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Agrotain transitions processing in-house



Unveiling two years and \$20 million worth of hard work, planning and construction, [Agrotain International](#), along with its parent company Lange-Stegmann, celebrated yesterday the opening of its new Stabilized Nitrogen Center and the St. Louis Urea Center, the nation's largest inland urea import terminal. Urea is the base of many end-products, including Agrotain's stabilized nitrogen technology fertilizers like UMAXX and UFLEXX that can reduce atmospheric loss, eliminate leaching and prevent desolubilization and denitrification.



The company previously unloaded urea off of barges on the Mississippi River and shipped it off to third-party facilities in East Dubuque, Iowa, and Lima, Ohio, to process the urea, treating it with inhibitors, a proprietary phase modification process and seed material to transform it into fertilizer. Now Agrotain has that capability all in-house, all within yards of the unloading port on the river.

It was a big party for the company, which feted the occasion with a Tina Turner impersonator (left), an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, live jazz musicians and a lunch featuring famous dishes from river cities New Orleans, Memphis and St. Louis. Around 900 people, including dignitaries from the city of St. Louis, elected officials and members of the media, gathered for the event.

A surging demand for Agrotain's fertilizers prompted the new facilities, said Mike Stegmann, president of Lange-Stegmann. The Stabilized Nitrogen Center boasts a capacity of 125,000 tons each year. The St. Louis Urea Center adds 63,000 tons of fertilizer storage to Lange-Stegmann's existing space and also increases product handling capacity up to 1 million tons annually of imported urea.

For more information about the new facilities, look for the expanded story in the Front Nine section of GCM's November issue.

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