

Notice to Patrons of the Farmers' Co-Operative Elevator Co.

We think it would be well at this time to explain why the Farmers Elevator has not been buying grain as usual. It is well known to all men in the grain trade that all the terminals in the United States are full with the exception of Minneapolis and Duluth and it is predicted that those markets will also be filled up in a short time. Therefore it is impossible for any elevator to receive grain and pay for it when they cannot ship it out within a reasonable length of time. It costs practically 2c a bushel, every 30 days, to carry wheat in the elevator, so it can be readily seen that the expense will soon eat up the profits if the wheat cannot be shipped. If the present conditions continue the only way our elevator can receive grain is to take it in on storage and pay for the grain when cars are available for shipping.

Mr. Carey, of the Food administration of Minneapolis, stated at a grainmen meeting in Fargo on Oct. 1 that this condition is largely due to the fact that the government is not exporting any wheat of this crop and will not for the next three or four weeks. On account of the favorable war news we have received from the front the government is using every available ship in the transport of troops in place of foodstuffs, there being enough foodstuffs abroad to last till next spring.

Just as soon as cars are available so that the grain can be shipped to market, buying will be resumed same as usual. In the meantime the only safe way is for the elevator to receive grain for storage.

**Farmers Cooperative
Elevator Co.**

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