

Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Storage Research Facility

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Conceived by growers...

...to enhance the performance, quality and consistency of potatoes developed, grown, stored, marketed and processed in Wisconsin

Designed by growers...

...to meet the current and future needs of a dynamic industry

Expand knowledge under traditional storage management philosophies

Explore “new frontiers” in storage management and energy conservation

WPVGA

Storage Research Committee

Growers, processors, Associate Division members, UW researchers

Two years of meetings, discussions, debate and finally....consensus as to form and function of the facility

Specifications...

165' x 104' Storage Research Facility

9 “bins” to mimic bulk storage

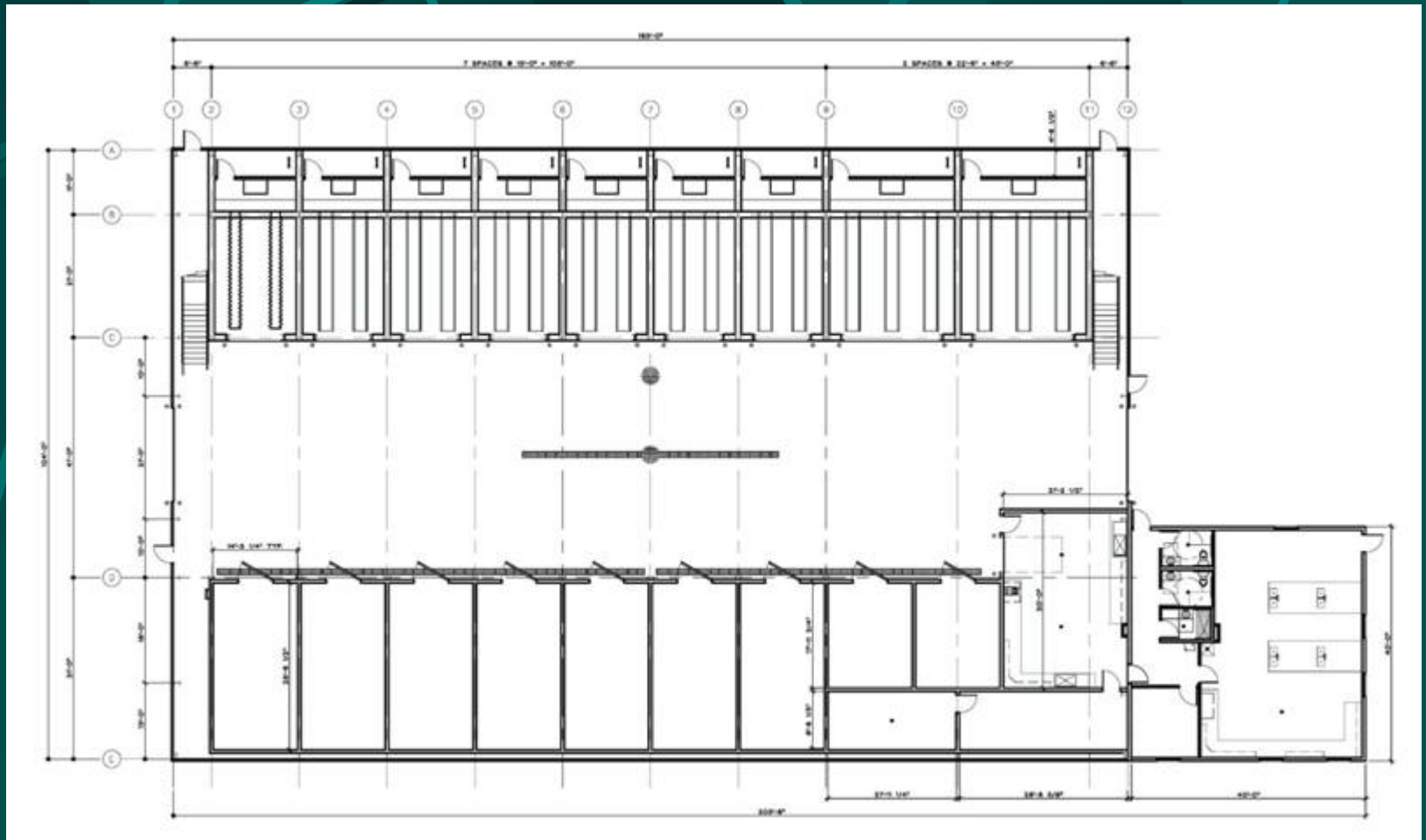
9 “lockers” for small storage units

State of the art control systems

Processing Laboratory

40' x 40' Quality Assurance Laboratory

Floor plan...



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Built by growers...

...through grants, individual gifts, and industry-wide commitment

USDA Specialty Crop Grant

Wisconsin Potato Industry Board

Cash donations

Equipment donations

Deeded to University of Wisconsin upon completion

Groundbreaking...



April 5, 2006

Located on the Hancock Agricultural Research Station

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Construction begins...



April 17, 2006

The first of many yards of concrete

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Construction proceeds...



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Almost ready...



Built entirely by Wisconsin-based contractors

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Dedication...



July 26, 2006

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First potatoes...



September 23, 2006

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New equipment...



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Bin components...



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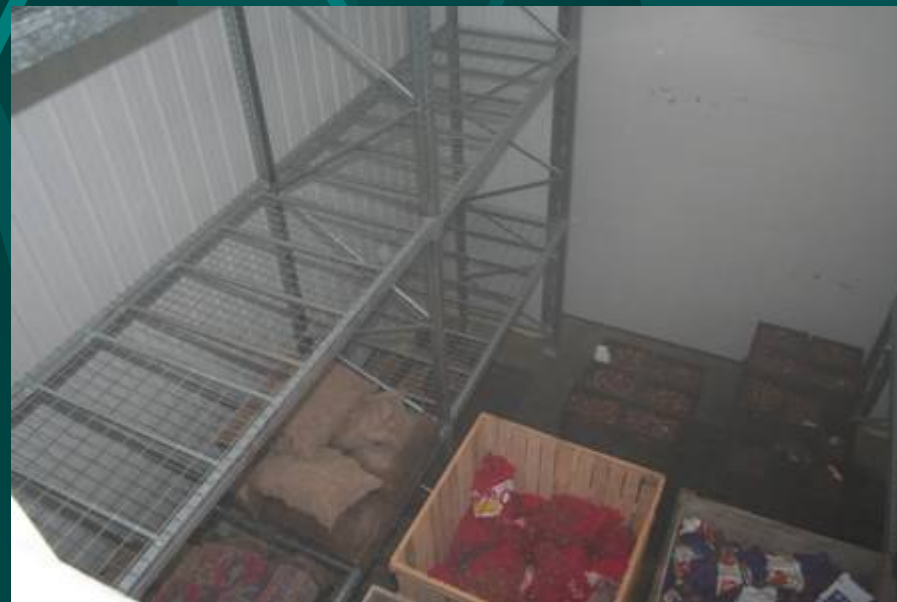
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Bin storage systems...



Bulk storage
18' piles
2200 cwt

Palletized storage
2000# boxes



Locker components...



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Locker storage systems...



Plastic crates
30#

Mini-storage systems
100# barrels



Locker storage systems...



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Control systems...



PANEL	SP	PLEN	MODE	TIME
LOCKER 1	33.5	33.8	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 2	38	37.7	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 3	55	55	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 4	38	37.5	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 5	40	39.6	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 6	45.4	45.4	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 7	48.3	48.3	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 8	48	47.6	Refrig	4:37 PM
LOCKER 9	55	54.7	Refrig	4:37 PM

http://www.btuvent.com/Btu_West/DataSummary.aspx

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Project budget...

\$2.9 million

Structure, research units, labs: \$2.2 million

Equipment: \$200,000.00

Maintenance Endowment: \$500,000.00

Facility governance...

WPVSRF Advisory Committee

Oversee facility management, advise facility manager, write facility policy, prioritize research conducted in facility

Growers, processors and packers, WPVGA, WPVGA Associate Division, UW researchers

Current research...

“Kicking the tires” in 2006

Learning the capabilities and the limitations of the structure, its systems and their controls

Work in progress in 2006

Pressure bruise studies
Dormancy studies
Processing studies
Pathology studies

The Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Storage Research Facility...



Built FOR the Wisconsin potato industry
Built BY the Wisconsin potato industry

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