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the other to soybeans, there was no way that we could have fit the 2017 crop into existing facilities. As it turned out, we had barely adequate space to take in all of the crop. In the years when we don’t have a huge crop, we will have just about the biggest go-kart track in the world,” Noreen joked.

When the last of the 2017 corn

crop eventually moved through the scale house at the terminal, all of the outdoor bunkers had been tarped for long-term storage. Since harvest the southwest bunker of soybeans has had the tarp removed, the crop moved into the vertical bins and much of the crop shipped.

The corn being held in the southeast bunker has seen the tarp removed and the grain off loaded

into the indoor concrete bins. From there the corn will be moved by unit train to the west coast.

The new bunker holding about 1.6 million bushels of wet corn has had cold air blowing through it since harvest. That crop will be moved through the grain dryer, transferred to vertical bins and then shipped before spring weather has an opportunity to spoil the corn.



Once the overhead steel superstructure work began to move to the west it went rather quickly. New towers were connected to overhead superstructure on a daily basis.



As the steel work nears completion, it creates a twisted maze of what will eventually be functional transfer equipment.



As summer began to turn into fall, the outline of the new 1.6 million bushel bunker was beginning to take shape at Agassiz Valley Grain north of Barnesville. Fitzgerald Construction of Sabin was putting the final touches on the foundation of the huge 490 by 190-foot slab that would provide the foundation for the new bunker.



It was a close race with winter that was eventually won by Kava Construction and Agassiz Valley Grain as corn began to flow across the transfer equipment and into the bunker in early November. The construction work was completed as farmers struggled to work through the mud to retrieve last fall’s corn crop. Eventually the ground froze up with no snow cover and all of the corn came off in a rush.







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