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## New Harvest States Oilseed Processing Facility Fairmont, Minnesota



“Can Do” Review

The Todd & Sargent team continues to make great progress at the new **Cenex Harvest States** Oilseed Processing Facility in Fairmont, Minnesota. Ground was broken in March of 2002 for their second soybean crushing facility, and when completed, this plant will crush approximately 110,000 bushels per day - doubling the current crush output by Harvest States.

The state-of-the-art plant, set to begin operation by harvest of 2003, will supply soybean meal to livestock producers and soybean oil for their oilseed refinery facility in Mankato, Minnesota.

This facility includes two truck receiving systems and two truck/rail soybean meal loadout systems. It has a 1,320,000 bushel capacity slipformed soybean storage structure and a 5,500 ton soybean meal storage in three slipformed silos. The soybean “prep” building is shown at right on the above photo (the seven story building), and the boiler building is located just left of the “prep” building.

Todd and Sargent on-site personnel for this project include On-site Project Manager Pat Taggart; Superintendents Dennis Taggart, Randy Hullinger, Kurt Schneider and Neil Meier; General Foreman Dale Mittlieder; Foremen Justin Louk, Lance Shryock, Lyle Fleming, Dennis Swenstad and Andy Thompson; Leadmen Mary Bowman, Juan M. Lopez-Perez, Pam Swenstad, Courtney Konstanz and William Weller; Subcontractor Coordinators Jim May and Brian Adams; Safety Manager Everett Shaw and Site Engineer Tim Lindemann.

**TODD**  
**SARGENT**



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

## TODD & SARGENT RECEIVES UNITED WAY AWARDS

The Sargent Group/Todd & Sargent recently received two prestigious awards from United Way of Story County for its efforts during the recent United Way Campaign. The first was a Gold Award for Outstanding Support, and the second was a special 2002 Campaign Highest Increase Award for having the largest increase in giving by any company.

Thanks to all of our employees who participated in this very worthwhile cause and especially to Cindy Kennedy (pictured right) who headed up the Sargent Group/Todd & Sargent campaign this year.



### 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."*

## WHAT'S BUILDING - TODD & SARGENT

### Grain Suppliers Company LLC - Collins, Mississippi

**Grain Suppliers Company LLC**, a feed and grain partnership between Commodity Specialists Company and the Harvest States division of CHS Cooperatives, broke ground in October for construction of its second 110-car shuttle train receiving facility. This facility is located just outside Collins, Mississippi.

The planned facility is designed to primarily handle yellow corn, but it can be reconfigured to accommodate other commodities as needed. With a storage capacity of 700,000 bushels, the elevator will be able to unload up to 50,000 bushels of grain per hour or a full 110-car unit train within 15 hours.

Todd & Sargent personnel at this facility include Superintendents Clark Jensen and Dave Randol, Foreman Pete Jacobsen and their crews.



Todd & Sargent will serve as design/build general contractor for the grain facility project. Todd & Sargent has a long-standing business relationship with the farmer-owned agricultural cooperative, having served as general contractor for flour mills in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, currently constructing a similar receiving facility in Texas, as well as a new soybean crushing plant in Fairmont, Minnesota.



Philip B. Sargent  
Executive  
Vice-president

## Grain Suppliers LLC Friona, Texas

Crews are in the process of finishing equipment installation while preparing for start-up and commissioning the new shuttle train unloading facility for **Grain Supplier's LLC** at Friona, Texas. Utilizing 50,000 BPH receiving equipment, this new facility will be capable of unloading 110 rail



cars in under 15 hours. Corn will be stored in six 42'-0" diameter by 140' tall slipformed concrete bins. Loadout is at 22,000 BPH through four square overhead slipformed bins.

The control system for this highly automated plant is a combination of Comco Controls and Agris Corporation. Electrical installation is being handled by Parson's Instrumentation and Electrical.

Superintendent Darrel Bobzien and his crew are planning to receive grain by February 1, 2003 and have the plant operational by March 2003. Additional Todd & Sargent personnel on site are General Foreman Robby Shell, Foreman Kevin Freeman and Leadman Monica Titmus.



*Pictured above is the Todd & Sargent crew that is working at the Grain Suppliers LLC facility in Friona, Texas.*



Arthur L. Jenison  
Vice-president  
Operations

### **T&S ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **January**

**Lee Sargent – 36 years**

**Clint Steele – 27 years**

**Randy Hullinger –  
26 years**

**Gerald Luedtke –  
16 years**

**Mike Willman – 8 years**

**Roger Barr – 8 years**

**Tom Lambert – 6 years**

**Jeremy Ewoldt – 3 years**

**Luis Garcia – 1 year**

**Luis Gonzalez – 1 year**

**Kirk Gossack – 1 year**

**Robert Regan – 1 year**

**Ruby Regan – 1 year**

**Keith Collis – 1 year**

#### **February**

**Paul Sondgeroth –  
28 years**

**Jeff Moyer – 5 years**

**Carl Fagan – 4 years**

**Lance Shryock – 4 years**

**Monica Titmus – 4 years**

**Dennis Swenstad –  
3 years**

**Francisco Duarte –  
1 year**

**Alberto Renteria – 1 year**

**Robert Anderson – 1  
year**

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Bill Bokhoven  
Vice-president  
Engineering

*Congratulations to **Justin Louk** & Candace Mullen who were married on July 19, 2002. Justin is a T&S Leadman.*

*Congratulations to **Neil Meier** (T&S Superintendent) and his wife Becky on the birth of their daughter, Kylee Lynn, on May 14, 2002,*

**MONTANA  
CONTRACTORS  
ASSOCIATION AWARD  
RECEIVED BY  
TODD & SARGENT**

*Congratulations to Todd & Sargent Superintendent Chuck Remele and his entire crew on receiving 1st Place in the Montana Contractors Association Annual Awards in the Agriculture Division. This award was for the new United Harvest unit train loading facility in Pompeys Pillar, Montana.*

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**Cobb  
Siloam Springs  
Arkansas**



The new **Cobb** poultry facility in Siloam Springs was completed in October of 2002. Todd & Sargent is very proud to have been the General Contractor on this facility.

**United Harvest Pompeys Pillar, Montana**



Construction of the new **United Harvest's** unit train loading facility near Pompeys Pillar, Montana, is proceeding at a rapid pace. As of mid-December, Superintendent Chuck Remele, Foremen Guillermo Valenzuela, Carl Fagan, Rick Dorrel and their crews have finished installing the receiving equipment and are now concentrating on the loadout area.

Features of this project include a slipformed structure holding approximately 650,000 bushels of grain, a 20,000 BPH receiving system and a 50,000 BPH rail loadout system. The facility also includes a circular rail siding with enough track to hold a 110 jumbo car unit train without unhooking from the rail engines.

This is the second project Todd & Sargent has built for United Harvest. A similar elevator was completed at Moccasin, Montana, in early 2001.

# Harvest States Fairmont, Minnesota



The Cenex Harvest States new Oilseed plant in Fairmont, Minnesota has really taken shape in the past few months. The pieces of structure that used to be spread across the site are now standing tall, and truckloads of ductwork and pipe have been hoisted into place and now connect the equipment.

The erection of structural steel is The siding and roofing

nearing completion for the new 75' x 90' Receiving/Loadout Building. The siding and roofing will soon follow. Several other crews are working on setting equipment and pouring various floors in the new building at the same time. The building will house two truck receiving pits with equipment capable of receiving 20,000 BPH each, and also a rail/truck scale with receiving capabilities. A truck and rail scale for meal loadout is also included.

Boiler stacks have been completed and dust collectors are all set on the roof.



Crews are in the process of sheeting the Boiler Building roof and walls. Bridges to carry process piping between the fiberglass Cooling Tower, Boiler Building and the Extraction Building are also nearing completion.



Paul J. Sondgeroth  
Vice-president

*(T&S Anniversaries continued)*

### March

- Art Jenison – 40 years**
- Cindy Kennedy – 28 years**
- Allan Tedrow – 21 years**
- Ed Jones – 21 years**
- Brian Buresh – 6 years**
- Antonio Trejo – 4 years**
- Jesus Alvarado – 1 year**
- Earl Campbell – 1 year**
- John Day – 1 year**
- Melvin Eckman – 1 year**
- Justin Larson – 1 year**
- Jose Maqueda – 1 year**
- Mathew Martinez – 1 year**
- Neil Meier – 1 year**
- Randolph McCartney – 1 year**
- Nancy Robinson – 1 year**
- Tony Tessum – 1 year**
- Matthew Thomas – 1 year**
- Kalep Wilson – 1 year**

### April

- Lee Fiscel – 37 years**
- Dave Randol – 30 years**
- Phil Sargent – 27 years**
- Pete Dickerson – 24 years**
- Dennis Taggart – 22 years**
- Brent Nixon – 12 years**
- Ralph Craft – 8 years**
- Brian Adams – 6 years**
- Pam Swenstad – 3 years**
- Pete Jacobsen – 2 years**
- Jim May – 1 year**
- David Borowski – 1 year**
- Mateo Perez – 1 year**
- Jeff Thomas – 1 year**

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## Milner Milling - Birmingham, Alabama

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

*Engineering:  
**Brian Wilcox**  
**Dan Bell***

*Estimating:  
**Alex Kerrigan***

### **Field Promotions**

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

*Leadman:  
**Courtney Konstanz**  
**Justin Louk***



**Milner Milling Incorporated**, Chattanooga, Tennessee, a privately held company, is nearing completion of a new flour milling facility in Birmingham, Alabama. Todd & Sargent began construction earlier in 2002 and the new 10,000 CWT mill is scheduled to go into production in January 2003, only 11 months after construction began.

Almost 25,000 yards of concrete have been poured at the site to form the footprint of the 13,920 square foot structure that is about 10 stories tall. Twelve 25-foot diameter silos and five storage bins give this site about 760,000 bushels of storage capacity.

A two-story office and 22,000 square foot precast concrete warehouse will provide administration areas and finished product storage. Milner is expecting to process about 10,000 hundredweight of flour per year and will supply flour for commercial bakeries.

Todd & Sargent personnel responsible for the final construction of this facility include Superintendent Scott Tessum, General Foreman Russ Shady, Foremen Robert Regan, Epifanio Gudino, Antonio Trejo and Leadmen Nicolas Castorena, Francisco Duarte, Kirk Gossack, Eliseo Maqueda and their crews.



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## SARGENT METAL FABRICATING



Fabrication is complete on six conveyor truss sections for Martin Marietta's Fort Dodge, Iowa, mine. This project was one of the largest projects completed by Sargent Metal Fabricating to date. It consisted of four box truss sections that were 9'-8" x 8'-7" x 50' long and two that were 60' long. With each truss weighing in at approximately 16,000 lbs., they presented some challenges in handling. SMF was able to meet this challenge with the aid of our

two 5-ton overhead hoists. Painting also presented a challenge because of their size. This challenge was met by dedicated employees working after normal work hours to paint when welding operations were done. This project was completed on time and under budget by the entire crew of SMF.



B/P Associates placed an order for two filter plenums for their project in Kearney, Nebraska. The housings are 12' x 15' x 9' tall and will hold sixty-one 24" square air filters when assembled. In addition to the plenums, there is a fan/plenum support structure, support columns, access platforms and guard railing.

The shop is currently working on other projects that include spouting, stairways and duct supports for Todd & Sargent in Fairmont, Minnesota, roof beams and inserts for Todd & Sargent in Collins, Mississippi, and other assorted jobs for Ball Plastics, Burke Marketing and Iowa State University.



Jim Atwood  
SMF General Manager

### SMF ANNIVERSARIES

#### January

Michael Weisshaar –  
9 years  
Glen Catus – 8 Years  
Scott Fleming – 1 year

#### February

Jim Atwood – 25 years  
David Krenz – 4 years

#### March

Kenny Nicholson – 1 year

#### April

Jim Moreland – 15 years

### 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.*



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# TODD & SARGENT AND WEST CENTRAL SOY FORM PARTNERSHIP



Clint D. Steele  
Vice-president  
Marketing

Todd & Sargent, Inc. and West Central Soy of Ralston, Iowa, formally announce the formation of a new partnership to be called **Renewable Energy Technologies LLC**. Renewable Energy Technologies will specialize in the design, engineering and turnkey construction of new soy biodiesel production facilities. We are an alliance made up of Todd & Sargent, an innovator in the engineering and construction of agricultural processing facilities nation-wide, and West Central Soy, a leader in adding value to shareholders' soybeans since 1941.

We offer a team of professionals with more than just the theoretical knowledge of the emerging biodiesel industry. This team has a track record of real success in the construction, production, marketing and distribution of biodiesel products in North America; cutting edge continuous process transesterification, which keeps production costs low; patented purification steps ensure the highest quality biodiesel product; a facility designed for zero alcohol and process water emissions; Process Safety Management as required by OSHA; a Quality Management System that meets or exceeds the requirements set forth by the National Biodiesel Board; registration with the USDA and DOE for national renewable programs; Quality, Process, and Safety Training for all employees at the West Central Soy Biodiesel facility in Ralston, Iowa; and most importantly, Project Management – green-field to product certification.

"We consider this the largest and most technologically advanced biodiesel plant in the nation," said Gary Haer, Soy Products Sales Manager for West Central Soy.



The above picture shows the new 12,000,000 gallon/year Soy Biodiesel facility that Todd & Sargent and West Central Soy built and commissioned in Ralston, Iowa, in 2002.

### 2003 Trade Show

Please stop by and visit with us at the following trade shows where Todd & Sargent will be exhibiting.

**January 22 - 24, 2003**  
2003 International Poultry  
Exposition  
Atlanta, GA

**March 2 - 4, 2003**  
GEAPS Exchange 2003  
(Grain Elevator &  
Processing Society)  
Columbus, OH

**May 4 - 7, 2003**  
AOCS Expo  
Kansas City, MO

**May 5 - 7, 2003**  
AFIA Expo '03  
(American Feed  
Industry Association)  
Minneapolis, MN

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