



STARLAND COUNTY FARMER SURVEY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SEED CLEANING FACILITY

Background

The Starland Seed Cleaning Plant was incorporated April 28, 1959, has been in business since 1961, and is located in the Village of Delia. Over the 55 years of this plants existence it has cleaned over 15,000,000 bushels of grain and has served the community well. Unfortunately the plant is nearing the end of its useful life in terms of equipment, capacity, productivity and structural integrity, so the board has made a decision that we construct a new seed plant to replace the existing facility.

Building a new plant is a big undertaking as the estimated cost of a turnkey plant is \$4.5 million. In order for our board to move forward we require support both financially as well as a commitment to using this facility from our farm community. As potential customers in Starland County and vicinity we ask that you participate in this survey and consider the questions carefully. Your input to this process is crucial for us to determine the fate of this essential business. All of your input is confidential and will not be used for any other purpose than to gather information to determine whether we move ahead with this project. Thank you for your participation.

Do you clean at another plant?

(Please circle the location)

Three Hills, Stettler, Coronation, Oyen, Hussar, Rosebud

Other _____

Do you use a Portable Seed Cleaner? Yes No

Would you ever consider switching from a portable

Cleaner? Yes No

(Explain)

Do you support any financial contribution from

Starland County towards this project? Yes No

(Explain)

If a modern, high capacity cleaning facility is built near Delia is location a factor in your decision whether or not you use this facility? Yes No
(Why or why not)

Would you support this plant if it was built in a central location in Starland County such as the Michichi Corner? Yes No
(Comments)

Do you think we need a new plant? Yes No
(Comments)

Would you support building a new plant? Yes No
(Yes or no please expand)

Would you invest money to help build a new plant?
Yes No
(Why or Why Not)

Would you invest if a new generation co-op model was used whereby the business was structured with both delivery and investment shares? Yes No
(Explain)

If this new plant was able to value add, such as clean peas for export or market your screenings would this influence your decision on investing or cleaning at this facility? Yes No
(Explain)

If the new plant was built near another agri-business facility such as a chemical or fertilizer distribution centre would this influence your decision to invest or clean at this plant regardless of location in the country? Yes No
(Comments)

Thank you for your participation in our survey.

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Please complete this survey and send it back prior to June 17th.

Completed surveys can be returned via mail, email or in person at the Starland County office.

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