# The History of Ottawa Coop

The old building that still stands on the corner of Main and Tecumseh dates back to 1881. It was first called the "Excelsior Mill".

In September 1919, the old mill was purchased by members of the Ross family. Production of flour was raised to 1200 one hundred pound sacks per day and shortly thereafter a new 120,000 bushel concrete grain elevator was built. The Ross Milling Company was operated for thirty-one years, but after several floods in the 1940's it was dismantled and sold in 1950 to the Ottawa Cooperative Association.

Departments at the co-op include grain handling and storage, feed mixing, seed cleaning, delivery and bagged sales, veterinary supplies, petroleum products and delivery, chemical and fertilizer sales and application, car care facilities, and office management.

In 2001 the Ottawa Cooperative Association purchased several locations from the Farmers Cooperative Association formerly located in Lawrence, KS. This expansion tripled the capacity of the Ottawa Cooperative Association, yielding a total of 14 locations.

From the spring of 2006 to August 2007
the Ottawa Coop added over 800,000
bushels of additional grain storage. The
addition was spread across 4 locations
- Burlington, Waverly, Ottawa and
Scranton. Since 2009 storage capacity
has been increased by 1.6 million
bushels bringing the current capacity
to 9.7 million bushels.

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# Member Services & Benefits



"Cultivating relationships for successful farming."

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Set up an account with us and become a member with a one time \$50 fee. At the end of the cooperative's fiscal year in August an allocation is made back to its members. This allocation is based on how well the cooperative performed over the past twelve months. The member receives their allocation based on the amount of business which was transacted with the cooperative during the past twelve month period. This allocation is normally made in two pieces, one in the form of a check and the other by increasing the member's equity with the coop. Visit us at the main office to get the membership application or you can find it online at www.ottawacoop.com.





New location, Burlingame South, was purchased Spring 2016.

# **CO-OPPORTUNITIES**

# **Patronage**

Members have the opportunity to participate in the Coop's earnings every year!

Patronage is distributed annually, based on how well the Coop does financially and how much business you transacted with the coop during that year.

# **Crop Scouting**

We work hand in hand with the grower to help provide the best information and recommendation to achieve their yield goals. Services include:

- Weekly Field Checks Growth Staging, Weed/Insect/Disease Identification, Population Counts, Recommendations, Yield Estimates, and more!
- Composite Soil Sampling
- Tissue Sampling
- Detailed Scouting Reports Every Week!

# Variable Rate Application Technologies

Variable Rate Application allows you to place the products only where needed to maximize crop productivity. Our experts help you utilize yield data and make it useful in fertility, seed, and production, allowing for maximum profitability.

# **Pre-Pay Days**

Pre-paying is a great way to save on products and to plan for the next year! Come visit us in December to plan for the 2017 Growing Season!

# **Input Financing**

Don't want to write a check upfront to prepay? Our financing program offers attractive rate options. This eases the burden of paying as you go and allows you to be able to pay after harvest when you get paid for your crop!

# Mobile App

Use our app to access:

- About Ottawa Coop
- Contact Us
- Branch Information
- Agronomy Information
- Grain Portals
- Customer Log-In

# OTTAWA COOP

Look for the Ottawa Coop logo on your Android or IPhone App Store!

# **ACH Grain Settlement**

Get paid faster! We give you the opportunity to have your settlement checks direct deposited to your bank account. To sign up for direct deposit:

- Go to www.ottawacoop.com
- Click on Forms
- Click on Direct Deposit
- Return your form to your local Ottawa Coop Branch

# **Annual Meeting**

Members have a special invitation to join the Coop and their Board of Directors to an evening with dinner, distribution of patronage checks and a recap of the year.

# **KwiKom Communications**

Kwikom Communications is currently working on installing the equipment needed to provide high speed wireless internet at all of our branches. The services will soon be offered to the communities of the Ottawa Coop.