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POPULATION
(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2005 Est.</u>
Long Pine	341	339
Brown County	3,525	3,328
Labor Market*	13,707	13,065

***Includes Brown County and contiguous counties**

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INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain basic information about Long Pine, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the North Central Development Center, city of Long Pine, Long Pine Chamber of Commerce, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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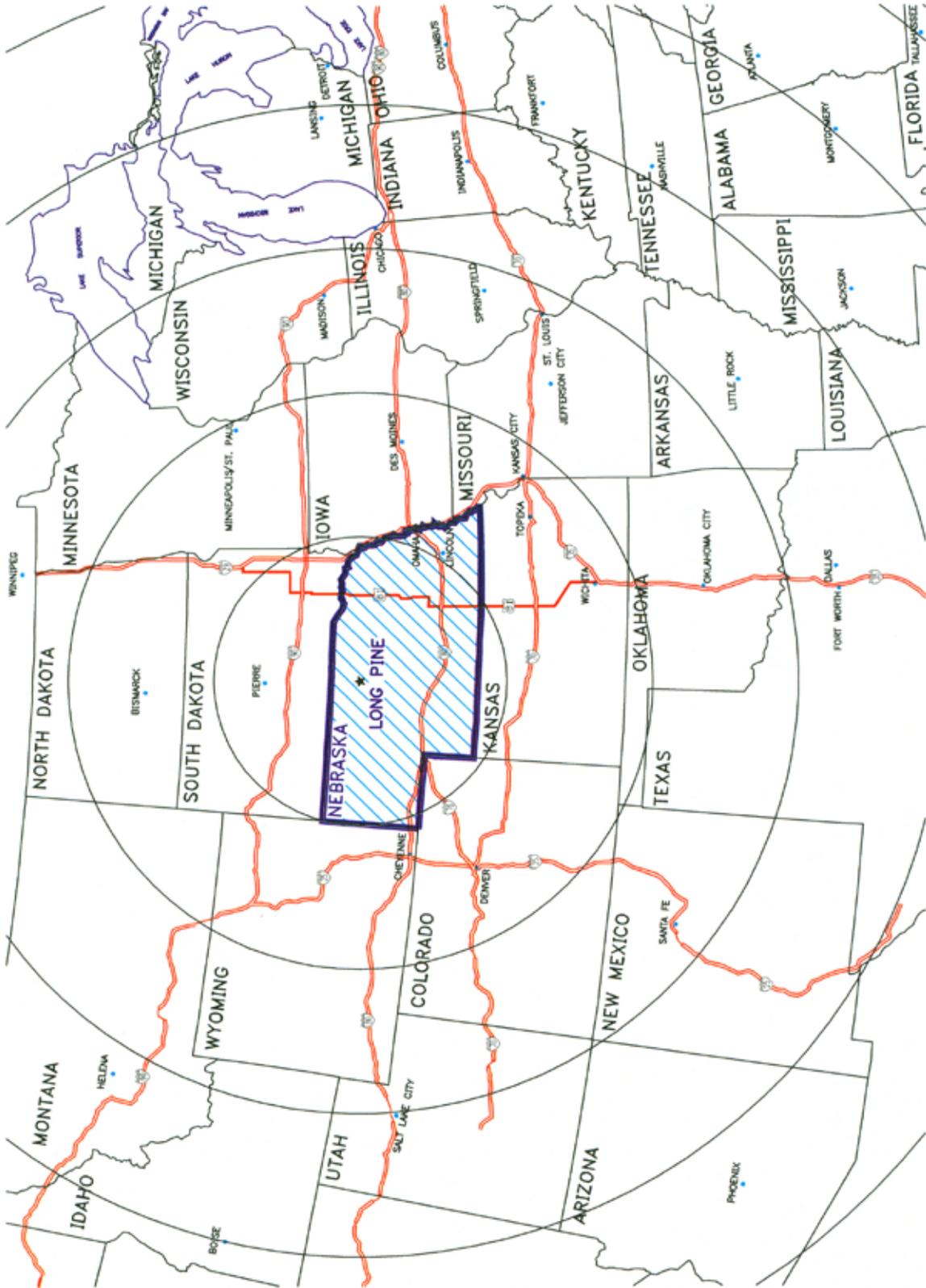
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES



Main Street in Long Pine



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Long Pine is located in Brown County in north-central Nebraska, 36 miles south of the Nebraska/South Dakota border. U.S. Highway 20 east-west and north-south U.S. Highway 183 pass through Long Pine. Long Pine is located 174 miles northeast of North Platte, Nebraska, 183 miles northeast of Sioux City, Iowa, and 274 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

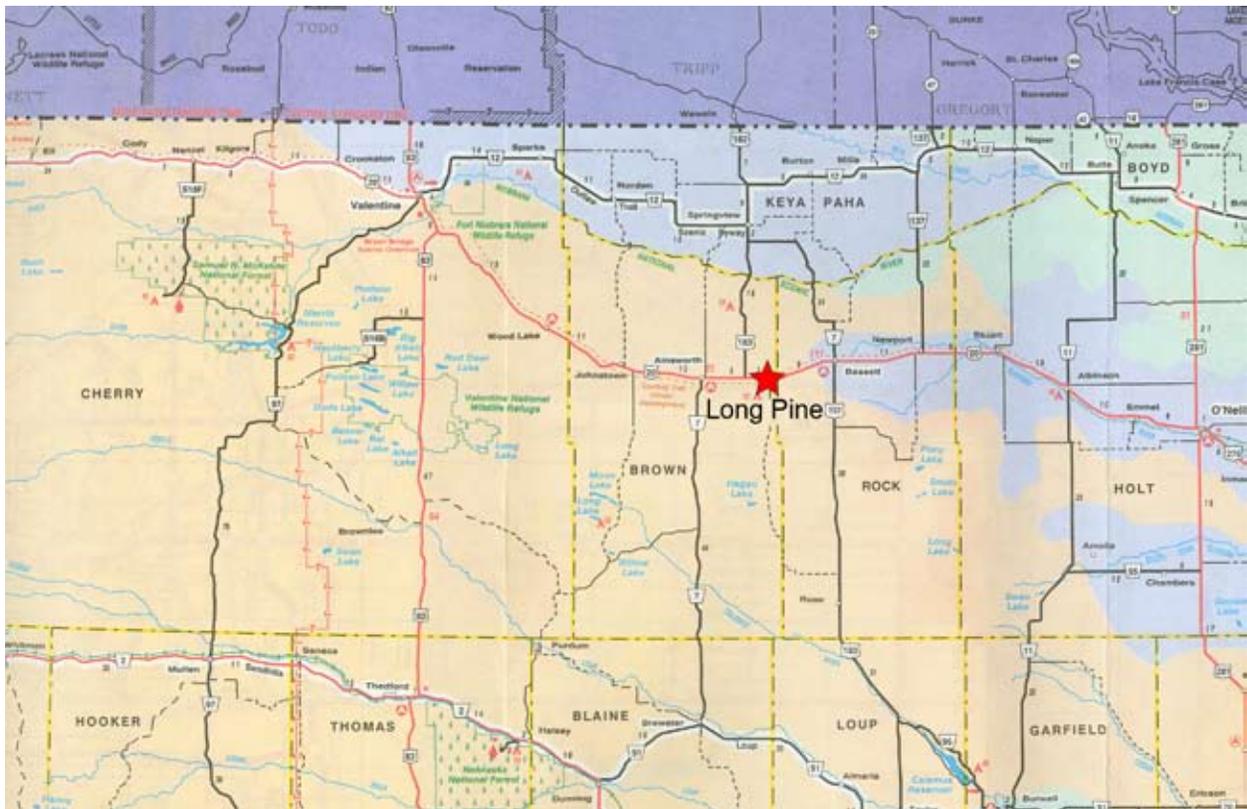
POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Long Pine	Brown County
1970	363	4,021
1980	521	4,377
1990	396	3,657
2000	341	3,525
2005 (Est.)	339	3,328

Brown County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census

One race	3,503
White	3,477
Black or African American	1
American Indian and Alaska Native	7
Asian	9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1
Some other race	8
Two or more races	22
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29

The 2005 U.S. Census estimates 13,065 people live within Brown County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Blaine, Cherry, Keya Paha, Loup, and Rock.



LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Long Pine include farming, cattle feeding, tourism, and retail trade.

Changes in the Long Pine economy included a new realty firm, which opened for business in 2002. A 0.75 mile hiking trail was constructed to complement the Long Pine State Recreation Area. In the near future a World War II museum is to be constructed and a new sprinkler system will be added to the city park.

Retail firms in Long Pine reported 2005 net taxable retail sales of \$1,664,879, while Brown County reported retail sales of \$28,224,204. One wholesale firm in the community distributes bottled water.

ELEVATION

Long Pine is 2,402 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

Typical of the Great Plains region of the central United States, the land surfaces in the Long Pine area are nearly level to gently sloping or undulating. Along the river valleys are steep slopes, canyons, and gullies.

Areas of Brown County south of U.S. Highway 20 and the areas north of U.S. Highway 20, west of Plum Creek, are mostly rolling and hilly sandhills and nearly level valleys that have a seasonal high water table. The soils formed in sandy eolian or alluvial material are mostly deep and sandy. The area north of U.S. Highway 20 east of Plum Creek generally is nearly a level tableland and bottom land and very steep canyons.

Soils in Brown County include Valentine, Simeon-Valentine, Valentine-Ronson-Tassel, Jansen-O'Neill-Meadin, Valentine-Els-I page, McKelvie-Tassel-Ronson, Valentine-Els-Tryon, Johnstown-Jansen, Valentine-O'Neill-Pivot, Loup-Els-Tryon, and Labu-Sansarc-Almeria associations. The infiltration rates of surface soils are moderately rapid. However, soils have sufficient water-holding capacity and natural

fertility for excellent production under irrigation. The Niobrara and North Loup rivers and their tributaries help to drain Brown County.

HISTORY

Long Pine is a unique and hidden treasure. This Sandhills community has earned the title, "Beauty Spot of Nebraska," because of its closeness to Long Pine Creek, one of Nebraska's finest trout streams. Many travelers have been surprised by how the Sandhills seem to crack to reveal a deep forested canyon and crystal clear stream.

The name, Long Pine Creek, came from the Lakotas' "Wazi-honska Wakpala." Early settlers like the Kincaiders, famous rustlers like Doc Middleton and Kid Wade, the railroaders, and lots of hardworking ordinary "folk" have woven their threads into the history of the area.

One of the older Sandhill towns, Long Pine has served as a railroad division point and a trade area for area ranchers and farmers. An ocean of underground water along with a sea of grass lured ranchers and farmers to the area.

The railroad came to Long Pine in 1881. Long Pine was a major railroad hub, home to a "roundhouse," or large turntable, where engines were serviced. Passenger and freight trains came over the rails. The last train came through in 1992. The first railroad bridge was over Pine Creek, by Seven Springs, where the trains took on water. This bridge burned in 1905, and the railroad bridge that now stands was built the same year. Today, hikers and bikers cross Pine Creek over this bridge as part of the Cowboy Trail.

A 12-bedroom crew dormitory, or bunkhouse, was constructed near the train depot in 1871. A second depot was built in 1909. The depot that now stands was constructed in 1965. This was the last agency between Norfolk and Chadron. Today, the city of Long Pine offers lodging at the Bunkhouse. The depot is slated to become Long Pine's Railroad Museum.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Seven Springs, Inc. 1997	Bottled spring water	National	1 4*	1 3*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 5 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Ainsworth Community Schools	Education	19 3*	51	NSEA
Brown County (Ainsworth)	Government	17 22*	14 18*	None
Brown County Hospital (Ainsworth)	Medical	7 70 Total*	63	None
City of Long Pine	Government	5	3	None
Coca-Cola Enterprises	Distributing plant	3	2	None
Jeanie's Restaurant	Restaurant	0 7 Total*	1	None
Long Pine Feed and Grain, Inc.	Feed retail, Purina dealer & custom-mix feed	4 1*	1	None
Pride Grain	Grain storage & feed retail	4 4 Total*	1	None
Simple Solutions	Computers, Internet service, web design & custom software	1	2 2*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Long Pine Chamber of Commerce, North Central Development Center, and Central Nebraska Economic Development District work for industrial development in Long Pine.

In 1993, six local entities formed the North Central Development Center to serve as the economic development office for north-central Nebraska. Ainsworth Schools, Brown County, Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce, KBR Solid Waste, and the Ainsworth Lodging Tax Committee provided its initial funding. The cities of Bassett and Long Pine have since become contributing members. Funds are now generated from annual dues from city and county governments, as well as grants. The center has become an information office providing

business development, chamber of commerce, and visitor information. Currently, eight entities and three at-large members support the center, including area cities and villages, counties, schools, and chamber of commerce.

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District is a 15-county regional development organization that encourages cooperation between local government officials, community-based organizations, and the private sector. The district provides the link between federal and state programs and the local level where development occurs.

There are approximately five acres zoned for industrial use. Price for industrial land ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per acre.



Seven Springs, Inc.

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Long Pine labor market which is defined as the whole of Brown County and the total labor market consisting of Brown County and the contiguous counties of Blaine, Cherry, Keya Paha, Loup, and Rock (2006 annual average):

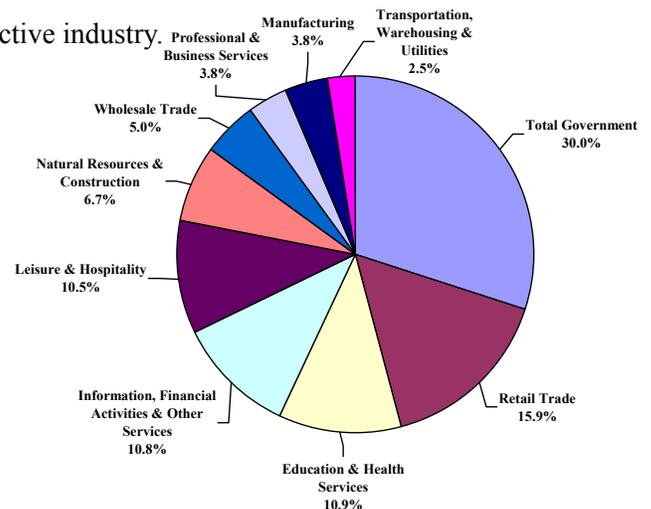
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Brown County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods Producing	131	344
Manufacturing	47	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	84	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	294	(D)
Trade, Wholesale	63	(D)
Trade, Retail	199	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	31	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	(D)	(D)
Professional & Business Services	48	(D)
Education & Health Services	136	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	131	(D)
Other Services	(D)	(D)
Government	374	1,385
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	1,248	4,189
Farm Employment*	432	2,295
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	1,926	7,559
B. Commuting Out of County	179	N/A
C. Unemployment	55	200
TOTAL LABOR POTENTIAL	1,981	7,748
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.	120	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	50	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	404	

(D) Data withheld because of disclosure suppression.

*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2002

Long Pine is willing to conduct a labor survey for prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BROWN COUNTY
2006 ANNUAL AVERAGE**



2000 POPULATION DATA						Median Household Effective Buying Income (2005)
Location	Density/Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Brown Co.	2.9	22.5	43.1	83.3	17.2	\$28,692
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$39,324

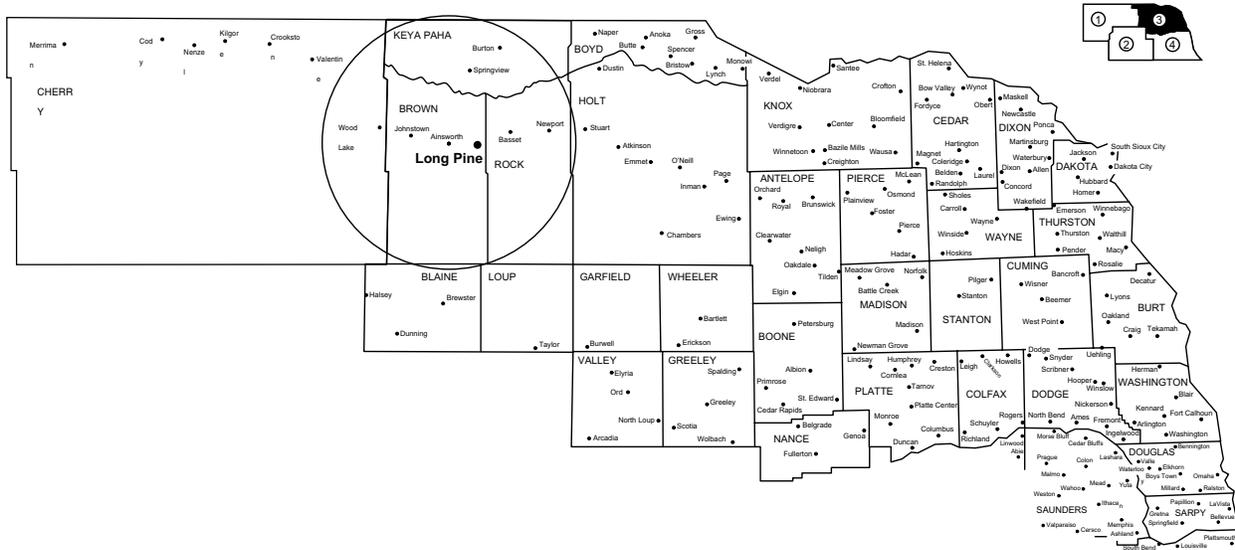
Brown County had 2,541 eligible voters in 2004; 70.0 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov

Sales and Marketing Management, 2005

Statewide General Election 2004 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004.htm

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE LONG PINE AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2005 Estimate	
City of Long Pine	339
Brown County	3,328
30-Mile Radius	6,341

Brown County Population by Age/Gender, 2005		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	137	102
25-44	323	341
45-64	464	483

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in the Long Pine area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Ainsworth Community Schools	Nebraska State Education Association

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Long Pine is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the last ten years.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	15.96	22.28	34.38
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	18.50	27.75	36.39
Electrical Engineers*	23.69	35.60	51.59
Industrial Engineers	19.36	28.16	40.28
Mechanical Engineers	20.20	26.33	35.50
Computer Programmers	13.77	25.76	36.17
Computer Systems Analysts	19.40	34.30	53.71
Registered Nurses	16.78	22.17	28.44
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.05	7.73	8.99
Retail Salespersons	6.02	8.27	16.83
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.48	11.13	17.35
Driver/Sales Workers	6.27	12.20	24.79
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.15	9.79	14.21
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.02	12.96	17.42
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.51	11.68	15.75
Customer Service Representatives	6.65	9.69	14.26
Data Entry Keyers	7.95	10.88	13.90
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.43	10.81	14.25
Office Clerks, General	6.40	9.45	14.18
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.95	9.75	12.58
Telemarketers	6.80	8.28	10.65

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	6.60	10.43	13.75
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.21	10.05	13.54
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	7.72	11.18	14.03
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.56	9.85	12.38
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.77	12.45	16.33
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.60	15.84	21.96
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.65	15.70	21.60
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.72	14.11	16.85
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.02	14.90	17.48
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.54	12.67	16.45
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.99	13.01	15.59
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	11.24	12.62	14.38
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	9.14	12.90	17.28
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.83	15.40	17.71
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.12	13.19	24.49
Electricians	10.55	17.65	21.87
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	11.87	16.30	21.39
Machinists	10.58	14.30	18.28
Tool & Die Makers	15.21	20.03	23.11
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	8.86	12.75	17.66
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	9.98	13.44	16.53
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.53	25.51	34.23
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	15.04	21.37	28.25
Computer Operators	9.67	12.87	20.08

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2006 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm

Local production workers are paid on a straight time basis.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits range from 15 to 20 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

The nearest rail service is provided by the BNSF Railway Company, 68 miles south of Long Pine. Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company runs an east-west spur from O'Neill to Sioux City, 57 miles east of Long Pine.

MOTOR

Highways

Long Pine is located on east-west U.S. Highway 20 and north-south U.S. Highway 183. The nearest four-lane highway is U.S. Highway 81 in Norfolk, 134 miles southeast of Long Pine. Interstate 90 in South Dakota is 112 miles north and Interstate 80 is 143 miles south of Long Pine.

The Nebraska Department of Roads plan for 2006–2010 includes resurfacing 13.4 miles on U.S. Highway 183, near Long Pine, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	269
Omaha	250
Sioux City	183
Chicago	709
Dallas	807
Denver	438
Detroit	975
Kansas City	433
Los Angeles	1,449
Minneapolis	512
New York	1,483
St. Louis	712
San Francisco	1,566

Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Brown Transfer has a terminal in Ainsworth. Numerous cattle-hauling trucklines serve the community.

Bus Line

K & S Express of Atkinson, provides passenger and package delivery services with a 12-passenger minivan. One round trip is made weekly along U.S. Highway 20 from Norfolk to Chadron, with stops in Ainsworth, nine miles.

AIR

The Rock County Airport in Bassett, 10 miles east of Long Pine, and the Ainsworth Municipal Airport, 16 miles west of Long Pine, are the nearest airfields for private planes.

The Ainsworth Municipal Airport is located seven miles northwest of Ainsworth on U.S. Highway 20. The 2,500-acre facility has served the Sandhills for 55 years. The airport has two lighted concrete runways (6,824 feet and 5,501 feet), hangers, 100 low-lead and jet fuel, beacon, windsock, tie downs, automated weather observation, remote communication outlets, instrument landing system, helipad, and a VOR-DME facility. Nine private planes are hangared there. A \$3 million improvement project was recently completed at the airport. The elevation at the airport is 2,589 feet, the latitude is 42°34'N, and the longitude is 99°59'W. For more information, log onto www.airnav.com/airport/kanw.

The Rock County Airport near Bassett has a 4,700 foot paved and lighted runway and a 2,000 foot sod runway, parking ramp, pilots' lounge, overnight hangar, tie down apron, and low-lead and aviation fuel. A lounge, phone, and rest rooms are available. Three private planes are hangared there. A large parking lot was completed in 2005. The elevation at the airport is 2,346 feet, the latitude is 42°34'27"N, and the longitude is 99°34'17"W.

Commercial air service is available at:

City	Airport	Miles
North Platte	North Platte Regional Airport	151
Kearney	Kearney Municipal Airport	152
Pierre, SD	Pierre Regional Airport	158
Grand Island	Central Nebraska Regional Airport	178

City	Airport	Miles
South Sioux City	Sioux Gateway Airport/Colonel Bud Day Field	182
Omaha	Eppley Airfield	275

WATER

No nearby water transportation.



Ainsworth Municipal Airport



Rock County Airport

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Long Pine is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by a 69 kV substation with one radial feed at 69 kV and two outgoing feeds at a voltage of 4,160/2,400. A 5 MW transformer supplies the community. These substations are tied into the statewide grid system.

A 36-unit wind energy facility began operations six miles south of Ainsworth in 2005. This facility, supported by a 115,000 kV substation, adds approximately 60 megawatts to NPPD's total generation.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES

Summer bills run from June–September. Winter bills run from October–May.

Residential Service, Electric Water Heat: (effective 2/1/03)

Customer Charge: \$13.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
8.51¢	6.26¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
6.98¢	3.74¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

Subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service: (effective 2/1/03)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$15.00 per month
Three Phase		\$18.50 per month
Summer	Winter	
9.72¢	7.56¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.62¢	per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.02¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

Subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

Commercial Electric Space Heating: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$32.50 per month
Three Phase		\$37.50 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.74¢	5.42¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.40¢	2.22¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

Subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service Demand: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$65.00 per month
Three Phase		\$75.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.71¢	5.90¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.25¢	2.35¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

Subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations. This rate is also subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer's requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
100	30,000	6.86
100	36,000	6.25
300	90,000	6.66
300	150,000	5.27
500	150,000	6.62
500	180,000	6.05

¹Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

High Tension Service: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge: \$250.00 per month		
Monthly Demand Charges (Base Rate charge per kW):		
Summer:	\$9.45 per kW of billing demand	
Winter:	\$6.00 per kW of billing demand	
Monthly Energy Charges (Base Rate charge per kWh):		
<u>Seasons</u>	<u>On-Peak</u>	<u>Off-Peak</u>
Summer	3.68¢	2.18¢
Winter	2.77¢	1.65¢

Energy Time Periods - For the monthly billing periods, the on-peak and off-peak hours for energy (all based on "Central" Time) are as follows:

Energy Season	On-Peak Hours	Off-Peak Hours
Summer	10:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours
Winter	8:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours

All hours on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day shall be considered off-peak hours.

Industries must take delivery at or be adjacent to a substation and own and maintain the primary dedicated line and any other facilities beyond the substation delivery point.

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Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
150	30,000	7.80
150	100,000	4.30
500	100,000	7.14
500	300,000	4.24
1,000	200,000	7.00
1,000	650,000	4.09

¹Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The ¢/kWh cost is estimated using the following assumption concerning the distribution of electricity use during on-peak and off-peak periods.

<u>Seasons</u>	<u>On-Peak %</u>	<u>Off-Peak %</u>
Summer	46.0	54.0
Winter	54.0	45.0

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) ASK-NPPD or (877) 275-6773, www.nppd.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The KBR Rural Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Long Pine. For more information regarding electrical services in the KBR Rural Public Power District service area, contact Rich Walters, manager, Ainsworth, Nebraska, (402) 287-1120, richkbr@threeriver.net, or www.kbrpower.com.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Long Pine by Kinder Morgan, Inc., through a four-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 800 pounds per square inch.

Kinder Morgan is also the distributor of natural gas within the community, serving 114 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from Kinder Morgan's Service Center, (800) 563-0012.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmers Ranchers Co-Op of Ainsworth, Galyen Petroleum of Atkinson, and Murphy's Propane of Springview. LP gas for residential and some commercial uses is available from Madison's Great Western of Ainsworth.

Oil

Oil is available from Farmers Ranchers Co-Op and Galyen Petroleum for residential, commercial, and industrial uses, while Madison's Great Western provides oil for residential and some commercial uses.

WATER

The municipal water system in Long Pine is supplied by seven springs, serving 100 percent of the population in Long Pine. The system has a combined pumping capacity of 550 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 211,475 gallons. The average daily demand is 11,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 140,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,003,475 gallons per day. The static pressure is 50 pounds and the residual pressure is 40 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 300-foot well will produce 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The quality of water in Long Pine does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The water table has not changed significantly in the last five years.

The turbidity of the water is clear. The average tap water temperature averages 52° year round.

The Long Pine Water System was granted a waiver, not requiring inorganic chemical testing until 2008.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Nitrate	1.3
Sulfate	10

WATER RATES (effective 6/03)

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for new water connections.

All uses:

Monthly Usage	City Limits	
	Inside	Outside
First 2,000 gallons	\$10.00	\$20.00
Over 2,000 gallons	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.75
Over 6,000 gallons	\$ 0.60 per 1,000 gal.	\$ 0.75 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill:	\$10.00	\$20.00

Renovations to the water tower are expected within the next five years at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to be funded through grants.

SEWERAGE

Long Pine has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and storm sewer system. The lagoon type system with two cells was built in 1980 and designed for a population of 1,000.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 2002)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Flat Rate: \$10.00 per month

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Municipally owned waste removal services are available in Long Pine. Wastes are collected at a transfer station located in Ainsworth and hauled to a disposal site in Lexington, 164 miles southwest of Long Pine. Seven years of capacity are left at the current site and plans are underway for additional capacity.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 2002)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$14.00 per month

RECYCLING

The recycling program in Long Pine consists of a five-compartment recycling trailer, rotated every two weeks with the village of Johnstown. Bins accommodate aluminum, paper, magazines, cardboard, and plastic. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality awarded a grant to KBR Solid Waste to purchase the trailer in 2006. Old cell phones can be left in specially marked drop boxes at City Hall.



NPPD Wind Farm Near Ainsworth

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunication services are provided to the Long Pine area by Northeast Nebraska Telephone, with a digital central office located in Jackson, 172 miles east. Additional fiber network was implemented in 2005. A service technician is located in Stuart, 30 miles. The office has a Siemens DCO switch. Extended area service is available to parts of Antelope, Boyd, Holt, and Wheeler counties.

TARIFFED RATES (effective 6/05)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

INTERNET

Northeast Nebraska Telephone provides dial-up and DSL Internet services in Long Pine.

POST OFFICE

The post office in Long Pine has one mail receipt and one mail dispatch daily. The nearest general mail facility is in North Platte, 125 miles south of Long Pine.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	4:00 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	10:00 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Ainsworth Star-Journal and the Rock County Leader, the local weekly newspapers, have 2,100 and 1,550 subscribers respectfully. Other newspapers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald and Norfolk Daily News.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KBRB	92.7 MHz	Ainsworth, NE
KBRB	1400 KHz	Ainsworth, NE
KMNE	90.3 MHz	Bassett, NE
KBRX	102.9 MHz	O'Neill, NE
KBRX	1350 KHz	O'Neill, NE
KVSH	940 KHz	Valentine, NE
KWYR	93.7 MHz	Winner, SD
KWYR	1260 KHz	Winner, SD

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
KPLO	6	Reliance, SD
KMNE	7/15	Bassett, NE

Cable television is available on 55 basic and 4 premium channels.



Long Pine Post Office



Scenes from Niobrara River

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF LONG PINE

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 77 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its “net book value.” All other personal property is except from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2004	2005	2006
Real Estate	\$5,326,506	\$5,540,762	\$5,837,433
Personal Property	407,664	332,968	293,136
Special (railroad and utilities)	34,561	33,698	36,744
TOTAL	\$5,768,731	\$5,907,428	\$6,167,313

TAX RATE (dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

	2004	2005	2006
City	\$1.112785	\$1.012902	\$0.991296
County	.465358	.464602	.539719
School District	1.275634	1.151251	1.108853
Community College	.082711	.089622	.090721
Educational Service Unit	.014997	.014968	.015000
Natural Resource District	.037268	.035676	.034210
TOTAL	\$2.988753	\$2.769021	\$2.779799

The 2006 tax rate at the industrially zoned land outside the city limits is \$1.823801 per \$100 of actual value.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of October 15, 2005:

School District	\$3,130,000
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SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 9/2006	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Building	1/99	\$3,760,000	\$2,940,000	1.2	12/18



Long Pine Fire Department



Brown County Ambulance

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Brown County is divided into three voting precincts and nine townships and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2008. The county belongs to the Central Nebraska Economic Development District, along with 14 other counties. The actual budget for 2005–06 was \$1,345,181. County zoning classifications are:

AG	General Agricultural
AGR	Overlay of Airport with Agricultural Zone
RC-1 & RC-2	Rural Conservation
RR	Rural Recreation
HC	Highway Commercial
I	Industrial District

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Long Pine, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The next election will be held in 2008. The 2005–06 budget was \$59,836. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected at Large	
Council Members (4)	4 Years
Appointed	
City Clerk	Indefinite

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in the community by the Long Pine Volunteer Fire Department with 17 volunteers. The department provides protection for areas outside the city limits by operating the Brown County Rural Fire Department as well as maintaining mutual aid agreements with Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, and Cherry counties.

Long Pine has 1 fire station and 47 fire hydrants. The community fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 4; outside it is 7–8. Annual expenditures for fire protection during the last three years averaged \$6,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City	
1967 Ford	500 gal. per min.
Rural	
1972 IHC	Grass rig; 250 gallons
1986 Chevy	Grass rig; 4x4
1991 IHC	Tanker/pumper; 1,600 gal.
1981 M44A2	Tanker 6x6; 1,200 gallons
1980 Ford	Crash/rescue unit

The fire department anticipates an expansion to include a dual department of fire and rescue.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

Long Pine contracts with the Brown County Sheriff to provide law enforcement in the community.

Sheriff's Department

The Brown County Sheriff's Department employs six officers, three reserve deputies, and four full-time and two part-time support personnel. The department has six patrol vehicles, 24-hour dispatching, high band radio with scrambler capability, 911 emergency service, jail facilities, dispatching radio system, radar, in-car video cameras, National Criminal Justice Information System, and other standard equipment. Sheriff's patrol and protection is provided to the communities of Ainsworth, Johnstown, Long Pine, and Springview.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Brown County in 2005 was 15.0 compared to a state crime rate of 37.1 and a national rate of 39.0.

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk and serves 23 counties. Three patrol officers are stationed in Ainsworth.

STREETS

There are 18.27 miles of streets in Long Pine; 8.84 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no local load restrictions on streets. Ten percent of the streets have curbs and 70 percent have sidewalks.

The street maintenance program includes snow removal and grading or gravel-dragging.

BUILDING AND ZONING

REGULATIONS

The state of Nebraska building codes are enforced in Long Pine.

Local zoning classifications are:

R-1	Residential
LI	Light Industry
TA	Transitional Agriculture
MH	Mobile Home
CB	Commercial

PLANNING

Long Pine has a five-member planning commission; members are appointed for three-year terms by the mayor and city council.

Great Plains Surveying prepared Long Pine's comprehensive plan in 1981. Long Pine's zoning map revision was completed in 2005.



Brown County Courthouse

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Ainsworth Community School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–4)	13	165	1:12	1:2
Middle School (5–8)	9	173	1:12	1:1
High School (9–12)	20	204	1:13	1:2

School District 10 in Brown County covers 550 square miles and has an actual valuation of \$168,546,338. Ainsworth Community School District is a Class 3, Type K–12 district accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Accreditation Association. The district operates three schools: McAndrew Elementary School (K–4); Ainsworth Middle School (5–8); and Ainsworth High School (9–12). Ainsworth Community Schools utilizes their newly remodeled school facilities, climate controlled classrooms, and technology to focus on student achievement.

The elementary school was built in 1958 and the middle school was built in 1922. The high school, originally built in 1922, had additions in 1948, 1975, and 1999.

The 2005–06 school operating expenses totaled \$5,535,603, with an average cost per pupil of \$9,851. The actual valuation per pupil was \$25,628.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Terra Nova CAT-6	100	67
ACT	74	22.3

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 78 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, 15 percent of the seniors enter the job market, and 7 percent enter the military immediately after graduation.

Vocational high school programs include business, vocational agriculture, family and consumer science, and industrial technology.

Adult educational programs are available in the high school in conjunction with Northeast Community College. Internet access is available.

Special education teachers provide services in the elementary, middle, and high schools; one teacher is located in each school.

Rural Schools

Raven, Highland Grove, and Buffalo Flats are Class 1, Type K–8 elementary schools in the rural area.

Educational Service Unit

Long Pine is a member of Educational Service Unit 17, which is headquartered in Ainsworth and serves four counties. General services available include media library, health screening, audio-visual repair, Starlab, computer repair, in-service training of staff, Internet, distance-learning classrooms, implementing registered nurses in schools, supervision of Class 1 schools, special education, and statewide cooperative purchasing.

Community College

Long Pine is part of the **Northeast Community College (NECC)** service area. The college, governed by an 11-member elected board, serves 20 counties in northeast Nebraska from the main campus located in Norfolk, 133 miles northeast of Long Pine, and through regional education centers located in O'Neill, South Sioux City, and



Ainsworth Schools



Playground Equipment at Ainsworth School



Long Pine Continuing Education Center

West Point. Enrollment at NECC for 2005–06 included 7,311 students taking credit courses and 16,570 students taking noncredit, continuing education classes.

NECC offers more than 70 majors and transfer concentrations preparing students for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. In May 2006 the college awarded a record number 747 diplomas and degrees. According to the latest Graduate Employment Report, approximately 99 percent of the 2005 graduates seeking employment found jobs.

The Graduate Employment Report also showed that 34 percent of the 2005 graduates chose to continue their education, with most transferring to a four-year school. Other data confirm that college transfer students from NECC who continue their educations at four-year institutions do as well as or better than native and other transfer students.

The Business and Industry Division of NECC works with area industries, retail and service establishments, agriculture, and other agencies in planning employee development and training. The programs can be delivered on site at the company or at the state-of-the-art facilities at NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization's special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 253 employers and trained more than 5,800 employees through customized training workshops and seminars in fiscal year 2005–06. The division also worked with 22 communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 40 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional 12 minority-owned businesses were provided start-up assistance and consulting services. NECC also assisted in recruiting several new companies and divisions to the region.

The 205-acre main campus includes 19 buildings with classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; student center; an activities center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; residence hall for students;

and two apartment buildings for student living. In 2004 Burkhardt Hall, a 147-bed residence hall addition, and the \$2.4 million Agriculture Complex, one mile east of the main campus, were dedicated. The Agriculture Complex includes a 550-seat arena and four classrooms. Northeast also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations.

In 2005 a \$2.57 million addition was completed to the Cox Activity Center, including 30 rooms that house the radio/TV broadcasting, audio recording, technology, and music departments. In spring 2006 ground was broken for a new utility line-professional truck driver training building. The \$2.7 million, 36,800-square-foot building will include nine new classrooms/labs, six offices, and two mechanic's bays. The building will be ready for classes in fall 2007.

The South Sioux City Education Center moved into a new 10,000-square-foot facility in South Sioux City in 2005. The state-of-the-art education center houses several classrooms, a large business-industry training room, computer lab, distance-learning classroom, conference rooms, and administrative offices. The center has classes leading to an associate of arts degree with a business administration or general studies emphasis and associate of applied science degree in administrative assistant-medical and business management. Representatives of the governing boards of NECC and Wayne State College and the South Sioux City Community Development Agency have signed an Interlocal Agreement for construction of a college center in South Sioux City. When the college center is complete, students will be able to take their freshman- and sophomore-level courses from NECC and then take junior- and senior-level or graduate-level courses from Wayne State College at the same location in South Sioux City. Northeast will also offer vocational classes, continuing education, and customized training for business and industry at this location.

For more information on Northeast Community College, call (800) 348-9033 or visit the web site at www.northeastcollege.com.

**Northeast Community College
Representative Sample of the Class of 2005**

Program	Degree/Certificate	Conferred
Accounting	A.A. & A.A.S.	17
Administrative Assistant (Medical)	A.A., A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	21
Agriculture	A.A.S. & A.S.	53
Audio Recording Technology	A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	6
Auto/Auto Body Technology	A.A.S.	40
Building Construction	A.A.S.	29
Diesel Technology	A.A.S.	27
Electrical Construction & Control	A.A.S.	18
Nursing-LPN (Licensed Practical)	1-year diploma	63
Nursing-ADN (Registered Nursing)	A.D.N.	25
Utility Line	A.A.S.	36

Lifelong Learning Center

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square-foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, two distance learning classrooms, a computer center for software training, and the conference center that can be divided into six rooms and accommodate up to 700 people. Full technology, including video conferencing, and food services are available to make the center a highly desirable location for meetings, training activities, and conferences.

In addition to the associate degree and continuing education programs offered through NECC, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a clearinghouse for educational offerings from Educational Service Unit 8, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, UNL Northeast Research and Extension Center, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Madison County, and Wayne State College, as well as other public and private institutions. Using state-of-the-art distance education technology and live instruction, several bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees are offered, including computer science and engineering, industrial

management systems engineering, and two MBA programs.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Center, its programs and facilities, call the facility's coordinator at (402) 844-7246.

Colleges

Wayne State College (WSC) located in Wayne, 154 miles southeast of Long Pine, serves approximately 3,400 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 25 other states and 13 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors plus 39 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including arts and humanities, business and technology, education and counseling, and natural and social sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business and education.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 13 percent major in the arts and humanities, 19 percent in education and counseling, 29 percent in business and technology, and 39 percent in natural and social sciences.

Founded in 1891, the college became a State College in 1909. The picturesque 128-acre

Wayne State College				
Program	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	22	3	—	—
Art	46	7	—	—
Business	532	146	55	11
Chemistry	48	15	—	—
Computer Information Systems	62	22	—	—
Computer Science	31	5	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	63	18
Criminal Justice	160	40	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	323	164
Early Childhood	93	22	—	—
Elementary Education	344	62	—	—
English	72	17	—	—
Exercise Science	59	18	6	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	62	9	—	—
French Education	2	—	—	—
Geography	27	8	—	—
Graphic Design	44	8	—	—
Health & PE	61	12	—	—
History	65	5	—	1
Human Service Counseling	84	22	—	—
Industrial Technology	94	17	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	3	2	—	—
Life Sciences	117	29	—	—
Mass Communications	47	13	—	—
Mathematics	32	8	—	—
Middle Level Education	20	4	—	—
Modern Language and Culture	1	1	—	—
Music	63	1	—	—
Natural Sciences	5	1	—	—
Organizational Management-Sport/Rec. Man.	—	—	7	—
Physical Science	3	—	—	—
Political Science	33	7	—	—
Pre-Professional	209	—	—	—
Psychology	86	15	—	—
School Administration	—	—	74	9
Social Sciences	49	7	1	3
Sociology	21	8	—	—
Spanish	31	4	—	—
Special Education	51	6	2	1
Speech Communications	48	14	2	—
Sport Management/Leisure Services	100	21	8	9
Technology	12	4	—	—
Theatre	22	1	—	—
Undeclared	308	—	—	—

*Includes first and second majors as of October 10, 2006

**Degrees awarded December 2005 through August 2006

campus serves as a state arboretum and features a walking/jogging trail, numerous indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, a renovated and expanded Student Center, a state-of-the-art business building, and a new studio arts building.

The Office of Continuing Education at Wayne State College offers undergraduate and graduate coursework via Internet and distance learning. In addition, a variety of courses are also offered on-site in several area cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

Contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or visit www.wsc.edu for further information.

Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Ainsworth High School graduates include:

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Norfolk Northeast Community College	133
Kearney University of Nebraska at Kearney	152
Wayne Wayne State College	154
North Platte Mid-Plains Community College	174
Chadron Chadron State College	191
Hastings Hastings College	195
Lincoln Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln	269
Omaha University of Nebraska at Omaha	275

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
First Congregational	1
First Methodist	1
Oasis Worship Center	1

HEALTH CARE

There are approximately 30 physicians within a 50-mile radius of Long Pine.

Hospital

The **Brown County Hospital**, opened in 1971 in Ainsworth, nine miles west, is licensed by the state of Nebraska as a 25-bed critical-access facility and is certified by the federal government to participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs. The hospital is also dually licensed for 25 swing beds and 4 newborn bassinets. Medical services include mammography, ultrasound, surgery, recovery room, labor and delivery room, nursery, two coronary care units, one intensive care unit, emergency room, laboratory, radiology, blood bank, pharmacy, EKG, respiratory and physical therapy, stress testing, and ultrasound. Limited home health and volunteer hospice care are also available. Other services include helicopter and Lifeline.

There are eight outpatient clinics. Special clinics are held at the hospital for urology, ear/nose/throat, orthopedic, cardiology, ophthalmology, podiatry, and general surgery. Mobile units include MRI and CT scan.

Regional medical centers are located in Norfolk, 133 miles; Kearney, 152 miles; North Platte, 174 miles; Sioux City, 183 miles; Lincoln, 269 miles; and Omaha, 250 miles.

Clinics

Brown County Clinic in Ainsworth opened in 1971 and was accredited in 1999. The clinics operate in association with Brown County Hospital. Four doctors and two nurse practitioners staff the facility. Specialty clinics are available for podiatrists, cardiologists, two orthopedic groups, and eye group specialists. The clinic offers eye surgery, MRIs, CAT scans, basic lab services, nuclear and cardiovascular testing, OB care, immunizations, pediatrics, and basic healthcare/maintenance.

Ainsworth Family Clinic, established in 1978 and operating in a facility built in 2000, offers OB services as well as emergency care, routine healthcare, pre-employment physicals, and

on-site lab and x-rays. One full-time physician, one part-time physician, and one part-time nurse practitioner staff the facility.

Avenues to New Horizons Mental Health Services is an outpatient mental health clinic staffed with trained personnel. Counseling sessions for individuals, families, or groups may focus on marital problems, depression, anxiety, abuse, parenting, communications, and alcohol and drug abuse. Psychiatric and psychological assessments, consultations, and education are available. A psychologist and two community support employees are available upon request.

Rescue Squad

Brown County Ambulance has four ambulances, one of which is used primarily for transfer. Three are located in Ainsworth and one is located in Long Pine. The squad is operated by 30 volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians. The ambulance is licensed by the state, and personnel carry radio pagers for 24-hour calls. Training includes a 128-hour course with an additional 30 hours of certification required every three years.

NURSING HOMES

Ainsworth Care Center is a 46-bed skilled nursing facility built in 1964. Certified by Medicaid/Medicare, the center offers 24-hour professional nursing care, long-term health care including physical therapy, IV therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, dietary services, nutritional support services, special diet accommodations, tracheotomy

care, advanced wound care, discharge planning services, social services, recreational activities, laundry, housekeeping, maintenance, family support group, family and resident counseling, community re-entry assessment and planning, outpatient therapy programs, secure Alzheimer's and dementia unit and exercise program. Transportation to the doctor and the local community senior center is provided.

LIBRARY

The Ainsworth Public Library, www.ainsworthlibrary.com contains approximately 24,000 volumes and has an average annual automated circulation of 22,639. Other items available for checkout include puzzles, cake pans, CD-ROMs, Magic School Bus CD-ROMs, cassettes, magazines, newspapers, and videos. Library activities include a summer reading program, adult book-discussion groups, and a talking book service. The library has a junior and adult volunteer group. A CD-ROM computer is on-site with living books, encyclopedias, and reference books. Services include inter-library loan, GED classes, Microsoft Office, microfilm, FC Search Database, and a video conference room. A scanner, fax, copy machine, and two printers are available for public use.

RECREATION

Long Pine has two city parks—Long Pine City Park and Keller Park. Long Pine City Park has playground equipment and regulation size tennis and basketball courts. Keller Park has a gazebo and picnic tables.



Ainsworth Care Center

Area facilities:

<p>Boating</p>	<p>— Long Pine Creek, 12 miles; Niobrara River, 15 miles; Cub Creek Recreational Area, 23 miles; Long Lake State Recreation Area, 37 miles; Atkinson Lake State Recreation Area, 40 miles; Merritt Reservoir, 53 miles; Calamus Lake State Recreation Area, 60 miles; Alkali Lake, 66 miles; and Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, 75 miles</p>	<p>Fishing</p>	<p>— Bass, bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, trout, yellow perch, and walleye</p>
		<p>Golf Courses</p>	<p>— Nine-hole grass greens course with clubhouse in Ainsworth, 9 miles; one public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse in Bassett, 6 miles</p>
		<p>Hiking/Biking Trails</p>	<p>— .75 mile of trail was constructed in 2004 to complement the Long Pine SRA</p>
<p>Bowling</p>	<p>— Eight-lane bowling alley in Atkinson, 40 miles</p>	<p>Horseshoe</p>	<p>— Twenty-four lighted regulation courts in City Park in Ainsworth, 9 miles, (home of the 1986 and 1998 World Horseshoe Tournaments)</p>
<p>Campgrounds</p>	<p>— Long Pine State Recreational Area, 0.5 mile; East City Park in Ainsworth, 9 miles; Double C Trailer Courts, Turnpin Trail Park, and Bassett Historical Park, 10 miles; Keller State Recreational Area, 11 miles; Cub Creek Recreational Area, 30 miles; Long Lake State Recreational Area, 37 miles; Atkinson Lake State Recreational Area, 40 miles; Calamus Lake State Recreational Area, 60 miles; and Merritt Reservoir State Recreational Area, 80 miles</p>	<p>Hunting</p>	<p>— Deer, antelope, turkey, pheasant, grouse, duck, geese, turtle dove, turkey, racoon, quail, and prairie chicken</p>
		<p>Racquetball</p>	<p>— One court in Ainsworth</p>
		<p>Sand Volleyball</p>	<p>— One court in Ainsworth, 9 miles</p>
		<p>Skating</p>	<p>— Ice skating in park</p>
		<p>Swimming</p>	<p>— The Long Pine Creek and The Pines; Ainsworth public pool, 9 miles; Bassett municipal pool, 10 miles; Niobrara River, 15 miles; and Cub Creek Recreational Area, 45 miles</p>



Scenes from Long Pine Park



Keller Memorial Park



Scenes from Long Pine Creek

- Tennis — One court in Long Pine City Park; two lighted courts in Ainsworth, 9 miles
- Theaters — Royal Theater with seating capacity of 254 in Ainsworth
- Other — Splatter Dunes Paintball Range, in Long Pine; scenic drives along the Niobrara River Valley or surrounding countryside

Annual celebrations in Long Pine are the Long Pine Days and Bluegrass Festival in June, which includes a parade, cowboy poetry, barbecue, street dance, craft fair, and bluegrass music. The Fall Festival in September includes a parade, chili cook-off, Ms. and Mr. Long Pine, and bicycle rodeo. A Holiday Craft Fair is held in November and Christmas in Long Pine is held in December, which includes a soup supper, lighting contest, hay-rack ride, and Santa Clause.

Activities at the Ranch Expo in June, include commercial exhibits, a KBR high voltage demonstration, large craft show, hay harvesting and handling demonstrations, livestock exhibits, two concerts by nationally-known entertainers, antique machinery show, adopt-a-horse program, prize drawings, contests, food concessions, and working livestock demonstrations.

Rock County Fair activities include a “fun day” with kids games, parade, rodeo, and 4-H in August.

Ainsworth has hosted the **Annual National Country Music Festival** for 35 years. The Nebraska Legislature designated Ainsworth as the “Country Music Capital of Nebraska” in 1992. The festival was attended by more than 2,000 people, from numerous states. Participants ranged from pre-teens to over 55-years old.

Seven Springs Water is bottled in Long Pine from the natural springs that supply the city. Many people visit to tour the bottling plant.

The **Long Pine Recreational Center** offers summer programs for youth including games,

crafts, hiking, and inner tubing on Pine Creek.

The Long Pine Chamber of Commerce sponsors Pewee basketball tournaments with competition against Springview, Bassett/Newport, and Cherry County.

Long Pine Community Center is open to all residents. Card games are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The center may be rented for special occasions.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are located in Brown County, including Pine Glen WMA, north of Ainsworth along U.S. Highway 183; South Pine WMA, south of Long Pine; South Twin Lake WMA, south of Johnstown; and Plum Creek Valley WMA, directly south of Johnstown.

The **Cowboy Trail**, the longest rails-to-trails conversion in the nation, will span 321 miles through northern Nebraska when completed. Today 136 miles of the trail are open to the public for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. This includes a 102-mile continuous segment from Norfolk to Stuart, a 16-mile segment from Bassett to Ainsworth, and an 18-mile stretch at Valentine that crosses over the Niobrara River on a 148-foot-high bridge, and numerous community trails. The section between Stuart and Bassett was completed in 2006. This trail follows the gentle slopes of the old Chicago and North Western rail line.

Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge encompasses, 19,131 acres and sustains a rich diversity of wildlife including birds, bison, elk, and plants. The Niobrara River flows eastward crossing nine miles of the refuge.

Niobrara Valley Preserve of the Nature Conservancy headquarters is located 36 miles from Long Pine. This 50,000 acre area is dedicated to preserving a unique biological crossroads of five ecological zones, including both Sandhills and Riverine ecologies. Two self-guided hiking trails and a growing herd of bison are available for visitors to enjoy.

The **Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway** is a 231-mile trail from South Sioux City to Valentine on State Highway 12, which runs through

Springview. The view includes forested bluffs, winding rivers, sandhills, grasslands, wetlands, high prairies, lakes, waterfalls, and the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge. Adventures include famous footsteps, world-class canoeing, the state's tallest waterfall, wildlife viewing, state recreation areas, and fishing.

The **Senior Citizens Center** in Ainsworth serves noon meals Monday through Friday. Activities include exercise class, pitch, cribbage, daily cards, and pool, Bible study, sewing, kitchen band, bridge, and special weekend activities. The center also offers blood pressure clinics, home-delivered meals, visually-impaired support group, and caregiver support group.

Rock County Senior Center in Bassett, 10 miles east of Long Pine, offers daily meals and activities for seniors.

Sandhills Discovery Experience features experts in the fields of ecology, geology, paleontology, and hydrology. Additional attractions to the event include tours, exhibits, and vendors.

Two Historical Markers are located on Highway 20. One commemorates the only sod high school in Nebraska. The second marker notes Ainsworth Airbase, a significant base during World War II. The airbase, now utilized as a commercial airport, has the longest runway between Rapid City, South Dakota, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Cultural Activities

The **Heritage House** in Long Pine, is a museum preserving Long Pine's heritage. One room is devoted to a panoramic model of Long Pine's railroad heyday. **Cowboy Poetry** is read at the **Long Pine Days** and **Bluegrass Festival**. The **Heritage House** museum is open to the public.

The **Ainsworth Art Guild** serves Brown County as well as other areas, and membership is open to the public. The guild participated in various projects, painting, artist studies, etc. A spring art show is hosted each year at the Ainsworth

Public Library, and an artist is featured monthly from September to May at the library. Regular meetings are held at the Coleman Historical House museum.

The **Brown County Arts Council**, comprised of approximately 20 members, sponsors performing arts and occasional art displays. Each year the Brown County Arts Council sponsors a fine arts awards program for the high school and presents an outstanding fine arts scholarship. The Missoula Children's Theatre is sponsored every other year.

The **Rock County Historical Museum** in Bassett includes displays of the heritage of Rock County and a gift shop. Exhibits include a pioneer home, Galloway House, a log cabin, Valley Grove School, Red Windmill, Chicago Northwestern Depot, St. Michael Catholic Church, and railroad artifacts including a caboose.

Bassett Arts Council provides concerts, Missoula Children's Theatre, Bassett Community Theater, ballet, dances, square dancing, and dinner theater. Traveling displays are featured each month. The Sandhills Quilt Guild in Bassett offers open membership to the public. Monthly meetings are held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The group makes a quilt every other year to raffle at the Ranch Expo.

The **Sellers Barton Museum** in Ainsworth was dedicated in 1936; another room was added in 1967, and Barton Memorial was completed in 1992. Numerous antique articles, mounted birds, bird eggs, Civil War guns, farm equipment, household goods, pictures, valuable papers, and clothing are among the many interesting items on display, as well as an interpretive display about the Sandhills.

The **Brown County Historical Society**, located in the Coleman House in Ainsworth, displays books, furniture, clothing, machinery, memorabilia, genealogical file, and other historical artifacts which were donated by citizens in Brown County.

HOUSING

New Construction

In the past five years building permits were issued for three single-unit houses. The average cost of new home construction is approximately \$90 per square foot.

Brown County Housing Market (November 2006):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family -	13
Condominiums -	3

Rentals

New 2 bedroom home	N/A
Apartment Vacancy Rate	N/A

Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000	17
\$100,000–\$150,000	2
\$150,001–\$290,000	1

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Meadowview Homes in Bassett, built in 1968, contains 14 one-bedroom units designed for the elderly.

There are two 2-bedroom and four 3-bedroom units for low-income families.

Sageview Apartments, built in 1978 in Bassett, contains six units. Rent is based upon income.

Bassett Development Corporation builds homes for low- to moderate-income families upon approval of application.

Double C Trailer Court and **Turpin Trailer Park** are mobile home parks with lots available for housing.

Ainsworth Park Homes is a low-income housing development with priority given to the elderly or disabled. Rent is based on each tenant's individual income. This 30-unit complex was built in 1966 by the federal government. There are 28 one-bedroom apartments and 2 two-bedroom apartments. Facilities include a laundry room, gazebo, community room, and lawn area. A meeting room is available to the tenants and local service clubs. A monthly potluck supper is held for the tenants.

Colonial Estates in Ainsworth is a low-income housing development for low-income families and the elderly or disabled. There are 18 units, including 6 elderly ground units and 12 garden-level units. Appliances, utilities, snow removal, lawn care, solid waste services, and furniture are furnished.

Assisted Living

Cottonwood Villa in Ainsworth is a state-licensed, assisted living facility built in 2000 with 29 units. It is Medicaid-waiver certified. One nurse and numerous ADL assistants staff the facility. Services include grounds keeping, maintenance, dressing, bathing, housekeeping laundry, transportation, monthly wellness checks, 24-hour call system, full activities program, and three meals per day. Facilities include a beauty shop, whirlpool, spa, exercise program, and resident-counsel meetings.



Scenes From Brown County

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Auctioneers	1
Chiropractors.....	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	1	
Auto Repair & Service.....	2	
Auto Supply Parts	2	
Automobile Dealers	1	
Bakeries.....	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums.....	2	
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	1	
Cabin Rentals.....	3	
Contractors—building.....	3	
—carpentry.....	2	
—concrete.....	1	
—electric.....	1	
—excavating.....	2	
—general.....	2	
—heating & air conditioning.....	1	
—painting.....	4	
—plumbing.....	2	
—remodeling & repairing.....	3	
—roofing.....	1	
—well digging.....	1	
Craft Stores	1	
Custom Services.....	6	
Feed Stores.....	1	
Furniture Stores.....	1	
Garbage Collection	1	
Gift Shops	2	
Grain Elevators	1	
Grocery Stores	1	
Hardware Stores.....	2	
Implement Repair.....	2	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	1	
Laundries, Self-Service.....	1	
Lawn Services.....	3	
Lumberyards	1	
Meat Lockers	1	
Motels	1	(12 rooms)
Office Machine Repairs.....	2	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies	1	
Paintball Range.....	1	
Photography Studios.....	2	
Printers.....	1	

Real Estate Firms	1
Restaurants	3
Service Stations	1
Travel Agencies & Bureaus	1
Variety Stores	2
Welding Shops	1



Long Pine Community Center



Heritage House Museum

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Brown County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	311	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	686,466	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	2,207	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$93,317,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$300,055	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	52,330	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	7.6%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2001–2005)		
All Alfalfa Hay	13,828 tons	4,685,600 tons
Corn for Grain	5,859,460 bu.	1,158,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	472,560 bu.	207,072,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2002–2006)		
All Cattle	104,800	6,350,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2001-2006
2002 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

High-quality sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not available locally. Quantities of low-analysis limy sandstone rock are found in the vicinity north of Long Pine. To date, little commercial use of this resource has been found.

Approximately 80 percent of the 7,000 acres of forested land in the Long Pine area are covered with hardwoods and the remaining areas are pine forest. This area averages 71 trees per acre. Cordwood volumes range from 0 to 4.110 cords per acre, with an average of .64 cord. This area is bound on the east by U.S. Highway 183, on the south by U.S. Highway 20, on the north by the Niobrara River, and on the west by Fairfield Creek.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.9	22.8	33.6	0.42	5.3	76	62
February	16.8	27.8	38.9	0.63	6.4	78	64
March	23.9	35.5	47.0	1.25	8.1	79	60
April	35.3	48.0	60.7	2.25	5.2	77	52
May	46.8	59.2	71.6	3.42	0.3	79	53
June	56.4	68.8	81.1	3.69	0.0	80	52
July	62.0	74.9	87.7	3.13	0.0	79	51
August	60.3	73.2	86.0	2.62	0.0	80	52
September	50.5	63.7	76.9	2.29	0.2	77	49
October	39.0	52.0	65.0	1.34	1.6	75	50
November	25.7	36.6	47.5	0.81	5.2	76	57
December	16.2	26.7	37.2	0.45	5.6	75	61
Annual	37.1	49.1	61.1	22.30	37.9	78	55

*Recorded at North Platte Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring	May 3
Average date of first frost in fall	October 4
Average length of growing season	154 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	6,643
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65°Fahrenheit	872
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948-2004, www.hprcc.unl.edu