

Farmers Co-op Association of Milroy - Established 1905

The Milroy Farmer's Elevator Coop signed Articles of Incorporation on April 15, 1905 for the purpose to buy, build, lease, rent, construct and to operate grain elevators. These elevators also acted as a warehouse for flour, feed and cereal mills to hold, buy or sell many kinds of farm and dairy products and livestock. Dry goods were also sold along with boots & shoes, groceries, hardware, farm machinery, lumber and many other types of building materials.

The first Board of Directors changed many times in the initial years of the elevator business, each trying to find the best way to make the corporation function. On May 5, 1905 the Milroy Elevator attempted to purchase the Springfield and Sleepy Eye Milling Companies. Although these plans fell through, the elevator continued to push forward.



On August 15, 1908 the elevator joined the Minnesota Farmer's Elevator Association.

In 1913 many improvements were surfacing for the elevator. The first of these was the purchase of the Sleepy Eye Elevator located in Milroy. Other improvements included general maintenance & repairs such as painting the elevator, repairing the engine house, roof, driveway and scale housing.

On April 29, 1930 the Elevator built an additional elevator located across the road from the primary elevator. As the years passed, repairs were needed on the west elevator and in the process, the board decided to build a feed room along with a flour room.



In 1945 the elevator added on the Annex with wood cribbing for additional storage. Many improvements continued to make things work more efficiently. Management also changed, as managers needed to have considerable knowledge of the operation of the elevator along with the skills to work effectively with its patrons.

In 1995, the elevator constructed a 150,000 bushel bin.

A huge wind storm in 1997 blew three of the elevators bins down. Two bins were replaced with 60,000 bushel capacity.

More storage was added over the next several years, with a 150,000 bushel bin added in 1998

and a 180,000 bushel bin in 2001. This additional storage was adequate to fulfill the elevators needs until 2004 and 2005, when two more 60,000 bushel bins were built. In 2006, a 509,000 bushel bin was added as the elevator continued to grow. Along with the bins, the elevator also constructed a fertilizer and chemical shed to expand their fertilizer operation.

In June 2010, a huge summer storm blew through Milroy damaging two Quonsets and a dryer. Another wind storm came in July 2011, damaging five bins, which were replaced along with the dryer.

Because of the need for more storage and faster dumping, a scale was built in 2012, and a 529,000 bushel Brock bin was built in 2013.

The Farmers Cooperative Association of Milroy, managed by Rick Anderson, is a growing, diversified company, having grain, feed, agronomy and fuel divisions, as well as a C-store. Working together, the elevator continues to serve its employees, stockholders and farmers to truly make it a cooperative.

