

St. Clair Service Co. To Enhance Grain Storage

Belleville, Ill., March 1, 2011 -- St. Clair Service Company, headquartered in Belleville, today broke ground on a new 515,000 bushel grain bin at its New Athens, Ill., location.

Matt Myers, president of the cooperative, says the new construction will fulfill requests from patrons and others in the area, who truck grain in and out of the location. "Farmers are producing more grain and as a result, many requested we provide more storage. This new construction will enhance our storage capacity and allow us to better serve our customers needs." The bin will bring total storage capacity at New Athens to nearly 900,000 bushels.

Jim Milleville, St. Clair Service general manager says in addition to increased yields, the cooperative is enjoying expanded marketing opportunities. "Yes, farmer yields are increasing, and we are selling to some new markets – there are two ethanol plants locally -- all of which demands greater storage capacity. We are pleased to be able to meet farmer needs and take advantage of new markets by expanding our capacity at New Athens. "

Construction is expected to be complete by May 30th. St. Clair Service Company is a locally owned agricultural cooperative serving producers in St. Clair County in Illinois. Formed in 1931, St. Clair Service Company is a leader in meeting producer needs in production agriculture and crop marketing.

