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All Points operations limited since explosion.

Operating with one leg and one pit makes receiving and shipping a challenge but All Points Cooperative officials don't have much of a choice.

And it looks as though officials will continue shipping by truck, instead of rail, until mid summer.

An explosion on Dec. 29 damaged a distributor more severely than what officials originally thought.

The distributor, or what circulates grain throughout the elevator, will likely have to be replaced, said Ed Foster, All Points president and CEO.

Because the equipment is custom made, creation and installation of a new distributor will take time, he said.

In the meantime, All Points officials and ag producers must cope with limited operational capabilities.

"It's slow with only one leg," Foster said, noting that the cooperative is receiving grain contracts for January and February.

Grain is being loaded out of the new steel bins to the east of the main elevator.

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“There’s one truck to load and one in line to unload,” he said.

Monday afternoon, grain trucks were backed up as far as 11th Street and Avenue D.

Although it appears that a source of the explosion has been discovered,

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