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Columbia Grain International Acquires Pulse Processing Facility in Hastings, NE to Launch its New Consumer Pulse Brand

CGI continues its mission to safely cultivate high-quality crops from their local farmers that nourish the world with its newest venture in its Pulse Division.

HASTINGS, NE (December 2020) — [Columbia Grain International](#) (CGI), one of the largest processors and exporters of high-quality pulses in the United States, has commenced business in its newest location in Hastings, NE. The facility will be home to CGI's first-ever small-pack pulse line for the consumer market. All products in the new line will be grown, procured, cleaned and processed by CGI for delectable pulses every family can trust, including peas, lentils, chickpeas, and dry beans.

The facility was built by Peavey in 1979 and acquired by CGI from Gavilon Grain. It has 286,000 bushels capacity with a 60,000 sq. ft. processing building. CGI anticipates processing over 50,000 MT of pulses per year at this location alone.



“The Hastings, NE facility will provide a consistent market and opportunity for expansion to pulse producers in South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas. With the expansion of acres in this area over the last five years, Hastings, NE will give both CGI and local producers a great opportunity to expand into this area and bring further value to local pulse growers,” said President & CEO of Columbia Grain International, Jeff Van Pevnage.

CGI will be processing pulses at this location for domestic food and pet food markets, as well as for export. The Hastings, NE facility is served by both the BNSF and the UP railroad lines, providing access to markets, both domestically and worldwide.



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 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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