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“Can Do” Review

New Harvest States Oilseed Processing & Refining Facility Fairmont, Minnesota



Refining Partnerships

Cenex Harvest States has handed Todd & Sargent one of its biggest challenges to date. The challenge: To design, engineer and construct their \$60 million soybean processing facility in Fairmont, Minnesota and have it operational by October 1, 2003. To accomplish this goal, Todd & Sargent formed “partnerships” with a few premier subcontractors.

- M&W Contractors, Peoria, Illinois is constructing the Prep and Extraction buildings as well as installation of Prep and Extraction equipment.
- Interstates Electric, Sioux Center, Iowa is the design/builder for the electrical and control systems.
- KFI, St. Paul, Minnesota is the Mechanical Engineer for the Prep and Extraction buildings.
- Sorenson Brothers Inc., Albert Lea, Minnesota is responsible for sitework and roadways.
- Gosewisch Construction, Mankato, Minnesota is constructing the metal buildings.

Led by the charge of the Todd & Sargent team and the efforts of our dedicated “partners”, this project is on schedule and within the CHS budget. This partnership exemplifies our commitment to building successful relationships and meeting our client’s expectations.





Lee M. Sargent
President & C.E.O.

*We would like to
"Welcome" the following
new office employees to
Todd & Sargent.*

Design Development:
Josh Lewis

Engineering:
Josh Schneider

Field Promotions

*Congratulations to the
following T&S field
employees on their recent
promotions:*

Superintendent:
Kurt Schneider

Foreman:
Antonio Trejo

Leadman:
William Weller



Philip B. Sargent
Executive
Vice-president

NOTES FROM LEE



Pictured in front of the new West Central Soy Biodiesel facility is Nile Ramsbottom, WCC VP of Soy Center, Lee Sargent and Jeffrey Stroburg, WCC President & CEO.

I have just returned from West Central Soy's grand opening of their new biodiesel manufacturing facility in Ralston, Iowa. What a celebration for the largest and most technologically advanced soy biodiesel production facility in the United States. Speakers included Patty Judge, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture and Greg Ganske, US Representative.

This plant is capable of producing 1,500 gallons of biodiesel per hour, 36,000 gallons in one day and 12,000,000 gallons each year. There are over 8,000 feet of pipe and over 100,000 feet of electrical wire used in the construction of this facility.

The process uses soybean oil from West Central Soy's Pressor Plant. One bushel of soybeans produces a little more than a gallon of oil. This oil is then degummed, which removes the lecithin. The lecithin is sold and used in food products. The remaining oil is pumped to the new facility where the process separates the methyl ester, fatty acid and glycerin. The glycerin is sold and used in hundreds of products, including everything from toothpaste to make-up. The refined methyl ester becomes a high-quality premium biodiesel renewable fuel called SoyPOWER. Using biodiesel blended fuel reduces exhaust smoke and emissions, reduces oil imports and actually improves engine performance. We are proud to have been a part of building this facility for West Central Soy.

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EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Todd & Sargent would like to congratulate Erica Petersen, Carlie Petersen and Sharon Baumhover for being selected as the winners of the Seventh Annual Sargent Group Scholarships. All scholarship applicants are children of full-time Sargent Group employees who are enrolled in an institution of higher education. The winners are selected in a random drawing and receive a check for \$500 to use at their discretion for their educational needs. The scholarships are the Sargent Group's way of promoting and helping children of their employees with their educational opportunities. Congratulations to all!



Erica & Carlie Petersen are the daughters of Dean Petersen. Dean is a Sr. Project Manager for Todd & Sargent. Both girls are attending Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Erica is pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Exercise & Sports Science and Carlie is pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences.



Sharon Baumhover is the daughter of Mike & Sue Baumhover. Mike is a Senior Project Engineer for Todd & Sargent. Sharon is attending the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, majoring in Music Education/Performance.

WHAT'S BUILDING - TODD & SARGENT

West Central Soy - Ralston, Iowa



West Central Cooperative of Ralston, Iowa has a goal to create extra value for their members and customers. It was the search for innovative, value-added products and processes that led West Central Soy, West Central Cooperative's soy processing division, to methyl ester processing and biodiesel production. Iowa's first soy biodiesel production plant began producing biodiesel at West Central's Soy Center in

Ralston in 1996. West Central believed there was tremendous growth potential for environmentally preferred cleaners and alternate fuels like biodiesel.

West Central's vision for soy biodiesel is very promising because biodiesel is easy to use and integrate into the existing petroleum infrastructure. Soy biodiesel is a reliable, renewable fuel that can be used in any diesel engine, and biodiesel fuel blends don't require any engine modifications. As our nation looks to reduce its dependency on foreign oil and improve air quality for our citizens, domestically grown and produced soy biodiesel will continue to play an important role in meeting these goals.



Arthur L. Jenison
Vice-president
Operations

T&S Anniversaries

September

Carla Young - 16 years
Kevin Freeman - 2 years
Omar Dominguez - 1 year
Lyle Fleming - 1 year
Rogelio Talavera - 1 year
Crispin Montanez - 1 year
Jose Francisco Montanez - 1 year
Andres Rojas - 1 year

October

Robert Clark - 14 years
Clark Jensen - 12 years
Jeff Starnes - 8 years
Kurt Schneider - 8 years
Balinda Ellsworth - 4 years
Jerry Murphy - 2 years
Courtney Konstanz - 1 year
Adrian Nolasco - 1 year

November

Robby Shell - 12 years
Jennifer Durby - 2 years
Jesus Garcia - 1 year
Rick Dorrel - 1 year
Mike Maloney - 1 year

December

Michelle Sime - 13 years
Bruce Anderson - 9 years
Bryan Coussens - 6 years
Guillermo Jimenez - 1 year



Cobb - Siloam Springs, Arkansas



Crews are in the process of starting up and commissioning the new feedmill being built for **Cobb** in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. This mill features a 100 TPH receiving system, a 30 TPH grinding system, a 50 TPH batching system, a 40 TPH pelleting system and a 200 TPH loadout. The facility is scheduled to be in full production in mid-September. This project is led by Superintendent Dave Randol along with Foremen Carl Fagan, Rick Dorrell, and Leadman Gonzalo Santiago.



Paul J. Sondgeroth
Vice-president



Bill Bokhoven
Vice-president
Engineering

Harvest States Fairmont, Minnesota



This aerial view at Fairmont, Minnesota shows the Soybean and Soybean Meal Silo Slip which was completed on August 17, 2002. Also shown are the Receiving Tunnels at right, Prep Building structural through third floor in the center, and the Extraction Building at left. The Services Building is under construction and is located above the Prep Building.



Scott Teters, CHS
Project Controller and
Oliver Schugel, CHS
Project Manager.



Todd & Sargent on-site personnel for this project include On-site Project Manager Pat Taggart, Superintendents Dennis Taggart, Randy Hullinger, Lee Fiscel, Neil Meier, General Foreman Dale Mittlieder, Foremen Andy Thompson, Dennis Swenstad, Lance Shryock, Leadmen Mary Bowman, Omar Dominguez, Juan M. Lopez-Perez, Pam Swenstad, William Weller,

Subcontractor Coordinators Jim May and Brian Adams, Site Safety Manager Everett Shaw, and Site Engineer Tim Lindemann.



Todd & Sargent crews are working on pouring the slab for the receiving area of the Bean Storage Elevator at Harvest States in Fairmont, Minnesota.

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Harvest States - Friona, Texas



Construction is under way on a new shuttle train facility for **Grain Supplier's, LLC** near Friona, Texas. The facility will receive 110 car unit trains on a loop track which will be unloaded through a 50,000 BPH leg and bulkweigher. Corn will be stored in six 42' diameter by 140' tall silos. Truck loadout features four square overhead concrete bins with transfer from storage at a rate of 22,000 BPH. Sitework began in early May and the structures were slipped the week of August 19th. Grain Suppliers Co., LLC is formed by Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives, Commodity Specialities Co. and West Friona Grain and Fertilizer. Todd & Sargent personnel on site are Superintendent Darrel Bobzien, General Foreman Rob Shell, Foreman Kevin Freeman and Leadman Monica Titmus.

United Harvest - Pompeys Pillar, Montana



All the underground concrete and the main slab have been poured for the new 100 car shuttle train loading facility being constructed for **United Harvest LLC** near Pompeys Pillar, Montana. Crews headed up by Superintendent Chuck Remele, assisted by Foreman Guillermo Valenzuela and Leadman Benjamin Valenzuela are busy building slipforms and structural towers. They anticipate a mid-September slip. The project is scheduled to be completed early next year.



*Congratulations to **Daniel Gonzalez** (T&S Field) and his wife Elizabeth on the birth of their son, Exau Monterozo, born on July 7, 2002, weighing 7 lb., 9 oz.*

*Congratulations to **Antonio Trejo** (T&S Field) and **Maria Renteria** (T&S Field) on the birth of their daughter, Angelia, born July 1, 2002, weighing 7 lb., 4 oz.*

*Congratulations to **Josh Lewis** (Design Development) and Angela Beckstrom on the birth of their daughter, Elliana. She was born on July 9th weighing 7 lbs, 4 1/2 oz.*

*Congratulations to **Kirk Gozzack** & his wife Billie who were married on June 9th, 2002 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Kirk is a T&S Leadman.*

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Congratulations to Nicholas & Lilin Castorena and their two sons Ramior and Cesar. Ramior, age 9 and Cesar, age 2 recently received their American Citizenship. Nicholas is a Todd & Sargent Leadman currently working in Birmingham, Alabama.

Todd & Sargent would like to thank the following vendors for their contribution to the company picnic. Their generosity helped to make the picnic a great success.

- Airgas*
- Schumacher Elevator*
- Ambassador Steel*
- Scanada Int'l, Inc.*
- Divine Engineering*
- Sherwin-Williams*
- Intersystems*
- Wright Welding Supply*
- Campbell Supply Co.*
- Chief Industries, Inc.*
- Sew-Eurodrive*
- Dodge Drives*
- Kriz-Davis Co.*
- Nalco Distributing, Inc.*
- State Steel*
- McNeilus Steel, Inc.*
- B/P Associates, Inc.*
- Rental Service Corp.*
- PDM Steel Company*
- Hayes & Stolz Industrial*
- Nott Company*
- DMB Supply, Inc.*
- Norfolk Iron & Metal Co.*
- Minnesota Glove, Inc.*
- Tandem*

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TODD & SARGENT LIFT DIVISION

The last half of the year is going to be extremely busy for the Todd & Sargent Lift Division. Some of the lift projects include installing 10 elevator doors on a special purpose elevator in Huron, South Dakota for Hubbard Milling. This project began in August and will be completed in September. Todd & Sargent Lift was also awarded the belt manlift replacement project in Rush City, Minnesota for Horizon Milling. This project involves the elimination of five belt manlifts and installation of three Schumacher special-purpose elevators. The project is scheduled to begin in late September with substantial completion in January 2003. The Lift Division will also be



installing the special purpose elevators at Todd & Sargent project sites in Fairmont, Minnesota, Fritona, Texas and Pompeys Pillar, Montana.

Todd & Sargent Lift is a recognized leader in all manlift services and they are ready to meet all of your vertical transportation needs. Give Brent Nixon a call at 515-232-0442 if they can be of service to you.

Pictured (L to R) is Brian Iiams, Tom Lambert and Jeremy Ewoldt of the Lift Division.

28th ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC

The 28th Annual Sargent Group Company Picnic was held on Saturday, August 17th, 2002 at Moore Memorial Park in Ames, Iowa for all Sargent Group Employees and their families. The day included lunch catered by Hickory Park Restaurant, games and door prizes. Thanks to the

Social & Recreation Committee (Stephanie Grundmeier, Balinda Ellsworth, Doris Partridge, Rick Knoll, Bryan Coussens, Brian Adams, Bruce Flickinger, Jerry Murphy and Jim Atwood) for their time spent in organizing another great picnic.



SARGENT METAL FABRICATING



Danny Wall is pictured installing conveyor lids on the truck/rail loadout conveyor for Buhler, Inc.



Jim Atwood
SMF General Manager

SMF Mission Statement

Sargent Metal Fabricating is dedicated to producing high quality metal fabricated products in a safe, efficient and timely manner. We continually strive for complete customer satisfaction through integrity, reliability and courteous customer service.

Sargent Metal Fabricating (SMF) has had a very busy summer working on various projects.

The shop is currently working on a truck/rail loadout conveyor for Buhler Inc. The conveyor is 24" in diameter and 47' in length. When installed the conveyor will be raised and lowered to fill rail cars and semi-trailers. It will have a hinged dust cover to accommodate the various widths of trucks and rail cars. The conveyor will be going to Milner Milling in Birmingham, Alabama.

Martin Marietta has placed orders for motor base structures and conveyor truss sections for their plant in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Fabrication will begin immediately on these projects.



Brad Arkland is pictured welding on the motor base structure for the Martin Marietta plant in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Other projects that SMF is busy working on include slip and roof inserts for Todd & Sargent projects in Fairmont, Minnesota and Pompeys Pillar, Montana, processing equipment for US Gypsum in Fort Dodge Iowa, aluminum aerators for US Filter in Ames, Iowa, and various projects at Burke Marketing in Nevada, Iowa. Projects are also underway for Ball Plastic Container in Ames, Iowa and Delran, New Jersey.

The Sargent Metal Fabricating staff includes Jim Atwood, Glen Catus, Jim Moreland, Renee' Rugg, Michael Weisshaar, Brad Arkland, Don Bauer, Mark Bertram, Tom Couture, Scott Fleming, Mitchell Gustin, David Krenz, Kenny Nicholson, Jess Smith, Danny Wall, and Terry Withers. With 94 years of combined experience, they are ready to serve you on any of your fabricating needs.

SMF Anniversaries

September

Don Bauer – 2 years
Derek Ingle – 2 years

October

Renee' Rugg – 7 years



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Milner Milling Birmingham, Alabama



The last of the concrete work is almost completed and crews are installing equipment in the new 10,000 cwt flour mill being constructed for **Milner Milling** in Birmingham, Alabama. The facility features a 290' long x 48' wide x 165' tall mill building, 760,000 bushels of grain storage, a 4,800 square foot office building and a 21,000 square foot precast warehouse.

Buhler Inc. is supplying the milling equipment for the mill and also providing the control systems and installing the electrical systems. Teems Mechanical is assisting in the equipment installation while B&C Contracting is assisting with hopper and equipment installation. Todd & Sargent crews started pouring concrete in late February and are planning to have the project substantially complete by the end of the year.

Todd & Sargent personnel on this project include Superintendents Scott Tessum and Clark Jensen, assisted by General Foreman Russ Shady, Foremen Robert Regan, Epifanio Gudino, Ernesto Rojo-Osornio, Pete Jacobson, Antonio Trejo and Leadmen Nicolas Castorena, Francisco Duarte, Kirk Gossack, Mauro Gudino, Faustino Miranda, Rosendo Ponce and their crews.



Clint D. Steele
Vice-president
Marketing

Todd & Sargent Mission Statement

"Todd & Sargent, Inc. is in the business to serve the engineering and construction needs of our clients to help ensure their continued growth and success."

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