Recommended Industries

These lists were prepared by two different members of the Operations Committee. They serve as a starting point from which to select industries for the layout.

Industrial Parks. I consider the park just north of Bloomer as a possible model. These would be modern buildings with rail services and provide opportunities for switching in a small area. The structures would be mainly made of steel siding, which is easy to model. Two possible industrial parks could be:	Light Manufacturing Plastics factory Metal Products Chemical Products
	Food Processing Frozen foods Meat Packing Dairy
Stand Alone Industries These would be large industries that generate enough traffic by themselves. Some of these could be:	Grain Elevator
	Wood Products
	Paper Products
Off Layout. These would be industries that would take up too much space to be modeled on the layout. Access would be by sidings that would allow switching. Would involve a considerable number of hopper cars and maybe unit trains.	Electric Power Utility
	Concrete
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	Frac Sand Mining and Refining –
Distribution To Another Industry The products from one industry are directly shipped to a different industry to be used in its manufacturing/processing. Packaging from the plastic factory going to the frozen foods plant is an example.	Food Warehouse Industrial Facility
Distribution To a Distribution Center. Products from several industries are shipped to a single point to be stored, sorted, and reshipped (e.g. Walmart Distribution Center.). Here I urge caution. It is easy just to have a huge warehouse and send everything there for further distribution. There could be at least two distribution centers:	Food Warehouse Industrial Facility
Direct Distribution . Products would go from product to customer without the additional step of a distribution center.	Lumber from sawmill to Menards

This list cites locations where the industries do or did exist in West Wisconsin

Manufacturing	Agricultural Products – Several
······································	Bridge mfgr - EC
	Brick mfgr – Menomonie
	Concrete products – RF, EC
	Ethanol Plant – Stanley, Boyceville
	Wood Products Plant – Arcadia, EC, Ladysmith
	Food/Dairy/Poultry Products – Durand, Mondovi, Menonomie, Barron
	Foundry – Menomonie
	Glass mfgr – Menonomie
	Munitions Plant – EC
	Paper mill – EC, RL
	Plastics factory – CF, RL
	Rubber products – EC
Distribution	Intermodal facility – Arcadia, CF
	Lumber distributor – EC
	Metal Recycler – EC
	Railroad Yards – CF, EC, Altoona
	Warehouses – Several
Mining	Sand mine/processor – Several
	Stone Quarry – Dunvillex
RR related Entertainment	RR museum – Colfax, EC, Osceola, Spooner

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