
THE

ELDORA LINE

Furniture From Reclaimed Barnwood
Designed & Manufactured by Iowa Prison Industries



ORIGINS OF THE ELDORA LINE



In 1868, Iowa Governor Samuel Merrill signed a bill creating a reform school for delinquent boys, known as the Boys Training School. The General Assembly appropriated \$45,000 for the purchase of land and the construction of suitable buildings. Cities and counties throughout Iowa submitted offers and incentives, with Eldora winning the contest and donating 440 acres of land. Buildings were established, including residence houses, classrooms, a dining hall, hospital, chapel, workshops, warehouses, and barns.

The largest of these barns measured 60 feet wide by 120 feet long and was split into two cross sections, with an alley running the length of the barn. An extension to the north held a vocational agriculture classroom, feed rooms, offices, and a milk room. The basement was used for storage.

Over time, a number of the barns and outbuildings lost their usefulness and had to be taken down. But rather than simply razing the structures, Iowa Prison Industries and Iowa Central Community College worked together and “deconstructed” the barns, reclaiming valuable timber and other materials.

As part of the deconstruction program, offenders from the North Central Correctional Facility in Rockwell City attended classroom training and studied to become certified in areas such as asbestos handling, lead paint abatement, and OSHA safety. Under the supervision of ICCC and IPI, these offenders carefully disassembled Eldora’s barns and outbuildings, yielding a treasure trove of old growth Douglas Fir – the fine wood used by IPI to craft the new “Eldora Line” of furniture.



FROM FARM TO FURNITURE



CONFERENCE TABLE

- Solid wood construction
- Boat-shaped design encourages participation
- Steel legs
- Concealed power cord channels are included
- Outlet grommet options available
- 42”d x 120”w x 30”h



CREDENZA

- Solid wood construction
- Steel legs
- Adjustable shelf
- Magnetic spring doors
- 34”d x 63”w x 40”h



OCCASIONAL TABLE

- Solid wood construction
- Steel legs
- 1.5” top
- Legs bisect at a subtle upward curve
- 21”d x 21”w x 19”h



A CUSTOMIZABLE COLLECTION

In addition to pieces tailor-made for this collection, IPI can build custom furniture to your design, using the beautiful wood and rich history found in the Eldora Line.



ABOUT IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES

Iowa Prison Industries (IPI) is the work arm of the Iowa Department of Corrections and consists of Traditional Industries (manufacturing), IPI Farms and Private Sector programs.

IPI provides work training in a real world setting, where offenders develop skills such as operating in a team environment, meeting quality requirements, and achieving output goals.

When they re-enter society, these offenders can have a resumé, record of advancement, and skill certification such as welding, machining, or forklift operation. Ex-offenders from IPI provide Iowa companies with a trained and ready work force.

About 700 offenders “go to work” everyday in IPI programs, gaining over 1 million hours of work training per year.

Numerous studies have shown that work programs and vocational training significantly reduce the number of offenders that return to prison for new crimes (recidivism).

Since 90 percent of prison offenders will be released back into our communities, IPI’s success in reducing recidivism means fewer crimes are committed, fewer citizens are victimized, and fewer offenders are housed at the taxpayers expense.



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