“People ask me all the time how I came up with the idea for the Sample Bin,” says Canadian farmer and inventor Brian Krywko, “and I always tell them it was my son’s fault. We asked him to put the sample pail in the shop and he set it right inside the door. Of course the next time I walked in it was dark and I knocked it over, so there went the sample. I needed something that would preserve the sample, so that’s why I built this device.”

Through trial and error, Krywko eventually came up with a functional and durable container to hold his samples. “The early versions were metal, but those evolved to plastic,” says Krywko. “Eventually we settled on a tough virgin plastic polymer that we can rotomould right on the farm.” Krywko even built his own rotomoulding machine to make the handy bin, which is durable and weatherproof. He and his wife and a part-time employee now build them on their farm.

The Sample Bin mounts easily to any surface such as a corrugated bin, a hopper leg or a wall. Mounting hardware is included. A weatherproof lid that slides open also locks tight to the body of each 7 1/2-gal. unit. The lid stores a dry-erase whiteboard with a pen.