

## **United Grain Incorporated Prepares to Enter Ethanol Market**

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### **United Grain Incorporated (Courtland, KS) is preparing final equipment specifications and construction schedules to begin entry into the ethanol market.**

United Grain has entered into an agreement with Burns & McDonnell (Kansas City, MO) to provide engineering, equipment procurement, and construction management services for the construction of a \$13.5 million plant that will produce 10 million gallons per year of fuel grade ethanol from corn and milo feedstocks. The plant will be located near one of United Grains' sister companies, Premium Feeders Incorporated, in Scandia, Kansas, roughly 170 miles northwest of Kansas City, Kansas in Republic County. The dried distillers grain by-products will be marketed and sold through this division.

United is on schedule to begin construction of the plant in late April or early May of 2002. Completion and commissioning of the plant is expected sometime during the third quarter of 2003. The project is the first venture into the ethanol business for the company.

United Grain is a privately owned grain marketing, storage and transport company specializing in commodities such as yellow corn, wheat, sorghum and soybeans. They have four locations in Kansas providing drying and rail transport services for the agricultural industry.

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