

Summary

Grain elevators are specially designed buildings which incorporate working space, storage space, and equipment required to receive, weigh, elevate, store, and load grain grown by farmers into railway cars and trucks. Grain companies in the business of buying grain from farmers for marketing, shipping, or processing must licence the elevator with the Canadian Grain Commission.

Annexes are additional grain storage buildings adjacent to an elevator. The equipment in the elevator is used to receive, weigh, elevate and ship the grain in the annex.

Construction materials include wood, concrete and steel. Elevator and annex sizes range from 25,000 to 3,000,000 bushels.

Licensed Elevators and Annexes

Grain elevators and annexes that are licenced by the Canadian Grain Commission as primary or terminal elevators.

Primary elevators are elevators licenced by the Canadian Grain Commission as a “primary elevator”, the principal use of which is the receiving of grain directly from producers for storage or shipping.

The majority of elevators in Saskatchewan are licenced as primary elevators.

Terminal elevators are elevators licenced by the Canadian Grain Commission as a “terminal elevator”, the principal uses of which are the receiving of grain on or after official inspection and official weighing of the grain and the cleaning, storing and treating of the grain before it is shipped.

Unlicensed Elevators and Annexes

Grain elevators and annexes that are not licenced as a primary or terminal elevator by the Canadian Grain Commission.

Units of Measure

The rates are based on dollar per bushel (\$/bu) capacity. The capacity of an elevator or annex is the licenced capacity as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission. The metric conversion factor is 1 tonne = 35.71 bushels.

Where an elevator or annex, or portion of an elevator or annex is not licenced by the Canadian Grain Commission, the capacity is determined as follows:

- a) If an elevator or annex is not licenced but has been previously licenced with the Canadian Grain Commission and no structural changes have been made to the building, the previous licenced capacity may be used.
- b) If an elevator or annex is not licenced but has been previously licenced with the Canadian Grain Commission and structural changes have been made to the building, estimate the change in bushels and adjust the previous licenced capacity.

Where an elevator or annex is licenced at an amount that does not reflect the actual storage capacity of the building, the capacity is determined as follows:

- a) If construction specifications are available, calculate the capacity as 90 percent of the no pack capacity for elevators, 95% of the no pack capacity for concrete and wood annexes, and 99% of the no pack capacity for steel annexes.
- b) If construction specifications are not available, calculate the capacity as the licenced capacity of a comparable elevator or annex of similar size and construction.

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