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## **FARMERS COOP ELEVATOR**

Hemingford, Hay Springs & Gordon, Nebraska

## Farmer's Coop Announces Projects at Mirage Flats and Gordon

Hemingford, NE (March 21, 2017) - Farmer's Cooperative Elevator Co would like to announce three capital projects slated for completion this fiscal year totaling over \$3,400,000. Farmer's Coop is proud to have a sound balance sheet and strong financials to fund these projects to better serve our patrons.

Farmer's Coop will be building two (2) additional storage bins at the Mirage Flats facility. The new bins will have a combined storage capacity of 670,000 bushels. This will increase capacity from 620,000 bushels to a total of 1,290,000 that will be available for this fall's harvest.

Contractors working on the Mirage Flats project will be R & C Welding of Gering NE on the millwright and bin erection, Triangle Electric of Alliance will be doing the electrical and Buettner Construction of Hay Springs doing the excavation work.

The increased capacity at Mirage Flats will help Farmer's Coop better serve its patrons in the Mirage Flats area. Facility capacity has been exceeded for every fall harvest since the completion of the original facility that was built in 2013.

The second project is an addition of a new grain dump pit and loadout at the Magowen elevator in Gordon which is on the west side of main street. This new pit will allow for better traffic flow for both inbound and outbound trucks as they either dump or load out grain from this elevator.

The Magowen elevator was designed and built before semi trucks came into widespread use. Currently trucks need to either back in or out of the elevator as they can't drive through it. This means that traffic needs to be stopped on main street each and every time a truck comes to dump or loadout.

The new pit will be enclosed and located directly south of the elevator house. After weighing in trucks will be routed around the west end of the feed mill onto the pit. New loadout bins will be above the dump pit making for fast and efficient grain dumping and grain loadout. We anticipate to be able to use this new pit/loadout for this year's wheat harvest.

Contractors working on the Magowen Pit project are R&C Welding out of Gering, Paul Reed Construction from Gering and Triangle Electric out of Alliance.

The third project to announce is the painting of the elevator on the east side of main street in Gordon. Last year we underwent a major patch and repair of the concrete of that elevator and now we are going to paint it. The paint will have more than just an aesthetic purpose as it will seal and help protect existing concrete and repaired or patched concrete. Anticipated completion will be late summer or fall of this year.

Drake Inc. of Waco, NE is the contractor on this project.

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