

## Equity Elevator and Trading Company – established 1912

Equity Elevator and Trading Company was organized July 3, 1912 with 64 charter members. The elevator handled grain, flour, feed and coal. In 1919, there were 5 elevators operating in Wood Lake on what was then known as “elevator row”, two of them belonging to Equity Elevator. The others were Allas Elevator, The Great Western Grain Company & Pacific Elevator Company.



By 1932, Equity Elevator was the only facility still in business in Wood Lake. They took over the Great Western Grain and Pacific Elevator Companies. The elevator constructed a 120,000 bushel capacity concrete elevator in 1950 and in 1959, they added six 15,000 bushel bins for additional storage.

The elevator bought the land it is built on from the CNW Railroad in 1966 and continued its expansion with a Shanzer grain dryer later that same year; a fertilizer blending plant in 1971, a 200,000 bushel annex in 1973. An addition was made to the fertilizer plant in 1974. Equipment storage and shop space were purchased across the street from the facility in 1976 and a new office addition was added in 1977. More storage silos were added in 1978, bringing the total elevator storage to 746,000 bushels. In more recent years, a 350,000 bushel grain bin was added in 2000. The Westside Implement building and land were purchased in 2003 and today, the shop, additional office space and store (which sells farm products and pet food) are located here. An overhead feed loadout was added as well. In 2005, there was a facility expansion which added a grain dryer, conveyor system, catwalk and bin. In 2006 and 2007 additional bunkers were added for storage. The office was remodeled in 2009 and in 2010 and 2011, a state-of-the-art feed roller mill and super deck screener were added at the elevator.



Today, Equity Elevator and Trading Company handles grain, grain drying, feed, grinding, mixing, seed, fertilizer, ag chemicals, spraying and custom application. They have a storage capacity of approximately 1.9 million bushels. Their general manager is Rod Winter.

