

(3) Field Storage of Grain . The present system throughout all the prairie provinces where the farmer is not located immediately adjacent to elevator facilities, is to provide what are called "Field Storage Bins." There are of all makes and for a time, a galvanized iron tank with a pyramidal top holding about 1,000 bushels was very popular, but it was found that it would not stand up against high prairie winds and today, the field bin almost universally used is a square wooden tank with a sloping roof which holds about 1200 bushels.

The system is to group a sufficient number of these bins close together so that they can be filled directly from the separator and then the separator is moved to another group of bins in a more convenient section of the field. The grain is then hauled from these bins in wagons holding about 80 bushels to the elevator or loaded direct into cars from a loading platform which has to be located at every shipping point so that the farmer can ship grain directly if he so desires rather than put his grain through the elevator.

Personally, I do not feel that the proposal which you made to provide a number of smaller bins which could be filled from the separator and then loaded on motor trucks for delivery to the elevator or car loading platform would be any improvement on the present system.

I trust that the foregoing will outline my ideas with reference to the matters we discussed, but I will of course, be only too pleased to consider further any suggestions that you have to make in connection therewith.

Yours very truly,

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