

## VERASUN HARTLEY, LLC HARTLEY, IOWA



# “Can Do” Review



Construction began on March 19, 2007 at the **VeraSun Hartley, LLC** new ethanol production facility in Hartley, Iowa. VeraSun Hartley, LLC will have the capacity to produce 110 million gallons of ethanol per year using state-of-the-art production technology to maintain industry-leading standards in production, safety and product quality. The plant has also been designed to be among the most environmentally-friendly in the industry.

Todd & Sargent is responsible for:

- 2.2 million bushels of corn storage.
- Corn receiving, grinding and transfer system to plant.
- DDGS storage silos - 8,000 tons and loadout.

VeraSun Plant Facts

- VeraSun Hartley will be one of the largest ethanol facilities in the U.S.
- Will be able to process approximately 39 million bushels of corn per year.
- Will have the capacity to produce 350,000 tons of Distillers Grains annually.
- Designed to run continuously, 24 hours-per-day, 7 days-per-week throughout the year

This is VeraSun's fourth greenfield, dry-grind ethanol production facility. This new facility is planned to begin production first quarter of 2008.

## TODD & SARGENT MOVES INTO NEW OFFICE



Lee M. Sargent  
Chairman of the Board  
& C.E.O.



After more than 45 years at 620 Arrasmith Trail, we have moved our corporate offices into a beautiful new building located in east Ames. The new facility covers 20,680 square feet which provides much needed conference and meeting space and allows room for each of our departments to interact better and make us more productive as a company.

Our new office was designed by Architects RDG Rudi Lee Dreyer and was constructed by Story Construction, both of Ames. Furniture and furnishings were provided by Storey Kenworthy, also of Ames. The facility provides both the space and technology we need today and is designed to provide for our needs in the future.

If you are in the Ames area please stop by and say hello. Our new location is 2905 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, Iowa 50010. All of our phone numbers have stayed the same. The warehouse and yard facilities remain at 620 Arrasmith Trail.



Wm. H. Bokhoven  
President



*Main East/West Hallway*



*Receptionist Area and Board Room*



Philip B. Sargent  
Executive  
Vice-president



*Engineering Area*



*Employee Lounge*

## DONALD RAY NEWBROUGH

November 29, 1928 – December 6, 2007



Don Newbrough, long time friend, advisor, and board member to Todd & Sargent passed away December 6, 2007 in Ames, Iowa at age 79.

When Warren Sargent moved to Ames in 1958 and founded Todd & Sargent with George Todd, Don was at his side as his attorney. They soon became very close friends and Don continued to serve as corporate attorney and later as a member of the Board of Directors up until his death. He was instrumental in much of the growth and many of the changes at Todd & Sargent and became good friends to all who knew him.

We will miss the insight, advice, wit and friendship Don provided to our company and to us personally for almost 50 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Donna and the entire Newbrough family.



Paul J. Sondgeroth  
Vice-president  
Operations

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

*Receptionist  
**Michelle Prochaska***

### **Field Promotions**

*Congratulations to the  
following Todd & Sargent  
field employees on their  
recent promotions and  
"Welcome" to the new  
employee.*

*Leadmen  
**Clayton Ahsbahs  
Travis Shady***

*New Hire:  
**Foreman  
Ron Converse***



We are pleased to announce that The Sargent Group was again awarded the "Gold Award" for their participation in the 2007 United Way Campaign. This award was presented to The Sargent Group for the "Highest Percentage Increase" of contributions from the 2006 Campaign. A "Gold Award" was also received for "Outstanding Support".

Todd & Sargent's goal for 2007 was \$14,000.00. Thanks to all of you for a great year of giving Todd & Sargent raised \$15,907.00. Along with employee and company pledges, there were contests of candy guesses, spare change, vacation days and lunches.

Thanks to all of the employees who participated in this very worthwhile cause and especially to Cindy Kennedy who headed up the United Way 2007 Campaign.

### **Todd & Sargent's 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."*



Arthur L. Jenison  
Operations  
Vice-president



Jerry Murphy  
CFO

Current Todd & Sargent  
Jobsite Secretaries:

VeraSun  
Hartley, Iowa  
**Michaelle McIlroy**

VeraSun  
Welcome, Minnesota  
**Chantal Morris**

Milner Milling  
Birmingham, Alabama  
**Ruby Regan**

Christensen Farms  
Thompson, Iowa  
**Rhiannon Snider**

## WHAT'S BUILDING.....

### Milner Milling - Birmingham, Alabama



Construction continues at the **Milner Milling** grain storage addition in Birmingham, Alabama. This addition to Milner's original mill incorporates a new 5,000 cwt flourmill, wheat midds bin and 1,000,000 bushel grain storage. The mill building slip took place in July and the elevator slip was done in November of 2007. Crews are

now working on installing equipment. General Foremen Bob Regan and Epifanio Gudino, Superintendent Virgil Lawmaster, Leadmen Alberto Renteria, Edgar Rojas, Ricardo Vega, David Ramirez, Jorge Ugalde and Faustino Miranda are currently working on this project.

### VeraSun Welcome, LLC Welcome, Minnesota



Construction is nearing completion at the **VeraSun Welcome, LLC** facility in Welcome, Minnesota. Crews are in the process of installing the final equipment and finishing the installation of electrical and controls. When complete this facility will have capacity to produce 110 million gallons of ethanol per year, process approximately 39 million bushels of corn per year and produce 350,000 tons of Distillers Grains annually. Substantial completion is scheduled for March 2008. Superintendents Dennis Taggart, Randy Durby, General Foremen Bill Schoba, Foremen Lynn Sawle and Mike Sawle, Leadman William Weller and crews are working on this project.

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## VeraSun Hartley, LLC - Hartley, Iowa



Construction is nearing completion at the **VeraSun Hartley, LLC** facility in Hartley, Iowa. Crews are in the process of installing the final equipment and finishing the installation of electrical and controls. Substantial completion is scheduled for March 2008. Superintendents Kurt Schneider and Randy Hullinger, Foremen Rosendo Ponce, Dennis Matteson, James Stewart, Ronald Converse and Robin Selhorst, Leadmen Renato Enriquez, Steve Johnson, Rick Comer, Clayton Ahsbahs, and Jose Rojas and crews are working on this project.

## REG Destrehan, LLC - St. Rose, Louisiana



Work continues on the **REG Destrehan, LLC** 60 million gallon per year biodiesel facility being built in St. Rose, Louisiana. The REG plant is located on the International-Matex Tank Terminal (IMTT) site and is less than two miles from feedstock provider Bunge North America, the largest oil seed processor in the world. The plant's strategic location will allow for movement of raw materials and finished product through various transportation outlets. The St. Rose plant is scheduled to go into full production by the end of 2008. The facility is being engineered and constructed by TSW, LLC (Todd & Sargent & Weitz Company) acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner.



*Congratulations to **Dean Petersen** (T&S Operations) and **Madeleine Henry** who were married on October 26, 2007. Best wishes to the both of you!*



*Congratulations to **Ryan Smith** (T&S Design Development) and wife **Alicia** on the birth of their son, **Cullen Ryan**, born December 3, 2007. Cullen joins a sister **Lauren**.*

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## Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC Council Bluffs, Iowa



### T&S First Quarter Anniversaries

#### January

Lee Sargent – 41 years  
 Clint Steele – 32 years  
 Randy Hullinger – 31 years  
 Gerald Luedtke – 21 years  
 Mike Willman – 13 years  
 Jeremy Ewoldt – 8 years  
 Robert Regan – 6 years  
 Nick Brancale – 2 years  
 Jonathon Baez - 2 years  
 Charles Heldenbrand – 1 year  
 Chris Crum – 1 year  
 Francisco Fehr – 1 year  
 Virgil Lawmaster – 1 year  
 Zach Maston – 1 year

#### February

Paul Sondgeroth – 33 years  
 Jeff Moyer -10 years  
 Carl Fagan – 9 years  
 Monica Titmus – 9 years  
 James Beck – 3 years  
 Dana Black – 2 years  
 Lyle Sondgeroth – 2 years  
 Nicholas Welter – 1 year  
 Denny Rasmus – 1 year

#### March

Art Jenison – 45 years  
 Cindy Kennedy – 33 years  
 Ed Jones – 26 years  
 Terry Ingham – 3 years  
 Dennis Matteson – 3 years  
 David Sirfus – 2 years  
 Luis Lugo-Ramos – 2 years  
 Jamie Knox 1 - year  
 Michelle Petersen – 1 year  
 Jason Blanchard – 1 year  
 Sam Mendenhall – 1 year  
 Andrew Vogt – 1 year

#### April

Dave Randol – 35 years  
 Phil Sargent – 32 years  
 Pete Dickerson – 29 years  
 Dennis Taggart – 27 years  
 Shelly McIlroy -1 year



Construction continues at the new **Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC** ethanol plant in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Todd & Sargent crews are busy working on setting the leg towers on the bin deck, putting conveyors into place, setting the ductwork and putting the hopper fill in the “day bin”. Filters and fans have all been set along with the equipment in the grinding core. This 1,000,000 bushel receiving and storage facility with DDGS storage and handling includes two 74’ diameter x 150’ corn silos and one 55’ diameter x 112’ high DDGS silo (4000 tons). This facility is scheduled for a June 2008 substantial completion. Superintendent Robby Shell, General Foreman Russ Shady, Foremen Courtney Konstanz, Lyle Sondgeroth, Leadman Travis Shady and Dana Black and crews are working on this project.

## Sanderson Farms - Easterly, Texas



Construction is underway at the **Sanderson Farms** feedmill in Easterly, Texas for their new 8,400 ton capacity soybean meal silos. These two slipformed silos are 55’ diameter x 112’ high. The silos are flat floored and incorporate Laidig unloaders. The slip is scheduled for February under the direction of Todd & Sargent Superintendent Darrel Bobzien, General Foreman Dale Mittlieder, Foreman James Beck, Leadmen Monica Titmus, Nicolas Castorena, Maria Renteria and crews.

**East Fork Biodiesel, LLC**  
Algona, Iowa



The new 60 million gallon biodiesel plant for **East Fork Biodiesel, LLC** is completed in Algona, Iowa. The plant is Iowa's largest biodiesel production facility – and also the fifth largest reported facility of its kind in the United States. With this plant online, Iowa's production capacity will exceed 250 million gallons annually. The plant is located along the Iowa Chicago & Eastern Railroad (IC&E) and will use both rail and highway to receive and distribute. Crews are in the process of finishing up the final punch list items and will be moving off site this month. The facility includes two 1,000,000 gallon process oil tanks and three 1,000,000 gallon biodiesel tanks. It was engineered and constructed by Todd & Sargent, acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner. Construction has taken place under the direction of Todd & Sargent Superintendents Dave Randol and Tim Lindemann, Foremen Lyle Fleming, Jeremy Ewoldt and Lyle Sondgeroth, Leadmen Paul Clasing and Denny Rasmus and crews.

**Canadian Bioenergy**  
Sturgeon County, Alberta



**Canadian Bioenergy Corporation** awarded Renewable Energy Group (REG) with the engineering and construction agreement for their new biodiesel production facility. This facility is being engineered and constructed by Todd & Sargent, acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner. Canadian Bioenergy Corporation is a leading supplier of premium biodiesel in Canada. This new facility will be built in Sturgeon County, Alberta near Edmonton and will produce 225 million litre (60 million gallons) of canola based biodiesel per year. Todd & Sargent has begun working on the initial design, engineering and preliminary site work for this project with construction to begin in March 2008.



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## Christensen Farms - Thompson, Iowa



A spring slip is scheduled for the new swine feedmill and grain annex for **Christensen Farms** in Thompson, Iowa. The new mill features will include 15,000 BPH corn receiving, 200 TPH soft stock receiving, 500,000 bushels corn storage, 90 TPH grinding and 140 TPH batching. Feedmill ingredient storage is 2727 tons total capacity in 23 bins while loadout is 3000 tons total capacity in 18 bins. Whole grain storage will be four 38' diameter x 130' high hopper bottomed silos. Superintendent Scott Tessum, Foremen Jeremy Ewoldt, Tony Tessum and Adam Roan, Leadmen Paul Clasing, Dennis Rasmus, Tod Tessum and crews are currently in the process of completing the below grade work and main slab concrete work.

Founded in 1974 as a small family operation, Christensen Farms is now one of the largest producers of pork in the U.S., with operations in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado and Illinois. Christensen Farms takes pride in being a leading innovator in the industry while forging new links in the farm to food chain. Todd & Sargent is very proud to be once again working with Bob Christensen, Leon Steffl and the entire Christensen Farms team on this new facility.



*Crews completed the grain silo foundation on January 8th, 2008. At left is the truck receiving building structural steel. Crews will work through the winter building slipforms for both the feedmill and grain silos. We anticipate a spring slip for both the mill and grain silos.*



Clint D. Steele  
Vice-president  
Marketing

### **2008 Trade Shows**

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

**January 23-25, 2008**  
*International Poultry Expo*  
Booth #3774  
Atlanta, Georgia

**February 23-26, 2008**  
*GEAPS Exchange 2008*  
(Grain Elevator & Processing Society)  
Booth #713  
Omaha, Nebraska

**June 16-19, 2008**  
*2008 Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo*  
Booth #531  
Nashville, TN

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