

# Evolving Kansas Farmer Cooperative Landscape: Update to Grain Storage Map

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Since 2016, the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC) has been tracking the evolving Kansas farmer cooperative landscape. An online interactive map of all cooperatives operating in Kansas is routinely updated to show this evolution as well as show how cooperative grain storage is changing through time. In 2025, a cooperative grain storage survey was conducted by the ACCC to collect more up-to-date information. This fact sheet reports the results of the 2025 survey as well as show the results from previous surveys conducted in 2016 and 2021.

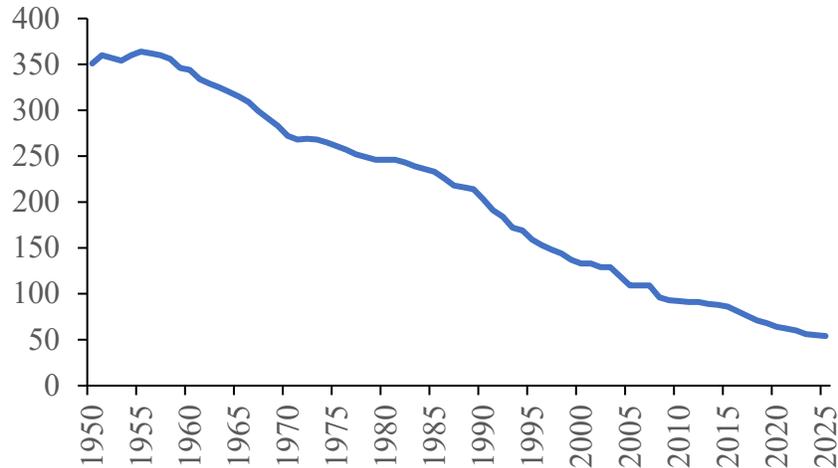
The number of cooperatives with a Kansas-based headquarters has declined over time, which has implications for grain storage controlled by a cooperative. Table 1 reports the ACCC grain storage survey results as well as USDA’s grain capacity information. From 2016 to 2025, the number of cooperatives headquartered in Kansas has declined from 81 to 54. Similarly, the total number of cooperative grain storage locations fell from 552 to 505 over the same time period. Even though there are fewer cooperatives today, the amount of cooperative grain storage actually increased from 665 million bushels to 713.5 million bushels. However, this increase was not persistent across all surveys. From 2021 to 2025, total cooperative grain storage did decrease by approximately 60 million bushels due in part to consolidation, retiring dilapidated storage and transfer of control/ownership of cooperative assets. As a result, the percent of total grain storage capacity connected to a cooperative fell from 48.6% to 44.3%.

**Table 1. Kansas Cooperative Grain Storage Survey Results from the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and USDA Information on Kansas Grain Storage Capacity**

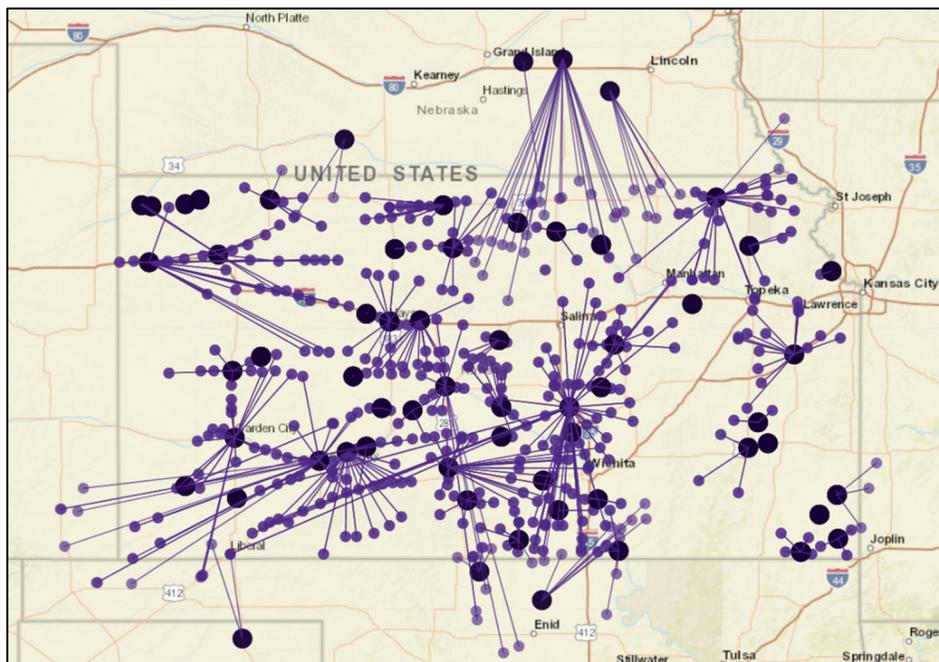
Survey Year	2016	2021	2025
Total Cooperatives with Grain Facilities in Kansas	87	68	61
Total Cooperatives Headquartered in Kansas	81	62	54
<b>Total Number of Cooperative Grain Storage Locations</b>			
Total Number of Cooperative Grain Storage Locations	552	546	505
<b>Total Cooperative Grain Storage (approximate bushels)</b>			
Total Cooperative Grain Storage (approximate bushels)	665,000,000	774,000,000	713,500,000
Upright Storage	N/A	574,000,000	527,000,000
Bunker Storage	N/A	157,000,000	134,000,000
Flat Storage	N/A	43,000,000	52,000,000
<b>Total Grain Storage Capacity in Kansas (USDA)</b>			
Total Grain Storage Capacity in Kansas (USDA)	1,400,000,000	1,592,000,000	1,610,000,000
<b>Percent of Total Grain Storage Capacity Connected to:</b>			
Cooperatives	47.5%	48.6%	44.3%
Non-cooperative Businesses	27.3%	27.5%	31.8%
On-Farm	25.2%	23.9%	23.9%

The number of farmer cooperatives in Kansas has been declining over time. In the 1950s, the peak number of farmer cooperatives in Kansas reached 364 (chart 1). In 2025, that number fell to 54. Even though there are fewer cooperatives today, grain storage connected to a cooperative is widely spread across the state. The cooperative grain storage map below shows extensive coverage and availability for farmers to deliver their grain each growing season. As shown in table 1, cooperative grain storage represents the largest amount of grain storage capacity in Kansas.

**Chart 1. Total Number of Farmer Cooperatives in Kansas**



Source: USDA and ACCC



*Note:* The large purple dots represent a farmer cooperative’s headquarters (HQ). The HQ is identified as where the senior management team is located. The small purple dots represent a cooperative’s grain storage location. The lines connect the grain storage to the cooperative HQ that controls those assets.

Below are four cooperative grain storage maps that show the evolving Kansas cooperative landscape from 2016 to 2026.

