

State-Of-The-Art Fertilizer Terminal

Growmark Fertilizer Terminal,
Seneca, Illinois



5 REASONS TO LOVE THIS FACILITY

1 NEW EQUIPMENT FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY

The recent refurbishment included a stabilized dock, a larger excavator to unload barges faster, a smart conveyor system with a larger hopper and a new storage facility for products coming off barges.

2 GRAND OPENING

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the project was Sept. 29, 2023.



3 IMPROVED TECH AND SPEED

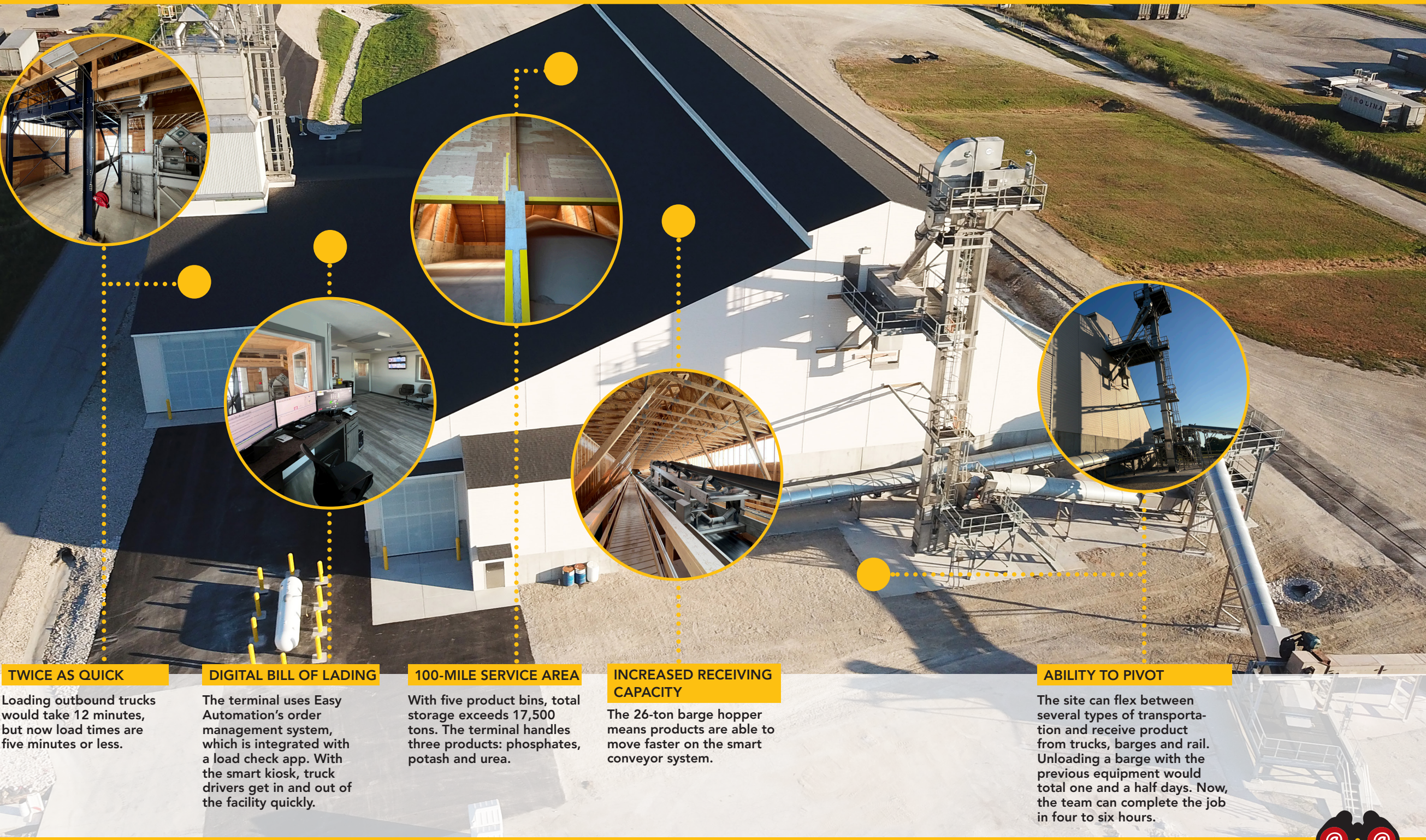
"We partnered with Easy Automation, Stueve and Sackett-Waconia on this project with the goal to provide a higher degree of service to our customers," says Mark Dietsch, sales manager, crop nutrients at Growmark.

4 DIRECT CONNECTION

The Growmark team can route product directly to an on-site member company, Grainco FS.

5 COORDINATION OF VENDORS

"Stueve leaned on its 65+ years of experience in ag retail facility construction, which now totals more than 1,350 projects," says J.C. Remsberg, Stueve account sales manager.



TWICE AS QUICK

Loading outbound trucks would take 12 minutes, but now load times are five minutes or less.

DIGITAL BILL OF LADING

The terminal uses Easy Automation's order management system, which is integrated with a load check app. With the smart kiosk, truck drivers get in and out of the facility quickly.

100-MILE SERVICE AREA

With five product bins, total storage exceeds 17,500 tons. The terminal handles three products: phosphates, potash and urea.

INCREASED RECEIVING CAPACITY

The 26-ton barge hopper means products are able to move faster on the smart conveyor system.

ABILITY TO PIVOT

The site can flex between several types of transportation and receive product from trucks, barges and rail. Unloading a barge with the previous equipment would total one and a half days. Now, the team can complete the job in four to six hours.

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