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## TIGHT SQUEEZE

U.S. scrap processors continue to add shredding capacity, increasing competition for obsolete vehicles and white goods.

**R**ecycling Today publishes a list of U.S. auto shredder installations every two years, and we've seen growth in capacity for the last decade running. The number of auto shredders in the U.S. first surpassed 200 as of our 1998 list. In the 14 years since, that number has topped the 300 mark, though seven of the plants included on our 2012 list are proposed installations for 2013. These shredders range in size from 10,000-horsepower "mega" models to relatively small 1,000-horsepower models.

### POPULATION CENTERS

Texas again tops the list, with 27 shredder installations and a 28<sup>th</sup> planned for 2013. At six, Brownsville houses the most auto shredders, followed by Houston with three.

Ohio and Pennsylvania both are home to 15 shredder plants. The Ohio cities of Canton, Columbus and Toledo each are home to two shredder plants, including operations by Slesnick Iron and Metal, PSC Metals and OmniSource. Pittsburgh, with two auto shredders, has operations by Neville Metals and Tube City, while Temple, Pa., is home to two shredders operated by Royal Green LLC/AMG Resources.

Florida currently houses 14 shredders, though a 15<sup>th</sup> is planned at Manatee Metals in Tampa. Michigan, also the site of 14 plants, includes operations by Ferrous Processing & Trading, Louis Padnos Iron & Metal and OmniSource.

Planned installations include Montana's first auto shredder, to be operated by Pacific Steel & Recycling in Lockwood, as well as in Niagara Falls, N.Y., operated by Falls Metal Recycling, and in Wawayanda, N.Y., to be operated by Brookfield Resource Management.

### INTENSE COMPETITION

In 1998, processors were concerned that the U.S. had an overcapacity of auto shredders. More than 100 shredder installations later, the issue is even more concerning. (See "Too Much of a Good Thing," p. 76.) Certainly, competition for auto hulks has grown along with the number of auto shredders.

As Larry Danielle, owner of auto parts recycler U-Pull-It, Davie, Fla., told Editorial Director Brian Taylor for "In-House Service," the September 2012 *Recycling Today* cover story, "A lot of shredder operators are now getting into the 'you-pull-it' business to provide their own feedstock. The natural progression of my growth was to gravitate into their business."

For the ferrous commodity focus article, "Holding Steady," in the May issue of *Recycling Today*, a shredder operator based in Illinois told Managing Editor DeAnne Toto: "This is a cycle where you realize that if you are going to compete with your neighbor, you are not going to put in a baler or a shear; you are going to put in a shredder."

Sources say intense competition for material is eroding margins. "We are probably doing a little better than breaking even," a Georgia-based processor said of his operation in late April of this year, when No. 2 shredded scrap was selling at \$438 per ton as a U.S. average. "If you can take 5 percent to the bottom line, you are doing very well. Right now, that's not available," he added.

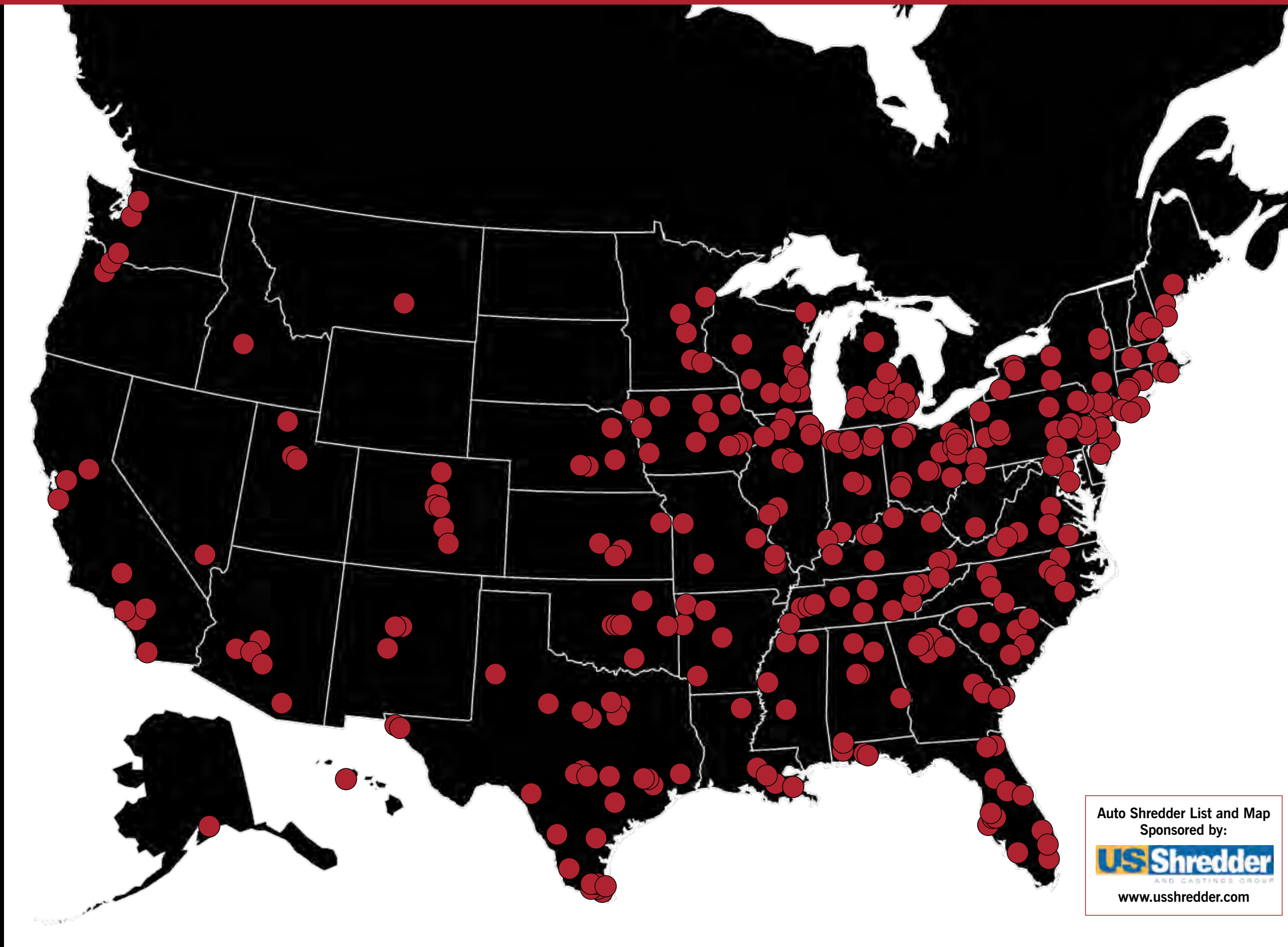
With No. 2 shredded scrap selling for \$398 as of September, auto shredder operators likely are experiencing even more chaffing now than they were at the start of the spring.

However, shredder capacity continues to grow, as evidenced by the 2012 list of U.S. shredder plants (some of which may currently be idled) that are installed or planned for 2013. **rt**



MAP OF U.S. AUTO SHREDDING PLANT LOCATIONS >>

The Recycling Today Media Group has been trying to locate auto shredding plants operating in Canada. If you are aware of shredding plants operating in Canada, please contact Recycling Today Senior Editor Dan Sandoval at dsandoval@gtie.net or at 330-523-5335.



Auto Shredder List and Map  
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- ALBERTA**
  - Calgary
  - Navajo Metals
  - Edmonton
  - General Scrap Iron & Metal
  - Sherwood Park
  - GenAlta Recycling Inc.
- BRITISH COLUMBIA**
  - Richmond
  - Richmond Steel Recycling  
(Sims Metal Management)
- MANITOBA**
  - Selkirk
  - Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.
  - Winnipeg
  - General Scrap
- NEW BRUNSWICK**
  - West Saint John
  - American Iron & Metal
- ONTARIO**
  - Brampton
  - Triple M Metal
  - Hamilton
  - Scrapmen
  - Triple M Metal (2)
  - Kingston
  - Kimco Steel Sales Ltd.
  - Kitchener
  - Kimco Steel Sales Ltd.
  - Ottawa
  - Bakermat
  - Smith's Falls
  - Glenview Iron and Metal
  - Thunder Bay
  - Lakehead Scrap Metals
  - Whitby
  - Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.
- QUEBEC**
  - La Prairie
  - Fers et Metaux Recycles
  - Laval
  - Quebec
  - Metals Recy./Quebec SNF
  - Montreal
  - American Iron & Metal Co.
  - ArcelorMittal
  - Sainte-Catherine
  - Associated Steel Industries
- SASKATCHEWAN**
  - Regina
  - Wheat City Metals

- ALASKA**
  - Anchorage
  - Alaska Metal Recycling
- ALABAMA**
  - Albertville
  - Progress Rail Services
  - Birmingham
  - ACIPCO
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Decatur
  - Tennessee Valley Recycling
  - Mobile
  - Alter Scrap Processing
  - David's Auto Shredding
  - Phenix City
  - Blaze Recycling and Metals
- ARKANSAS**
  - Fort Smith
  - Yaffe Iron and Metal
  - Lowell
  - USA Metal Recycling
  - North Little Rock
  - Tenenbaum Recycling
  - Group LLC
  - Rogers
  - Tenenbaum Recycling
  - Group LLC
  - Texarkana
  - Tri-State Iron & Metal Co.
- ARIZONA**
  - Casa Grande
  - Southwest Metal Industries
  - Glendale
  - Southwest Metal Industries
  - Phoenix
  - Liberty Southwest Holdings
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Tucson
  - Sims Metal Management
- CALIFORNIA**
  - Anaheim
  - SA Recycling
  - Bakersfield
  - SA Recycling
  - Chula Vista
  - Ecology Auto Parts Inc.
  - Colton
  - Ecology Auto Parts Inc.
  - Oakland
  - Schnitzer Steel Products Co.
  - Redwood City
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Terminal Island
  - SA Recycling
  - West Sacramento
  - West Coast Recycling Group
  - (Proposed)
- COLORADO**
  - Colorado Springs
  - American Iron & Metal
  - Denver
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Englewood
  - All Recycling Inc.
  - Western Metals Recycling
  - Greeley
  - Andersen's Sales & Salvage
- CONNECTICUT**
  - Pueblo
  - American Iron & Metal
- FLORIDA**
  - Baldwin
  - Gerdau Ameristeel
  - Davie
  - U-Pull-It
  - Fort Myers
  - Garden Street Iron & Metal
  - Jacksonville
  - CMC Recycling
  - Miami
  - Ferrous Processing
  - and Trading
  - Ocala
  - Trademark Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
  - Opa-locka
  - Trademark Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
  - Orlando
  - Trademark Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
  - Pensacola
  - Scrap Inc.
  - (A subsidiary of GSI)
  - Southern Recycling
  - Rockledge
  - Trademark Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
  - St. Petersburg
  - Resource Recycling
  - Tampa
  - Manatee Scrap
  - (Planned)
  - OneSteel Recycling
  - Trademark Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
- GEORGIA**
  - Athens
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Covington
  - Oconee Metal Recycling
  - Doraville
  - Newell Recycling
  - of Winnett
  - East Point
  - Newell Recycling LLC
  - Lawrenceville
  - Blaze Recycling and Metals
  - Metter
  - Allied Metal Recycling
  - Pembroke
  - Gann's Car Crushing
  - Savannah
  - Georgia Recycling LLC
  - Newell Recycling
  - of Savannah LLC
- HAWAII**
  - Kapolei
  - Schnitzer Steel Hawaii
  - Corp. (Formerly Hawaii
  - Metal Recycling Co.)
- IOWA**
  - Council Bluffs
  - Alter Trading Corp.
  - Davenport
  - Alter Trading Corp.
  - Nichols Aluminum
  - Des Moines
  - Alter Trading Corp.
  - Mason City
  - Behr Iron & Metal
  - Monona
  - Clayton County Recycling
  - Sioux City
  - Sioux City Compressed
  - Steel Co.
  - Spencer
  - Shine Bros.
  - Waterloo
  - Alter Trading Corp.
  - Wilton
  - Gerdau
  - (Restarted mid-2012)
- IDaho**
  - Mayfield
  - Pacific Recycling Shredder
- ILLINOIS**
  - Alton
  - Azcon Corp.
  - Chicago
  - General Iron
  - Industries Inc. (2)
  - Sims Metal
  - Management (3)
  - East St. Louis
  - St. Louis Auto Shredding
  - (A Division of Piolet
  - Brothers Trading)
  - Peoria
  - Allied Iron & Steel/
  - A. Miller Co.
  - Behr Iron & Steel (2)
  - Rockford
  - Behr Iron & Steel
  - South Beloit
  - Behr Iron & Steel
  - Sterling
  - Cimco Resources Inc.
- INDIANA**
  - East Chicago
  - CMA Recycling
  - Evansville
  - J. Trockman & Sons Inc.
  - Fort Wayne
  - OmniSource
  - Gary
  - Summit Inc.
  - Indianapolis
  - Capitol City Metals
  - OmniSource
  - Rochester
  - Rochester Iron & Metal
  - South Bend
  - 360 Recycling/
  - Randy's Recycling
  - Gertrude Street
  - Metal Recycling
  - St. Joseph
  - 360 Degree Recycling
  - Waterloo
  - Waterloo Recycling
- KANSAS**
  - Hutchinson
  - Midwest Iron
  - & Metal Co. Inc.
  - Kansas City
  - Advantage Metals
  - Recycling LLC
  - Park City
  - Midwest Scrap
  - Management (Proposed
  - for 2013)
  - Wichita
  - Glickman Iron & Metal
  - (Yaffe Cos. Inc.)
- KENTUCKY**
  - Ashland
  - Mansbach Metal Co.
  - Glasgow
  - Mid-State Steel
  - Henderson
  - River Metals Recycling LLC
  - Louisville
  - Industrial Services
  - of America
  - River Metals Recycling LLC
  - Newport
  - River Metals Recycling LLC
- LOUISIANA**
  - Baton Rouge
  - Southern Recycling
  - LaPlace
  - Mississippi River Recycling
  - (A Division of Bayou
  - Steel)
  - Monroe
  - Auto Shred of Louisiana
  - New Orleans
  - Southern Recycling
  - Port Allen
  - Southern Recycling
- MASSACHUSETTS**
  - Greenfield
  - WTF Recycling Inc.
  - Everett
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
- MARYLAND**
  - Baltimore
  - Baltimore Scrap Corp.
  - Recovermat
  - United Iron & Metal
  - (formerly The David J.
  - Joseph Co.)
  - Capitol Heights
  - Joseph Smith & Sons Inc.
  - Hagerstown
  - Conservit Inc.
- MAINE**
  - Auburn
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
  - Berwick
  - Berwick Iron & Metal
  - Topsham
  - Grimmel Industries
- MICHIGAN**
  - Detroit
  - Ferrous Processing &
  - Trading Co. (2)
  - Strong Steel Products
  - (A Division of Ferrous
  - Processing & Trading)
  - Flint
  - Spooner Metals
  - Gaylord
  - A & L Iron & Metal
  - Grand Rapids
  - Louis Padnos Iron & Metal
  - Holland
  - Louis Padnos Iron & Metal
  - Jackson
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Kalamazoo
  - Kalamazoo Metal
  - Recyclers Inc.
  - Kingsford
  - East Kingsford Iron and
  - Metal (Schneider Iron &
  - Metal)
  - Lansing
  - Louis Padnos Iron & Metal
  - Pontiac
  - Ferrous Processing &
  - Trading Co.
  - Saginaw
  - Rifkin Scrap Iron
  - & Metal Co.
  - Taylor
  - Fritz Enterprises Inc.
- MINNESOTA**
  - Anoka
  - Alter Trading Corp.
  - Brainerd
  - Crow Wing Recycling
  - Duluth
  - Bay Side Recycling Corp.
  - Minneapolis
  - Northern Metals
  - St. Paul
  - Gerdau Ameristeel
- MISSOURI**
  - Farmington
  - Scrap 'N' Recycling
  - Festus
  - Shapiro Brothers Inc.
  - Kansas City
  - Advantage Metals Recycling
  - Midwest Scrap
  - Management
  - Springfield
  - Springfield Iron & Metal LLC
  - St. Louis
  - Grossman Iron & Steel
  - PSC Metals
- MISSISSIPPI**
  - Corinth
  - SMC Recycling
  - Flowood
  - General Recycling, NUCOR
  - Steel Jackson Inc.
  - Greenville
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Sardis
  - Martin Bros. Scrap
- MONTANA**
  - Lockwood
  - Pacific Steel & Recycling
  - (Planned for mid-2013)
- NORTH CAROLINA**
  - Charlotte
  - Southern Metals Co. Inc.
  - Gastonia
  - Metal Recycling Services
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.)
  - Greensboro
  - D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co.
  - Halifax
  - United Auto Salvage
  - Kelford
  - Liverman Recycling
  - Kernersville
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Monroe
  - Metal Recycling Services
  - Rocky Mount
  - RMR Recycling
  - Smithfield
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Statesville
  - L. Gordon Iron & Metal Co.
- NEBRASKA**
  - Columbus
  - Columbus Metal
  - Industries Inc.
  - Kearney
  - Anderson Wrecking
  - Columbus Metals Industries
  - Steel)
  - Norfolk
  - Alter Trading
  - (Proposed for 2013)
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**
  - Claremont
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
  - Concord
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
  - Madbury
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
- NEW JERSEY**
  - Camden
  - Alter Iron & Metal Inc.
  - Clifton
  - Parkway Iron and Metal
  - Jersey City
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Millville
  - American Auto Salvage/
  - American Recycling
  - Cumberland
  - Recycling Corp.
  - Newark
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Trenton
  - Mercer Group International
  - Trenton Iron & Metal Corp.
- NEW MEXICO**
  - Albuquerque
  - Albuquerque Metals
  - Recycling
  - Western Metals Recycling
  - (A David J. Joseph Co.
  - subsidiary)
- NEVADA**
  - Las Vegas
  - SA Recycling
- NEW YORK**
  - Brooklyn
  - Brooklyn Resource
  - Recovery Inc.
  - Buffalo
  - Gerdau Ameristeel
  - Metalico
  - Coevman
  - R. Kelly Freedman
  - & Son Inc.
  - Lindenhurst
  - Gershaw Recycling
  - Medford
  - Gershaw Recycling
  - Niagara Falls
  - Falls Metal Recycling
  - (Proposed)
  - North Chili
  - Iron & Metal
  - Owego
  - Upstate Shredding LLC/
  - Ben Weitsman LLC
  - Rensselaer
  - Rensselaer Iron & Steel Inc.
  - Rochester
  - Upstate Shredding LLC/
  - Ben Weitsman LLC
  - (Formerly Genesee
  - Scrap)
  - Syracuse
  - Roth Steel Corp.
  - Wawayanda
  - Brookfield Resource
  - Management (Proposed)
- OHIO**
  - Akron
  - City Scrap & Salvage Co.
  - Canton
  - PSC Metals
  - Slesnick Iron & Metal
  - Cleveland
  - Ferrous Processing
  - & Trading
  - Columbus
  - Parkway Auto Shredding
  - PSC Metals
  - Dayton
  - Franklin Iron & Metal Corp.
  - Girard
  - Interstate Shredding LLC
  - Mansfield
  - Milliron Industries
  - Marietta
  - American Car Crushing Inc.
  - Toledo
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Toledo Recycling LLC
  - West Carrollton
  - Metal Shredders Inc.
  - Wooster
  - PSC Metals
  - Youngstown
  - Youngstown Iron
  - & Metal Inc.
- OKLAHOMA**
  - Arkoma
  - Yaffe Iron and Metal
  - Durant
  - Durant Metal Shredding
  - Oklahoma City
  - OFF Recycling USA
  - Midwest Scrap
  - Management (Proposed
  - for 2013)
  - Standard Iron
  - & Metal Co. Inc.
  - Tulsa
  - CMC
  - Yaffe Metals
- OREGON**
  - Portland
  - Schnitzer Steel Portland
  - Vancouver
  - Metro Metals NW Inc.
- PENNSYLVANIA**
  - Beaver Falls
  - PSC Metals Inc.
  - Coatesville
  - Coatesville Scrap
  - Iron & Metal
  - Erie
  - Liberty Iron & Metal Co.
  - Harrisburg
  - Consolidated Scrap
  - Resources
  - Morrisville
  - Sims Metal Management -
  - Fairless Iron & Metal
  - Philadelphia
  - SPC Corp.
  - Pittsburgh
  - Neville Metals
  - Tube City Inc.
  - Plainfield Township
  - RPM Recycling
  - Schuylkill Haven
  - U.S.S. Achey Inc.
  - Temple
  - Royal Green LLC/
  - AMG Resources (2)
  - Wilkes-Barre
  - DMS Shredding Inc.
  - Williamsport
  - Penn Recycling
  - York
  - J & K Salvage
- RHODE ISLAND**
  - Johnston
  - Schnitzer Steel Northeast
  - Sims Metal Management
  - (Proposed for 2013)
- SOUTH CAROLINA**
  - Darlington
  - Darlington Shredding Co.
  - Dillon
  - Lockamy Scrap Metal Inc.
  - Hemingway
  - Don's Car Crushing
  - Holly Hill
  - Don's Car Crushing
  - Lexington
  - CMC Recycling
- TENNESSEE**
  - Chattanooga
  - PSC Metals Inc.
  - Dickson
  - Shapiro Recycling Systems
  - Halls
  - Hutcherson Metals
  - Harrisman
  - PSC Metals
  - Jackson
  - Gerdau Ameristeel Shredder
  - Hutcherson Metals
  - Johnson City
  - OmniSource Corp.
  - Knoxville
  - PSC Metals (2)
  - Memphis
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Monroe
  - Cooper Recycling LLC
  - Morristown
  - Morristown Shredder Inc.
  - Nashville
  - PSC Metals
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Pulaski
  - Tennessee Valley
  - Recycling LLC
- TEXAS**
  - Abilene
  - Pine Street Recycling
  - Brownmont
  - CMC Recycling
  - Brownsville
  - All Star Shredding
  - (Recently acquired by
  - Scrap Metals Services)
  - All Valley Recycling
  - ESCO Marine
  - Rio Grande Shredding Co.
  - Shred-X
  - Wilkinson Jim Iron & Metal
  - Corpus Christi
  - CMC Recycling
  - Dallas
  - CMC Recycling
  - Eagle Pass
  - Newell Recycling Co.
  - Edinburg
  - Ecore Rio Grande Valley
  - El Paso
  - CMC Recycling
  - Newell Recycling of El Paso
  - Houston
  - Derichesbourg
  - Recycling USA
  - Rose Metal Processing
  - Texas Port Recycling
  - (A Division of David J.
  - Joseph Co.)
  - Kennedale
  - Hawk Steel
  - Laredo
  - Wilkinson Gary Iron & Metal
  - Lubbock
  - Jarvis Metal Recycling
  - Midlothian
  - Gerdau Ameristeel
  - San Antonio
  - Baja Recycling/
  - AMEX Metals
  - Monterrey Iron & Metal
- UTAH**
  - Plymouth
  - Western Metals Recycling
  - Salt Lake City
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Western Metals
  - Recycling LLC
- VIRGINIA**
  - Chesapeake
  - Sims Metal Management
  - Lorton
  - Davis Industries Inc.
  - Lynchburg
  - Cycle Systems
  - Montvale
  - Shredded Products Corp.
  - (An OmniSource
  - company)
  - Petersburg
  - Sims Metal Management
  - (Operated) Gerdau
  - (Owned)
  - Rocky Mount
  - OmniSource Corp.
- WASHINGTON**
  - Seattle
  - Seattle Iron & Metals Corp.
  - Tacoma
  - Schnitzer Steel
  - Vancouver
  - Pacific Coast Shredding
- WISCONSIN**
  - Eau Claire
  - Alter Metal Recycling
  - Fond Du Lac
  - Sadoff Iron & Metal Co.
  - Green Bay
  - Alter Trading Group
  - Madison
  - Alter Trading Group
  - Milwaukee
  - Miller Compressing Co. (2)
  - United Milwaukee
  - Scrap Inc.
  - Newton
  - B&B Metal Processing Co.
  - Waukesha
  - Waukesha Iron & Metal
- WEST VIRGINIA**
  - Princeton
  - Recycle West Virginia
  - Weirton
  - Automatic Recycling
  - Wheeling
  - Automatic Recycling
- NEWELL RECYCLING**
  - of San Antonio
  - Seguin
  - CMC Recycling
  - Stephenville
  - Erath Iron & Metal
  - Waxahachie
  - Oak Cliff Metals
  - (Planned for 2013)
  - Waco
  - M. Lipsitz & Co. Inc.
- NEWELL RECYCLING**
  - of San Antonio
  - Seguin
  - CMC Recycling
  - Stephenville
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