

Speed, Blending, Accuracy Trifecta

Star of the West
Emmett, Michigan



5 REASONS TO LOVE THIS FACILITY

1 JUST OPENED IN MAY
The dry fertilizer shed has 2,900-ton capacity with nine product bins and replaces six upright tanks with only 900 tons of dry storage.

2 DOUBLED UP ACCURACY GAINS
With the new blending and scale systems, it means greater accuracy to the grower and tighter tolerances for the retailer's inventory management. The previously used truck scale was limited to 20-lb. increments.



3 ACRES TO GIVE
Sixteen acres of adjoining cropland is enrolled in Growing Hope Globally, so the profits from those acres are donated to the charity, which works to advance agriculture in developing economies.

4 ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE PARK
The culture of safety is paramount for all drivers and employees.

5 POSITIONED FOR GROWTH
The new warehouse was placed so the retail business can continue to expand and have room for truck traffic.



BLENDING RX

The Sackett-Waconia AccuBlend system blends up to 95 tons per hour. The system includes six 10-ton weigh hoppers and three 1.5-ton micro hoppers.

ADDED SERVICE

The 8-ton Sackett-Waconia Orbital Blender includes liquid impregnation, which is a new product offering for this retail location.

IN-AND-OUT

The 150-ton-per-hour truck receiving system includes a Bulk-Toter to an over-bin drag conveyor. And a Bulk-Toter system is installed for truck loadout as well.

TIGHT TOLERANCE

Macro products are measured in 5-lb. increments and micros in 1-lb. increments. The facility's scale and controls were installed by Kahler Automation.

EASIER INVENTORY

Previously, micronutrients were handled in 50-lb. bags, and now, the crew handles dry micro products in mini bulk bags.

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