

Van Horn Inc. acquires Macon Ag Service

CERRO GORDO, Ill. — Van Horn Inc. of Cerro Gordo has purchased Macon Ag Service of Macon, Van Horn President Roger Oliver announced.

The acquisition of Macon Ag Service adds a seventh location to the central Illinois agriculture service company with locations in Warrensburg, Dewitt, Findlay, Bethany, Sullivan and Cerro Gordo. Van Horn Inc. is the

only 100 percent employee-owned agriculture service company in Illinois. The corporation now serves more than 4,500 customers in 11 counties, providing fertilizers, seed, crop protection, consultation and custom application services to local farmers.

"We are very fortunate to add Macon Ag Service and their team to the Van Horn family," Oliver said. "The consistent growth we've experienced over the years is a direct result of our dedicated employees and the excellent service we provide to our customers throughout central Illinois. We look forward to an even stronger future, helping farmers produce some of the

best products and highest yields in Illinois and the nation."

Van Horn Inc. started in 1934 as Van Horn Seed Co., a small family-owned business. Forty-two years later, owner Lyle Van Horn sold the company to his employees before he retired. Today, Van Horn Inc. has 53 employees, servicing more than 800,000 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat in central Illinois.

In 2007, Van Horn Inc. was ranked 50 of the top 100 dealers in the United States by *Crop Life Magazine*. The company will celebrate its 75th anniversary and 35 years of employee ownership in 2009.

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