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# Columbia Grain™

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## Columbia Grain International Acquires New Facility in Minto, ND and Announces New Hires

**Portland, OR (February 2021)** — [Columbia Grain International](#) (CGI), a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for the northern tier of the United States has acquired a facility in Minto, ND from Gavilon Grain, this February.

The Minto location houses two grain elevators and has an 840,000-bu capacity.

CGI has hired Tyler Kieffer as Location Manager, overseeing operations at the Arvilla and Larimore locations, as well as, the newly-acquired Minto, ND plant. Kieffer joins CGI with over 5 years' experience in the grain business, and resides on his own hobby farm with his wife in Hillsboro, ND. Additionally, Nathan Sillers joins CGI as Operations Manager for these locations, having worked with Gavilon in the past.



“CGI acquired the Minto location because it complements our existing locations at Arvilla and Crystal, ND. It is located 32 miles from Arvilla, and 33 miles from Crystal,” said CGI’s Senior VP of the Grain Division, Kurt Haarmann. “This acquisition will help us to better serve growers in Minto, and the surrounding areas, by providing another harvest location for wheat, soybeans, corn, dry edible beans, and specialty crops.”

### About Columbia Grain International

Since 1978, Columbia Grain International™ (CGI) has been *Cultivating Growth™* as a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for U.S. domestic and worldwide export markets. Headquartered in Portland, OR, CGI’s reliable supply chain spans the western region of the US, ensuring abundant ingredients for all of its partners, thanks to their trusted relationships with their farmers throughout the fertile croplands of Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, well known for its high-quality wheat, feed grains, canola and pulses. CGI is an owner of Montana Specialty Mills, who operates an organic and non-GMO oilseed crushing facility in Great Falls, Montana, a mustard seed facility in Conrad, Montana, and most recently Montana Craft Malt — providing specialty malt barley from Montana farmers to the craft brewing world. Today, they are vertically



integrated, operating assets including grain elevators, processing plants and agronomy centers to support their farmers, which stretch the northern tier of the United States. With multiple touchpoints across the food supply chain, CGI provides trusted solutions and cultivates high-quality ingredients from their local farmers for a farm to table philosophy that nourishes the world, safely.

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