

# 2007 ECONOMIC FACT SHEET

## SAUK COUNTY

### INDUSTRIES SERVED BY FREIGHT RAILROAD SYSTEM

In Sauk County, 14 industries ship freight via rail with the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. Shipping freight by rail provides these industries listed below a low cost, efficient alternative to shipping by truck or other means.

**HANKE TRUCKING**  
Reedsburg

**COOP COUNTRY PARTNERS**  
Baraboo

**COOP COUNTRY PARTNERS**  
Reedsburg

**COOP COUNTRY PARTNERS**  
Rock Springs

**COOP COUNTRY PARTNERS**  
Prairie du Sac

**FRONTIER FARM SERVICES**  
Spring Green

**FLAMBEAU PLASTICS**  
Baraboo

**HARTJE LUMBER**  
LaValle

**SENGER LUMBER**  
Baraboo

**LORMAN IRON & STEEL**  
Reedsburg, WI

**MARTIN MARIETTA**  
Rock Springs

**MIDWEST HARDWOODS**  
Reedsburg

**PACE INDUSTRIES**  
Reedsburg

**RR DONNELLEY**  
Baraboo

### 2007 Economic Benefits From Industries Utilizing Freight Rail Transit

2007 Employees (Includes Seasonal)	Total Property Taxes Paid	Property Tax Paid Directly to Sauk County	Ad Valorem Tax To State of WI (All Railroads-2007)	Total Railcar Loads
<b>2,065</b>	<b>\$1,243,504</b>	<b>\$350,672</b>	<b>\$16,120,000</b>	<b>6,680</b>

- With the railroad system in place today, over **\$12 million** is being saved in highway maintenance costs on an annual basis in Wisconsin.
- There was a **12% increase in carloadings** originated or terminated in Sauk County over the previous year.
- Rail service preserves existing highway infrastructure. There were **26,720 fewer trucks** on Sauk County roads in 2007 due directly to utilization of the railroad within the county.
- Rail service to industries in Sauk County provides a vital transportation resource linking these businesses to thousands of other businesses in national and international markets.
- Most employees working at these rail served industries live within the county less than 25 miles from work.
- Railroads today provide a very high level of customer service to Sauk County. This efficient service helps industries save thousands of dollars in transportation costs yearly.

In order to further facilitate savings to Sauk County industries, it is imperative to improve rail efficiencies by providing larger capacity railcars on the system. This can be accomplished by improving the existing infrastructure to allow for 286,000 lb capacity – the industry standard.

