## **Husker Mania!**

The "Cornhusker State" became the official state name for Nebraska in 1945. The name is derived from the nickname for the University of Nebraska athletic teams – the "Cornhuskers" – given to them in 1900 by Charles Sherman, a sportswriter for the Nebraska State Journal. The term "cornhusker" comes from the method of harvesting or "husking" corn by hand, which was common in Nebraska before the invention of husking machinery.



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