



January 19, 2010

Dear Cooperative Elevator Co. Patrons,

The Cooperative Elevator Co. will no longer be receiving Oats and Barley for the 2010 crop year & beyond. Growers who delivered to the Elkton, Ruth, or Deckerville plants, should be aware that these locations will not be handling oats and barley due to the trend of smaller receipts each year. Poor outside market opportunities and decreasing amounts used through the feed mill has made it difficult to handle the crop as efficiently and profitably as we would like. For those of you who continue to grow oats and barley, seed will still be available from the Cooperative Elevator Co.

We hope this advance notice will give you time to find markets for your oats and barley crop. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your respective plant manager or the grain department at the Pigeon office:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE IN 2010!

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Grain Marketing Department*