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IOWA RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC NEW BIODIESEL FACILITY WASHINGTON, IOWA



“Can Do” Review



The **Iowa Renewable Energy** biodiesel plant in Washington, Iowa, is up and running. The project finished ahead of schedule and underwent a smooth start-up in early July. From plant start-up, Iowa Renewable Energy was producing high quality biodiesel at full capacity while meeting ASTM D-675 specifications. The FFA (free fatty acid) Column is operational as well, giving this plant the capability of refining both soy oil and animal fats to create biodiesel.

The facility is located along the Iowa Chicago & Eastern Railroad (IC&E). It will use both highways and rail service for inputs and outputs. It will utilize both soybean oil and animal fat as its feedstock. The plant will produce 30 million gallons of biodiesel per year.

This facility was engineered and constructed by Todd & Sargent, acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner. Construction was under the supervision of Todd & Sargent Superintendents Randy Durby and Virgil Lawmaster, Foreman Rob Selhorst, and crews. Other subcontractors contributing to the success of this project include ACI Mechanical, Interstates Electric, Story Construction, Industrial Construction & Engineering (ICE - insulation), and DeLong-Keith Excavation.

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."



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

NOTES FROM LEE

2007 SARGENT GROUP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Todd & Sargent would like to congratulate **Jessica Noelck, Cason Clark, Sarah Gudino, and Kevin Baumhover** for being selected as the winners of the Twelfth 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. This year there were a total of twelve eligible applications. The scholarships are the Sargent Group's way of promoting and helping children of their employees with their educational opportunities. Congratulations to all!



Jessica Noelck is the daughter of Paul & Candy Noelck. Paul is the Design Development Manager for Todd & Sargent. Jessica is attending the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, majoring in Journalism.



Kevin Baumhover is the son of Michael & Sue Baumhover. Mike is a Senior Project Engineer for Todd & Sargent. Kevin is attending Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Wm. H. Bokhoven
President



Sarah Gudino is the daughter of Epifanio and Mary Gudino. Epifanio is a General Foreman for Todd & Sargent. Sarah is attending Ashland Community College in Ashland, Kentucky, majoring in Office Systems Technology.



Cason Clark is the son of Robert and Julie Clark. Robert is a CAD Leader for Todd & Sargent. Cason is attending Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, and Marshalltown Community College, Marshalltown, Iowa, majoring in Computer Engineering.

WHAT'S BUILDING.....

REG Destrehan, LLC - St. Rose, Louisiana



Construction has begun on the new **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 port access will allow for the movement of raw materials and finished biodiesel product through various transportation outlets. REG's strategic location will help customers, both new and existing, receive fuel efficiently. This turnkey facility will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The St. Rose plant is projected to start production by the end of 2008. This facility is being engineered and constructed by TSW, LLC (Todd & Sargent & Weitz Company) acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner.



Philip B. Sargent
Executive
Vice-president

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



The corn silos and DDGS silo slip took place in July for the new ethanol plant for **Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC** in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This 1,000,000 bushel storage facility includes two 74' diameter x 150' tall corn silos. The 4000 ton DDGS silo is 55' diameter x 112' tall. Crews are in the process of erecting the receiving/loadout building and pouring the intermediate floors in the machinery core that will support dry milling operations for the ethanol plant. Todd &

Sargent Superintendents John Woslager and Robby Shell, Foremen Courtney Konstanze and Allen Bryen and Leadman Dana Black, and crews are working on this facility.



Paul J. Sondgeroth
Vice-president
Operations

Field Promotions

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

General Foreman
Bill Schoba

Foreman
Adam Roan

Leadmen
Steve Johnson
Jorge Ugalde
Max Delay
Jose Rojas-Tellez

New Hire:
Foreman
Todd Fleming

*Congratulations to **Josh Lewis** on his recent promotion at Todd & Sargent. Josh will now be working as a Project Estimator for the Design/Marketing Department.*

*Congratulations to **Ryan Rock** on his recent promotion at Todd & Sargent. Ryan will now be working as a Project Manager for the Operations Department.*



Arthur L. Jenison
Operations
Vice-president

VeraSun Welcome, LLC - Welcome, Minnesota



Work continues on **VeraSun Welcome, LLC** facility in Welcome Minnesota. This 110 MMGY ethanol production facility incorporates four 74' diameter corn storage silos with machinery core, two 55' diameter DDGS storage silos, and a 1000 ton capacity DDGS flat storage building. Todd and Sargent crews are installing the

receiving and transfer equipment. Superintendent Dennis Taggart, General Foremen Russ Shady and Bill Schoba, Foreman James Stewart, Leadmen William Weller, Gustavo Ramirez, Mauro Gudino, Eliseo Maqueda and Jose Rojas, and crews are working on this new facility.

Pictured on the slip deck at Welcome are Jared Archer, VeraSun; Clint Steele, Todd & Sargent; Jim Gaston, Verasun; Dan Richey, VeraSun; and Bill Bokhoven, Todd & Sargent.





Jerry Murphy
CFO



Congratulations to **Felix Enriquez** (T&S Field) and wife Maria Guadalupe Ugalde on the birth of their daughter, Guadalupe Enriquez, born August 13, 2007.

Congratulations to **Celso Renteria** (T&S Field) and wife Maria Gabriela Martinez on the birth of their son, Celso Renteria Jr., born August 24, 2007.

Congratulations to **Enrique Lozano** (T&S Field) and wife Ramona Garcia on the birth of their daughter, Karime Lozano, born on August 12, 2007.

Congratulations to **Gustavo Guzman** (T&S Field) and wife Livier on the birth of their son, Gustavo Jr., born on July 25, 2007.

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VeraSun Hartley, LLC - Hartley, Iowa



Construction continues on the new **VeraSun Hartley, LLC** 110 -million-gallon-per-year (MMGY) ethanol production facility in Hartley, Iowa. Todd & Sargent crews have finished the four 74' diameter and the two 55' diameter DDGS silo slips and are currently working on pouring the intermediate floors. Crews under the direction of

Superintendents Kurt Schneider and Randy Hullinger, Foremen Rosendo Ponce and Dennis Matteson, Leadmen Rick Comer, Renato Enriquez, and Steve Johnson are working on this facility.

VeraSun Reynolds, LLC - Reynolds, Indiana



Todd & Sargent crews have started construction at the new **VeraSun Reynolds, LLC** 110-million-gallon-per-year (MMGY) ethanol production facility in Reynolds, Indiana. We have completed the receiving boot pit and receiving tunnel. The auger cast piling is to be completed the first week of October. The corn silo slip is scheduled to take place in December. The DDGS silos to be slipped in the spring. The facility

will be substantially completed by September 2008. Todd & Sargent crews are under the direction of Superintendent Randy Durby, General Foreman Dale Mittlieder, Foremen Robin Selhorst and Todd Fleming, and Leadman Max Delay.

REG Emporia, LLC - Emporia, Kansas



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in June and construction has begun for the new **REG Emporia, LLC** biodiesel facility to be built in Emporia, Kansas. This will be one of the largest biodiesel facilities in Kansas at 60 million gallon per year. The plant is designed to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is expected to employ approximately 30 people. Production is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2008, expanding REG's biodiesel network capacity to 342 million gallons of biodiesel a year by 2009. This facility is being engineered and constructed by TSW, LLC (Todd & Sargent and Weitz Company) acting as Renewable Energy Group's (REG) construction partner.

Sanderson Farms - Easterly, Texas



Phase III of the **Sanderson Farms** poultry feedmill upgrades is nearing completion. Phase III consists of:

- New high rail speed unloading system – 45,000 BPH
- New slipformed whole grain storage – 270,000 bushels
- Two 42' diameter x 140' tall silos (left side of picture).
- New top transfer system from new rail pit to existing silos.
- Electrical installation by Parsons Electric.
- Plant control system upgrades by Beta Raven.

Todd & Sargent crews include Superintendent Scott Tessum, Foremen James Beck, Adam Roan and Tony Tessum, Leadmen Nicolas Castorena, Celso Renteria, Jorge Ugalde, Maria Renteria, Faustino Miranda, Lorell Firlie, and crews.

Milner Milling - Birmingham, Alabama

Milner Milling awarded Todd & Sargent the contract to design, engineer, and construct a new 5,000 cwt flourmill, wheat midds bin, and a 1,000,000-bushel grain storage facility addition to their mill in Birmingham, Alabama. This will also include a 50,000 BPH rail receiving system. Construction began in May with the mill building slip taking place in July. The elevator slip is



scheduled for completion in November 2007. Crews on this project are headed up by General Foremen Bob Regan and Epifanio Gudino, Forman Gonzalo Santiago, Leadmen Alberto Renteria, Edgar Rojas, Ricardo Vega and David Ramirez.



Congratulations to the following couples on their upcoming weddings:

Paul Sodahl (T&S Engineering) and Megan Brownfield - June 7, 2008

Brian Rausch (T&S Engineering) & Alex Wymore - June 28, 2008

Current Todd & Sargent
Jobsite Secretaries:

VeraSun
Hartley, Iowa
Michelle McIlroy

Sanderson Farms
Easterly, Texas
Rhiannon Snider

East Fork Biodiesel, LLC
Algona, Iowa
Shelly Planting

VeraSun
Welcome, Iowa
Chantal Morris

SW Iowa Renewable
Energy
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Leesia Weihs

VeraSun
Reynolds, Indiana
Jamie Dosier

Milner Milling
Birmingham, Alabama
Ruby Regan

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T&S Anniversaries

September

- Carla Young – 21 years**
- Cathy Simmons – 14 years**
- Alex Kerrigan – 5 years
- Tim Lindemann – 3 years
- Pete Clausen – 3 years
- Adam Roan – 3 years
- Tony Tessum – 3 years
- Bill Schoba – 2 years
- Brian Rausch – 1 year
- Ryan Smith – 1 year
- Eduardo Rodriguez – 1 year
- Francisco Mendoza – 1 year

October

- Robert Clark – 19 years**
- Jeff Starnes – 13 years**
- Jerry Murphy – 7 years
- Courtney Konstanz – 6 years
- Dan Bell – 5 years
- Wayne Henderson – 1 year
- Baltazar Rodriguez-Trejo – 1 year
- Gustavo Renteria-Garcia – 1 year
- Shelly Planting – 1 year
- Rolando Perez – 1 year
- Arturo Ortega-Gonzalez – 1 year
- Luis Garcia – 1 year
- Craig Davidson – 1 year
- Juan Antonio Aguilar-Rojas – 1 year
- Paul Clasing – 1 year
- Diego Avitia – 1 year
- Matt Crooks – 1 year
- Victor Martinez – 1 year
- Jorge Ugalde-Uribe – 1 year

November

- Robby Shell – 17 years**
- Lyle Fleming – 3 years
- Isidro Garcia – 2 years
- Jon George – 2 years
- Michael Patton – 2 years
- Jose Rojas-Telez – 2 years
- Cora Sondgeroth – 2 years
- Daron Head – 2 years
- Becky Fulton – 1 year
- Jose Arroyo-Rios – 1 year
- Ron Jarvis – 1 year
- Edward Navarro – 1 year
- Juan Xec-Sanchez – 1 year

December

- Michelle Sime - 18 years**
- Bryan Coussens – 11 years**
- Paul Sodahl- 2 years
- Johnny Paez – 2 years
- Abby Lundstrom – 1 year
- Tina Tasler – 1 year
- Gullermo Aguilar-Maqueda – 1 year
- Rodney Morgan – 1 year
- Jay Thompson – 1 year

Christensen Farms - Forest City, Iowa



Christensen Farms of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, awarded Todd & Sargent the contract to design, engineer, and construct a new swine feedmill in Forest City, Iowa. The greenfield site is important to Christensen Farms operations

because it is centrally located between existing mills in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota and Iowa Falls, Iowa. The new mill's design features include:

- Corn receiving at 15,000 BPH.
- Soft stock receiving at 200 TPH.
- Corn storage of 500,000 bushels.
- Grinding System of 90 TPH.
- Batching System of 140 TPH.
- Feedmill ingredient storage – 23 bins with 2727 tons total capacity.
- Loadout storage – 18 bins with 3000 tons total capacity.

Superintendents Scott Tessum and Chuck Remele and crew will be working on this new facility.

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



Construction of the new 60 million gallon **East Fork Biodiesel, LLC** in Algona, Iowa, is on track to start up on schedule. The facility which includes two 1,000,000 gallon process oil tanks and three 1,000,000 gallon biodiesel tanks has been 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, Subcontractor Coordinator Jim May, and crews. Contractors on site include M&W Contractors, Interstate Electric Company, ACI Mechanical, and Story Construction.

33rd ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC

The 33rd Annual Sargent Group Company Picnic was held on Saturday, July 14, 2007. at Adventureland Amusement Park in Altoona, Iowa, with around 300 employees and family members attending. The day included Adventureland rides and attractions, buffet lunch, refreshments throughout the day, and drawing of door prizes. Thanks to all who attended, and we hope you had a great time.



T&S SOFTBALL TEAMS END SEASON BY WINNING TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to the Todd & Sargent coed softball team who finished the season by winning the Ames Park & Rec 2007 tournament! This was the first year for this coed team. Thank you to all the team members who were a part of this great accomplishment.

Congratulations to the Todd & Sargent men's softball team who also won the Ames Park & Rec 2007 tournament! Thanks to our #1 fan club for supporting us after a rough 2006 season and to all the team members who were a part of this great accomplishment. We look forward to another winning season for both teams in 2008.



T&S Coed Slow-Pitch Team - Front Row: Cora Sondgeroth, Becky Fulton, Manager Mark Schemmel, Whitney Schneider. Back Row: Craig Sondgeroth, Nick Welter, Josh Schneider, Johnny Swanson, Stephanie Taylor, Mike Evans and Darcey Foland.



T&S Mens Slow-Pitch Team - Front Row: Craig Sondgeroth, Dee Ransom, Josh Schneider, Mark Schemmel. Second Row: Ryan Smith, Nick Brancale, Kevin Baumhover, Josh Lewis, Nick Welter. Back Row: Manager Ryan Rock, Travis Pettibone and Cory Anderson.



We would like to thank the following vendors for their door prize donations for our 2007 Company Picnic.

*Schlagel, Inc.
Hayes & Stolz Industrial Mfg. Co.
Industrial Fabrication Services
Laidig Industrial Systems
InterSystems
W D Patterson Company
Scanada International
Walsh Door & Hardware Company
Wright Welding Supply
Miller Mechanical Specialties, Inc.
Baldwin Supply Company
Gerdau Ameristeel - Midwest Division
Fabtech
US Bank
Central States Group
Ambassador Steel
Chief Industries
Sargent Metal Fabricating
PMI IA, LLC
Cardinal Scale Mfg. Co
American Identity
CPM/Roskamp
Champion
Stetson Building Products, Inc.
Holmes Murphy
L&L Insulation & Supply
United Rentals
Ceco Building Systems*

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Aurora Cooperative - Aurora, Nebraska



Clint D. Steele
Vice-president
Marketing

2007-08 Trade Shows

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

December 9-11, 2007
2007 NGFA Trade Show
(National Grain & Feed Association)
Booth #301
Chicago, Illinois

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

The first load of corn was received at the new Aurora Cooperative's 1 million bushel capacity grain-handling facility on September 20, 2007. This is approximately 12 months after the ceremonial groundbreaking was held to announce the \$300 million ag-bio multiplex project that has come to be known as Aurora West.

The 142 acre site will include a 220 million gallon per year ethanol plant adjacent to an existing 50 MGY ethanol facility operated by Nebraska Energy, of which Aventine is a majority owner. Both ethanol plants will originate their corn for the new grain facility pictured above. When fully operational, the two ethanol plants will require 100,000,000 bushels of corn annually.

To accomplish this ambitious project, the Aurora Cooperative chose Todd and Sargent to design, engineer, and construct their high-speed corn handling facility. The facility incorporates:

- Four 15,000 BPH truck unloading pits (left side of picture).
- One 50,000 BPH rail unloading system to accommodate unloading of unit trains in 15 hours on the BNSF railroad
- Two 30,000 BPH receiving belt conveyors
- Two 30,000 BPH receiving bucket elevators
- One million bushels of corn storage with six 42' diameter x 140' tall silos with hopper bottoms.
- Dual 30,000 BPH top distribution drag conveyors.
- Dual 30,000 BPH reclaim belt conveyors.
- A 60,000 BPH rail bulkweigher located over one of the two loop tracks.
- Dust collection equipment on the truck pits, rail pit, receiving, loadout, and transfer equipment.

Todd and Sargent is very proud to have worked with the Aurora Cooperative's team of Mark Cleveland, Director of Grain Operations; George Hohwieler, General Manager; and Dan Luers, Grain Manager of the new Aurora facility. Congratulations to Aurora Cooperative and to Todd & Sargent Superintendent Darrel Bobzein, General Foreman Dale Mittlieder, Leadman Monica Titmus, and the entire Todd & Sargent team.

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