

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. This addition brought Ottawa Coop's capacity to 8,044,000 bushels as of August 31, 2007.



Burlington



Waverly



Ottawa - Elevator "D"



Scranton

Prior to the 2008 Harvest the Ottawa Coop added a high speed leg and dump to the Elevator "D" Complex in Ottawa, KS and then added a second bin prior to the 2009 harvest. The Midland facility north of Lawrence was also renovated to replace a couple bins which had sustained damage in previous years. This brought the Ottawa Coop to a current storage capacity of 8,386,000 bushels for the 2009 harvest.



Ottawa - Elevator "D"



Midland



# OTTAWA COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, Kansas

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Ottawa Coop's First Harvest - 1950

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00a.m. till 5:00p.m.  
(Harvesting & planting season hours will be posted)

## WHAT IS A COOP?

A Cooperative is a company which is originally formed by a group of customers that get together and pool their money to create an organization. In order to become a member of an existing cooperative normally requires some type of application form to be filled out and the purchase of at least one share of stock. This type of organization allows its members to participate in the earnings of the cooperative. Being a member is optional and in no way affects a customers ability to do business with the Coop. At the end of the cooperative's fiscal year an allocation is made back to its members. This allocation is based on how well the cooperative performed over the past twelve month period. The member receives his 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 of which being in the form of a check and the other by way of an increase in the member's equity with the cooperative.

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# Our History

The old building that still stands on the corner of Main and Tecumseh dates back to 1881. It was first called the "Excelsior Mill". At some point in the late 1880's, the mill was converted from the stone ground process to a roller mill. Sometime before 1918, the old mill was called Ottawa Milling Company and was controlled by a flour mill in Kansas City. 1922. In September 1919, the old mill was purchased by members of the Ross family. The mill in Ottawa was then called the Ross Milling Company. 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.



1922



First Harvest of 1950



Flood of 1951

In the late 1940's local area farmers felt the need to better control their grain markets. When the historical Ross Mill in the center of town became available, the Ottawa Cooperative Association was on it's way. Their charter was received on February 9, 1950 and the opened for business on June 1, 1950 with 425 members. Just one short year later the flood of 1951 brought disaster. Most farmers despaired, but the members rallied and, with the help of employees, several months later the business reopened. 2006



1994

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. 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.



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