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Nebraska's state tree is the Cottonwood.

## Nebraska State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Nebraska  
**16,155**



### TREE CITY USA® Program in Nebraska:

Tree City USA Communities: **107**  
Total population served: **1,162,970**

Largest Tree City USA in Nebraska:  
**Omaha, population 430,433**

Smallest Tree City USA in Nebraska:  
**Julian, population 71**

Arbor Day Poster Contest  
Participants in Nebraska:  
**425 Fifth grade classrooms**  
**10,625 Fifth grade students**

Arbor Day Award Winners from  
Nebraska: **6**

**Nebraska celebrates Arbor Day  
on the last Friday of April**



# Nebraska

## Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to Plant Trees at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation announces the launch of Tree Campus USA, a new program sponsored by Toyota. Tree Campus USA is designed to award national recognition to college campuses, and to the leaders of their surrounding communities, for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.



As a way to celebrate the launch of the Tree Campus USA program, the Arbor Day Foundation will host a tree-planting event at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln which will add up to 100 large trees to the campus. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln was selected from a pool of applicants of college campuses throughout the country. University of Nebraska – Lincoln students will participate in the tree-planting event on campus along with area students and community members. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to engage a new generation of tree planters.

## Nebraska Members Plant 93,982 Trees

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 16,155 Nebraska members have helped plant more than 93,982 trees across the state last year.



Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in Nebraska have added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs, and created a more livable community.

## Thousands of Nebraska Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its seventeenth year, the contest reaches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2008 contest, more than 10,625 Nebraska students had the opportunity to discover the importance of trees and forests to our environment. Jacob R. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted many beautiful large trees to convey the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . Inside and Out!"



(Above) 2007  
Nebraska State Winner



(Right) 2008  
Nebraska State Winner

## Nebraska Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with over 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Nebraska because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Nebraska Forest Service. Nebraska boasts 107 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Nebraska's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$5,369,311 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the 1.1 million Nebraska residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Nebraska's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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