



COURTESY PHOTO

North Dakota Soybean Processors (NDSP) Casselton development brings multiple local economic opportunities

Construction is on schedule at the North Dakota Soybean Processors (NDSP) site. Located twenty miles west of Fargo in Casselton, NDSP plans to begin receiving soybeans in the summer of 2024. It is a busy site with over 250 contractor personnel working regularly. Several of the structural buildings have equipment in place and the exterior is complete, allowing for focus on the interior to continue. The mild winter has been beneficial for the construction timeline.

The NDSP soybean processing plant will be state of the art. Once the plant is fully operational, it will crush over 42 million bushels annually, providing a year-round local market for North Dakota and Minnesota soybean producers. This is considered to be a major market shift for the state's soybean producers, as historically, the export market provided the best demand for North Dakota and northern Minnesota soybeans.

North Dakota produces about 200 million bushels of soybeans annually, exporting about 75% of their

volume. With the addition of NDSP, the state will be able to retain over 20% of the state's soybean crop that has historically been exported. This generates greater demand for transportation providers to haul and deliver soybeans as volume increases. It will create significant value and economic opportunity in both the sale and delivery of soybean crops year-round, especially into the spring and summer months.

"NDSP will provide a selection of contract types for farmers to utilize to sell their soybeans and deliver throughout the year, with customer service being a priority," explains Zach Spilker, senior merchant, and head of soybean procurement for NDSP. Soybean merchandising staff are on site now, have bids posted, and are buying soybeans.

In addition to opportunities for farmers and transporters, NDSP will employ 60-70 individuals. Most of the hiring is scheduled to take place in the late spring/early summer of 2024. The company provides competitive pay and benefits packages to employees. As positions open, job opportunities will be posted on

NDSP's website, ndsoy.com.

At the local level, the team at NDSP champions community involvement for everyone on the team. Team members recently enjoyed meeting local residents by serving lunches at Casselton's Senior Citizens Day. Additionally, the team participated in the T4 Summit for two days at Central Cass High School. "The T4 program was a great opportunity for us to talk to students about opportunities to consider at North Dakota Soybean Processors that do not require a college degree," states Bill McBee, Commercial Manager for NDSP. Team members spoke to students about different career paths and opportunities, how the soybean processing industry works, and the various careers it can provide.

For more information on North Dakota Soybean Processors, please visit their website ndsoy.com or give them a call at 701-895-1010. NDSP is a joint venture owned by CGB Enterprises, Inc. and Minnesota Soybean Processors.