

Dedication Set Tuesday for New Grain Shuttle Facility

(KMZA)--Farmers Cooperative will hold a dedication Tuesday for their new train shuttle facility near Frankfort.

An open house will be held from 10 to 3 with tours, prizes and giveaways. A brief ribbon-cutting ceremony will start at 10:30 and a meal will be provided.

The new facility, located at 2084 Tumbleweed Road, is an advanced, automated grain-handling system.

The \$30 million facility has a total storage capacity of 4.1 million bushels. Farmers Cooperative plans to handle at least 8 to 10 million bushels each year from the facility.

The shuttle loader contains more than 8,000 feet of track in a loop system. Unit trains with 110 cars can easily be loaded in fewer than 15 hours.

According to Dennis Kenning, sales and marketing manager, the facility was constructed to better serve Kansas and southern Nebraska producers.

Dale Hayek, Farmers Cooperative grain manager, added the facility will bring new grain markets to northeast Kansas. He said it will save freight expense while providing higher cash prices for grain.

Farmers Cooperative includes major locations in Beattie, Frankfort, Summerfield, Marietta, Waterville, Blue Rapids, Hanover and Herkimer. The company headquarters is located in Dorchester, Nebraska.