

Canton History

The Canton Ferry Boat provided a method for Missouri farms to bring grain to Ursa Farmers Cooperative Co facility in Meyer, IL without having to drive thru Quincy. The ferry boat brought up to four million bushels of grain across the Mississippi River annually.

The Board of Directors knew that there were more customers in Missouri that wanted to do business with Ursa Farmers Co-op if they didn't have to utilize the ferry boat that was already at max capacity, therefore for many years they searched for an alternative. In 2009, the decision was made to bring this dream to reality. In October 2010, Governor Nixon visited Canton to announce the awarding of a Community Development Block Grant to the Lewis County Industrial Development Authority for purchase cost of 10 blighted properties. A portion of these properties became the site of the Canton facility of Ursa Farmers Cooperative Co,

Roger Hugenberg joined UFC in April 2012 as the Missouri Manager, Kim Lambert was hired 5/21/2012 as the Operational Manager for Canton, and Brenda Wright Canton Office Manager on 6/11/12. The first load of grain was dumped on December 13, 2012. During 2017 and 2018, three additional bins were added increasing the storage space by 3.9 million bushels at this facility.