The Forestry Extension unit, with three professionals, operates from the Iowa State University campus; one professional has substantial expertise and experience in various aspects of wood processing and use. Available services include providing publications, sponsoring indoor and outdoor educational meetings and demonstrations, and responding to individual requests for information and assistance.

The Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) is the vehicle by which Iowa State University carries out its land-grant service obligation to Iowa manufacturers. CIRAS can help identify and analyze industrial and management problems, connect firms with the latest information about technical advances, find solutions needed for specific on-job problems, and offer an automatic link to the vast network of resources provided by other state and federal agencies and by educational institutions. CIRAS is also a partner in the Iowa Manufacturing Technology Center which offers national access to training, technical assistance, research information, and on-site needs analysis.

County extension offices in 100 locations provide easy access to Iowa State University. County Extension Education Directors in every office and a number of field specialists in various field locations can answer many questions and refer others to appropriate individuals on campus or in other organizations.

An important source of technical information and advice for wood processors in the state is the Forestry Division. One staff member that is particularly important to the wood industry is the Utilization Forester. In addition, the Forestry Division has District Foresters located in 12 different locations throughout the state.
**District Foresters**

District 1: Bruce Blair, Box 662, Elkader  52043 (Phone: 563/245-1891)
Assistant District Forester-Gretchen Holstein

District 2: Gary Beyer, Box 4, Charles City  50616, Phone (641/228-6611)
Assistant District Forester-Greg Heidebrink

District 3: Robert Hibbs, 2501 S. Center St., Ste. I, Marshalltown  50158 (Phone: 641/752-3352)

District 4: Steven Swinconos, Box 46, Anamosa  52205 (Phone: 319/462-2768)
Assistant District Forester-David Bridges

District 5: Stanley Tate, 515 Townsend Ave., Wapello  52653 (Phone: 319/523-2216)

District 6: Ray Lehn, Box 568, Fairfield  52556 (Phone: 641/472-2370)

District 7: Duane Bedford, Box 119AA Suite 4, Chariton  50049-9209 (Phone: 641/774-8733)

District 8: George Warford, 1918 Greene St., Adel  50003 (Phone: 515/993-4133)

District 9: Joe Schwartz, 1100A-12th St. SW, LeMars  51031 (Phone: 712/546-5161)

District 10: Randy Goerndt, 500 E. Taylor, Creston  50801 (Phone: 641/782-6761)

District 12: Wayne Fuhlbrugge, P.O. Box 232, 723 Seneca St., Webster City  50595 (Phone: 515/832-3585)

District 13: Mark Vitosh, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Rd. SE, Iowa City, IA 52246-5824 (Phone: 319/351-8886)

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Ronald Manning, State Director, 137 Lynn, Ames, IA 50010 (515/292-6351)
Statewide information telephone number is 1-800/373-7232.

The Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a network of 16 regional centers throughout the state which focus on helping businesses solve problems and take advantage of opportunities. Knowledgeable professional consultants provide expert, confidential advice to businesses; seminars, publications, business resources, reference materials, and specialized services are also offered.
• RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) ORGANIZATIONS

RC&D is a program that helps local communities improve their economy and quality of life through the wise use and development of natural resources. Local volunteer directors govern RC&D councils. These councils are organized as nonprofit corporations and set priorities and policies keying on economic development.

* M & M Divide RC&D, W. Keith Edwards, Coordinator, 618 E. Park Ave., P.O. Box 84, Sac City, IA 50583-0084 (712/662-4088)
* RC&D for Northeast Iowa, , Coordinator, Postville, IA 52162-0916 (319/864-7112 or 319/864-3586)
* Limestone Bluffs RC&D, Warren Johnson, Coordinator, 1000 East Plat Street, Ste.4, Maquoketa, IA 52060-2530 (319/652-5104)
* Southern Iowa RC&D, Dennis Hilger, Coordinator, 500 E. Taylor, Creston, IA 50801-4056 (515/782-7058)
* Heartland RC&D, Jesse Jackson, Coordinator, 11730 SE 6th, Runnells, IA 50237 (515/966-0044)
* Iowa Lakes RC&D, Jeffrey Kestil, Coordinator, 14 W. 21st St. PO Box 265, Spencer, IA 51301-0265 (712/262-2083)
* Iowa Valley RC&D, Cathee Wilson, Coordinator, 300 West Welsh St., P.O. Box 87, Williamsburg, IA 52631 (319/668-8110)
* Golden Hills RC&D, Shirley Frederiksen, Coordinator, 406 S. Hwy. 6, #4, Oakland, IA 51560-0237 (712/482-3029)
* Geode RC&D, Jeffrey Tisl, Coordinator, 3002A Winegard Drive, Burlington, IA 52601-0270 (319/752-6395)
* Sioux Rivers RC&D, Darrell Geib, Coordinator, 206 First St., P.O. Box 874, Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054-8074 (712/943-7882)
* Chariton Valley RC&D, Jim Cooper, Coordinator, RR 3, P.O. Box 116A, Centerville, IA 52544-9803 (515/437-4376)

• WOOD SPECIALISTS IN OTHER STATES

State agencies in Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin and in Nebraska all have professionals that can be consulted about wood utilization problems or can be the source of specific information or references. University Extension Specialists in other states may also be in a position to provide particular programs or educational materials.

* State Utilization and Marketing Specialists
  **Illinois:** John A. Sester, Staff Forester, Dept. of Natural Resources, 600 North Grand Ave., Springfield, IL 62794-9225 (217/782-2361)
  **Minnesota:** John Krantz, Program Supervisor, Division of Forestry, Dept. of Natural Resources, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4044 (612/296-6491)
  **Missouri:** Shelby Jones, Staff Supervisor, Forestry Division, Dept. of Natural Resources, 2901 West Truman Blvd., P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102 (314/751-4115)
  **Nebraska:** Dennis Adams, Marketing Forester, Dept. of Forestry, Fisheries, & Wildlife, 109 Plant Industry Building, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0814 (402/472-5822)
  **Wisconsin:** Terry Mace, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI 53711 (608/275-3276 or 608/266-2124)

* Extension Wood Products Specialists
  **Minnesota:** F. Thomas Milton, Dept. of Forest Products, University of Minnesota, 2004 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 (612/624-5307)
  **Nebraska:** Dennis Adams, Marketing Forester, Dept. of Forestry,
FOREST SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
* Steve Bratkovich, Forest Products Specialist, Northeastern Area, USDA Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108 (612/649-5246)
* Forest Products Laboratory, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53705-2398 (608/231-9200)

The State & Private units of the Forest Service, USDA, are good information resources; the professional specialist in St. Paul is an appropriate initial contact. The Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service, USDA, in Madison has a valuable store of research information that may help solve processing/utilization problems.

IOWA WOOD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
c/o Alys Lair, Langenbach Wood Products, RR #2, Box 95A, Fort Madison, IA 52627 (319/372-3361)

The Iowa Wood Industries Association is a nonprofit organization that is designed to advance the interests of wood producers and wood-using industries through improved communications, education, promotion, and publicity.

NATIONAL HARDWOOD LUMBER ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 34518, Memphis, TN 38314 (901/377-1818)

The National Hardwood Lumber Association provides the grading guidelines for hardwood factory lumber and offers training sessions for hardwood lumber graders.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
District Office, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 (515/284-4422)

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federal agency that offers financial, management, and procurement assistance to small businesses and pre-business clients.

AMERICAN FOREST & PAPER ASSOCIATION
1111 19th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (202/463-2700)

The American Forest & Paper Association is an umbrella national association representing several regional and product associations. This association can identify appropriate contacts for specific information needs on species and types of products; it also has educational materials available related to national forestry issues.

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