

The Directors at the Almelund Threshing Company are seeking special donations for funding the construction of a new Almelund Stock Barn.

In 2017 the Almelund Threshing Co. started saving money for a new building that will hold farm animals at the Almelund Threshing show. This new building will be used to demonstrate daily life on a working farm; showcasing both past and present animal agriculture practices. The barn will house multiple animals, have an upper-level hayloft, and an exterior lean-to for interactive educational displays.

Our goal was to save \$60,000 and to start building in 2021. We currently have the original funding, but the cost of materials has escalated greatly and the building will now cost a minimum of \$100,000, leaving a \$40,000+ shortage. For this reason, we are asking for donations to cover the rest of the building costs. If you are interested in sponsorship, we are open for ideas.

The three-year building plan:

- 2023: Building structure goes up; the siding will be wood from our saw mill.
- 2024: Inside work Gates for pens, manure cart, hay grapple.
- 2025: Final touch Vintage display on walls.

If you are able to donate your time, equipment or money, please contact Tony Koran at 612-221-1573 or <a href="mailto:farmall67.tk@gmail.com">farmall67.tk@gmail.com</a>

Thank you,

Directors of the Almelund Threshing Show



## **Design Proposal:**

The interior includes an open floor plan with movable gates to form pens for each individual animal species. This will resemble the setup procedure following the conclusion of the Almelund Threshing Show and provide flexibility to move pens around as needed. There will also be a hayloft in the upper portion of the barn to be used for hay storage for the duration of the show to feed the animals in the exhibit.

The exterior will include a lean-to on each side of the barn to host interactive educational displays; designed to specifically target the interest of younger generations.

Numerous portable handwashing stations will be available in the area to decrease the risk of zoonotic disease transmission.





## **Interactive Educational Display Ideas:**

Hand grinding corn, cow and goat milking, hay bale toss, tractor driver training class, and animal demonstration are a few of the current use ideas.

