

Third Barge Loader on the Right

LOUIS DREYFUS COMMODITIES OPENS RIVER TERMINAL IN MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION



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Founded: 1851
Annual sales: \$64.7 billion
Annual volume: 80 million tons
Asset network: 270+ processing and logistic assets globally
Number of employees: 22,000
Platforms: Oilseeds, grains, rice, feed, freight, finance, coffee, cotton, sugar, juice, dairy, fertilizers and inputs, metals

Key personnel at Rosedale:

- Donnie Love, operations superintendent
- Matt Raben, commercial manager
- Matt Phillips, merchandiser
- Lana Aguzzi, administrative assistant

Supplier List

- Aeration fans**..... GSI
- Bin sweeps** GSI
- Bucket elevators**..... InterSystems
- Catwalks**Warrior Mfg. LLC
- Contractor/millwright** ... Younglove Construction LLC
- Control system**..CompuWeigh Corp.
- Conveyors** InterSystems
- Distributor**..... InterSystems
- Dockage tester**Carter Day International
- Dust collection system** Aircon
- Elevator buckets**Maxi-Lift Inc.
- Grain dryer** Zimmerman Grain Dryers
- Grain temp system**..Tri-States Grain Conditioning
- Loadout spout**.....Premier Fabrication
- Moisture meter**DICKEY-john Corp.
- Steel storage**..... GSI
- Truck scales**.....Avery Weigh Tronix



Louis Dreyfus Commodities' new river terminal in Rosedale, MS, featuring 2.2 million bushels of upright storage and 40,000-bph throughput speed. Aerial photos by Rory Doyle, Cleveland, MS.

When Louis Dreyfus Commodities decided in 2013 to build a river terminal serving the Mississippi Delta region (662-344-6304), it was the third barge-loading grain elevator to be built at the Port of Rosedale, MS. The new 2.2-million-bushel terminal at the end of David Work Drive is reached after passing by river terminals operated by Bunge North America and Gavlion Grain.

The presence of two other large river terminals could present a considerable challenge for a third terminal, but Louis Dreyfus Commodities remains confident it has a place in Rosedale, says Operations Superintendent Donnie Love.

“It can be hard to get a piece of the pie,” says Love, who has worked for Louis Dreyfus Commodities for two years and after working for Cargill for 21 years. “But we have the fastest unload service in the port. Time is money for farmers, and we can bring a truck in and out of here in six minutes.”

The commodities giant has two goals for



Donnie Love

the Rosedale terminal. First, it’s intended to serve as a feeder to its Port Allen export terminal 350 miles downriver near Baton Rouge, LA. Second, Louis Dreyfus Commodities is trying to establish a stronger presence on the Mississippi River.

New Track Record

To build the terminal, Louis Dreyfus Commodities hired Younglove Construction LLC, Sioux City, IA (712-277-3906),

as general contractor and millwright, for an undisclosed sum.

Love says that Younglove got the nod after serving as the lead contractor on Phase II of a major expansion at the Port Allen terminal (*see May/June 2014 Grain Journal*). He says the company was so pleased with the contractor's performance at Port Allen and Rosedale that Younglove also has been hired for a river terminal project at West Memphis, AR, and Natchez, MS.

Construction began in the spring of 2013, and the facility began receiving grain around Labor Day 2014.

Upright Storage

Grain storage at Rosedale is a mix of slipform concrete and corrugated steel tanks. According to Love, the three concrete tanks are used primarily for direct transshipment from truck to barge and went into operation before the steel structures were completed.

Each of the slipform concrete tanks holds approximately 75,000 bushels.

All three tanks stand 35 feet in diam-



Overhead 40,000-bph InterSystems belt conveyor takes grain out to the barge dock on a Warrior handrail truss bridge approximately 600 feet long. The barge dock is equipped with a Premier Fabrication loadout spout with a 180-degree swivel. Ground level photos by Ed Zdrojewski.

eter and 120 feet tall and are equipped with 45-degree steel hopper bottoms eliminating the need for sweep augers or to enter the tanks for cleanout. Because of their use for transshipment, they have no aeration or grain temperature moni-

toring. However, they are equipped with Siemens sonar-type level indicators.

The GSI steel tanks, designed for longer storage, include one holding approximately 1 million bushels and two rated at 500,000 bushels capacity each. ►