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Minier Cooperative Grain Company Earns Ceres Award

Minier Cooperative Grain Company, Minier, Illinois, received the Ceres award at the 2014 Grain Leadership Conference. Keith Swigart is the manager and Duane Haning is the president.

The award, named for the Roman goddess of grain, is awarded to grain cooperatives that achieve excellence by meeting at least three out of the four following criteria: EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization)/per storage capacity, return on invested capital, bushel retention and GROWMARK's capital guideline ratio.

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