

3 TYPES OF GRAIN ELEVATORS:

TERMINAL: Designed for storage & distribution of wheat to local, regional & worldwide markets

COUNTRY: Designed for storage & distribution of local wheat only

PROCESSING: Designed for storage & processing of usually local wheat

COMPONENTS OF A GRAIN ELEVATOR:

Unloading Shed: Where grain is unloaded

Headhouse: Tall rectangular element, contains distributor, scales & control station

Bins: Storage containers

Gallery: Enclosed conveyor that extends the length of the bins

PROCESS: The grain is transported from the field to the elevator by truck or train. It is then unloaded in a pit in the unloading shed from which it is conveyed via a controlled passage or gateway to a central "boot." From the boot, the grain is moved to the headhouse and from there distributed to scale bins for weighing, to preselected bins for storage or to rail cars for immediate transportation. From the headhouse, the grain is moved into bins by a long conveyor belt located in the gallery. As the grain reaches the appropriate bin, the grain is thrown off the conveyor belt via a tripper mechanism into a spout which pours the grain into the bin. A second conveyor belt located at the bottom, or basement, of the elevator moves the grain out of the storage bins into waiting rail cars.

FACT: The headhouse, gallery and basement of a grain elevator have numerous, industrial-style, metal, pivot windows to prevent accumulation of dust inside. Without an adequate means of release, the build-up of dust can lead to a catastrophic explosion in the elevator.

GROUND BREAKING DESIGN: The Union Equity Co-Operative Exchange Elevator B pioneered a ground breaking bin design. Conceived by E.N. Puckett, General Manager, the uniform hexagonal, or honeycomb, bin design reduced wasted space between the bins and enhanced movement of the grain. The innovative design was reportedly inspired by a hotel bathroom floor. By the mid-1960s, Puckett's design was standard for grain elevator design nationwide.

Terminal Grain Elevators Historic District Tour



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Union Equity Co-Op Exchange Elevator Z

Other Names: None
Constructed: 1949-1951
Addition: None
Builder: Chalmers & Borton Construction
Capacity: 15.3 Million Bushels
Size: 1000' long X 145' wide
Bin Design: Hexagonal



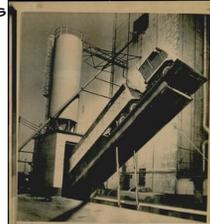
Union Equity Co-Op Exchange Elevator Y

Other Names: None
Constructed: 1953-1956
Addition: None
Builder: Likely Chalmers & Borton Construction
Capacity: 16.3 Million Bushels
Size: 1000' long X 145' wide
Bin Design: Hexagonal



Oklahoma Wheat Pool Terminal Elevator

Other Names: Farmers' National Grain Corp. & Continental Grain Co. Elevator
Constructed: 1930 Addition: 1935
Builder: Jones-Hettelsater Construction Co.
Capacity: 2.1 Million Bushels
Size: 455' long X 66' wide
Bin Design: Circular



Union Equity Co-Op Exchange Elevator B

Other Names: None
Constructed: 1946
Additions: 2 by 1949
Builder: Chalmers & Borton Construction
Capacity: 11 Million Bushels
Size: 1400' long X 90' wide
Bin Design: *Hexagonal* 1st in US



General Mills Terminal Elevator **DEMOLISHED**

Other Names: Elevator of General Grain Company
Constructed: 1929
Additions: None
Builder: Unknown
Original Capacity: Unknown
Size: 575' long X 72' wide
Bin Design: Circular



Union Equity Co-Op Exchange Elevator A

Other Names: None
Constructed: 1931
Additions: 1935, 1940, 1941 & 1942
Builder: Likely Chalmers & Borton Construction
Capacity: 7.6+ Million Bushels
Size: 875' long X 156' wide
Bin Design: Circular

Southwest Terminal Elevator

Other Names: Feuquay & Salina Terminal Elevator
Constructed: 1926
Addition: 1927
Builder: Unknown
Capacity: 1 Million Bushels
Size: 394' long X 65' wide
Bin Design: Circular



Enid Terminal Elevator 1st in Oklahoma

Other Names: None
Constructed: 1925-1926
Additions: 1931 & Unknown
Builder: Jones-Hettelsater Construction Co.
Capacity: 1 Million Bushels
Size: 594' long X 60' wide
Bin Design: Circular

