learning areas for 16- to 24-year-olds.

National Agroforestry Center

Contact Person: Andy Mason, Center Director, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0822, phone (402) 437-5178, website — www.nac.unl.edu

The USDA National Agroforestry Center is a partnership between the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It conducts research on how to design and install forested buffers to protect water quality and develops and delivers technology on a broad range of agroforestry practices, such as alley cropping, forest farming, riparian forest buffers, silvopasture and windbreaks. Its primary audience is the more than 8,000 natural resource professionals who directly assist landowners and communities throughout the nation. The partnership draws upon Forest Service expertise with forestry and trees and harnesses it to NRCS expertise in agriculture and its technology delivery system to farmers, ranchers and communities. The NAC gathers and packages research conducted by universities and state and federal agencies into technology transfer materials. NAC products include field demonstrations, training workshops, a quarterly newsletter, technology "how to" notes, videos and brochures with coordinating displays.

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

Key issues address by NAC are:

• Carbon — Agroforestry often involves afforestation. Planting linear forests on farms and ranches can store large amounts of carbon due to an extensive agricultural land base.

• Communities — Trees at the community/agriculture interface provide visual screening, abate dust and noise, manage stormwater, modify temperatures and provide greenways and recreational settings.

• Economics — Agroforestry practices such as alley cropping and forest farming diversify production systems and generate additional on-farm income.

• Livestock — Trees shelter livestock from harsh weather and reduce visual and odor problems associated with concentrated feedlots. Agroforestry systems allow for forage production and livestock grazing in the understory of conifer stands that are managed for timber production.

• Snowfences — Trees and shrubs used as living snowfences control drifting snow

along roadways, distribute snowmelt in fields, protect farmsteads and communities and provide wildlife habitat.

• Water — Forested riparian buffers improve water quality by controlling soil and streambank erosion and by reducing the input of agricultural fertilizers, pesticides and animal wastes into waterways.

• Windbreaks — Many field windbreaks have aged and deteriorated. They need to be replanted or rehabilitated in ways that provide for erosion reduction, crop production and wildlife habitat.

Cooperation With the States

State and Private Forestry Programs/Nebraska Forest Service: 103 Entomology Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815, phone (402) 472-2944, email address — sjosiah2@unl.edu

State Forester: Dr. Scott J. Josiah

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 encourages 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 over 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, and 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: 152 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508-3866, phone (402) 437-5300, email address — craig.derickson@ne.usda.gov, website — www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov

State Conservationist: Craig Derickson

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

State Soil Scientist: Neil Dominy

Resource Conservation and Development Offices: Five Rivers RC&D, 140 N. Fourth, Tecumseh, NE 68450, phone (402) 335-3347; Loup Basin RC&D, 801 S St., Suite 2, Ord, NE 68862-1857, phone (308) 728-3393; North Central Nebraska RC&D, East Highway 20, P.O. Box 130, Bassett, NE 68714-0130, phone (402) 684-3346; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, 702 E. Park Ave., Box 67, Plainview, NE 68769-4022, phone (402) 582-4866; Panhandle RC&D, 1517 Broadway, Suite 101, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-3184, phone (308) 632-1311; South Central Nebraska RC&D, 125 W. Plum St., Doniphan, NE 68832-0250, phone (402) 845-6678; Southwest Nebraska RC&D, 611 Paxton, Box 86, Cambridge, NE 69022, phone (308) 697-3477; Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D, 408 N. Oakland Ave., Oakland, NE 68045, phone (402) 685-5175; Trail Blazer RC&D, 437 N. Elm, Red Cloud, NE 68970, phone (402) 746-3560; Great Plains RC&D, 402 Fifth St., David City, NE 68632-1635, phone (402) 367-0510; Prairieland RC&D, 104 E. Sixth St., P.O. Box 350, Madison, NE 68748, phone (402) 454-2026; Sandhills RC&D, 102 S.E. Second St., Mullen, NE 69152, phone (308) 546-0636.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service 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 resource districts, commercial businesses and private groups. NRCS provides service through 77 offices in Nebraska.[6] Programs include:

• Conservation Technical Assistance. This is the foundation program of NRCS. Under this program, NRCS provides technical assistance to land users and units of government for the purpose of sustaining agricultural productivity and protecting and enhancing the natural resource base. This assistance is based on the voluntary cooperation of private landowners and involves comprehensive approaches to reduce soil erosion, improve irrigation water management, improve soil and water quantity and quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture and range condition, reduce upstream flooding and improve woodlands. Every year nationally, more than 1 million land users receive these technical services, which are channeled through nearly 3,000 conservation districts across the United States and its territories. Nebraska's state and field offices provide assistance to individuals, groups, organizations and government units, but much of this help is given through the state's natural resource districts.

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

• the National Cooperative Soil Survey, which provides the public with local information on the uses and capabilities of soils[7]

[6] See the list of USDA service centers on Pages 118-119.

[7] For more information visit websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov

• the Plant Materials Program. At 26 plant materials centers across the country, NRCS tests, selects and ensures the commercial availability of new and improved conservation plants for erosion reduction, wetland restoration, water quality improvement, streambank and riparian area protection, coastal dune stabilization, biomass production, carbon sequestration and other needs.

• River Basin Surveys and Investigations. This program involves river basin surveys and investigations, flood hazard analysis and flood plain management assistance.

• the Small Watersheds Program, which helps local groups plan and install watershed protection projects on private lands

• the Small Watersheds Rehabilitation Program, formed in 2002, to repair, restore or replace older structures, such as dams, built since the 1950s

• the Flood Prevention Program, which applies to 11 flood prevention projects covering about 35 million acres in 11 states, including Nebraska

• the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, which provides emergency help to safeguard lives and property in jeopardy because of sudden watershed impairment by natural disasters; includes flood plain easement for restoration as wetlands

• the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D), which is a locally driven program, gives civic-oriented groups an opportunity to work together by sharing knowledge and resources to solve common problems facing their region. A USDA coordinator helps each designated RC&D council plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation, water management, community development and environmental enhancement.

• the Wetlands Reserve Program. Under this program, USDA purchases easements from agricultural landowners who voluntarily agree to restore and protect wetlands.

• the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program, started in 2004, targets wetland restoration along the Missouri River on the west side.

• the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, intends to protect soil by encouraging landowners to limit conversion of their farmland to nonagricultural uses

• the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which uses two- to 10-year contracts to help producers with environmental and natural resource conservation improvements on their agricultural lands.

• the Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program, which helps owners and managers of private grazing land address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic and social stability of grazing land enterprises and the rural communities that depend on them

• the Conservation Stewardship Program, which provides financial and technical assistance for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil, water and related resources on tribal and private lands. It provides payments for producers who have practiced good stewardship on their agricultural lands and incentives for those who want to do more

• the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, which encourages the creation of wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of national, state, tribal and local significance[8]

[8]For more information visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

• the Agricultural Water Enforcement Program, which promotes ground and surface water conservation and the improvement of water quality on agricultural land

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

Dean and Director: Chuck Hibberd

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 address — 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: 137 Keim Hall, UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583, phone (402) 472-2961, fax (402) 472-1563, email address — bob.graybosch@ars.usda.gov

Research Leader: Robert A. Graybosch

Administrative Officer: Donna A. Martin

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 three research units: Genetics and Breeding; Agroecosystem Management and Grain, Forage and Bioenergy.

Genetics and Breeding Research Unit: A218 Animal Science Complex, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908, phone (402) 472-6406

The Genetics and Breeding Research Unit performs analyses of research data from the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center.

Agroecosystem Management Research Unit: 137 Keim Hall, UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583, phone (402) 472-1484

Research Leader: Dr. Brian Wienhold

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.

Grain, Forage and Bio-Energy Research Unit: 314 Biochemistry Hall, East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0937, phone (402) 472-1564

Research Leader: Dr. Kenneth Vogel

The mission of the Grain, Forage and Bio-Energy 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

Supervisory Research Geneticist: Gary L. Bennett

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. The goal is to develop effective genetic strategies that improve meat quality, animal health and production efficiency.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
NASS, Nebraska Field Office

Nebraska USDA Field Office: 298 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5541, email address — nassrfonpr@nass.usda.gov, website — www.nass.usda.gov

State Director: Dean C. Groskurth

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service[7] 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.[9]

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.

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 address — maxine.moul@ne.usda.gov, website — www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/

State Director: Maxine B. Moul

USDA Rural Development's mission is to committed to helping 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. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. We also provide technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.

USDA Rural Development has a $181.1 billion portfolio of loans and will administer $38 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through our programs in the 2016 fiscal year. Rural development achieves our mission by helping rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain the financial and technical assistance needed to address their diverse and unique needs.

Rural Development provides service through seven USDA offices in Nebraska.[10]

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[9] For charts and tables of Nebraska agricultural statistics, see Pages 466-480.

[10] See the list of USDA offices on Pages 116-117.

Rural Business-Cooperative Programs

Business and Cooperative Programs Director: Joan Scheel (402) 437-5594

Rural Development's Business-Cooperative programs seek to enhance the quality of life for 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 Enterprise 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 Business Opportunity Grants, which provide grants for technical assistance for business development and economic planning in rural areas. Funds may be used to develop project feasibility studies, technical assistance, or for business and economic development, planning and training.

• Rural Economic Development Loans and Grant Program, which provides financing 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.

• Energy 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

Rural Housing Programs Director: Mike Buethe (402) 437-5574

Community Programs Director: Denise Brosius-Meeks (402) 437-5559

Rural Development's Rural Housing programs provide loans and grants to rural residents and communities unable to obtain access to decent, safe and affordable housing. Loans and grants are also available to repair or rehabilitate rural owner-occupied homes of income eligible households. USDA Rural Development provides direct and guaranteed loans and grants to develop community service facilities such as rural hospitals, libraries, fire stations and other essential types of community facilities. Rural

housing programs include:

• Guaranteed Homeownership Loans. USDA Rural Development guarantees loans made by approved lenders to below moderate-income rural residents to purchase or build a single family, rural home. Eligible applicants must have sufficient income and acceptable credit but lack the down payment to secure a loan without assistance.

• Direct Homeownership Loans. Loans are made to below low-income households to purchase or build a home located in a rural area. Applicants must have sufficient income and acceptable credit to be considered for financial assistance under this program.

• Technical Assistance for Self-Help Housing. Grants are provided to public bodies or public or private non-profit corporations to finance technical and supervisory assistance programs for mutual self-help housing development. Applicants must show that self-help housing is needed in the area and that services and equipment to be paid with the grant cannot be financed through other sources.

• Rural Home Repair Loans and Grants. Homeowner-occupants with very-low income may obtain a loan or grant to remove health and safety hazards from a home. Grant recipients must be at least 62 years old and unable to repay a loan. Loan funds can also be used to make general home repairs.

• Rural Housing Site Loans. Loans are available to nonprofit groups to buy sites for the development of housing for very-low/low/moderate-income families.

• Direct and Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans. Direct loans are made to individuals, nonprofits, housing authorities, partnerships, corporations. Guaranteed loans are originated by an approved lender to non-profit corporations, public bodies, and for-profit organizations with USDA Rural Development guaranteeing a portion of the funds. Loans provide for rental or cooperative housing in rural areas available to persons within eligible income limits.

• Direct Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants. These loans and grants enable farm owners, family farm partnerships or corporations, farmers' associations, nonprofit organizations, agencies, or political subdivisions of state or local governments to provide housing and related facilities for farm laborers.

• Housing Preservation Grants. These grants are made to a public body, nonprofit group, or American Indian tribe to develop a program to help homeowners and landlords repair and rehabilitate housing, rental properties or co-ops that are owned or occupied by very-low and low-income households in rural areas.

• Community Facilities Loans and Grants. Direct and guaranteed loans and grants are authorized to nonprofit groups, public entities such as municipalities, counties, nonprofit corporations and special-purpose districts, and Indian tribes for essential community service facilities such as fire and rescue buildings and equipment, streets, utilities, community buildings, libraries and health care clinics.

• Rural Community Development Initiative. This program 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 American Indian tribes that provide financial and technical assistance to multiple recipients.

Rural Utilities Programs

Community Programs Director: Denise Brosius-Meeks (402) 437-5559

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. Funds may be awarded to develop water and wastewater disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage. Nonprofit groups, municipalities, special purpose districts and Native American tribes are eligible for this program.

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

• Technical Assistance and Training Grants. Grants 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. Grants 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.

• Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program. This program 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. 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. 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. Grants assist 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 may also be used for associated engineering and environmental studies.

USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2017*

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present[1]	Address	Phone	Fax
Adams	FSA, NRCS	2727 W. Second St., Hastings, NE 68901	(402) 463-6771	(402) 462-6771
Antelope	FSA, NRCS	1105 S St., Neligh, NE 68756	(402) 887-4176	(402) 887-4804
Boone	FSA, NRCS	2581 Hwy 14, Albion, NE 68620	(402) 395-2621	(402) 395-2318
Box Butte	FSA, NRCS	124 E. 24th St., Alliance, NE 69301	(308) 762-4322	(308) 762-2508
Boyd	FSA	108 W. North St., Spencer, NE 68777	(402) 589-9019	(402) 589-1538
Brown/Keya Paha/Rock	FSA, NRCS, RD	731 E. 4th St., Ainsworth, NE 69210	(402) 387-2242	(402) 387-0968
Buffalo/Sherman	FSA, NRCS, RD	4009 Sixth Ave., Kearney, NE 68845	(308) 237-3118	(308) 236-5624
Burt	FSA, NRCS	539 S. 13th St., Tekamah, NE 68061	(402) 374-1920	(402) 374-1817
Butler	FSA, NRCS	317 E St., David City, NE 68632	(402) 367-3074	(402) 367-3331
Cass	FSA, NRCS	5508 144th St., Weeping Water, NE 68463	(402) 267-2015	(402) 267-7095
Cedar	FSA, NRCS	102 E. Elm, Hartington, NE 68739	(402) 254-6855	(402) 254-6856
Chase	FSA, NRCS	1413 Broadway, Imperial, NE 69033	(308) 882-4263	(308) 882-3919
Cherry/Blaine/Grant/Hooker	FSA, NRCS	518 W. Hwy 20, Valentine, NE 69201	(402) 376-1712	(402) 376-3515
Cheyenne/Deuel	FSA, NRCS	2244 Jackson St., Sidney, NE 69162	(308) 254-4507	(308) 254-0545
Clay	FSA, NRCS	120 W. Fairfield St., Clay Center, NE 68933	(402) 762-3521	(402) 762-3764
Colfax	FSA, NRCS	120 W. 16th St., Ste. B, Schuyler, NE 68661	(402) 352-5200	(402) 352-3302
Cuming	FSA, NRCS	451 E. Deere St., West Point, NE 68788	(402) 372-2451	(402) 372-2074
Custer	FSA, NRCS	137 S. D St., Broken Bow, NE 68822	(308) 872-6877	(308) 872-6502
Dakota	FSA, NRCS	1505 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731	(402) 494-4949	(402) 494-6969
Dawes/Sioux (north)	FSA, NRCS	1020 W. 6th St., Chadron, NE 69337	(308) 432-4616	(308) 432-5117
Dawson	FSA, NRCS	721 E. Pacific, Lexington, NE 68850	(308) 324-6314	(308) 324-7232
Dixon	FSA, NRCS	105 E. 4th St., Ponca, NE 68770	(402) 755-2277	(402) 755-4293
Dodge	FSA, NRCS	2450 Business Park Dr., Fremont, NE 68025	(402) 721-8455	(402) 721-5268
Dundy	FSA	1303 A St., Benkelman, NE 69021	(308) 423-2402	(308) 423-2407
Fillmore	FSA, NRCS	118 S. 12th St., Geneva, NE 68361	(402) 759-4463	(402) 759-4511
Franklin	FSA, NRCS	805 16th Ave., Franklin, NE 68939	(308) 425-6276	(308) 425-3210
Frontier	FSA, NRCS	106 E. First St., Curtis, NE 69025	(308) 367-4130	(308) 367-4133
Furnas	FSA, NRCS	411 9th St., Beaver City, NE 68926	(308) 268-3055	(308) 268-3700
Gage	FSA, NRCS	2920 East Court, Beatrice, NE 68310	(402) 223-3125	(402) 223-4585
Garden	FSA, NRCS	125 Main St., Oshkosh, NE 69154	(308) 772-3953	(308) 772-3759
Garfield/Loup	FSA	415 Grand Ave., Burwell, NE 68823	(308) 346-4399	(308) 346-4058
Gosper	FSA, NRCS	309 S. Smith Ave., Elwood, NE 68937	(308) 785-3307	(308) 785-3310
Greeley	FSA	103 W. OConnor Ave., Greeley, NE 68842	(308) 428-3525	(308) 428-4225
Hall	FSA, NRCS	2550 N. Diers, Grand Island, NE 68803	(308) 395-8586	(308) 382-3688
Hamilton	FSA, NRCS	1527 Third Ave., Aurora, NE 68818	(402) 694-6163	(402) 694-3403
Harlan	FSA, NRCS	707 N. Kennedy, Alma, NE 68920	(308) 928-2089	(308) 928-2609
Hayes	FSA, NRCS	317 Tate St., Hayes Center, NE 69032	(308) 286-3297	(308) 286-3635
Hitchock	FSA	36465 Hwy 34, Trenton, NE 69044	(308) 334-5292	(308) 334-5601

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

USDA Service Centers in Nebraska, 2017 (Cont'd.)

Office Location (County)	Agencies Present[1]	Address	Phone	Fax
Holt	FSA, NRCS	107 E. Hwy 20, O'Neill, NE 68763	(402) 336-3796	(402) 336-1735
Howard	FSA, NRCS	1318 Second St., St. Paul, NE 68873	(308) 754-4424	(308) 754-5675
Jefferson	FSA, NRCS	305 Fifth St., Fairbury, NE 68352	(402) 729-6134	(402) 729-3116
Johnson	FSA, NRCS	448 N. 12th St., Tecumseh, NE 68450	(402) 335-3377	(402) 335-3356
Kearney	FSA, NRCS	1005 S. Brown Ave., Minden, NE 68959	(308) 832-2280	(308) 832-2369
Keith/Arthur	FSA, NRCS	1605 E. First St., Ogallala, NE 69153	(308) 284-2048	(308) 284-4508
Kimball	FSA, NRCS	311 E. Second St., Kimball, NE 69145	(308) 235-2822	(308) 235-2382
Knox	FSA, NRCS	111 N. Washington, Bloomfield, NE 68718	(402) 373-4914	(402) 373-2621
Lancaster	FSA, NRCS, RD	8000 S. 15th St., Ste. C, Lincoln, NE 68512	(402) 423-9683	(402) 423-7614
Lincoln/Logan/McPherson	FSA, NRCS, RD	1202 S. Cottonwood St., North Platte, NE 69101	(308) 534-2360	(308) 534-8645
Madison	FSA, NRCS	1909 Vicki Lane, Ste. 103, Norfolk, NE 68701	(402) 371-5350	(402) 371-8930
Merrick	FSA, NRCS	1708 31st St., Central City, NE 68826	(308) 946-3035	(308) 946-3520
Morrill	FSA, NRCS	902 Main St., Bridgeport, NE 69336	(308) 262-1313	(308) 262-0125
Nance	FSA, NRCS	420 Broadway, Fullerton, NE 68638	(308) 536-2456	(308) 536-2971
Nemaha	FSA, NRCS,	918 26th St., Auburn, NE 68305	(402) 274-4987	(402) 274-4314
Nuckolls	FSA, NRCS	175 E. Fourth St., Nelson, NE 68961	(402) 225-2311	(402) 225-4343
Otoe	FSA, NRCS	988 11th St., Syracuse, NE 68446	(402) 269-2361	(402) 269-2246
Pawnee	FSA, NRCS	601 F St., Pawnee City, NE 68420	(402) 852-2020	(402) 852-2065
Perkins	FSA, NRCS	927 Central Ave., Grant, NE 69140	(308) 352-4724	(308) 352-2262
Phelps	FSA, NRCS	1609 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE 68949	(308) 995-6121	(308) 995-8760
Pierce	FSA, NRCS	210 E. Main St., Pierce, NE 68767	(402) 329-4996	(402) 329-4039
Platte	FSA, NRCS, RD	3276 53rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601	(402) 564-0506	(402) 564-6348
Polk	FSA, NRCS	530 Nebraska St., Osceola, NE 68651	(402) 747-2111	(402) 747-2112
Red Willow	FSA, NRCS	1400 W. Fifth St., McCook, NE 69001	(308) 345-4163	(308) 345-3642
Richardson	FSA, NRCS	3423 N. Barada St., Falls City, NE 68355	(402) 245-2401	(402) 245-4939
Saline	FSA, NRCS	211 S. Wilson, Wilber, NE 68465	(402) 821-3292	(402) 821-2102
Sarpy/Douglas	FSA, NRCS	8901 S. 154th St., Omaha, NE 68138	(402) 896-0121	(402) 891-0429
Saunders	FSA, NRCS	611 Commercial Park Rd., Wahoo, NE 68066	(402) 443-4106	(402) 443-3005
Scotts Bluff/Banner/Sioux (south)	FSA, NRCS, RD	818 Ferdinand Plaza, Scottsbluff, NE 69361	(308) 632-2195	(308) 635-2787
Seward	FSA, NRCS	1940 S. Highway 15, Seward, NE 68434	(402) 643-6231	(402) 643-2326
Sheridan	FSA, NRCS	110 Main St., Rushville, NE 69360	(308) 327-2489	(308) 327-2909
Stanton	FSA, NRCS	715 11th St., Stanton, NE 68779	(402) 439-2166	(402) 439-5080
Thayer	FSA, NRCS	1220 South Ave., Hebron, NE 68370	(402) 768-6520	(402) 768-6225
Thomas	NRCS	39311 Hwy 2, Thedford, NE 69166	(308) 645-2621	(308) 645-2650
Thurston	FSA, NRCS	106 S. Costello, Walthill, NE 68067	(402) 846-5655	(402) 846-5183
Valley/Wheeler	FSA, NRCS	1614 N. 28th St., Ord, NE 68862	(308) 728-3244	(308) 728-7917
Washington	FSA, NRCS	1245 Lincoln St., Blair, NE 68008	(402) 426-2625	(402) 426-2699
Wayne	FSA, NRCS	709 Providence Road, Wayne, NE 68787	(402) 375-2453	(402) 375-4419
Webster	FSA, NRCS	20 N. Webster St., Red Cloud, NE 68970	(402) 746-2204	(402) 746-2284
York	FSA, NRCS	419 W. Sixth St., York, NE 68467	(402) 362-5700	(402) 362-1972

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., Suite 250, Lakewood, CO 80235, phone (720) 962-3700, toll-free phone (800) 852-6159, website — www.census.gov/regions/denver

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: 6708 Pine St., NBDC Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68182, phone (402) 597-0193, fax (402) 554-3473, email address — 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 is to describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and wisely manage the nation's coastal and marine resources.

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: Steven G. Eddy

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: Ryan Knutsvig

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

Meteorologist in Charge: Jeff Garmon

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: Scott Mentzer

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

Meteorologist in Charge: Greg Harmon

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 the 1.1 million members of the reserve components. In addition, there are over 650,000 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., Suite 121, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 294-5555; Offutt Air Force Base, website — www.offutt.af.mil

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

Commander, 55th Wing: Col. Marty Reynolds

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 44 tenant units, including U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), the Air Force Weather Agency and more than 57,000 active duty members, civilians, family members and retirees. The 55th Wing is comprised of six groups and 31 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic attack, command and control, presidential support and treaty verification missions.[11]

55th Communications Group: 201 Lincoln Highway, Suite 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 44 tenant units. 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 comprised of two squadrons: the 55th Communications Squadron and the 55th Strategic Communications Squadron.

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

The 55th Maintenance Group is a combat enabler comprised of more than 1,200 personnel who maintain 27 C-135 and four Airborne Command and Control E-4 aircraft. The group responds to nationally tasked worldwide reconnaissance missions, develops maintenance plans to support National Airborne Command Post and National Airborne Operations Center missions and supports five geographically separated units.

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

The 55th Medical Group operates a composite medical facility located near the Capehart 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: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4029, phone (402) 294-5552

The 55th Mission Support Group provides vital support for Offutt Air Force Base

[11]For more information about the U.S. Strategic Command, see Page 136-137. For more information about the Air Force Weather Agency, see Page 128.

through engineering, security, mission support, services, supply, transportation, contracting and deployment readiness programs for more than 40,000 active duty, dependent and retiree personnel and 50 associate units. The group is comprised of five squadrons that provide operating support to all units at Offutt.

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

The 55th Operations Group flies all variants of the RC-135, OC-135, WC-135 and E-4 aircraft. The group operates these aircraft in support of the wing's global reconnaissance, contingency operations, treaty verification, National Command Authority support and command 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. With 12 squadrons and one detachment - and more than 2,600 airmen - it is the largest and most diverse operations group in Air Combat Command.

U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band

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

Commander: Capt. Michael D. Hoerber

The U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band is an innovative, professional military music organization dedicated to providing local, national and global audiences with incomparable musical products while directly impacting the over arching Air Force mission. The band serves the Air Force by cultivating patriotism and kinship while bridging cultural barriers utilizing the dynamism of music.

The band is assigned to Air Force Air Combat Command, the Air Force's largest active duty command. Established in 1943, this 45-member unit presents more than 150 performances annually in a broad range of musical styles. These groups tour extensively throughout 680,000 square-miles across eight Midwestern states, the largest area of responsibility assigned to any Air Force regional band.

The band supports the 55th Wing, the U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base associate units, seven other Air Force installations, local Air Force recruiting elements and locally-sponsored community concerts. The band reaches a nationwide audience through radio and TV appearances and through its recording products.

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

Civil Air Patrol, Nebraska Headquarters: Camp Ashland Training Site, Building 408, P.O. Box 155, Ashland, NE 68003-0155, phone (402) 309-7665, fax (402) 944-4267, email address — wa@newg-cap.org

Commander: Darrell W. Nelson

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 headquarters for the CAP is at Camp Ashland. The headquarters oversees 17 squadrons: four in Omaha, including one at Offutt Air Force Base; two in Lincoln; and one each in Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Friend, Grand Island, Hay Springs, Kilgore, Norfolk, North Platte, Sergeant Bluff and Valentine.

Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools,
Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

Detachment 465, Air Force ROTC: University of Nebaska-Lincoln, 209 Pershing Military and Naval Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0141, phone (402) 472-2473, fax (402) 472-8836

Commander: Lt. Col. Christopher A. Bohn

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. Ted Spencer

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

369th Recruiting Group, 343rd Recruiting Squadron: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2010, phone (402) 232-3663, website — www.airforce.com

Commander: Col. Patricia A. Sergey

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.

372nd Recruiting Group, 367th Recruiting Squadron: 3990 E. Bijou St., Suite A, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, phone (719) 554-1241

Commander: Lt. Col. Toni J. Whaley

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: 101 Nightwatch Ave., Suite 1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3170, phone (402) 294-5355

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.

610th Regional Support Group

610th Intelligence Operations Flight 321 Gemini Blvd., Suite 181, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3194, phone (402) 294-5631

Commander: Lt. Col. Brad Hyndman

710th Medical Squadron: 2501 Capehart Road, Suite 1K47, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2160, phone (402) 294-5450

Commander: Col. Joan L. Gonzalez

There are two Air Force Reserve units in Nebraska. The 610th Intelligence Flight provides communications security, and the 710th Medical Squadron provides aerospace medicine and emergency care for deployed aerospace expeditionary forces. Both the 610th Intelligence Flight and the 710th Medical Squadron report to the 610th Regional Support Group based at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base in Texas.

Air Force Space Command

The Air Force Space Command is one of the Air Force's major commands. It is responsible for making operations in space reliable and routine for the warfighter by continuously improving its ability to provide and support combat forces.

625th Strategic Operations Squadron

625th Strategic Operations Squadron: 901 SAC Blvd., Suite 2B23, Offutt Air

Force Base, NE 68113-5540, phone (402) 294-7418

Commander: Lt. Col. Allen M. Steenhoek

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.

Air Force Audit Agency

AFAA Area Audit Office: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4032, phone (402) 294-5710

Chief: Melissa Abner

The Air Force Audit Agency is an Air Force field operating agency. It provides all levels of Air Force management with independent internal audit and appraisal of financial, operational, management and support activities. The agency produces audit reports that evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of Air Force programs and activities.

Air Intelligence Agency

The Air Intelligence Agency is an Air Force field operating agency. It provides intelligence services to support Air Force operations through flexible collection, tailored air and space intelligence, weapons monitoring, and information warfare products and services.

67th Intelligence Wing

67th Information Operations Wing, 97th Intelligence Squadron: 102 Nightwatch Ave., Suite 181, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3190, phone (402) 294-4477

Commander: Lt. Col. Gordon D. Eissler

The 67th Information Operations Wing (IOW), based at Kelly Air Force Base in Texas, collects and analyzes information about weather, foreign weapon systems, friendly and enemy troop locations and provides this information to warfighters and national decision makers.

The 97th Intelligence Squadron is part of the 67th Intelligence Group of the 67th IOW. The squadron provides RC-135 reconnaissance and combat support aircrews in response to national requirements and to support military commands during contingencies and crises. The squadron directly supports Air Force headquarters and other national agencies in advanced signal research and development. The squadron also provides logistics support to Air Intelligence Agency ground airborne equipment and performs phase maintenance on airborne weapon systems.

480th Intelligence Group, 20th Intelligence Squadron: 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4037, phone (402) 294-5689

Commander: Lt. Col. Peter K. Bailey

The 20th Intelligence Squadron is part of the 480th Intelligence Group. The squadron provides tailored geospatial, precision targeting and force protection intelligence to combatant commanders and warfighting forces.

Air Force Weather Agency

Headquarters, Air Force Weather Agency: 101 Nelson Drive, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-1023, phone (402) 294-3663, email address — afwapa@offutt.af.mil, website — afweather.afwa.af.mil

Commander: Col. Steven Dickerson

The mission of the Air Force Weather Agency is to maximize America's air, space, cyberspace and land power by enabling decision makers to exploit relevant environmental information across the full spectrum of warfare. AFWA is a field operating agency, reporting to the United States Air Force's director of weather and the deputy chief of staff and space operations. The agency consists of more than 1,300 active duty, civilian and contract personnel at 15 operating locations around the world. AWFA provides centralized weather products and services including climatological and space weather support for the Air Force, Army, special operations, intelligence community and other Department of Defense activities. As the lead command supporting the Air Force Weather Weapon System, the agency executes a $175 million annual budget.

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., Suite 301, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 996-3840, website — www.nwd.usace.army.mil

Omaha District Office: 1616 Capitol Ave., Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 995-3900

Commander: Col. John W. Henderson

Fort Crook Area Office: Building 525, P.O. Box 13287, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113, phone (402) 294-3551 or (402) 293-2500

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

Kearney Regulatory Field Office: 2214 Second Ave., Suite 4, Kearney, NE 68847, phone (308) 234-1403

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

Commander: Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen

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: Training Center, 2101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, NE 68108-3433, phone (402) 977-4400

Commander: Col. Mark Corson

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

Commander: Lt. Col. Christopher Wilson

Headquarters, 394th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion: Training Center, 1306 N. Ridge Road Drive, Fremont, NE 68025-3880, phone (402) 721-4786

Commander: Lt. Col. Robert Pelletier

Headquarters, 320th Ordnance Battalion: Training Center, 3700 West O St., Lincoln, NE 68528-1821, phone (402) 742-7692

Commander: Lt. Col. Daniel DeHann

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 is part of the USARC's 89th Regional Readiness Command based in Wichita, Kan. The 561st Regional Support Group, based in Omaha, consists of the group headquarters, one battalion and 10 subordinate units. 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, Suite 307, Omaha, NE 68106,

phone (402) 553-5277, email address — 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 address — 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) 280-2828, email address — armyrotc@creighton.edu

Commander: Lt. Col. Jared J. Sutton

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

Commander: Lt. Col. Lee Bokma

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: Robert A. Hillyer Jr., 5834 J St., Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 488-2965; 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. Cadets who complete the course satisfactorily receive the degree of bachelor of science and a commission as second lieutenant 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.[12]

U.S. Navy

The chief of naval operations exercises command over the operating forces of the Navy and the Navy's shore activities.

Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Strategic Communications Wing ONE Detachment: 201 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 141, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone (402) 232-7270

Acting Officer in Charge: Capt. Brian McCormick

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. Richard E. Thomas

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 Navy's chief of naval education and training.

[12] For more information about the U.S. Coast Guard, see Page 143.

Navy Recruiting Command

Recruiting District Office: 225 E. 16th Ave., Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203-1607, phone (303) 866-1980

Commanding Officer: Cmdr. Richard Eason

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: 5808 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111, phone (402) 451-2098

Commanding Officer: Lt. Cmdr. Lanny G. Johnston

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) 253-9508, website — www.9mcd.usmc.mil

Commanding Officer: Col. Jason L. Morris

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

Engineer Maintenance Company, 4th Maintenance Battalion: Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, 5808 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111-1299, phone (402) 453-8807, fax (402) 457-5474

Commanding Officer: Maj. Jessica L. Henryspayde

Inspector/Instructor: Capt. Brandon E. Cooley

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 the 4th Maintenance Battalion'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. The 4th Maintenance Battalion, based in Charlotte, N.C., is a unit of the 4th Marine Logistics Group based in New Orleans, La.

National Guard Bureau[13]

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

Adjutant General: Maj. Gen. Daryl L. Bohac

The National Guard consists of citizen-soldiers and airmen who serve the nation and the states. The National Guard has two roles — one as part of the nation's entire military force, and the other to the respective states and territories for emergency response and community support missions. The guard has three missions: to participate in global security for the United States, to provide emergency response at the state level and to give support to local community needs. This dual state/federal role is unique and sets the National Guard apart from other military reserve forces.

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. Keith A. Schell

Chief of Staff: Brig. Gen. Wendy K. Johnson

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 Stevenson

Detachment 1, Headquarters, Nebraska Air National Guard: 205 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 175, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3130, phone: (4020 294-7811

Commander: Col. Mark Hopson

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

[13] For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Page 547.

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 activities, a Logistics Group that manages the fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers, a Support Group optimized to sustain the wing while conducting its state or federal mission, and a Medical Squadron that provides medical services. At Offutt Air Force Base, a detachment 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. Richard H. Dahlman

Chief of Staff: Col. Richard A. Gray

Joint Force Headquarters: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8379

Commander: Maj. Clayton Engelman

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

Commander: Col. Eric Teegerstrom

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

Commander: Vacant

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

Commander: Col. Curtis Abendroth

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 28 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 address — david.d.zwart.mil@mail.mil

U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer: Col. David D. Zwart

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: 102 Looking Glass Ave., Suite 19, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3150, phone (402) 294-6291

Commander: Col. Russell Mammoser, 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., Suite 2A1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 294-4111, website — www.stratcom.mil

Public Affairs Office: J020, 901 SAC Blvd., Suite 1A1, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6000, phone (402) 294-4130

Commander: Gen. John E. Hyten, U.S. Air Force

Deputy Commander: Vice Adm. Charles A. "Chas" Richard

The U.S. Strategic Command is headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base with more than 2,500 people representing all four branches of the military and Department of Defense civilians and contractors. The command is one of nine 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 missions of USSTRATCOM are to: deter attacks on U.S. vital interests; ensure U.S. freedom of action in space and cyberspace; deliver integrated kinetic and non-kinetic effects to include nuclear and information operations in support of U.S. Joint Force Commander operations; synchronize global missile defense plans and operations; synchronize regional combating of weapons of mass destruction plans; provide integrated surveillance and reconnaissance allocation recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and advocate for capabilities as assigned.

Defense Commissary Agency

Offutt Commissary: 101 Meyer Ave., Building 107, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-2130, phone (402) 294-6782, email address — 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 supports 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., Suite 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-4005, phone (402) 294-4115, website — www.daps.dla.mil

Electronic Duplication Systems Technician: Joseph Knott

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: 107 Comsat Dr., Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-3200, phone (402) 232-7180, website — http://wex.drms.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, Suite 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 address — 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., Suite 275, Denver, CO 80202-2515, phone (303) 623-1020, ext. 223, fax (303) 623-5506, email address — denv-sec@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) 436-2889, website —www.wapa.gov

Field Maintenance Manager: David J. Golden

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: Larry Hill

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

Foreman II: Ernest Schmidt

Rocky Mountain Region, Division of Wyoming/Nebraska Maintenance, 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 markets and transmits more than 10,000 megawatts of power from 55 hydropower plants. It sells about 15 percent of national and 65 percent of regional hydroelectric generation. WAPA also markets the United States' 547-megawatt entitlement from the coal-fired Navajo Generating Station near Page, Ariz.

The administration sells power to cooperatives, municipalities, public utility districts, private utilities, federal and state agencies, and irrigation districts. These wholesale power customers, in turn, provide service to retail consumers in Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

WAPA operates and maintains an extensive high-voltage power transmission system to deliver power to customers. This system includes 16,760 miles (26,967 kilometers) of transmission lines.

Except for the Central Arizona Project's Navajo generation, power facilities are part of 11 rate-setting systems. These are made up of 14 multipurpose water resource projects and a transmission project.

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 Gault Blvd., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-8536, website — www.fda.gov

Resident in Charge: Eric Mueller

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

Winnebago PHS Indian Hospital: Aberdeen Area, Winnebago Service Unit, P.O. Box 88, Winnebago, NE 68071, phone (402) 878-2231

Service Unit Director: Donald Lee

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: Wehnona St. Cyr

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.

The five-physician, 30-bed hospital in Winnebago supplies basic healthcare to members of the Winnebago and Omaha tribes and to many Indians living in the Sioux City, Iowa, area.

Department of Homeland Security

Nebraska Contact Person: Mike Foley, Lieutenant Governor, Room 2315, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509-4863, phone (402) 471-2256, wesite — 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) 536-4916

Assistant Field Office Director: William Connor

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: Caroline Pratt

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

Director: Marilyn Wiles

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: 5229 Boeing Court, Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 341-0240, website — www.CBP.gov

Port Director: Leo Hachey

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 Mate C.D. Smith

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 Bellevue handles Coast Guard recruiting for all of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

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

Resident Agent in Charge: John G. Gutsmiedl

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., Suite 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 six 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

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): P.O. Box 477, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023, phone (402) 468-4218, email address

— Robert_Prieksat@fws.gov

Resident Agent in Charge: Bob Prieksat

Office of Law Enforcement: 8523 W. State Highway 4, Beatrice, NE 68310, phone (402) 223-1709, email address — ellen_goeckler@fws.gov

Special Agent: Ellen Goeckler

Office of Law Enforcement: P.O. Box 1086, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 534-0925, email address — mike_damico@fws.gov

Special Agent: Mike Damico

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services: 203 W. Second St., Federal Building, Second Floor, Grand Island, NE 68801, phone (308) 382-6468

Acting Nebraska Field Supervisor: Eliza Hines

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 Ft. Calhoun, Neb.

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 address — mark_koepsel@fws.gov

Project Leader: Mark A. Koepsel

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 address — r6rw_ftn@mail.fws.gov, website — www.fortniobrara.fws.gov

Refuge Manager: Steve Hicks

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 address — desoto@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto/

Refuge Manager: 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 address — boyerchute@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/

Refuge Manager: 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 address — r6rw_lan@fws.gov

Project Leader: Michael J. Bryant

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 address — rainwater@fws.gov, website — www.fws.gov/rainwater

Project Leader: Gene Mack

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: Robert B. Swanson

USGS Nebraska Water Science Center Offices: 5231 S. 19th St., Lincoln, NE 68512-1271, phone (402) 328-4100; 1608 N. 28th St., Ord, NE 68862, phone (308) 728-5601; 244 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-5323

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) 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 (NEWSC) is one of the state-level Water Science Centers in the Water Resources Discipline and is dedicated to hydrologic data collection, scientific research, applied science and information dissemination. The district office helps USGS conduct nationwide assessments of the quality, quantity and use of the nation's water resources. The other USGS Disciplines are Biological Resources, Geology, Geography, and Geospatial Information Disciplines. The director of the NEWSC serves as the USGS state representative because the other four disciplines do not have offices in Nebraska.

Bureau of Indian Affairs[14]

Winnebago Agency: Winnebago, NE 68071, phone (402) 878-2502, website — www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html

Acting Superintendent: Ernest F. Pourier

Santee Field Office: 425 Frazier Ave., Suite 2, Niobrara, NE 68760, phone (402) 857-2332

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

• encourage and assist American Indian and Alaska Native people to manage their

[14] For more information on tribal government in Nebraska, see Pages 57 and 665-667.

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 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 13,400 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.

Five 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 5,000 wild horses and burros throughout the year on their way to adopters' homes throughout the country. Several hundred 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

Acting Regional Director: Patty Trap

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: Mark Lynott

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument: 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: Mark Engler

Missouri National Recreational River: P.O. Box 666, Yankton, SD 57078, phone (605) 214-3389, website — www.nps.gov/mnrr

Superintendent: Vacant

Niobrara National Scenic River: P.O. Box 391, Valentine, NE 68201, phone (402) 376-1901, website — www.nps.gov/niob

Superintendent: Dan Foster

Scotts Bluff National Monument: P.O. Box 27, Gering, NE 69341-0027, phone (308) 436-4340, website — www.nps.gov/scbl

Superintendent: Ken Mabery

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/chro

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.[15] 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: P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 389-4622

Area Manager: Aaron Thompson

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

Area Manager: Carlie Ronca

McCook Field Office: RR 1, 1706 W. Third St., McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-4400

McCook Office Manager: Marvin R. Swanda

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;

[15] For more about the areas in Nebraska administered by the National Park Service, see Page 44.

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 Grand Island 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., Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102-1506, phone (402) 661-3700; 487 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5241; 236 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-3514

Nebraska U.S. Attorney: Deborah R. Gilg

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. Attorney, 2017

Deborah R. Gilg

Office: 1620 Dodge St., Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102-1506, phone (402) 661-3700

Appointed Nebraska U.S. Attorney: October, 2009

Nebraska U.S. Attorneys, 1854-2017

Territorial

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

State (District)

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

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives[16]

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., Suite 204, Omaha, NE 68130, phone (402) 952-2605, fax (402) 952-2606, website — www.atf.gov

Resident Agent in Charge: Mickey Leadingham

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

Office of Industry Operations

Omaha Office: 2707 N. 108th St., Suite 202, Omaha, NE 68164, phone (402) 952-2635, fax (402) 952-2606

[16] Formerly part of the Department of the Treasury.

Area Supervisor: Cannon Kinchelow

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

Assistant Special Agent in Charge: L.D. Mathews

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 address — omaha@fbi.gov

Special Agent in Charge: Randall C. Thysse

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

Grand Island Office: 201 Federal Office Building, 203 W. Second St., Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 382-3690

North Platte Office: 324 Post Office Building, 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, Suite 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

District of Nebraska North Platte Office: 349 Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-7558

Nebraska U.S. Marshal: Mark A. Martinez

Each federal judicial district is served by a U.S. marshal appointed by the president. Nebraska constitutes a single judicial district.[17] Besides the Omaha and Lincoln offices, a part-time office operates in North Platte.

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 movement of missiles

[17] For more information about the U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, see Pages 189-193.

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 office serves all of Nebraska and is in the U.S. Trustee Program's Region 13, which is made up of Nebraska, Arkansas and Missouri.

Nebraska U.S. Marshals, 1854-2017

Territorial

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

State (District)

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

[1]Appointed 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, Suite 1148, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4300, fax (402) 221-4383

Assistant U.S. Trustee: Patricia Fahey

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.

Employment Standards Administration

The Employment Standards Administration is responsible for administering and directing employment standards programs dealing with minimum wage and overtime standards; registration of farm labor contractors; determining prevailing wage rates to be paid on government contracts and subcontracts; nondiscrimination and affirmative action for minorities, women, veterans and handicapped government contract and subcontract workers; workers' compensation programs for federal and certain private employers and employees; safeguarding the financial integrity and internal democracy of labor unions; and administering statutory programs to certify employee protection provisions for various federally sponsored transportation programs.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program

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

District Director: Maxine Manus

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program ensures that companies that do business with the government promote affirmative action and equal employment opportunity on behalf of minorities, women, the disabled and Vietnam veterans.

Wage and Hour Division

Omaha District Area Office: 225 S. 15th Plaza, Suite 504A, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4682

Assistant District Director: Richard J. Tesarek

The Wage and Hour Division is responsible for planning and adminstering 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.

Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

Nebraska State Office: 225 S. 15th Plaza, Suite 504C, Central Park Plaza, South Tower, Omaha, NE 68102-1608, phone (402) 221-3281, email address — cremeens-risinger.d@dol.gov, website — www.workforce.state.ne.us/bat

Director: Debra Cremeens-Risinger

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 Bureau 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, Suite 303, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 553-0171, toll-free phone (800) 642-8963 (Nebraska only), website — www.osha.gov

Area Director: Bonita Winingham

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) 471-9833, 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 administers the Veterans' Workforce Investment Plan grant program, which is designed to meet the employment and training needs of service-connected disabled veterans and veterans recently separated from military service.

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 Office[18]: 14015 W. 95th St., Lenexa, KS 66215-5206, phone (913) 254-8840, website — www.faa.gov

Manager: Ken Birlingmair

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

Supervisor: Carl Woods

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

Supervisor: Mary E. Halsey

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, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 475-1738, website — www.faa.gov/fsdo/lnk/

Manager: Richard E. Johnson

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

Manager: Amy Francis

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: Mark Grant

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

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

• 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: 220 Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 742-8460, email address — Nebraska.fhwa@fhwa.dot.gov, website — www.fhwa.dot.gov/

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 high-

ways, 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, Suite 110, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 493-0654, fax (402) 493-0329; 1811 W. Second St., Suite 360, Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 381-8126, website — www.occ.treas.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., Suite 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, Suite 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, Suite 2217, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-3683

Chief Counsel Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 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

Fort McPherson National Cemetery: 12004 S. Spur 56A, Maxwell, NE 69151-1031, phone (308) 582-4433, toll-free number (888) 737-2800, fax (308) 582-4616, email address — George.Bacon@va.gov, website — www.cem.va.gov

Director: George Bacon

The mission of the National Cemetery System is to:

• provide burial of eligible service members, veterans, reservists and National Guard members with 20 years' qualifying service, their spouses, and certain children, in VA national cemeteries, and maintain their graves

• mark, upon application, the graves of eligible veterans worldwide and reservists and National Guard members with 20 years' qualifying service who are buried in national, state or private cemeteries

• administer the State Cemetery Grants Program, which provides financial aid to states for establishing and improving state veterans' cemeteries

• provide Presidential Memorial Certificates to the loved ones of honorably discharged, deceased service members or veterans

There are 120 national cemeteries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Fort McPherson National Cemetery is Nebraska's only national cemetery. Established in 1873, the cemetery 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.

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: B. Don Burman

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: 920 L St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 476-9736

Team Leader: Leroy Schoen

Omaha Vet Center — Outreach: 2428 Cuming St., Omaha, NE 68131-1600, 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: 274A Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5474, fax (402) 437-5495, email address — 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 that addresses the nation's educational, public safety, human and environmental needs. The corporation carries out its mission through three major programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Social Innovation Fund.

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.

The Corporation provides federal funding for the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission.

In Nebraska, the Corporation's state office is responsible for supporting the AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and National Senior Service Corps programs in Nebraska. It operates in collaboration with the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission.

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 imple-

ments the Nebraska Pesticide Act.[19] 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; 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: Doug Stark

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 17-member board of directors. The customer-owners of the association elect 14 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

[19] For more information about the Nebraska pesticide program, see Page 452.

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, Suite 310, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 397-0142, website — www.fdic.gov

Supervisor: Brent Klanderud

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 Mediation and Conciliation Service

Omaha Field Station: 222 S. 15th St., Suite 382, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3555

Regional Director: Lane Harstad

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service assists labor and management in resolving disputes in collective bargaining contract negotiation through voluntary mediation and arbitration services; provides training to unions and management in cooperative processes to improve long-term relationships under the Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978; and may award competitive grants to joint labor-management committees to encourage innovative approaches to cooperative efforts.

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.kc.frb.org

Assistant 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 transferring funds, handling government deposits and debt issues, supervising and regulating banks, and acting as lender of last resort.

The system consists of seven parts: the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.;

the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and their 25 branches and other facilities throughout the country; the Federal Open Market Committee; the Federal Advisory Council; the Consumer Advisory Council; the Thrift Institutions Advisory Council; and the nation's financial institutions, including commercial banks, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks and credit unions. The Omaha Branch is 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, Suite C31, Omaha, NE 68102-1321, phone (402) 221-4725, website — www.gsa.gov

Director: Mary A. Kosmicki, email address — maryann.kosmicki@gsa.gov

Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite C31, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4725

Omaha Property Manager: John Garner, email address —john.garner@gsa.gov

Edward Zorinsky Federal Building, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Room 225, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-4720

Omaha Property Manager: Justin Panasiuk, email address — justin.panasiuk@gsa.gov

Lincoln Building Property Management Office: Denney Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 156, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 437-5424

Property Manager: Gina Durr, email address — gina.durr@gsa.gov

North Platte Building Property Management Office: Federal Building, 300 E. Third St., P.O. Box 1053, North Platte, NE 69103, phone (308) 532-8550

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

Grand Island Building Property Management Office: Federal Building, 203 W. Second St., Grand Island, NE 68801, phone (308) 532-8550

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

The 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.

The Nebraska Property Management Center in Omaha manages federal property in

Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Lincoln and North Platte Building Property Management offices are under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Property Management Center.

Federal Supply Service

Fleet Management Center: Council Bluffs Federal Building, 8 S. Sixth St., Suite 309, Council Bluffs, IA 51501-4206, phone (712) 322-6152, website — www.gsa.gov

Manager: Debra Wilson

The Federal Supply Service helps federal agencies acquire supplies, furniture, computers, tools and equipment. FSS also arranges for travel and transportation services, manages the federal vehicle fleet and helps federal agencies dispose of items they no longer need by transferring them to other government agencies or nonprofit organizations or by selling them to the public.

FSS operates an Interagency Fleet Management System that provides more than 170,000 vehicles and related services to federal agencies through a network of 72 fleet management centers. The Fleet Management Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, serves Nebraska and western Iowa.

Federal Acquisition Service

Area Telecommunications Office: Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 38, Omaha, NE 68102, phone (402) 221-3332, website — www.gsa.gov

Area Manager: Courtney Springer

The Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) provides federal agencies with telecommunications, information technology systems, hardware and software, consulting services, information security services and integrated technology solutions.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Regional State Liaison: 612 E. Lamar Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, TX 76011-4125, 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 35 states that belongs 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 3,950 employees and an annual budget of about $985.6 million. The NRC is primarily supported by fees col-

lected 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 Fort Calhoun Station near Fort Calhoun. The Nebraska Public Power District operates the Cooper plant, and the Omaha Public Power District operates the Fort Calhoun plant.

U.S. Postal Service

Central Plains District: P.O. Box 249500, Omaha, NE 68124-9500, phone (402) 255-3900

District Manager: Lloyd Wilkinson

Postal Inspection Service: 10707 Pacific St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 249550, Omaha, NE 68124-9550, phone (402) 392-8920

Omaha Post Office: 1124 Pacific St., P.O. Box 249998, Omaha, NE 68108, phone (402) 348-2696

Postmaster: Keith J. Reid

Lincoln Post Office: 700 R St., Lincoln, NE 68501-9998, phone (402) 458-1842

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 Plains District is responsible for post offices in Nebraska, Kansas and southwestern Iowa. The district covers more than 155,000 square miles and serves nearly 4 million people. The Nebraska post offices are under the jurisdiction of the district manager.

More than 4.5 million pieces of mail are processed each day at the Omaha Mail Processing Plant. The plant is fully automated and ranks as one of the top nationally in on-time delivery of first-class mail in the overnight delivery area. Omaha has next-day delivery to the following zip code prefixes: 680-687 (approximately the eastern third of Nebraska) and 515-516 (Council Bluffs, Iowa, and southwestern Iowa). First-class mail can be delivered in two or three days to most cities across the nation.

Nebraska Zip Codes, 2017*

City	Zip Code
Abie	68001
Adams	68301
Agnew	68428
Ainsworth	69210
Albion	68620
Alda	68810
Alexandria	68303
Allen	68710
Alliance	69301
Alma	68920
Almeria	68879
Alvo	68304
Amelia	68711
Ames	68621
Amherst	68812
Angora	69331
Anselmo	68813
Ansley	68814
Arapahoe	68922
Arcadia	68815
Archer	68816
Arlington	68002
Arnold	69120
Arthur	69121
Ashby	69333
Ashland	68003
Ashton	68817
Atkinson	68713
Atlanta	68923
Auburn	68305
Aurora	68818
Avoca	68307
Axtell	68924
Ayr	68925
Bancroft	68004
Barneston	68309
Bartlett	68622
Bartley	69020
Bassett	68714
Battle Creek	68715
Bayard	69334
Beatrice	68310
Beaver City	68926
Beaver Crossing	68313
Bee	68314
Beemer	68716
Belden	68717
Belgrade	68623
Bellevue	68005 68123 68147
Bellwood	68624
Belvidere	68315
Benedict	68316
Benkelman	69021
Bennet	68317
Bennington	68007
Bertrand	68927
Berwyn	68814
Big Springs	69122
Bingham	69335
Bladen	68928
Blair	68008-09
Bloomfield	68718
Bloomington	68929
Blue Hill	68930
Blue Springs	68318
Boelus	68820
Boone	68620
Boys Town	68010
Bradshaw	68319
Brady	69123
Brainard	68626
Brewster	68821
Bridgeport	69336
Bristow	68719
Broadwater	69125
Brock	68320
Broken Bow	68822
Brownlee	69166
Brownville	68321
Brule	69127
Bruning	68322
Bruno	68014
Brunswick	68720
Burchard	68323
Burr	68324
Burwell	68823
Bushnell	69128
Butte	68722
Byron	68325
Cairo	68824
Callaway	68825
Cambridge	69022
Campbell	68932
Carleton	68326
Carroll	68723
Cedar Bluffs	68015
Cedar Creek	68016
Cedar Rapids	68627
Center	68724
Central City	68826
Ceresco	68017
Chadron	69337
Chambers	68725
Champion	69023
Chapman	68827
Chappell	69129
Chester	68327
Clarks	68628
Clarkson	68629
Clatonia	68328
Clay Center	68933
Clearwater	68726
Cody	69211
Coleridge	68727
Colon	68018
Columbus	68601-02
Comstock	68828
Concord	68728
Cook	68329
Cordova	68330
Cornlea	68642
Cortland	68331
Cotesfield	68835
Cozad	69130
Crab Orchard	68332
Craig	68019

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Crawford	69339
Creighton	68729
Creston	68631
Crete	68333
Crofton	68730
Crookston	69212
Culbertson	69024
Curtis	69025
Dakota City	68731
Dalton	69131
Danbury	69026
Dannebrog	68831
Davenport	68335
Davey	68336
David City	68632
Dawson	68337
Daykin	68338
Decatur	68020
Denton	68339
Deshler	68340
Deweese	68934
DeWitt	68341
Dickens	69132
Diller	68342
Dix	69133
Dixon	68732
Dodge	68633
Doniphan	68832
Dorchester	68343
Douglas	68344
DuBois	68345
Dunbar	68346
Duncan	68634
Dunning	68833
Dwight	68635
Eagle	68347
Eddyville	68834
Edgar	68935
Edison	68936
Elba	68835
Elgin	68636
Elk Creek	68348
Elkhorn	68022
Ellsworth	69340
Elm Creek	68836
Elmwood	68349
Elsie	69134
Elsmere	69135
Elwood	68937
Elyria	68837
Emerson	68733
Emmet	68734
Enders	69027
Endicott	68350
Ericson	68637
Eustis	69028
Ewing	68735
Exeter	68351
Fairbury	68352
Fairfield	68938
Fairmont	68354
Falls City	68355
Farnam	69029
Farwell	68838
Filley	68357
Firth	68358
Fordyce	68736
Fort Calhoun	68023
Foster (Osmond)	68737
Franklin	68939
Fremont	68025-26
Friend	68359
Fullerton	68638
Funk	68940
Garland	68360
Garrison	68632
Geneva	68361
Genoa	68640
Gering	69341
Gibbon	68840
Gilead	68362
Giltner	68841
Glenvil	68941
Goehner	68364
Gordon	69343
Gothenburg	69138
Grafton	68365
Grand Island	68801-03
Grant	69140
Greeley	68842
Greenwood	68366
Gresham	68367
Gretna	68028
Guide Rock	68942
Gurley	69141
Hadar	68738
Haigler	69030
Hallam	68368
Halsey	69142
Hamlet	69031
Hampton	68843
Hardy	68943
Harrisburg	69345
Harrison	69346
Hartington	68739
Harvard	68944
Hastings	68901-02
Hay Springs	69347
Hayes Center	69032
Hazard	68844
Heartwell	68945
Hebron	68370
Hemingford	69348
Henderson	68371
Hendley	68946
Henry	69349
Herman	68029
Hershey	69143
Hickman	68372
Hildreth	68947
Holbrook	68948
Holdrege	68949
Holland	68372
Holmesville	68374
Holstein	68950
Homer	68030
Hooper	68031
Hordville	68846
Hoskins	68740

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Howells	68641
Hubbard	68741
Hubbell	68375
Humboldt	68376
Humphrey	68642
Huntley	68971
Hyannis	69350
Imperial	69033
Inavale	68952
Indianola	69034
Inland	68954
Inman	68742
Ithaca	68033
Jackson	68743
Jansen	68377
Johnson	68378
Johnstown	69214
Julian	68379
Juniata	68955
Kearney	68845
	68847-49
Kenesaw	68956
Kennard	68034
Keystone	69144
Kilgore	69216
Kimball	69145
La Vista	68128
Lakeside	69351
Lamar	69023
Laurel	68745
Lawrence	68957
Lebanon	69036
Leigh	68643
Lemoyne	69146
Leshara	68035
Lewellen	69147
Lewiston	68380
Lexington	68850
Liberty	68381
Lincoln	68501-10
	68512
	68514
	68516-17
	68520-24
	68526-29
	68531-32
	68542
	68544
	68572
	68583
	68588
Lindsay	68644
Linwood	68036
Lisco	69148
Litchfield	68852
Lodgepole	69149
Long Pine	69217
Loomis	68958
Lorton	68382
Louisville	68037
Loup City	68853
Lyman	69352
Lynch	68746
Lyons	68038
Macy	68039
Madison	68748
Madrid	69150
Magnet	68749
Malcolm	68402
Malmo	68040
Manley	68403
Marquette	68854
Marsland	69354
Martell	68404
Maskell	68751
Mason City	68855
Max	69037
Maxwell	69151
Maywood	69038
McCook	69001
McCool Junction	68401
McGrew	69353
McLean	68747
Mead	68041
Meadow Grove	68752
Melbeta	69355
Memphis	68042
Merna	68856
Merriman	69218
Milburn	68813
Milford	68405
Millard	68144-45
Miller	68858
Milligan	68406
Mills	68753
Minatare	69356
Minden	68959
Mitchell	69357
Monroe	68647
Moorefield	69039
Morrill	69358
Morse Bluff	68648
Mullen	69152
Murdock	68407
Murray	68409
Naper	68755
Naponee	68960
Nebraska City	68410
Nehawka	68413
Neligh	68756
Nelson	68961
Nemaha	68414
Nenzel	69219
Newcastle	68757
Newman Grove	68758
Newport	68759
Nickerson	68044
Niobrara	68760
Nora	68961
Norfolk	68701-02
Norman	68963
North Bend	68649
North Loup	68859
North Platte	69101

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City	Zip Code
North Platte (Cont'd.)	69103
Oak	68964
Oakdale	68761
Oakland	68045
Obert	68757
Oconto	68860
Octavia	68632
Odell	68415
Odessa	68861
Offutt Air Force Base	68113
Ogallala	69153
Ohiowa	68416
Omaha	68101-12
	68114
	68116-20
	68122
	68124
	68127
	68130-32
	68134-39
	68142
	68144-45
	68152
	68154-55
	68157
	68164
	68172
	68175-76
	68178-83
	68197-98
O'Neill	68763
Ong	68452
Orchard	68764
Ord	68862
Orleans	68966
Osceola	68651
Oshkosh	69154
Osmond	68765
Otoe	68417
Overton	68863
Oxford	68967
Page	68766
Palisade	69040
Palmer	68864
Palmyra	68418
Panama	68419
Papillion	68046
	68133
Parks	69041
Pawnee City	68420
Paxton	69155
Pender	68047
Peru	68421
Petersburg	68652
Phillips	68865
Pickrell	68422
Pierce	68767
Pilger	68768
Plainview	68769
Platte Center	68653
Plattsmouth	68048
Pleasant Dale	68423
Pleasanton	68866
Plymouth	68424
Polk	68654
Ponca	68770
Potter	69156
Prague	68050
Primrose	68655
Prosser	68883
Purdum	69157
Ragan	68969
Ralston	68127-28
Randolph	68771
Ravenna	68869
Raymond	68428
Red Cloud	68970
Republican City	68971
Reynolds	68429
Richfield	68059
Richland	68601
Rising City	68658
Riverdale	68870
Riverton	68972
Roca	68430
Rockville	68871
Rogers	68659
Rosalie	68055
Rose	68714
Roseland	68973
Royal	68773
Rulo	68431
Rushville	69360
Ruskin	68974
St. Columbans	68056
St. Edward	68660
St. Helena	68774
St. Libory	68872
St. Mary	68443
St. Paul	68873
Salem	68433
Sargent	68874
Saronville	68975
Schuyler	68661
Scotia	68875
Scottsbluff	69361
	69363
Scribner	68057
Seneca	69161
Seward	68434
Shelby	68662
Shelton	68876
Shickley	68436
Shubert	68437
Sidney	69160
	69162
Silver Creek	68663
Smithfield	68976
Snyder	68664
South Bend	68058
South Sioux City	68776
Spalding	68665

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

Railroad Retirement Board

District Office: 1299 Farnam St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 815, Omaha, NE 68102-1857, phone (877) 772-5772, email address — omaha@rrb.gov, office hours 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

District Manager: Mark Thomson

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

Selective Service System

Nebraska State Headquarters: 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone for registration information (888) 655-1825, website — www.sss.gov

Director of Selective Service: Lawrence G. Romo

The statutory missions of Selective Service are to be prepared to provide trained and untrained personnel to the Department of Defense in the event of a national emergency and to be prepared to implement an Alternative Service Program for registrants classified as conscientious objectors.

The system was established by the Military Selective Service Act. The act authorizes the registration of male U.S. citizens and all other males who are in the United States and between the ages of 18 and 26. Nonimmigrant aliens are exempted. Proclamation 4771 of July 2, 1980, requires male persons born after Jan. 1, 1960, who have reached age 18 to register. Registration is conducted over the Internet, at U.S. post offices and at U.S. embassies and consulates.

Nebraska has a state headquarters, 24 local boards, six area offices, one alternative service office, one district appeal board and one civilian review board. The state director and the 120 volunteer local board members are nominated by the governor and appointed by the national director of the Selective Service System on behalf of the president.

Small Business Administration

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

Director: Leon Milobar

SBA/SCORE Business Information Center: 10675 Bedford Ave., Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68134-3613, phone (402) 221-3606, fax (402) 221-3680, email address — 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 1 District Office: 115 N. Webb Rd., Grand Island, NE 68803, phone (308) 385-6440, toll-free phone (800) 772-1213, (800) 325-0778 (TTY), website —www.socialsecurity.gov

Norfolk Level 2 District Office: 605 Iron Horse Dr., Suite 1, Norfolk, NE 68701, phone (402) 371-1595

North Platte Level 2 District Office: 300 E. Third St., Room 204, North Platte, NE 69101, phone (308) 532-9502

Scottsbluff Level 2 District Office: 415 Valley View Dr., Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone (308) 635-2158

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

Beatrice Level 2 District Office: 2630 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310, phone (402) 223-2309

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

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: 9239 W. Center Road, Room 100, Omaha, NE 68124, phone (402) 391-7118

Billings (Mont.) Office of Hearings and Appeals: 2900 Fourth Ave. N., Suite 500, Billings, MT 59101, phone (402) 391-7118

Chief Administrative Law Judge: Nicholas J. LoBurgio

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 on 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 eight SSA district offices and two hearing and appeals offices

in Omaha and Billings, Mont. Level 1 offices oversee other offices. The Grand Island Level 1 office oversees Level 2 offices in Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff. The Lincoln Level 1 office oversees a Level 2 office in Beatrice. 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, Iowa, and Storm Lake, Iowa.