

# Pre-Built Cabin Business Supplements Farm Income

Harvey Schmucker grew up farming but, like many old order Amish families, he also learned construction, cabinetry and furniture.

When farm income started declining, Schmucker looked around his Wisconsin community for something else he could do that would provide income and work for himself and a few neighbors.

He was good at building houses and cabins. With help from Gary Manning, a Richland Center, Wisconsin farmer, he started Kickapoo Log Cabins and Barns. Workers build log cabins and barns in a building on Schmucker's farm. When a structure is finished, it's loaded onto Manning's semi-trailer and hauled to the new owner's site where it's set on a foundation and finishing touches added.

Because of load restrictions and the size of Manning's trailer, deliveries can be no larger than 16 by 40 ft. However, lean-tos and other additions can be built on site or at the factory and hauled separately, so Kickapoo Log Cabins can be virtually as large as the buyer wants. "I live in the largest



Interior view of a Kickapoo cabin.

house they've built to date," Manning says. "My house is 40 ft. by 40 ft. With the upper floor, we have about 2,900 sq. ft. of living space."

Manning, who works as sales manager for the company, says the demand for pre-built cabins has exceeded expectations. A basic 16 by 30-ft. cabin, delivered and set up, sells for about \$15,500. Barns have just been added to the line up. Manning says a similarly sized barn starts at around \$14,000.

Manning says the company is also exploring the possibility of selling cabins in



Kickapoo cabins and barns are built in Richland Center, Wis., and then transported by truck to their final destination. Do-it-yourself kits are also available.

kit form, with parts all pre-cut and numbered for easy on-site assembly. "We can safely and economically haul pre-built cabins only so far," he says. "Even though we stay within size limitations for state and federal roadways and have all the necessary permits, we're constantly being stopped by police and highway patrolmen who see the size of the

load and figure something has to be wrong with it," Manning says.

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## Where To Buy Pre-Built Cabins, Do-It-Yourself Kits

If you've always wanted a weekend retreat, or if you need additional low-cost living quarters on your farm, you might want to check out the cabins and other buildings produced by the companies on this list. You can find everything from luxurious 3,600 sq. ft. log mansions to cozy 10 by 14 shacks.

### A & B Sawmill

Palmer, AK 99645  
Ph 907 746-1474  
bjmc@alaska.net  
<http://logcabinakit.homestead.com/cabin.html>  
Custom log cabin kits and milled timber.

moderate. Can download one set for \$12.95 or, for complete or multiple sets of blueprints and construction details and instructions, costs range from \$250 to \$475, depending on size of structure and number of sets of plans needed. Custom design available.

### BetterBarns.com

126 Main Street South  
Bethlehem, CT 06751  
Ph 203 266-7989  
Fax 203 266-5352  
E-mail: sales@betterbarns.com  
[www.betterbarns.com](http://www.betterbarns.com)  
Simple cabin and barn plans from around \$30.

### Kickapoo Log Cabins & Barns

27321 Manning Lane  
Richland Center, Wisconsin 53581  
Ph 608 647-3869  
Pre-built square cut log cabins, barns, delivered and erected on site; kits and construction directions for do-it-yourselfers. Standard and custom designs, with and without plumbing and electricity.

### Buck Creek Log Cabins

303 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Guttenburg, Iowa 52052  
563 252-1586  
[www.buckcreeklogcabin.com](http://www.buckcreeklogcabin.com)  
E-mail: lawson@alpinenet.com  
Pre-built cabins and do-it-yourself kits. Dealer for Kickapoo Log Cabins and Barns.

### Log Home Source.Net

Sam Lawrence,  
National Distributor  
200 Sherry Lane  
Easley, SC 29640-3928  
Ph 864-855-4685  
Fax: 209 882-7939  
Toll Free (U.S. only) 1-800-990-8864  
[info@loghomesource.net/](mailto:info@loghomesource.net/)  
<http://www.loghomesource.net/>  
Off-the-shelf kits or custom designed packages that include all construction materials.

### Century Cedar Log Homes

P.O. Box 746  
30187 Magic Drive  
Running Springs, California 92382  
800 383 5648  
[www.centurycedar.com](http://www.centurycedar.com)  
Log cabin and house kits, from rustic to stately, sized from 1,272 sq. ft. up to nearly 3,000 sq. ft. with garage.

### Cottages-Cabins.com

1039 Nebraska Avenue  
West St. Paul, Minnesota 55117  
E-mail: meckardt@mediaone.net  
Ph 651 489-3529  
<http://www.cottages-cabins.com/>  
Several plans, from simple to



Pre-fab cabin from Wilderness Cabins of America.

### Log Homes, Plans & Kits

65 Nottingham Dr.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Ph 540 752-4106  
E-mail: info@log-home-plans.com  
<http://www.log-home-plans.com/>  
View and order kits and plans for cabins and houses ranging from around 300 sq. ft. to 8,000 sq. ft. on the Internet, or contact this address for more information.



Raabe Cooperative Design.

### Ozark Mountain Cabin Kits

Puddin' Ridge Country Cabins  
3050 Brownsville Rd.  
Greers Ferry, AR 72067  
Ph 800 633-8166  
[info@ozarkmountaincabin.com](mailto:info@ozarkmountaincabin.com)  
Complete steel frame cabin kits bundled and/or boxed and shipped anywhere in the US. Includes metal roofing. The basic 608-sq. ft. cabin with loft comes in kit form, using old-fashioned "erector set" technology. Simply fasten the parts together. They are pre-cut and marked. Basic 16 by 20 kit is \$5,995. Add a loft for \$3,000.

### Prairie Kraft Specialties

1500 51 Street South  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
Ph 406 727-3192  
Toll free: 877 727-3192  
Fax 406 727-3239  
[sales@pkscabins.com](mailto:sales@pkscabins.com)  
Build-it-yourself log cabin kits, ranging from 12 by 12-ft., for about \$7,800, to 16 by 34-ft., priced at around \$36,000.

Some designs can be shipped pre-built from the factory. Company says it supplies everything needed to do the job, including the hardware and stain. Each cabin package includes walls, ceiling, floor, roof, windows, door, and a 6-ft. porch.

### QuickCabin LLC

P.O. Box 345  
Forest Hill, MD 21050  
[www.quickcabin.com](http://www.quickcabin.com)  
Toll Free: 888 257 3464  
Fax 410 638 5023  
Three different floor plans (16 by 16, 16 by 20, 16 by 24), priced at \$100 per plan.

### John C. Raabe

Cooperative Design  
5010 South Inglewood Dr.  
Langley, WA 98260  
Ph 360 221-5535 (voice & fax)  
E-mail: jraabe@whidbey.com  
<http://www.countryplans.com/>  
Plans start around \$50.

### Shelter-Kit Incorporated

22W Mill Street  
Tilton, NH 03276  
E-mail: buildings@shelter-kit.com  
Ph (603) 286-7611  
Fax 603 286-2839.  
[www.shelter-kit.com/](http://www.shelter-kit.com/)  
Post and beam frame cabins, other buildings, sold as pre-cut kits, specifically designed for owner assembly. Starting just under \$8,000.

### Tech Art

P.O. Box 130  
Culberson, North Carolina 28903  
Ph 828-644-0653 or  
828 644-5532 after 5:00 P.M.  
Fax 828-644-0936  
Several plans, starting with a 4 by 6 ice fishing shanty for \$25; cabin plans available as small as 136 sq. ft.

### Tomahawk Log & Country Homes

2285 County L  
Tomahawk, WI 54487  
800 544-0636  
Standard and custom designs.

### U-Bild

P.O. Box 2383  
15241 Stagg Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91409-2383  
Ph 800 82-U-BILD  
Several cabin plans, from a simple 700-sq. ft. A-frames, other designs.

### Wilderness Cabins of America

Arizona-Pacific Group  
P. O. Box 2806  
Prescott, Arizona 86302  
Ph 928 778.1578  
Toll free: 888 358-1113  
Fax 928.771.1229  
<http://www.cabinikit.com/>  
george@CabinKit.com  
Kits and plans for cabins from 192 to 1,611 sq. ft. Plans are priced from \$125 to \$425, depending on size of cabin. Includes 5 sets of plans. Ready to build cabin and house kits range from about \$6,000 to \$36,000, including 5 sets of plans.

### 1-866-LOGKITS.COM

P.O. Box 142  
Mauston, WI 53948  
Ph (toll-free): 866 564-5487  
Fax 608 378-4199  
E-mail: kits@1-866-logkits.com  
[www.1-866-logkits.com](http://www.1-866-logkits.com)  
Log cabins from 5x 8 and larger. Check Internet, call or E-mail for details, prices.



Barn built by Kickapoo cabins.