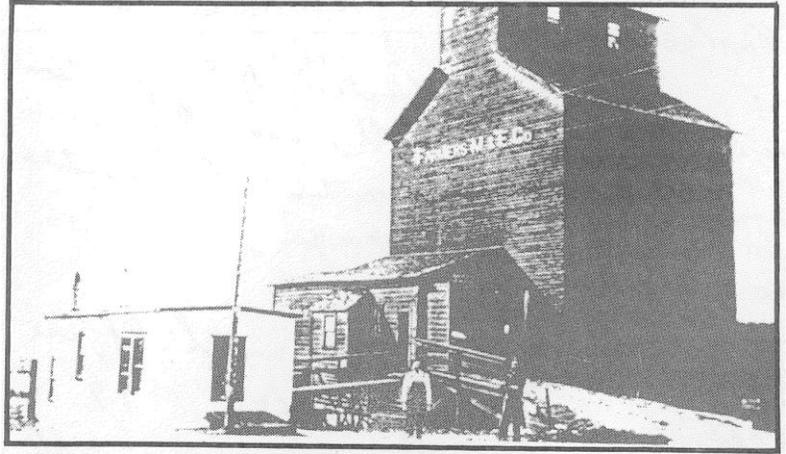


Nassau Farmers Elevator Company – 1899 – 2010 (111 yrs.)

On April 27, 1899 a group of men from the Nassau community met to draw up Articles of Incorporation for the corporation they would name the Nassau Farmers Mercantile and Elevator Company. In the early years the elevator was in the business of buying & selling grain, seed, coal, lumber and other related farm products.



The Old Farmers Mercantile and Elevator Company

The elevator burned down in 1931. The day after the fire, plans were already being made to rebuild the elevator, as it was such a vital part of the community of Nassau. Hogenson Construction Company was contracted to rebuild the feed mill & elevator.

In 1932, Nassau Farmers Elevator Company joined the Farmers Elevator Association of Minnesota, which is now known as the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association.

The elevator was originally set up to be in operation for 20 years. Throughout its history, it appears it's Charter was extended by 20 years at least three times until 1959, when the Articles of Incorporation were amended to more completely conform to the cooperative system.

Over the years, many changes, improvements and acquisitions continued to be made for the elevator. In 1955, through a purchase from Peavey Elevator, Nassau Farmers Elevator Company entered the gas & oil business. They renamed Peavey's gas & oil business the Nassau Farmers Oil Company.

Nassau Farmers Elevator Co. has had the benefit of long term management. Herbert R. Struck was manager of the elevator for 36 years, from 1944 to 1981. Leslie Billiet became manager of the gas & oil department in August 1951, prior to Nassau's purchase from Peavey Elevator. He retired in 1981. Roger Longhenry, who started working for the oil company in 1974 as a bulk driver, replaced Les Billiet as manager of the oil department when he retired in 1981. In 1987, Roger took over as General Manager of both the elevator & the oil department until 2009. The current General Manager is Howard Bragg.



Today Nassau Farmers Elevator Company handles grain, feed, agronomy inputs and petroleum. They have a location in Odessa, SD & storage capacity of 1.1 million bushels.