

# Nebraska

## 2010 State Report



Nebraska's state tree is the Cottonwood.

### Nebraska State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in  
Nebraska: **15,309**



**TREE CITY USA**

### Program in Nebraska:

Tree City USA Communities: **106**  
Total population served: **1,192,691**

Largest Tree City USA in Nebraska:  
**Omaha, population 440,691**

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**

Nature Explore Classrooms: **10**

Arbor Day Award Winners: **18**

**Nebraska celebrates Arbor Day  
on the last Friday in April.**

## Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to Plant Trees at Creighton University

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with Toyota, continues to promote the Tree Campus USA program. 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 build awareness for the Tree Campus USA program, the Arbor Day Foundation will host a tree-planting event at Creighton University which will add up to 100 large trees to the campus. Creighton was one of only ten college campuses from across the country selected to host an event this year. University students will participate in the tree-planting event on campus along with local community volunteers. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to engage a new generation of tree planters.



## Nebraska Members Plant 112,274 Trees

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 15,309 Nebraska members helped plant more than 112,274 trees across the state last year.

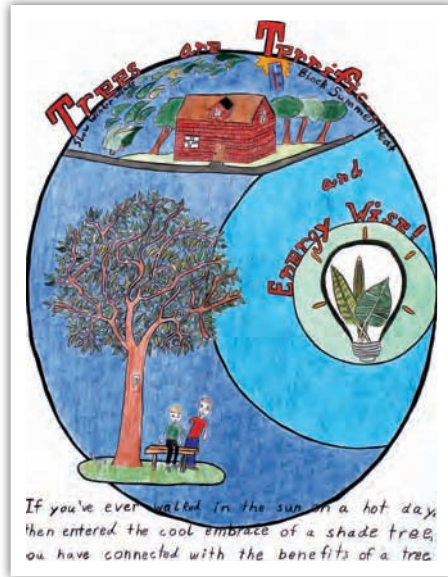
Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in Nebraska have added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, 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 twentieth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2010 contest, more than 10,625 Nebraska fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of trees and forests to our environment. Evan L. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted the benefits of trees to convey the contest's 2010 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...And Energy Wise!"



(Above Right)  
2010 Nebraska  
State Winner

(Bottom Right)  
2009 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 34 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 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 106 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Nebraska Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$5,369,311 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 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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