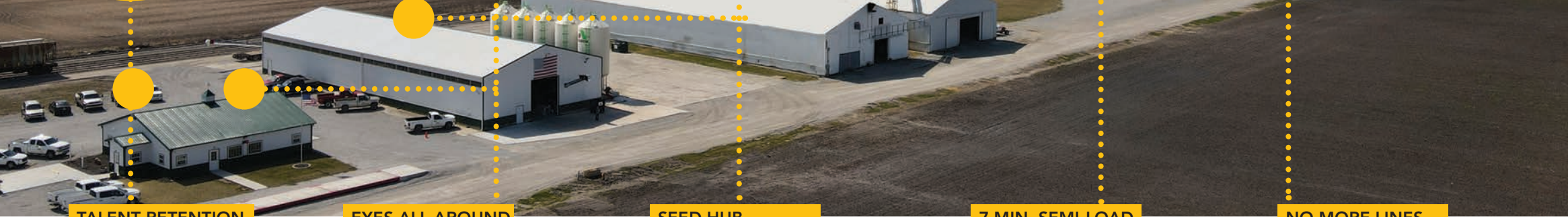
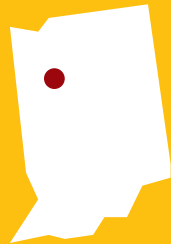


Mix Of New & Refurbished

Co-Alliance
Reynolds, Indiana



TALENT RETENTION

Managers report the new office space, kitchen area and investment in technologies have provided for higher employee morale for the 13 full-time and two part-time team members.

EYES ALL AROUND

The on-site cameras boost safety during business hours and when the office is closed. Because it's such a big facility, the team has greater visibility to know whom is where when. And at least one incident has been cleared up because video footage was able to provide details.

SEED HUB

This site services three retail locations with its fully automated KSI seed treatment system and five bulk bins for soybean seed storage.

7-MIN. SEMI-LOAD

The dry fertilizer shed has eight large bins and two bins for micronutrients. The Sackett-Waconda HIM mixer and receiving equipment speeds up processes. This illustrates the focus of the rebuild: speed, capacity and automation.

NO MORE LINES

With two bays pulling from 14 bulk stainless steel tanks totalling 50,000 gal. of crop protection, the site can simultaneously fill two tanks coming through its automated bays powered by Kahler Automation.

1 This is a legacy footprint for Co-Alliance because the current 15-acre site was repurposed after a grain elevator was removed. Previously, the agronomy center was across the road. The co-op has a separate site with a grain elevator and feed mill on the south side of the town. The investment is intended to show support for the community for the long-term, says Nick Hedden location manager.



2 The location allows for access to the railroad, so the facility can receive fertilizer via truck and rail. This flexibility is a great asset in season, says Hedden.

3 Two on-site warehouse buildings were updated and upgraded to stay in service and store off-season application equipment.

4 There's a 24/7 bay for liquid crop nutrition products. The setup allows for direct injection of micronutrient products and nitrogen stabilizer. The company has a 1-million-gallon tank for 28% nitrogen on site.

5 Every building is wired for fiber optics. The investment in internet connectivity has enabled the Co-Alliance team to reduce steps in every process and minimize duplication of work, reports Hedden.

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