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Columbia Grain International Promotes Matthew Franks to General Manager of All Plentywood, MT Assets

Columbia Grain International continues its mission of “Cultivating Growth” with the promotion of Matthew Franks.

Plentywood, MT (September 2020) — [Columbia Grain International \(CGI\)](#) is pleased to announce the promotion of Matthew Franks to General Manager of all Columbia Grain International Plentywood, MT assets, which include the Plentywood Pulse Processing Plant, Plentywood Merc Pulse and Grain Processing Facilities, as well as the Whitetail Seasonal Elevator.

“Matt brings a wealth of experience to this newly-created position and has played a key role throughout the years, especially during the construction and commissioning of our new multi-million dollar state-of-the-art pulse processing facility in Plentywood, MT,” said Tony Roelofs, Vice President of the Pulse Division. “Matt has been an integral part of our Pulse business in Northeastern Montana for Columbia Grain and the area producers. We commend Matt for his commitment to Cultivating Growth.”

Matt grew up working on his family farm in Southeastern Wyoming until the age of 22. He then perused a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona, majoring in Agricultural Economics and Business Management, with a minor in Business Administration.



General Manager of all CGI, Plentywood, MT assets, Matthew Franks with son James and daughter Marah.



Plentywood, MT Merc Processing Plant

Matt started with CGI in October 2011, managing the Belgrade and Three Forks, MT elevator locations. Matt then accepted a promotion to relocate and manage the Plentywood, MT pulse processing facility in October 2013. In 2017, Columbia Grain approved the design and build plans for the new Plentywood Merc Processing Plant, and in September 2017, CGI broke ground on the new build. Matt helped manage the build until its completion in January 2020. Throughout his nine-year career with CGI, Matt has shown unwavering loyalty and dedication.



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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