



MKC improvements made recently include a new anhydrous facility. The facility includes two anhydrous tanks which hold a combined total of 56,000 gallons of anhydrous along with four filling stations.

MKC Rice County facilities are up to the task

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In 2015 MKC completed construction on several new improvements to its Rice County facility.

One of the major improvements includes an anhydrous facility, finished last year prior to the spring season. Improvements to MKC's arsenal include two anhydrous holding tanks that hold a combined total of 56,000 gallons as well as four filling stations to increase turn around on speed.

MKC Facility Manager, Steve Olson, said MKC offers direct-to-the-farm delivery for anhydrous using tanks that hold 1,500 gallons. Olson noted MKC also picks up the empty tanks and returns the tanks filled to the farmer.

"Our goal is to provide efficiencies for our customers, keeping the farmers moving in the field

as they prepare for spring," said Olson.

Another of MKC's many additions to the facility includes a grain storage bunker that holds just under one million bushels of grain. The storage bunkers include an air system to keep the grain dry and aerated.

Olson said there are a number of other services available to farmers in the area, including crop nutrients and crop protection products. In addition, the facility will stock some farm necessities such as animal feed, dog food, cat food, oil and antifreeze for their customers. "We will keep a small supply of farm necessities and

adjust these supplies based on customer need," said Olson.

Olson said efficiency and timeliness both play a big role in how MKC does business. Olson said in the fall of 2014, the facility completed an automation system. This system monitors the temperature and aeration of the grain storage facilities and allows MKC employees to unload trucks right from the office. "This system will help us maintain our speed and efficiency, returning the producer to the field in a timely manner as well as monitor our grain quality," said Olson.



The new MKC grain bunker includes a large motorized grain conveyer belt. The conveyer belt can be moved as needed.

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