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### **United Cooperative expands Oshkosh facility**

BEAVER DAM, WIS. – Just in time for harvest United Cooperative is completing a multi-million-dollar grain expansion project at its Clairville Road, Oshkosh, facility.

The expanded facilities will positively impact local producers, said Julie Zimmerman, grain and location manager for the Oshkosh facility. “United Cooperative’s Oshkosh location will begin harvest with the addition of two, 1.2-million-bushel grain storage bins, 40,000-bushel-per-hour receiving, and 7,000-bushel-per-hour drying capacity,” she said. “Our goal is for producers to drive in, unload, and leave as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

In addition to the expanded Oshkosh facility, United Cooperative welcomes Steve LaChey, grain manager, who brings more than 26 years of experience in grain origination to United Cooperative. LaChey will assist Zimmerman with grain origination at Oshkosh, and be responsible for grain origination at other United Cooperative facilities. “Efficiency, time, and space in the heat of harvest is most important to producers when time is of value to them,” said LaChey. United Cooperative is also adding a trucking fleet to originate new customers to the cooperative and provide more service to existing members with on-farm pickup of grain, he said. The changes also bring opportunities for area seasonal and full-time CDL drivers to work for the cooperative.

“The additional grain storage, and the ability to load rail cars from a new load-out tower and rail bulk weigher, allows United Cooperative to be more fluid and efficient, as well as access more markets on behalf of its producer-members,” Zimmerman added.

United Cooperative acquired Oshkosh, Auroraville (Berlin), Ripon and Westfield, Wis., grain locations from ADM in Fall 2015. Earlier this year, United Cooperative merged with Greenville Cooperative.

“Producer-members from the surrounding area will be able to rely on us for additional grain storage space and grain drying capacity as a result of United Cooperative’s investments in the area,” concluded LaChey.



*Steve LaChey joined United Cooperative as grain manager and will originate grain for multiple area facilities. He is pictured here in front of the Oshkosh facility.*

### **ABOUT US:**

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to Wisconsin farmers and consumers. United Cooperative has locations in Auroraville, Baraboo, Beaver Dam, Coleman, Deerfield, Denmark, Greenville, Gresham, Hartford, Hillsboro, Horicon, Hustisford, Johnson Creek, Kendall, Mayville, Oconto Falls, Ontario, Oshkosh, Pickett, Poynette, Prairie du Sac, Pulaski, Reedsburg, Ripon, Rock Springs, Sauk City, Shawano, South Beaver Dam, Westfield, Wilton, Wonewoc and Wyocena. For more information, visit [www.unitedcooperative.com](http://www.unitedcooperative.com).