

Wide-Span Wood Buildings



“We’ve been putting up beautiful wide-span buildings for 25 years,” says Bruce Meidinger, owner of Eagle Rigid Span, a North Dakota-based company known for its innovative wood-frame buildings with clear-spans up to 120 ft. wide.

In addition to being used as livestock barns, high-clearance machine sheds, and other farm buildings, Eagle Rigid Span structures also make an attractive, lower-cost way to put up churches, gymnasiums, schools, hockey rinks, airplane hangars, strip malls, and more.

“What makes these buildings unique is that we can have a clear, open span of up to 120 ft. with no obstructions whatsoever and yet they cost as much as 30 percent less than conventional construction,” says Meidinger. “They’re also highly energy efficient. Because our buildings are typically framed on 2-ft. centers for the wall and ceiling joists, you can roll insulation into the already

framed cavities and you’re done - unlike many metal-framed buildings that are very difficult and expensive to insulate.”

Typical insulation is R-38 in the ceilings and R-19 in the walls. The energy savings are significant compared to more conventional buildings and, for people with environmental concerns, Meidinger points out that the buildings are built with wood, “the one building material that grows back”.

One other huge benefit of Eagle Rigid Span buildings is that they are generally bird-proof because there’s no place for birds to roost.

The wood framing also makes the buildings easier to finish off inside than most metal buildings. Almost any method can be used, which is why so many of them have been built as churches, schools and even office buildings in many communities across the country.

Key to success of Eagle Rigid Span

buildings is the unique method the company developed of making laminated trussed box beams. The raised center allows more usable space with lower sidewalls and no center poles to get in the way. The standard roof pitch is 3/12; however other pitches are also available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Eagle Rigid Span, Inc., 3115 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, N.Dak. 58501 (ph 800-279-SPAN (7726) or 701-224-1877; email: Eagle@EagleRigidSpan.com).

www.EagleRigidSpan.com

Reader Inquiry No. 109



Business Is Booming For Used Grain Bins

Need a bin? Got a bin to sell? Randy Wood at Woody’s Used Bin Sales can help you out. He recently sold a bunch of bins to farmers in Guatemala. His crew also recently moved a set of four 50,000-bu. bins from Michigan to Alabama. He even used a ferry to move a bin from Wisconsin to a small microbrewery in Michigan.

“We can generally fix a customer up with a bin for half the price of a new one,” says Wood. “We can set up a 100,000-bu. bin for about \$55,000 versus \$110,000 to \$130,000 for a new one.”

Wood says his 25-man crew has worked with everything from 5,500-bu. bins to 100,000 and even million bushel bins. He offers full installation of his renovated bins. Rusty roof sheets are replaced. Auger, floor or other components needing repair are fixed or replaced.

“We travel throughout the U.S.,” says Wood. “We handle everything including electric work, concrete work and crane

rental.”

Demand from buyers for used bins is also creating a demand for sellers. “We pay top dollar for a good used bin,” says Wood. “We’ll give a fair price, take it down and ship it to someone who needs it.”

Wood likes to buy whole elevators (including wooden ones) and multiple bins and equipment on a farm. In the case of wooden elevators and storage, he will tear it down and give away locally what he can’t find a market for, or prepare it for dumpster removal.

“I would rather see it used than thrown away,” says Wood.

He encourages landowners with unused bins to call him or send him pictures of the bins. “Include brand, bin size, equipment that goes with it, such as augers and floors, and the general condition of it in your words,” says Wood. “If you need a bin or are expanding and want to replace a bin with a larger one, give us a call. We’ll assess your



Randy Wood buys and sells used grain bins across the country.

goals and provide you with an estimate and timeline for completion.

“I’ve really enjoyed the folks I’ve met,” says Wood. “In 9 out of 10 jobs, the family cooks meals for us, and we get to know them and often stay in touch.”

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Randy Wood, 4053 Genesee Rd., Flint, Mich. 48506 (ph 810 422-7692; randy1hd1@aol.com; www.woodyusedgrainbins.com).

Reader Inquiry No. 110