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United Cooperative board approves Sauk City feed and grain location expansion

Aug. 1, 2008, BEAVER DAM – At their monthly meeting July 24, 2008, the Board of Directors for United Cooperative, based out of Beaver Dam with locations throughout south-central Wisconsin, approved plans for expansion of the United Cooperative feed and grain location in Sauk City.

Additions will be installed directly south of the feed mill and will include a new 400,000-bushel grain bin, movement of an existing 20,000-bushel wet bin, a new 4,700-bushel-per-hour dryer, two new 10,000-bushel per-hour legs, and one new grain receiving pit.

Mark Wiegel, United Cooperative grain operations manager, said “the addition of the 4,700-bushel-per-hour dryer offers a total drying capacity of 6,700 bushels per hour at the United Cooperative feed and grain location in Sauk City.”

Together, these changes result in larger storage capacity to serve customers, faster unloading for grain customers bringing their harvest into the elevator, and more efficient service to the feed mill.

“This is an exciting step for our state-of-the-art feed mill in Sauk City,” commented John Scheuers, vice president of feed operations for United Cooperative. “Currently, a feed mill employee has to spend about four hours per day hauling grain from the existing grain bins over to the feed mill for use in animal feed rations. This new equipment will free up that time for other work and offer greater convenience for serving customers in Sauk City, Prairie du Sac, Lodi, Reedsburg, Loganville, and surrounding areas.”

Construction will begin immediately, and the new system should be operational by Oct. 15, 2008.

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to south-central Wisconsin farmers and consumers. United Cooperative exists to provide its patron members with the best possible value and return on investment, backed by exceptional service and professionalism.

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Photo: The United Cooperative feed and grain location in Sauk City will undergo an expansion in the coming months. Watch for a new 400,000-bushel grain bin, movement of an existing 20,000-bushel wet bin, a new 4,700-bushel-per-hour dryer, two new 10,000-bushel per-hour legs, and one new grain receiving pit.