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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
August 14, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

Form 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: June 30, 2008

Check here if Amendment [ ]; Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
This Amendment (Check only one.): [ ] is a restatement.  
[ ] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Berkshire Hathaway Inc.  
Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68131

Form 13F File Number: 28-4545

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Marc D. Hamburg  
Title: Vice President  
Phone: 402-346-1400

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg	Omaha, NE	August 13, 2008
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[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- [ ] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- [X] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc.

Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 21  
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 104  
Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$57,877,516  
(thousands)

Confidential information has been omitted from the Form 13F and filed separately with the Commission. Included in the confidential filing is information regarding Berkshire Hathaway's position in ConocoPhillips. At March 31, 2008, shares held in ConocoPhillips were included in Berkshire Hathaway's public Form 13F.

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

[If there are no entries in this list, state "NONE" and omit the column headings and list entries.]

NO.	FORM 13F FILE NUMBER	NAME
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1.	28-5678	Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska
2.	28-10388	BH Columbia Inc.
3.	28-719	Blue Chip Stamps
4.	28-554	Buffett, Warren E.
5.	28-1517	Columbia Insurance Co.
6.	28-2226	Cornhusker Casualty Co.
7.	28-06102	Cypress Insurance Company
8.	28-11217	Fechheimer Brothers Company
9.	28-	GEC Investment Managers
10.	28-852	GEICO Corp.
11.	28-101	Government Employees Ins. Corp.
12.	28-	Medical Protective Corp.
13.	28-1066	National Fire & Marine
14.	28-718	National Indemnity Co.
15.	28-5006	National Liability & Fire Ins. Co.
16.	28-11222	Nebraska Furniture Mart
17.	28-717	OBH Inc.
18.	28-	U.S. Investment Corp.
19.	28-1357	Wesco Financial Corp.
20.	28-3091	Wesco Financial Ins. Co.
21.	28-3105	Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

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Column 1 Name of Issuer	Column 2 Title of Class	Column 3 CUSIP Number	Column 4 Market Value (In Thousands)	Column 5 Shares or Principal Amount \$	Column 6 Investment Discretion			Column Other Manager
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	(c) Shared- Other	
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	648,880	17,225,400		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			301,157	7,994,634		X		4, 13, 17
			4,530,039	120,255,879		X		4, 14, 17
			73,196	1,943,100		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			52,727	1,399,713		X		4, 16, 17
			31,636	839,832		X		4, 8, 17
			73,537	1,952,142		X		4, 17
Anheuser Busch Cos. Inc.	Com	035229 10 3	848,112	13,652,800		X		4, 14, 17
			11,939	192,200		X		4, 18
Bank of America Corp.	Com	060505 10 4	217,217	9,100,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Com	12189T 10 4	6,371,525	63,785,418		X		4, 14, 17
Carmax Inc.	Com	143130 10 2	302,247	21,300,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	20,792	400,000		X		4, 17
			92,316	1,776,000		X		4, 15, 17
			374,547	7,205,600		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			2,086,560	40,141,600		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			7,274,373	139,945,600		X		4, 14, 17
			475,056	9,139,200		X		4, 13, 17
			24,950	480,000		X		4, 16, 17
			47,406	912,000		X		4, 7, 17
Comcast Corp Comdisco Holding Co.	CLA SPL Com	20030N 20 0 200334 10 0	225,120	12,000,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			11,630	1,217,795		X		4, 14, 17
			2,892	302,862		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			164	17,209		X		4, 13, 17
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	368,516	5,254,000		X		4, 14, 17
Gannett Inc. General Electric Co.	Com	364730 10 1 369604 10 3	74,709	3,447,600		X		4, 14, 17
GlaxoSmithKline	ADR	37733W 10 5	66,794	1,510,500		X		4, 14, 17
Home Depot Inc.	Com	437076 10 2	97,919	4,181,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Ingersoll-Rd Company LTD.	CLA	G4776G 10 1	23,805	636,600		X		4
			187,150	5,000,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	89,532	3,372,200		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
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					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-	(c) Shared-	
Johnson & Johnson	Com	478160 10 4	278,110	4,322,500		X		4
			1,303,934	20,266,300		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			1,697,685	26,386,148		X		4, 14, 17
			20,930	325,300		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			584,670	9,087,200		X		4, 13, 17
			50,957	792,000		X		4, 2, 5, 12,
Kraft Foods Inc.	Com	50075N 10 4	36,995	575,000		X		4, 18
			2,538,377	89,222,400		X		4, 14, 17
			875,984	30,790,300		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			284,500	10,000,000		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			7,391	259,800		X		4, 2, 5, 12,
Lowes Companies Inc.	Com	548661 10 7	227,600	8,000,000		X		4
			145,250	7,000,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	423,477	6,003,360		X		4, 14, 17
			38,515	546,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			11,688	165,700		X		4, 13, 17
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	1,111,744	32,280,600		X		4, 14, 17
			541,376	15,719,400		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
NRG Energy, Inc.	Com	629377 50 8	138,914	3,238,100		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	455,480	7,641,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Norfolk Southern Corp.	Com	655844 10 8	121,141	1,933,000		X		4, 2, 5, 17
Procter & Gamble Co.	Com	742718 10 9	3,557,385	58,500,000		X		4, 14, 17
			1,322,739	21,752,000		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			379,454	6,240,000		X		4, 13, 17
			435,065	7,154,500		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			47,432	780,000		X		4, 15, 17
			94,864	1,560,000		X		4, 7, 17
			333,573	5,485,500		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			266,044	4,375,000		X		4
Sanofi Aventis	ADR	80105N 10 5	16,232	488,500		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			96,238	2,896,133		X		4, 14, 17
			5,626	169,300		X		4, 13, 17
			11,631	350,000		X		4, 2, 5, 12,
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	84,921	2,344,600		X		4, 14, 17
			31,149	860,000		X		4, 2, 5, 17
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	4,548	77,551		X		1, 4, 14, 17
			26,377	449,728		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			97,177	1,656,900		X		4, 14, 17

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					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-	(c) Shared-	
US Bancorp	Com	902973 30 4	650,041	23,307,300		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			785,757	28,173,426		X		4, 14, 17
			233,300	8,365,000		X		4
			135,721	4,866,300		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			60,633	2,174,000		X		4, 2, 5, 12,
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	48,668	1,745,000		X		4, 18
			504,825	17,072,192		X		4, 14, 17
Union Pacific Corp.	Com	907818 10 8	672,403	8,906,000		X		4, 2, 5, 17
United Parcel Service Inc.	Com	911312 10 6	87,853	1,429,200		X		4
United Health Group Inc.	Com	91324P 10 2	168,000	6,400,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Wabco Holdings Inc.	Com	92927K 10 2	125,442	2,700,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	Com	931142 10 3	1,067,704	18,998,300		X		4, 14, 17
			53,165	946,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	524,867	894,304		X		4, 14, 17
			87,044	148,311		X		4, 5, 1, 6, 1
			380,408	648,165		X		4, 13, 17
			21,706	36,985		X		4, 15, 17
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	1,270,374	53,489,420		X		4, 2, 5, 17
			300,276	12,643,200		X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			909,935	38,313,040		X		4, 13, 17
			66,215	2,788,000		X		4, 15, 17
			23,750	1,000,000		X		4, 17
			3,077,798	129,591,488		X		4, 14, 17
			38,231	1,609,720		X		4, 16, 17
			40,375	1,700,000		X		4, 8, 17
			19,475	820,000		X		4, 7, 17
			475,000	20,000,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			380,000	16,000,000		X		4, 1, 6, 14,
			190,000	8,000,000		X		4
			64,125	2,700,000		X		4, 2, 5, 12,
47,500	2,000,000		X		4, 18			
Wellpoint Inc.	Com	949773V 10 7	228,768	4,800,000		X		4, 9, 10, 11,

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Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	2,181,431	5,703,087	X	4, 3, 17
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			14,920,790			
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GRAND TOTAL			\$57,877,516			
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