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UWGP Recognizes Safety Milestone of 10 Years without a Lost Time Accident

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November 13, 2018 – Friesland – United Wisconsin Grain Producers LLC (UWGP) celebrates 10 years without a lost time accident today. *"I am extremely happy to announce we are celebrating 10 years without a lost time incident today! This remarkable achievement is truly a result of a team effort that requires the participation of EVERYONE...from the Board of Directors to every employee and even extends beyond that to carriers, customers, vendors and other visitors,"* said Barb Bontrager, General Manager.

Marc Berger, UWGP Safety & Health Manager, expressed his gratitude again to the UWGP Board of Directors for supporting the Team here...providing the tools, equipment, improvements, and people resources needed to provide a safe work environment.

"It starts with a culture that actually puts safety first, decision makers who understand the importance of safety and are willing to make the necessary investments. A safe work environment does not happen overnight by putting up a banner or repeating slogans. It's the entire family looking out for one another and identifying potential dangers; every minute, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, year after year," said Bontrager.

Just last week one of our feed customers brought a potential hazard to our attention," said Dan Wegner, UWGP Commodities Manager. *"It's a good feeling to know even our carriers are looking out for potential safety exposures."*

"We know how quickly and easily these accidents can happen on the farm or at home and this is in an industrial setting with lots of large equipment and moving parts in a 24/7 operation." "We are proud of the staff here at UWGP who have earned this achievement," said Kevin Roche, Board President.

Fluid Quip Process Technologies (FQPT) has worked closely with UWGP for many years on successful projects. *"The UWGP team is dedicated, talented and conscientious. This shows in their exemplary safety record,"* stated Fluid Quip. FQPT congratulates UWGP on 10 years without a lost time accident, a great achievement for the industry.

"The more eyes and more awareness, the better. Good housekeeping is one of the cornerstones to a safe environment. I am thankful that housekeeping and safety have been a priority here since inception – now we want to be diligent in continuing this emphasis and avoid complacency. It's easy to become complacent, but we cannot let that happen...all it takes is one slip or missing a safety step." "Thank you Team for your diligence, you have earned this recognition," said Bontrager

UWGP celebrated today with lunch for the entire UWGP family, a cake displaying a picture of each employee and a commemorative engraved cutting board for each of the 47 employees.



L-R: Brad Lewke, Maintenance Manager; Terry Medema, Production Manager; Marc Berger – Safety and Health Manager