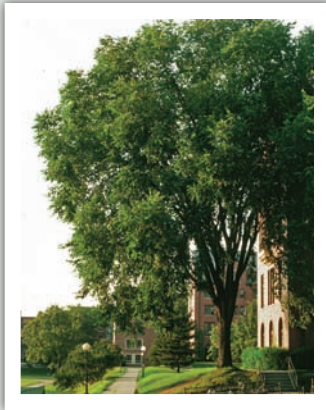


# North Dakota

## 2010 State Report

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North Dakota's state tree is the American Elm.

### North Dakota State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in  
North Dakota: **3,528**



**TREE CITY USA®**

### Program in North Dakota:

Tree City USA Communities: **48**  
Total population served: **410,379**

Largest Tree City USA in North Dakota:  
**Fargo, population 99,200**

Smallest Tree City USA in North Dakota:  
**Pekin, population 80**

Arbor Day Poster Contest  
Participants in North Dakota:

**430 Fifth-grade classrooms**  
**10,750 Fifth-grade students**

Arbor Day Award Winners: **4**

**North Dakota celebrates Arbor Day on  
the first Friday in May.**

## Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.



Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at [natureexplore.org](http://natureexplore.org)). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards.

## North Dakota Members Plant 22,805 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 3,528 North Dakota members helped plant more than 22,805 trees across the state last year.

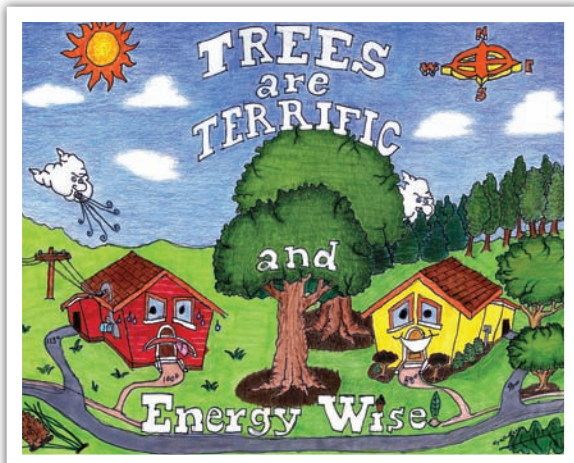
Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in North Dakota have just added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade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



## Thousands of North Dakota 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 nineteenth 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 10,750 North Dakota students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Students are encouraged by the educational program to think deeply about how trees make the world a greener, healthier place. By conveying their interpretation of the theme in their artwork, the student's message that Trees are Terrific is spread to thousands of people around the country.



(Above Right)  
2009 North Dakota  
State Winner

(Bottom Right)  
2010 National Winner

## North Dakota 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 North Dakota because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the North Dakota Forest Service. North Dakota boasts 48 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, North Dakota Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$3,914,423 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 400,000 North Dakota residents who live in those communities. The dedication of North Dakota'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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