



## Central Storage News- July 2009

### Arable Crop, Isle of Wight and Woldgrain Join Network

Network Grain UK is very pleased to welcome Arable Crop Storage at Atherstone on Stour, Near Stratford upon Avon, Woldgrain Storage at Gainsborough & IOW Grain to the network. Arable Crop is the main store to service the West Midlands and North Cotswolds. The store boasts a capacity of 24,000 tonnes, handling, drying and processing cereals and pulses for a growing membership. It is a significant strategic distribution point for all consumers of cereals and pulses in the centre of the country.

Woldgrain storage currently has a capacity of 30,000t, but is about to embark upon a major expansion programme. The next phase of development will take the site to 57,500t. With a significant EMDA grant., New tonnage sales are progressing well. The priorities within the new development include big improvements to site infrastructure, leading to much reduced lorry turnaround times, as well as increased drying and processing capacity.

Isle of Wight Grain has been servicing the Island since the early 1980's and, as the main grain processing facility on the island it is key to the agricultural community. The facility holds 15,000t, however the islands main shipping facility it handles approximately 25 000t per annum, handling vessels up to 3000t bound both for the mainland and Europe.

### Alex Salmond opens New Development at Aberdeen Grain



Aberdeen Grain's First Phase opening took place on Friday 31st July with the Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond officially opening the new development. Included in this phase is a new traffic flow system, double weighbridge and office, 15000t of new storage capacity, an additional 75t/hr drying capacity for malting barley, & 225t/hr for feed grains. The new intakes are capable of taking an impressive 400t/hr into the new plant.

The new dryers will be powered by LPG. A gas

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installation has been designed for Aberdeen Grain by Calor to specifically cater for the large off take over a very short period of time. This is part of a four phase development which will take Aberdeen Grain's total capacity to 85000t with further room for expansion in the future, as required.

The Open Day was an over whelming success with 290 visitors enjoying the formal presentation followed by guided tours of the new site. In Mr Salmond's address he praised the achievement by all involved to deliver a project of this size on time and on budget. He also highlighted the requirement for " state of the art" central stores like Aberdeen Grain in rural areas, which will accommodate the requirements of the arable grower in the future.

## Camgrain Opens New Advanced Processing Centre.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July Camgrain opened their state of the art processing centre at Wilbraham, south east of Cambridge. The APC can hold up to 90,000t of processed cereal, ready for food industry use. The new site will process the

members' entire bulk of high grade Group 1 bread wheat, including the wheat to supply supermarket major, Sainsbury's with the flour for their in-store bakeries. Camgrain is owned by 355 farmers, through East Anglia and the East Midlands.

The development of the site has been accelerated due to higher than anticipated demand., This process has been helped significantly by an £4m grant from the East of England

Development Agency, through the Rural Development Programme for England scheme.

Justin King, Sainsbury's chief executive, spoke at the opening and was keen to reiterate Sainsbury's commitment to using quality ingredients in their in-store bakery bread. The provenance of the flour in the bread is seen as key to underpinning an ongoing commitment to British Farmers.



## Enquiries

Should you wish to make any further enquires as to how farmer owned Central Storage and processing could fit in to your business, please contact your Openfield FBM or use the details below.

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