

For our Heritage Fair project, we chose to learn about Parrish & Heimbecker (P&H). We picked this topic because we had seen the grain elevator and heard the name before, but we didn't really know what the company did. We wanted to learn how P&H helps farmers and how it helps feed people and animals around the world.

Parrish & Heimbecker is a Canadian family-owned agriculture company that started in 1909. The company began by buying grain from farmers and selling it to other places that needed food. Over many years, the company grew bigger and added many different parts to its business. Today, P&H is one of the largest agri-food companies in Canada.

One of the most important things P&H does is handle grain. Farmers grow crops such as wheat, barley, oats, soybeans, and canola. After the crops are harvested, farmers bring the grain to large buildings called grain elevators. These elevators store the grain safely until it is ready to be moved to other places.

The P&H grain terminal in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, is located on Highway 39. It is one of the company's largest facilities. The terminal can store about 113,000 metric tonnes of grain. It also has the ability to load 120 railcars in only 12 hours. This helps move grain quickly from farms to trains that take it across Canada or to ports where it can be shipped to other countries.

P&H does more than just store grain. The company also buys and sells grain from farmers. This is called grain trading. P&H connects Canadian farmers with people and companies that need grain for food and animal feed. The most exported grain is spring wheat, followed closely by canola seed.

Another important role of P&H is helping farmers grow crops. Many P&H locations sell crop inputs, such as fertilizer and other supplies that farmers need to grow healthy plants. Some locations also have fertilizer sheds and other agricultural buildings that help support farming.

P&H also makes food products. The company runs flour mills, where wheat is ground into flour that can be used to make bread, pasta, and other foods. It also produces animal feed, which helps farmers raise healthy livestock.

Across Canada, P&H has about 45 grain elevators, rail sidings, inland terminals, and export terminals. These places help move grain from farms to customers. The company ships grain and food products to more than 35 countries around the world.

The CEO of Parrish & Heimbecker is John Heimbecker. The company continues to grow while staying connected to its farming roots.

P&H plays a very important role in agriculture. It helps farmers sell their crops, helps move food to places that need it, and helps feed people and animals around the world. Because of companies like P&H, the grain grown in Canada can travel far beyond the farm where it started.

Through this project, we learned that Parrish & Heimbecker is an important part of agriculture in Saskatchewan, Canada, and the world. It was interesting to learn how grain moves from farms to tables and how companies like P&H help make that possible.